



## ***MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

# ***The Dove***      ***JULY 2020***

### **A Special Warm Welcome to Pastor Wendy Butterworth from your Millville church family**

#### **Pastor Wendy's Message**

What a joy and blessing it is to be at Millville UMC as your pastor. I am truly honored and excited about all the ways we will witness to the love and grace of our Savior as we make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. There will be a lot of things we will undertake from worshipping together, gathering for Bible and small group studies, to finding ways to serve our community as we endeavor to bring honor and glory to God with all that we do.

Although I can't wait to meet you all and have everyone back in the sanctuary for worship, I am dedicated to making sure we do it in a proper and healthy way. We are taking cautious and appropriate steps to be as safe as possible. The Trustees have done a fantastic job of staging the church for proper social distancing and getting the supplies needed to meet the state-mandated requirements for gathering. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to prepare the building and volunteers on Sunday to do what is necessary so we can worship together.

The next step will be to prepare for the reopening of Wesley Hall so that we can again commence the Saturday night praise service. We currently plan to begin that event on July 25. More information will be coming.

In many ways, this reminds me of Noah and his family after the flood was over. Although they had been isolated on the ark with every species of animals as the floods swirled around them, and were undoubtedly anxious to get on dry land again, they took their time to make sure it was safe. After

the rain concluded, the Bible tells us that it was more than seven months before the ark settled on solid ground in the mountains of Ararat, and still more months before the waters had dried up enough for Noah to think it might be time to get off the ark.

Noah then sent a raven to bring back a sign that it was safe to disembark. But the raven, happy to be free, kept flying so Noah then sent out a dove. When the dove returned with an olive branch, they knew that green things were growing. It was not until the dove was sent out again, and did not return, that Noah knew it was safe to consider leaving the ark. And finally, God told Noah it was time to return to the land. (Genesis 8: 1-17)

Likewise, we will be appropriately cautious. But no matter where we are, we can have faith that God is with us. The Lord holds us by the hand and walks this journey with us. So while this is not what any of us would want, we can be comforted in knowing that God is in the midst of these circumstances.

If you have time and feel comfortable, I would be blessed by telephone conversations or ZOOM meetings to meet each other. I look forward to hearing your stories. Feel free to call my cell phone at 302-743-4047 or the church number to set up some time to chat. If you prefer, my email is PastorWendyB@gmail.com.

I am praying for all of you, and I trust that in God's time and as part of His will, we will be together again.

Until then, may God continue to bless you all.

Pastor Wendy

#### **Pastor Wendy's Announcements**

##### **Sunday Services**

The church will be open for the Sunday service at 9:30 AM, with seating limited to 40. The

service will also be live-streamed via ZOOM. As directed, we will be taking the temperature of all who enter with a non-contact thermometer, and providing for hand sanitizing. Masks are required; disposable masks will be available as needed. The Sanctuary is set up for social distancing during entry, seating and exit.

## **Monthly Worship Schedule July-August 2020**

### **July 19**

*“Oh, The Places He’ll Go – the Seashore”*

Psalms 104: 24-26

Gospel of John 21: 1-19

### **July 26**

*“Oh, The Places He’ll Go – the Wilderness”*

Isaiah 40: 3-5

Matthew 4: 1-11

### **August 2**

*“Oh, The Places He’ll Go – Millville”*

1 Peter 2: 9-10

John 15: 5-13

### **August 9**

*“Living the Paradoxical Commandments: Build Anyway”*

Deuteronomy 31: 6-8

1 Thessalonians 5: 8-18

### **August 16**

*“Living the Paradoxical Commandments: Love Them Anyway”*

Romans 12: 9-21

John 18: 19-24

### **August 23**

*“Living the Paradoxical Commandments: Do Good Anyway”*

Galatians 6: 7-10

Matthew 6: 1-4

### **August 30**

Pastor Brad currently scheduled to be here to deliver the message

**Virtual Charge Conference will be held on  
Friday, October 9 at 6:30 pm.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Our Financial Health....**

#### **What Is Ahead???**

As of the end of June, worship giving was under our 2020 budget estimate by about \$15,000. Our General Fund balance (what we have left after paying our monthly bills) is still holding at about \$37,000. This is due to a conference-mandated two-month relief from pastor pension and health insurance costs, and reducing our expenses, especially utilities.

