



MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Dove

JULY/AUGUST 2019

Message From Pastor Brad

Freedom Every Day

During this month, or at least in the time leading up to and after the 4th of July, there is a widespread focus on and celebration of freedom. Across the board we Americans celebrate our country, the civic freedoms we have, and the ideals infused into the identity of our country. We give thanks for the founders of our country, those who have fought for it ever since, and lift up our leaders in prayer. I know there are some people who struggle with bringing our national identity and celebrations into our worship and corporate spiritual life, but I've come to believe that there are parallels you can't ignore.

Both of these grand institutions, America and the church, have at their foundations an outnumbered, seemingly unprepared and ill-equipped group of people. What they do have is an unshakable faith in a dream that they know can be brought into reality through their joining together with a common spirit and focus beyond themselves. By no means identical stories, but very similar, and freedom is at the root of each of them.

Right now, we could all list several ways that we experience freedom in our lives. The majority of us are able to essentially live our lives how we want to live them. We can go where we please, spend time with who we want to spend time with, and watch, listen, and read whatever we want to. We are free from tyranny, outright indoctrination, and don't have to worry about our loved ones making it home at the end of the day. In Galatians 5:1 Paul writes, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery" (NIV). The fight for freedom is not limited to these huge and world-changing struggles that affect the lives of countless people. We all struggle for freedom in our daily lives.

I would argue that one of our greatest and most persistent fights for freedom is against self-imposed limitations. We can claim and proclaim our freedom as Americans, even our freedom in Christ, and live our lives as if both can only go so far. 1 Peter 2:16 tells us to, "live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil" (NIV). Think for a moment, the Creator of the Universe, God Most High and Lord of All Creation has worked in your life and on your behalf in more ways than can be described. What should our response be to that? Something like, "oh no I can't do that, I'm too (insert something here)" or, "that time has passed for me, I've done my part, it's someone else's turn".

I would respectfully suggest that those are the wrong responses because who are we to say no to God, or that God somehow cannot do a new or meaningful thing through we His imperfect and frail vessels. God has worked with far greater and far worse than you and me! So may we resist the evils of comfort, complacency, and copping out of whatever God may be leading us to and to do. May our freedom not be something we only enjoy or give lip service to, but a dream brought into reality by reaching beyond ourselves, just as our founders did. The dream is here, but it is not complete. These ideals and freedoms need to be worked for and protected by us, those who benefit from them and have a joyful obligation to impart them to all people in our generations and the next. May we the free carry on the rest of our days freely in Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Brad

Dover District Events
Contact Amy Willey
302-526-2629

Committee Reports

Our Financial Health

.....Falling Back??

At the end of June, our worship giving was under budget by about \$4,600, compared to under \$3,200 at the end of May. This trend is a concern. It may be due to the effort to pay down the mortgage. We will discuss future spending at our next Finance and Trustee meetings in September. I know God will continue to bless us by inspiring our church family to support the mission and vision of our wonderful old church.

Rich Spina, Finance Chairman

Wesley Hall Mortgage Monthly Status

Balance on 5/31/2019.....\$ 28,201.15
Special Donation by Members...\$ 5,985.00
Yard Sale.....\$ 5,385.00
Bake Sale.....\$ 756.00
Budgeted Payment (less interest)\$ 1,420.97
Balance on 6/30/2019..... \$ 14,654.13

I'm running out of superlatives to describe the generosity of our church family in our effort to "HIT THE TARGET"!!



We are almost there -- PRAISE GOD

Trustees Report

Sanctuary Security: The Response to Active Shooter presentation to the church membership will take place after worship on July 28th. As previously noted, Brice Cropper and Tom Maly are taking the lead on organizing this and other efforts.

Sanctuary Projection System: This upgrade is on hold until later in the year, when our financial situation is more clearly defined.

Sanctuary Attic Fans: We are working to get estimates for replacement, and hope to have this work completed by late September.

