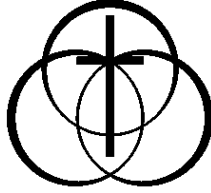

Dover Bethany Global Methodist Church

Newsletter

Rev. Salvatore E. Buonocore, Senior Pastor

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Reasonable Sacrifices

Many of you know my fondness of oxymorons, two words that don't go together: jumbo shrimp, white chocolate, bureaucratic efficiency. We just left a denomination that was an oxymoron.

I found another oxymoron: reasonable sacrifice. By definition, a sacrifice is the act of giving up something valued.

The word reasonable, when used concerning a price or a product, means not too expensive. It also means to make sense. It would not make sense to sacrifice your prize livestock instead of using them to grow your flock or herd. That would seem to be too expensive.

But to give something up that you don't care about is not a sacrifice. That's simply cleaning out your junk!

Why does the Old Testament take so much time discussing the condition of the animal sacrifices? Sacrificial animals were to be perfect: no blemishes, imperfections, no blind, lame or deformed animals. You were to give God your very best.

Therefore David says, "I will not offer sacrifices that cost me nothing." (2 Samuel 24:24) If it is a sacrifice, it should cost us. There should be some sting. We should have some skin in the game. There is no such thing as a convenient or painless sacrifice.

Personally: In your Christian walk with God, do you operate on the basis of comfort and convenience or does it cost you something?

Church: When it comes to mission, ministry, outreach, evangelism - do you participate on the basis of what you like and what makes you happy, or do you make sacrifices?

Something to wrestle with. Something to pray about.

"Take Risks" and God Bless,
Pastor Sal

Jesus, all for Jesus, all I am and have
and ever hope to be. All of my
ambitions, hopes and plans, I
surrender these into Your hands...

Prayer Changes Things

Don't miss out on prayer time in the chapel. Take some time to add prayer requests and praises to the white board in the chapel. Spend some time reading scripture, hymns and praying.

DNA HOME GROUPS (DISCIPLESHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY)

A Great Opportunity

What is a DNA group? It is a group of folks that get together to discuss a passage of scripture based on the sermon from Sunday; share prayer concerns and praises; and becomes a group of trusted friends. Do you have that kind of Christian fellowship in your life? If not, you want to start attending a DNA Group!

If you are not currently in a DNA group, you are in the minority here at Dover Bethany. **If you need help in joining a DNA group, make a note on your Communication Card and we will help you get connected. We are also looking for a few new group hosts and discussion facilitators. Please contact Pastor Emily if you are interested in hosting or facilitating one of our DNA groups.**

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The Connection: Children's Ministry

The kids are having a wonderful time at The Connection from 5:30 – 7:30 PM each Sunday evening. If you have not attended, it is time to bring the kids to check it out!

A DNA group is meeting next door at the parsonage at the same time as the children's ministry. Drop off the kids and come over for a time of sharing and Bible study.

Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group

Every second Monday of the month at 7PM, we host a support group for the families of those living with or helping a family member with Alzheimer and/or other dementia. Please come and check this out or share this with others you know struggling in this situation. It is open to all in our community.

Don't forget – Bring donations for the Food Pantry on the third Sunday of the month. Summer is a slow time for food pantry donations, but the need is still great.

Thursday, July 4th – Church Picnic @ 1PM

We have a special treat planned for the 4th of July! Our annual church picnic will start at 1 PM at the picnic pavilion. Our entrée of gourmet BBQ and smoked meats will be provided by THE MEAT MAN, Travis Schiesser. Pastor Sal and Nancy will provide homemade mac n cheese, all the drinks and paper goods. **You are asked to bring a lawn chair, a side and/or dessert and a white elephant gift for the Bingo game.** You are also encouraged to bring any lawn games you have to share. If you have questions, please see Pastor Sal and/or Nancy.

Vacation Bible Camp
July 12-13
August 9-10

Friday Night 6:30 PM to
Saturday Night Closing
Dinner with Families
at 5 PM



We had a wonderful time at our first weekend of Vacation Bible Camp. There is still time for both kids and adults to join in the fun. Look for a registration form at the welcome stations or the VBC bulletin board to register for the July and/or August weekends. For adults, see Nancy Buonocore if you would like to help out with the fun.

You don't want to miss out on the best camping ever: under the stars, in the air-conditioning and with the bathrooms right down the hall!! The lessons, crafts, games, food, music and fun are great, too.



**Upcoming Events for
Your Spiritual Growth**

**101 Membership Class –
September 7th from 8 AM to Noon.**

Come and learn about salvation, our faith statements, our church's strategy and structure.

