



# MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## THE DOVE

**JUNE 2018**

### **Message from Pastor Brad**

#### **Joy in Order**

June is almost here. The year is almost halfway over. Wasn't it February like last week? In the last week I've talked to plenty of people who also don't know where the first half of 2018 went. As many of you know, our family has been dealing with the extra excitement of moving into Victoria's Forest on Route 17 in Selbyville. Our first move that didn't involve state lines seemed to be more drawn out and complicated than going to an entirely different state. I felt like I fell off the face of the earth for about a week and a half until we got everything in the new house and somewhat in order.

So, in the last week or so, Erin and I have been trying to get life back to normal personally and with both of our jobs. I've had a strange realization in the midst of this. I have missed the spiritual practices and disciplines I had taken up in the last 2 and a half months. Doing these things has been very important to me because I felt like I needed to take better care of my spiritual and emotional well-being as I try to help you all as your pastor. In the midst of the familiar craziness of moving, those activities admittedly went out the window pretty fast. Getting back into these habits has reminded me of how beneficial they are on a practical and spiritual level. Speaking in a practical sense, taking time to care for your own well-being in routine ways is a great way to keep life from becoming too fast paced or overwhelming.

In nonreligious circles they refer to this as mindfulness, but we know where true strength and peace comes from. On a spiritual level practices like regular prayer, Bible reading, fasting, journaling, and other disciplines, help us maintain our relationship with the Lord and more intimately

rely on God in the midst of our right now. They have their roots in the earliest days of Christianity and especially in the foundation of Methodism. We are called Methodists because the Wesley's believed that there was a method, or process to Christian living. Our guiding book as United Methodists is called the Book of Discipline. Discipline, which has the same root as the word disciple. Order and structure is a part of our spiritual DNA.

Even our creation story can be interpreted as about order. God brings the order of creation out of the chaos of the primordial waters. In 1 Corinthians 14:40 it says that, "everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way" (NIV). A great deal of good has come from order, structure, and discipline in our past, and it can be the same for all of us today. I strongly encourage all of you to take up a specific and regular spiritual practice, and if you already practice one it is a great time to try another. Daily times of order and peace would do us all good especially in the busy time of summer.

I've come to learn that during this time of year many of your homes turn into non-licensed Bed and Breakfasts for family and friends. It's joyful work, and I know you all see it as a blessing to be able to do for your loved ones, but it sounds like a lot to maintain. Summer is a time for relaxation, family, and fun especially for us blessed to live near the beach. School is out, many go on vacations, so it seems like an odd time of the year to bring up discipline and order. Take it from a recent convert, there is joy and peace in living a more disciplined life for Christ. If we make the time for God, God will make Himself known and present to us in new and wonderful ways. May we make the space and find the Living God.

Blessings,

Pastor Brad

## Summer Vacation for Sunday School

Our Children's Sunday School will be going on break from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. May our teachers, volunteers, and children enjoy the vacationing, travelling, and other fun of summer!

### Nominations Update

At our last Lay Leadership and Development Committee meeting the group put together, through prayer and careful discernment, a list of people we believe are equipped and able to serve on the various committees and ministries of the church. Those who were chosen will be receiving letters in the mail over the summer and have the opportunity to talk with Pastor Brad.

### New Members

Our church will be receiving new members every year on All Saint's Sunday in November and on Pentecost Sunday in the Spring. In order to join the membership of the church a person will need to complete a 6-week course called A Disciple's Path, a class based on the membership vows of the United Methodist Church. This class will be offered prior to both Sundays. If you are interested in joining Millville UMC we would love for you to do so! Contact Pastor Brad to work out the details and sign up for the class.

### Church Renewal Team

Do you have hopes and dreams for our church? Do you want to see Millville United Methodist Church bring the Kingdom of God out into the world around us? Do you feel like the Lord is leading you to help our church deepen its spiritual foundation, remember the value and meaning of gathering as the church, and be organized around God's vision for us? If any of those questions speak to you, we would love to have you join our new Church Renewal Team. We will meet at the end of July to have discussions about our church's mission, vision, values, and how we can practically organize and carry them out through all the goings on of our church. If you are interested in being a part of this group, e-mail Pastor Brad.