Rich Spina, Trustees Chairman

Missions Update

Please prayerfully consider your missions giving, especially on Communion Sunday, so we can do more to care for our local needs. Ellen Hitchens

Listed below are our Missions outlays to date

- Local Missions.....\$ 523.73
- Salem Com. Food Bank.....\$ 1,000.00
- Union Wesley UMC Pantry...\$ 300.00
- Human Relations Sunday.....\$ 108.00
- UMCOR Sunday.....\$ 175.00
- Disaster-Advance 901670.....\$ 160.00
- Native American Sunday.....\$ 50.00
- Missions/Annual Conference..\$ 339.00
- Ration Challenge.....\$ 728.00

TOTAL \$ 3,383.73

United Methodist Women's Group

We will not be holding UMW meetings in the summer, so that our ladies may enjoy their summer with family and friends. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3rd @ 10:00 am. We will be discussing the upcoming Christmas Bazaar, missions and other fun future events. If you have never been to a UMW meeting and would like to see what we are all about, ladies please join us in fellowship and friendship. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Donna Binaut at 302-829-1680 or 443-668-8067.

2019 UMW Bake Sales

A huge thank you to Millie Cheek, Ellie Trait, and Phyllis Rudd for hosting our May bake sale. Charlotte Dunn, Lois Lathbury and myself for hosting our June bake sale. We have raised over \$1,400.00 so far to help pay down the Wesley Hall mortgage.

Our next events...

Friday, July 26 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Drop off
Bake goods for pricing)

**Saturday, July 27 – 8:00 am to *11:30ish (Bake
Sale)**

Friday, August 30 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Drop off
Bake goods for pricing)

**Saturday, August 31 – 8:00 am to *11:30ish
(Last Bake Sale)**

I want to personally thank all of those who go out of
their way to make the UMW Bake Sales so amazing
and successful. If you have any questions, please
feel free to call Donna Binaut at 302-829-1680 or
443-668-8067.

Special Events

Pot Luck Dinner

There will be no pot luck dinners during July, August
or September. Elizabeth Skinner

Church Picnic ~Rain or Shine~

There will be a Church Picnic Sunday, July 21,
2019, 2:00 PM at Joe and Elizabeth Skinner's
home, at 31155 Vines Creek Rd., Dagsboro. Please
bring a food item to share. Call Elizabeth with
questions: 732-9684.



Joe!!

Choir Notes

We welcome all who can sing to join our choir. We
practice in Wesley Hall on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
and Sunday morning before church at 8:30 AM.

During July and August, we will be on a break.

**Anyone who is interested in doing special music
during those months (solos, duets, trios or
quartets), please contact Elizabeth Skinner.**

Come one, come all – use your God-given talents to
serve the Lord!

Coffee and Conversation

Coffee and Conversation is the third Sunday of
each month. There is a sign-up sheet on the back
table. There will be a place for 5 or 6 of us to put
our name and what we'll be bringing for the
upcoming Coffee and Conversation Sunday. We're
only talking about 12 Sundays a year so maybe
you'd like to sign up 3 or 4 times, or every month,
or whatever would work for you. Please think
about looking at the sheet this Sunday and signing
up. Nancy Bowers

Weekly Happenings at Millville

Monday	Bible Study	10:00 AM
Tuesday	*Fit for Life	9:00 AM
Wednesday	Worship on the Beach	8:30 AM
Wednesday	*Covenant Bible Study	11:00 AM
	*Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Thursday	Bible Study	9:00 AM
Saturday	Praise Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	9:00 AM
Coffee/Bible Study w/Pastor Brad		10:30 AM
Sunday	*Covenant Bible Study	2:00 PM

***Please Note: These events will be on break
until September when they will resume at the
regular scheduled times.**

WHERE WILL PASTOR BRAD BE FOR THE REST OF THE SUMMER??

