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OUR VISION

Historic Wesley Church in downtown Dover, Delaware is an open and welcoming congregation, which makes disciples of Jesus Christ by proclaiming God's love through

✦ A variety of Worship Services which speaks to both heart and mind,

✦ Bible study, fellowship, and nurture which lead to meaningful and disciplined Christian living,

✦ Christian outreach ministries which serve those near and far,

✦ Combined activities which involve other area churches and faith communities.

Wesley Church welcomes all individuals and seeks to minister to the spiritual and physical needs and concerns, as God reveals them to us.

Members and neighbors of all ages and stages in life.

The homeless, hungry, and hurting, Employees of the various levels of government, including the military,

People in the nearby education and business communities.

Wesley Church's prominent steeple is a sign of our commitment to our vision and is a beacon of faith, hope, and love in this state capital.

Note
from the
pastor



Covenant Discipleship Groups are now meeting on Monday nights at 7:00 and Tuesdays at 2:00. Monday is a men's group and Tuesday is a women's group. We meet together to watch over one another in love. We share the journey of life as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Each group is forming/has formed a covenant with statements about how we live out acts of justice, compassion, devotion, and worship. Then we share how its going when we gather each week for an hour.

Below is an article by Steve Manskar, who resources and supports these groups throughout our United Methodist Connection. Mary Ann Evans and I will be participating in the Third Annual Wesleyan Leadership Conference in Nashville Nov. 1-3. We are honored to be part of the leadership team. I will be preaching, and we will sit together as panel members for open discussion about Covenant Discipleship groups. The featured speaker is Dr. David Lowes Watson. This year's topic is "Sharing Pastoral Power: Wesleyan Foundations for Leadership in the Congregation." There will also be a workshop on Covenant Discipleship, among others. If you are interested in attending, please be in touch with Pastor Amy regarding costs and reservations.

Communitas

By: Steve Manskar,

Director of Wesleyan Leadership
for the General Board of Discipleship.

One of my all-time favorite movies is The Lord of The Rings trilogy directed by Peter Jackson. The films are based on the novel of the same name written by J.R.R. Tolkien. The focus of the story is a band of Hobbits lead by Frodo Baggins. Their task is to carry the long-lost ring of power to Mount Doom in Mordor. All the while, they must keep it away from the evil Lord Sauron. The Hobbits, with the help of many men, elves, and a dwarf, endure many adventures that include struggle and suffering. It's never easy when the forces of evil are organized against you.

In the end, Frodo and his trusted companion, Samwise Gamgee, manage to destroy the ring and return home to their beloved Shire where they are reunited with their friends Pippin and Peregrin Took. All four played important roles in the quest to destroy the ring of power and the defeat of Sauron.

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Wesley United Methodist Men

SAVE THE DATE

The United Methodist Men are planning for their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on November 3, 2012, from 4:00pm till 7:00pm, in Grace Fellowship Hall.

We will be calling for support and helping hands to set-up and to serve.

Reserve the date for a delicious meal. Ticket prices will be Adults - \$6.00 in advance \$7.00 at the door and Children (7-12) - \$3.00 / 6 Years and under free. Tickets are available in advance from United Methodist Men or at the church office.

Wesley United Methodist Women

Circle Dates



Mary Circle — 1:00 p.m. Thursday, October 11th @ Heritage @ Dover, Bistro

Rosemary Circle — 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 10th @ Luther Towers #1

Sylvia Circle — 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 10th @ Helene Zeman's home.

Barbara Circle — 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 9th @ Mary Cronshaw's home.



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| Christine and Rick Stoops | October 3 |
| Whitney and James Arthur | October 6 |
| Debbie and JD Hogsten | October 15 |
| Tara and Matthew Faircloth | October 19 |
| Janet and David Krauss | October 23 |
| Jennifer and Jamie Yoder | October 26 |
| Vicki and Dick Stoops | October 27 |

The shared experience of the quest changed all four characters. The change is made apparent in a scene near the end of *The Return of the King*. The four Hobbits have returned to the Shire. One evening, they all meet at a local tavern to share a pint of ale. The tavern is filled with Hobbits having a good time. There is lots of noisy talking, singing, and dancing. In the midst of all this merry-making sit Frodo, Sam, Pippin, and Pere. They are happy to be home. But as they look into each other's faces, they know all of them have been changed forever by their experience with the ring. We see in their expressions that there is now a bond among the four Hobbits. Before the quest, they were acquaintances. Now they are brothers.

The Hobbits experienced what sociologists call liminality and *communitas*.

Alan Hirsch writes about these two important concepts in *The Forgotten Ways: Reactivating the Missional Church*. He argues that congregations need to cultivate *communitas* by providing liminal experiences. "Liminality ... applies to a situation where people find themselves in an in-between, marginal state in relation to the surrounding society, a place that could involve significant danger and disorientation, but not necessarily so. ... *Communitas* is therefore always linked with the experience of liminality. It involves adventure and movement, and it describes that unique experience of togetherness that only really happens among a group of people inspired by the vision of a better world who actually attempt to do something about it" (pages 220 & 221).

Early Methodist societies were communities marked by liminality and *communitas*. The routine of weekly class and society meetings, daily life shaped by the General Rules, and the expectation that they grow in holiness of heart and life set the people called Methodists apart from their neighbors. Methodist people were equipped to live and witness as "salt and light" for the church and the world. Regularly practicing the means of grace (acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion) coupled with mutual accountability and support formed people who shared significant connection with one another through their common commitment to growth in holiness of heart and life.

