



MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE DOVE

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Message From Pastor Brad

Hello Friends,

A year ago I was asked to be the chairperson of the Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry for our annual conference. I wanted to share with you all a letter I wrote for our conference newsletter about what this board does and why it is so important to me. This board's mission can be described with the words connecting, advocating, and supporting. The first word, connecting, is very important because it describes our board's place in the mission statement of the Peninsula Delaware Annual Conference which is cultivating communities through our CALL: Connecting, Acting, Leading, and Loving. This connecting happens with college students to campus ministries and local churches, churches to campus ministries, and campus ministries to the annual conference. Campus ministry is our shared ministry because it continues the work of discipleship that begins early in a young person's life in the church and helps bring spiritual growth to college students as they find a new church or religious community for themselves.

Between late August and early September countless new and returning students have moved into college dormitories or nearby housing to start or continue their journey through higher education. They will be presented with opportunities to learn and grow intellectually in the classroom and through their studies. Outside of the classroom they will be challenged to grow as a person as they are presented with new ideas, new freedoms, and an introduction to the world beyond wherever they grew up. This is certainly a wonderful and exciting time, but it can also be confusing and overwhelming. It is so incredibly necessary to provide these students with a means to stay grounded in faith. Campus ministry can provide them with a community of peers and mentors to

help navigate through all of this, regardless of their faith upbringing.

From early on in life through high school, church was a given for me because we went as a family and did many things in church as a family. It wasn't mandatory, but I never saw it as optional because of how much a part of our lives it was. As you may imagine, that all changed in college. All of a sudden there's no one waking you up for church or making sure you get there on time. You're on your own and going to a new church full of new people that don't know anything about you. That can be a very scary and intimidating thing. The only thing that saw me through that transition and all its inherent struggles was a campus ministry. It provided students who were in a similar place in life to me and going through the same struggles. I was disciplined by mentors, upperclassmen and pastors, who could provide me with wisdom learned from their own lives.

If you have any young people in your church, or that you know in any capacity, who are starting or going back to college please do everything you can do get them connected with a local Wesley Foundation, the United Methodist Campus Ministry, and a local congregation. If you have any questions or need help with these please e-mail me or anyone on our board and we will help you make those connections. Within our conference we have a Wesley Foundation or United Methodist campus ministry at the University of Delaware, Delaware State University, Salisbury University, and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. A person doesn't have to be going to one of these schools for us to help get them connected, they're just the closest ones.

A home congregation's work doesn't end with making sure a student has a spiritual

community wherever they are going to college. You are certainly sending these college students away with God's blessings and entrusting their spiritual care to others, but that connection to home always remains. Do everything you can to regularly remind these young people that their home church is thinking about them and praying for them. Send them messages via e-mail, telephone, Facebook, or even a card to their new address. Care packages and food of any kind is always welcome! To be reminded that although they are out on their own, but that they are NOT alone is a profoundly comforting message.

One of the bigger tasks that the Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry has is the funding, administering of, and awarding of three conference scholarships. We also review applications and designate winners for two financial awards through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Our conference scholarships include a merit based award, a need based award, and a scholarship for members of a Wesley Foundation. Last year the CBHECM awarded three \$500 scholarships, but we are looking to do more for our students as attaining a degree keeps getting more expensive.

Our hope is to begin awarding \$1000 scholarships as soon as possible, but that requires the help of all the churches and members of our conference. I would ask you all to prayerfully consider giving to our Pen-Del Scholarship Fund so that we can grow in our ability to support those who are answering God's call to serve in a variety of careers. In all of this I am reminded of a familiar passage from Isaiah, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland" (43:19, NIV). This is truly a season of new things, and by us working together in our connected ministry we can help provide a way through for our college students facing so much temptation and anxiety and provide them with the joy and peace of Jesus. May we serve and share as Christ's one church working together!

Blessings,
Pastor Bradley Schutt

2017 Church Conference Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30PM

Our Church Conference, which is our annual business meeting led by the District Superintendent, will be happening at the church. Anyone can attend this meeting, but only members of the church are able to vote. This is a wonderful time of worship and sharing along with some important business and administrative votes we need to take care of.

