



MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Dove ***MAY 2019***

Pastor Brad's Message **Job Descriptions**

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.” – Deuteronomy 6:4-6 (NIV)

A few days before your reading of this, the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church will have finished meeting and deliberating over what was approved by the specially called General Conference earlier this year. I am writing this early in the second day of their meeting, so unfortunately, I do not have anything important to share about it yet. The Judicial Council is meeting outside of Chicago through Friday April 26th in a closed session. What they decide about the Traditional Plan and the legislation approved which would let local churches leave the denomination with their property, will be released early in May. After that information is released, I will have another time for us as a congregation to get together to go over what they decide, what it means, and to share and pray for our church.

Right now, as some all too recent anxieties and even wounds are opened in this latest stage of discerning the future of the United Methodist Church, I encourage you to pray and reflect on something that's been on my heart since the General Conference ended. What would you say the job description of the church is? What is it supposed to be and do? What is the God-given purpose of this entity that God let come into being and endure so much since Jesus ascended into heaven?

I hope you can come up with some answers to those questions, because next I want you to go deeper. How would you describe the soul of the church? I know it is kind of a lofty and abstract question, but I think these verses from Deuteronomy at least give us a starting place. Amid all the battles, debates, and politicking that can at times seem to dominate our church, I believe the greatest risk to our church today is losing our soul in the name of our disagreements.

What do we hear in these above verses? That God is one, and in our pursuit of God we should also strive for unity in the Lord. How do we do this? By not only loving the Lord with all of our heart, soul, and strength, but letting all of that penetrate our very being so that it dictates who we are. In Jesus' ministry, He expands this lesson to his followers to include a call to love our neighbors, all of them, in the same way and in the name of Christ.

During so much uncertainty and anxiety, the first question many of us ask is about what we can do. For all that is beyond us or out of our hands, all we can do is pray with confidence and assurance that God will move and do the work of the Kingdom through His people. What is within our reach is a great deal. Ultimately, we are the stewards and workers for the church and God's Kingdom here on Earth. If we take the time to understand and nurture our soul and the soul of our church we can go out into the world, our mission field, and live out the truth of God's grace and love for all people. May we go and be who the Lord is leading us to be and do as Christ would do as the people God has entrusted to do the work and be on the frontlines.

In Service and Assurance, Pastor Brad

Dover District Events

Annual Pre-Conference Briefing May 9th, 7:00 PM at Grace UMC, Millsboro.

Passionate Worship as Lifestyle Workshop, May 11th, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, at Angola Conely's UMC. Registration opens at 8:00 AM.

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

As you know, Pastor Brad was approved for ordination by the Peninsula-Delaware Conference Board of Ordained Ministry on March 19. 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, among others. There is interest in organizing a bus trip carrying members of both of our churches to Wilmington on that day. If there is sufficient interest, the thinking is to charter a bus to leave Millville UMC at 2:00 pm, so as to provide an arrival in Wilmington offering sufficient time for dinner at one of the restaurants nearby prior to the service. Departure from Wilmington would thus occur at some point after the service has concluded with arrival back to Millville UMC late that evening. At our service on Sunday, May 5 a sign-up sheet will be distributed to determine how many of us would like to go. Cost per person is yet unavailable and will be determined once we have an estimated number of people. Tom Binaut

Welcome New Members to the Millville Church Family

- Ken Beckman
- Bob and Carol Dennis
- Chuck & Ellen Erbe
- Frank and Lois Lathbury
- Cathy McCloskey
- Katy Pugh
- Kathy Rozumalski
- Erin Schutt
- Ellie Trait

Committee Reports

Our Financial Health

.....Looking Good!!

As of April 21, 2019, our worship giving was only under budget by about \$1,020, compared to over \$3,000 last month. This is obviously a good trend. At the end of March, our expenses were over budget by almost \$12,000, due mainly to some one-time costs. This should balance out in the next few months. I know God will continue to bless us by inspiring our very generous church family to support the mission and vision of our wonderful old church.

