



MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE DOVE

OCTOBER 2018

Message From Pastor Brad

Prayer as Clinging

“Then Job replied to the Lord:

- 2 “I know that you can do all things;
no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
3 You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans
without knowledge?’
Surely I spoke of things I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me to know.
4 “You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak;
I will question you,
and you shall answer me.’
5 My ears had heard of you
but now my eyes have seen you.
6 Therefore I despise myself
and repent in dust and ashes.” (Job 42, NIV)

On the Saturday before our vacation I was asked to share about prayer at the sixth District Revival Prayer Day held in Harrington. I spent some time reflecting on the last several months of my life and I came to realize how much differently I treat prayer now than a year ago. After spending my whole life in the church and the last 12 years in a true relationship with the Lord I thought I knew what prayer is. Having some things laid out before me about myself that had not been named before and beginning to seek healing from them has started me on a different path of prayer.

Intellectually, I knew what prayer was supposed to be and generally how to do it. Spiritually, I always left myself open to what God needed to say or do to or through me in the midst of prayer. Looking back though, I realize I was treating prayer like God topping off the tank of my soul instead of filling the

empty and broken vessel I really am. While I spoke at the prayer day, I was holding the district prayer stole that has been draped over our prayer rail in the sanctuary for some time now. I talked about how I and others had held onto the stole while we prayed in church. For me, holding onto the stole is a wonderful image of what prayer is.

When I pray I’m not only talking, or opening up, or trying to dictate the conversation. Prayer is me clinging to God with everything I can, in the same way I can hold onto the stole for all it’s worth. Much like Job, I’ve spent many years with some knowledge, seeing and hearing plenty about the living God and His works in peoples’ lives today. Through all of this I’m knocked on my backside and reminded in profound ways that the Lord has plenty of work to do in me yet also. Turns out I have the same shortcomings as Job, what about you? What I may know about any of this I know, but for the big wide rest that I don’t, I know that all I can and need to do is cling to God in comfort, faith and trust and let Him lead me through. May we all take every opportunity to do the same.

Blessings,
Pastor Bead

Studies By Pastor Brad

A Disciple’s Path

This is 6-week DVD based study that will meet at the Schutt’s House (26 Ronzetti Ave., Selbyville, DE 19975) on Sundays at 2:00PM, starting on October 28th. This group is for new members, recent members, and anyone who wants to learn more about Wesleyan discipleship and membership in the United Methodist Church. The workbook for this study costs \$11.00, but new and recent members do not have to pay for the book. Sign up for this group on a clipboard in the back of the

sanctuary, including your contact information and membership status. Place your money for the book in the offering plate marked A Disciple's Path. See you there!

Covenant Bible Study

This is a 24-week DVD based study of the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation that is divided into three sections (Creating, Living, Trusting). Anyone is invited to join in this study, regardless of your church background or knowledge of the Bible. This program is meant to give anyone a foundation of knowledge about Scripture for you to build off of later on in your own way. We will be having two sessions of this group; a Daytime Session starts on October 23rd and will meet Tuesdays in Wesley Hall at 11:00 AM. The Evening Session will begin October 25th and meet every Thursday at 7:00 PM at the Schutt's House (26 Ronzetti Ave., Selbyville, DE 19975). Sign up for this group on a clipboard in the back of the sanctuary, including your contact information under which session you will be a part of. The participant's guide for all three units is \$28.00, or the guide for each unit individually is \$15.00 each. Place your money for the book in the offering plate marked Covenant Bible Study and will see you there!

Pastor Brad's October Sermon Series

“Under Construction”

October 14th - Understanding the Directions
- Mark 10:17-31 and Hebrews 4:12-16

October 21st - Always an Apprentice
- Mark 10:35-45 and Hebrews 5:1-10

October 28th - Renovation and Expansion
- Mark 10:46-52 and Hebrews 7:23-28

~NOTICE~

MUMC Church/Charge Conference. Saturday, October 6th at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary. All church members are invited to attend.

