

March 2025

Conley's United Methodist Church

THE CONNECTION

In essentials, unity

In non-essentials, liberty

In all things, charity



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The Pastor's Pen

a word from Pastor Bill Davis

In 2023 Conley's Church initiated a "visioning process." The purpose was: 1) to help focus our congregation's vision on the future, and 2) to remind the congregation of the vision that set us on our current path. One of several outcomes was a conviction that God is leading our church to focus more intentionally on extending our sanctuary beyond the walls of the church building. We are thankful for the ways we already see God expanding our outreach to our community! And we believe God is leading us to expand our physical sanctuary as well. The following site plan shows our vision for creating a sacred place on the land with which God has blessed us. The following are reasons we are convinced this vision is the leading of the Holy Spirit:

1. We believe this vision is confirmed by the witness of those who came before us. This is not a new vision so much as it is a reminder and re-igniting of the vision that brought the Conley's congregation to this location in the first place. When the people of Conley's Chapel purchased twenty acres on John J. Williams Highway, the vision was to use this property for the glory of God and the spread of the gospel. The *whole* property. Indeed, the first thing built on the property was not the worship center, but a tree-enclosed enclave with a paved walkway. Originally used for a Christmas presentation, the congregation always had a vision that this enclave would one day be used for year-round ministry. This is where the seed of the Spirit was first planted on this property. Since then, the land has waited quietly for God's perfect timing. We believe the Spirit is telling us, "Now is the time for that seed to bloom." Additionally, a pavilion from the Rehoboth boardwalk was procured to be used for creative outdoor ministry; this vision features that pavilion, refurbished and serving as a prayer chapel. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will bring forth the fruitful ministry envisioned for this property.

2. We believe this vision is confirmed by the witness of our present congregation. From its beginning, the Vision Team wanted to ensure that everything Conley's Church does is prayer-inspired and Spirit-led. The team solicited the prayers of the congregation throughout, and one way this was done was a church-wide prayer walk. Following the prayer walk, the congregation was invited to pray for spiritual discernment and to submit ideas for ministry through our church and on our property. While many creative ideas were presented, the desire to extend our sanctuary beyond the four walls of our worship center was expressed in multiple ways by multiple people, including many who were unaware of the Vision Team's ideas. Members and friends of Conley's Church have experienced this congregation as a warm, welcoming community of faith where prayers are answered and the peace of God is present, where the Word of God is honored and forgiveness is found. And we want to offer these blessings of the Holy Spirit to those around us. One way we can do that is to create a place where we can invite the community--some of whom would be reluctant to enter a church building--to experience the peace of Christ. Our prayer is that all who step onto our church property will feel the same peace that we feel whenever we step into our church building.

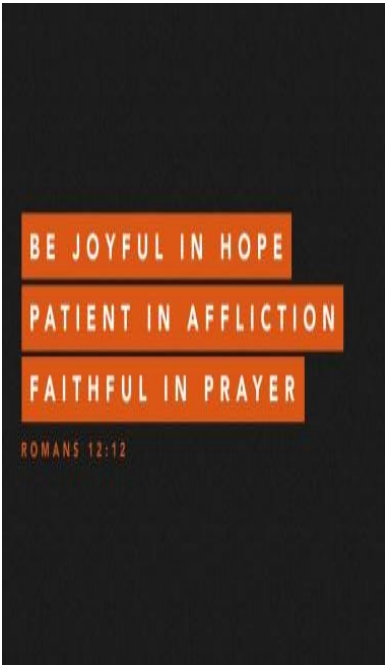
We believe this vision is confirmed by the needs of our community. It is an ironic truth that as our society becomes more and more digitally connected, it becomes more and more spiritually disconnected. The Surgeon General identified loneliness as the primary health crisis facing our nation and numerous sociological and academic authorities have confirmed the gravity of this issue. We believe God has given us a vision of a sacred space where people will be able to experience peace—not the "peace" that the world gives, but the peace of Christ that exceeds understand, a place where people will be able to connect with God and with one another. This is not an abstract vision, nor is it an outdated or out-of-touch, "churchy" idea. Rather, it is a vision that is vitally relevant to the place and time in which we live. Our prayer is that as we extend our sanctuary, God will use this sacred ground not only to draw people into a place of spiritual healing but to create opportunities for our church to share the good news of salvation.

