Wesley UMC Vision and Mission Statement

Vision: Embracing Community In Harmony with God
Mission: Respectful Minds, Outreaching Arms,
Loving Each Other, Together with God



FOR GOD HAS
DESTINED US
NOT FOR WRATH
BUT FOR
OBTAINING SALVATION
THROUGH OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST ...
1 THESSALONIANS 5:9

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9:30 AM Traditional Worship

November 15, 2026

25th Sunday After Pentecost **November 15, 2026**

Welcome Pastor Christine

Prelude *Festival Prelude* Sherry Roscoe
R.M. Stults

† Hymn *What Gift Can We Bring?* UMH 87

Lighting the Altar Candles Leanne Evans

† Opening Prayer (Unison) Gigi Windley
Gracious God, we rejoice in this new day! Whether we come today out of humility or habit, wonder or wondering, devotion or doubt, guide us, we pray. Draw us close, fill us, and refresh us, that we may have a renewed sense of purpose and mission in this weary world. 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 *A Thanksgiving Prayer* Chancel Choir
Nancy Price and Don Besig

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Pastor Christine

Prayer for Illumination Gigi Windley
Light of the world, bring your Word to life as it is preached today. As we seek your instruction and encouragement, may we find it here. Amen.

† Gospel Lesson *Matthew 25:31-40* (NRSVue) Gigi Windley
This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God.

† Hymn *Take My Life, and Let It Be* UMH 399

New Testament Lesson *I Thessalonians 5:1-11* (NRSVue) Pastor Christine

Sermon	*We Already Know*	Pastor Christine
Musical Offering	*Better is One Day* Matt Redman	Josh Bogus CCLI#1097451
Offertory Prayer		Pastor Christine
Offertory *	*Sing Unto the Lord* C. Cooke	Sherry Roscoe
† Doxology		UMH 94
† Hymn	*Together We Serve*	TFWS 2175
† Benediction		Pastor Christine
Postlude	*Fanfare* Norwood Dale	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 Dave and Mary Ann Evans to the glory of God and in honor of Leanne's 45th birthday on November 20th and to thank everyone at Wesley for the love and kindness shown to Leanne.

Ushers and Audio/Visual Servants today:

Ushers: Bob & MaryAnn Dashiell, Debbie Devine

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. and the families of Randy Schuman and Tom Welch.

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: *Voices of Advent, The Bible's Insights for a Season* by Dr. Matthew L. Skinner. 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.

Renewing Wesley Branches: Bearing Much Fruit Together

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit..." (John 15:5)

Join us as we keep our promise to rejuvenate Wesley Branches, our cherished outreach ministry to homebound members and their families. Building on the faithful legacy of Sigrid and so many devoted servants, we are gathering to discern new ways to share Christ's love and keep our homebound friends deeply connected to Wesley Church.

- When: Sunday, November 22, at 10:45 a.m.
- Where: The Parlor
- Led by: Pastor Karin, Pastor of Congregational Connection

All are welcome—please invite anyone else who may be interested in helping this vital ministry flourish!

Calendar

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

Monday, November 16, 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 17, 2026
7:00 am – Men's Breakfast — Hollywood Diner
6:00 pm – Evening Prayer — ZOOM
7:00 pm – DCS — Grace Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
11:30 am – UWF Unit Meeting — Olive Garden
6:00 pm – Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:00 pm – NA Meeting — Grace Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 19, 2026
6:00 pm – Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:00 pm – Handbell Choir — Bell Room
7:00 pm – Chancel Choir — Choir Room

Friday, November 20, 2026
9 - 11 am – Clothing Closet Referrals — Ed Building
6:00 pm – Evening Prayer — ZOOM
6:30 pm – ACA Meeting — Ed Building

Saturday, November 21, 2026
9:00 am – Noon – Clothing Closet — Ed Building
12 - 1 pm – Community Meal — Grace Fellowship Hall

The Delaware Choral Society Presents



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2026 CHRISTMAS GIVING FORM



"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done." — *Proverbs 19:17*

Many families in our community are facing sudden hardships, from empty pantries to overdue utility bills. At Wesley, our **Pastor's Discretionary Fund** exists to provide immediate, practical relief to our neighbors in crisis.

100% of every gift goes directly toward helping local individuals with urgent needs like prescriptions, utility assistance, rental assistance and assistance at food pantries.

Would you prayerfully consider contributing to the Pastor's Fund this Christmas Season? Every dollar makes a real difference for a neighbor in need.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us share God's love in tangible ways.

We are asking for all donations to the following fund 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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