Disciple-making requires more than Christian community. It requires a community that provides regular opportunities for members to experience liminality and *communitas*. Covenant Discipleship groups and the lay pastoral leadership they develop foster a Christ-centered, rather than a church-centered, culture. A Christ-centered culture forms congregations into a pilgrim people who participate in Christ's mission in, with, and for the world.

Discipleship does not often require us to fight Orcs or go to battle against evil wizards. But it is a way of life that sets us against the grain of the culture of consumerism that dominates the contemporary North American church and the world. The practice of discipleship provides experiences of liminality that lead to the *communitas* Christians need to participate in Christ's mission in the world.

How does your congregation provide experiences of liminality?

Where do you see *communitas* in your congregation?

What is your congregation doing to develop a culture of *communitas*?

To respond to this article please go to the Wesleyan Leadership blog: <http://wesleyanleadership.wordpress.com/2012/09/14/communitas/>

Please contact Steve Manskar at smanskar@gbod.org with questions.

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Third Annual Wesleyan Leadership Conference
"Sharing Pastoral Power: Wesleyan Foundations for Leadership in the Congregation"
November 1-3, 2012
1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, TN

Start planning now to attend the third annual Wesleyan Leadership Conference, which will be held at the General Board of Discipleship in Nashville, Tennessee, November 1-3, 2012. The featured speaker is Dr. David Lowes Watson. This year's topic is "Sharing Pastoral Power: Wesleyan Foundations for Leadership in the Congregation."

Come early for the preconference Covenant Discipleship workshop lead by Dr. Steve Manskar, Director of Wesleyan Leadership, GBOD. The workshop will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will conclude by 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31. Participants will learn about the General Rule of Discipleship, what Covenant Discipleship groups are, how to write a group covenant, where Covenant Discipleship fits in the congregation, and how to introduce the ministry to a congregation.

Early-bird registration has been extended to September 24. Register today to take advantage of the lower fee.

For details and to register go to www.gbod.org/wesleyanleadership. For questions about the conference contact Steve Manskar at smanskar@gbod.org or Nancy Dunlap at ndunlap@gbod.org.

Annual Wesley Pilgrimage in England
April 15-25, 2013

Start planning today to be part of the next Wesley pilgrimage that will gather at Sarum College in Salisbury, England, on April 15, 2013. Leaders for the 2013 pilgrimage are Dr. Paul W. Chilcote and Dr. Steve Manskar.

Details about registration fees and itinerary will be available soon at <http://www.gbod.org/wesleypilgrimage>.

Pastor Amy

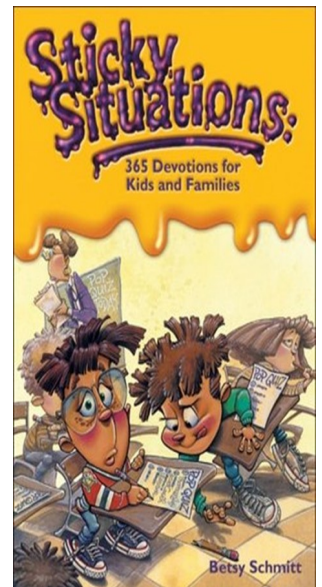
Family Devotional Guide

By: Pastor Amy

Are you looking for a good family devotional guide? I recently came across this one, and I recommend it for you and your family. Sticky Situations is by Betsy Schmitt, published by Tyndale. Each day describes a sticky situation, and gives multiple choice answers of possible responses. Then scripture verses are listed to look up the Biblical answer to the situation.

This type of teaching is always important to balance with the good news of the gospel. We live an obedient life out of gratitude for all that Jesus has done for us. We don't "earn" God's love. We accept it as a gift, and respond by living our lives as one big thank you, obedient to God's ways.

There is no poor choice, sinful behavior, or anything we could do to make God love us less. So please remember, even as you talk with your kids about good Biblical choices, emphasize the good news that Jesus never forsakes us. Even when we make sinful choices, God is ready to forgive, if we but ask. We all sin and we all screw up. The good news is that whenever we do, Christ is right there ready to pick us up, dust us off, forgive and heal us, and invites us to continue to be in life giving relationship. Now that is good news.





Finance Committee

By: Herb Glanden, Chairman

Thank you for your continued financial support of Wesley United Methodist Church. Without your commitment to Christ, and the ministries of Wesley United Methodist Church, it would be impossible to accomplish all of the wonderful things that our church does throughout our community and beyond.

The annual budget process has started at Wesley U.M.C. In late July the finance committee sent out a letter to the chairpersons of all of the committees asking for their 2013 budget requests. The church committees were asked to construct their request based on their program needs; keeping in mind, the restricted monetary constraints our church is still experiencing. As always, I expect a great deal of effort

will go into the budget requests.

Once the budget requests have been received, and the Stewardship drive completed, the finance committee will begin to prepare the budget for 2013, with the goal of presenting the budget at our annual Charge Conference in early December. In 2010, our church had a \$60,000 shortfall in giving versus expenses; our goal for 2013 is to have that shortfall down to \$20,000. And, with your continued support, we hope to accomplish this.

As of the end of August, envelope giving is up 2%, or \$4,743. Although this is an improvement, we are still behind 5.8%, or \$8,708 of anticipated giving that was pledged last fall. As we all know from our personal lives, the cost of most items is up, and our church is experiencing the same thing; therefore, the need to ask that your gifts continue as regularly as possible.

