

June 2026

Conley's United Methodist Church

THE CONNECTION

In essentials, unity

In non-essentials, liberty

In all things, charity



Inside This Issue

The Pastor's Pen.....	2
SPARC.....	3-4
Missions.....	5
Finance.....	6
Evangelism.....	7
Social Concerns.....	8-10
Thrift Shop News.....	12-13
Camp Hope.....	14-15
Ponderings.....	17
What's Happening.....	22

Special Points of Interest

- Juneteenth
- Poetry, Prayers, and Words of Wisdom
- Notable Days in June



The Pastor's Pen

a word from Pastor Bill Davis

*"Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance," said he.
"And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance," said he.*

In 2013, Oprah Winfrey interviewed Diane Nyad who, at the age of 64, completed a 53-hour swim from Cuba to Florida. Nyad said that although she was an atheist she could stand "at the beach's edge . . . and weep with the beauty of this universe and be moved." Oprah replied: "Well, then I don't call you an atheist. I think if you believe in the awe and wonder and the mystery, then that is what God is . . . not a bearded guy in the sky." This reply was remarkable for many reasons including the fact that it managed to offend both believers and unbelievers equally. Atheists demanded Oprah apologize for belittling Nyad's rejection of God. Theists objected to her reduction of God to an emotional reaction coupled with what they saw as her ridicule of the concept of God as a supreme being. What is more remarkable, however, is the question raised about how we view the nature of God.

A.W. Tozer wrote, "What comes to our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." He explained that our view of God decisively steers how we view everything—our world, ourselves, others, the past, the present, the future. Christianity, of course, is not the only faith that believes in one true and living God. But every faith has a distinct view of God's nature. Judaism sees God primarily as the giver of the divine law that governs his creation. Islam views God primarily as the divine judge who rewards and punishes his created beings. Deism views God primarily as the divine architect who created the heavens and the earth and then turned them loose to run on their own. Oprah appears to endorse a derivative version of pantheism that views God as "awe and wonder." In the Bible, God's nature is boiled down to one defining characteristic: "God is love" (1 John 4:8). But this creates a problem: Love is relational. For love to exist there must be a lover and a beloved. How could God be love prior to creation when there was nothing to love? Was God incomplete before creation? Did God's nature change at creation? A foundational tenet of Christianity is that God's nature does not change, that God has always been perfectly holy and is the same yesterday, today, and forever. God has never lacked for anything.

The answer to this enigma is the doctrine the church just celebrated on May 31st: the Trinity. God did not create the heavens and the earth to fulfill a need to love and be loved. Rather, creation is an overflow of the divine love that has eternally existed in the divine nature revealed to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who live eternally in a relationship of unity and delight. As I mentioned on Trinity Sunday, I like Leonard Sweet's view of the Trinity as a divine dance, an interaction of three beings in rhythm and harmony so glorious and perfect that they comprise one being. The good news of the gospel is not merely that there exists a divine law and a righteous judge. Nor that there are steps that lead to righteousness, or rituals that lead to purification. The good news of great joy is that we are invited to join the divine dance that the Trinity has been delighting in since before the creation of time. This is what we mean when we say Christianity is not merely a religion, but a relationship. This is what distinguishes the Christian faith from other faiths.

On Trinity Sunday we looked at Jesus' final words in the Gospel of Matthew where he instructed his disciples to make disciples of all people, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I don't believe Jesus was talking just about water baptism. The Holy Spirit was coming! To be baptized into the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is immersion into the dance of the Trinity. Jesus prayed for us, "just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, may they also be in us" (John 17:21). This is why the Trinity matters. The Trinity tells us that love is at the heart of all creation. The Trinity assures us that we can have a personal relationship with God.

The words at the top of this page are from Lord of the Dance, hymn #261 in the UMC hymnal. I almost chose it for Trinity Sunday before electing to go with the more traditional Holy, Holy, Holy. Lord of the Dance was written by an English songwriter, set to an American Shaker tune, and made popular in Irish music circles. The song's unique history fits the unique imagery of the lyrics. I love the imagery especially as it relates to the Trinity. The Trinity is a dance of love, joy, peace, creativity, power and glory that has been going on forever and will continue forever. And you and I have been invited to join in. Trinity Sunday marks a pivot from the high seasons of Easter and Pentecost to a long season of Ordinary Time. Let's use this time to reaffirm our acceptance of that invitation and renew our commitment to let God lead us all in the dance.



Why is Prayer Important?