We are grateful to God for the spirit of excitement and encouragement we have experienced, and solicit your prayers, insights, and support as we pursue God's vision together.



- 1. Walking Path
- 2. Prayer Chapel
- 3. Labyrinth
- 4. Pollinator Gardens
- 5. Firepit
- 6. Picnic Area
- 7. Campsites
- 8. Outdoor Chapel

A large version of this site plan is posted at the information center in the church narthex (outside the Prayer Room). A brochure version of this article is also available there.



The Rhythm of Life

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

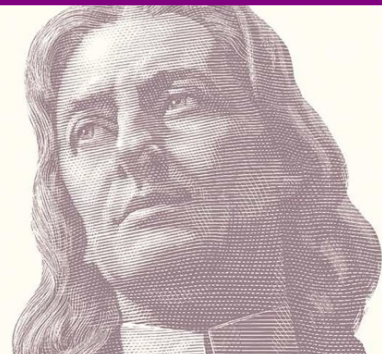
God created time and every activity under the sun. Our lives have a rhythm. We experience times of darkness and times of light; pleasure and sadness; illness and health; needing and having; seeking and finding; loving and being loved; hating and being hated. The list goes on. God never promised a rosy life. In our life we have times of blessings and struggles – bad times and good times. Each serves its own purpose. Both are opportunities to pray. One offers a time to seek and depend on God. The other, a time to recognize and praise God.

Almighty Creator God, You are faithful and loving, ever-present and ever-hearing. Life is sometimes dark and lonely. We struggle in life with difficulties. It is in those times we seek You. We want resolution to our problems. We struggle on our own wearing ourselves out. In our trouble we pour out our hearts to You. We beg and we plead until we have no more words to say and then we sit in exhausted silence. It is in that quiet that You come to us giving us comfort and relief, showing us the way to go. The problems may still exist but our strength is renewed. Eventually You bless us with a solution or fill us with the trust and wisdom to live with it. Thank You most merciful and loving God for giving us strength and peace and walking through the dark Valleys with us. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Shepherd, Amen.

God gives strength to the weary.

“I have never known more than fifteen minutes of anxiety or fear. Whenever I feel fearful emotions overtaking me, I just close my eyes and thank God that He is still on the throne reigning over everything and I take comfort in His control over the affairs of my life.”

—John Wesley



Greetings from the Missions Team



Thank you for your
very generous donations

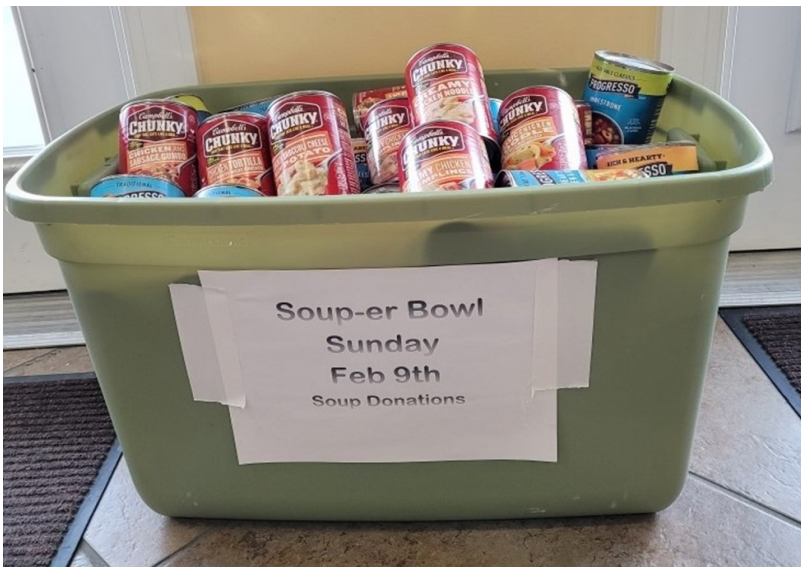


Souper Bowl Sunday
soup drive



Did you know?

