



# The Wesley Crier

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## Sunday, June 7, 2026



### And Presentation of Five Wesley UMC Scholarships

Wesley's Education Scholarship is for active Wesley participants who are pursuing a career in Christian service or in a profession, which helps people, such as nursing, teaching, social work, or childcare.

A panel reviews all packets received and awards scholarships based on their Christian service at Wesley United Methodist Church, school and/or community service, and their academic success.

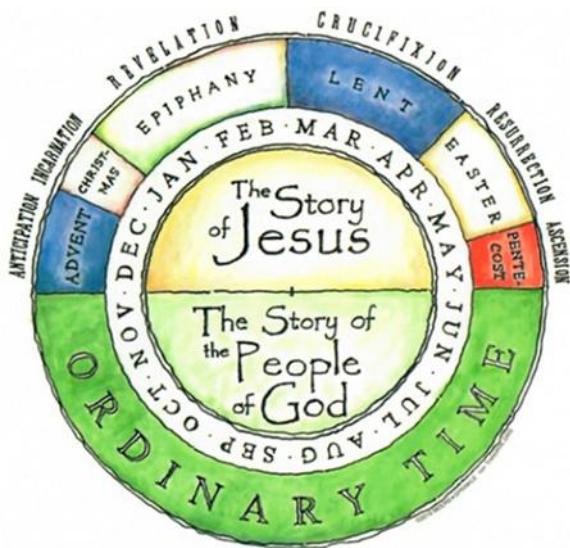
Applicants were required to write an essay that explained how they have been inspired to pursue their field of study.



# June

# Ordinary Time

By: Pastor Christine Bowden



I apologize, but I need to take us back to math class, when we were learning about numbers. Back to the ABCs and 123s. We learned how to count, 1,2,3 . . . , those are called cardinal numbers. We learned how to put things in order, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> . . . , those are call ordinal numbers.

That’s where we get the meaning of “Ordinary Time” in the church. You see that we talk about the first Sunday after Pentecost, the second Sunday after Pentecost, and on and on.

This is “Ordinary Time”. It does *not* mean the opposite of ‘extraordinary’, it does *not* mean, mundane, humdrum, not special or any of those more common meanings of the word. It simply refers to the way that we count Sundays. The graphic above shows that it takes up half of the Christian calendar. It also points out that in the other half of the year, we are following Jesus’ time on earth, the incarnation, from birth to Ascension. The rest of the time we spread out to remember the story of the whole people of God, and to find our own place in that story.

This is an extraordinary opportunity to remember, and to reshape, if necessary, our vision and our mission. This is a time to evaluate how closely we are living out the purpose that we share. And this is a time to revisit our own place in the community and the body of Christ; to make sure that we are each doing what we are called to do, as a part of a larger whole. Please consider whether or not there might be a new ministry that you are being called to, or a way that you’d like to dig more deeply into your own current discipleship. I will be taking time to develop access to more and varied study opportunities, both online and in person. Please let me know what you would like to do or to learn more about.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Christine

*<sup>18</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations! baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20*

## Note from Director of Music

By: Sherry Roscoe

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### Thank You to Musicians!!!



There are many musicians among us in the congregation who have given of their time and talents over the past year to our worship services here at Wesley. Their gifts help lead our services, and the music draws us closer in our walk with our Creator. Music is a gift from God, and we're so blessed here to have many who desire to take part in the music program at Wesley.

Would you please take a moment this summer and share with one of these musicians your thanks, and maybe talk about a special moment that you really appreciated or were touched by? Gratefulness goes so far in helping our musicians feel cared for and loved.

Over the summer, planning for the next year begins! Please also take some moments in your prayer time to pray for musicians. Pray that we will be a welcoming space for new musicians, and for the plans for the coming year as we seek His will in all things!

Soli Deo Gloria!!!