May God bless each of you with his bountiful gifts, and may we all experience the "Peace of Christ" in our lives.

Thinking Like a Host

By: Henry G. Brinton

From beginning to end, the Bible teaches us how to be hospitable. Throughout the Old and New Testaments, we find stories of people acting as hosts, welcoming strangers, and discovering that there is something truly holy in their acts of hospitality. Yet, we have largely forgotten this in the life of the church.

Unfortunately, many Christians today go to church with the attitude of a guest, not a host. We are concerned more about ourselves than about those who visit with us. Consider this mindset: As guests, we are focused primarily on having a good time. We enter the church, and look for our friends. We pass personal judgment on the furniture, decor, and feel of the place. We sit where we want to sit, with little regard for making room for others. We listen to the church's music, and decide whether we enjoy it or not. As guests, we are basically consumers, concerned about our personal comfort. The experience is all about us.

How different it is to be a host. In that role, we are focused primarily on serving others. We greet our guests at the door, and seek to connect them with people they would enjoy. We make sure that the church is set up in a welcoming way — decorated appropriately, well-lighted, and conducive to people getting to know one another. We sit in places that will leave room for others, and help them to feel comfortable. As hosts, we are concerned about the comfort of others. The experience is all about them.

This means being on the look-out for strangers instead of friends, making the church hospitable, ensuring that worship is welcoming, and picking music that our guests would enjoy. Just imagine that! Actually picking music for others, not for ourselves. As hosts, we are constantly challenged to be concerned about the well-being of others.

And when we do this, God is always present in surprising and wonderful ways. When we show hospitality to strangers, we are really entertaining angels. When we welcome a newcomer, we are actually welcoming Jesus. Hospitality to people is the very same thing as hospitality to God. If you want an authentic experience of God — and I think we all do — then the place to begin is by welcoming strangers.



Equal Exchange Fair Trade Program

By: Candy Casto

During the month of October, the Missions Committee will have regular (Colombian Full City Roast) and decaf (organic breakfast blend, medium roast) coffee served from the Equal Exchange, Fair Trade program. There will also be a box of dark chocolate mini bars to sample. Pastor Amy, along with the committee members, would like the congregation to taste the coffee and chocolate and are hopeful that it will create an interest in ordering on a regular basis. We currently serve fair trade coffee during fellowship on Sundays. It is also our hope that we can take orders from the congregation for various food items that will support the small farmers' co-operatives.

Equal Exchange was started in 1986 by three managers working at a New England food co-operative. They wanted to have a social change that would help small farmers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and United States have more control over their finances, would educate consumers about farmers' trade issues, would provide high quality food, and would create a company that would be controlled by the people who actually did the work. The trading partners are small farmer co-operatives and they govern themselves through the co-op. It was also important mission that the products not be harvested by slave or child labor.

The organization started out by offering coffee but now have items such as tea, chocolate, cocoa, baking cocoa powder, almonds, and olive oil. For every dollar the Equal Exchange receives, it gives back 97cents to the farmers' co-op. Of the 3 cents they keep, part of it is donated to non-profits working in Fair Trade and high risk

mission-driven co-op startups.

We hope you'll stop by during coffee hour in October and taste the coffee and chocolate. It will help to support small farmers and their families and give them a better future.

Missions in Motion

By: Janet Krauss - Wesley Missions Committee

On October 3, 2012-Wednesday at 6:00pm, there will be a covered dish dinner in Fellowship Hall. On this evening, Sue Porter (a missionary sponsored by Wesley UMC) will share her experience as a missionary and give us an opportunity to ask her questions about her journey.

Please join the mission committee in welcoming Sue and learning of her opportunities to serve God.

Suzanne (Sue) Porter - Missionary in Liberia

Suzanne Porter is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. From 2001 to 2006, Suzanne worked in a medical facility and with a community development program in Central Asia. A pediatric nurse practitioner by training, Suzanne's responsibilities included providing primary healthcare to children, supervision of the nurses in the hospital, and training new nurse assistants to work in the clinic and the hospital.

In January 2007 Sue arrived in Liberia, West Africa at the Ganta Medical Complex (<http://www.umcmmission.org/Explore-Our-Work/Africa/Liberia>) to work mostly in the school of nursing. In a country recovering from 14 years of civil war with a population mired in extreme poverty, Ganta United Methodist Hospital works to provide affordable, quality, healthcare for poor, rural subsistence farming families throughout north-eastern Liberia.

The town of Ganta, home to Ganta United Methodist Hospital, is located in northern Liberia, just south of Guinea. The long civil war has devastated Liberia's economy: Unemployment is a staggering 85%, the farming sector is very weak, food is difficult to obtain on a consistent and adequate basis, and most of the country's capital and infrastructure has not yet been restored. Though the war ended and Ganta Hospital reopened its doors to provide basic and emergency services in April 2004, the situation for most Liberians, particularly the more than 450,000 people served by the hospital, remains unstable.

Wesley UMC has been providing support to Sue for severally years. We were blessed to have Sue come to Wesley on September 26, 2009 to share about the School of Nursing in Ganta. In November 2009 we had a special fundraiser during fellowship hours to raise money for the Ganta School of Nursing dormitories. The original dorms were either severely damaged or destroyed during the civil wars. In most cases there were structures left that had a leaking roof and no windows. Please join us on October 3, 2012 to hear the progression of the dorms and the continued missionary journey.



