



Spring Cleaning on a Daily Basis?!?

Spring cleaning is the time when we pull out all the stops and clean all those areas that we do not routinely scrub (gutters, drapes, behind the frig!). Spring cleaning is not usually referring to normal and regular procedure, but it takes on gigantic proportions as we attempt to tackle some monster mess that has been growing or has been neglected.

There is a need for us to do some spiritual spring cleaning, but this greatly differs from our annual spring cleaning blitz.

The primary “worker” when it comes to spiritual spring cleaning is not us, but God. It is God who cleans us up and tackles the mess and brokenness of our sin and the daily contamination we pick up from living in the world.

Psalm 51, verses 7 and 10:

“Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.” (vs7)

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” (vs 10)

The verbs (cleanse, wash, create, renew) all have the same subjects and objects. We are the objects of the verbs. We are on the receiving end. We are the one who is cleansed, washed, created and renewed. God is the subject of the verbs. God is the one doing the work, the heavy lifting. God is the one who does the cleansing, washing, creating and renewing.

There are some things we need to do, but they are not as overwhelming and monumental as we fear. First, we have to ask for help: (vs 1) *“Have mercy on me, O God.”* Secondly, we need to acknowledge our need (confession): (vs 3) *“For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.”*

Unlike our annual spring cleaning, spiritual spring cleaning is not seasonal, monthly, or weekly. Spiritual spring cleaning is daily and produces new growth and fruit just like plant growth in spring time. That should give you a different perspective and understanding to the daily habits of confession and repentance – daily spring cleaning.

“Take Risks” & God Bless,
Pastor Sal





Spaghetti Supper

We will be hosting a Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction on Sunday, May 19th at Dover Bethany @ 6:00 pm. Tickets will be \$10.00 each and all money will go directly to the IMO team, to benefit the team going on the IMO mission trip in September. If you can help prepare, serve, clean and donate dessert, please sign up on your Communication Card. Any questions, please call Kim Grove (717)434-0676.

Honoring 2019 Graduates

Please submit the names and information concerning graduates, high school or beyond, who are active in Dover Bethany to Michelle Duncker @ (717) 793-6910, or the church office (717) 292-2716, email: msarver@dbumc.org by May 26th. We will honor graduates on June 2nd and there will also be a special offering for scholarships.

101 Membership Class

There will be a basic membership class on Saturday, June 8th from 8:00 am– 12:00 pm. You are encouraged to come and find out more about the mission and ministry of Dover Bethany UMC. Please sign up on your Communication Card.

Stitches of Love

The last meeting for Stitches of Love is Wed., May 8th. We will begin to meet again in September.

Thank You...

- ♥ to everyone who helped with the Easter Sunday celebration and Holy Week services.
- ♥ to those leading up the dinner and auction to benefit the Children's Home.



Transition for Dover Bethany Learning Center

Trish Wade is stepping down as our center's director. She has found new employment, but will still serve on our DBELC board. She will help us through this transition and be available for future questions and advise.

We are grateful for all Trish has done for our center over the years. She has helped get us through a rocky financial time and has grown our center numerically (number of children) and in our ratings with the state (number of stars – now 2). Please be in prayer for our staff, children and families through this time of transition.

Operation Christmas Child Update

We have enough toothbrushes and combs for our boxes for this year!

Please be purchasing the following items for the shoeboxes:

- ☺ 24 pack crayons
- ☺ color books
- ☺ 12 pack pencils
- ☺ sidewalk chalk packs
- ☺ pencil sharpeners
- ☺ any other items that would make good gifts for our shoeboxes
- ☺ washcloths
- ☺ loose leaf notebook paper packs
- ☺ plastic water bottles
- ☺ stuffed animal



| May 2019 Volunteer Schedule | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
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| Sanctuary door Greeters | Joan & Dennis Wilt | Curt & Kathy Lamparter | George & Ruthie Laird | Carolyn Blymire Deb Kemper |
| Hospitality Center | Mark Burkhardt Margie Burkhardt | Jeff Stief Lynette Stief | Linda Deneen Ray Deneen | Kathy Aughey Marlin Aughey |
| Nursery | Tennille Burkhardt Elaine Myers | Tracy Henze Jeanne Spahr | Lynette Stief Pat Smith | Linda Deneen Dorothy Bell |
| *On Call | *Ray Neiman | * Carolyn Blymire | * Steve Green | *Jack McLeod |
| Head Usher | Jack McLeod | Ray Neiman | Jeff Stief | Rich Crager |
| Counters | Sue Hoover Barb Mazol | Sue Hoover Barb Mazol | Sue Hoover Barb Mazol | Sue Hoover Barb Mazol |

MISSION CENTRAL TRIP on Wednesday, June 1st leaving at 9 AM.

| Dover Bethany United Methodist Church Calendar | | | | | | May 2019 |
|---|--|----------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|  | | | 1 9am-2pm Mission Central Trip 6pm WWAB | 2 10am Thursday Bible Study | 3 | 4 5p Covered Dish & Auction |
| 5 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship (Baptism Sunday) 10:45am Sunday School | 6 | 7 9am Ladies' Bible Study | 8 9am Stitches of Love 6pm WWAB | 9 10am Thursday Bible Study 7p Stephen Ministry Meeting | 10 | 11 |
| 12 MOTHER'S DAY 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School | 13 7pm Alzheimer & Dementia Meeting | 14 | 15 6pm WWAB | 16 10am Thursday Bible Study 7pm P&W Practice | 17 | 18 |
| 19 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School FOOD BANK Sunday 6:00pm Spaghetti Supper | 20 | 21 9am Ladies' Bible Study | 22 6pm WWAB | 23 10am Thursday Bible Study | 24 | 25 7am Men's Covenant |
| 26 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School | 27 MEMORIAL DAY (Office Closed) | 28 | 29 6pm WWAB | 30 10am Thursday Bible Study <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Annual Conference May 30 – June 1st Hershey, PA</div> | 31 |  |

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MISSION NIGERIA! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 17-21st @ 9 – 11:30AM

*We are headed on a mission –
to share God's love here and in Africa!*

Vacation Bible School will be June 17 – 21st from 9:00 – 11:30 AM. Our Bible study will focus on parables told by Jesus. Our mission theme will be on the IMO Medical Missions and our team who is going to Nigeria this fall from Dover Bethany. We expect a fun week of learning, songs, crafts, snacks and games for ages 3 – 12.

We need you to help make this week possible. Please sign up if you can help in one of our activity areas for VBS week. Contact Nancy Buonocore if you have any questions. You will have so much fun and help share God's love with the kids at VBS. Please sign up to help on your Communication Card. Pre-registration for students will begin in June.