

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 9, 2026

Hymn Sing	Fred Dismore
<i>The Battle Hymn of the Republic</i> , vs. 1, 3, 4	UMH 717
<i>Easter People</i>	UMH 304
<i>When We All Get to Heaven</i>	UMH 701

Welcome Pastor Christine

Prelude *Adagio* Sherry Roscoe
L. van Beethoven

† Opening Prayer (Unison) Pat Weaver

Great God of glory, let us not take for granted the riches of your Kingdom, the treasure of your forgiveness, the value of your counsel, and the magnificence of your gifts. May our day-to-day living not dim our view of your everlasting light. Amen.

† Hymn *How Firm a Foundation*, vs. 1-4 UMH 529

† 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

Ministries in Motion Moving On Series / Search Class Pastor Christine & Eunice Craig

Special Music Glory and Honor Alan Stokes
Becky Ugartechea

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Christine

Prayer for Illumination Pat Weaver

Faithful Lord, as we prepare to hear the preaching of your word, let this truth resonate in our hearts—that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. Amen.

Epistle Lesson	<i>Romans 10:5-15</i> NRSVue	Pat Weaver
† Gospel Lesson	<i>Matthew 13:44-46</i> NRSVue This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.	Pastor Christine
Sermon	<i>The Only Thing</i>	Pastor Christine
Musical Offering	The Heart of Worship Matt Redman	Josh Bogus CCLI: 2296522
Offertory *	<i>Litany</i> Franz Schubert	Sherry Roscoe
† Doxology		UMH 94
† Hymn	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	UMH 156
† Benediction		Pastor Christine
Postlude	<i>Honor and Glory</i> Christian Rinck	Sherry Roscoe
Extinguishing the Altar Candles		Leanne Evans

* 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 given by Linda Wasko to the glory of God and in honor of Sarah Morris's fifth birthday.

Ushers and Audio/Visual Servants today:

Ushers: Louise Andrews, Ann Baker Horsey, Jim & Pat Skeans

Audio/Visual: Josh Bogus, Beckett Divita, Mardi Spangler

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., Anson D., 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.

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, 302-678-9626 to provide regular updates, share praise reports, or transition individuals off the active list. Thank You!

Note of Thanks: I want to express my deepest gratitude for all the cards, well-wishes, and prayers during my hospitalization and rehabilitation over the last two months. Our entire family wants to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who prepared, brought over meals and sent gift cards following my discharge from rehab. Feeding a household of six—Ed, myself, Lizzie, Patryc, Hazel, and Amelia—is no small task, and your generosity truly took an immense amount of stress off all of us as I transitioned back home. We are incredibly blessed to be surrounded by such a caring community.

The Hazlett and Mills Families

Church Council Update: The Church Council met on Tuesday, August 4, to discuss key initiatives for our community. Here are the three major updates and action steps from the meeting:

- **National Fund & Building Assessment:** We are continuing to explore proposals for the National Fund Program for Partners for Sacred Places. Fred Dismore will be contacting vendors to continue our ongoing Building Assessment process.
- **New Outpost Ministry Committee:** A new committee has been formed to study the possibility of launching an "Outpost" service on Sunday mornings at SMC. This initiative will focus on serving and supporting the unsheltered members of our community.
- **Kitchen Closet Clean-Up:** The kitchen closet located off the Fellowship Hall is scheduled for thorough cleaning and reorganization. Lynne Kimball is heading up this project. If you currently have any personal or ministry items stored in this closet, please contact Lynne as soon as possible to let her know.

Calendar and Announcements

Sunday, August 9

8:00 AM – Worship Service — St. Paul's Chapel
9:30 AM – Traditional Worship Service — Sanctuary
10:30 AM – Coffee Hour — Grace Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM – Worship Committee Meeting — Parlor

Monday, August 10

9 - 11 AM – Clothing Closet Referrals — Ed Building
4:00 PM – Outreach Meeting — Parlor
6:00 PM – Pickleball — Grace Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 11

10:00 AM – Staff Meeting — Library
6:00 pm – DCS Auditions — Grace Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM – Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:00 PM – Security Team Meeting — Library
6:30 PM – Missions Committee Meeting — Parlor

Wednesday, August 12

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 13

6:00 PM – Evening Prayer — ZOOM

Friday, August 14

9 - 11 AM – Clothing Closet Referrals — Ed Building
6:00 PM – Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:30 PM – ACA Meeting — Ed Building

Saturday, August 15

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!