A prayer team member recently received a mailing about what it means to “truly listen and trust Him with the direction of our lives.” When we pray it is important to remember that we should be still and receptive to hear and receive God’s answer. God also has a plan and a purpose for each of our lives. We would like to share what was written in the mailing and hope that it helps strengthen your communication with the Lord.

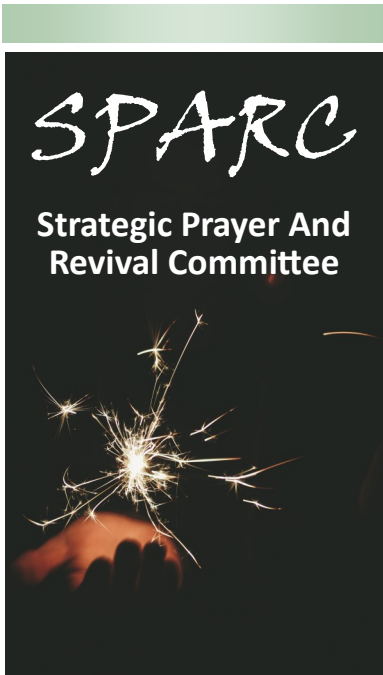
“Have you ever wished you could hear God more clearly? Maybe you’ve prayed for guidance about a decision, a relationship, or your next steps—and wondered whether you were hearing your own thoughts or His ‘still, small voice’. Recognizing God’s voice is one of the most important parts of walking with Him.

I think all of us would like to please God. The Bible says Noah enjoyed God’s favor (Gen. 6:8). One reason was because he listened to and trusted Him. Let me ask you something: Do you know how to listen to God? Many people talk to God about this and that, then get up and hope for the best. Do you close your prayer with a sense of expectation that He will answer?

The Bible says, ‘Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight’ (Proverbs 3:5-6). ‘Straight paths’ represent a blessed life, one in which God clears away obstacles and leads us in a direction that is full of benefits. It’s not problem-free, since adversity is part of every godly life, but it is a life of favor, walking in loving fellowship with the Lord. What must we do to have this kind of life?

To enjoy the Lord’s favor, we must listen to Him carefully. Sometimes He gives us a deep impression in our hearts about a step He wants us to take. Do you pay close attention to those impressions? Are you able to assess them and identify what is from God? This is essential to walking with Him. Genesis 6:13-14 tells us that ‘God said to Noah...’Make yourself an ark,” and Noah understood. We must be sensitive to God’s leading and know how He speaks to us personally so we can follow His instructions.





Why is Prayer Important?

<Continued from previous page

Then, we must trust Him completely. There will be times when God tells us to do something that nobody else would agree with. We may not understand it, but that's not an excuse to ignore Him or delay. God has often said something to me that He didn't explain. But He made it clear in my heart what He wanted me to do, regardless of how I felt about it. The Lord assumes full responsibility for our needs when we obey Him. And he will provide whatever is necessary for us to carry out his will.

Look at Noah. I don't know what he thought about building that ark, but we know this: God provided every piece of wood, and He brought all the animals along just in time, too. It's fine to say, 'God, I don't understand this, 'but if He tells us to do something, there's just one correct response: 'I'll do it.'

Finally, we need to remember His character. Noah had courage because he knew the character of his God. If we are confident in

the Lord's faithfulness, we, too, will have the courage we need to obey His promptings and continue on the path He sets for us, no matter how things may look. Noah saw the entire world being destroyed around him, yet he knew God would keep His promises. Noah, his family, and all those animals came out of the destruction alive to start the world over again. Was Noah a perfect man? No, but he listened to the Lord, trusted Him, and obeyed.

Ask your heavenly Father for strength to do whatever He is calling you to do. No matter your situation, He longs to answer your prayers, set your course, give needed instruction, provide what's necessary to obey, and deliver you just where He wants you to be. As you walk with Him, He will straighten your path and grant you the best possible life: a life of His favor.

We hope Dr. Stanley's insights will help you feel more confident in recognizing God's voice in the future. And in those times when you're still unsure, don't worry. Keep seeking Him sincerely, listening carefully, and stepping forward in faith. God honors that kind of humble obedience, and He's faithful to guide you even when the path feels uncertain."

This article was provided by: In Touch Ministries, From the Pastor's Heart—Timeless Teachings of Charles Stanley, June 2026

"In the day thou believest, thou shalt surely live. Thou shalt be restored to the favor of God; and in His pleasure is life."

