



**Dover First UMC's Weekly Newsletter**  
May, 22 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**  
Visit [doverfirst.org](http://doverfirst.org)  
for online services,  
special studies,  
announcements,  
opportunities to serve,  
and the church calendar  
and ways to give.



We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence.

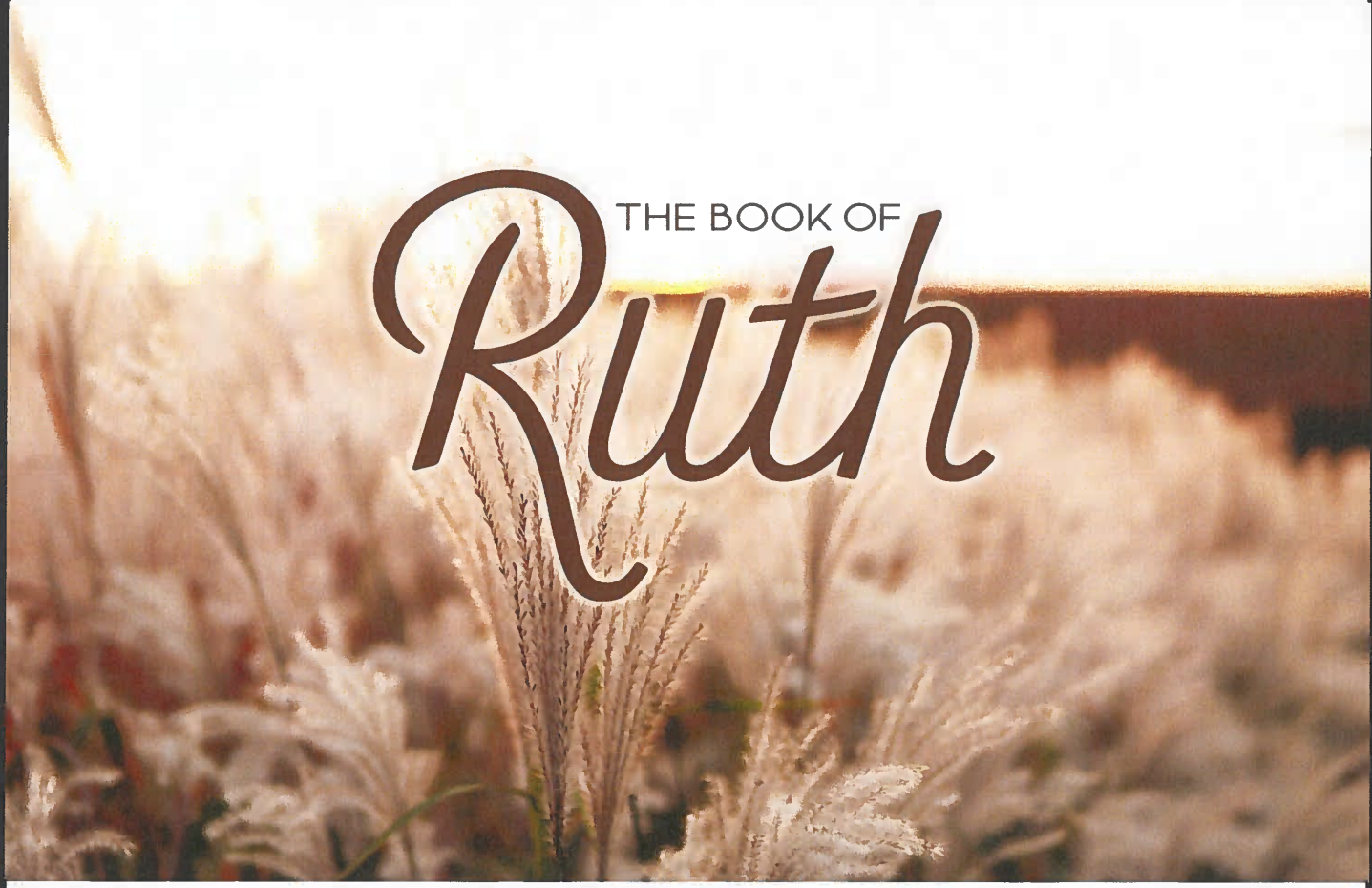
And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief.