Sherry Roscoe, Director of Music

[theroscoe5@yahoo.com](mailto:theroscoe5@yahoo.com)

## Summer Hymn Sing

By: Michele Dryda, Administrative Assistant

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Sunday, June 7 worship will begin at 9:20 am singing three hymns requested from the congregation. Come early and join in the singing.

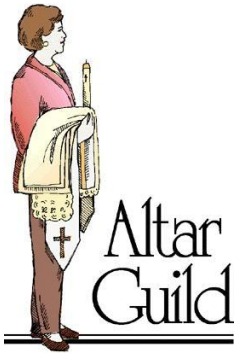
For four weeks, we had an insert in the bulletin requesting you to fill out your favorite hymns to sing during the summer hymn sing. If you have not turned one in and would like to hear your favorite hymns prior to the start of the regular church service, please pick up an insert on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. Fill out three or more of your favorite hymns from our hymnals; you have three hymnals to help you make your selections and place in the offering plate or the drop box on the office door.

**“I will sing of Steadfast Love and Justice, to you, O Lord, I will make Music. Psalm 101:1.”**

# Altar Guild

By: Nancy Vaughan, Altar Guild Chair

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## Altar Guild – We need your help

Each week the sanctuary is prepared for worship by a member of the altar guild. Presently, we are short volunteers for 4 months. Below are the duties that the altar guild does weekly.

### Duties: -

- Changing the paraments to match the season (for example, advent is blue)
- Dust the chancel area
- Change the candles and clean the candle holders on the altar
- Place hymns on the hymn board
- Place flowers on the altar and water them if necessary
- Set up the Bible on the lectern/altar for the readings for Sunday for the lay reader

**Time commitment:** Volunteers usually volunteer for a month. Work is done on Saturday after 11 am and takes about an hour or less. Presently there is a need for the following months: October, May, June and July.

If you feel this is a way you can serve the church, please reach out to Nancy Vaughan at [nancyvaughan@comcast.net](mailto:nancyvaughan@comcast.net).

Thank You.

## Food Handlers Course

By: Michele Dryda, Administrative Assistant

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The State of Delaware requires us to have someone in the kitchen who holds a food-handler certificate during all events and the community meals.

A Conditional Volunteer and Food Employee Interview Form needs to be filled out by each volunteer once a year, and kept on file in the black file box located in the kitchen. This form requires the volunteer along with the food-handler certificate holder to sign off on it.

We encourage each committee/group that uses the kitchen to have at least one member/volunteer take the 360 Learn to Serve® Food Handler Certification course. Cost \$10, self-paced, and takes about two hours. Just click on the link below take the course, pass the test and you receive your certificate that day.

<https://www.360training.com/course/anab-accredited-food-handler-training>

Once you receive your certificate via email, please forward the email to Michele in the church office.

# Your Help is Needed

By: Michele Dryda, Administrative Assistant

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## CONTACT information



### Your help is needed!

We receive a lot of returned mail due to people moving and not contacting the church so we can update our database. We try hard to keep our profiles current.

When a child in your profile is confirmed or turns 18 years old, they are given their own profile and no longer listed under their parent's profile. When they enter the military and are stationed at a permanent location, we need to update their address. In college, we would like to keep in touch with you, send you cards of encouragement etc. We can only make that happen if you share your address and keep it current with the office. Please update us so that mail or email can be received. Call the church office (302-678-9626) or email updated information to [church@wesleyumc-dover.com](mailto:church@wesleyumc-dover.com).

### Deadlines for Bulletin and *Crier* Articles

Do you have something you would like to have published in either the bulletin or the *Crier*? If so, the deadline for the bulletin is Tuesday prior to the staff meeting at 9:30 am.

You ask why so early? All our printing of bulletins, newsletters, etc., is done in-house. The bulletin is reviewed at the staff meeting, corrections made, proofed and ready for publication on Wednesday to get the bulletin in the mail to our shut-in friends along with material for the AV team and liturgist.