—John Wesley





Greetings from the Missions Team

Please purchase a hoagie to help us continue being the "hands & feet" of Jesus.

Donations are also appreciated.



HOAGIE SALE

FUNDRAISER

SUPPORTING KAIROS OUTSIDE OF DELMARVA

PICK UP JUNE 13, 10-2

CONLEY'S UMC

33106 JOLYNS WAY, LEWES



**CELEBRATE FLAG DAY WITH
A FLAG IN EVERY BAG!**



CHOOSE FROM:

- TURKEY AND CHEESE
- ITALIAN

**ALL HOAGIES INCLUDE
LETTUCE AND TOMATO**

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

*Contact
Me*



Treasurer's Notes

Malachi 3:9-10, *'you are under a curse — your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.'*

Shared with me from the Lectionary reading 9/28/25, Luke 12:48

The Rich man and Lazarus, we are all the rich man portrayed in the parable. We are not being as compassionate as we should be toward those less fortunate than we are. We have been blessed by you Lord with much even though we are expected to share those blessings — we are not doing that to the level you expect. We need to remember the message given from Luke 12:48 (to those given much, much will be expected). So that we don't suffer the fate of the rich man in this passage we should heed John Wesley's advice:

Earn all you can, Save all you can, Give all you can. *Anonymous*



Living Generously

God of Order

By: Billy Graham

*The Lord is my rock, and my fortress,
And my deliverer; my God, my
Strength, in whom I will trust.*

-Psalm 18:2

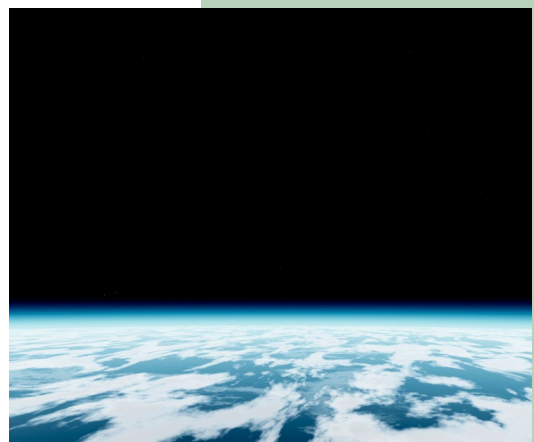


The trouble with our modern thinking is that we have a conception that God is a haphazard God with no set rules of life and salvation. Ask the astronomer if God is a haphazard God. He will tell you that every star moves with precision in its celestial path. Ask the scientist if God is a haphazard God. He will tell you that His formulas and equations are fixed, and that to ignore the laws of science would be a fool's folly. If the laws in the material realm are so fixed and exact, is it reasonable that God could afford to be haphazard in the spiritual realm, where eternal destinies of souls are at stake? Just as God has equations and rules in the material realm, God has equations and rules in the spiritual.

Prayer for the day:

Thank you, God, for Your absolute
Divine order. Amid confusion, it
Brings me hope and perfect peace.

Amen



SOCIAL CONCERNS

A HELPING HAND FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Latest from Conley's Social Concerns Team

Food Ministries and the Kitchen

Some updates and reminders. We recently had an issue with mice. This necessitated a thorough cleaning of the pantry and kitchen. Several of us have been cleaning through the pantry and discarding outdated food and other unused or compromised items. Many things were taken to the Thrift Store.

Please; if your ministry or group hosts an event that utilizes the kitchen/pantry, please do not leave plastic trays or containers and unused paper products. If you have left over food that you want to donate to Soup Social or Feeding the Flock, please make sure it is marked when you put it in the fridge. We love getting the left overs but sometimes aren't sure who they were left for. At the middle of June, Camp Hope will begin and the space in the two fridges will be at a premium. We also store produce from the garden in one fridge. If you are putting food away in the pantry, please place loose crackers, cookies and pouches of food in lidded tubs. This will help deter the mice that may still be inside. Please check the rack in the beverage bar area for any dishes or containers you may have brought for various events, and didn't take home at the time.

