



MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Dove ***OCTOBER 2019***

Message From Pastor Brad

You Can't Rush the Crops

“But the landowner said, No, because if you gather the weeds, you'll pull up the wheat along with them. Let both grow side by side until the harvest. And at harvest time I'll say to the harvesters, First gather the weeds and tie them together in bundles to be burned. But bring the wheat into my barn.” - Matthew 13:29-30 (CEB)

At any point in your professional life, were you ever faced with any abstract questions about your life? A common one is something to the effect of, “Where do you see yourself in 5 (or 10) years from now”? This kind of thinking has been on my mind because every summer I get to answer some questions like that in the form I get to fill out for my annual supervisory interview with the District Superintendent. I must admit, these usually aren't my favorite things to dwell upon, but God has done a wondrous thing by combining this kind of broad thinking with Jesus' parable about the wheat and the weeds. This parable has stuck with me and I keep coming back to what it means to be part of the wheat.

In the past, whenever I had come across this parable I couldn't help but focus on the ending. That is a profound message and, depending on where you stand with the Lord, either a powerful affirmation or a serious warning. I've learned to value the image of planting and crops even more because they are things that cannot be rushed. You can't rush to the end, as I often have, because there is a lot of work, care, and waiting that comes before the harvest. In Jesus' explanation of this parable we

as followers of Christ are identified as the wheat, and the “followers of the evil one” are the weeds (13:38). Be that as it may, the one who planted the good seeds, which Christ identifies as the Son of Man in verse 37, declares that the wheat and the weeds are going to grow up together.

In the parable, the Master tells his servants, after they ask if the weeds should be pulled up, to let them be because it would put the wheat at risk. What does that say to you about how much God loves and values us? Mercy is chosen over judgment in that moment so that the harvest can be as full as possible without any casualties. At the end of the parable Jesus says that there are going to still be some weeds that will be tossed into the fire, but the rest of the harvest will be brought into the storehouse. To see the hope in this we must temporarily abandon the plant imagery, because we all know a weed can't be turned into something beautiful or beneficial no matter how much love and care is put into it. But isn't that exactly what Christ offers and does for every one of us?

Some of us may have lived like a weed, not doing much good for ourselves or others. Or maybe we were part of the crop, we knew Christ and believed, but maybe we weren't bearing all the fruit we could. Regardless of then, we can all claim our place in the wondrous harvest to come and grow into something beyond our wildest hopes and dreams thanks to the redemption and salvation that can only come from Christ. The harvest is coming, we don't know when and we certainly can't rush it along, but we can all take the time we have left to deepen our roots in the Lord, grow into the Spirit, and hopefully lead some weeds into being transformed by Christ along the way.

Blessed Growing, Pastor Brad

October 2019 Sermon Series Moving, Not Maintaining

10/06 – Knowing Me, Knowing You (World Communion Sunday)

Readings: Lamentations 1:1-6 and Luke 17:5-10

10/13 – Surrendering All

Readings: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Luke 17:11-19

10/20 – Connecting the Dots

Readings: Jeremiah 31:27-34 and Luke 18:1-8

10/27 – Holding onto the Vision

Readings: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 and Luke 18:9-14

Pastor Brad Away

Pastor Brad will be attending a Financial Leadership Academy in Lancaster, PA from September 30th – October 2nd and will be at a conference in Nashville, TN for the United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry from October 16th through October 19th. Information about pastoral coverage in case of emergency will be made available before he leaves for both events.

Local UM Churches Working Together in Mission

Last Spring our District Superintendent organized the churches of the Dover District into 9 missional connector groups. Our group includes Union Wesley UMC, St. George's UMC, Mariner's Bethel UMC, St. Matthew's By the Sea, Bayside Chapel, Zion UMC in Roxana, Sound UMC, Salem UMC, Zion UMC in Selbyville, and Frankford UMC. The pastors of these churches have been meeting monthly for roughly the last six months, with Pastor Brad and Pastor Blair Hall tasked by the Superintendent to lead the group.

Two of the primary goals of this approach is to build relationships between churches overall, but to also engage in a shared mission in the community. Our group has decided to support the ministerium's men's homeless shelter as our mission for the foreseeable future. What we are going to do, as the United Methodist Churches of our area, is put

together what's called a Blessing Bag for shelter guests in the daytime.

This is a bag of food, snacks, and a drink for during the day while the shelter is closed. Millville UMC has been tasked with supplying breakfast bars for these bags. They can be any brand or kind but need to be full sized bars. Since residents will get these bags every day, we need to put together 200 bags to cover the whole season. That means our church needs to collect 200 breakfast bars before our Church Conference on November 23rd, when all our churches will pack these bags for the shelter. Donations can be brought to the sanctuary on Sunday morning or left in Wesley Hall during the week, but please make sure they are labeled as for the shelter. Thank you for your generosity.

