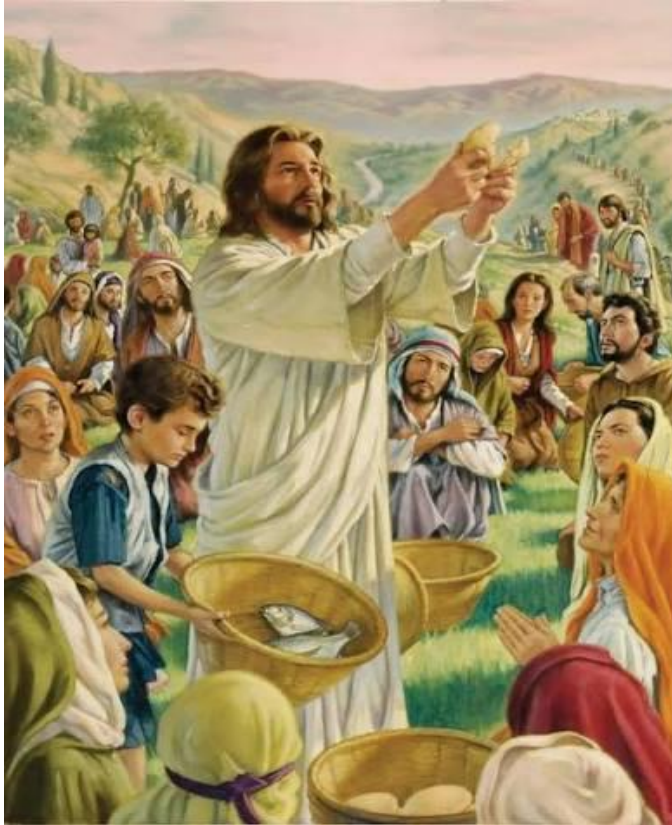


Wesley UMC Vision and Mission Statement

Vision: Embracing Community In Harmony with God

Mission: Respectful Minds, Outreaching Arms,
Loving Each Other, Together with God



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9:30 AM Traditional Worship

August 2, 2026

Hymn Sing

Anne Oliphant

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, vs. 1-4

UMH 57

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

O How I Love Jesus

UMH 170

Welcome

Pastor Christine

Prelude

Nearer My God to Thee

Sherry Roscoe

Van Denman Thompson/"Bethany" by Lowell Mason

† Opening Prayer (Unison)

Tom Welch

Lord, as we come to you today, we are living in complicated times, and we long for godly solutions. May the time we spend together today be marked by a unity of purpose that lifts all of us up. Equip each one of us do our part for your kingdom. Amen

† Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, vs. 1-4

UMH 358

† Passing the Peace

Pastor Christine

(Let us exchange signs of God's reconciliation and love.)

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Pastor Christine

Special Music

The Gift of Love

Summer Choir

Hal H. Hopson/Trad. English Melody

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Christine

Prayer for Illumination

Tom Welch

In the midst of the challenges that overwhelm us and the questions that preoccupy us, quiet our hearts now to hear your particular word to each of us today. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

Acts 11:1-4,15-18 (NLT)

Tom Welch

† Gospel Lesson	<i>Matthew 14:13-21</i> (NLT)	Pastor Christine
This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.		
Thanks be to God.		

Sermon	<i>Community Meal</i>	Pastor Christine
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Musical Offering	<i>If We Are the Body</i> Mark Hall	Josh Bogus CCLI: 4196589
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Communion/Offering

Prayer of Confession and Pardon	UMH 8	Pastor Christine
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The Great Thanksgiving	UMH 15
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The Lord's Prayer	UMH 895
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Receiving the Bread and Cup *

Please place your offering in the collection plate as the ushers direct your pew forward. Today we will receive Communion by intinction, gluten-free elements are available upon request. You are welcome to kneel at the altar rail for prayer. If you would like to support our neighbors in crisis, the baskets on the windowsills collect donations for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Prayer after Communion	UMH 11	Tom Welch
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† Hymn	<i>For the Bread Which You Have Broken</i>	UMH 614
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† Benediction	Pastor Christine
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Postlude	<i>Christ Triumphant</i> Michael Shea	Sherry Roscoe
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Extinguishing the Altar Candles

* You may give also by using the smart phone app, ***Text-to-Give:*** text Wesley209 to 73256, then click link in message to complete. Or go to the website wesleyumc-dover.com and click online giving.

