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

November 8, 2026

24th Sunday After Pentecost **November 8, 2026**

Welcome Pastor Christine

Prelude *God of Our Fathers* Sherry Roscoe
Mary McDonald/Tune "National Hymn"

† Hymn *America the Beautiful* UMH 696

Lighting the Altar Candles Leanne Evans

† Opening Prayer (Unison) Anne Oliphant

Heavenly Lord, you are our hope in every season. Today, as we look back on past conflicts in our world and lives, we are grateful for your deliverance. As we struggle to understand and cope with current conflicts in our world and lives, reassure us of your faithfulness. Grant us perseverance and give us hope. Amen.

Children's Message Pastor Karin

† 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 **Family Life Holiday Events**

Announcements Pastor Christine

Anthem *We Honor You* Chancel Choir
Words and Music by Roger Emerson

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Pastor Christine

Prayer for Illumination Anne Oliphant
Mighty God, help us understand your Word and embed it into our hearts. May we cling to it in good times and bad, as we entrust ourselves to you. Amen.

† Gospel Lesson *Matthew 24:1-13 NIV)* Anne Oliphant
This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God.

† Hymn	*O Jesus, I Have Promised*	UMH 396
Old Testament Lesson	*Joshua 24:14–15* (NIV)	Pastor Christine
Sermon	*Choice*	Pastor Christine
Musical Offering	*I Can Only Imagine* Bart Millard	Josh Bogus CCLI#2978857
Offertory Prayer		Pastor Christine
Veterans Day Presentation		
Offertory *	*Andante Devoto* Jules Massenet	Sherry Roscoe
† Doxology		UMH 94
† Hymn	*God of the Ages*	UMH 698
† Benediction		Pastor Christine

Postlude *Postlude on "St Dunstan's" "He Who Would Valiantly Be"*
Douglas Wagner/St. Dunston's by Charles Winfred Douglas

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 Bill & Ruby Schaffer to the glory of God and in celebration of our 58th anniversary tomorrow.

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!

Search Class Bible Study: Join Search Class this Advent season on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am in the parlor as you **"grow in wisdom and understanding"** on your faith journey during this Advent season of preparation and observances for the birth of Christ.

Voices of Advent, The Bible's Insights for a Season by Dr. Matthew L. Skinner, starts **November 8.** Dr. Skinner is professor of the New Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. This newest book of his explains how Biblical texts contribute to how we experience the Advent and Christmas season.

Project Angel Tree: Currently, we have 58 names on our list. If you know you would like to participate in this outreach ministry, please email Carol Gambone at psu_turtle@hotmail.com for a tag of your choice. In mid-November please look for the tree near Grace Fellowship Hall with the Angel Tree tags. Tags include children's first names and items they would like to have for Christmas. Welsey's congregation donates gifts to these families who have individuals who are incarcerated.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: Sign-up sheet coming soon! Sign up for a one-hour time spot to ring the bell to collect donations for the Salvation Army.

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Calendar

Monday, November 9, 2026
9 am - 11 am – Clothing Closet
10:00 am – Staff Meeting — Library
6:00 pm – Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:00 pm – Pickleball — Grace Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
3:00 pm – Barbara Circle Meeting — Parlor
5:30 pm – DCS Board Meeting — Choir Room
6:00 pm – Nominations Meeting — Parlor
6:00 pm – Evening Prayer — ZOOM
7:00 pm – DCS — Grace Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
6:00 pm – Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:00 pm – NA Meeting — Grace Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm – Moving On Adult Studies — Parlor, Library & ZOOM

Thursday, November 12, 2026
12:30 pm – Mary Martha Circle — Parlor
6:00 pm – Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:00 pm – Handbell Choir — Bell Room
7:00 pm – Chancel Choir — Choir Room

Friday, November 13, 2026
9 - 11 am – Clothing Closet Referrals — Ed Building
6:00 pm – Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:30 pm – ACA Meeting — Ed Building

Saturday, November 14, 2026
9:00 am – Noon – Clothing Closet — Ed Building
10 am – 12:30 pm – Choir Retreat — Choir Room
12 - 1 pm – Community Meal — Grace Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 15, 2026
8:00 am – Worship — St. Paul's Chapel
8:35 am – Search Class — Parlor
9:30 am – Worship — Sanctuary
9:30 am – Sunday School — Grace Fellowship Hall
10:30 am – Fellowship — Grace Fellowship Hall

2026 CHRISTMAS GIVING ORDER FORM



As we look forward to the arrival of the Advent season, we are preparing to beautify our sanctuary with traditional Christmas poinsettias. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, please ensure your order form and payment are submitted to the church office by **Friday, November 13, 2026**. A list of dedications will be included in our Christmas program. Thank you for helping make our worship space beautiful!

Poinsettia(s) $12.00 each Red ____ White ____

Please make check payable to **Wesley UMC**. Please note "Poinsettia" on memo line and mail or bring to the church office.

We are asking for all donations to the following funds be received in the church office by **Friday, December 18, 2026.**

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND $_____ Please make check payable to **Wesley UMC**. Please note "Discretionary Fund" on memo line and mail or bring to the church office.

NAME_____

PHONE_____

Please print below the wording you would like in the bulletin. (Example: Joseph Carpenter in loving memory of his parents Mary and Joseph Carpenter Sr.)

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You may pick up your Poinsettia(s) after the 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service or after the 9:30 AM Combined Worship Service on December 27, 2026. Any plants left after December 31, 2026, will be disposed of. Thank you!