The reduction in worship giving is especially concerning, given that June 2020 was \$3,000 under May 2020 for the same four-week period. This trend, if it continues through 2020, will result in a significant weakening of our financial health at the end of the year.

We have a number of maintenance and systems improvement projects that we have put on hold for now, but we cannot forego critical maintenance indefinitely. If faced with an emergent issue (ie. roof repair/replacement) our funding alternatives will be limited.

Your church leadership understands that the pandemic, and resulting economic problems, make it difficult for some families to continue to support the church as in times past, but we sincerely appreciate whatever you can do to support the church.

We pray that all will remain safe, and that our wonderful and faithful God will give us the direction we need to sustain our beautiful old church.  
Rich Spina



### **Trustees Report**

All projects are on hold until further notice.

## **Special Events**

All In-House Church Special Events and meetings are cancelled until further notice.

### **Coming in the Fall**

**Crop Walk - October 18**

Details will follow

### **Weekly Happenings at Millville**

Saturday	Praise Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	9:30 AM

**Pastor Wendy will be in the office 5 or 6 days a week, pending emergencies or unforeseen circumstances. You may call her at 302-743-4047 or email PastorWendyB@gmail.com.**

## **Missions Giving**

### **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: International Disaster Response**  
Advance # 982450

**Remember To Bring Donations For Salem UMC Food Pantry**

## **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.

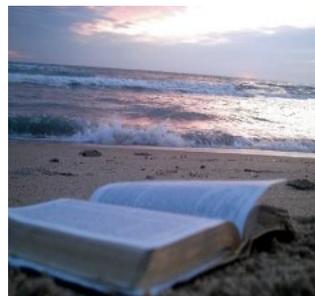
We now have available, Pocket Prayer Shawls. They are located at the back of the church sanctuary in a small basket. The full size Prayer Shawls are still located in Wesley Hall, in the wooden chest. Bless someone today with your smile. Please contact Sharon Graham @ 537-0772 with any questions.

### **“Loving Care”**

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

### **ACTS**

If you have a donation, please call ahead for an appointment - Phone 302 539-3513  
34634 Atlantic Ave., Ocean View.



### **Saturday Praise and Worship Service**

**6:00 PM at Wesley Hall**

**We are planning to re-open our Saturday Evening Service on July 25.** This is an informal fellowship which includes a special time of sharing our joys and concerns, followed by prayer and a message from the scriptures, and from the heart by one of our speakers. Our first service will be led by Pastor Wendy. We will be following the Governor's guidelines for church services. Join us and bring a friend!

## CHURCH INFORMATION



### Record of Faith Journey

In March and April, I sent out to all members a record sheet for you to complete your “Faith Journey” and most of you returned it back to me by mail or email. Thank you so very much! It is important that Millville UMC keeps a record of each member’s Faith Journey. These records are private and will not be shared with anyone except for Pastor and Membership Secretary.

If you have not completed it, please do so and return it to me as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Binaut, MUMC Membership Secretary at 302-829-1680.

### ~ Special Notes ~

#### **A Fond Farewell to Pastor Brad and his family.**

Our love and prayers go with you as you continue your ministry at Bridgeville. Brad’s new address is:

**Rev. Bradley Schutt**  
**211 Market Street, Bridgeville, DE 19933**

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Marianne Smith would like to remind those who were participating in the “**Other Twelve Disciples**” production to return their costumes to her. You may call her at 302-670-9057 to make arrangements.

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#### **To My Millville Church Family**

I thank you for the beautiful flowers so graciously given to me last Sunday. I am blessed to be a part of this wonderful family of God and enjoy bringing blessings in music form each Sunday to each one of you that are online and those attending our service.

It has been a challenge for me to pick the right hymns and always a special music solo that would be uplifting, and I greatly appreciate your comments/posts thanking me for the music. It is to God’s glory that I play for Him. All of you know that I cannot sing so I’m thankful to use my hands in expressing the music for all to hear. May you all stay healthy and stay safe at this time... Be kind one to another...Love everybody!  
Your musical servant, Barb

### **If you have questions regarding:**

~ **Scheduling Requests for use of Wesley Hall**~

~ **Flowers on the Altar**~

~ **Prayer List Additions or Corrections**~

Please contact Marilyn Ferry (539-9598)  
or email [wingferry@aol.com](mailto:wingferry@aol.com)

### **Reader/Greeter Schedule**

The readers/greeters will not be required until further notice.