Conley's distributes
10% of all income from
church offerings to lo-
cal, national, and inter-
national missions pro-
grams.



Two tubs of canned soups were
collected and donated to the
Cape Henlopen Food Bank

People Reaching People
EVANGELISM



Evangelism Team News

Fasting and Prayer

“So, we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer.” (Ezra 8:23)

“So, after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.” Acts 13:3

Are you fasting or giving something up for Lent? Being raised a Catholic I grew up believing that fasting and abstinence, including giving up something that I enjoyed eating, was an important thing to observe during Lent. I continue to believe this today even though I stopped going to the Catholic church over 40 years ago.

Do you know that fasting and prayer are linked? I have learned that fasting is often linked with prayer in Christian spirituality and that linkage is believed to have many benefits. Fasting and prayer can help build our faith and trust in God. I also understand that Jesus in the New Testament grouped prayer and fasting, along with giving, together as acts of righteousness.

Did you know?:

- Fasting is mentioned over 70 times throughout the Bible.
- Along with Jesus others in the Bible who fasted included Moses, David, Daniel, Elijah, Esther, as well as Paul and Luke.
- In the Bible, the most common fast lasts for one day from sunup to sundown, refraining from all food but not from water.
- People in the Bible fasted for different reasons, including to mourn, to humble themselves before God, to seek guidance from God and seeking God's will.
- According to Luke 18:12 followers of Jesus are expected to fast twice a week and while not explicitly stated, many Christians choose Wednesday and Friday in remembrance of Jesus' betrayal and crucifixion.
- According to St. Thomas Aquinas: “Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, and kindles the true light of chastity.”
- And, according to Mahatma Gandhi: “The light of the world will illuminate within you when you fast and purify yourself.”

Lord, please forgive us for craving food more than you. Forgive us for craving anything more than you. Lord redirect our hunger. Be our God. Open our eyes to the benefits of fasting. Open our hearts to you like never before. Give us the desire to turn to you with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our strength, May we no longer live by bread alone but by every word that comes from your mouth Oh LORD. Teach us to fast so that we might hold fast to you. In Jesus Name, Amen. (Alyssa Wollard)

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Latest from Conley's Social Concerns Team



Feeding the Flock

We are continuing to serve about 225 lunches each Monday, at our 4 Millsboro locations. We have begun taking supplemental food boxes to some of the people. Food stamps just aren't providing enough food for the month. We are so blessed and fortunate to continue to receive food from the Food Bank, Oak Orchard Church, as well as all of your donations. We do have ongoing needs for the pantry. Beef Stew, Spam, Vienna sausage and Instant Potatoes are always in demand and short supply.



Soup for the Soul

Wednesday's continue to have upwards of 30 guests who come for food and fellowship. Dale and her teams appreciate your donations of soups and desserts. You can sign up in the Narthex.

Social Concerns

We have been discussing the importance of setting boundaries when working with the marginalized population. There is a fine line between assistance and enabling. Many of the people we assist are skilled at "navigating the system". It's our job to listen and offer solutions or help when we can. Our partners at Love, INC help out with keeping track of those we help.

Solitary religion is not to be found . . . The gospel of Christ knows of no religion but social religion; no holiness but social holiness. Faith working by love is the length and breadth and depth and height of Christian perfection.

(From John Wesley's intro to "Hymns and Sacred Poems.")

NEWS from CONLEY'S THRIFT SHOP



Attention, attention!!!

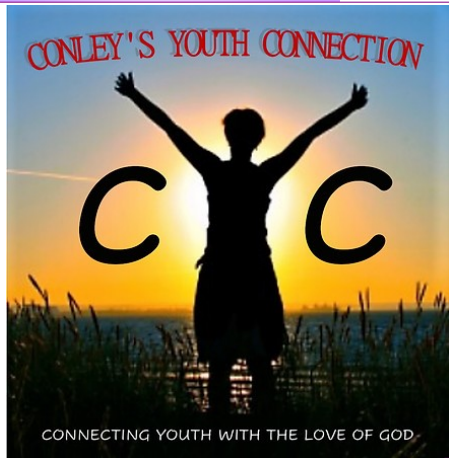
Your help is needed..... The Thrift Shop's semi-annual clothing change over will be happening on Monday, March 17 th and we need the assistance of 12 to 15 people to make this happen in a short period of time. We normally start at 9:30 and are back in working condition by 2:30 or so. We will be removing the remaining fall and winter clothing and bagging for donation to Phoenix Clothing Co. for their give away program. We will do a cleaning of each of the clothing rooms and then rehang/replace with spring and summer clothing items, shoes and purses. Friendship and a nice lunch is provided. Please see Pat or Sally if you can help.