Food Pantry Collection

Over the past few months, on the last Sunday of the month, there have been paper bags distributed after each service. These are then filled by the congregation and collected the first Sunday of each month. Some of you may have noticed that the paper bags distributed have dwindled in number over the months. Our congregation has done such a great job filling the bags that the bags ability to be reused for a long period of time has diminished. The missions committee has received a donation from Acme Markets-Dover of the reusable (polypropylene bags) shopping bags. We truly appreciate everyone's support in assisting our community in meeting the basic needs of life.



Start Saving Your Toothbrushes, Toothpaste Tubes, Floss Boxes, and Cheese Wrappers!

Why? Because Wesley Church is getting ready to Terracycle.

This is an alternative national recycling program that collects items that cannot be recycled. They are then upcycled into new products. This comes out of the Tuesday afternoon Covenant Discipleship Group. One of our clauses is about caring for God's creation. There is also a monetary incentive for participating in the program. Thanks to Shannon Spittle for sharing this with us.

We will collect all things related to dental care of all brands. This includes old toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes, empty dental floss containers, and empty toothbrush boxes (except the cardboard part).

We will also collect all manner of cheese wrappers. This includes the outer packaging of shredded, block, slice, and string cheese. It also includes the individual wrappers for slice and string cheese. Look for a collection bin soon to be assembled and put in the main hallway.

Terracycle's purpose is to eliminate the idea of waste and to turn trash into something we can use. Terracycle has diverted billions of pieces of trash from being put into landfills and from going through incinerators.

The great thing about terracycle is that you are not only helping the environment, but you are also raising money for the church. They also offer free shipping for everything we collect. The waste we collect is either recycled or upcycled into over 1,500 various products like book bags, pencil cases, place mats, etc. These products are available at mass retailers like Walmart, Target, and Whole Foods Market.

Recycling has gained a lot of attention over the recent years and many of us are involved, but what Terracycle does is called upcycling. Upcycling is defined as using every aspect of waste as value. When you recycle, products are melted down with incinerators (which create carbon dioxide) and made again. When you upcycle, every part of that product is used to create new products.

For example, when you upcycle a chip bag every piece of that bag is used to make a lunch box. You are taking trash and turning it into something useful.

Trustee's Update

By: Al Lambertson, Chairman

I hope everyone had a great summer. I find it hard to believe that summer is over and it is time to start checking on our heating systems again. Cooler weather will be coming before we know it.

Our upgrading of the security system with interior and exterior cameras and call boxes is now complete. Dave Casto, Jim Thistlewood and I did a walk thru of the entire system with Delaware Electric Signal and Al Andres. Al Andres did a great job of putting all the information in the computer system so the members that needed access to the church had the new key cards and the pre-school parents that needed access to drop off and pick up children also had theirs. If you have a regular key it will still work in the delivery entrance door. It will not work in the doors that have a magnetic lock like the portico entrance at the kitchen and the door to the playground on the East side of Fellowship Hall. You can also use the call boxes located at the State Street door, the delivery entrance at the side parking lot and the portico door. I'm sure that we will have some things that don't work perfectly and will have to be addressed. If you have a problem with anything or need assistance please feel free to call one of the folks mentioned above and we will try and fix the problem.

The Trustees are very close to making a decision on a new phone system that will give us more phone lines coming into the building for staff use.

We are still discussing the possibility of removing some sections of road at Lakeside Cemetery to make room for more plots.

Our Facility Use Guidelines are still in the process of being revised. We hope to have this ready to present and vote on.

Another item that was discussed briefly was the North Street Building in our side parking lot. The building has been vacant since it was purchased and is starting to deteriorate with the lack of care and use. If you know of anyone who would possibly be interested in renting or leasing the building please let one of the Trustees know. If we cannot find a suitable tenant we could face the possibility of demolishing the property. Please let us know your thoughts and feelings on this important issue.

As always if you see anything that needs attention or repairs around the church please feel free to call one of the Trustees or myself. We are still in the process of making a list of things that should be included in our 2013 budget and your input would be greatly appreciated.

Hope everyone had a great summer. I'm looking forward to the coming year.

United Methodist Women Dates To Remember:

October 6: UMW members are asked to donate food and/or time for the Dover District Meeting to be held here at Wesley Church. We are also asking for donations of an unwrapped new or gently used baby gift (age infant - 18 Mo.). If you are unable to attend you may leave your donation in the kitchen. These gifts will be given to local programs. Contact Mary Ann Evans for more information. 653.6900 or maeinou@yahoo.com

October 13: The WELL, a conference leadership training event, is being held at Wesley Church. UMW volunteers and church wide volunteers are needed for this event that will bring in approximately 200 people. A light breakfast and lunch will be offered and we will need assistance in order to present this event in the very best light for our church. Contact Mary Ann Evans for more information. 653.6900 or maeinou@yahoo.com

October 20: Peninsula-Delaware Conference United Methodist Women Annual Fall Meeting. Carey's United Methodist Church, 22503 Carey's Camp Rd., Millsboro, DE 19966

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October 20: Heidi Wuller, VP of Wesley UMW, will be honored at the **Church Women United** event at Whatcoat UMC on Saulsbury Road. The luncheon will honor ten Outstanding Church Women and we are proud that Heidi is one of them. Payment may be sent to: Barbara Bolman, 4 Shinnecock Road, Dover, 19904 by **October 6**. The cost is \$30 and the event begins at 11:30AM. Please support Heidi by attending!