Intentional Discipleship Training

All the people of the Dover District are invited to a free workshop with Dr. Phil Maynard on Intentional Discipleship being held at Whatcoat-Camden UMC (16 N. Main St. Camden, DE 19934) on Saturday, October 12th from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM). Please register by phone or e-mail with the District Office, or let Marilyn or Pastor Brad know if you need help registering.

Revival Prayer Day

All the churches of our district are invited to the 8th Dover District Revival Prayer Day on Saturday, October 26th at Reliance-Gethsemane UMC (2701 Woodland Ferry Road, Seaford, DE 19973) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lunch will be provided, and all clergy and laity are welcome.

The day will focus on the book "Acts 29, Fifty Days of Prayer to Invite the Holy Spirit" by Dr. Terry Teykl through worship, testimony, God's Word, Holy Communion, and teachings on how the power of the Holy Spirit guides us in prayer as we study, through Scripture, and discernment. Copies of the book can be purchased for \$8.00 and registration costs \$5.00. Registration forms can be found at the back of the sanctuary or by Pastor Brad's office.



Dover District Events

Contact Amy Willey
302-526-2629

October 12, 2019 Intentional Discipleship Workshop 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Whatcoat-Camden UMC, 16 N. Main St., Camden, DE
This workshop is FREE.

October 26, 2019 Revival Prayer Day # 8 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Seaford-Reliance Gethsemane UMC. Registration forms are available on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.

CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE

St. George's UMC

Saturday, November 23 at 1:30 PM

Committee Reports

Our Financial Health

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As of September 22, 2019, our worship giving was under budget by about \$5,000. The Finance Committee agreed that we should continue our planned spending for the remainder of the year. We will have some unplanned expenses due to the electrical power problem, but should get some amount back through an insurance claim. We will also have additional expenses as we put in place our Facility Security plan. The committee will consider the 2020 budget at the October meeting. 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 8/30/2019.....	\$ 2,980.60
Bake Sale.....	\$ 771.50
Special Donation by Members....	\$ 825.00
Budgeted Payment	\$ 1,384.10
Balance on 9/24/2019.....	\$ -0-

By the grace of our loving God, and the extraordinary generosity of our church family and friends, we “**HIT THE TARGET.**” I have my pile of kindling by the back door, ready for our “**BURN THE MORTGAGE**” party. We will start the celebration with cake following our Sunday service on October 6th, and continue our celebration during the Pot-Luck dinner that afternoon. Any donations received in excess of our mortgage needs will be placed in our Capital Reserve account unless otherwise instructed.



We MADE IT – GOD IS GREAT!!

Trustees Report

Sanctuary Power Failure: On August 15, the electrical power to the sanctuary was corrupted by damage to the wires from the power company transformer to our building. At this time, everything is back on line except one hearing assist device, the irrigation system controller, and some lights above the choir loft. We have notified our insurance company and will file a claim for reimbursement of repair costs as appropriate.

Facility Security: Our Security Team (Brice Cropper, Tom Maly, and Joe Skinner) made a presentation to the Trustees and Administrative Council outlining near-term and future actions they believe provides an appropriate level of protection against a possible attack on our congregation. Details will be made available upon request.

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.....	\$ 825.55
May Annual Conference.....	\$ 339.00
Human Relations Sunday.....	\$ 108.00
UMCOR Sunday.....	\$ 175.00
Disaster 901670.....	\$ 160.00
Native American Sunday.....	\$ 50.00
Peace with Justice Sunday.....	\$ 95.00
Pastor Rations Challenge.....	\$ 728.00
Salem Food Pantry.....	\$1500.00
Union Wesley Food Pantry....	\$ 450.00
Total	\$4,430.55

Christmas Shoe Mission Project

From now until October 27th, please remember the children in 3rd world countries who don't have shoes to wear. Their little feet need protection! To cover the feet of one child is only \$3.60, or for 10 children \$36.00, or for 20 children \$72.00. How much do we spend on ONE pair of shoes for ourselves???

Please think about how happy you will make these children who have so little in life. To no longer walk on sharp stones, or get wounds and infections on their feet, is probably better than any toy they could receive!!! Just try to picture the joy on their faces and the comfort you'll be giving to them!!!

Please make your checks payable to:

Millville United Methodist Church (tax deductible) and put CHRISTMAS SHOES on the memo line.

Thank you so much! Nancy Bowers

United Methodist Women's Group Tuesday, October 1 @ 10:00 am

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 1 @ 10:00 am. Our meetings are held in the library of the Wesley Hall. We will be discussing the upcoming Christmas Bazaar and the Future of the UMW. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Donna Binaut at 302-829-1680 or 443-668-8067.