The Thrift Shop had an opportunity to assist a young man with furnishing a home for him and his brother. He has been homeless for a while and has been working with Higher Ground in Georgetown. They now have jobs and will be sharing an apartment and have nothing other than their clothes. He was able to choose a sofa, recliner, end tables, lamps, beddings, 2 chest of drawers, linens, cook ware, coffee pot, cook ware, dishes, glasses, etc. etc. They will be moving into this apartment on March 1st . Conley's wishes them God's Blessings on this new page in their lives. These are the opportunities that we love to help with.

This has been one of the coldest winters that Sally and I can remember. What a challenge that it has presented for us and the running of the shop. Do we open, do we not???? Because so much of our activities include volunteers having to be outside, we have used the guidelines that if it is freezing and below temperature, the donation center will be closed. If it has had a major accumulation of snow/ice on the parking lot....the thrift shop will be closed until safe for us and the public. I always post openings and closings on our Facebook page. You can always give me a call if you need additional information at 301 873 7472. We were closed 6 days in January and February. This means that we are now playing catchup money wise. Hopefully spring is just around the corner and sales will meet and exceed our usual numbers. Thanks for your support.

Did you know?

Conley's Thrift Shop donates 10% of all income to local charities.



Providing a safe and fun environment
where young people can
learn about God,
build their faith,
and form friendships.

I am having a hard time believing that it's March already?! We have had quite a winter—COLD and snowy! I have definitely enjoyed the beauty that the snow brings, but I am ready for warm, sunny spring days and being able to spend more time outside—especially with our goat friends! After the cold of winter, we may appreciate the warmth of spring a little more than usual!

My thoughts are drawn to a transition that is taking place. Our seasons are transitioning, as we are transitioning into the Lenten season. I was reminded of one of my favorite Psalms and it seems fitting, as we approach the Lord and ready ourselves to receive ashes on our foreheads in repentance, truly marking the first day of Lent. Lent is a time to humble ourselves and consider how we can have an even closer relationship with the One who loves us the most. God's love is unconditional for each one of us, He is a Father full of grace and forgiveness. Come before Him and pray for His Spirit to work in you! As we observe the cold and darkness of winter fading into the warmth and light of spring, remember the darkness of Good Friday transitioning to the new beginnings that Easter Sunday brings. The snow and rain watered and prepared the ground for new green grass and the beautiful flower blooms soon to be seen—so many blessings and reminders that we have a God who is always there to see us through our transitions here on Earth. Our God is an Awesome God!

Psalm 51 (v. 1-15) says:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all of my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely, I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners turn back to you. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.



An Auction Fundraiser!

Yes, our next fundraiser is in the works! A silent auction, and perhaps live auction too, is planned for October, 2025. Fundraising – through congregational gifts from our numerous church partners, grants, and other donations - is an ongoing task for our team. As I'm sure you are aware, Camp Hope is a costly proposition. We pay for food, bus transportation, field trips, games, crafts, equipment, and countless miscellaneous items. And, while the camp is overwhelmingly managed through volunteer efforts, we do have some staff salary costs. And, it adds up.

So, we know that you are planning to attend the auction (of course!) but we also need your help in the upcoming months to seek items for the auction. We have begun collecting items and we invite you to join us in this effort. Do you own or are you connected to a business or a service that would be able to donate an item or a gift certificate? Do you have any brand-new items that you haven't opened (regifting is okay!)? Would you like to put together a pretty gift basket, such as an Italian meal basket, a car wash basket, or a sports –themed basket? Can you make something hand-crafted?

