



# MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## THE DOVE

**MAY 2018**

### **Message From Pastor Brad**

#### Fair-Weather Faith

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” – Galatians 5:22-23, NIV

Welcome home! This is a month in which we get to say welcome back to many beloved things as we move firmly into spring. I've been awaiting the return of long sunny days, but I've been anxiously excited to welcome back our brothers and sisters in Christ who have spent the winter months elsewhere. Our church family will soon be whole again and our area will come alive as beach season gets going. Think of all the new friends we have yet to meet and the opportunities to share Christ's love with new neighbors. Amid all this we are blessed to celebrate the unending joy of Easter. Reaching the end of Lent, we can begin to more fully embrace the gift and joy of everlasting life. We can frame all of this through faithfulness.

Having faith in the Lord or putting our faith in God is a familiar idea to almost everyone. Even if a person doesn't agree with it, they have some idea of what it means because many people have that same relationship to other things in their lives. Voting, whether it be for a person, idea, or thing, is an act of putting some amount of faith into what it is or stands for. For the sports fans out there, committing yourself to a certain team is an act of faith. Especially if you do it for years, even decades.

There's a word out there for the people we see wearing our team colors and jerseys when

I know plenty of people who have stuck with this team or that through some long, long stretches of not winning a championship or even getting close. I'll admit, I know a lot of people who are Philadelphia fans. What do they gain from it? Why wear the colors? Because there is a sense of devotion and community that goes beyond results or performance. They are a part of the Eagles, or the Flyers, even if they live far from the city and are lucky to go to a game once every couple of years. It's unshaking and unyielding. Imagine if we approached God, church, and our faith with that same passion!

Our numbers and our “team stats” are increasing, thanks to the guidance of our Lord and Savior. I see this as a time to rally and reclaim the everlasting life of joy that Christ set before us. You are a part of Team Christ; you are on the starting lineup of Millville UMC playing for the glory of God and the spread of the Kingdom in our area. To you, Easter People, I say raise your voices and your spirits.

Go Team Go,  
Pastor Brad

### **Dover District Events for May**

Cathy Myers (302)-526-2629

#### **Pre-Annual Conference Orientation Dover District**

Tuesday, May 17 – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM  
Centennial UMC, 44 E. Mt. Vernon St., Smyrna, DE

**Annual Conference  
Peninsula-Delaware Conference**

May 31- June 2  
University of Maryland Eastern Shore,  
Princess Anne, MD

**Our Financial Health  
...We are Truly Blessed**

By the third week in April we have completely overcome the worship giving shortfall I mentioned last month. At the end of February, we were down about \$3,900 compared to the budget. As of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have exceeded our budgeted amount by over \$2,500. After discounting the \$2,500 we moved from the general fund to the capital reserve account, we are over our budgeted expenses by around \$1,600.

All that to say, if our 2018 giving trend repeats that of 2017, we will be able to do His work according to His will. Thanks be to God.

Yours in Christ--Rich Spina



**Wesley Hall Mortgage Monthly Status**

Balance on 3/31/2018.....\$113,516.62  
Special Donation by Members.....\$150.00  
Budgeted Payment (less interest).....\$1,122.23  
Balance on 4/23/2018.....\$112,244.24

Some of our members have made special donations to reduce the mortgage balance for a substantial savings in interest paid. 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." Some of our members have made a special donation in honor of, or in memory of someone special in their lives. Thank you in advance for your support.

Rich Spina, Finance Chairman

**Trustees Report**

Your Trustees are working to improve the sanctuary microphones to eliminate recently experienced disruptive static. Wireless microphones for the pastor, and for general use have been received, and will be ready for use this month.

We will be installing rain gutters at the rear of the sanctuary over the handicapped ramp.

We are waiting on a proposal to improve the image projection system in the sanctuary.