As a church we get to see where we've come, talk about what God has done through us and in the midst of our congregation, and look ahead to the future. If you are a committee chairperson or have forms to fill out please start on them if you haven't already! If you have any questions about what goes on at this meeting if you can come, and what you may need to do to prepare for it, please contact Pastor Brad. See you there!

Fan Our Embers into Flames! Saturday, October 21, 2017 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Lunch will be provided. Grace United Methodist
300 Church St., Millsboro, DE 19966

The theme of our fourth Revival Prayer Day is Fan Our Embers into Flames! This daylong prayer session will focus on praise, worship, and the teaching on "the power of corporate prayer." You will hear the witness of our South Korean Pilgrims as they share about the experience of corporate prayer on their journey. You will be blessed by the renewal of spirit in our pastors and our churches through the Prayer Stole Ministry. And most importantly, you will be renewed by the Holy Spirit through the power of prayer and spiritual breakthroughs during this event. We are only ONE Body when ALL parts are present so COME! CONNECT! Let us be ONE!
All clergy and laity are welcome to attend. Please call the District Office with any questions at (302) 526-2629

Bishop Visit
Wednesday, October 25, 5:30 PM
Trinity UMC
63 Commerce St
Harrington, DE, 19952

Clergy session starts at 4:00 PM
Dinner for clergy and laity starts at 5:30 PM-
registration required. Deadline to register is
October 18th 2017. The Dover District Board of
Laity will be covering the cost of the dinner;
however, plan appropriately—you need to register

Wesley Hall Mortgage Monthly Status
Inching Ahead

Balance on 8/31/2017.....\$130,708.71
Special Donation by Members.....\$300.00
Budgeted Payment (less interest).....\$940.90
Balance on 8/31/2017.....\$129,467.81

You can help reduce the mortgage balance and
avoid interest in several ways: by special donation
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

Our Financial Health:
Still Doing OK, but.....

We are three quarters of the way through our
budget year, and we are still doing OK. The margin
between what we budgeted for worship giving and
actual giving is starting to trend down. Our worship
giving still exceeds our budget estimate by about
\$5,300, and our expenses are less than our budgeted
amount by about \$2,745. All that to say that the
difference between worship giving and outlays is
decreasing.

The Administrative Council approved a
2018 budget of \$155,780. This budget is about 4%
greater than 2017, and represents the confidence the
council has in your continued generosity. The
budget will be presented at the church conference

on October 10th, and copies will be available at the
rear of the sanctuary for your review prior to the
conference. Please contact me with any questions
you may have regarding our finances.

Rich Spina, Finance Chairman

A Heartfelt Thank You to my
Millville Church Family

When I began to attend Millville UMC ten years
ago, I felt a certain warmth, a genuine caring in this
congregation. At that time, I expressed my feelings
in a poem I wrote. Here are a few lines:

“My roots are not here in Millville,
I came in search of a quiet place;
To study God’s word and do His will,
In this church.....I saw His face.
It didn’t take long to feel the draw,
Of a people with love to give.
They nourished my soul with their kindness,
In them, I saw God’s spirit live.”

You all certainly lived up to my initial impression
of Millville this past month during my recent
surgery. Your visits, phone calls, cards, fabulous
food and most of all your prayers made me feel very
loved. Thank you for helping me through a difficult
time.

Millville is indeed the little church with a big heart!
In His Love, Marilyn

Special Events

Potlucks are back! TODAY Sunday, October 1st
at 4:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish and a friend!

Fit for Life
Every Tuesday at 9:00 AM

A group of energetic ladies attend the Fit for Life
class with instructor Carol Gorden. This class
improves balance, strength and flexibility. Laughter
is also an added element in the class when games
are played.

Cookie Bingo

Tuesday, October 10, 10:00 AM

It's time for Cookie BINGO in Wesley Hall! Come have some donuts and coffee and win some good treats. Bring a friend, too! See you there! Brad & Nancy Bowers

Church Directory Photography Sessions

This month Lifetouch will be in Wesley Hall for two photography sessions for the 2017 MUMC Directory. As a reminder, these sessions are open to all members of the church and regular/active attenders of the church. The first session is on Thursday, October 19th, with photos being taken from 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The second session will be Friday, October 20th, with photos being taken from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, or still need to sign up for your photography session, please contact Donna Binaut at 302-829-1680.