Gift Basket Suggestions:

- Gardening
- Beauty
- Gourmet food
- Kids toys
- Candles
- Holiday themed – Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas
- Chocolates and other candy...

Gift Certificates:

Restaurants, hair and nail salons or spas, gyms, landscaping, tech help, dog training, pet sitting, tutoring, accounting...

Big Ticket Items:

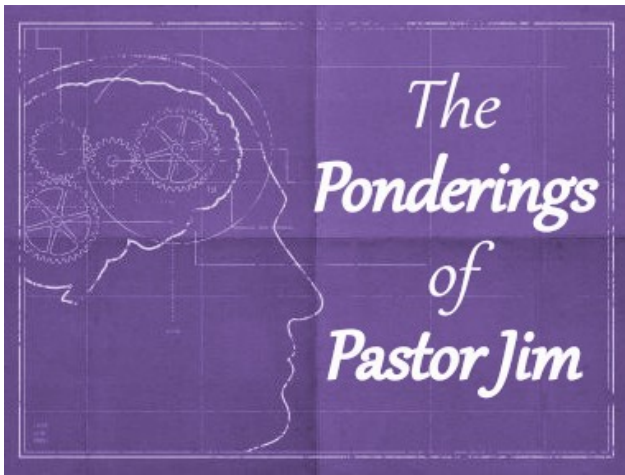
- Paintings and other types of artwork
- Handmade quilt
- Golf outing
- Event tickets
- Jewelry
- Tech equipment...



As Camp Hope continues to grow, we ask you to join us in supporting this wonderful ministry for God's children. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and other forms of encouragement!

Karen Lessey, Camp Hope Director

All praise and glory to God!



Marie and I have a blended family: she produced two girls; I have two boys.

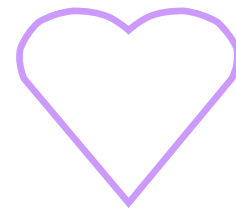
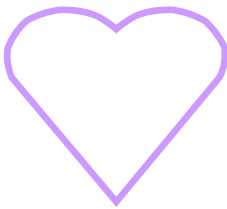
- Nicole is married to Jason. They live in Camden DE and are very popular because they have a house with a pool, Nicole works for the state of Delaware and she has three children: Torin, Caellan (married to David), and Lydia. Nicole is a Wilmington University graduate.
- Valarie is married to Steven, and they reside on Thompsonville Road in Milford. They have two children: Hannah and David. Valarie works for

Wilmington University and is a graduate of that School.

- Jay and Susan, who live in Albuquerque, New Mexico, are married. They both work with quantum mechanics at Sandia Laboratories. Jay graduated from Washington College and Johns Hopkins University. Susan is a graduate of Duke University and Stanford University.
- Scott and Ashley are married and are living in Nashville, Tennessee. Both work from home and have created two charming home offices. While visiting them we attended two Tennessee Titans football games. Most recently we witnessed the Titans playing the Green Bay Packers. Green Bay won, which pleased Marie.

Psalm 127:3-5

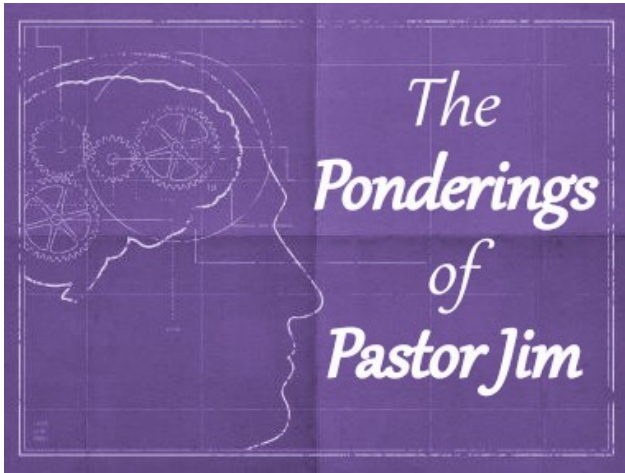
3. Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.
4. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth.
5. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.



Diane Jones was the music director at Conley's United Methodist church in Lewes, DE. She resigned to move to Georgia to be with her daughter's family.