## Fall Washington D.C. Trip

Our church is organizing a trip to the White House this Winter that is open to anyone from the church and community. Although this trip is several months away, we need to know who is interested in going by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Our potential days to go are December 5-7. The White House will let us know the exact date as the time gets closer. There are security clearances and background checks that the White House runs for any visitor (they don't just let anyone in). If you would like to go on this trip please e-mail Pastor Brad with the information listed below. There is no charge to get into the White House, so we need to only pay for the bus. Tickets for this trip will be \$30.00 a person, with all profits going to reduce the mortgage on Wesley Hall. No one can be substituted for you or any member of your party. Please submit your payment to the church and the needed information to Pastor Brad through e-mail or regular mail.

### Information Needed:

- 1) Last Name, First Name and Middle Initial (if no middle name than indicate by NMN)
- 2) Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
- 3) Full and complete Social Security #
- 4) Citizen- YES or NO
- 5) Country in which you were born
- 6) Gender –Male or Female
- 8) Address (Must be exact as it is on your license)
- 9) Who is traveling with you

### Wesley Wednesday Group

Starting on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> our group will be reading and discussing the book If Saddlebags Could Talk: Methodist Stories and Anecdotes by Frederick E. Maser. This is a book about the leaders, lives, and circuit riders of early American Methodism and promises to be an interesting journey into our denominational roots. This book can be purchased wherever books are sold online and anyone is invited to join in!

## Arise! Early Morning Prayer

Starting in June, our early morning prayer service will be happening one day a week, Thursdays, at 5:30 AM in the sanctuary. Join us any week for as long as you'd like to stay or whenever you get there for a brief, informal worship service followed by a time of praying however you like. See you there!

## Worship on the Beach

Starting on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> our Worship on the Beach season starts! Join us on Bethany Beach at Campbell Place at 8:30 AM every Wednesday for a time of worship and fellowship on the beach. Bring a chair or a towel to join with folks from other churches and the community for a casual and traditional worship service. Pastor Brad, other clergy, and community members will be delivering messages every week before we pray together. Everyone is invited to join us for more fellowship and breakfast at the Bethany Beach McDonald's. Our first service will be extra special as we will use the water of the ocean to have a time of remembering and recommitting to our baptismal vows.

## Dover District Events for June

Cathy Myers (302)-526-2629

### Annual Conference

#### Peninsula-Delaware Conference

May 31- June 2

University of Maryland Eastern Shore,  
Princess Anne, MD

## Our Financial Health

### ..Approaching Mid-year in Fair Shape

As we approach mid-year, God continues to provide for our needs through the generosity of our loving church family. As of May 20<sup>th</sup>, worship giving exceeded our budgeted expectation by \$1,120. However, this is significantly less (by about \$3,000) compared to the same time last year. Our actual expenses continue to be greater than budgeted by about \$3,500.



## Wesley Hall Mortgage Monthly Status

Balance on 4/30/2018.....	\$112,244.24
Special Donation by Members.....	\$2,300.00
Budgeted Payment (less interest).....	\$1,044.24
Additional Yard Sale Proceeds.....	\$321.50
Balance on 4/23/2018.....	\$108,578.50

The Special donation of \$2,000 towards mortgage reduction by members of our church family is very much appreciated. You can do the same in several ways: by using a pew envelope, or by placing your donation in a basket at the rear of the sanctuary marked "Mortgage Reduction." Thank you in advance for your support.

## Charitable Contributions in 2018

The new federal income tax law will eliminate charitable contributions as an itemized deduction for 2018. The substantial increase in the standard deduction will make this change a non-issue for most of us. However, there is a mechanism by which a charitable contribution can reduce your taxable income. If you receive a Required Minimum Distribution from an IRA account, and those funds are passed directly to the benefiting organization (our church) without going through you, your taxable income can be reduced. If this is something of interest to you, contact a tax professional for more information.