**Our Financial Health:
...We are Continually Blessed**

We are still doing well as we enter our last quarter. As of September 23rd, our worship giving is about \$5,600 greater than our budget estimate for 2018, which has dropped a little since our last report. At this time last year, our margin was a little over \$5,000, so we are ahead of our expectations for this year.

The Finance Committee recommended, and the Administrative Council approved, a 2019 budget upper limit of \$170,000, compared to last year's budget of \$155,970. This upper limit is about what we expect for worship giving this year. The budget line item details will be presented for church approval at the Charge Conference on October 6th.



Wesley Hall Mortgage Monthly Status

Balance on 8/31/2018.....	\$92,193.47
Special Donation by Members.....	\$ 1,110.00
Budgeted Payment (less interest).....	<u>\$ 1,117.24</u>
Balance on 9/21/2018.....	\$89,966.23

We are so grateful and blessed by the members of our church family who support the effort to reduce the mortgage in ways both financial, and through extraordinary personal effort.

We are still considering ways to have the mortgage paid off by the time the current note comes due in January, 2020, including a “Burn-the-Mortgage” drive. For now, please prayerfully consider a special donation using the pew envelopes.

Special donations towards mortgage reduction by members of our church family are always very much appreciated.

Missions Report..... Meeting Our Vision

We have at various times discussed the importance of Missions in terms of our Vision. The Finance Committee and Administrative Council have taken a positive step in this direction. A new line item was placed in our 2019 budget specifically to support contributions to our sister church, Union Wesley, and to the Salem Food Pantry.

We have committed to a quarterly donation of \$150 to Union Wesley, and \$500 to the food pantry. We currently have \$274 in our Missions account, not enough to cover the next payment. However, the Shoobridge family has very generously agreed to donate \$518, originally specified for Richard's wheelchair, to our Missions account, thereby covering the shortfall.

We continue to encourage donations to Missions through contributions placed in the baskets at the front of the sanctuary during communion, and a jar at the rear of the sanctuary.

Dover District Events

Amy Willey

Interim Administrative Assistant

(302) 526-2629

Special Events

Pot Luck Dinner

Pot Luck will resume on October 14th at 4:30 PM. Contact Elizabeth Skinner with any questions

Fit for Life

Each Tuesday at 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

Cookie Bingo will be held Tuesday, October 9th at 10 AM. Please contact Cathy Witmer @ 302-732-6284 with any questions. If you're looking for a

good time with lots of laughs, join us at the next event.

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

Crop Walk

On Sunday, October 14th our church will be joining with the Southeast Sussex Ministerium for the 30th anniversary of its Crop Walk. This event benefits Church World Service, a Christian organization that carries out various mission works throughout the world. **Registration for this event starts at 12:00pm at the Bethany Beach Bandstand.** There will be entertainment and fun during the walk, with food and fellowship after at Bethany Christian Church. **You can donate to the Crop Walk through the church during the month of September with your envelopes, online, or the Mission Jar in the back of the sanctuary.**

Everyone is invited to come on out for the walk itself, so Millville UMC can be well represented! More information can be found on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. Pastor Brad

United Methodist Women's Group

Tuesday, October 2 @ 10:00 am

Tuesday, October 30 @ 10:00 am

Mark your calendar! UMW next two meetings will be in October. Our meetings are held in the library of the Wesley Hall. We will be discussing the upcoming Christmas Bazaar 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.

~SAVE THE DATE~

UMW Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale

Saturday, November 10 at 8:00

UMW Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale is right around the corner. It will be held on Saturday, November 10 and doors will open at 8:00 am.

UMW will reserve the Wesley Hall the week of Monday, November 5 to Saturday, November 10. This scheduling will affect anyone who uses the hall during the day - bible studies and classes. Any evening meetings in the library area during this week will not be affected.

We hope to offer 2nd Time Around Treasures (Any Christmas or Late Fall / Winter decorations), Crafts, Bake Sale, Silent Auction and the UMW Café will be serving lunch.