Diane was a professional singer. She sang with Taylor Dayne and appeared in her music videos. In addition, she toured extensively with Guns N Roses (Wikipedia lists her as a member of Guns N Roses). She also toured with the rock band Cinderella and appears prominently in their concert video. She received an offer to tour with the Rolling Stones; however, after experiencing a profound religious awakening, she decided to abandon the rock and roll lifestyle to dedicate herself to serving the Lord. She became a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and has used her musical talents for the church — thus becoming our director of music.

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I'll always remember when Marie and I took Diane to a New Year's Eve Taylor Dayne concert in Atlantic City. Taylor and Diane are best friends. In the middle of the concert, with a packed house of 2,500, Taylor yelled out: "Diane Jones, come on down" and Diane joined her onstage for the rest of the concert. Once, when Taylor went backstage for a wardrobe change, Diane sang Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You" and received a standing ovation.

After the concert we all joined Taylor in her dressing room. Diane, Taylor, and I sat close and talked non-stop for over an hour. During the conversation, I observed that Taylor used strong and inappropriate language. I finally said to her, "Taylor, please. Watch your language. I am an ordained pastor!" It was an unforgettable night.

I was set to conduct a military wedding at the Dover Air Force Base chapel in Delaware. I met with the wedding party beforehand and found the bride crying. The issue? The maid of honor could not attend her best friend's wedding. Her military flight to Dover was delayed because Air Force One was landing and all other flights were postponed. I found out the maid of honor's dress was with the bridal party. I took the dress into the chapel, explained the situation, showed it to everyone, and asked, "Can anyone fit into this dress?" A young lady raised her hand, and I responded, "Please come with me." You are the new Maid of Honor." The bride readily agreed to the change and the wedding went off without a hitch.

That's my 37 years of active service as a pastor put into play.

I feel I have a bit of responsibility for the Eagles Super Bowl win. You may remember I sent wife Marie and daughter Nicole to Sao Paulo Brazil to witness the first regular season game of the Eagles vs the Green Bay Packers. The Eagles won and it started their Super Bowl season out on the right footing. You are welcome.

I have been teaching the 8:30 Sunday School—Bible study class for over 8 years. A lot of marvelous things have occurred due to this class. Let me just list three.

1. At our holiday party, class member Karen Gustafson brought her husband Jeff. We were talking at the gathering about the retirement of Doug Stout, Conley's maintenance director. No replacement had yet been selected. Jeff took interest in that conversation and (long story short) he is now our new maintenance director. Welcome to Conleys Jeff! All reports are that he is doing a fine job.
2. Two people attended the Sunday school class. They got to know each other, fell in love, and are now married.
3. One man, who never attended a Bible study in his life, started coming and now he never misses a class.

The Promise of Spring

When spring arises from the ground,
With flourishing life all around.
I think of how the earth has grown,
From seed that in the soil was thrown.
A seed of faith from one who knows,
The Christ, whose word to us He sows.
Christ gave the earth a gift of love,
To bring us to God's home above.
His sacrifice to bring us near, to God,
Our maker-listen, hear!
Jesus died, but rose again. To save
Us from our willful sin.
Rejoice with God, your life of grace,
Because you've seen our Master's face.

Authored by the Holy Spirit
Written by Sandie Wysocki



Peace With God

"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts." —Colossians 3:15, NKJV

Science has confirmed what the Bible taught centuries ago: there is a close relationship between our minds and bodies. Proverbs puts it this way: "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones" —Proverbs 17:22, NIV

But there is also a close relationship between our mental and physical health and the health of our spiritual lives. Guilt, fear, jealousy, bitterness, futility, escapism—these and a host of other problems are spiritual ills, brought about by the disease of sin. Like poison, they can sicken us in mind and body.

But when Christ comes into our lives, He removes our guilt and takes away our fears. He gives us love for others and a new purpose in life. His joy and peace neutralize sin's poison—and that promotes emotional and physical health.

Does that mean our emotional and physical problems will vanish? Not necessarily. But like a spring of pure water, God's peace in our hearts brings cleansing and refreshment to our minds and bodies.

