



MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

***The Dove* SEPTEMBER 2020**

Pastor Wendy's Message

The end of summer is coming up. Pretty soon the traffic will slow, the crowds will thin, and the weather will cool down. All typical of the end of tourist season.

And yet, everything remains different. The pandemic is still a crisis. The closer we get to the election, the more divided the nation feels. ZOOM calls are the new reality for connecting. Ray Bradbury said, "Time is so strange, and life is twice as strange." I think, without even knowing it, that he may have been talking about this unprecedented period we find ourselves living in at the moment.

But the harder things get, the more we can count on God. God is bigger than the combined issues of all humanity. And yet, the Lord knows every hurt, pain, and fear we have as individuals.

To help us through, we pray and read our Bible. We fast, do our devotions, worship, and participate in all of our spiritual disciplines. We lean into the arms of God and let His peace and grace flow over us. It is only through Him that we can keep moving forward.

We do that because we have faith in our Savior. We have confidence in the Holy Spirit who lives within us and provides the strength, wisdom, and guidance we need to keep moving forward. It is all there for us as long as we remember and trust that God is in control.

To help us do that, we need to reaffirm our faith every time we begin to doubt. In this edition of the Dove are the four primary affirmations of faiths that we use in the United Methodist Church. I invite you to take that page and keep it close. Perhaps put it on your refrigerator or tuck it into your Bible. Then at any time, you find yourself needing to remember what God is to His creation, you can pull it out and pray it. Saying it out loud will be a confirmation of our trust and belief in our Lord.

For those who join us in worship via ZOOM, it will also be your guide for that part of the service. By using this sheet, you can pray it with us. Our heavenly Father always loves us. We need to trust Him with unconditional faith. That will bring Him the honor and glory forever and ever.

Pastor Wendy

Pastor Wendy's Announcements Sunday Services

The church will be open for the Sunday service at 9:30 AM, with seating limited to 40. The service will also be live-streamed via ZOOM. As directed, we will be taking the temperature of all who enter with a non-contact thermometer, and providing for hand sanitizing. Masks are required; disposable masks will be available as needed. The Sanctuary is set up for social distancing during entry, seating and exit.

Worship Schedule September 2020

September 6

"Living the Paradoxical Commandments: Help Them Anyway"

1 John 3: 16-24

John 3: 16-21

September 13

"God the Father"

Genesis 2: 7-9

Revelation 1: 7-8

September 20

"God the Son"

Isaiah 9: 2-7

John 1: 1-14

September 27

"God the Holy Spirit"

Ephesians 4: 1-5

John 14: 15-27

Bible Study: 1 Peter and 2 Peter

September 15

September 22

September 29

10:00 AM in Wesley Hall

You are invited to join Pastor Wendy for a three-week study on 1 Peter and 2 Peter beginning on Tuesday, September 15 at 10:00 am. These two books have inspired millions of struggling believers through the ages and are especially appropriate as we navigate the new reality of Covid and what it is doing in the world.

The study will be held in person in Wesley Hall and via ZOOM. If you plan to attend in person, please sign up at the back of the sanctuary after worship service or send an email to the church office so that we can plan for appropriate social distancing. Each session will be one hour or less in accordance with state mandates for gatherings.

The only book you will need is your Bible. Please read all of 1 Peter in advance of the first class. If you have questions, please feel to call or email Pastor Wendy.

Charge Conference

Virtual Charge Conference will be held on Friday, October 9 at 6:30 pm.

Conference reports are due in the office by September 18. If you have any questions, please call Marilyn:

Church 539-9077 Home 539-9598

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our Financial Health....

Have (unfailing) Faith

As your church leadership continues to assess our financial situation, it is becoming clear that continued prayer and much soul-searching is needed to get us through this unprecedented pandemic-driven challenge. Worship giving continues to decline as our church family faces uncertainty as to the extent to which they can financially support the church as before.

Although we do have (limited) live Sunday services, gathering restrictions have impacted

giving. At this point, we estimate that at the end of the year, we will be about \$33,000 under our estimated giving income; by reprogramming funds set aside for emergency repairs, we can account for some of the giving shortage. This assumes we can eliminate or defer all but absolutely necessary expenses.

As we continue to have faith that our God will give us the direction we need in order to continue our mission, we need your prayers, and whatever financial assistance you can provide to help us through this time.

Rich Spina, Chairman Finance Committee



Trustees Report

All major repair/improvement projects are still on hold until further notice. We did avoid a significant expense when we were able to disable a faulty attic fan without entering the attic area. Thanks go to Chuck Erbe for providing the bucket truck to access the attic hatch. Also, special thanks to Charlie Wyckoff for trimming our birch trees. Two maintenance actions were needed to repair HVAC units in Wesley Hall. Other minor maintenance has been and will continue to be scheduled to ensure the safety and comfort of our church family.

The Trustees will meet on Monday, September 14 at 7:00 PM in Wesley Hall. Rich Spina, Trustee

Special Events

All In-House Church Special Events and meetings are cancelled until further notice.

Coming in the Fall

Crop Walk - October 18

The 32nd annual Crop Walk in Bethany Beach has been scheduled for Sunday, October 18. This interfaith event raises money to address hunger in our community, and supports the food pantries in Sussex County.

