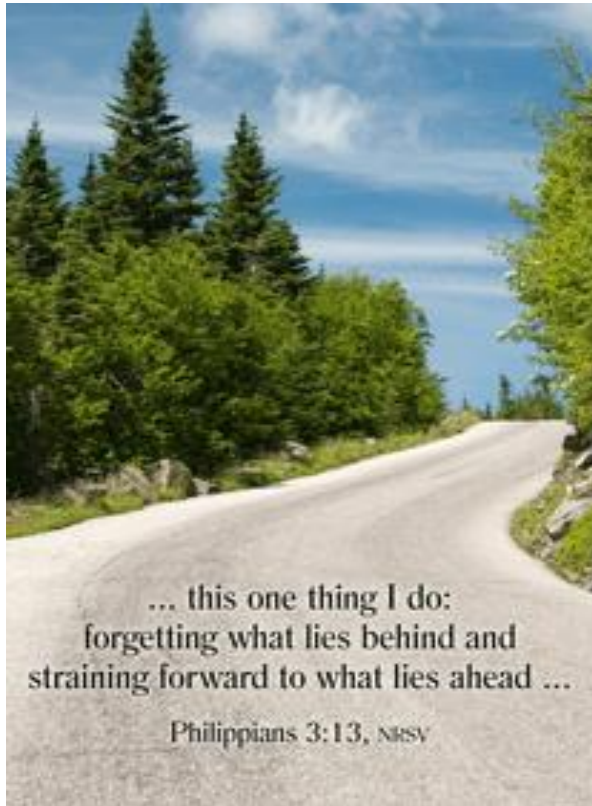


Wesley UMC Vision and Mission Statement

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

October 25, 2026

Welcome		Pastor Christine
Prelude	<i>Built on the Rock</i> John M. Rasley	Sherry Roscoe
† Hymn	<i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i>	UMH 110
Lighting the Altar Candles		Leanne Evans
† Opening Prayer (Unison)		Robert Lee
God, in your transforming grace, draw our minds away from the cares of this world for this hour, this day, this week, and beyond. In our contentious world, give us minds to think on whatever is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, virtuous, and worthy of praise. Focus our minds, relax our thoughts, and impress Your Word on our hearts. 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.		
Ministries in Motion	Stewardship	Pastor Christine
Announcements		Pastor Christine
Anthem	<i>Christ, My Hope, My Glory</i> Kenna Turner West, Sarah Davis/Arr. Jay Rouse	Chancel Choir
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Pastor Christine
Prayer for Illumination		Robert Lee
Gracious God, may your Word impart a personal message to each of us today. Some of us are strongly persevering with zeal, energy, and power. Others of us are struggling, discouraged, and weary. Grant us insight and wisdom as we continue walking with you. Amen.		
† Gospel Lesson	<i>Matthew 22:34-46</i> (NIV)	Robert Lee
This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.		
Thanks be to God.		

† Hymn	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	UMH 400
New Testament Lesson	<i>Philippians 3:9b-14</i> (NIV)	Pastor Christine
Sermon	<i>Pressing On</i>	Pastor Christine
Musical Offering	<i>Word is Alive</i> Mark Hall	Josh Bogus CLLI: 5077377
Offertory Prayer		Pastor Christine
Offertory *	Prayer G.F. Handel/Charles Sergisson	Sherry Roscoe
† Doxology		UMH 94
† Hymn	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i> , vs. 1-2, 4-5	UMH 545
† Benediction		Pastor Christine
Postlude	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i> James Southbridge/Early American 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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Please join us in Grace Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour following the Postlude.

The Altar Flowers are given by Cindy Thurman to the glory of God and in honor of the October Birthdays in our family, my mom's 93rd birthday and my 41st Anniversary.

Ushers and Audio/Visual Servants today:

Ushers: Debbie Devine, Jim Ferguson Jr., Jim Thistlewood

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

Please keep the following people uplifted in prayer... Several unspoken, Bill & Barbara, Bill & Ruby, David & Beatrice, Dennis & Carolyn, Don & Penny, Ed & Iva, Harry & Nicky, Paul & Linda, Ralph & Fran, Ron & Janet, Ted & Yoshie, Terry & Carol, Aimee S., Anson D., Bill G., Candy G., Donald C., Frances J., Greg G., James F., Jerry C., Jim R., Judi V., Judy B., Linda S., Lou B., Marc S., Nadine B., Pat L., Pat R., Paul H., Richard L., Rick G., Ricky S., Sally B., Steve G., Suzanne P., Tobi H., Todd R., Tom C., 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 at 302-678-9626 to provide regular updates, share praise reports, or transition individuals off the active list. Thank You!

Calling all Veterans... Do you have a photo of you in your military uniform you would like to share in Veterans Day presentation? If so, please submit to Michele at mdryda@wesleyumc-dover.com. All submissions must be received by November 3, 2026. Thank you!

Search Class Bible Study: Looking for something fresh? As Isaiah 43:19 reminds us, it's time to "...do a new thing..." Come join the Search Class on Sunday at 8:35 AM in the parlor for coffee, refreshments, and a dynamic study of Amy-Jill Levine's book, *Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning*. Together, we will explore Genesis as a "living text," digging deep into the stories of: The Garden of Eden, Cain & Abel and Noah's Ark, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. All are welcome!

Long Underwear Drive: Check the main hallway leading to Fellowship Hall for the display with the Snowman and tags with size of long underwear needed. You may purchase the long underwear, or you may make a monetary donation towards the mission team making the purchase. The drive will continue until November 1. Once you've made your purchase you may place your donation(s) in the collection box located under the display table. Long underwear will be distributed at the December 19 community meal. The contact for this project is Carol Gambone psu_turtle@hotmail.com.

Calendar and Announcements

Sunday, October 25, 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
10:30 am – Fellowship — Grace Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 26, 2026

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

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

6:00 pm – Evening Prayer — ZOOM
7:00 pm – DCS — Grace Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

6:00 pm – Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:00 pm – NA Meeting — Grace Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm – Preschool Board Meeting — ZOOM

Thursday, October 29, 2026

6:00 pm – Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:00 pm – Handbell Choir — Bell Room
7:00 pm – Chancel Choir — Choir Room

Friday, October 30, 2026

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

Saturday, October 31, 2026

9:00 am – Noon – Clothing Closet — Ed Building
12 - 1 pm – Community Meal — Grace Fellowship Hall



It is Fall!! Warm winter clothes are in high demand at the Clothing Closet!

As you start getting out your warmer clothing, the Clothing Closet would greatly appreciate the clothing that you don't need.

In addition to clothing for men, women, and children, we are in need of winter coats and jackets. Men's boots are requested by our clients.

We are being asked for sleeping bags and backpacks for the homeless. Since our jewelry case is very popular every Saturday, we would gratefully accept donations of jewelry.

Bring your donations to the Clothing Closet on Monday and/or Friday between 9 - 11 AM. Those are the hours when we have volunteers to help you bring donations down the stairs. You can also bring donations on Saturday mornings from 9-12...however, there may not be anyone to help you bring your items downstairs.

Thank you for your continued support for this important ministry.