301 S.H.A.P.E. Class – August 3rd from 8 AM to Noon

Learn about how God has shaped you for ministry by exploring your Spiritual Gifts, Heart (passion), Abilities (skills/training), Personality, and Experience

401 Mission Class – October 5th from 8 AM to Noon

This class is to give us tools for evangelism. This will be very helpful as Christmas will be around the corner and we want to invite family, friends and neighbors to worship with us and ultimately come to know Jesus!

Right Now Media

The church has a subscription to Right Now Media and you can freely access tens of thousands of resources on line using our membership: men's or women's studies, materials for youth or children, bible studies, devotional series, topical studies on marriage, parenting, finances, topics including church history, theology, apologetics, mission, outreach, mental health. There are thousands of resources!!!

Sign up on your communication card to get a free email invite.



Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendar for an Ice Cream Social on August 17th. This is a community outreach being hosted by our DNA groups. We hope to see 300 people at this event. Watch for more information in your bulletin.

July 2024 Volunteer Schedule		7	14	21	28
Greeters	9:00 AM	Mike & Ginger Lehr Jeff & Lynette Stief	Jason & Maria Spence Darren & Jami Weiland	Bob & Carol Sarver Rich Crager Carl Krause	Elaine Myers Denise Brulinski Donna Snyder
	10:45 AM	Steve & Carla Green Luke & Britney Yeager	Mike & Ginger Lehr	Nancy Snyder Mary Fetrow Marie Lauer Jeanne Spahr	Lynn & Brandi Strayer Lou & Nancy Dehoff
Nursery	9:00 AM	Denise Brulinski Carol Sarver	Beth Trout Carolyn Blymire	Tracy Henze Jami Weiland	Tennille Burkhardt Nancy Snyder
	10:45 AM	Ginger Lehr Jeanne Spahr	Margie Burkhardt Melody Workman	Carla Green Mark Burkhardt	Steve Green Marie Lauer
Hospitality	9:00 AM	_____	Jeff & Lynette Stief	Vivian Quigley Elaine Myers	_____
	10:45 AM	Mark & Margie Burkhardt	_____	Darlene Lookingbill Scott Enders	Marlin & Kathy Aughey
Head Usher	9:00 AM	Rich Crager	Jack McLeod	Jeff Stief	Allan Crisamore
	10:45 AM	Darren Weiland	Roy Keefe	Mike Lehr	Luke Yeager
Counters		Elaine Kroft & Dennis Lehr			



New Church Launch

There have been concerns raised concerning the new church plant. Please keep praying for wisdom and God's leading in this ministry potential.



Hoss's Fundraiser

Our Hoss's fundraiser day will be Tuesday, July 23rd, all day. The money raised will go toward our shoebox ministry shipping. Make sure you pick up a Cash Cow card at the Welcome Stations.



Dover Bethany Global Methodist Church Calendar

JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9am Ladies Bible Study	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED 1pm 4 th of July Picnic 	5	6
7 8am Helping Hand Class Prayer Time in Chapel 9am - Noon 9:00am Worship 10:45am Worship 5:30pm – 7:30pm The Connection: Children's Ministry	8 7pm Alzheimer/ Dementia Support Group	9	10 9am Stitches of Love	11	12 Vacation Bible Camp Sign-In 6:30 – 7 PM	13 Vacation Bible Camp Closing Dinner for Campers and their families 5PM
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Financial Life of our Church

Global Methodist Church Connectional Funding

The local church's investment in the ministries and missions of the Global Methodist Church are called its "connectional funding." The name reminds all local churches that they are part of one body working together to share the Gospel all around the world. The General Church (the whole world) and the Annual Conferences (our church is in the Northeast Annual Conference) have established a percentage each local church is to set aside for connectional funding (based on annual operating income).

Under this connectional funding model, the general church and its annual conferences must learn to operate with the funds local churches provide. Instead of being a top-down funding model, funding is determined from the bottom up. The finances available for funding connectional ministries is determined at the grass roots level. This way of providing resources for fulfilling the Global Methodist Church's mission and ministries creates mutual accountability between local churches, annual conferences, and the general church.

For the calendar year 2024, our church has been assessed: \$ 2,979 to remit for the General Church and \$ 8,937 for our Annual Conference.

GENERAL FUND 05/31/2024

REVENUE

Contributions	
General Fund/Sunday School	169,491
Other Donations	4,916
Memorial Gifts	1,230
Other Income	1,320
TOTAL REVENUE	176,957

EXPENSES

GMC Connectional Funding	4,965
Human Resources	
Pastoral Support	74,214
Lay Employees	14,076
General Operations	
Church Administration	3,112
Church/Parsonage Utilities	10,836
Property Maintenance	10,835
Taxes, Insurance, Fees, etc	8,037
Team Expenses – Serving, Growing, Sharing, Knowing	14,766
TOTAL EXPENSES	140,841

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