The deadline for the Wesley *Crier* is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. All committee chairs are encouraged to submit articles to [mdryda@wesleyumc-dover.com](mailto:mdryda@wesleyumc-dover.com).



## Safe Gatherings

By: Michele Dryda, Administrative Assistant

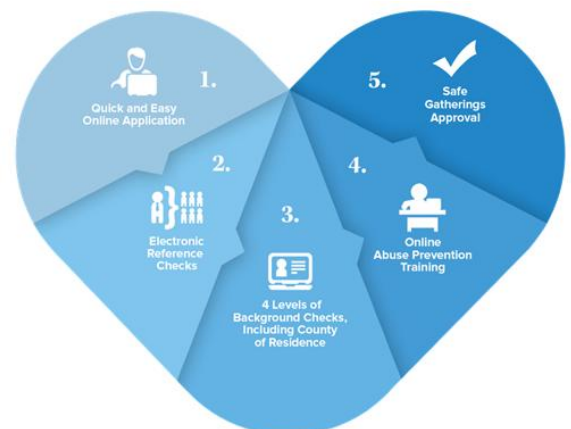
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**Safe Gatherings** is an online abuse prevention program that screens and educates staff and volunteers to help prevent abuse of children, youth, and vulnerable adults in group settings.

In order to work with children and youth here at Wesley UMC you must take this class. To start the Safe Gatherings process, go to <https://safegatherings.com/app/get-started>.

When you follow the link to get started, you will need to select:

- **Language Preference** (English or Spanish)
- **Type of Organization** - (Church)
- **Denomination** (Methodist)



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- State where your church is located - (Dover)

In the next field, Organization name, type *Wesley*. In the dropdown menu, select the Organization name where you are seeking approval to serve, again, *Wesley*.

Individuals can login to their account at any time to check the status of their application.

Each applicant upon successful completion of the Safe Gatherings application, background and reference checks, and online training program, will receive documentation of approval, valid for three years, and will have continued access to the online training program for one year.

The class takes about 1.5 hours. All costs are covered by the church.

## Wesley UMC Website

By: Larry Josefowski

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Wesley Church's electronic "face" recently had a major "facelift" as we switched vendors and platforms. Our address (<https://wesleyumc-dover.com/>) remains the same, but we switched hosts. The United Methodist Communications ended their free hosting after several years, and we took this opportunity to update and refresh the look of the web page.

The key change is that the home page will be updated more often. One part of the home page now show the next 3 events that will be happening at the church, and this is updated automatically from all the events that have been entered. This allows us to "preload" events in advance, and that they will show up as that event gets closer.

We also have a "latest news" area that, in a similar way, shows the last and hopefully most relevant items. This is where you will find announcements of upcoming classes, newsletters, and requests for assistance at events. And, though the latest news and events are highlighted, all upcoming events can be seen through the corresponding menu item.

We also have separate areas for our ministry areas, so that if you want to know about specific areas such as our clothing closet, our Community Meal, or our music ministry, it is all in one area.

We also updated the preschool portion of the website, which, through some performance and metric tools that we added, we can now see is one of the more visited parts of the website.

We invite you to visit the site and provide feedback - and please continue to add anything you want in the events ore news by contacting the office.

Larry Josefowski

# UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

By: Mary Ann Evans, President - 302-383-0841

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Following our tradition of celebrating Ole' Dover Days, we held a bake sale during the Pancake breakfast. It was a successful event as we made \$594.22. This included \$100 in sales of travel bags & pillowcases. (Thank you to Janet & Louise for their sewing talents)

## *THANK YOU!*

to everyone who baked!! We could not have successful events without your help!! All the money we raise goes to support programs for Women, children, and youth locally, nationally and internationally!



Please see the separate page for information on our Spring Unit Meeting. We will have a Baby Shower!! All women are welcome!!! If you cannot attend and would like to donate to the New Day Pregnancy Center, please let me know.