Feeding the Flock

As summer moves into full swing we are seeing a shift in some areas of the population that we are feeding. The number of guests at the Hickman Motel has almost doubled in the past two weeks along with the number of young children. The number of people living at Tharros Tent Camp has risen from 10 to 16. For a number of weeks, we were holding steady at about 225 lunches. We will be upping that number to 250 for the foreseeable future. In addition to food insecurity, there is also a need for clothing, household items and pet food. We have been fortunate in being able to work with the Thrift Store on many of those needs. As always we truly appreciate the financial support we receive from the congregation and the community. Just a reminder that checks should be made payable to Feeding the Flock as we are a stand alone non-profit. Our volunteers from the Lewes Rehoboth Rotary and Schell Brothers Homes have made it possible for us to rotate our regular Conley's volunteers. Feeding the Flock has been truly blessed and gives all praise to God, our provider. Conley's vegetable garden has already produced an abundance of crops including lettuce and broccoli. Thank you to all the volunteers who plant, water and weed. Special thanks to Jerry Pawlikowski for heading up the team.

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.")



Continued on next page > 3

SOCIAL CONCERNS

A HELPING HAND FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Latest from Conley's Social Concerns Team

Soup Social

Most Wednesdays see between 30 and 50 people at the tables for a hearty lunch. Don't forget to sign up for soup and/or desserts on the clip board in the Narthex. You can also contact Dale Kehrer with any questions.

Pantry

The pantry has been purged of out dated food, and due to an increase in the number of people coming to the pantry and our alliance with Sussex Help our shelves are becoming bare. Following is a list of our needs.

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Small canned hams (Dollar Store)

Spam

SpaghettiOs- all varieties

Canned chicken

Cans or pouches of chili

Cans or pouches of Beef Stew

Applesauce

Shelf Stable Milk (Dollar Store)

**Cereal - Fruit Loops, Captain Crunch, other kid friendly brands
(No Oatmeal and No Cheerios)**

Please do not bring any type of canned beans



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.")

Continued on next page>

SOCIAL CONCERNS

A HELPING HAND FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Latest from Conley's Social Concerns Team

Social Justice Ministries

After a time of relatively few calls for assistance, we are seeing an uptick in people asking for financial assistance. We continue to work with Love, INC, to vet these people. We are fortunate in having Karen Selby, one of the Case Managers, working out of an office at Conley's several days a week. Conley's is one of the many churches and other organizations that partner with Love, INC to provide financial help in addition to many other things, like food and clothing. Those of us who are involved with the Family Assistance Ministry know that Love, INC does not provide direct financial aid, but reaches out to it's many partners. Except in extreme circumstances, the person requesting help is given a list of partner resources to contact as part of the process. This helps people to begin to participate in their own journey to financial stability.

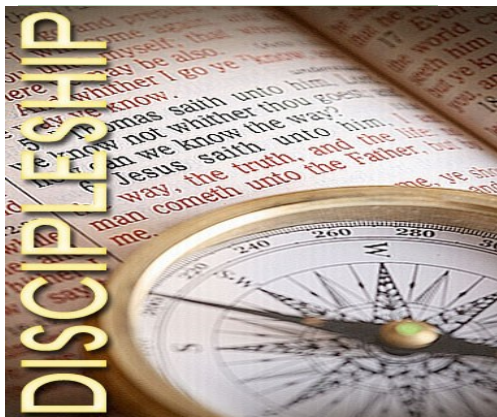
Sussex Help

We are pleased to be working with Sussex Help mostly through our pantry. They came to us through former church member, Tina Downs. Following is their Purpose/Mission Statement: Sussex Help is a volunteer-driven effort to support immigrant families in Sussex County, DE that are in temporary and acute crisis as a result of a family provider's deportation, detention or because of the current immigration enforcement environment. Most often, those left behind are women with young children. We help to meet basic subsistence needs (food, diapers, formula); transportation to medical appointments or grocery shopping and help with rent and utility expenses. We provide coaching and guidance to help families regain their independence, and we work with Delaware Volunteer Legal Services (DVLS) to offer legal protection and defense support. We look forward to a continued supportive relationship with this organization.



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.")



Discipleship Update

I recently learned that an important component of Discipleship that I am interested in is relational growth, defined as engaging in community and learning alongside others rather than growing in isolation.

I have carried this out through being involved with Feeding the Flock but also through having led the compilation and publication of the Conley's Lenten Devotional over the past 3 years. In addition, I have expressed interest to Pastor Bill and others to extend this by doing some type of devotional (not to compete with our Lenten booklet) across our sister UMC churches and possibly beyond them at some point in the future.

Pastor Bill and I recently met and in addition to agreeing that we will continue Conley's Lenten Devotional in 2027, we discussed ideas on how we might partner with our sister UMC churches (now being called the "Beaches Hub") in developing a joint devotional or carrying out other activities to engage in community and learn alongside each other.

