



THE DOVE JULY 2015

MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Welcomes Pastor Brad and Family!

Note From Pastor Brad

Hello Church!

My name is Bradley Schutt and it is my immense pleasure to introduce myself as your new pastor! Our family is excited to come back home, be with family and friends, join in ministry with you all and begin the journey of being a church family with the people of MUMC. To give you some background; I grew up a whopping 25 minutes away in one of the Pot Nets developments over on Long Neck Road. When I was in 8th grade my parents built the house we have recently just moved back in to outside of Millsboro.

My first job was actually working just down the road from the church at Bootsie's Barbeque and the fruit market next to it. I saved all the money I could that summer and bought the only electric guitar and amplifier I've ever owned and use to this day. I graduated from Sussex Central High School in 2005, the University of Delaware in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, and from Lancaster Theological Seminary in 2011 with my Master of Divinity degree. I was commissioned in the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference just this past May, which means I'll be ordained in hopefully two, but maybe three years as an Elder in our denomination. I have been in ministry for five years, serving a church in Secretary, MD and in

Pottsville, PA prior to being welcomed by you all.

One month before beginning my pastoral ministry, I was blessed to be able to marry the love of my life and partner in ministry, Erin. We met at the University of Delaware while we were Resident Assistants in neighboring complexes and she has been my support and guide ever since. Since then we have been blessed with two beautiful daughters, Emma who is 18 months old and Brynn who is 2 months old, and our dog Bailey! I eagerly await competing for your attention during worship while Emma takes the time to meet and entertain you all individually. Erin started a career at the Georgetown campus of Delaware Technical and Community College as a Program Director.

Exploring the church's website, newsletter, and being introduced to many of the ministries of the church at its last Administrative Council meeting has me so excited! As one who is passionate about small group ministry and outreach I am ready to join with you in continuing and growing the incredible things you are doing in the name of God. I already know that the Kingdom is being glorified and made known in new lives by the work this church is doing. The blessing and passion of life in Christ is that there are always souls in need of ministering to and new ways to do it! I look forward to honoring our past,

giving thanks for our present, and faithfully taking all of that into what God has in store for us in this time we have together! I ask you in this time to pray for Pastor Don and his family, pray for our family, and pray for me as your pastor that through God's mercy and will I would be able to serve you all as the Lord would have it. Thank you all so much for the warm and gracious welcome you have given to us all!

**Blessings,
Pastor Brad**

Finance Committee Report

The finance committee met on June 8th and reviewed our income and expenses. Through the end of May, our receipts of \$64,422.66 are \$5,077.34 short of our budgeted goal of \$69,500 for the first 5 months of the year. Though year to date giving has increased, it has not met the budgeted expectations which are needed to meet our new higher expenses. Please pray about this.

In an effort to reduce the interest we are paying to the bank, Mike Matera proposed and the committee approved a motion to offer promissory notes to members and friends of the congregation. These would be 7 year notes that would pay an annual return of 2% (which is far more than the bank is paying and far less than we are paying the bank). Interest only would be paid on the notes until their redemption date. The minimum to obtain a note would be \$5,000; no maximum has been set, however, we would stop offering the notes once sufficient funds were received to pay off the mortgage.

This motion was presented to the Administrative committee and was approved at

their June meeting. The Trustees must approve this at their next meeting before the notes can be offered to the congregation. Anyone wanting more information should contact

Larry Kaplan



AGING FAITHFULLY:

Aging Faithfully!!! In June we had a very nice turnout for a morning of Cookie BINGO, followed by the music of the AARP Chorus. Their wonderful arrangements were really enjoyed by all. Then a lunch of pizza and sodas disappeared quickly. The Chorus has promised to return in December for a Christmas performance! Thanks to all who helped.

JULY 14th at 9:30 we will again play Cookie BINGO in Wesley Hall. If you haven't already given it a try, come on out.

To My Brothers & Sisters In Christ

In late May, I experienced the saddest day of my life, I lost the love of my life. But with the help, love and prayers from each of you, I am able to continue with my Christian journey.

I thank each of you who were able to join in the celebration of Nancy's life. The prayers, cards, hugs, and the luncheon were truly appreciated by the entire Smith family.

Praise God & Thank You, Ron Smith

YARDSALE

Date: Saturday, July 25th

Time: 8:00am

We are accepting donations at any time. PLEASE, give me a call, leave me a message, or send me a text at 302-381-8444 that you have dropped off items. The committee will move them

into the garage in an effort to keep the fellowship hall clean until the week before the sale.

Remember to be sure your treasures are under cover if you cannot get into the fellowship hall.

If your items are very large, please give me a call before you drop them off.

Just a reminder: NO books, TVs, CDs, clothes

Please keep in mind that this is OUR Yard Sale.

We need lots of help setting up, selling and cleaning up afterwards. Bake goods are needed as well.

This is a great fund raiser for our church and we all benefit from this once a year event.(this is added by Marianne)



were late, it'd do no harm.
And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you,
you've been so kind..
It's nice to talk with folks like you. You
see," he said, I'm blind."
Oh God, forgive me when I whine. I have
two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street, I saw
a child I knew.

He stood and watched the others play, but
he did not know what to do.

I stopped a moment and then I said, "Why
don't you join them dear?"

He looked ahead without a word. Then I
realized, he couldn't hear.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have
two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I go..

With eyes to see the sunset's glow.

With ears to hear what I know.

Oh God, forgive me when I whine. I've
been blessed indeed, the world is mine!

Today, upon a bus, I saw a very
beautiful woman and wished I were as
beautiful.

When suddenly she rose to leave, I
saw her hobble down the aisle.

She had one leg and used a crutch.
But as she passed, she passed with a
smile.

Oh God, forgive me when I whine. I
have two legs; the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy. The lad
who sold it had such charm.
I talked with him, he seemed so glad. If I



BE SO
HAPPY
that
WHEN
OTHERS

look at *you*
THEY BECOME
HAPPY *too*



