



## **MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# ***The Dove*      NOVEMBER 2019**

### **Message From Pastor Brad**

I often find myself thinking about what is taken seriously throughout most of Christianity today and how much it lines up with what we are told to do through the Gospels. What have you experienced as the most serious commitments or calls to action in the church? What has been expressed to you as a non-negotiable or something that is to be held in the highest esteem? There are certainly some universal tenants of the faith that we all share throughout the different branches of Christianity, but then you also find the unique quirks and specific doctrines found in different communities and denominations. I don't know about you, but I feel like we spend a lot of time trying to solve problems and fight the fights we feel like we need to in the world. In different times and seasons there is a place and need for both, but lately I've wondered how much we exceed and infringe on where God needs to lead.

I don't think this typically happens out of any malicious or selfish place of ill-will. I think a lot of us are very good at not knowing when to stop. As you may imagine, God in God's infinite wisdom and mercy gave us as solution to this a long time ago because it's not a recent phenomenon. It's the Sabbath. Out of all the things I can think of that are spoken or treated with great severity in the church, I personally have never experienced the Sabbath in that way. Which is a shame, because in Exodus 31:14 we are told to, "Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. Anyone who desecrates it is to be put to death; those who do any work on that day must be cut off from their people" (NIV). A lot of folks, me included, often run the risk of trivializing the Sabbath as a spiritualized day off because we struggle with giving up our compulsion to always be doing, working, or acting.

I encourage you to explore how you can take the Sabbath more seriously and truly make it an act

of worship as you live out your faith. To stop, to rest, is one of the most powerful sacrifices we can make to God in our culture where time is treated as the greatest commodity. Paul says in Romans 12:1 "I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship" (NIV). Although I don't know anything about cars, I know what it's like to drive one into the ground versus treating it with more respect and care. Admittedly, I've felt a little driven into the ground lately, so this message is for me more than anyone else. I'm finishing this up before I take an out of character two days off in the middle of the week to spend time with my family and be solely focused on them. I need it, they need it, we need it, and I believe God encourages it so that I can come back refreshed and offer more to the Lord than what my stress and tiredness usually allows.

Don't drive yourself in the ground just because that's how we've been trained and that's how the world seemingly works. Take care of yourself as an act of worship, knowing that God is taking care of the rest.

Blessings,  
Pastor Brad

### **November 2019 Sermon Series**

November Sermon Series "Living Into Thanks"

Week 1 – All Saint's Day

Readings: Daniel 7:1-3. 15-18 and Luke 6:20-31

Week 2 Readings

Haggai 1:15-2:9 and Luke 20:27-38

Week 3 Readings

Isaiah 65:17-25 and Luke 21:5-19

Week 4 – Christ the King Sunday

Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Luke 23:33-43

## CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE

St. George's UMC

Saturday, November 23 at 1:30 PM

### Dover District Events

Contact Amy Willey

302-526-2629

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – Barratt's Chapel  
Celebration at 3:00 PM

Dover District Lay Academy will meet on the following dates:

Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

## Committee Reports

### Our Financial Health

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As of October 22, 2019, our worship giving was under budget by over \$9,000. The Finance Committee and Trustees will try minimize any expenses that can be put off until our situation improves. We will also have additional expenses as we put in place our Facility Security plan. The committee and Administrative Council approved the 2020 budget at \$170,000, copies available at the rear of the sanctuary. 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



### Safe Gatherings Recognition

Our church has received an acknowledgement from Safe Gatherings for our strong commitment to protect children, youth and vulnerable adults by becoming certified.

This recognition comes because of the number of people who got approvals. We are the little church that could! Praise God for all those who have made this possible -- Thank You! Elizabeth

## Wesley Hall Mortgage Status



### We Hit the Target!!

PAID IN FULL

### Trustees Report

Sanctuary Power Failure: We have filed a claim with our insurance company for reimbursement of repair costs as appropriate.

Facility Security: Our Security Team (Brice Cropper, Tom Maly, and Joe Skinner) provided information on use of pepper spray as a deterrent to an intruder. Before endorsing, Trustees requested, and the team provided information on products, and training in the use of this material. Trustees are evaluating this information.

Sanctuary Projection System: It was agreed that this upgrade from a projection system to a video system should be revisited at a later date when our financial situation is more clearly defined.

Sanctuary Attic Fans: This repair is still under consideration.

