



## **MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# **The Dove MARCH/APRIL 2020**

### **Pastor Brad's Message**

#### **Remember, God Provides Even Now**

It is a rather interesting thing to try and write something that covers Lent, Easter, and the season after Easter. In a spiritual sense and in how we follow the last days of Jesus' earthly ministry we all have a good working knowledge of how these times work together. How we experience and live out these times in the church year could not be more different, at least in my opinion. When we think of Lent, the first place we all go to is trying to decide what to give up for those 40 days. Easter is all about celebration and triumph, and if you have kids in your life there may be some Easter eggs and baskets around also. It's also a time to be with loved ones and have a special dinner or gathering. After that in a lot of ways life just goes back to normal. Easter seemingly goes away in an instant, save for any leftovers you may have and how long the candy lasts.

How can how we conduct ourselves during Lent, Easter, and the time after to better reflect the works and teachings of Jesus Christ that we all know and are reminded of during these seasons of the church? I've been stuck on this question for myself for awhile and offer up to you as something to reflect on in your own life. The next two months are about more than obligation and keeping up with traditions. In my prayers and meditations on this the word the Lord keeps giving to me is provision. As in how God provides for each one of us. Matthew 6:31-32 says, "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' .....your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. (NRSV). If nothing else, preparing ourselves to experience the

Cross and the Tomb give us a lesson on providing that we can never master, but strive to live up to for the rest of our lives.

Later on in the Gospel of Matthew we hear these words, "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" (7:11, NRSV). Lent is not only about deprivation and sacrifice, it is, and I would argue is all the more so, about making all the room you can in your soul and life for God to further dwell in, work in, and through you today. We know the story of Easter, so I encourage you to ask yourself what is God providing to you or through you to someone else this Easter? On April 13<sup>th</sup>, when all the Easter stuff either goes away in the stores or goes in the clearance section, may the light that revealed the empty tomb shine at its fullest in we God's people on the move!

Easter Blessings,  
Pastor Brad

### **Pastor Brad's Announcements**

#### **Receiving New Members**

We will be having our next United Methodism 101 class for new members and those wanting a refresher on Methodism Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in Wesley Hall. There are no required reading, texts, or materials for this class. We will be receiving new members in worship on Palm Sunday, which is April 5<sup>th</sup> this year. If you would like to join the church but cannot make it to worship that day, we can pick another Sunday to receive you. If you would like to retain your church membership at your home church or previous church, there are ways in which you can do that,

whether it is United Methodist or not, and affiliate with Millville UMC as well. Please sign up for this class at the back of the sanctuary or e-mail Pastor Brad, in both cases indicating whether you want to join the church.

### Monthly Worship Series and Weekly Readings

#### March “We Prepare, God Provides”

March 1<sup>st</sup> Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 32,  
Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

March 8<sup>th</sup> Genesis 12:1-4, Psalm 121,  
Romans 4:1-17, John 3:1-17

March 15<sup>th</sup> Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95,  
Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23,  
Ephesians 5:8-12, John 9:1-41

March 29<sup>th</sup> Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130,  
Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

#### April “How Deep is God’s Love?”

April 5<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) Psalm 118,  
Matthew 21:1-11

April 9<sup>th</sup> (Maundy Thursday) Exodus 12:1-14,  
Psalm 116, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26,  
John 13:1-17, 31-35

April 10<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) Isaiah 52:13-53:12,  
Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16-25,  
John 18:1-19:42

April 12<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday) Acts 10:34-43,  
Psalm 118, Colossians 3:1-4,  
John 20:1-18, Matthew 28:1-10

April 19<sup>th</sup> Acts 2:14,22-32, Psalm 16,  
1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

April 26<sup>th</sup> Acts 2:36-41, Psalm 116,  
1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

### General Conference Meeting

**Sunday, April 26 at 3:00 PM in Wesley Hall**

Everyone is invited to attend this time of sharing information, Q&A and short worship.