Family Vacation in Maine July 8 - 14

Ministry Conference in Colorado July 15 - 19

Two-day Trip to Pennsylvania July 23 - 24

**Serving as Chaplain to Youth Summer Camps
at Pecometh August 4 - August 9**

**Note: Pastor Blair Hall from St. George's
UMC will be available for pastoral emergencies
from July 8 to July 14.**

Aging Faithfully Cookie Bingo

We will be on break during July and August. I am stepping down after June 11, so we will need a volunteer to assume the handling of cookie bingo starting in September.

If you are interested, please Contact Cathy Witmer @ 302-732-6284.

Note: If you have ideas for future programs for **Aging Faithfully**, and would like to help with planning events, contact Connie Warner at 539-7488.

Fit for Life

We will not meet during the summer months. We will resume in September with our regular schedule – Every Tuesday at 9:00 AM. Carol Gorden leads us in “gentle exercise.” Everyone is welcome!!

Monthly Meetings

UMW	No meeting in July or August
SPPRC	No meeting in July or August
Finance Comm.	No meeting in July or August
Trustees	No meeting in July or August
Admin. Council	No meeting in July or August

Small Groups -Weekly

Coffee with Pastor Brad - Sunday at 10:30 AM in Wesley Hall. A time to study and discuss the primary Scripture reading and message from worship that day. If you have ever had any questions about Pastor Brad’s message or wanted to talk more about the reading of the day, this is your place to ask, share and grow. Everyone is invited.

Covenant Bible Study –We will resume in September.

Pastor’s Book Club – Will resume in September, shifting its focus to topics relating to the Bible, Jesus, Christianity, and other issues relating to faith and spirituality.

Thursday Bible Study – Meets at 9:00 AM in Wesley Hall, led by Donald Maebly.

Missions

Instructions to Donate to UMCOR:

Make check payable to: Millville United Methodist Church and note UMCOR on memo line.

**NOTE: US Disaster Response
Advance # 901670**

**NOTE: Relief for Refugees in
Europe Disaster
Response, International
Advance # 982450**

Remember To Bring Donations For: Salem UMC Food Pantry

Supplies Needed for Wesley Hall
Tri-Fold Paper Towels

Ministries

To activate the Prayer Chain

Call Nancy Bowers at 1-410-598-5600
or email nanbowers4@comcast.net

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Pocket Prayer Shawl is meant to bring comfort, love, and knowing that prayers have been asked for whomever touches this tiny piece of yarn. It can be carried in a pocket, purse, or pinned to a loved ones pillow. The Pocket Prayer Shawl can be tucked into a card and mailed across country or across an ocean. Please include your prayers when giving it to someone.

We now have available, Pocket Prayer Shawls. They are located at the back of the church sanctuary in a small basket. The full size Prayer Shawls are still located in Wesley Hall, in the wooden chest. Bless someone today with your smile. Please contact Sharon Graham @ 537-0772 with any questions.

“Loving Care”

If you need a helping hand, please contact
Nancy Bowers 1-410-598-5600 or email
nanbowers4@comcast.net

Feed My Sheep - Soup Kitchen

Thursday, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Mariner’s Bethel UMC

Volunteers for ACTS are needed!

Fill out an Application at 34634 Atlantic Ave.,
Ocean View. (Phone 302 539-3513)

Worship on the Beach!

Wednesday, 8:30 AM

Our summer worship services on the beach will include music, praying and preaching by a guest Speaker. This service is open to the whole community, so invite a friend and bring a chair!



Saturday Praise and Worship Service

6:00 PM at Wesley Hall

Every Saturday evening there is an informal fellowship here at Millville UMC. We open our service with singing - both hymns and praise music. Our service continues with a special time of sharing our joys and concerns, followed by prayer. Each week we are blessed with a message from the scriptures and from the heart by one of our speakers:

Week 1 – Janet Smith

Week 2 – Pastor Brad

Week 3 – Lori Ciccanti

Week 4 – Donald Maebly

Week 5 – As needed: Janet Smith
Donald Maebly
Lou Ciccanti

Following the service, we visit and enjoy coffee and dessert together. Join us and bring a friend!

