



MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Dove

JUNE 2019

Pastor Brad's Message

Hello Friends,

I hope you are having a blessed and fun start to the summer season! Instead of my usual letter, I wanted to share with you this letter from the bishop in light of the recent Judicial Council decisions. I did include this in an email, but since everyone doesn't use it, I wanted to include it here. There are different meetings and continued factions doing their own work across the county and throughout the denomination.

This time in the United Methodist Church is sadly not over yet, but only God truly knows the outcome. As we have said before, I truly believe that our job is to continue to pray through it all and keep being the church that the Lord has enabled us to be.

Blessings,
Pastor Brad

Pastoral Letter in Response to UM Judicial Council Decisions 1378 and 1379 from Bishop Peggy Johnson

I bid you grace and peace in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever.

The long-awaited ruling from the Judicial Council of The United Methodist Church arrived today. Our denomination has three branches of government: executive (Council of Bishops), legislative (General Conference) and judicial (Judicial Council). After our 2019 Special Session of General Conference in February, in St. Louis, the Council of Bishops as well as General Conference asked for rulings from the Judicial Council as to the constitutionality of certain decisions.

The Traditional Plan had been vetted by the Judicial Council in the fall of 2018, and several petitions

were deemed unconstitutional. These dealt with Episcopal authority (3 petitions), Board of Ordained Ministry Composition (3 petitions), and full examination of candidates for ordained ministry (1 petition). There were two others that were not dealt with. They were held back by the standing committee on General Conference.

However, there are several parts of the approved Traditional Plan that the Judicial Council has deemed constitutional. They include:

an expansion of what it means to be "self-avowed and practicing" homosexual; penalties for being found guilty of committing a chargeable offense; and prohibitions preventing bishops from consecrating new bishops or commissioning or ordaining candidates for ministry who are self-avowed and practicing homosexuals.

In addition, there is a prohibition against District and Conference boards of Ordained Ministry approving and recommending candidates who are not qualified after a full examination. A bishop must rule such recommendations out of order.

Finally, there are several petitions that involve the complaint process, which must be handled strictly according to our laws and with care for the complainant's concerns. Any "just resolution" must address the harm that has been caused.

The Judicial Council ruled today that all of the above constitutional sections are constitutional still, and they will become part of the Discipline on January 1, 2020, for conferences in the U.S., and 12 months after the May 2020 General Conference for Central Conferences. Constitutional sections of petitions are not disqualified because they were bundled along with other sections that are unconstitutional, according to the council's ruling.

The other important ruling concerned the minority report's substitution for the Taylor Disaffiliation Plan. This plan gives churches a chance to leave the denomination based on theological incompatibility until December 31, 2023. But their departure is dependent on a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the professing church members approving the exit; and on settling any unpaid debts or apportionments (worked out with the conference trustees, superintendents and finance office); and on payment of a fee to the pension system. The Judicial Council added to this petition that the Annual Conference must vote by a simple majority to allow churches to disaffiliate. If all of these requirements are met the church may keep its building and assets and leave the denomination.

For some, these rulings will be deeply disappointing and a sign of our division and ongoing theological and interpersonal struggles. For others, this is a victory and a sign of hope. Whenever a house is divided it is a call to prayer. Only the Holy Spirit of God can keep unity among us during this journey.

It is my prayer that we will continue to work for the vision of making disciples and the mission of transforming the world. We live in a pivotal time in the life of this denomination. How will future generations look at us when they reflect on our actions and decisions? Were we loving? Was this necessary? Were we kind to each other?

Let us remember the future as we move forward. I stand ready to be in dialogue with any church, organization or district that would like to have constructive conversations with me. Clarity and unity often come when we seek to hear the hearts of each other in humble relationship building.

Let us strive to be prayerful and peaceful-even positive-as we continue to chart the way forward for our beloved denomination. May God continue to bless you and your congregations as you persist and prevail in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Peggy A. Johnson

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

Dover District Events
Contact Amy Willey
302-526-2629

Pastor Brad's Ordination Service **Friday, May 31 @ 7:00 PM**

On Friday, May 31, an Ordination Service is scheduled to be held at Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Brad is among those who will be formally ordained at this service, along with Pastor Blair Hall from St. George's, and others.

For those who are unable to attend, you are invited to watch the service together in Wesley Hall at 6:30 PM on the big TV. The service itself should start around 7:00 PM.

Sponsor Pastor Brad **in Supporting Refugees**

During World Refugee Week, June 16-23, Pastor Brad will be participating in the Ration Challenge, which supports Church World Service (the same organization that benefits the Crop Walk). It is a commitment to eat and drink the same rations as a Syrian refugee living in a camp in Jordan. The money raised provides food, medicine and education for refugees and people living in poverty around the world. **You can donate to Pastor Brad's fund by placing an envelope in the offering plate designated "Pastor Brad's Ration Challenge".** Checks should be made payable to Millville United Methodist Church. Donations are needed by June 9. Thank you for your support.