Rich Spina, Finance Chairman

## Trustees Report

Your Trustees have completed the sanctuary microphones upgrade, consisting of a new wireless lapel microphone for Pastor Brad, and four new handheld microphones for general use.

Installation of new rain gutters at the rear of the sanctuary over the handicapped ramp is partially completed.

## Missions

Missions is at the heart of our Vision, so please continue to prayerfully consider how you can support our giving. This is the current status of our Missions account.

Paid out in April:

UMCOR.....\$100.00

Native American Sunday.....\$49.00

Current Balance.....\$302.24

We have an ongoing commitment to make a quarterly payment of \$650 by June 30<sup>th</sup> to the Salem and Union Wesley food pantries. Please consider this as you fill our mission's baskets.

Ellen Hitchens Missions Chairman

## Special Events

### United Methodist Women's Group

UMW members, please remember at our next meeting on Tuesday, June 5 has been cancelled. Instead, on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be traveling to Prince George's Chapel for a tour from 10:00 to 11:00. After our tour we will be going to Berlin for lunch at the Main Street Enchanted Tea and Lunch Room. For those of you attending the luncheon, please pay Donna Binaut by Sunday, June 3. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Donna Binaut at 302-829-1680 or 443-668-8067.

### 2018 UMW Bake Sales

A huge thank you to Millie Cheek, Phyllis Campbell and Carol Gorden for hosting our first bake sale of the year.

Our next events...

Friday, June 29 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Drop off Bake goods for pricing)

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

Friday, July 27 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Drop off Bake goods for pricing)

**Saturday, July 28 – 8:00 am to \*11:30ish (Bake Sale)**

Friday, August 31 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Drop off Bake goods for pricing)

### Saturday, September 1 – 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

### Potluck Dinner

Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 4:30 PM

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy some good food and fellowship. Remember to bring a friend and a special dish to share. Call Elizabeth Skinner (302-732-9684) for further information.

### Fit for Life

Tuesdays @ 9:00 AM

Join in the fun and get healthy at the same time, as Carol leads us in "gentle exercise." Everyone is welcome!!

Carol Gorden, Instructor

### Aging Faithfully

AARP Chorus in Wesley Hall

Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM

The AARP Chorus will be presenting their Spring Concert which consists of secular and sacred music. Following the program, we will enjoy a pizza lunch together. Please bring a friend and enjoy this uplifting musical presentation. Everyone is welcome!

**Please note:** If you have ideas for future programs for Aging Faithfully, or if you would like to help with planning events, contact Connie Warner at 539-7488

### SINGALONG WITH BARB

Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM in Wesley Hall

You don't want to miss this annual event with Barb! We will be celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with patriotic music. Along with the singing, we'll have prizes, snacks and an evening of lots of laughter. Come join in the fun and fellowship and bring a friend! Please bring snacks/dessert to share.

## **Church Picnic**

All are invited to a church picnic on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Joe and Elizabeth Skinner's home. Mark your calendars so you don't miss this special time together. Directions to Joe and Elizabeth's, and more information to follow.

## **Weekly Happenings at Millville**

### **Pastor Brad's Schedule**

Pastor Brad is normally in the office on Tuesdays, but he is available by appointment Monday through Thursday. He'll be in the office Monday through Thursday, but at various times. If you would like to stop by and see Pastor Brad on any of those days, please call or e-mail in advance so he can prepare accordingly and give you his undivided attention.

If you'd like to make an appointment, need a pastoral visit or help, or want to talk to him for any other reason, you can contact him by email, phone or text.

Monday	Bible Study	10:00 AM
Tuesday	Fit for Life	9:00 AM
Wednesday	Worship on the Beach	8:30 AM
	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	
	With Pastor Brad	10:30 AM

### **Monthly Meetings**

The following committees will not meet in June, July and August. All meetings will resume in September: UMW, Trustees, Finance and Administrative Council.