Rich Spina, Trustees Chairman

### Missions

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

## Mission Status Year-to-Date

Local Missions.....	\$ 1,065.61
May Annual Conference.....	\$ 339.00
Human Relations Sunday.....	\$ 108.00
UMCOR Sunday.....	\$ 175.00
Disaster 901670.....	\$ 875.00
Native American Sunday.....	\$ 50.00
Peace with Justice Sunday.....	\$ 95.00
World Comm. Sunday.....	\$ 20.00
Pastor Rations Challenge.....	\$ 728.00
Crop Walk.....	\$ 540.00
Life Outreach International	
Christmas Shoes.....	\$ 2,520.40
Southeast Sussex Minist. ....	\$ 200.00
Salem Food Pantry.....	\$ 1,500.00
Union Wesley Food Pantry....	\$ 450.00
Total	\$ 8,666.01

## Christmas Shoes

For those of you who haven't heard, this Christmas **700** little children will receive their most loved gift EVER!!! Their 1st pair of **SHOES**!!! And all because of you!!!!

Some of the children who will receive them live near garbage dumps where they scavenge for food and items to sell. They walk over trash and broken glass, risking cuts, infection and disease. Others must navigate dangerous terrain in search for water sources, or walk across hot, burning sands in desert regions – all without the protection of shoes.

Just think about how happy this Church is going to make **1400 little feet**!!!!

THANK YOU from all those children who can't thank you in person but who will be **loving you on Christmas morning**!!! Thank you for your open hearts and generous spirits!

Nancy Bowers

## United Methodist Women's Group Tuesday, November 5 @ 10:00 am

We will be discussing the upcoming November 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Bazaar and the Ladies luncheon. We will **NOT** have a meeting on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, as planned. Instead our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Donna Binaut at 302-829-1680 or 443-668-8067.

## UMW Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale Saturday, November 16 at 8:00 to 1:30

UMW Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale is right around the corner. It will be held on Saturday, November 16 and doors will open at 8:00 am. UMW will reserve the Wesley Hall the week of Monday, November 11 to Saturday, November 16. **This scheduling will affect anyone who uses the hall during the day - bible studies and classes.** Any evening meetings in the library area during this week will not be affected.

We hope to offer 2<sup>nd</sup> Time Around Treasures (Any Christmas or Late Fall / Winter decorations), Jewelry, Crafts, Bake Sale, Best Offer and the UMW Café will be serving lunch.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Time Around Treasures!** We will not be accepting donations after Sunday, November 3. If you have already donated, thank you so very much. **Jewelry!** We will accept jewelry until Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Please place it in the basket in back of the church.

**Making a Craft?** You have until Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Have fun! Can't wait to see all the wonderful creativity.

**Is Baking your thing?** Baked goods need to be dropped off on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> between 1 and 3 pm.

## Save the Date

### December 3, 2019 - Ladies Luncheon @ 12:00

This year our Ladies luncheon will be held at MAC's Place, 35265 Atlantic Avenue, Millville, DE 19967, just a block west of our church on the right. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. MAC's will be serving us...

### Sodas, Ice Tea and Coffee at the Bar Tables will be setup ahead of time with

- Garden Salad tossed with House Dressing
- Cheese and Crackers

### Lunch will be served Buffet Style

- Lasagna with meat sauce
- Crab Cakes served with Mac's Remoulade
- Parmesan Encrusted Chicken
- Glazed Asparagus
- Roasted Potatoes
- Plus some gluten free items

### Bread and Butter Christmas Dessert

The cost is \$20.00 per person. I am asking for checks only (not cash) payable to Donna Binaut. I will pay the bill in full ahead of time. Checks must be to me by Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. UMW members, please pay me by check on November 5<sup>th</sup> for you and a guest. MAC's can hold up to 50 people, so please bring a friend. Money is not refundable after Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Special Events

### **Pot Luck Dinner**

**Sunday, November 3, 4:30 PM**

The theme this month is **"Fall Harvest."** Bring a dish and a friend. See you there.

There will be **NO DECEMBER POTLUCK** due to the fact that Thanksgiving is late this year. It will be Christmas before we know it!

There will be **NO JANUARY POTLUCK**. We will resume our schedule and look forward to seeing you at the **POTLUCK IN FEBRUARY!!** We will really be hungry by then!!! Elizabeth

### **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. Remember the sign-up sheet on the back table which helps us to know what to look forward to. If you forget to sign your name, please, by all means, still bring something we will all enjoy. 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!