### **Happy Belated May/June Birthdays**

May

- 2 – Sue Amato
- 4 – Ellen Erbe
- 8 – Pete Alt
- 9 – Terry Bosserman
- 20 – Geri Townsend
- 22 – Pastor Wendy Butterworth
- 26 – Kathy Cropper
- 26 – Charles Guzman
- 29 – David Freed

June

- 1 – George Towson
- 2 – Marilyn Ferry
- 2 – Ken Beckman
- 3 – Debbie Arnold
- 5 – Barbara Elser
- 5 – Chuck Erbe
- 5 – Mary Ellen Martin
- 7 – Oscar Clair
- 9 – Laura Weaver
- 10 – Brad Bowers
- 10 – Rich Spina
- 14 – Barbara Hickman
- 18 – Mike Matera

- 19 – Joanne Gates
- 20 – Charlie McCloskey
- 22 – Sharon Graham
- 26 – Hazel Holden
- 27 – Marianne Smith
- 28 – Carol Dennis
- 30 – Diane Lassahn

## July Birthdays



- 3 – Karen Valentine Caudle
- 5 – Bill Graham
- 6 – Rosemary Spina
- 7 – Beverly Brady
- 7 – Jamie Eglit
- 9 – Shirley Ward
- 11 – Carol Gorden
- 13 – Joe Gorden
- 21 – Alice Brubaker
- 23 – Ed Donnelly
- 24 – Carol Forster
- 26 – Tony Forster
- 26 – Jean Turner
- 31 – Janet Smith
- 31 – Ralph Hitchens

### 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

## Worship Service Cancellation

In the event of inclement weather, call church office (302) 539-9077 for voicemail message about worship service status.

## Contact Information

### Millville United Methodist Church

36405 Club House Road  
Millville, DE 19967

Church Phone (302) 539-9077

Church e-mail:

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

### Pastor Wendy Butterworth

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### Church website:

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

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If you have questions/comments about our newsletter, please contact the Dove Editors:  
Marilyn Ferry, Rich Spina

## GOD BLESS AMERICA



If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and PRAY, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from HEAVEN, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” *2 Chronicles 7:14*

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

### **CANCER**

Dolly Beckstein  
Lou Ciccanti  
Gene (neighbor)  
Pat Hignett  
Barbara Holden  
Paula Howard  
Donald Maeby  
Ed Palmer  
Patsy Prunkl  
Pat Rust  
Matt Scott & Family  
Ron B. Smith  
Jeaninnie Todd  
Shirley West  
Luella Wright

### **SPECIAL NEEDS**

Linda Adkins  
Pete Alt  
John Amato  
Tom Binaut  
Michael Brown (Army)  
Bob Chin & Family  
Janet Cole  
Christine Crockett  
Georgene Dixon  
Michelle, Carol, Russ Dufrene  
Jamie & Jeremy Eglit  
Jill Ericson  
Jerry Guagent  
Gregory Hall  
Bertha Hebel  
Ralph Hitchens  
Lauren Hoffman  
Richard Hudson  
Susan Kent  
Jerry Lingenfelter  
Kim McFadden  
Claire Supernaw  
Ava & Jennifer Tansey & Family  
Geri Townsend  
George & Mary Towson  
Chuck & Charlotte Tracey & Family  
Welsh Family

## **CHRISTIAN LEADERS**

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson  
Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa  
Pastor Wendy Butterworth  
UMC Council of Bishops

## **ALL SERVICE MEN & WOMEN & THEIR FAMILIES**

## **WORLD PEACE & ORDER**

President Donald Trump and his staff  
Congress

## **LOCAL & CONFERENCE MISSIONS**

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

## **LORD BALTIMORE STAFF**

## **STUDENTS AND STAFF IN ALL SCHOOLS ACROSS AMERICA**

## **HEALING**

All those in our church family grieving the loss of a loved one