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The Altar Flowers are in honor of Jerry Craig's 80th birthday and for the many blessings God has provided.

The Memorial Rose on the altar this morning is in memory of Joseph "Joe" Bailey, a member of Wesley Church whose death occurred on Friday, July 24, 2026.

Please keep the following people uplifted in prayer...

Several unspoken, Barbara & Bill, Bill & Ruby, Carol & Terry, Carolyn & Dennis, Don & Penny, Ed & Iva, Fran & Ralph, Janet & Ron, Paul & Linda, Ted & Yoshie, Aimee S., Ben G., Bruce M., Caroline J., Connie B., Donald C., Donna H., Doris O, Doris R., Elizabeth M., Greg G., James F., Jeanie D., Judy B., Libby H., Linda S., Loretta M., Loretta P., Lou B., Louise A., Marie M., Nadine B., Pat R., Rick G., Ricky S., Robert V., Sally B., Sally V., Steve G., Todd R., Tom C., Tom R, Tom S., Tom W., and the family of Joseph "Joe" Bailey.

Help us keep our prayer list current. Keeping a prayer list updated ensures that the community is focusing on its support and intercession exactly where it is needed most. For members who need to reach out, you can contact the church office directly at 302-678-9626 to provide regular updates, share praise reports, or transition individuals off the active list. Thank You!

Calendar and Announcements

Sunday, August 2

8:00 AM - Worship Service — St. Paul's Chapel

9:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service — Sanctuary

10:30 AM - Coffee Hour — Grace Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 3

9 - 11 AM - Clothing Closet Referrals — Ed Building

6:00 PM - Pickleball — Grace Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 4

7:00 AM - Men's Study Breakfast — Hollywood Diner

10:00 AM - Staff Meeting — Library

5:45 pm - DCS Auditions — Grace Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM - Evening Prayer — ZOOM

7:00 PM - Church Council Meeting — Parlor

Wednesday, August 5

6:00 PM - Evening Prayer — ZOOM

6:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous — Grace Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM - Moving On Adult Studies — Library & Parlor

Thursday, August 6

6:00 PM - Evening Prayer — ZOOM

Friday, August 7

9 - 11 AM - Clothing Closet Referrals — Ed Building

6:00 PM - Evening Prayer — ZOOM

6:30 PM - ACA Meeting — Ed Building

Saturday, August 8

9 AM - 12 PM - Clothing Closet — Ed Building

12 PM Community Meal

UMCOR: For more than 80 years, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has come alongside individuals, families and communities at their invitation and encourages their involvement in and ownership of their recovery. UMCOR works collaboratively with local partners to connect survivors with the help they need to rebuild their lives.

UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery (USDR) - Advance #901670

Alleviates suffering caused by disasters that overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. USDR funds immediate relief supplies, Early Response Teams (ERT), and long-term recovery such as home repairs, case management, and psychosocial support.

Global Ministries - Where Most Needed (International) - Advance #01138A

Supporting mission work through Church partners wherever there is the greatest need.

UMCOR - Where Most Needed (US) - Advance #999895

Supporting programs that fight hunger and poverty, assist the displaced, and respond to disasters.

Abundant Health Ministry - Advance #3021770

Abundant Health is The United Methodist Church's global health initiative. It increases access to health interventions in economically vulnerable communities.

If you would like to help with the recent disasters in the US and Internationally you can do so by writing a check to Wesley UMC, in the memo line put UMCOR/advance # and place in offering tray.

Thank You!