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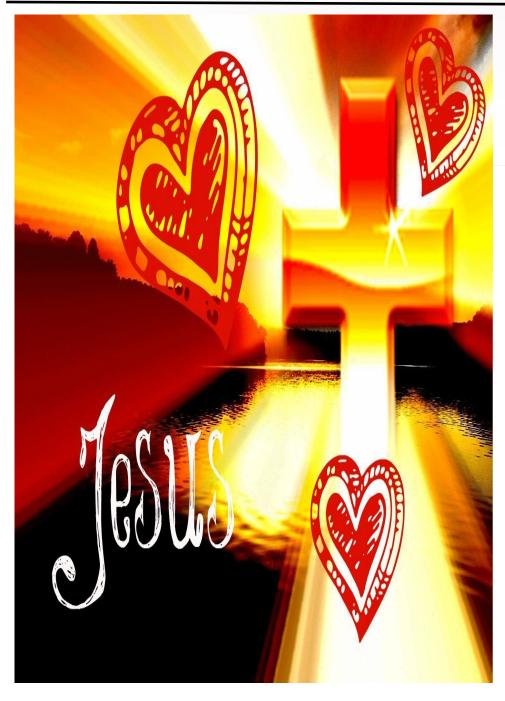
Conley's United Methodist

# CONNECTION

In essentials, unity

In non-essentials, liberty

In all things, charity





## Lewes, Delaware

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In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me; turn your ear to me and save me. Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel. For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth. From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you. ~ Psalm 71:1-6

Many of your friends and family are afraid that the end of life as we know it is imminent. Don't believe me? Consider this ABC News headline from January 28: "2025 'Doomsday Clock': This is how close we are to self-annihilation, scientists say". For the first time in three years, the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists moved the metaphorical doomsday clock forward; we are now 89 seconds 'til midnight, catastrophe on a world-wide scale. Daniel Holz, chair of the Science and Security board, said: "In setting the clock closer to midnight, we send a stark signal. Because the world is already perilously close to the precipice, any move towards midnight should be taken as an indication of extreme danger and an unmistakable warning. Every second of delay in reversing course increases the probability of global disaster."

There is no shortage of fearful circumstances in this world: the threat of nuclear war or even of one rogue nation employing a nuclear device, predictions of natural disasters, insurmountable debt and collapsing economies, increasingly frequent acts of random cruelty and violence, asteroids, famines, disease . . . the list goes on. We are under continuous bombardment of bad news from the 24-hour news cycle. It is easy to become discouraged, hopeless, despondent.

The passage above (our lectionary Psalm from February 2) provides a counterbalance to the news of the world, a message of bright hope in glorious defiance of the endless stream of gloom and doom. It is in God that we take refuge, not earthly institutions. The always holy, never changing ruler of the universe is the source of our hope, not the continuously corrupt, ever fickle rulers of the world. God is the one to whom we can always go, the one who is always there, the one who never shames us. This is why we as believers may live confidently and sing sincerely. "I will ever praise you," the psalmist exalts—in times of joy or in times of sadness.

Psalm 71--like many passages throughout Scripture--reminds us that our citizenship is not of this world. We are temporary workers here, not permanent residents. Is it possible to be completely unaffected or uninvolved in the troubles of this world? Of course not. And the Bible does not call us to be. The Bible calls us to be ever aware that while we are *in* the world, we are not *of* it. We are not to be obsessed with its problems or impressed with its powers. Nearing the end of his earthly life, Jesus bluntly acknowledged the hardships and tribulations that are part of our earthly existence, and he concluded: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 6:33). On the first Sunday of February, we will recite--as we always do on Communion Sunday--the mystery of faith: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." Remember this, too: Christ is with us today. Do not be afraid.

# SPARC Strategic Prayer And Revival Committee

## **BE A FRUIT BEARER**

... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Galatians 5:22-24

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. Ephesians 5:8-11

God of Light, thank You for lighting our path. When we walk in Your light there is no darkness. We don't have to be gardeners

to know that plants grow toward the light. Likewise we flourish when we are in the Light – which is the Holy Spirit of Christ. To be in step with the Spirit is to live in such a way as to reflect the fruit of the Spirit which are the characteristics of Jesus. Every time we face darkness it draws us to Your light. As --- continues to walk in Your Light may she overflow with the fruit of Your Spirit sharing generously, as You are generous, with others.

Live as children of the Light.

Let your words be the genuine picture of your heart.

-John Wesley



## Greetings from the Missions Team

Please keep Kairos Prison Ministries In your prayers for successful weekends. Hearts to be touched, and God to be glorified.



Kairos Inside Prison Ministry Weekend #10

**Sussex Correctional Institute** 

March 27-30, 2025

**Please Pray for Team and Residents** 



Artwork by SCI resident, presented to volunteers at a Kairos Weekend



## Kairos Outside Prison Ministry Weekend #7

For Women Who Have Been Impacted by Incarceration

March 28-30, 2025

Please Pray for Guests and Team





Kairos Inside Prison Ministry - Weekend #1

**Baylor Women's Correctional Institute** 

**April 3-6, 2025** Please Pray for Team and Residents



## Evangelism Team News

## **CONLEY'S PEOPLE OF INTEREST – Sandie Wysocki**

I was saddened to learn late last year that Sandie Wysocki is leaving Conley's church in a few months this Spring to move back to Malvern, Pennsylvania to live with her daughter Janeen and be closer to her family that includes 3 children, 9 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. She will be greatly missed!

I recently sat down with Sandie to capture some of her thoughts before she leaves to share with you.



How long have you been coming to Conley's? What first led you to Conley's? "I started coming to Conley's church in 2002 when Pastor Randy was pastor. Barbara Moxey and Marge Logan, neighbors of mine and members of Conley's at the time, invited me to come with them to a service at Conley's chapel. I had just moved to Delaware from Pennsylvania and felt comfortable with Conley's from the start. Conley's people and adherence to the Bible were what I was most looking for and appealed to me."

*What has been your vision for Conley's?* "My vision has always been to get the gospel out and bring people to Christ. This includes getting young people to come to Conley's to hear the gospel in its true form."

#### What are some things that people may not know about you?

- "I was a hairdresser starting at age 18 for 23 years. I was also a limo driver for 10 years, when I drove around Bea Arthur, Kristi Yamaguchi and the Boys to Men! I also used to paint and sell sweatshirts and made men's silk neck ties. I also had a British tea business when I went to people's homes and made and served the entire tea party including scones, jam, and cream. I went to Key West to visit my son from January-April for four years and at the time worked at a Tiki bar. Most recently I have been making costume jewelry and love to give it away for free to strangers to make people smile."
- "I served as officiant for both of my granddaughters as well as my sister for their weddings."
- "I have a scripture verse on every single door of my home, on my sink and outside my front so when people visit they have no choice but to stop and notice. For example, this is on my bathroom door: "Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands. May those who fear you rejoice when they see me, for I have put my hope in your word." (Psalm 119:73-74). This verse is on my side door: "I can do all this through him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)." Continued on next page>

## **Evangelism** Team News

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• "When I first became a Christian I attended Philadelphia Bible College for a semester."



- "I revived the prayer shawl ministry at Conley's but I have also been President of UMW, worked at the Conley's Soup kitchen, did girls night out, helped out with funeral dinners, taught Bible class in my home for 5 years, and have written two collections of devotions and poetry one based on my Bible study class and one based on my experiences as a Christian. I volunteer at the Conley's Thrift Store Saturday mornings where my favorite thing to do getting a chance to help and encourage people."
- "I like to pay for people's restaurant checks anonymously. I like to make people smile. I give people smiley face pins now because it was my husband's insignia on everything he wrote."

#### What will you miss the most about Conley's church after you

*leave?* "I will most miss the people, my many friendships and the love that we extend to one another when its needed.

I will also miss the Sunday worship service and Pastor Bill's great sermons."

I remember you writing in your 2024 Lenten devotional, "Anyone who knows me knows I am always waiting for the opportunity to share the love of Jesus and God's plan of salvation in the conversation." So *how do you want to most be remembered after you move to Pennsylvania*?

"I have a God given ability to be able to walk up to strangers and start a conversation that eventually leads to talking about God and salvation. I want to be remembered that I did all that God asked me to do in the time he gave me to do it in the time I spent at Conley's and the people I came in contact with. I know that I was not a perfect person but I hope that I always tried to do my best to show God's love through my life."

——Interviewed by: Jerry Pawlikowski



## The Latest from Conley's Social Concerns Team

A HELPING HAND FOR THOSE IN NEED

## **Feeding the Flock**

Over the past few weeks, I have read a number of devotionals and heard several sermons calling on the community of believers to care for the poor, the oppressed, the homeless: following the example of Christ. Here at Conley's, we have so many amazing ministries that endeavor to reach out into those



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.") groups of people and I am certain that most of us do not think of these efforts as evangelism. In our current Bible studies about becoming "Contagious Christians," selfless serving and relationship/friendship building are two of the ways identified, that we can bring Christ-like love into these communities, Evangelism! I know all of us that serve in these ministries have witnessed changes in some of the people that we have established relationships with. Feeding the Flock has evolved from only providing physical food, to providing spiritual nourishment through the formation of these relationships.

Many people in the low income projects that we serve, have had food stamps reduced significantly and are struggling to get adequate food. We are so blessed to be able to provide many staples.

We appreciate all the donations both financial and all the food and clothing you have provided. During the recent bout of severe weather, this allowed us to provide extra food and warm clothing. Those people who have to rely on Community Resource Center and the Code Purple Shelters are very appreciative.

## Food Pantry

The pantry is in need of a few items to help replace staples that we have been giving out.

Parmalat – shelf stable milk Spaghetti Sauce (No pasta please) Jelly (preferably in plastic squeeze bottles) Beef Stew

## **Soup Kitchen**

The Soup Kitchen is always in need of Soup and Desserts. Please remember to check the sign up sheet in the narthex or check with Dale Kehrer.

## NEWS from CONLEY'S THRIFT SHOP



The new year brought extremely cold weather and it looks like it plans to hang around for a while longer. On top of the cold weather, the pole barn's heating system decided that it had reached it's life expectancy and died on us. Talk about a tough working environment!!! Thankfully we have a lot of dedicated volunteers who dressed warmly and kept the pole barn open for sales. The new system was ordered and after 3 plus weeks finally arrived and was installed Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of January. What a difference this makes. When the temperature is below 32 degrees, we do not open the donation center. It is just too cold to ask the staff and volunteers to be outside accepting and sorting the donated items. Please keep this in mind as you plan to drop off your items.

We post updates on opening and closing of the thrift shop because of weather conditions on our Thrift Shop page on Facebook. We had to close several days in January because of the snow and ice. Safety of our customers and staff/volunteers are our main concerns.

Steve Walker (one of our truck drivers) has decided to retire after being a loyal staff member for 7 years. His last day will be February 6<sup>th</sup>. Steve you are going to be greatly missed. Your ability to work with the public and represent Conley's Church is going to be hard to match. Blessings and thanks for the time you spent with us. If anyone knows of someone looking for a part time job and can meet the requirements posted for a thrift shop sales associate as shown on the church's website, please have them contact Sally or Pat at the thrift shop.

Please keep us in your prayers.

## 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.

Hope everyone is keeping warm, cozy, and safe in these winter months! Our goats have adapted well to their first winter and big snowfall! They have grown thick winter coats and have good appetites. Some days, extra treats include kale, leftover broccoli leaves from our garden, collard greens, orange peels, and banana peels included! They greet everyone driving by with happy bleats in their sweet choir of goat voices, be sure to give them a wave hello!

The unit we have been studying recently is about Jesus and loving others. Focusing on God's greatest commandments (Matthew 22:36-39) You shall love the Lord with all your heart and you should love your neighbor as yourself. We are to love God first and foremost and love others - even those we consider un-lovable, as ourselves.

Valentine's Day is this month, which brings the word LOVE to mind. It's easy to love those who love us and treat us with kindness. What if we go beyond that and think about the way God loves us? To Love like Jesus with AGAPE love challenges us. Agape love is unconditional, unlimited and sacrificial. It shows empathy, compassion and even extends unmerited grace. It's giving, without expecting anything in return. We are loved by God in this way! I want to LOVE others this way! Because of God's love toward us, we are able to love one another. The month of February tends to place love on our minds and in our hearts, so let's try to love like Jesus!





## **Bible Buddies is Growing!**

It's been wonderful watching *Bible Buddies* really take off! We now have eight regulars attending on Saturday mornings. I'm happy to have a chance to share some of our activities with you.

The photo with the cupcakes is a good example of how we make the Bible lessons both fun and meaningful. We try to reinforce the meaning of each Bible lesson by tying in our activities with the story, which helps the children better understand and remember it. This lesson was on "The Rainbow - the Lord is a Promise Keeper" so staff member, Kelly Satcher, made cupcakes decorated with sugar rainbows.

What you see happening below is Jim Satcher teaching the children how to play "This Little Light of Mine" on the flute. They really enjoyed it and they sounded rather good! Also pictured is our newest member, Izzy. We're so happy to have her and she really loves it!



Karen Lessey, Camp Hope Director *All praise and glory to God!* 









## **Caring Hearts Ministry**

Caring Hearts is currently serving several church members with visitations and phone calls. We are visiting people who have requested us to do so and calling people who have had recent surgeries or illnesses. Most people we call state that they do not want a visit. We are prepared to provide food, communion, a ride to an appointment, or help with other needs.

We are also going to introduce "Journeying through Grief", through Stephen Ministries, to Church members who have recently lost a loved one.

We rely on our congregation, along with the Prayer list, to facilitate contact with those in need of any of our services. Always feel free to reach out to Carol or me if you or anyone you know needs our Ministry's help.

God Bless,

Jay & Carol

United Women in Faith



A "Welcome" is extended to all women to join the UWF for their first meeting of the year on *Saturday, February 8 at 9 am in the library*. This will be a time of planning for the years' events.

The UWF holds one fundraiser yearly, the "Fall Festival", to be held in September. Proceeds from this event are distributed to church and community groups. This past year contributions were made to Clothing Our Kids (community) and the following Conley's ministries: Camp Hope, Feeding the Flock, Food Pantry and Family Assistance.

We also sponsored campaigns to collect school supplies and personal hygiene items for the Cape Henlopen School District disadvantage students.

We continue each year to prepare our church for Advent by holding a greening of the church event, along with a special gathering in December, a "Christmas Tea".

This past year, once a quarter, we have held a Friday Night Dinner Out gathering at a local restaurant. It is an informal time to just chit chat and fellowship together. We end the evening with a short devotional.

These are just a few of the activities we participate in throughout the year.

During Lent of this year, under the direction of Alyce Amussen, a drama entitled "Women of the New Testament" will be held. At our February meeting, Alyce will be presenting the details related to this event. Approximately fourteen women will be needed to participate in this drama. Do come out on February 8 and learn more about "Women of the New Testament". You may contact Alyce directly with any questions or to sign up! Her phone number is 302-947-2573.

We look forward to seeing how God will bless us this year as we continue to serve Him.

See you on February 8th!

## Rain & God's Forgiveness

One rainy afternoon I was driving along one of the main streets of town, taking those extra precautions necessary when the roads are wet and slick.

Suddenly, my son Matthew spoke up from his relaxed position in his seat, "Mom, I'm thinking of something."

This announcement usually means he has been pondering some fact for a while and is now ready to expound all that his six-year-old mind has discovered.

I was eager to hear. "What are you thinking?" I asked.

"The rain," he began, "is like sin, and the windshield wipers are like God wiping our sins away."

After the chill bumps raced up my arms, I was finally able to respond. "That's really good, Matthew."

Then my curiosity kicked in. How far would this little, six-year-old boy take this revelation? So I asked, "Do you notice how the rain keeps on coming? What does that tell you?"

Matthew didn't hesitate one moment with his answer. "We keep on sinning, and God just keeps on forgiving us."

I will always remember this whenever I turn my wipers on.

We must continually come to the Lord and seek His forgiveness.



—-Source: The Fishwrapper, East Berks Edition A Publication of Little Mountain Printing

## **Conley's Chapel Cemetery is adding a new Columbarium!**

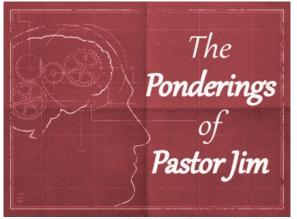
Conley's is adding a Columbarium to the Chapel Cemetery this spring. The plan is to increase our capacity and to better accommodate families choosing cremation. The new Columbarium will contain 48 niches, each of which can hold two urns. The preconstruction sales price of each niche is \$750 and after construction (June 1, 2025) the price will be \$1,000 per niche.

Over time, we have sold almost all the gravesites within the cemetery. Currently, there are less than twenty graves available. In 2020, the Trustees voted to restrict purchase of gravesites to members of Conley's congregation only. Couple this with the fact that since the pandemic, over 60% of families are choosing cremation over a full burial. The cost of a memorial service, cremation and internment of ashes is much more economical today. For all these reasons, the Trustees voted to purchase our first Columbarium last fall.

To prepare our site for the new construction, in December 2024 the small block building behind the Chapel was removed and the ground leveled in preparation for the spring construction. The cleared site has enough space for up to four columbariums in the future and is easily accessible via wheelchair directly from the cemetery service road. We also plan to plant shrubbery in the immediate area to differentiate the columbarium area from the rest of the cemetery.



For more information or to purchase a niche, please contact: Louise Finn 443-223-5149 or <u>LAF2019@outlook.com</u>.



We went to church in Nashville. In the absence of the preacher, the service was done by children. During the passing of the peace, children walked all around the sanctuary and shook people's hands. The children's message involved fitting marbles and sand in the same jar – with the point being when we think the marbles (the worries of our life) fill the jar, there is always room for Jesus (the sand) who can fit between the marbles, And then there was the prayer. A young girl in a chiffon dress came forward and start-

ed to pray while kneeling at the altar. She thanked God for her kidneys, her heart, her lungs and on and on it went with her listing numerous body parts that she was thankful for. It was a lengthy prayer. She then got up from the altar and started to walk back to her seat but then she turned and went back to the altar. "Oh no," we all thought. What else! She said: "And God bless our preacher who is away. Amen." We all smiled at her thoughtfulness as she quickly regained her seat.

In a red-letter Bible, the first words that Jesus spoke (in red) in the Gospel of John are: "What are you looking for?" And then secondly he offers: "Come and see."

The wise men were looking for the child Jesus. They found him, but no one fully knew him until much later. Until the cross and resurrection. On Friday he was nailed to a cross, but Easter resurrection Sunday was coming. Our life is like that – Satan squeezes us hard on Friday, but Sunday's coming to give us relief. That's the gospel, that's the good news. Let's remind each other of the good news.

It's Friday – but Sunday's coming.



Marie and I were married at Whatcoat United Methodist Church in Camden Delaware on Sunday June 4, 1995. Our plan was to have a worship service, and an hour later, after the church was emptied of worshippers, have our wedding ceremony. It was to be a small gathering; we invited about 75 family members and friends to attend. Then afterwards we would have cake and light refreshments in the fellowship hall. It was a good plan. However, after the church service, most of the congregation stayed. So instead of 75 attending our wedding, it was more like 250! And following the ceremony everyone found their way into the fellowship hall for the reception. There was not going to be enough food. Believe me when I say, I seriously prayed for a Cana-like miracle. (Lord, when the wine ran out in Cana, you made more appear. Can you do the same for our refreshments?) But, alas, we ran out of food.

Yet there was a miracle in our wedding story – nobody cared about the shortage. There were just hugs, congratulations, and excited chatter. Not a soul mentioned the lack of food. And when we talk with old friends about our wedding day, no one remembers the shortage of refreshments. They just recall the happiness and joy of that day.

Leaving the funeral home with my Dad's ashes, a white snowy afternoon, I continued to hum the tune that was playing when I got out of my car after arriving. The mournful song was "Vincent: Starry, Stary, Night" by Don Mclean. A reflective composition about the life of painter Vincent VanGough, I've always been drawn to it. In my head I started to compose a poem, replacing the lyrics with my own. Below is the result. Please listen to the song, let it's heaviness, rest on you.



DAD IN MY HANDS, "all I have, is your dust of black"

Snowy, lowly day, sky wet white thick, in wet white flake like a snow globe, after-shake my heart, froze in deep quake I leave *"that home"* with you alone,

snowy, lowly day "Courier and Ives", in virgin white just like you, in god's mercy sight all in heaven with you all right all I have, is your dust of black,

how far my youth pushed you, though you so near now stay close is my ever plea though I know your now HIS in time, perhaps love...will know no waiting line?

Snowy, lowly day, sky wet white thick in wet white flake like a snow globe, after-shake my heart, froze in deep quake 'you'll be with me', till with you I come on home.

> "...You will be missed, because your seat will be empty." 1 Samuel 20:18

> > ——Ron Starich

### Peace in my Heart

When anxiety strikes my heart, I try to remember to say to my heart, "nothing can happen to me that God doesn't know about."

It's time to pray, speak to God. He is your father. He does not want you to spend your days feeling anxious and unsettled. Our minds can be our worst enemy at this time trying to find a reason for this feeling.

Outside circumstances can overwhelm us and send us spiraling downwards. Try to calm down and figure out where these feelings are originating.

A good bit of the time, most of us are just overwhelmed by all the day to day responsibilities we put on our daily schedule.

Just stop, find a quiet spot, ask our Lord to help you see clearly what you can change to alleviate this fluttering in your heart.

This is what I do, it works!

"I will give thanks to the Lord, with all my heart, I will tell you of your wonderful deeds."

—-Psalm 9:1

By: Sandie Wysocki

1John 4:10, NKJV "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us."

Loving Compassion By: Billy Graham

"The supreme happiness of life, "Victor Hugo said, "is the conviction that we are loved." "Love is the first requirement for mental health," declared Sigmund Freud.

Unfortunately, many people go through life feeling unloved—and unlovable. Perhaps they were constantly criticized or ignored as children, or their family was torn by conflict. Perhaps they made bad choices about important issues in life—which only confirmed their belief that they were unworthy of love. This may be your experience.

But listen: I have good news! No matter the reason, your feelings aren't telling you the truth! God loves you, and if you begin to see yourself the way God sees you, your attitudes will begin to change. If He didn't love you, would Christ have been willing to die for you? But He did! The Bible says, "By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us" (1John 3:16).

God loves you. Hammer that truth into your heart and mind every day. It will make all the difference.

Hope for Today: God's Word is His love letter to each one of His children. By reading it, we are reminded that the high King of heaven left His throne, came to earth, and conquered the grave so that we might be set free from the chains of death and live with Him forever. That is true love.

## 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 Facebook; 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 worshiping 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**

#### <u>Sunday</u>

**Adult Bible Study** taught by Rev. Jim Van der wall in the Library, 8:30-9:30am.

Youth Bible Study-9:00am, led by Jess Mastriana, in Youth Room.

#### **Monday**

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

Bell Ringers practice in the Fellowship Hall, 7:15-8:30pm.

#### <u>Tuesday</u>

**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 led by Pastor Bill in the Library, 6:30pm

### <u>Thursday</u>

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

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

## Happening This Month\_

**Trustees Meeting**—February 4th, 6:30pm in the Library.

**United Women in Faith**-Business meeting, February 8th, 9am, in the Library.

**Fundraiser**-Feb. 11th, Plaza Mexico. We receive a portion of their sales from the whole day.

Taizé Prayer Service-God's Love, February 13th, 6:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

**Prayer Team Meeting-**February 15th, 10am, in the Library.

Church Council meets Thursday, February 20th, 6:30pm, in the Library.

## 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.



## 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 February

	Black History Month
1st	National Freedom Day
2nd	Groundhog Day
14th	Valentine's Day
17th	President's Day

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