October 21: This Sunday has been designated **United Methodist Women Sunday** and all members are invited and encouraged to participate. Not only will we need women to provide the usual "duties" of a church service, we would like members to share their thoughts on being a UMW member. Please contact Mary Ann Evans and let her know that you will participate. (653.6900 or maeinou@yahoo.com)

The United Methodist Women Nominating Committee would like you to know that these positions are currently open – could one of these be a perfect fit for you? If so, contact Alma Yerger to find out more about what each position entails and let her know how you would like to serve. (736.6115)

President, Vice President, Spiritual Growth, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Nurture & Outreach, Nominations, Bereavement, Circle Leaders and Secretary of Program Resources.



The Church Council has designated October as the month for this year's annual stewardship campaign, culminating with Response Sunday on October 28, 2012. They have also approved using the same theme for this year as was used last year: **Extravagant Generosity**. The objective of this program is, over time, to change the culture of our church from fund-raising to generosity as a core value of discipleship.

By: LeRoy Jones, Chairman

What is the first thing you think of when you hear the term *extravagant generosity*? If you automatically picture the wealthiest people in Wesley Church—the ones who give those huge gifts—then you are looking at extravagant generosity through the wrong lens. The reality is that anyone in Wesley Church can be an extravagant giver, regardless of their wealth or lack thereof. In fact, Wesley Church is filled with potential extravagant givers.

If you think this does not include you, think again! Everyone in Wesley Church can afford to be an extravagant giver. An extravagant gift is not defined by the amount of the gift, but by the proportion to the giver's income. Or to put it another way, true generosity is not evidenced in how much a giver gives but how much he or she has left.

Remember the old, widowed woman who brought her gift to the temple on the day Jesus sat watching the offerings being given? The one he used as an example for everyone within earshot? Do you think any of the religious leaders who saw her hobble up the steps to the temple courts that day in her ragged clothing thought, "Hey, she looks like an extravagant giver! Maybe we should hold her up as an example!" Of course not. I'm sure they all dismissed her ability to give extravagantly based on her obvious low income. But Jesus noticed her putting in her two small coins. He said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them. For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has." She was an extravagant giver.

I challenge you during the month of October to reflect on the question, what do I need to do to become an extravagant giver? Remember, stewardship is discipleship. Personal discipleship is a gift you can give back to an extravagant giver. *Extravagant Generosity* is giving to God as God has given to us.

"I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ." Philemon 1:6 NLT



Christian Education

By: Chris Countryman, Christian Education Director

"Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land. Fathers do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." *Ephesians 6 1-4*

I bet I just made a lot of parents smile with that verse. I thought it would be an effective way to get your attention, now that I have it, I would like to thank so many of our families for the continued support of our youth ministry. Many of you have been so faithful in driving your kids or grandkids to and from all the different youth activities and meetings, many of you have dedicated a good amount of time helping serve the ministry at different events and occasions. Many of you have helped financially to support our missions' trips and help sponsor some of our youth to go on the Nicaragua trip and summer camps and I thank you for your generosity. Lastly, I would like to thank all of our prayer warriors out there, for those that are so steadfast in their prayer life, lifting up your youth and the youth ministry on a daily basis.

It is my desire just like it is hopefully of all parents, for our kids to obey us and rightfully so because after all this scripture says that they should...not so fast. It says obey your parents in the Lord. Parents this scripture is just not to point out to our kids that they need to be obedient to our authority, but that we need to display obedience in our lives as well so that are kids will learn from our example. Outwardly compliance does not necessarily equate to obedience. True obedience starts with the heart. "Parental authority isn't a conspiracy of society to oppress children everywhere. It isn't an outdated, repressive, backward idea. And it isn't a scheme of our parents just to keep us under their thumbs. In fact, our parents haven't even been given an option. They've been ordered by God to lovingly act on His behalf to guide us in His ways." So obedience is not a kids verses parents thing, it's a kids versus God thing. When kids obey their parents they are being obedient to God. Parents we need to accept and take accountability for not always raising our kids up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. We don't need to dwell on our past mistakes, but learn from them and say from now on, as for me and my house we will serve the Lord.

It is the youth ministry goal this year to work along side our families to help them draw closer and closer to their creator. We plan to do this by staying in weekly communication with you all through email. We will have a quarterly news letter specifically for our youth ministry families, this will go over major events and happenings of each season in the youth ministry, along with listing things for us all to lift and prayer and list upcoming events and calendar reminders. I would also like to schedule parent meetings to talk about ways in which I and Wesley church can be of better assistance to you and your family. I would like to discuss the ways in which I see God at work in your child (ren) and pray for God's blessing upon you and your family as you seek to honor and obey Him.

Lastly, I want each family to know that I and our youth ministry team have committed to praying for each one of your children by name. We know that we can have all the fun and exciting games and events in the world, great teaching and illustrations, but if we do not bath this ministry in prayer than everything else is meaningless. Thank you all again for your continued prayers and support of this ministry. Let us seek to honor and obey God out of our Love to serve Him and grow more and more in His image.

List of upcoming Events

Every Sunday evening:

Alive Youth Group 6-8pm in the Education Building

Every Thursday evening:

Ignite Sr. High Bible Study 6-8 pm. 125 Sweetgum Drive, Dover, DE 19904

November 11th Chili cook off and flag football game.

More details on this to follow

January 4-6th 2013 Youth Rally in Ocean City, MD

Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing Update

By: Jeanine Kleimo, Chair



Greetings!