Help us as we minister to their needs.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Join Pastor Wesley George  
for a Bible Study of the  
Old Testament Book of  
**Ruth**

Thursday Evenings  
July 2, 9, 16 and 23  
6 p.m. in the Lounge  
Please Sign Up in the Lobby



THE BOOK OF  
*Ruth*

# What's All The BUZZ?

## Camp Read-A-Lot

Wednesdays 9-Noon



6/17

6/24

7/1

7/8

7/15



Register online at [doverfirst.org](http://doverfirst.org)  
(look for the VBS form)  
or contact the Dover First  
United Methodist Church office  
at (330) 343-1322 for more info.  
Camp Read-A-Lot is a faith-based  
summer literacy program for kids  
entering grades K-3 or anyone  
needing extra help learning to read.  
Enjoy stories, music, activities, crafts,  
and over 75 different literacy games!





## Welcome to Worship Memorial Day Weekend May 24, 2026

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship Psalm 104:24-30

L: O Lord, how manifold are your works

**ALL: In wisdom you have made them all;**

**ALL: The earth is full of your creatures.**

L: Yonder is the sea, great and wide,

**ALL: Creeping things innumerable are there,**

**ALL: Living things both small and great.**

L: There go the ships,

L: And Leviathan whom you formed to play in it.

**ALL: These all look to you,**

**ALL: To give them their food in due season.**

L: When you give to them, they gather it;

**ALL: When you open your hand, they are filled  
with good things.**

L: When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

**ALL: When you take away their breath, they die**

**ALL: And return to their dust.**

L: When you send forth your spirit, they are created;

**ALL: And you renew the face of the ground.**

- \*Hymn #64            Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
- Scripture            Acts 2:1–21
- \*Hymn #393        Spirit of The Living God
- \*Prayer
- \*Hymn #328        Surely the Presence of The Lord
- Scripture            1 Corinthians 12:3b–13
- Choir Anthem      “The Lord Has Never Failed Me”  
Words and Music by Rebecca J. Peck  
Arr. and Orchestrated by Logan Peck
- \*Offering Introduction/Doxology/Prayer/Lord’s Prayer
- Message            One for All, and All for One  
Pastor Wesley George
- \*Hymn #2223 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love
- \*Benediction
- \*Postlude            “Battle Hymn of the Republic”  
arr. Janet Linker

## *One for All, and All for One*

### **Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:3b–13**

<sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

<sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

### **Questions**

1. What does it mean to say, “Jesus is Lord”?
2. Does the Spirit only give one gift to each person?
3. Are the gifts listed here the only gifts the Spirit gives?
4. What does the metaphor “drink of one Spirit” mean?

### **Background**

Related Scriptures: Acts 2:1–21

The phrase “the same Spirit” is meant in part to remind us no one can say they have more of the Holy Spirit or are closer to God based on what gifts they have for anyone with a gift has equal share in the Spirit.

**Ambrosiaster:** The diversity in the members of the body unites for the purpose of ensuring that the body fulfills its potential.

**Chrysostom:** If there were not great diversity among you, you could not be a body. If you were not a body, you could not be unified. If you were not one, you would not be equal in honor. It is because you are not all endowed with the same gift that you are a body.<sup>1</sup>

**Augustine:** Aren’t the hairs of your head certainly of less value than your other members? What is cheaper, more despicable, more lowly in your body than the hairs of your head? Yet if the barber trims your hair unskillfully, you become angry at him because he does not cut your hair evenly. Yet you do not maintain that same concern for unity of the members in the church<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Gerald Lewis Bray, ed., *1–2 Corinthians*, Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture 126.