This is what we are collecting. Diapers: NB, 4, 6; Pull Ups 3T, 4T; Clothes - boys or girls, warm weather: size 18 or 24 months; PJ's - boys or girls, warm weather; size 12 or 24 months; towels & washcloths; potty seats; stroller; Jesus story time books (for younger children)

The Unit meeting will be our "end of season" for the summer as we do not meet during the summer months but join us in September.

Barbara Circle meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 3:00 in the parlor.

Mary Martha Circle meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 12:30 in the parlor.



# TEACHER'S DAY celebrations

**WESLEY CHURCH SENT BAGELS AND MUFFINS INTO THE PRESCHOOL FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK. IT WAS OUR WAY OF THANKING THE STAFF FOR DOING SUCH A WONDERFUL JOB WITH THE CHILDREN.**



**JOIN WESLEY AT THE 9:30 AM SERVICE EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH TO HEAR THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH

**DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL THE CHILDREN LEARNED THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED AND PLANTED THEIR OWN SEEDS.**



# WESLEY PRESCHOOL AND PLAYCARE

By: Oveta Fullman, Director

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**Parent Teacher Conferences** are now completed. We appreciate all the time and effort from both the teachers and parents.

**Our Carnival Night** was a success on May 15. Thank you to all who made this a success.

**Preschool Graduation** was held on Thursday, May 28 in a beautiful ceremony. Congratulations to our graduates.

**Summer PlayCare** will begin on June 1, with the **Summer Camp** beginning on June 8. We are excited for a season full of learning, laughter, and sunshine.

**Preschool and PlayCare** will be closed on the following dates; Friday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth and Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

All of us at Wesley Preschool/Play Care wish you and your family a safe, healthy, and happy summer.

## Report on the 2026 Peninsula Delaware Annual Conference

By: Gigi Windley, Co Lay Leader

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Pastor Christine, Eunice Craig and Gigi Windley attended the 242<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the UMC in Ocean City, MD May 12 through the 14. The conference theme was: Rooted in Christ: Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously. Our guiding scripture was *Ephesians 3:19*. It calls us to be strengthened in our inner being, rooted deeply and grounded in love, and open to the fullness of Christian love that surpasses knowledge.

During the Conference we celebrated the faithfulness of clergy and laity in congregations throughout Delaware and Eastern Shore of Maryland. We also focused upon the many transformative ministries happening across our conference area. We attended and enriching Bible studies, vibrant worship services which were enhanced by liturgical music, including a Service of Remembrance for deceased clergy and their spouses. Spiritual prayer sessions. At the service of Ordination and Commissioning Carol Moore was ordained to the Order of the Deacon and Casey Houtz was commissioned to the Order of the Elder.

During business sessions reports were shared, and resolutions were voted upon. Resolution #R17 was accepted. This resolution dealt with the use of, and potential sale of the Bishop Felton Edwin May Dover Resource Center located on N. State Street, across from the campus of Delaware State University. A discernment team formed at the last conference recommended the sale of this property. The Conference voted to accept their recommendation. A new implementation team will be formed to pursue this sale and make further recommendations.

Our servant leader and resident Bishop Latrelle Easterling, challenged us to engage in the important and holy work entrusted to us as the Body of Christ to serve joyfully, love boldly, and serve courageously. Thank you for the blessing or privilege to represent Wesley Church. Conference materials are available in the office for review. The full Conference Journal will be published in the future.



# UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

By: Mary Ann Evans, President

## ATTENTION!!!!



### ALL WOMEN OF WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!!

WHAT: Unit meeting of The United Women in Faith with a 'Baby Shower' theme!

WHEN: Thursday, June 4, 2026; 11:30 a.m.

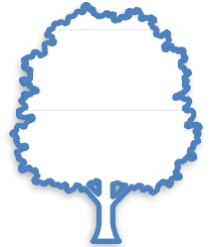
WHERE: Silver Lake Park - Pavilion 1  
300 Washington Street (enter off State Street)  
If you have a folding chair, feel free to bring it!!