We received the following letter this week from a former guest:

The (Dover Interfaith Mission) has helped me in so many ways on my journey to a better life. I was released (from) prison and had nowhere else to go. I had no job or income. Due to my incarceration, I lost my job, family, and self respect and house. Then the Lord sent me an angel, Ms. Cathi Kopera. She welcomed me in spite of my history and negative actions.

The help of (DIMH) has provided me shelter, food, and hope. I've obtained a full time job, started school and my future is looking brighter. Thanks to you, I've gotten another chance to make a difference in my life. Thank you (DIMH) and a special thanks to Cathi Kopera.

Know that we are making a difference in the lives of many through our work together! In addition to this, we have had other good things happening: one guest obtained a full-time job working at Wesley College in their food service. Another has a job at Hardee's. A third has had very successful hip replacement surgery. This last guest is always the first to offer help and to quell any negative "talk" going around the shelter from among guests who are discouraged or who expect more to be done *for* them. I'm sure that his own faith and positive attitude have much to do with the fact that his physical therapist remarked that he is recovering his strength and physical capacity at a record rate.

We are blessed with a Tuesday-evening "team" of career development professionals whose coaching and guidance are bearing fruit.

Thanks to those who contributed pillows. As they are much in demand, we still need FIRM pillows along with pajama bottoms, and socks. We appreciate whatever you can provide!

Thanks to John Trenberth and Jim Phillips of Christ Church and to the ever-faithful Nona McNatt from the Friends Meeting for stepping in to fill our gaps for office help! We now have a full roster of office volunteers. It is wonderful to have people to answer the phones and help all of us to keep the office functioning to benefit shelter guests and volunteers alike.

CAR for sale: A most generous donor has given us a 1996 Mercury in *outstanding* condition. It has only 81,000 miles on it. We would like to sell it to raise funds for shelter operations. Asking price is \$3,750. If you are interested, please call Walt Bagley for details at 399-4390. (All I know about cars is limited to driving one; so Walt is a much better source of information!)

**Dover Symphony Orchestra
Fall Classical Concert--Vive la France
Saturday, October 13, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.
Calvary Assembly of God
1141 East Lebanon Road, Dover**

The Dover Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Donald Buxton will present the opening concert of its 2012-2013 season on Saturday, October 13, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Assembly of God in Dover.

"Vive la France" includes Bizet's rousing Symphony in C, Mouret's Symphonies de Fanfares (opening from Masterpiece Theater), Faure's hauntingly melodic Pavane, and the overture to Offenbach's Orpheus in the Underworld (with the instantly recognizable Can-Can theme). Stefan Xhori, violinist with both Delaware and Dover Symphony Orchestras, will be featured as soloist in Poeme by Chausson. Stefan's playing will once again captivate his listeners.

Season tickets are available: Adults--\$75, Seniors/Students/Military-- \$55. Single tickets are also available for all concerts. Prices are Adults-- \$20, Seniors (62+)/Students/Military--\$15. Children under 16 are free with a paying adult. Call 302-270-1903. The DSO website is www.doversymphony.org.

Spend New Year's in New Mission with New People in Nicaragua!



Dates: December 28, 2012 - January 6, 2013
We will be in Nicaragua for New Year's!
Please note that we will return either on
January 5 or 6 depending on costs.

Cost: Approximately \$1,500 per person,
to be collected over the next few months
and impacted most by airfare.

Location: El Ayudante in Leon, Nicaragua; a
center that works to stabilize and enrich
struggling families in Leon.

Possible projects include: Working with chil-
dren (Vacation Bible School type activities,
crafts, fellowship), encouraging parents,
light construction, possibly teacher or pas-
tor training depending on the skills of the
group members, other projects based on
the skills of the group members.

For more detailed information about our trip,
please take a look at this [Team member guide](#)
from El Ayudante and the Airport Security
Guide. You will need a Passport that is valid
for at least 6 months after our departure
date.

Our tentative pre-trip timeline is:

- Sept. 22 - Team Meeting, next \$300 due [or
\$500 if you missed the first meeting]
- October 19-20 - **Tentative** Team Mini-
Retreat at Pecometh. Next \$500 due.
- November Meeting - TBD

Checks can be sent made out to and sent
to Pecometh, ATTENTION MEGAN SHITAMA, 136
Bookers Wharf Road, Centreville MD 21617
[Please make sure you put notation that this is for
NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP 2012].

Tentative Trip Overview:

Friday, Dec. 28- Meet at Departure Airport
Hotel (TBD)

Saturday, Dec. 29- Fly to Managua early AM;
arrive in Nicaragua and travel to El
Ayudante in Leon. Orientation and possible
mission in the afternoon.

Sunday, Dec. 30 - Worship and mission at local
church in the morning; possible sight-
seeing in the afternoon.

Monday, Dec. 31- Site Work, New Year's Cele-
bration in the evening!

Tuesday, Jan. 1 - Site Work (Usually on Tues-
day a local fair trade group visits with fair
trade coffee, jewelry and other gift items)

Wednesday, Jan. 2 - Site Work in the AM, Din-
ner at the Beach in the PM!

Thursday, Jan. 3 -Site Work

Friday, Jan. 4 - Travel to Managua (the capital)
for cultural education and tourism (and
shopping).

Saturday, Jan. 5 -Possibly more touring, fly
home from Managua either late Saturday
or early Sunday.