Pastor Bill confirmed that the Beaches Hub is a collaborative cluster of 7 United Methodist Churches that partner on community outreach, resources, and regional ministry. They include:
1) Conley's, 2) Epworth, 3) Bethel UMC, 4) Friendship, 5) Israel, 6) Harmony and 7) White's Chapel.

Pastor Bill also confirmed that while my ideas are worthy of merit and consideration it is too early to approach our sister UMC churches on my ideas because this Beaches Hub concept is so new. Two other things he mentioned also make for poor timing: 1) The Conference Resource Center is being shut down and the conference is in the process of decentralizing what the Center did and 2) Connectionism needs to get going again for the UMC since Covid stopped it in its tracks.

So, while things are on hold for now until the Beaches Hub meets several times and becomes more organized and Pastor Bill sees better timing for us to approach our sister UMC churches I appreciate any ideas, suggestions or comments you have on this matter. Please email them to me at gjpawlikowski@verizon.net or phone me at 610-207-7139. Thanks!

Last but not least, **I am pleased to announce the theme of the upcoming 2027 Lenten Devotional – 'Epiphany Moments'**. This theme was inspired by a sermon you may remember Pastor Bill gave this past year. An epiphany is defined as **a moment of sudden, striking realization that allows a problem or situation, e.g., how God is working in your life**, to be understood from a new, deeper perspective. It is the ultimate "aha!" moment that instantly rewires your perception and often serves as a catalyst for meaningful life changes.

Jerry Pawlikowski

**NEWS
from
CONLEY'S
THRIFT SHOP**



Things are beginning to happen around the thrift shop!!! We just paid for the sewer connection to the new pole barn..... this means that the building permit is almost ready. Once we get the permit in hand we will go on the building schedule of the pole barn company. This is about a six week time line. During this period you may see the dirt moving company removing and replacing the required soil replacement. The pole building company can put up the shell of the building in just a few weeks. The longest part of the building time will be the completion of the interior of the building and redoing the parking lot paving. It is going to be an exciting time for all of us but we will need your cooperation as the building process is happening. REMEMBER, SAFETY FIRST. Be extra careful as you move around the shed buildings and in the parking lot. Be sure to follow the safety signs that will be in place.

As we get closer to the completion of the new building, we will begin to look for additional volunteers to cover the extra needs of cashiers and sorting and pricing of merchandise. Please give this careful consideration and talk with Sally or Pat to join our team.

We have assisted several families during the month of May with furniture and clothing donations. What a blessed opportunity for Conley's to be able to help so many.

Continued on next page>

Did you know?

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

NEWS from CONLEY'S THRIFT SHOP



It is so rewarding to listen to the customers as they stand in line to pay for their purchases and hear them tell each other how they love shopping at Conley's and how nice and organized the shop is. That Conley's is their favorite thrift store. Please give a big thank you to the staff and volunteers for their dedication and hard work. We are really blessed with great people.



Please give a big welcome to two new staff members. Daniel McFazden and Dennis Warner joined the team mid May. They will be doing pickups and deliveries and assisting with the donation center and pole barn activities. We are looking forward to them rounding out our team.

Donations are strong and we are struggling with space for storage as things are worked onto the sales floor. Please understand if you drive up for donations and you find a *full for today* sign out, please try again a day or two later. Last week we donated 197 bags and boxes of good useable items to Phoenix Clothing Co. They do 2 pickups each month from us and share it with the homeless in the Newark area. Conleys shares with the homeless in this part of Sussex County through several different homeless organizations.

We ask for your continued support and prayers.





We're so Grateful for Our Supporters

Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. John 15:4

This time last year I was talking with you about how Camp Hope is a result of the work of the Holy Spirit. A year later and I cannot emphasize this enough. Each step of the way, the Lord has come through for us. The primary way that He has gone to work for us is through each of you. Without our volunteers serving children at camp, making financial donations, working at fundraisers, making connections for us in the community, serving on our board, making delicious baked goods (incredibly important!), and – of course – praying for us, we'd be nowhere. **My sincere gratitude and thanks to each of you.**

Through the generosity of the Engel family, Tommy Town was the site of a Camp Hope fundraiser for a second time. Many thanks to our volunteers, donors, and visitors who made this another fun and successful event!

Another great occasion – two days later – was a Dine & Donate event at Nicola's Pizza. We really love our Nicola evenings, enjoying both great food and the family-like atmosphere with our friends. It's always such fun to go table to table, knowing so many people!



The Results are In! While our number one goal is to introduce children to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we believe that the type of attention and support Camp Hope offers can make a meaningful and lasting impact on each child's social, emotional, and academic future.