Revival is Coming to MUMC!

Join us in the Sanctuary for two evenings of great music, a message from the Scriptures that will touch your heart and warm fellowship with your Church Family. You will be blessed.

Saturday, October 28, 7:00 PM
Pastor Andy Ehlers – Message
Sons of Thunder – Music

Sunday, October 29, 7:00 PM
Pastor Dave Kiser, Message
Danita Robinson, Music

UMW Christmas Bazaar

Our ladies are hard at work planning this year's Christmas Bazaar to be held on November 11, 2017 at 8 am.

We hope to offer our Bake Sale, Crafts, 2nd Time Around Treasures, and new this year, Silent Auction.

Your donation of any lightly used and no longer needed Christmas items, would be greatly appreciated. Please check with family and friends

to see if they would like to donate any Christmas items. We will only be accepting CHRISTMAS items. We will be accepting donations on November 7th through November 10th.

This year's Bazaar will again offer lunch. Our menu will include chili and vegetable beef soup.

We will be having two Bazaar work days. They are Wednesday, October 25th @ 9 am and Wednesday, November 1st @ 9 am. Any and all help is welcome. There will be many ways of helping, from sewing to ironing, to making bows.

Our focus from now until November 11th will be on the bazaar. If you have any questions or comments, please call Sharon Graham @ 302-537-0772.

Dear Lord, Please guide us and give us kind hearts. Amen

Prayer at the Beach!

Every Wednesday at 8:30 AM

Join us at Bethany Beach, Campbell Place for an informal time of fellowship and worship.



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 – Pastor Brad
Week 5 – As needed:
Janet Smith
Donald Maeby
Lou Ciccanti

Women Central Retreat

Saturday, October 28, 8 AM to 1 PM
Mariners Bethel UMC, Ocean View
\$ 25.00 (includes breakfast)
Further information 302-539-9510

Monthly Meetings

Trustees - Monday, Oct. 9, 7:00 PM
Admin. Council, Mon. Oct. 16 7:00 PM

Weekly Happenings at Millville UMC

Pastor Brad's Schedule

Starting in the Fall, I'll be focusing more on visitations and working on behalf of our church in the community. It is my hope to better care for our church family while working to grow it by being more present and visible in our area. This shift in priorities has led me to shift my weekly schedule around. Although my listed office hours are only on Tuesday, I'll be in the church at different times throughout the week. I am available to meet folks Monday through Thursday, please just call or e-mail me to set anything up.

Monday – Sermon Planning & Research, Visitations, Meetings
Tuesday – In Office from 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM (Meetings, Administrative, Planning, Research)
Wednesday – Small Groups, Sermon & Worship Planning, Community Work
Thursday – Meetings, Visitations & Community Work
Friday – Sermon & Small Group Planning & Writing, Administrative Work

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

Small Groups -Weekly

Coffee with Pastor Brad - Sunday at 10:30 AM in Wesley Hall. We read scripture and discuss topics of faith.

Studying Scripture – Monday, 10:00 AM in Wesley Hall, led by Larry Kaplan.

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 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

Lord Baltimore Elementary
Weekend Lunch Program

NEEDED: Pantry items for our kitchen in Wesley Hall:

Dessert Plates (white)

Ministries

To activate the Prayer Chain

Call Nancy Bowers at 1-410-598-5600

Or email nanbowers4@comcast.net

“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).

~Special Note ~

Lord Baltimore Elementary School Student Assistance

Weekend backpack program is starting up again at L. B. Elementary School. Donations can be placed in the tub at the back of the church.

We will also be collecting school supplies that you can place in the same tub. We need:

- glue sticks
- wide loose leaf paper
- tissues
- Clorox wipes



**Sunday morning, November 5
remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour**

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

Missing You Cards!

There are note cards in each pew. If you notice someone absent who usually sits near you, take the time to send them a note. Please put your cards in the basket on the table at the rear of the church if you would like me to mail them. Thanks!



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