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 too! Again, we are only accepting Christmas or Late Fall/Winter decorations. We will be accepting donations Tuesday, October 2 thru Saturday, November 3.

Please place items in a sealed box and mark them Christmas Bazaar. I will setup a table in back of the Wesley Hall next to the electrical box on October 2nd. If you have already donation, thank you so much.

Making a Craft? You have until Tuesday, November 6th. Have fun, can't wait to see all the wonderful creativity.

If Baking is your thing? Bake goods need to be dropped off on Friday, November 9 between 1 and 3pm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Donna Binaut at 302-829-1680 or 443-668-8067. Or come to the meeting on Tuesday, October 2 or October 30!

A Mission Project for Christmas Christmas Shoes

From now until October 31, please remember the children in 3rd world countries who don't have shoes to wear. Imagine providing shoes for the feet of one child (\$3.60) and how happy you'll make him/her. Or, imagine providing shoes for 10 children (\$36.00), or more! I can picture the joy on the face of each child as they're handed their very first pair of shoes. Awesome!!!!

Please make your checks payable to:
Millville United Methodist Church (tax deductible)
and put CHRISTMAS SHOES on the memo line.

You may drop it in the collection plate or send it by mail to Millville United Methodist Church, 36405 Clubhouse Road, Millville, DE 19967. We have collected \$1,758.60 as of September 27th. I know we'll make many children very happy this year! Thank you!! Nancy Bowers

Coffee and Conversation

As you all know, our Coffee and Conversation is on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Almost 10 years ago when Brad and I started coming to this Church, Coffee and Conversation was a time when ladies looked forward to making special recipes for everyone to enjoy. Slowly, because of illness or folks moving away, we had fewer and fewer items at the table. For the past couple of years, the yummys we've enjoyed after Worship have basically been supplied by the same few folks who wanted this time of fellowship to survive.

Starting this month, we'll be doing things a little differently. There will be 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. What you bring does not have to be elaborate but something we'd all enjoy. But of course if you have a good recipe, that would be awesome!!! 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.

We are a Church family and all of us should be involved in our fellowship events which make those times more special and more fun! I love it when I hear something like "Oh my, who made this yummy thing?", or "Oh gosh, I love deviled eggs and never get to have them", or "This fruit is hitting the spot this morning!"

It really is a fun time to be together and share for just a little while! Please think about looking at the sheet this Sunday and signing up.

Thank you, thank you!!!!

Nancy Bowers

Weekly Happenings at Millville

Pastor Brad's Schedule

Pastor Brad is in the office on Tuesdays from late morning to early afternoon. He is available by appointment Monday through Thursday.

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
Wednesday	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

~October Monthly Meetings~

UMW	Tues., Oct. 2	10:00 AM
	Tues., Oct 30	10:00 AM
Finance Comm.	Mon., Oct., 8	7:00 PM
Trustees	Mon., Oct., 15	6:30 PM
Admin. Council	Mon., Oct., 15	7:00 PM
SPPRC	Mon., Oct., 22	7:00 PM

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.

Wesley Wednesday Group – Wednesday, 11:00 AM in Wesley Hall, led by Pastor Brad. We will be studying the book "Wesley and the People Called Methodists," 2nd Edition, by Richard P. Heitzenrater.

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

Missions

**Donate to CHRISTMAS SHOES
By October 31**

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

Items needed: Backpack food items

Needed all year: Construction paper
Glue Sticks
#2 pencils

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 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, 8:30 AM, Bethany Beach @ Campbell Place. A time of prayer and fellowship on the beach with more fellowship and breakfast at the Bethany Beach McDonalds.



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

~Special Notes~

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.

Church Supplies Needed

We are currently in need of the following supplies for Wesley Hall:

- gallon plastic bags
- hand washing soap



CHURCH INFORMATION

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

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*~ Mark your calendars ~
Sunday, November 4th*

*“For we are God’s workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus to do good
works, which God prepared in
advance for us to do.”
.....Ephesians 2:10 NIV*