We were contacted recently by the Special Education Coordinator at Lewes Elementary School, Korin Oliver. She wanted to learn more about Camp Hope because she started noticing how several of her at-risk students – who all had Camp Hope in common - had shown progress in both their school work and their social/emotional growth. She contacted the Parent Teacher Organization in order to line up support to ensure that these children had access to Camp Hope transportation. The PTO's financial support turned the tables for Camp Hope, enabling us to pay for bus services this year (something we thought we'd have to let go). The input of the Lewes Elementary School helps demonstrate Camp Hope's effectiveness, perhaps more so than any other testimony. Please take a look at a letter from the School Principal, Dr. Kimberly Corbidge, on the next page.

As always, thank you for your ongoing prayers and other forms of encouragement. All praise and glory to God!
Karen Lessey, Camp Hope Program Director

Lewes Elementary School



Kimberly Corbidge, Ed.D, Principal | kimberly.corbidge@cape.k12.de.us
Alfredo Rodriguez, Assistant Principal | alfredo.rodriguez@cape.k12.de.us

820 Savannah Road, Lewes, DE 19958
P (302) 645-7748 F (302) 644-7924

May 20, 2026

Dear Camp Hope Team,

On behalf of the staff at Lewes Elementary School, I want to sincerely thank you for the positive impact Camp Hope has had on our students and families.

This past school year, we saw firsthand the difference your program makes. One student who attended Camp Hope returned in September with virtually no learning loss over the summer. Not only did this student maintain progress, but also continued to grow academically and is now reading at grade level. As educators, we know how rare and meaningful that kind of summer growth can be, and it speaks volumes about the opportunities, support, and experiences your camp provides.

Beyond academics, we have also noticed an emotional and social impact on our students. Already this year, several students have excitedly shared that they will be attending Camp Hope this summer. For many of these children, conversations about summer plans can often be difficult as they listen to classmates talk about vacations, sports camps, and other experiences that may not be financially possible for their own families. Camp Hope gives them something special to look forward to — a chance to feel included, excited, and proud to share their own summer plans.

Thank you for investing in our students and providing experiences that build confidence, joy, belonging, and continued growth. Your work truly makes a lasting difference in the lives of the children we serve.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly A. Corbidge".

Kimberly Corbidge
Principal, Lewes Elementary School

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



The UWF were thankful to be able to honor all ladies attending services on Mother's Day with a flower. They were enjoyed by all. There were a few leftover and they were given to the Prayer Garden for their flower beds. Be sure to take a stroll thru the Prayer Garden and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere that it presents. A good place to take time to commune with our Lord in a prayerful manner.

FOSTER CARE CAMPAIGN

Friendly reminder. Our Foster Care Campaign is happening now. Below you will find the most needed items that they requested. In talking with their donation coordinator, we learned why certain things are in great need. They have noticed that many teenage girls that are in a homeless situation miss a lot of school days. Why? Because they lack the needed feminine products. Another item, sunscreen, they shared is in need for the homeless. They were excited that we were willing to include these items on our list.

Two of the organizations that they share their donations with are the Barbara K. Brooks Transition House (a home for those women rebuilding their lives after addiction recovery) and Milford Advocacy for Homeless.

We thank you, in advance, for your support of this campaign.

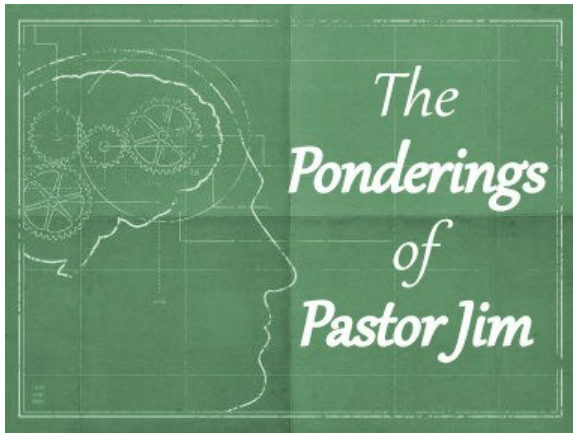
FOSTER CARE CAMPAIGN MAY 17 TO JUNE 14



Please bring NEW, FULL SIZED ONLY:

Roll-on or Stick deodorant (NO SPRAYS) Sunscreen
Tooth paste Tooth Brushes
MOST NEEDED: Feminine pads Tampons (all sizes)

NOTE: Next UWF Meeting – Saturday, June 13 at 9:30 am – Multi-Purpose Room



Traveling Van Der Wall's

Marie and I are grateful we can still travel at our age. Below are our proposed travel plans.