WHY: Food, Fellowship, Fun, Games & Information

WHO: Our speaker will be Kayla Pflugrad, from New Day Pregnancy Center (this is one of the recent recipients of our donated funds)

New Day Pregnancy Center has been in Dover for 40 years but have recently rebranded themselves as New Day.

They care for moms - pre-baby - and for 3 years after. They offer education programs on rearing the child, free baby clothes and a nurse practitioner visits 2 times a week.



LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT A SMALL FEE (\$12 - \$15) payable at picnic



YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF UWIF TO ATTEND OUR UNIT MEETINGS!

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!!

RSVP to your Circle leader or to Mary Ann Evans 302-383-0841 or [maeinou@yahoo.com](mailto:maeinou@yahoo.com)

We are asking attendees to bring a donation for New Day Pregnancy Center!

Diapers: NB, 4,6 Pull ups 3T,4T

Clothes - boys or girls, warm weather: size 18 and 24 months

PJ's - boys or girls, warm weather: size 12 18 and 24 months

Towels & washcloths; Potty seats; stroller;

Jesus story time books (small age)



## 90 Plus Birthday Celebration

Eleven members were able to come and celebrate their 2026 birthday and play a couple games like Name That Tune from the 60's and what items cost in the 60's.

Our table decorations were made by one of Smyrna's finest paper flower makers, Eunice Craig. Thank you Eunice, they were beautiful.

Everyone enjoyed punch and either cake or cupcakes while they fellowshiped with all in attendance. Roses were given to each of the 90 Plus attendees along with a gift bag.

Here are a few photos of before and during the event.









**Pastor Christine on vacation June 6 – June 20, 2026**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm Pickleball	<b>2</b> 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 5:45 pm DCS Farewell to Rocky 6 pm Evening Prayer	<b>3</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm NA	<b>4</b> 11:30 am UWIF Unit Meeting 6 pm SPRC 6 pm Evening Prayer	<b>5</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm ACA Mtg.	<b>6</b> 12 pm (Noon) Community Meal 2 pm Sylvia Circle
<b>7</b> 8 am Worship 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	<b>8</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm Pickleball	<b>9</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer	<b>10</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm NA	<b>11</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer	<b>12</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm ACA Mtg.	<b>13</b> 9am-4pm GFH Comic Con 12 pm (Noon) Community Meal
<b>14</b> 8 am Worship 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	<b>15</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm Pickleball	<b>16</b> 7 am Men's Study (Breakfast) 6 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm Trustees 7 pm DCS Interviews	<b>17</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm NA	<b>18</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer	<b>19</b> <b>JUNETEENTH</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm ACA Mtg.	<b>20</b> 12 pm (Noon) Community Meal
<b>21</b> 8 am Worship 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	<b>22</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm Pickleball	<b>23</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer	<b>24</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm NA	<b>25</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer	<b>26</b> <b>BLUE ROCKS GAME</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm ACA Mtg.	<b>27</b> 12 pm (Noon) Community Meal
<b>28</b> 8 am Worship 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	<b>29</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm Pickleball	<b>30</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer	<b>1 July</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm NA	<b>2 July</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer	<b>3 July</b> 6 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm ACA Mtg.	<b>4 July</b> 12 pm (Noon) Community Meal



# BLUE ROCKS

## FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

### FRIDAY JUNE 26TH

VS FREDERICK

**GAME TIME @ 6:35PM | GATES OPEN @ 5:45PM**

**ENJOY A PANEL OF BLUE ROCKS PLAYERS DISCUSSING THEIR FAITH & POSTGAME FIREWORKS**



**FOR GROUPS OF 20 OR MORE PEOPLE**

**FIELD BOX: \$16**



For tickets see Mardi, Jim or call the church office 302-678-9626