Hope for Today

The weight of worldly concerns can crush our spirits. We get bogged down in life and forget what has been given to us. Ask the Lord to restore to you the joy of your salvation and refresh your spirit.
—By: Billy Graham

Words of Wit & Wisdom

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome".

—Anne Bradstreet, poet

"The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day He created Spring. —Bernard Williams, philosopher

"Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush".

—Doug Larson, columnist

"With the coming of spring, I am calm again".

—Gustav Mahler,
composer

"Sweet spring, full of sweet days and roses, a box where sweets compacted lie".

—George Herbert, poet

"I am going to try to pay attention to the spring. I am going to look around at all the flowers, and look up at the hectic trees. I am going to close my eyes and listen".

—Anne Lamott, novelist

'THE JOT AND TITLE'

(Selections from *The Journal of John Wesley*) By Ron Starich

The following is a recounting by John Wesley of a woman's premonition into the future.

"A TERRIBLE DREAM"

"Thursday, June 3rd I received a remarkable letter from a clergyman whom I had met a day or two before part of it ran thus," I had the following account from the gentlewoman herself, a person of piety and veracity. She is now the wife of Mr. JB silversmith in Cork.

"About 30 years ago, I was addressed by way of marriage by Mr. Richard Mercier, then a volunteer in the army. The young gentleman was quartered at that time in Charlottesville where my father lived, who proved of his addresses and directed me to look upon him as my future husband. When the regiment left the town, he promised to return in 2 months and marry me. From Charlottesville. He went to Dublin, thence to his father's and from thence to England, where, his father having bought him a Cornetcy (the rank of a cornet) of cavalry. He purchased many ornaments for the wedding, returning to Ireland, he let us know that he would be at our house in Charlottesville in a few days.

"On this the family was busy to prepare for his reception and the ensuing marriage. When one night, my sister Molly and I were asleep in our bed, I was awakened by the sudden opening of the side curtain and starting up, saw Mr. Mercier standing by the bedside. He was wrapped up in a loose sheet and *had a napkin folded like a nightcap on his head. He looked at me very earnestly and, lifting up the napkin, which much shaded his face, showed me the left side of his head, all bloody and covered with his brains.* The room meantime was quite light. My terror was excessive, which was still increased by his stooping over the bed and embracing me in his arms. My cries alarmed the whole family, who came crowding into the room.

"Upon their entrance. He gently withdrew his arms and ascended, as it were, through the ceiling. I continued for some time in strong fits. When I could speak, I told them what I had seen. One of them, a day or two after, going to the postmaster for letters, found him reading the newspapers, in which was an account that Cornet Mercier's going into Christ Church belfry, in Dublin, *just after the bells had been ringing, he was standing under the bells when one of them, which was turned bottom upwards, suddenly turned again, struck one side of his head, and killed him on that very spot.* On further inquiry, we found he was struck on the left side of his head." pg 192.





The mortgage has been burned—NOW WHAT?

I want to thank everyone for their financial support and prayers. They have helped us to arrive at this point in our journey. The Thrift Shop has been a major contributor to our mortgage fund, and without them, it would have been a struggle. With that being said, the bills to run the church and ministries are ongoing, and we still need your prayers and support. I firmly believe that God will provide—He always has—and He always will. We just have to trust Him and His plan for us.

There are many exciting things coming in our future—things to continue helping our community, spreading God’s Word and His Love.

Stay tuned for the excitement!!

Sandy Shipe

Let this building and these grounds, which have been dedicated for service to the eternal Kingdom of God, be a house of prayer and salvation. Let this be a sacred place where Christians may gather together to worship God in spirit and in truth, may learn of Jesus and his grace, may be filled with the life-transforming power of the Holy Spirit, and may grow together in love.

——taken from the Mortgage Burning celebration bulletin



Building Committee Report

Now that the days are getting longer, and hopefully the weather is getting warmer, please take time to walk around the extended path to the former living nativity. We have posted signs showing the location of various features of the new prayer garden.

Erin Walls, a landscape designer, has developed a plan to landscape the garden. Features include a large grassy area in the center of the garden, areas for a meadow, a labyrinth, and new tree plantings. We are still waiting to move the boardwalk shelter.

