



## Bethany Banner October 2017

*The Newsletter of  
Dover Bethany UM Church  
4510 Bull Road  
Dover, PA 17315*

### **Choosing to Stay Faithful to Our Call**

Last April, the Judicial Council ruled that the commissioning of a gay bishop is against church law. Nothing has yet happened, and an openly lesbian Bishop Oliveto still presides over the Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone Annual Conferences, which are financially struggling.

The Judicial Council ruled that Board of Ordained Ministries of Annual Conferences must uphold and follow the Discipline in regards to approving candidates for ministry. Several Boards have publically stated that they will not do so.

Over the last year, several very large UM Churches have left the denomination. These churches represent evangelistic, conservative, traditional, strong, growing churches that are leaving our ranks due to this open rebellion and heresy.

This November, the Council of Bishops (COB) will receive an interim report from the special commission. This commission has the task to lead the church forward amid the present impasse related to human sexuality and resulting questions about the unity of the church. The report will likely include at least the outlines of a plan for the bishops' preliminary reflections.

The commission is expected to submit its final proposal to the COB in April 2018. The COB has the right to modify it, but it must publicly release a proposal no later than July 4, 2018, so the delegates slated to attend the called 2019 General Conference have time to give it their due consideration.

In the meantime, we cannot tread water or mark time while the bureaucrats bicker and the denomination burns. We are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with everyone and make disciples for Jesus Christ. Our church has become a member of the Wesleyan Covenant Association and I want to encourage as many of you who can to attend the event that will be at Red Lion on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Seating is limited to 300, so you need to register early.

"Take Risks" and God Bless,  
Pastor Sal



### **Church Conference Meeting – Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM**

All members of the church are encouraged to attend the annual Church Conference meeting.

### **Church Directories**

An updated church directory will be included in the November 2017 newsletter. We appreciate everyone who promptly turned in the update forms. We are reviewing our records and preparing the new directories to include all who gave permission for inclusion. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

# Operation Christmas Child Float - Parade Instructions for All Volunteers

The Dover parade is Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. Registration for the Dover Parade begins at noon along Intermediate AVE with all roads closed at 2:30 PM. Limited parking is available at the school. We are trying to arrange a carpooling option from the church, with details announced in church on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The float will be assigned a spot somewhere between the school and Jim & Nena's. If you are able to come and help put the float together, please arrive early. **All walkers need to be there no later than 2 PM.**

- ☺ Wear your T-Shirt, warm clothing (as needed), comfortable walking shoes and a warm smile. T-shirts will be handed out at church on the morning of October 8<sup>th</sup>. Water bottles will be available during the parade, as well as a recovery vehicle for tired walkers following the float.
- ☺ Each walker will have a pail full of candy to give to children and/or invitations to give to adults. **Candy should be handed out, not be thrown.** Refills will be available on the end of the float. Please stay on assigned side and distribute as much as possible with a warm and friendly greeting.

The Manchester/Mt Wolf parade is Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM. Our float will be in the parking lot near the BB&T Bank, which is located off of George St Ext in Manchester at 155 Glen Dr. We plan to be there no later than 11 AM with the float. **All persons willing to set up should arrive early and everyone should be there by 12:30 PM.** All roads will close at 1:30 PM. Parking can be found near Dollar Tree, Giant or Roses across the street or in any of the staging areas. If you are unable to participate with the group, please support us with your prayers and by cheering from the sidelines of the parades.



October 2017 Volunteer Schedule	1	8	15	22	29
<b>9:15 am Service</b>					
Sanctuary door Greeters	June Gise Donna Snyder	Bob Sarver Jack McLeod	George Laird Ruthie Laird	Ruth Beveridge Lucy Angle	Barry Hoover Deb Hoover
Nursery	Tennille Burkhart Lynette Stief	Carol Sarver Sonja Crisamore	Carolyn Blymire Mark Burkhart	Eleanor Eyster Michelle Duncker	Margie Burkhart Denise Brulinski
Head Usher	Rich Crager	George Laird	Jeff Stief	Ray Neiman	Jack McLeod
<b>Counters</b>	Don & Donna Barshinger	Don & Donna Barshinger	Don & Donna Barshinger	Don & Donna Barshinger	Don & Donna Barshinger

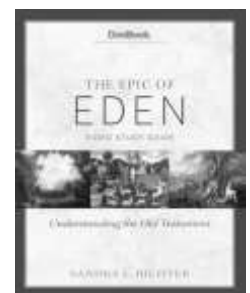


## Wonderful Wednesday

How are you spending your Wednesday evening? Come join us for Wonderful Wednesday. A family friendly meal is served at 6 pm (optional donation for the meal). Following the meal, we break into adult and youth age groups for fellowship and spiritual growth. Join us and make your Wednesdays wonderful!

## Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10 AM

Thursday morning Bible study is back in action. The study uses the workbook, **The Epic of Eden: Understanding the Old Testament**. Workbooks cost \$20. Please sign up on your Communication Card to order a workbook.



# Operation Christmas Child Shoebox UPDATE



We are down to our last one and a half months to finish collecting for the shoeboxes.

We still need the following items:

**\*\*235 washcloths\*\*      **\*\*840 color books\*\*      **\*\*684 toys other than stuffed animals\*\*******

**And any other miscellaneous items that would be good for kids/youth**

Remember: **NO** Candy or toothpaste; **NO** USED items; **No** liquid or lotion; **No** war item

## Shoebox Packing Party – November 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8 AM

It is almost here – and we are planning to put together 1200+ boxes. Mark your calendars and start inviting friends to our annual Shoebox Packing Party on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8 AM.

**Shipping on the boxes has increased to \$9 per box. This is not only a raise in shipping cost, but it now includes the materials used to share the gospel message with the children. If you are able to donate toward shipping, please note on your donation to the church that it is for OCC Shoebox shipping. THANKS!**



## Children's Sunday School - Bible Lessons Based on Candy Bars

Each week our children's lesson will be framed with a different candy bar. There is a parent sheet so you can help your kids remember and apply their lesson. Each week has a memory verse, skit, craft activity, group lesson and discussion. Our teens are helping lead the program and Pastor Sal is leading the singing! All children and youth are encouraged to join in the Sunday morning fun.

## Dover Bethany United Methodist Calendar October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 7:30AM Praise Band Practice 8:00AM Helping Hands SS Class <b>9:15AM Worship Service</b> 10:45AM Sunday School for all ages	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9AM Ladies' Bible Study  7PM Trustees, SPR, Finance 8PM Board of Directors	<b>4</b> 9AM Mission Central Trip  6PM Wonderful Wednesday	<b>5</b> 10AM Bible Study with Pastor Sal	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 7:30AM Praise Band Practice 8:00AM Helping Hands SS Class <b>9:15AM Worship Service</b> 10:45AM Sunday School for all ages <b>2 PM Dover Parade</b>	<b>9</b> 7PM Alzheimer & Dementia Mtg With guest, Candy Yingling from the Alzheimer's Association	<b>10</b> 7PM Know-Grow-Serve-Share Mtg	<b>11</b> 9 AM Stitches of Love  5PM Stephen's Ministry 6PM Wonderful Wednesday	<b>12</b> 10AM Bible Study with Pastor Sal	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9AM-4PM Wesleyan Covenant Assoc Simulcast in Red Lion See article for details
<b>15</b> 7:30AM Praise Band Practice 8:00AM Helping Hands SS Class <b>9:15AM Worship Service</b> 10:45AM Sunday School for all ages <b>12:30 PM Manchester/ Mt Wolf Parade</b>	<b>16</b> 7p Weigh down Bible Study at The Saylor's	<b>17</b> 9AM Ladies' Bible Study	<b>18</b> 6PM Wonderful Wednesday	<b>19</b> 10AM Bible Study with Pastor Sal	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7AM Men's Covenant
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### ***Wesleyan Covenant Association Simulcast***

**Susquehanna Chapel Church, 3050 Cape Horn Road, Red Lion  
October 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM at 4 PM**



**\$30.00 On-line registration required – seating is limited so register early!**

**<https://wesleyancovenant.org/houston/simulcast.php>**

**This is your opportunity to join in the meeting of the Wesleyan Covenant Association without leaving the county. Theme of the event: “Move: On Mission with God”**

Speakers and Worship leaders include: Kenneth Levingston (Texas Annual Conference), Shane Bishop (Illinois Great River Annual Conference), Keith Boyette (Virginia Annual Conference), Jennifer Cowart (South Georgia Annual Conference), Jeff Greenway (West Ohio Annual Conference), Forbes Matonga (Zimbabwe Annual Conference), Bishop Robert Hayes (retired Bishop), Cara Nicklas (Oklahoma Annual Conference), Rob Renfroe (Texas Annual Conference), Mark Swayne (West Texas Annual Conference)

### **Book Discussion with the Pastor – November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 1 PM**

Pastor Sal invites you to join in reading, *The Rise of Theological Liberalism & the Decline of American Methodism*. This book discusses the modern history that has led to the crisis in our United Methodist Church. The cost is \$25.00, which includes book and lunch. Sign up on your communication card and write a check or put cash in an envelope and indicate it is for the book discussion group.