Pastor Brad

Committee Reports

Our Financial Health

.....Turning Around??

As of May 19, our worship giving was under budget by about \$2,200, compared to under \$3,200 at the end of April. This trend is good but we are not doing as well as in years past. In fact, at this time in 2017, giving was \$4,000 over budget. We will

discuss future spending at our next Finance and Trustee meetings in mid-June. I know God will continue to bless us by inspiring our church family to support the mission and vision of our wonderful old church.

Rich Spina, Finance Chairman



Wesley Hall Mortgage Monthly Status

Balance on 4/30/2019.....\$ 36,164.75
Special Donation by Members....\$ 785.00
Budgeted Payment (less interest)\$ 1,391.60
Balance on 5/20/2019..... \$33,988.15

Wow, what a tribute to the generosity of our church family. With 20 months to go, likelihood of reaching our payoff goal is looking better and better. If we conservatively estimate special event (yard sale, bake sales, etc.) contributions of about \$5,000, this will require a payment above our budgeted amount of about \$250/month.

I know many of you are making a special monthly donation through our Sunday service collection, but if in addition, if even **half of our giving units dropped \$5.00 each week** in the Mortgage Reduction jar at the rear of the sanctuary, we would



HIT THE TARGET

with room to spare. I know we can make that happen. Thanks in advance for your support.

Rich Spina

Trustees Report

Sanctuary Security: Trustees are still working to choose a date and time for the Response to Active Shooter training to be presented to the church membership. Brice Cropper and Tom Maly are taking the lead on organizing this and other efforts.

Sanctuary Projection System: This upgrade is on hold until later in the year, when our financial situation is more clearly defined.

Sanctuary Attic Fans: We are working to get estimates for replacement, and hope to have this work completed by late June.

Rich Spina, Trustees Chairman

Missions Update

Our Missions balance on 3/31/2019 was \$690. Please prayerfully consider your missions giving, especially on Communion Sunday, so we can do more to care for our local needs. Ellen Hitchens

Listed below are our Missions outlays to date

- Local Missions.....\$374
- Salem Com. Food Bank.....\$500
- Union Wesley UMC Pantry...\$150
- Human Relations Sunday.....\$108
- UMCOR Sunday.....\$175
- Disaster-Advance 901670.....\$160
- Native American Sunday.....\$50

United Methodist Women's Group Field Trip Tuesday, June 4

Ladies of the UMW -- our June 4th field trip / luncheon is finally here. Schedule: Tuesday, June 4 @ 8:30 meet at the Wesley Hall to carpool, we will leave at 8:45 / 10:00 Barratt's Chapel & Movie / 11:30 Georgia House in Milford for Lunch. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Donna Binaut at 302-829-1680 or 443-668-8067. ****Sorry the museum area is closed due to flooding in the archive area. All the archives are dry and safe but needed to be moved into the museum area. All the flooring in the archive area will need to be replaced.**

2019 UMW Bake Sales

The UMW will be hosting our next Bake Sale on Saturday, June 22 @ 8:00 am. ***Please note the June change of date from the previous Dove article.** Remember 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. Please tell all your friends to come out and support us!

Our UMW bake sales will be a little sweeter this year! We will be donating all the proceeds of our four bake sales to the Wesley Hall Mortgage Reduction fund!

**Here is our summer Bake Sale schedule –
*Closing time may vary.**

Friday, June 21 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Drop off Bake goods for pricing)

Saturday, June 22 – 8:00 am to *11:30ish (Bake Sale)

Friday, July 26 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Drop off Bake goods for pricing)

Saturday, July 27 – 8:00 am to *11:30ish (Bake Sale)

Friday, August 30 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Drop off Bake goods for pricing)

Saturday, August 31 – 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.

Special Events

**Pot Luck Dinner
Sunday, June 2, at 4:30 PM**

We're having a **Chili Cook-off**, so dig up your best chili recipe and join in the fun at Wesley Hall! Everyone is invited to participate. Contact Elizabeth Skinner with any questions.

Choir Notes

We welcome all who can sing to join our choir. We practice in Wesley Hall on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM and Sunday morning before church at 8:30 AM.

During July and August, we will be on a break. Anyone who is interested in doing special music during those months (solos, duets, trios or

quartets), please contact Elizabeth Skinner. Come one, come all – use your God-given talents to serve the Lord!

**Aging Faithfully
Cookie Bingo
Tuesday June 11, at 10:00 AM**

Come and bring a friend for a lot of fun and laughter – and cookies!