CHURCH INFORMATION



If you have questions regarding:
~ Scheduling Requests for use of Wesley Hall~
~ Flowers on the Altar~
~ Prayer List Additions or Correction~

Please contact Marilyn Ferry (539-9598)
or email wingferry@aol.com

Reader/Greeter Schedule (Subject to change as needed)

July 2019

Date	Reader	Greeters
7	Tom Binaut	Marianne Smith & Jamie Eglit
14	Carol Gorden	Frank & Lois Lathbury
21	Rich Spina	Bev Brady & Betty Moffett
28	Don Maebly	Alice Brubaker & Millie Cheek

August 2019

Date	Reader	Greeters
4	Tom Binaut	Brad & Nancy Bowers
11	Rich Spina	Chuck & Ellen Erbe
18	Carol Gorden	Brad & Nancy Bowers
25	Janet Smith	Carol Gorden & Phyllis Rudd

Please refer to the bulletin board and web site for a schedule for the entire year. Contact Marilyn Ferry with questions. (539-9598)

Worship Service Cancellation

In the event of inclement weather, call church office (302) 539-9077 for voicemail message about worship service status.

Fire Extinguisher Locations:

Sanctuary

- *Immediately inside the front entrance
- *Inside the entrance to the choir room/lavatory area.

Wesley Hall

- *Immediately inside office entrance
- *Immediately inside Main Hall entrance
- *Conference Room front porch entrance

Defibrillator Locations:

Sanctuary

In the Choir Room at the entrance to the Sanctuary

Wesley Hall

In the Main Hall at the handicapped ramp entrance

Contact Information

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Please contact your Dove editors, Marilyn Ferry and/or Rich Spina at the above church e-mail address for submission of future articles or suggestions to improve content.

The editors offer a special thanks to Connie Warner, who, among all her other church "jobs," assembles the Dove Newsletter for distribution and mailing.

America the Beautiful



*O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain; for purple
mountain majesties above the fruited
plain! America! America! God shed his
grace on thee, and crown thy good with
brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating
strife, who more than self their country
loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold
refine, till all success be nobleness, and
every gain divine.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees
beyond the years thine alabaster cities
gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine
every flaw, confirm thy soul in self
control, thy liberty in law.*

God Bless America

Pastor Brad's

Ordination May 24, 2019



Rev. John Schutt (Pastor Brad's father),
Bishop Peggy A. Johnson, and Pastor Brad

Pastor Brad, Erin, Emma, and Brynn



Pastor Brad and fellow Ordination
Participants



Pastor Brad and Church Family

IN OUR PRAYERS

CANCER

**Dolly Beckstein
Pat Hignett
Paula Howard
Ed Palmer
Patsy Prunkl
Ron B. Smith
Jeaninnie Todd
Shirley West**

SPECIAL NEEDS

**Linda Adkins
Pete Alt
John Amato
Michael Brown (Army)
Bob Chin & Family
Oscar Clair
Janet Cole
Christine Crockett
Michelle, Carol, Russ Dufrene
Jamie & Jeremy Eglit
Jerry Guagent
Gregory Hall
Richard Hudson
Elizabeth Shipley
Kathleen Shoobridge & Family
Ron E. Smith
Claire Supernaw
Geri Townsend
George & Mary Towson
Welsh Family**

CHRISTIAN LEADERS

**Bishop Peggy A. Johnson
Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa
Pastor Brad Schutt
UMC Council of Bishops**

ALL SERVICE MEN & WOMEN & THEIR FAMILIES

WORLD PEACE & ORDER

**President Donald Trump and his Staff
Congress**

LOCAL & CONFERENCE MISSIONS

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

LORD BALTIMORE STAFF

STUDENTS AND STAFF IN ALL SCHOOLS ACROSS AMERICA

HEALING

**All those in our church family grieving
the loss of a loved one**