European Cruise: We're flying to Athens Greece in November to visit the Parthenon and Acropolis. After spending three days in Greece, we will set sail on the Mediterranean Sea. Our first stop will be Malta, then Sicily. When we arrive in Italy, we will

visit Naples and end our trip in Rome. Traveling with us is my brother John, his wife Nancy, and our sister Barbara.

I will be visiting my two sons. Scott lives in Nashville, Tennessee with his wife Ashley. I'll fly into Nashville airport in early June.

Jay lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico with his wife Susan. I'll fly into Albuquerque in early August.

In June, Marie will lead a group from Conley's to Grundy, Virginia to work with the Appalachian Service Project, repairing homes for residents in poverty. ASP operates in the Appalachian Mountains, one of the poorest areas in the United States. They travel there due to the significant need, as local resources are insufficient.

In July, Marie will be traveling to Orlando, Florida for the Kairos annual convention. Kairos is a prison ministry that Conley's is deeply involved in.

I am dealing with various health issues: my high blood pressure is under control with the help of medication. I had prostate surgery. I am battling the neuropathy in my feet, by taking Lyrica and walking with a cane. And my type 2 diabetes requires a weekly self-administered shot of Trulicity – which has as a side effect weight loss! Despite these issues I am quite healthy and walk daily and golf regularly every week. I do battle with my weight because we love to go out and eat so often.

In Plantation Lakes Golf and Country Club, where we live, Marie and I volunteer to weekly refill the 38 dog "poop" bag stations around the community. Riding around in our golf cart makes this task actually a lot of fun.

Singing in the choir, working at the thrift shop, and teaching Sunday School keeps me involved at Conley's Church. For Marie, working as the church treasurer has changed her life's schedule.

To God be the glory!



A Father's Day Reminder

He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers. —Malachi 4:6

In the past, fathers were the main support of the family unit. Mothers stayed home and took care of their children and the home they lived in together.

When dad came home from work, the rest of the evening centered around the family unit.

He was considered the head of the family. His children looked at him in awe because he was strong and made it possible for them to enjoy many worldly pleasures.

Every morning he got up, usually early, got ready for the day and went on his way to work. At night, he returned and continued the same scenarios five or more days a week.

The same routine was happening each day in the homes of their friends.

Being a good dad is not as easy as it looks. His responsibilities are huge. In most homes, he is responsible to be the ultimate support for his wife and children.

I would bet you never thought about his daily schedule as you were growing up. I know I never thought about my dad's day. I never thought about what he wanted on his life's journey.

Was he happy every day? Did he like his job? Did he have other dreams?

Take some time to sit down with your father and ask him about his everyday life. He probably will be reluctant to come up with an answer because he is not used to talking about his feelings.

Be patient. Be encouraging. He is not just a figurehead in your life.

He's your Dad and he loves you.

Father, God, thank you for the father you have sent to me to show me the love you have for me, here, on earth. Amen.

—Sandie Wysocki

Words of Wit & Wisdom

“Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, storytellers, and singers of song.”—Pam Brown

“You have put every superhero on shame because you are stronger than Hulk and smarter than Ironman~” —
-Unknown

“Thank you for being such a great dad. I hope you have a happy celebration on your beautiful day.” —
Unknown

“The best gift a man can give to the world is to be a good father.” —Renee Daniels

“Never is a man more of a man than when he is the father of a newborn.”
—Charles Wadsworth



Juneteenth

There are a number of observances and holidays in the civil calendar that find their way into the church in one way or another. Some of these are closely tied to the cultural history and traditions of a particular ethnic group, such as St. Patrick's Day for the Irish, Oktoberfest for the Germans, Casimir Pulaski Day for the Polish, many Native American observances such as the Cherokee National Holiday, the Korean thanksgiving celebration Chusuk, the Chinese and Korean New Year, and Cinco de Mayo for Mexican Americans. Juneteenth is the oldest of all African American celebrations. It commemorates the day of June 19, 1865, when African Americans in Texas first learned of their freedom from slavery under the Emancipation Proclamation, signed by President Lincoln and which had gone into effect on January 1, 1863, nearly two and a half years earlier. On June 19, 1865, two months and a week after Lee's surrender to Grant at Appomattox, federal troops under the command of Union Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and informed the slaves of their freedom by reading General Order #3, which stated: ***The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere.*** By June 19, 1866, only one year later, large festive celebrations were begun and many continued into the twentieth century. June 19th early was named Juneteenth, and it has been observed as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day by African Americans for more than 140 years. Celebrations have included parades, picnics, dancing, sporting events, music, plays, recounting of stories by former slaves, inspirational speeches, reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, and prayer services. The observance spread all over the United States during the next 140 years; and fourteen states today list Juneteenth as an official holiday, including Texas, California, New York, New Jersey, and Alaska. It is observed in other states and in other countries.

