

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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Commandments

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9:30 AM Traditional Worship

September 13, 2026

Welcome		Pastor Christine
Prelude	<i>Echo From the Partita "O God, Thou Faithful God"</i> JS Bach/Arr. Thompson	Sherry Roscoe
† Hymn	<i>Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above</i>	UMH 126
Lighting the Altar Candles		Leanne Evans
† Opening Prayer (Unison)		Gigi Windley
Heavenly Lord, show us the way of righteousness today. Give us the creativity, energy, and resources to do what is good, for ourselves and our community. Make us people who say, "Here I am, use me." Amen.		
Children's Message		Pastor Christine
† 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
Anthem	<i>Teach Me Your Way, O Lord</i> Lloyd Larson	Chancel Choir
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Christine
Ministries in Motion	Outreach Ministry	
Prayer for Illumination		Gigi Windley
Holy God, as we listen to your Word, dedicate us anew to walking in your way, in response to the love you have for us. We are your people, and we want to do your will. Amen		
† Gospel Lesson	Matthew 21:23-32 (NRSVue)	Gigi Windley
This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.		
† Hymn	<i>Open My Eyes That I May See</i>	UMH 454

Old Testament Lesson	<i>Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20</i> (NRSVue)	Pastor Christine
Sermon	<i>Guardrails</i>	Pastor Christine
Musical Offering	<i>Jesus Friend of Sinners</i> Mark Hall	Josh Bogus CCLI: 6093697
Offertory *	<i>Adagio</i> Louis Spohr/Arr. Harold Marks	Sherry Roscoe
† Doxology		UMH 94
† Hymn	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i> , v. 1-4	UMH 529
† Benediction		Pastor Christine
Postlude	<i>Postlude on “St. Denis”</i> Robert Graham/Welsh Tune	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 Bill & Ruby Schaffer to the glory of God with praise and gratitude for his unending blessings.

The Memorial Rose on the altar this morning is in memory of Mary McDaniel Harbeson, a friend of Wesley Church whose death occurred on Thursday, September 3, 2026.

Ushers and Audio/Visual Servants today:

Ushers: Debbie Devine, Kelly Devine, Jim & Pat Skeans

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

Please keep the following people uplifted in prayer... Several unspoken, Bill & Barbara, Bill & Ruby, Dennis & Carolyn, Don & Penny, Ed & Iva, Paul & Linda, Ralph & Fran, Ron & Janet, Ted & Yoshie, Terry & Carol, Aimee S., Alex V., Allison B., Anson D., Donald C., Donna H., Greg G., Jerry C., Judy B., Karen D., Libby H., Linda S., Lou B., Nadine B., Pat L., Pat R., Paul H., Rick G., Ricky S., Sally B., Steve G., Suzanne P., Todd R., Tom C., Tom R, Tom S., Tom W., and the family of Mary McDaniel Harbeson.

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.

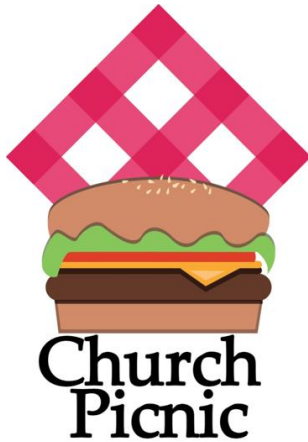
For members who need to reach out, you can contact the church office directly at 302-678-9626 to provide regular updates, share praise reports, or transition individuals off the active list. Thank You!

Search Class: Won't you join us in Search Class at 8:35 AM for a cup of coffee and light refreshments? Our study this session is *Genesis, A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning*, by Amy-Jill Levine. Rabbi Levine presents *Genesis* as a "living text" as she addresses all facets of the stories and characters including: The Garden of Eden, Cain and Abel, Noah's Ark, Issac, Jacob, and Joseph. As the Old Testament scripture, *Isaiah 43:19* implores us to **"...do a new thing..."**

Women to Women Luncheon: Come join us on Thursday, September 17 at 11:20 AM at Grotto in Dover. We gather monthly at various locations to share a meal and great fellowship. RSVP to Janet Flower or Mary Ann Evans by September 16. All women are welcome.

The Men's Bible Study will start back meeting in the Education Building on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 AM. We will be studying *The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World.* by Adam Hamilton.

We meet on the 1st, 2nd, 4th, Tuesdays in the Search Classroom in the Education Building. On the 3rd Tuesdays we meet at Hollywood Diner at 7 am for breakfast. All men are welcome! Come join us! If you have questions, please contact Jim Skeans at (302) 678-0974.



Join us TODAY at 12 PM for our Welcome-Back picnic on the grounds of Wesley Church, next to the Education building.

Family Life will serve hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, beverages paper products and ice cream from Mommoms.

We ask that you bring a favorite summer dish to share with eight (8) friends, along with a blanket or chairs to sit on.

There will be games and great fellowship.

Tree Dedication

The Board of Trustees has purchased and planted a **Vanilla Strawberry Hydrangea tree** in loving memory of **Sigrid Mills** and her daughter, **Christel**, who both passed in 2024.

Sigrid was a deeply valued part of our church family, serving as the founder of **Wesley Branches** and a dedicated member of the **Chancel Choir**.

The memorial tree is planted near the sidewalk **between the Education Building and the playground**. This central location ensures that everyone passing by can admire its beautiful flowers and fragrance when in bloom.

"Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty." — Psalm 91:1



Calendar and Announcements

Sunday, September 13, 2026

8:00 am - Worship — St. Paul's Chapel
8:35 am - Search Class — Choir Room
9:30 am - Worship — Sanctuary
9:30 am – Sunday School — Grace Fellowship Hall
12 pm – Picnic — East side of Ed Building

Monday, September 14, 2026

9 am - 11 am – Clothing Closet
10:00 am – Staff Meeting — Parlor
6:00 pm - Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:00 pm - Pickleball — Grace Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

7:00 am Men's Bible Study Breakfast — Hollywood Diner
6:00 pm - Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:30 pm – Board of Trustees — Parlor
7:00 pm – DCS — Grace Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

6:00 pm - Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:00 pm - NA Meeting — Grace Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 17, 2026

11:30 am – Women to Women Luncheon — Grotto
6:00 pm - Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:00 pm – Hand Bell Choir — Bell Room
7:00 pm – Chancel Choir — Choir Room

Friday, September 18, 2026

9 - 11 am - Clothing Closet Referrals — Ed Building
6:00 pm - Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:30 pm - ACA Meeting — Ed Building

Saturday, September 19, 2026

9:00 am - Clothing Closet — Ed Building
11 am - Noon - Community Meal — GFH