In the coming weeks, the building committee will be reviewing Erin's design in detail to prepare a list of gift and volunteer opportunities to support the new garden.

The building committee also continues to discuss the appropriate design for an outdoor worship space. We are considering the size, cost, and uses for this key feature of the prayer garden.

Please contact any member of the building committee if you have any questions about our work.

Wesley Paulson, Chair

Pastor Bill Davis

Marguerite Davis

John Schwartz

Sandy Shipe

Worship With Us This Month

Worship with us on Sundays at 10am. You may join us either in-person or online. Our worship service is livestreamed on Vimeo and Youtube; links are provided on our website.

When joining us online, please check-in using the “Connect Card” located under the worship tab at the upper left corner of our homepage — we want to know you’re worshipping with us!

The “Connect Card” may also be used to submit prayer requests and/or praise reports during our worship service or any time.

You may give your tithes and offerings to the Lord through the church via the “donate” button at the lower left corner of our homepage.

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving — we believe God is doing great things through the ministry of His church!

What’s Happening

On-Going Weekly Events

Sunday

Adult Bible Study taught by Rev. Jim Vanderwall in the Library, 8:30-9:30am.

Youth Bible Study taught by Jess Mastriana, 9:00am in the Youth Room.

Monday

Conley’s Choir rehearses 6:00pm-7:15pm in the choir room.

Conley’s Bell Ringers rehearse in the Fellowship Hall, 7:30-8:30pm.

Tuesday

Over 50 Yoga in the Fellowship Hall, 10:30—11:45am. Bring your own mat and bottled water. Cost is \$10 per session, cash only.

Wednesday

Soup for the Soul provides free lunch and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall, 11am-1pm. Contributions are welcome; sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

Adult Bible Study-6:30pm, led by Pastor Bill & Susan Davis in the Library.

Thursday

Adult Bible Study 10-11:30 am in the Missions room, led by Louise Finn & Karen Lessey.

Cemetery clean-up by the 4H club will be on March 22nd. If you have decorations that you wish to keep, please remove them.

Happening This Month

Trustees will meet Tuesday, March 4th, 6:30pm in the Library.

Ash Wednesday Service-March 5th, 6:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

SPRC will meet March 18th, 6:30pm in the Library.

Drama rehearsal—Wednesdays, 4pm in the Sanctuary.

The Church Council will meet Thursday, March 20, 6:30pm, in the Library.

Bring a Friend Sunday-March 30th.

Reminder

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 9th. Don’t forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour!

Opportunities to Be a Blessing

New Opportunities

Become the Volunteer Backup Treasurer:

Would consist of learning the treasurer duties, and the church accounting software, to eventually become the treasurer, so Sandy can retire from the treasurer position, and just be the Administrative Assistant.

Join Conley's Sight and Sound Team!

We are in need of people on Sunday mornings to operate the soundboard, screen projection computer, and livestream computer. Are you computer literate; are you willing to learn? Our friendly Sight and Sound Team will train you so that you can take a turn in this ministry that supports Sunday worship.



On-Going Opportunities

Greeters

A friendly welcome at the door makes a great first impression—both for new comers and regular attenders. Help get people ready for worship with a warm welcome to all and helpful directions to visitors.

Ushers

You can help worshipers by directing them to open seats and bringing a microphone for prayers and praises, and providing helpful directions as needed.

Contact the church office if you would like to serve your Con-

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;

if it is serving, then serve;

if it is teaching, then teach;

if it is to encourage, then give encouragement;

if it is giving, then give generously;

if it is to lead, do it diligently;

if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

ROMANS 12:4-8

**Conley's United
Methodist Church**

began as a Methodist society in 1800 and was incorporated as a Methodist church in 1838.

Our Mission:
To make disciples
of Jesus Christ.

Notable Days in March

- 5th Ash Wednesday
- 2nd John Wesley died (1791)
- 9th Daylight Saving Time begins
- 17th St. Patrick's Day
- 20th First Day of Spring
- 29th Charles Wesley died (1788)
- 30th UMCOR Sunday

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