We will be on break during July and August. I am stepping down after June 11, so we will need a volunteer to assume the handling of cookie bingo starting in September.

If you are interested, please Contact Cathy Witmer @ 302-732-6284.

Note: If you have ideas for future programs for **Aging Faithfully**, and would like to help with planning events, contact Connie Warner at 539-7488.

YOUR WISH HAS COME TRUE!

The yard sale is in June! It will take place on June 29th. Please let your friends and neighbors know that we want their treasures. All of us can help with this.

We will be accepting those treasures into Wesley Hall beginning the week of June 10. Please do not leave them on the porch, but on the designated tables inside. Drop off hours will be announced later.

The only item we'd like to have asap is jewelry. There is a basket for this in the back of the church. Please ask your friends to look through theirs now. Jewelry takes lots of time to display and needs very little space to store.

This year I have the luxury of co-chairs. Phyllis Rudd and Ellie Trait will join me in the main room. Patty Belasco and Phyllis Campbell will take care of the jewelry room. I am thankful to have their names on the dotted line, but none of this happens without everyone's help in hundreds of ways. We are the little engine that could- we know we can, we know we can, we know we can- with God's help.

Once again proceeds will go towards the mortgage. The end is in sight! Kathy Cropper

Singalong with Barb

Saturday, July 6, 6:00 PM - Wesley Hall

You don't want to miss this annual event with Barb! We will be celebrating the 4th of July with patriotic music. Along with the singing, we'll have prizes, snacks and an evening of lots of laughter. Come join in the fun and fellowship and bring a friend! Please bring snacks/dessert to share.

Barb Clair

Coffee and Conversation

Coffee and Conversation is the third Sunday of each month. There is 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. 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. Please think about looking at the sheet this Sunday and signing up. Nancy Bowers

Weekly Happenings at Millville

Monday	Bible Study	10:00 AM
Tuesday	Fit for Life	9:00 AM
Wednesday	Worship on the Beach	8:30 AM
Wednesday	Covenant 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 w/Pastor Brad	10:30 AM
Sunday	Covenant Bible Study	2:00 PM

Fit for Life

We will not meet during the summer months. We will resume in September with our regular schedule – Every Tuesday at 9:00 AM. Carol Gorden leads us in "gentle exercise." Everyone is welcome!!

Monthly Meetings

UMW	No meeting in June	
SPPRC	Monday, June 3	7:00 PM
Finance Comm.	Monday, June 10	6:30 PM
Trustees	Monday, June 10	7:15 PM
Admin. Council	Monday, June 17	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.

Covenant Bible Study – Unit 3 of the Covenant Bible Study will continue until end of June. We will resume in September.

Pastor's Book Club – Will resume in September, shifting its focus to topics relating to the Bible, Jesus, Christianity, and other issues relating to faith and spirituality.

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

Remember To Bring Donations For: Salem UMC Food Pantry

Lord Baltimore Elementary School Student Assistance Program

This program is discontinued

Supplies Needed for Wesley Hall
Tri-Fold Paper Towels

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
Mariner’s Bethel UMC

Volunteers for ACTS are needed!

Fill out an Application at 34634 Atlantic Ave.,
Ocean View. (Phone 302 539-3513)

Worship on the the Beach!

Wednesday, 8:30 AM

Our summer worship services on the beach will include music, praying and preaching by a guest Speaker. This service is open to the whole community, so invite a friend and bring a chair!



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. Join us and bring a friend!

Remembering Our Veterans on Memorial Day



Thank You for Your Service

CHURCH INFORMATION



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

**Reader/Greeter Schedule
 (Subject to change as needed)**

June 2019

Date	Reader	Greeters
2	Janet Smith	Frank & Lois Lathbury
9	Marianne Smith	Rich & Rosemary Spina
16	Rich Spina	Brice & Kathy Cropper
23	Don Maeby	Phyllis Campbell & Millie Cheek
30	Janet Smith	Jerry Lingenfelter & Bill Graham

Please refer to the bulletin board and web site for a schedule for the entire year. Contact Marilyn Ferry with questions. (539-9598)

Worship Service Cancellation

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

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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Happy Father’s Day



“The just man walks in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.” Proverbs 20:7 KJV

IN OUR PRAYERS

CANCER

**Dolly Beckstein
Pat Hignett
Paula Howard
Ed Palmer
Patsy Prunkl
Ron B. Smith
Jeaninnie Todd
Shirley West**

SPECIAL NEEDS

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John Amato
Michael Brown (Army)
Bob Chin & Family
Oscar Clair
Janet Cole
Christine Crockett
Michelle, Carol, Russ Dufrene
Jamie & Jeremy Eglit
Jerry Guagent
Gregory Hall
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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

HEALING

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