### **Small Groups -Weekly**

**Coffee with Pastor Brad** - Sunday at 10:30 AM in Wesley Hall. We will be reading the shorter books of the New Testament throughout the beginning of 2018.

**Wesley Wednesday Group** – Wednesday, 11:00 AM in Wesley Hall, led by Pastor Brad. Each week we will look at a special topic, and starting in mid-June, will be studying the Circuit Riders. You can join any time and not be behind!

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

## **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**

### **Lord Baltimore Elementary School** **Student Assistance Program**

**Donations will resume in September**

## **Ministries**

### **To activate the Prayer Chain**

Call Nancy Bowers at 1-410-598-5600  
Or email [nanbowers4@comcast.net](mailto: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 at Mariner’s Bethel UMC

### **Volunteers for ACTS are needed!**

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

### **Worship at the Beach! Every Wednesday at 8:30 AM**

We will be meeting at Campbell Place at Bethany Beach during the summer months.



### **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. It’s a relaxing way to finish the end of the week with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Join us and invite a friend or neighbor to come along!

### **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](mailto:wingferry@aol.com)

### **~Special Notes~**

**During the summer months, the choir will enjoy some vacation time. We will be blessed each Sunday with special music by choir members.**

**Reminder....**Coffee and Conversation will take place the third Sunday of each month immediately following the Worship Service. Everyone is welcome for a time of fellowship and an opportunity to greet our visitors.

### **Hall & Church Refrigerators**

Both refrigerators will be cleaned out at the end of each month. Please take all leftover food and beverages when you leave an event. **Only unopened containers, and containers specifically marked, will be kept.** Thank you. UMW

### **Elder Care/Companion**

Elder Care/Companion Care Available. If interested, please call Alice @ 845-596-6700. Alice is a friend of Lois Lathbury. You may contact Lois with any questions. (Cell phone) 302-745-2111. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board.

**“Healthy Eating”** - Class at Pastor Brad & Erin’s home – Saturday, June 9, 3:00 PM. More information to follow.

## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

### **Fire Extinguisher Locations:**

**Fire extinguishers are located immediately inside the front entrance, and the inside entrance to the choir room/ lavatory area.**

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Church Phone (302) 539-9077  
Pastor Brad Schutt (302) 249-2337

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[millvillechurchwesley@yahoo.com](mailto:millvillechurchwesley@yahoo.com)

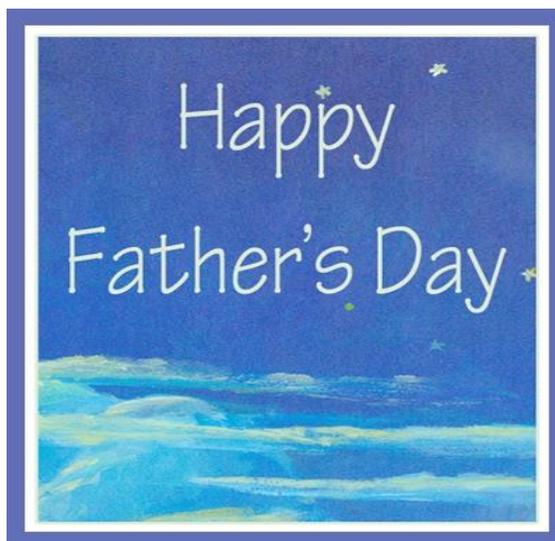
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[www.millvillemethodistchurch.org](http://www.millvillemethodistchurch.org)

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### ***Remembering on Memorial Day Those who have served our Country May 28, 2018***



***Thank you Veterans***



*June 17, 2018*

### ***A Salute to Fathers***

***Today, Almighty God, as we observe Father's Day, we lift all the fathers of this world up to You with adoration and love.***

***Fathers play an integral role in the lives of our children, as mentors, providers, caregivers and so much more and also provide a firm foundation on which our children stand.***

***Thank You, Lord, for Your provision and for showering them with Your divine blessings. We pray that You would consecrate fathers and set them apart for Your purpose.***