### Dover District Events

**Contact Amy Willey 302-526-2629**

Dover District Revival Prayer Day #9 – Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Lunch Provided) at Greenwood UMC, 101 W Market St., Greenwood, DE. 19950. (\$5.00 Registration Fee)

Dover District Lay Academy – Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Avenue UMC, 20 N Church St, Milford, DE 19963

Extravagant Generosity Workshop - Saturday, April 25, 2020 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Centennial UMC, 44 E. Mt. Vernon Street, Smyrna, DE 19977

## Committee Reports

### Our Financial Health....

#### Still Doing OK

As of February 23, worship giving is still above our 2020 budget estimate by about \$1,100, but the margin is decreasing. Our General Fund balance (what we have left after paying our monthly bills) is trending up, which is a good thing considering higher utility costs during the winter months.

The Finance committee had a meeting on February 17th to review our budgeted and other potential future expenses. As I mentioned last month, we will still consider a prudent approach to how we use God’s gifts for the next few months, to ensure we will be on a sustainable path for the remainder of the year. Rich Spina



### Trustees Report

Facility Security: The Trustees received a response from our insurance company confirming that our current liability coverage for our security team volunteers will not need an amendment if they carry pepper spray as a threat deterrent. The team will proceed with the acquisition of the material, and prepare a safe storage and control procedure. As stated before, Ocean View police will provide training as appropriate.

Concerning video surveillance of entry doors and parking lot, several security firms will provide proposals for this action.

Sanctuary Computer: Continuing to solicit proposals to meet our current needs, but also to support a future visual system upgrade. Current system is over six years old, and cannot support newer applications. This acquisition will be presented to The Finance Committee for near-term consideration.

Sanctuary Projection System: This project is under consideration as a late 2020 effort.

Spring Cleanup: Buildings will be power washed, and volunteers will be solicited for a clean-up day, date to be determined. Rich Spina

## **UMW Notes**

### **United Methodist Women's Group**

**Tuesday, March 3 & April 7**

Our next meetings will be on Tuesday, March 3 and April 7 @ 10:00 a.m. We will be discussing the upcoming events and new mission projects. Dues are still \$15.00. Please see Donna Binaut, Treasurer, before or after the meeting. Please pay dues by writing a check to Millville UMW. 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 Phyllis Rudd at 302-539-0417.

## **ACTS Thank You Note**

The Atlantic Community Thrift Store (ACTS) would like to thank the Millville United Methodist Church Women's group (UMW) for their generous gift of \$500. This donation helps many programs within our community, such as:

- Meals on Wheels
  - Lord Baltimore School
  - Indian River High School
  - Student Scholarships
  - Contractor's for a Cause
  - Delaware Hospice
  - Woman's Shelter
  - Community Food Pantry
- and many more. Thank you UMW!!

Rosemary Spina

ACTS

## **Special Events**

### **Pot Luck Dinners**

There will be a Pot Luck dinner on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 PM. Our theme will be St. Patrick's Day. Corned beef will be furnished; please bring a side dish and invite a friend. We will also get together on Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> for our Easter-themed potluck. Details to follow. Elizabeth

## **Save The Date -- Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> Celebrating Pastor Brad!**

At the Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> Potluck, we will be celebrating Pastor Brad and his new appointment. Come and wish him and his family all the best with our prayers for a successful transition into his new appointment. More details to follow in the upcoming Dove issues.

Tom Binaut, SPPRC Chairman

## **MUMC Ladies Breakfast Club**

Come join us at Bethany Diner on Friday, March 27 and Friday, April 24 at 10:00am for breakfast. Had breakfast already? Have a cup of coffee with us. The whole purpose of the breakfast club is to join the women of the church together in fellowship. We will be meeting on the fourth Friday of each month. I will post this information each month in the Dove. Let me know if you can make it and I will make sure you get a seat at the table.

Many blessings, Donna Binaut

## **LENTEN SOUP & SALAD SCHEDULE**

### **PRAYER SERVICE**

**Wednesday, 12:00 Noon**

- March 4** Bethany Beach Christian Church  
7 N. Penn. Ave., Bethany Beach
- March 11** Community Lutheran Church  
30897 Omar Rd., Frankford
- March 18** Ocean View Presbyterian Church  
67 Central Ave., Ocean View
- March 25** Union Wesley UMC  
32137 Powell Farm Rd., Frankford
- April 1** Saint Ann's Catholic Church  
691 Garfield Pkwy., Bethany Beach

## **The Other Twelve Disciples**

**(Featuring the twelve Women in Jesus' life)**

**Saturday, March 28, 7:00 PM**

Come hear the testimony of the women who traveled with and really knew Jesus. You will be blessed by this presentation. Marianne Smith

## Holy Week Schedule

**Maundy Thursday Service** April 9, 6:00 PM  
**Good Friday Service** April 10, 6:00 PM  
**Saturday Praise Service** April 11, 6:00 PM

**Easter Sunrise Service**  
**Bethany Beach Bandstand**  
April 12<sup>th</sup> 6 AM

Pastor Brad will be helping to lead the annual community Easter Sunrise Service, along with other local clergy. The service will include live music and a special Easter monologue. There will be a freewill offering taken up to support the ministries and missions of our Southeast Sussex Ministerium. The bandstand area is filled every year for this special service, so come out and start your Easter morning surrounded by many other joyful people of faith.

### Coffee and Conversation

Just a reminder that our Coffee and Conversation is on the 3rd Sunday of every month. This is a special time for members and visitors to say “hi” and to “catch up”. So many of you have helped to make these 3rd Sundays of the month a success by bringing yummy things to share and enjoy, and I thank you for that. We can never have too much!!! We are a Church family and it’s great to have us all involved in our fellowship events. Your presence and involvement makes those times more special and more fun! Thank you, Ellie Trait

### Fit for Life

Each Tuesday we meet at 9:00 AM and Carol Gorden leads us in “gentle exercise.” Everyone is welcome to join in for fitness, fun, and fellowship!! Carol (410-530-3002)

### Aging Faithfully

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

### VIP (Visually Impaired Persons) Group

Gatherings of the VIP (Visually Impaired Persons) group are held on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Masterson

Center at St. Ann's Catholic Church. We cordially invite new members to join us. People of all ages and who have limited or total blindness are welcome. A number of volunteers come each week to read to the group and engage members in conversation. It is a good opportunity to meet new people and make new friends and learn more about our mission and what we do. If you would like additional information, please contact Jackie Nielsen at 302-829-1514.

## Weekly Happenings at Millville

Monday	Bible Study	10:00 AM
Tuesday	Fit for Life	9:00 AM
Wednesday	Prayer on the Beach	8:30 AM
Wednesday	Bible Study—Mark	1:00 PM
Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Thursday	Bible Study	9:00 AM
Saturday	Praise Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Pastor’s Study	10:30 AM

### Pastor Brad’s Office Schedule

Tuesday	11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Wednesday	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Thursday	11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Friday and Saturday	- Sabbath and Family time

## Monthly Meetings

### March & April

UMW	March 3, 10:00 AM April 7, 10:00 AM
Finance Comm.	No meeting in March April 13, 7:00 PM
Trustees	March 2, 6:30 PM April TBD
Admin. Council	TBD
SPPRC	April 6, 7:00 PM

### Choir Notes

Choir practice is held every Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM in Wesley Hall. We always welcome anyone interested in joining us. If you can sing in the shower, maybe you can sing with us. We love praising the Lord, how about you? Elizabeth

## **Small Groups – Weekly**

**Pastor Brad’s Study** - 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.

**Pastor Brad’s Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark** will meet every Wednesday at 1:00 PM in Wesley Hall, until June. Everyone is welcome. Just bring your Bible – we will study the scripture and gain some new insights into the book of Mark.

## **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)

### **Feed My Sheep - Soup Kitchen**

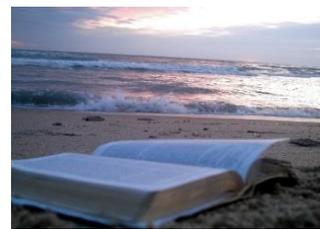
Thursday, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Mariner’s Bethel UMC

### **Volunteers for ACTS are needed!**

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

**Prayer on the Beach!**  
**During the winter months,**  
**we meet at McDonalds**  
**Wednesday, 8:30 AM**

Come and share in a time of prayer, fellowship and breakfast at the Bethany Beach McDonalds on Route 1. Invite a friend!