Please think about looking at the sheet this Sunday and signing up!

Thank you! Ellie Trait

### **Coming to Millville – 7<sup>th</sup> Voice**

**November 9, 6:00 PM.** 7<sup>th</sup> Voice is a singing group who is spreading God's Word and His love through their talents. Their musical ministry includes traditional Gospel, country and praise hymns. Join us for an evening of fun and

fellowship as we celebrate our Lord and Savior. You will be blessed by their music and the message of Jesus Christ.

## 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	Revelation Study	1:00 PM
Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Thursday	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Bible Study	
	Pastor Brad's Home	7:00 PM
Saturday	Praise Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee/Bible Study w/Pastor Brad	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

## **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  
*"With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord....."*  
*Ezra 3:11 NIV*

## **Aging Faithfully** **Cookie Bingo**

**Cookie Bingo will be on a break until someone volunteers to assume the responsibility for this activity.**

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.

## **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)

## **Monthly Meetings**

UMW	Tuesday Nov. 5	10:00 AM
Finance Comm.	No November Meeting	
Trustees	Monday Nov. 11	7:00 PM
Admin. Council	Monday Nov. 18	7:00 PM
SPPRC	No November Meeting	

## **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.

## **Pastor Brad’s Classes**

### **Revelation Study**

Pastor Brad will continue his study series on the Book of Revelation, with November meetings as follows: November 6, 20, and 27. There is no previous experience, knowledge, or expertise required, and anyone is invited to join. All you need to bring is your Bible. This study will end in December 2019

### **Thursday Study**

Starting on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> Pastor Brad will be leading a group through Michael Slaughter’s study called “First: Putting God First in Living and Giving” at the Schutt’s home every Thursday at 7:00 PM. This is a DVD based study with a guide that can be purchased online.

## **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, Hurricane Relief for Islands Affected by “Doria”**  
Advance # 982450

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

**Supplies Needed for Wesley Hall**  
Tri-fold paper towels, toilet paper, hand/dish soap, cleaning or disinfectant supplies.

## **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!

**Bethany Beach @ Campbell Place  
Wednesday, 8:30 AM**

Share in a time of prayer and fellowship on the beach followed by breakfast at the Bethany Beach McDonalds. 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:

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!



*Wishing you a Blessed Thanksgiving*

## ~ Church Family News ~



**Pastor Ted  
Congratulations on Your  
90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

## 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](mailto:wingferry@aol.com)

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

**November 2019**

Date	Reader	Greeters
3	Tom Binaut	Bev Brady & Betty Moffett
10	Rich Spina	Brice & Kathy Cropper
17	Don Maeby	Brad & Nancy Bowers
24	Rich Spina	Marianne Smith & Jamie Eglit

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

**Readers / Greeters schedule for 2020**

Readers/Greeters schedule for 2020 has been passed out for your review. Please email me at donna.binaut@verizon.net with any changes that you may have by Sunday, November 24. I will hand out the revised schedule and instructions on Sunday, December 1. Many blessings, Donna

**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

**November Birthdays**



- 1 – George Troutman
- 3 – Marion McMahan
- 7 – Wanda Freed
- 8 – Pat Beckman
- 11 – Connie Warner
- 18 – Lori Ciccanti
- 23 – Erin Schutt

We would like to wish Elizabeth Shipley – September 28, and Rev. Ted Elser – October 25, a happy belated birthday and much love to them both!

**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**

**Contact Information**

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*Thank you for serving our country  
and protecting our freedoms*

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

### **CANCER**

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

### **SPECIAL NEEDS**

**Linda Adkins  
Pete Alt  
John Amato  
Michael Brown (Army)  
Bob Chin & Family  
Janet Cole  
Christine Crockett  
Georgene Dixon  
Michelle, Carol, Russ Dufrene  
Jamie & Jeremy Eglit  
Jerry Guagent  
Gregory Hall  
Bertha Hebel  
Ellen Hitchens  
Lauren Hoffman  
Richard Hudson  
Susan Kent  
Jerry Lingenfelter  
Elizabeth Shipley  
Kathleen Shoobridge & Family  
Claire Supernaw  
Geri Townsend  
George & Mary Towson  
Welsh Family**

## **CHRISTIAN LEADERS**

**Bishop Peggy A. Johnson  
Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa  
Pastor Brad Schutt  
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**