Invitation to come and serve

Teams are now forming to respond to Hurricane
Isaac in Louisiana.

If you are interested in being a part of a
team from around the region,
please be in touch with Pastor Amy.

For all volunteers, the cost per person for
five nights is \$225. Shorter stays are possible at a
cost of \$45 a night. This includes orientation,
housing, one meal per day, water and insurance
coverage.

Your willing hands are most valuable.

You may check out this website for more de-
tails <http://www.la-umc.org/pages/detail/1761>



Thailand VIM/Vision Trip

By: Karen Weiss

Greetings in the name of Christ Jesus! It is my honor and pleasure to be leading a VIM trip to Bangkok and Chiang Mai, Thailand from July 5 through July 20/21, 2013.

The trip is a work trip and a vision trip. We will be working with the Bangkok UMC to remodel their existing structure, which will include painting, moving the sanctuary from the first to the third floor, building benches, and other light carpentry duties. There will also be times of fellowship, Bible study, and teaching to build community between the Thai pastors/congregations and us. In Chiang Mai we will work with the children at Angel's Haven, an HIV/AIDS orphanage run by Gary and Cindy Moon, UMC missionaries. From Chiang Mai we will have the opportunity to visit the UMC churches in the northern area of Thailand, with the potential to assist with Vacation Bible School/English school.

Food and Lodging

We will be staying in clean, reasonably-priced hotels with air conditioning. Bottled water will be provided for us to drink while in Thailand as there are differences in water sanitation requirements between Thailand and the US.

Furthermore, food will be standard local cuisine including vegetables, rice, etc. Gary Moon, UMC Missionary in Thailand, will be shepherding us through the meals and providing guidance for those who may be hesitant or unsure of what to select. Depending on the hotel we stay in, we may receive an "American" breakfast (this is yet to be determined).

Climate

July in Thailand is the last month of summer and it will be hot and humid (mid-90s on average). Please consult with your doctor if you have health problems that are exacerbated in the heat. Loose fitting pants and shirts are recom-

mended for working in the heat. We will follow the lead of the Thai, if they work slowly, so will we. They know what it takes to work in the tropical climate so they will be our guides!

Costs and Application Process

Estimated cost is between \$3300 and \$3500 depending on the number of participants. We will meet at JFK airport in New York, New York and costs do not include recommended immunizations, passport costs, food at airports or travel to/from JFK.

Applications will be accepted through November 17, 2012 and must be submitted to Karen Weiss at thailandimt@gmail.com or PO Box 114, Centre Hall, PA 16828.

For the Team Member Application, Medical Release, and Medical Information form see Pastor Amy Yarnall. A submitted application does not guarantee that you will be selected to participate in this trip. Applications and medical forms will be reviewed for suitability of skill and health of the applicant. Notifications of acceptance will be via email and a deposit of \$500 is required upon acceptance into the team.

The payment schedule for the trip is as follows:

December 1, 2012- \$500

January 15, 2013- \$1500

February 28, 2013- \$500

April 1, 2013- \$250

June 1, 2013- Balance (\$500-\$750)



OVERSEAS MINISTRIES

October 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Sara Contant Thelma Hutchins Leah Weeks James Wilson	2 Ross Evans Jane Ragains Catherine Wilcutts Derek Wilkins Ethan Wisler	3 Sara Lyons Connie Zimmerman	4 Anna Curtis Edward Klima Evan Parker	5 Iva Hazlett Ross Radnich Dorothy Snyder Rosemarie Vandorpe	6 Joseph Bailey Brandy Cszimar Anson Dryda Tom Hufnal Wayne Kulhanek Jr. Gwendolyn Smith Korey Tiedemann Garrett Yeoman Tyler Yeoman
7 Audrey Bacino Ashlyne Fowler Michelle Hughes Joyce Simmons Robert Taylor	8 Thomas Morrison Jacqueline Svaby	9 Lou Oliphant Deanna Peer David Snell	10 Betty Lou Hayes Cassidy Yiengst	11 Joshua Short Brittany Snell	12 Lynda Dunning Gloria Norton	13 Kirsten Capless Beverly Courtney Paul Kuntzi Benjamin Petit De Mange
14 Janis Donophan Victoria Stoops	15 Addison Baynard John Riddleberger Ryleigh Sheehan Margaret Welch Zachary Williamson	16 Michael Beish Linda Wester David Wilknis	17 Cindy Mayan	18 Jean Spellman Allie Sweeney Samantha Sweeny Reid Townsend Molly Urich	19 Diana Berry Theresa Cole Kimberly Evans Patricia Kobza Judie Neizgoda Jim Nolan	20 Whitney Arthur Lou Baxter Alice Guerrant Karen Hammer Isabella Hughes Trip Thurman Christina Tilley
21 Carol Carey Ann Baker Horsey	22 Erin Schaeffer Ryan Wilgus	23 Betty Loftus	24 Paisley Cole Sarah Craig Kimberly Kowalick	25 Clayton Devine Alexander Ulrich	26 Peyton Easton Genevieve Slater Dennis Williams	27 Carleton Carey Sr. Jean DeLeo Melissa Devine Loretta Martin Wallace Price
28 Norma Stoltenberg	29 Jim DeLeo	30 Delane Saxton	31 Stephanie Briggs Eric Carter Carla Lawson Robert O'Hara			