Rich Spina, Finance Chairman



Wesley Hall Mortgage Monthly Status

Balance on 3/31/2019.....	\$48,109.24
Special Donation by Members.....	\$10,480.00
Budgeted Payment (less interest).....	<u>\$ 1,359.49</u>
Balance on 4/22/2019.....	\$36,269.75

As you can see, we did very well this past month, thanks to a very generous special donation of \$10,000 by Bob and Helen Chin. Bob, as you may recall, was a long-time member of our church family, serving as Financial Secretary for many years. He still has very warm feelings for our church, as witnessed by that wonderful gift.

We should also recognize a gift of \$5,000 from the estate of Dot Pritchett, also a long-time member of our church family, who passed away last year. We offer our heartfelt thanks to her daughter, Sharon Kuznick, for making Dot's wishes a reality.

Our plan to reach mortgage payoff by January 2021, is getting much closer to reality, but we are still counting on Special Donations by Members of about \$400 per month. We need to sustain that amount in order to meet our goal. Weekly updates will be provided in the bulletin to keep you informed of our progress.



I am optimistic that we ***will Hit The Target***. We are thankful for the generosity of all of our church family who are going the extra mile to remove our indebtedness. 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. Other initiatives may be considered in the future.

Sanctuary Audio System: As noted last month, installation is completed. After managing a minor issue, we used the system for the Living Last Supper, with excellent results.

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 \$584. Please prayerfully consider your missions giving, especially on Communion Sunday, so we can do more to care for our local needs. Ellen Hitchens

United Methodist Women's Group Tuesday, May 7st @ 10:00 am

We will be discussing the upcoming bake sales, missions, and our June 4th field trip / luncheon. 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.

2019 UMW Bake Sales

The UMW will be hosting our First Bake Sale of the summer on Saturday, May 25 @ 8:00 am. Yes, it's that time of year again, 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, May 24 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Drop off Bake goods for pricing)

Saturday, May 25 – 8:00 am to *11:30ish (First Bake Sale)

Friday, June 28 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Drop off Bake goods for pricing)

Saturday, June 29 – 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

There will not be a pot-luck dinner in May. On Sunday, June 2, at 4:30 PM we will have a **Chili Cook-off**. 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. Come one, come all – use your God-given talents to serve the Lord! Elizabeth Skinner

Aging Faithfully

Cookie Bingo

Tuesday, May 14, at 10:00 AM

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

Contact Cathy Witmer @ 302-732-6284 with any questions. **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

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	Prayer 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

Each Tuesday at 9:00 AM Carol Gorden leads us in "gentle exercise." Everyone is welcome!!

Monthly Meetings

UMW	Tuesday, May 7	10:00 AM
Finance Comm.	No meeting in May	
Trustees	Monday, May 13	7:00 PM
Admin. Council	Monday, May 20	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 start Sunday, May 12 at 2:00 PM in Wesley Hall. The Wednesday study will begin May 15, at 11:00 AM in Wesley Hall.

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 Maebly.

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

The following items will be accepted during the month of May: Backpack food items, weekend snacks, kleenex tissues, construction paper, glue sticks, #2 pencils.

This program will be discontinued on May 31.

Supplies Needed for Wesley Hall

Trifold 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)

Prayer at the Beach!

Wednesday, 8:30 AM

The Beach Ministry will move back to the beach on Wednesday, May 15, and the services will start on Wednesday, May 29.



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

May 2019

Date	Reader	Greeters
5	Don Maebly	Tom & Donna Binaut
12	Rich Spina	Brice & Kathy Cropper
19	Rich Spina	Jerry Lingenfelter & Bill Graham
26	Tom Binaut	Chuck & Ellen Erbe

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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***MOTHERS ARE WHERE LIFE BEGINS
AND LOVE NEVER ENDS***