This year, as with all events affected by Covid, the Crop Walk will be different than in the past. Millville UMC has three ways you can be part of the event. First, you can walk at home either around your neighborhood, on your treadmill, or

wherever you feel comfortable and safe. Second, you can swim if swimming is your preferred way to cover territory. And third, you can join other walkers at the church from 1:00 – 3:00 that day (weather permitting) and walk the perimeter of the parking lot.

Sign-up sheets will be available after worship or by calling the church office. We are scheduling walkers in starting intervals so that social distancing can be maintained.

If you would like to sponsor the walkers/swimmers, sign-up sheets will be available for that as well. Contributions to the Crop Walk are tax-deductible. Given the economic and nutritional uncertainty in 2020, your participation in this effort is much appreciated.

If you have questions, please contact either Janet Smith or Pastor Wendy.

Weekly Happenings at Millville

Tuesday	Bible Study 1 & 2 Peter Sept. 15, 22, 29	10:00 AM
Saturday	Praise Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	9:30 AM

Pastor Wendy will be in the office 5 or 6 days a week, pending emergencies or unforeseen circumstances. You may call her at **302-743-4047** or email **PastorWendyB@gmail.com**.

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

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.

The Pocket Prayer Shawls 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.

In addition to our Prayer Shawls, Pocket Prayer Shawls and helpful aprons, we would like to offer to everyone, cotton fabric face masks. These 3ply face masks are made from 100% quilting cotton and non-woven interfacing. They are offered in 3 sizes: Large, Medium and Small (child size). The masks are hand or machine washable and dryable. They will be available in the Church and Wesley Hall.

Please keep smiling, God can see 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

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If you have a donation, please call ahead for an appointment - Phone 302 539-3513
34634 Atlantic Ave., Ocean View



Reader/Greeter Schedule

The readers/greeters will not be required until further notice.

September Birthdays



Saturday Praise and Worship Service

6:00 PM at Wesley Hall

This is an informal fellowship which includes a special time of sharing our joys and concerns, followed by prayer and a message from the scriptures, and from the heart by one of our speakers. During the month of September, Pastor Wendy, Janet Smith and Donald Maeby will be leading the service. We will be following the Governor's guidelines for church services. Join us and bring a friend!

Record of Faith Journey

In March and April, I sent out to all members a record sheet for you to complete your "Faith Journey" and most of you returned it to me by mail or email. Thank you so very much! It is important that Millville UMC keeps a record of each member's Faith Journey. These records are private and will not be shared with anyone except for Pastor and Membership Secretary.

If you have not completed it, please do so and return it to me as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Binaut, MUMC Membership Secretary at 302-829-1680.

~ Special Notes ~

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

- 2 – Jay Turner
- 5 – Billy Smith
- 14 – Joanne Sweetman
- 16 – Don Lassahn
- 17 – Nancy Seal
- 18 – Tyler Caudle
- 21 – Phyllis Campbell
- 27 – Patricia Derrickson

Church Family News

Thank you to my church family for all of the heartfelt messages of condolence upon the loss of my brother and friend. They were very much appreciated and helped me get through this difficult time. Rosemary Spina

**~ In Memory of Ron B. Smith ~
April 9, 1939 – August 13, 2020**

We send our deepest sympathy, love and prayers to Ron's wife, Marianne and his daughter, Jamie and grandson, Jeremy.

Ron was a beloved part of our church family for many years. We especially remember his deep, rich voice in the Living Last Supper performance as he portrayed John and later as narrator. There will be a Celebration of Life Service at a later date.

With affection, Your MUMC Family

Luella Wright



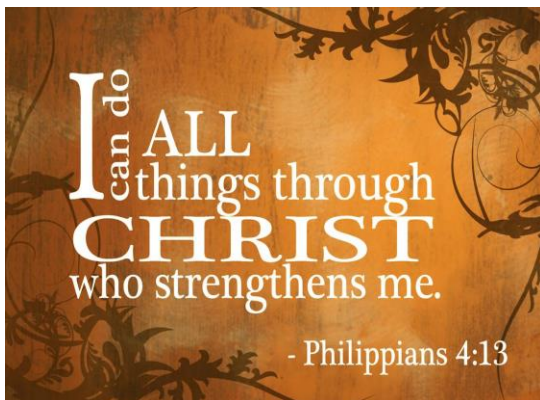
Our hearts go out to our dear friend, Luella Wright, as she faces many health challenges. Although Luella relocated to Nevada to be near her sister, Linda, she will always be in our thoughts and prayers, as we remember her leadership and her love of the Lord and her church family.

Her contact information:

New address:

8374 W. Capovilla Ave., Apt. 116
Las Vegas, NV 89113

Phone number: 702-221-6241



Farewell from Bob & Sharon Walters

Dear Church Family:

We have missed everyone since the virus caused the Church to close. Even though the Church is now open, we are still trying to stay away from crowds.

During the time since we last saw everyone, a lot has changed for us. We have decided to move closer to our families, therefore, we will be moving the first part of September. We will miss everyone, but are excited to be moving to a new home.

We have met some great people since joining the Church. It will be difficult to find a new Church where everyone is so friendly and feels like family. We are so sorry not to have even gotten to meet Pastor Wendy.

Once we get settled, our new address will be: 62 Mayflower Drive Felton, Delaware 19943
Our cell phone numbers will remain the same:

Bob 410-739-8531

Sharon 443-262-2535

We are sure we will be in touch. We will miss you all!

Sincerely, Bob and Sharon Walters

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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GOD BLESS AMERICA



“In You our fathers put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them.” *Psalm 22:4 (NIV)*