Rich Spina, Trustee Chairman

**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 January 1, 2018-March 31, 2018  
\$500.00 Salem Community Food Pantry  
\$150.00 Union Wesley UM Church  
\$100.00 Local Missions  
\$12.00 Human Relations Sunday  
\$230.00 UMCOR Sunday  
\$992.00 Total  
\$34.87 Missions Balance March 31, 2018

Paid out April 2018  
\$100.00 UMCOR  
\$49.00 Native American Ministries Sunday

Ellen Hitchens, Missions Chairman



## Special Events

### UMW News

#### **UMW Memorial Service Fund**

The United Methodist Women's Group has created a new "UMW Memorial Service Fund" and has appointed a committee under the UMW to oversee it. This committee will see that the funds given to this account will be used ONLY for food, including drinks, condiments, etc. for future Memorial Lite Refreshment gatherings held for any of our Church family.

#### **United Methodist Women's Group**

**Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 AM**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 1 @ 10:00 am. We will be discussing the upcoming Bake Sales and other fun future events and missions. 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.

#### **2018 UMW Bake Sales**

The UMW will be hosting our First Bake Sale of the summer on Saturday, May 26 @ 8:00 am. Yes, it's that time of year again, to pull out your delicious recipes and start baking! Don't want to bake but want something delicious and homemade? Come by and pick up a pie, cake, and/or cookies to take home.

**Here is our summer Bake Sale schedule –**

**\*Closing time may vary.**

Friday, May 25 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Drop off Bake goods for pricing)

**Saturday, May 26 – 8:00 am to \*11:30ish (First Bake Sale)**

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, May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 PM**

May 6th Potluck to honor Mothers. Bring the dish you liked most that your mother made. Be there at 4:30 PM and bring a friend. Call Elizabeth Skinner 302-732-9684 for further information.

#### **Fit for Life**

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 -- Cookie Bingo**

Cookie bingo will be held on Tuesday, May 8 at 10:00 AM. Please contact Cathy Witmer @ 302-732-6284 with any questions.

**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.

**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.

## 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	Prayer on the Beach	8:30 AM
	Wesley 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

### **~May Monthly Meetings~**

UMW	Tues., May 1, 10:00 AM
Finance Comm.	Mon., May 14, 7:00 PM
Trustees	No meeting in May
Admin. Council	Mon., May 21, 7:00 AM

### **“Arise!” Early Morning Prayer 5 AM**

Until further notice, we will be meeting Monday thru Saturday at Millville UMC in Wesley Hall

### **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 sermon of John Wesley, so you can join any time and not be behind!

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

## 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**

### **Church Supplies Needed**

Coffee – Regular & Decaf  
Swiffer Wet Cloths  
Plastic Bags - 1 gallon  
Mr. Clean Magic Erasures

### **Remember To Bring Donations For:**

#### **Salem UMC Food Pantry**

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

**Items needed:** Backpack food items

**Needed all year:** Construction paper  
Glue Sticks

## Ministries

### To activate the Prayer Chain

Call Nancy Bowers at 1-410-598-5600

Or email [nanbowers4@comcast.net](mailto:nanbowers4@comcast.net)

We now have available, Pocket Prayer Shawls.

They are located at the back of the church sanctuary in a small basket.

### 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.

Many thanks to Donna Binaut for the design, printing and gift of the beautiful cards that are enclosed with the all of the shawls.

As always, we could use some help with the knitting and crocheting of our little shawls. We have patterns, yarn and needles to share. Please contact Sharon Graham @ 537-0772 with any questions.

The full size Prayer Shawls are still located in Wesley Hall, in the wooden chest.

Bless someone today with your smile.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

### “Loving Care”

If you need a helping hand, please contact Nancy Bowers 1-410-598-5600 or email [nanbowers4@comcast.net](mailto: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).

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

In the offseason months our prayer at the beach will be meeting at the McDonald’s in South Bethany instead of on the beach.

Our Worship at the Beach will resume after Memorial Day at Campbell Place on Bethany Beach.

## **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 Maeby

Week 5 – As needed:

Janet Smith

Donald Maeby

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~

**FYI** – Wesley Hall floors will be cleaned by Stanley Steamer on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 12 Noon. Please avoid scheduling any events/activities at that time.

### **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.



*“The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the love of a Mother.”*

*-St. Therese of Lisieux*

### *~In Memorium~*

*Beryl R. DeJarnette*

*February 6, 1938 – April 18, 2018*

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*Remembering on Memorial Day  
Those who have served our  
Country*



*Thank you Veterans*