Source: Discipleship Ministries, The United Methodist Church

Bible Verses about the Father

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

Psalms 103:13

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

1 John 3:1

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

John 10:28-30

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6



JUNE...and with its arise of summer, heated hearts are excited to re-establish their friendship with waves 'n waters, with salt 'n sand, with "balmy" and breezes! Here's **MY** stay, at a surf-side hide-away! Read it twice, to let it flow in, and thrice, to *sink* in; ruminare, cogitate, get tanned!

INN ON THE NARROWS

"With A BAY side before me, A BEACH side behind me"

This beach house Inn, at Indian Shores beach, Florida - a two story, two house, twin tin roofs, has a steely glare, off straight, corrugated, long roof ridges with stout lug rivets, (a '**Hot Tin Roof**' indeed, an August in Florida! The "Cat" was seen later!) She stands, a restored, yellow, 1920's lodge on '**The Narrows**'.

1.) With A *BAY* side before me, A *BEACH* side behind me, sun-rise flairs to sun-set finales – all under an azure umbrella such an *Arc de Triomphe*. My coffee, lunch, supper, all here savored; this 'Narrows', is just a Quarterback's pass 'tween the two *Red Zones*, which starts Dawn and ends Dusk.

2.) The ocean rolls omnipresent, Bay breezes breath, there's sea shells 'n shore lines 'n Sea Salt 'n Vinegar *Kettle-type* Potato Chips; ice-cold green-bottle beer in a freezer-frosted glass mug, it 'high tides', then leaves its 'Got-Milk' froth upon my lips.

3.) 'Navajo White' stripes remain 'etched' atop my bronzed feet...(the wife has the same ones... little wonder, also those little narrow bands round over *her* shoulders).

4.) Bath's room is awash in a thick-brushed, glossy white paint; a white linoleum floor to white wooden door say: '*Linen Fresh!*', '*Clean!* Discover a rippled bubble clear glass Door knob! – **WOW, remember those?**

5.) Sit in a second story closet 'cubby' book nook, cornering you into its padded glider rocker, peruse white shelves eclectic, a nautical motif; yellowed paperbacks; **The River of Doubt** book jacket pictures a rough Teddy Roosevelt: '*hardships*', '*Amazon river*', '*desertions*'...got my attention!

Continued on next page>

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 right 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 Multi-Purpose room, 8:30-9:30am.

Monday

Choir practice in the Choir Room, 6-7:15 pm.

Bell Ringers practice in the Fellowship Hall, 5:15-5:45pm.

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. We are okay with soup at this time. Desserts are welcome.

AM Wednesday Bible Study-on hiatus for the summer.

PM Wednesday Bible Study-6:30pm in the Prayer Room, led by Pastor Bill.

Thursday

Praise Team practice in the Sanctuary, 5:30-6:30pm.

Happening This Month

Trustees meet Tuesday, June 2nd, 6:30pm, in the Multi-Purpose room.

Healing Service-Sunday, June 14th, 10am, during the Worship service.

Church Council will meet Thursday, June 18th, 6:30pm in the Multi-Purpose room.

United Women in Faith-Business meeting, Saturday, Jun 13, 9:30am, in the Multi-Purpose room.

ASP Mission trip-June 21-27. Please keep our team, and their project in your prayers.

Camp Hope Kitchen help-Volunteers needed for kitchen help and desserts. Sign up sheets in the narthex. You don’t have to volunteer for the whole summer—even 1 time would be helpful.

Opportunities to Be a Blessing

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

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 Conley's Church family in any of these capacities; 302-945-1881

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 June _____

- 14th Flag Day
- 19th Juneteenth
- 21st Father's Day
- 21st First Day of Summer
- 28th John Wesley's Birthday (1703)

Conley's United Methodist Church

33106 Jolyns Way
Lewes, Delaware 19958

302-945-1881
conleysumc@gmail.com

www.conleysumc.org

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE

