



Dover First UMC's Weekly Newsletter

April 26, 2026

Let's Worship Together

Sundays at 10:20 a.m.
in the Sanctuary

Nursery Care

Sunday mornings
for children 1 to 3
in rooms 1 and 3

Preschool

Sunday mornings
for children 4 to 6

Children's Ministry

Kidz Min Church
during Sunday Worship

Youth Ministry

Youth Group for grades
middle and high school
Sundays at 6 p.m.

Our Website

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for online services,
special studies,
announcements,
opportunities to serve,
and the church calendar
and ways to give.

Reflection by Pastor Wes

As I think about the conclusion of John's Gospel,
I can't help but think about Jesus' words to Peter,
"Feed my Sheep."

Provide for those who Jesus is concerned with.
Provide what the people need.

These words have so many possible
meanings from teach, to literally feed.

It is worth our time to meditate on this phrase
frequently, and ask who Jesus' sheep are
that I have been asked to care for,
and how am I caring for them.

What did you love about John's Gospel?



Sisters and Brothers,

Over the last several weeks I have been preaching in John's Gospel because that is where the lectionary is. It has triggered in me a desire to work through the Gospel more slowly. So for the month of April I will be reading a chapter a day and I invite you to join with me in this exercise. John's Gospel is 21 chapters long so even if you start tomorrow there is still enough time in April that you can divide some of the longer chapters if you need to. The goal is to read slower and focus on the message.

John's Gospel is wonderfully robust and every time I read it I come away with something more. As one theologian said, "John is like water shallow enough for a baby to play in while deep enough for an elephant to drown." It is easy yet offers great depth for those who are looking. Be aware that John often uses words with multiple meanings to illuminate multiple messages simultaneously.

As we approach the book this April I will be focused on the themes of the Spirit. What is the Spirit's role in our world. What does life mean for Jesus. And what does Jesus' new command of loving one another look like in my daily life. I encourage you to ask questions and discuss the book with others. John is certainly a book that benefits us more when we read it in community.

Blessings,

Pastor Wesley



GRADUATION

Celebration

Honoring Dover First UMC's
2026 Graduates

Aiden Ashcraft

Nathan Harpst

Kara Lint

Grant Mathias

Nathan Ricker

Robert Wolfe

Kaitlin Yoder

During the Sunday, May 10th Service.
Scholarships Will Also Be Awarded.



Welcome to Worship

April 26, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"
arr. David Paxton

Call to Worship Psalm 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

ALL: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,

L: Leads me beside still waters,

L: Restores my life,

ALL: Leads me in right paths

ALL: For the sake of the Lord's name.

L: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

L: I fear no evil;

ALL: For you are with me;

ALL: Your rod and your staff,

ALL: They comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me

L: In the presence of my enemies;

ALL: You anoint my head with oil,

ALL: My cup overflows.

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

L: All the days of my life;

ALL: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

ALL: As long as I live.

*Hymn #73	O Worship The King
Scripture	Acts 2:42–47
Prayer	
*Hymn #2149	Living for Jesus
Scripture	1 Peter 2:19–25
Choir Anthem	“It Is Well With My Soul” Setting by John Ness Beck In memory of Jan Leatherman by Clyde and Susan Penrod
*Offering Introduction/Doxology/Prayer/Lord’s Prayer	
Message	Credit for Enduring Pastor Wesley George
*Hymn #472	Near to the Heart of God
*Benediction	
*Postlude	“Living for Jesus” Gerald Peterson

This Week at Dover First UMC

Sunday

10:20 a.m. Worship Service

6 p.m. Youth Group
Fellowship Hall
and Kitchen

Next Sunday

10:20 a.m. Worship Service
Holy Communion

6 p.m. Youth Group
Fellowship Hall
and Kitchen

Come to the Table

Holy Communion

During Next Sunday's Service



Monday

10:30 a.m. Community
Book Study
Lounge

7 p.m. Leadership
Board
Lounge

Tuesday

7 p.m. WMM Church
Spanish-Speaking

7 p.m. Boy Scouts
Scout Room

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
Education Zone

7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Choir Room

Thursday

7 p.m. Grief Share
Lounge

7 p.m. WMM Church
Spanish-Speaking

Friday

No Events

Saturday

10 a.m. Craft and Chat
Lounge

Private Party
Fellowship Hall