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 United Methodist Women Executive Meeting - 7pm - CR	2 Men's Bible Study - 7am - SR Staff Mtg. - 9:30am - Library Branches - 11:00am-P Widows Group - 2pm - SR Covenant Discipleship - 2pm - Parlor NNL - 7pm - Library. DCS - 7pm - Grace Fellowship Hall	3 Preschool Pictures - 8am-12pm - Parlor Intercessory Prayer - 10:35am - St. Paul's Chapel Covered Dish Dinner - 6pm- Grace Fellowship Hall Bell Choir - 6:30pm - BR Bible Study - 7pm - Parlor	4 Preschool Pictures - 8am-12pm - Parlor Bible Study - 12pm-Parlor Ignite Sr. High Bible Study- 6pm - Countryman's House Choir - 7pm - Choir Room SPRC - 7pm- Parlor	5 Serenity Church - 6pm - Education Building Holy Joes Café - 6pm Grace Fellowship Hall	6 United Methodist Women District Meeting - 8am-12pm Grace Fellowship Hall
7 Serenity Church - 12pm-3pm Education Building UMY 6pm-8pm - Education Building	8 United Methodist Men - 7pm - Grace Fellowship Hall Girl Scouts - 6pm - 9pm - Parlor	9 Men's Bible Study - 7am- SR Staff Mtg. - 9:30am - Library Covenant Discipleship - 2pm - Parlor Advent Planning - 6pm - L DCS-BD - 6pm - Choir Room DCS - 7pm - Grace Fellowship Hall	10 Intercessory Prayer - 10:35am - St. Paul's Chapel Christian Ed. - 5pm - Parlor Preschool Mtg. - 5:30pm- 8:30pm - Parlor Bell Choir - 6:30pm - BR	11 Bible Study - 12pm - Parlor Girl Scouts - 6pm-9pm - Grace Fellowship Hall Ignite Sr. High Bible Study 6pm - Countryman's House Missions - 6pm - Parlor Choir - 7pm - Choir Room SPRC - 7pm- Library	12 Serenity Church - 6pm - Education Building	13 Peninsula-Delaware Conference "The Well" 8am-6pm
14 Serenity Church - 12pm-3pm Education Building UMY 6pm-8pm - Education Building	15 Girl Scouts - 5pm - 9pm Grace Fellowship Hall	16 Men's Bible Study - 7am- SR Staff Mtg. - 9:30am - Library Covenant Discipleship - 2pm - Parlor Trustee Mtg. -7pm - Parlor DCS - 7pm - Grace Fellowship Hall	17 Intercessory Prayer - 10:35am - St. Paul's Chapel Covered Dish Dinner - 6pm- Grace Fellowship Hall Bell Choir - 6:30 pm - BR Bible Study - 7pm - Parlor	18 Bible Study - 12pm - Parlor Girl Scouts - 5pm-9pm - Parlor Ignite Sr. High Bible Study - 6pm - Countryman's House Choir - 7pm - Choir Room Steering Committee - 6pm - L Evangelism - 7pm - Library	19 Serenity Church - 6pm Education Building	20
21 Serenity Church - 12pm-3pm Education Building Girl Scouts 3pm- 6pm - Grace Fellowship Hall UMY 6pm-8pm - Education Building	22 Preschool Board Mtg. - 7pm - Parlor	23 Men's Bible Study - 7am - SR Staff Mtg. - 9:30am - Library Covenant Discipleship - 2pm - Parlor DCS - 7pm - Grace Fellowship Hall	24 Intercessory Prayer - 10:35am - St. Paul's Chapel Bell Choir - 6:30pm - BR	25 Bible Study - 12pm - Parlor Stewardship - 7pm - Parlor Finance - 7pm - Library Choir - 7pm - Choir Room	26 Serenity Church - 6pm Education Building	27 Girl Scouts - 8am - 11am - Grace Fellowship Hall
28 Fair Trade Sale Grace Fellowship Hall Serenity Church - 12pm-3pm Education Building Trunk or Treat - 5pm-8pm - Fellowship Hall and Church Parking Lot UMY 6pm-8pm Education Building	29 United Methodist Women Executive Meeting - 7pm - CR	30 Men's Bible Study - 7am - SR Staff Mtg. - 9:30am - Library Covenant Discipleship - 2pm - Parlor Family Life - 7pm - Library DCS - 7pm - Grace Fellowship Hall	31 Intercessory Prayer - 10:35am - St. Paul's Chapel			

Family Life Events



Trunk or Treat
October 28th, 5-8pm
Church Parking Lot

Advent Dinner
December 2nd, 5pm
Grace Fellowship Hall



Live Nativity
November 28th, 5-8pm
Loockerman Plaza

Breakfast with Santa
December 15th, 8:30am
Grace Fellowship Hall



The Well of Hope

Saturday, October 13, 2012

9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Wesley United Methodist Church

The Well is a leadership training event that combines many of the best resources of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference. We invite you to bring as many ministry leaders and potential leaders as you like to benefit from this gathering.

Each participant will choose either the FLEX TRACK or one of four SPECIALTY TRACKS. Participants in the FLEX TRACK may choose courses in any of 13 ministry

areas. Those who choose a SPECIALTY TRACK will attend classes in their chosen ministry area throughout the day.

Registration Fee: \$10.00 per person

Registration forms are available at the church office or online at www.pen-del.org/

Registration must be received by October 1, 2012

Please mail completed registration forms and payment to:

Peninsula-Delaware Conference

Attn: The Well Registration

139 North State Street

Dover DE 19901



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