UMW Bake Sales raised \$2,840.00 to help pay down the Wesley Hall Mortgage. Many blessings to all that help us make this happen, Donna

SAVE THE DATE

UMW Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale Saturday, November 16 at 8:00

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 2nd Time Around Treasures (Any Christmas or Winter decorations), Crafts, Bake Sale, Best Offer and the UMW Café will be serving lunch.

Your donation of any lightly used and no longer needed Christmas items, would be greatly appreciated. Please check with family and friends to see if they would like to donate any Christmas items too! Again, we are only accepting Any Christmas or Winter decorations.

We will start accepting donations Sunday, October 6 thru Sunday, November 3. Please bring your donations in on Saturday evenings, if attending the Praise service, or on Sunday mornings after church service. If you need to drop things off at another time, please call Donna Binaut 302-829-1680 in advance and arrange a date and time to meet you at the hall.

Please place donated items in a sealed box and mark them Christmas Bazaar. I will set up a table in back of the Wesley Hall next to the electrical panel box by October 6th. If you have already donated, thank you so much.

Making a Craft? You have until Tuesday, November 12th. Please drop them off on Tuesday and not before. Have fun! Can't wait to see all the wonderful creativity! Any crafts left over after the Bazaar will go back to the Creator.

If Baking is your thing, baked goods need to be dropped off on Friday, November 15 between 1 and 3pm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Donna Binaut at 302-829-1680 or 443-668-8067. Or come to the meeting on Tuesday, October 1!

Special Events

Pot Luck Dinner

Potlucks will begin again on October 6th. The theme is Mexican or "Six de Octobero" as we missed Cinco de Mayo. We'll meet at 4:30 pm as usual. Bring a dish and a friend. See you there.

Elizabeth

The Anchormen Gospel Singers

Saturday, October 12th at 6:00 PM

This Christian group will appear in our Sanctuary, sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ as they sing praise and worship music, ranging from old classics to today's favorites. Their hope is to bring joy, peace and comfort to their audiences as they lead them to a sincere knowledge of Christ through His message. Hope to see you there.

CROP Hunger Walk

Bethany Beach Boardwalk

Sunday, October 20

Registration – 12:00 PM Walk at 2:00 PM

Save the date! This is the 31st year of our CROP Hunger Walk in Bethany Beach. Join us in responding to hunger and poverty in our community and around the world. Church World Service has been coordinating Hunger Walks for 50 years and together we have received donations to provide food for our local food pantries, provide help in US disaster relief services and helped families start small businesses to become self-sustaining in countries around the world. Twenty-five percent of all the donations remain in our area to help our local food pantries. Please make your check payable to Millville United Methodist Church and reference "Crop Walk". Thanks you for supporting this special effort. Pastor Brad

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 – 7th Voice

November 9, 6:00 PM. 7th 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
Saturday	Praise Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Coffee/Bible Study w/Pastor Brad	10:30 AM

*Begins October 9

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

We are back on our regular schedule after our summer break. 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 Oct. 1	10:00 AM
Finance Comm.	Monday Oct. 14	6:30 PM
Trustees	Monday Oct. 14	7:15 PM
Admin. Council	Monday Oct. 21	7:00 PM
SPPRC	Monday Oct. 28	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.

Pastor Brad's Class

Revelation Study

Pastor Brad will be starting his study series on the Book of Revelation on Wednesday, October 9th at 1:00 PM in Wesley Hall. This group will meet weekly, with a few by-weeks in the beginning, and be a mix of teaching and discussion. 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 early in December.

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: 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

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 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!

~ Church Family News ~

In Memory of Helen Chin



Our Christian love and sympathy go out to Bob
Chin and his family on the loss of his beloved wife,
Helen, who passed away on September 24, 2019.
Bob is a long-time member of our church family,
who served as our financial secretary, and was
instrumental in starting our effort to build Wesley
Hall. Bob now lives in Rockville MD.

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)

October 2019

Date	Reader	Greeters
6	Tom Binaut	Brice & Kathy Cropper
13	Rich Spina	Alice Brubaker & Millie Cheek
20	Janet Smith	Brad & Nancy Bowers
27	Carol Gorden	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)

Readers/Greeters Schedule for 2020

I will be joining the Worship committee in the role of organizing and creating the Readers / Greeters schedule for 2020 and I will be sending out emails to all individuals to obtain their preferred months / weeks of service. Many blessings, Donna

Looking for Readers

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

October Birthdays



- 1 – Barbara Clair
- 5 – Tom Maly
- 8 – Luella Wright
- 11 – Randy Weaver
- 13 – Mary Towson
- 14 – Sandy Oakley
- 15 – Brice Cropper
- 28 – Garland Saville
- 29 – Kristy Moran
- 29 – Sharon Turner

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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~ Mark your calendars ~

Sunday, November 3