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## *One for All, and All for One*

### **Reflection**

We cannot be completely certain why Paul wrote these words to the Corinthians, but many scholars think that it had something to do with the Corinthians believing that those who spoke in tongues were more spiritual than others. The Corinthians were in some way propping themselves up on the idea that God had specially favored them with a unique and powerful gifting of the Holy Spirit. Paul comes along to correct this idea by noticing that any person who has any gifting from the Holy Spirit has an equal claim to God's presence and love. Paul wants them to remember no matter how humble the gift might appear a person exhibiting the gifts of the Spirit means that individual is loved by God and equal to any other Christian no matter how impressive the other individual might seem. It might sound a little trite, but Paul is saying, "you are enough because God is in you." I think most people become complacent with how awesome a thing it is to say that humans are God's image indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

Paul wants us to understand God does not provide believers with gifts based on the concept of who is more Godlike or more necessary. Humans base positions and gifts on how much we like another person or how essential we think they are. God is not like that; God gives gifts to prop up the entire community. Our duty is to recognize the gifts in others and how those gifts can be used in our communities.

Paul understands that while we strive for unity in the community under Jesus, the same Spirit that brings this harmony does so through diversity. This week is Pentecost; it is a time to think about the Holy Spirit embodied in the Church. Part of this celebration should involve self-reflection on what gifts you have received from the Spirit: hospitality, teaching, service, prayer, generosity, exhortation, etc. What is your gift and how do you see yourself fitting into God's plan for the Church. Perhaps equate your role to a body part so that you can continue Paul's metaphor. Now consider what other pieces are necessary for you to fill your role and utilize your gifts to the fullest. Think about the common cliché that it takes ten muscles just to smile, plus the other body parts that are involved like nerves. It is through the diverse aspects of the body coming together that the body functions at its best. And the Church is the same way. Paul wants the Corinthians to focus on what others bring to the party. Too often we still look down on others because they do not fit perfectly with our expectations of Christians, or because they have a different place, or perhaps because their sin looks different from mine. But what Paul says is that we are to look at their function, their role, and praise them for how they help complete the task.

Further, he goes to show us that those body parts that are in the most need are the ones we care the most for. While Paul specifically implies the genitalia as most necessary to cover, I like how the Church Fathers often spun this metaphor. They often appealed to how we care for our feet. We intentionally wear shoes because it is our feet that come into contact with the most difficult trials, and if we fail to care for them then our whole body can come to a halt. We provide protection to our bodies' most vulnerable places and show respect to whatever body part needs care. We show concern for every body part as necessary to our body's function correctly and no part is less a part of us than any other.

Pentecost is a time to remember that even as we are joined together as one body in Christ we each take on differing roles. Our goal should be to meditate on how God has gifted us to fit into the mosaic of the Church and how others around us fit together with us. We should also take time to reflect on how we can build up those around us so that they can maximize their gifts for the Kingdom. Our goal is not to belittle our gifts or those of others, it is to recognize how they work together for the Kingdom and how the Holy Spirit works in each person independently to bring us together. Our calling is to bring honor to the gifts others bring to the body and strengthen their ability to live out their calling in the world we share.

# This Week at Dover First UMC

## Sunday Pentecost

10:20 a.m.      Worship Service

## Next Sunday

10:20 a.m.      Worship Service

2 p.m.              Private Party  
Fellowship Hall



## Monday

## Memorial Day

Offices Closed  
Staff Holiday

## Tuesday

7 p.m.

WMM Church  
Spanish-Speaking

7 p.m.

Boy Scouts  
Scout Room

7 p.m.

Leadership  
Board  
Lounge

## Wednesday

6:30 p.m.

Cub Scouts  
Education Zone

7 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal  
Choir Room

## Thursday

7 p.m.

WMM Church  
Spanish-Speaking

## Friday

No Events

## Saturday

No Events

Dover First UMC's Donations and Expenditures YTD Attendance Average as of 04/30/2026 = 103	2026 YTD as of 04/30/2026
All Income	\$ 112,899
Less: All Expenses	\$ (105,463)
Total Gain (Loss) Incurred	\$ 7,437
Note 1: Capital expenditures included in expenses	\$ 0
Note 2: Unpaid conference apportionments	\$ 7,425