### **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.

**Speakers Schedule for Saturday Praise**

- Week 1 – Janet Smith
- Week 2 – Pastor Brad
- Week 3 – Lori Ciccanti
- Week 4 – Donald Maebly
- Week 5 – As needed: Janet Smith  
Donald Maebly  
Lou Ciccanti

Following the service, we visit and enjoy coffee and dessert together. Join us and bring a friend!

**CHURCH INFORMATION**



**Record of Faith Journey**

It is important that Millville UMC keeps a record of each member’s Faith Journey. I will be handing out to each of our members only a record sheet to complete your “Faith Journey” and return no later than Sunday, May 3, 2020. I can also email you a Word document for your convenience to fill out, which may make life easier on you and me. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Binaut, MUMC Membership Secretary at 302-829-1680.

**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  
(Subject to change as needed)**

**March 2020**

Date	Reader	Greeters
1	Rich Spina	Bev Brady & Betty Moffett
8	Tom Binaut	Charles & Thelma Guzman
15	Donald Maebly	Chuck & Ellen Erbe
22	Marianne Smith	Frank & Lois Lathbury
29	Chuck Erbe	Alice Brubaker & Millie Cheek

**April 2020**

Date	Reader	Greeters
5	Tom Binaut	Bev Brady & Betty Moffett
12	Rich Spina	Marianne Smith & Jamie Eglit
19	Donald Maebly	Phyllis Campbell & Millie Cheek
26	Chuck Erbe	Frank & Lois Lathbury

**Readers / Greeters schedule for 2020  
Looking for Readers and Greeters**

We are currently looking for members who would like to be a Reader or a Greeter at Sunday service. We would love to have more volunteers. If you are interested, please talk with Luella Wright, Worship Chair or Pastor Brad to learn more.

Many blessings, Donna

**Attention!!**

Seeking help with operation of the Sanctuary audio/visual system in the sound booth on Sunday mornings. Please see Janet Smith.

## March/April Birthdays



Happy belated birthday to Doris Reffner,  
February 25 and many blessings!

### March birthdays

- 8 – Sheila Herrmann
- 14 – Paul Arnold
- 15 – Katherine Maly
- 18 – Bob Heird
- 22 – Nancy Bowers
- 24 – Abby Donnelly
- 27 – Tracy Gonzalez
- 31 – Bertha Hebel

### April Birthdays

- 1 – Claire Supernaw
- 3 – Marietta Cozza
- 8 – Patti Belasco
- 8 – Susan Bosserman
- 9 – Ron B. Smith
- 10 – Lou Ciccanti
- 10 – Sharon Walters
- 14 – Cathy McCloskey
- 15 – Donna Binaut
- 17 – Pastor Brad Schutt
- 21 – Arnold Belasco
- 28 – Peggy Bright

## 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.

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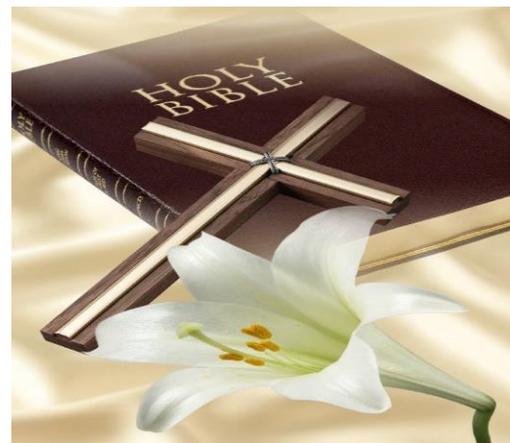
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*“Because I live, you also will live”*

*John 14:19 NIV*

*Have a Happy and Blessed Easter*