



Friday February 18th, 2021

Join us for worship, online or in-person!
Sunday morning traditional service @ 1020am
Thursday evening contemporary service @ 7pm *(temporarily on hold)*



**A Message
From
Pastor Dave**

Would you agree that the most difficult type of stress in our lives is stress that comes from knowing that we have no control over something? There are some things in life we just can't change, and a result of that is stress, and it is often difficult to eliminate that stress. So what can we do? The only solution is surrender. We have to surrender to God in those situations.

In Matthew 6:10 Jesus teaches us to pray: *Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.* This is a prayer of surrender. Your Kingdom come, Lord, and Your will be done. It means saying, 'God, you are in charge. You are in control.' It means saying, 'God, those things that are unchangeable in our lives; those uncontrollable circumstances or that unexplained pain, I'm going to give it all to You, Lord.'

What does it mean to say, 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven?' It means three things.

First, it means letting go of control. Every day we have to decide: 'who is going to be in control of my life? Me? Or God?' Every day it's a decision we have to make. The problem is, there are some things in our lives that we don't *want* to give up control of. But my friends, surrender always begins with letting God be God.

Psalms 46:10 says; *'let go, and know that I am God. I rule the nations. I rule the earth.'* The NIV translation says *'be still, and know that I am God.'* The words *'be still'* in this verse literally mean 'to let go,' 'to calm down,' 'to relax.' I don't know what challenges we will face this week, this month, this year, but I do know what God wants us to do with those challenges; He wants us to let go. He wants us to be still and know that He is God. He wants us to surrender.

We don't like that word, *'surrender,'* because surrender means saying 'I give up.' But isn't that the very thing we need to do when we are stressed? We often face stress in our lives because we are in conflict with God's plan. We get into a tug of war with God of 'my will' verses 'Thy will,' and that puts us in direct opposition to God.

Second, it means learning to be content. The key to inner peace, no matter what happens in life, is accepting what cannot be changed and learning to be content. Philippians 4:11-13 Paul writes; *'I have learned to be content with the things that I have and with everything that happens. I know how to live when I'm poor, and I know how to live when I have plenty, and I have learned the secret of being happy at any time in everything that happens. I can do all things through Christ because He gives me strength.'*

Notice the word 'learned.' Contentment is something we have to learn, and doing so is only possible through Christ's strength. One of the problems we have with learning contentment is that we look for explanations of why things happen. God doesn't always tell us why things happen in our lives, and that causes us to ask things like, 'why not, God?' But even if we received an explanation for the things that don't make any sense, it still wouldn't take away the pain.

I recently went to the doctor because of a pain in my hand. I pointed to the area of pain and said, 'I have this pain right here, and it really hurts.' The doctor took an x-ray, and then explained what the problem was. As I walked out of her office, I knew why I was in pain, but the pain was still there. We don't need God's explanation. What we need is God's presence. Psalm 37:7 says; *'surrender yourself to The Lord, and wait patiently for Him.* Surrendering to God and learning to be content means waiting patiently for Him.

Third, surrendering means laying down my plans. I don't know if you have noticed this in your life, but I have sure noticed it in mine. *My* plans get changed, a lot! I tend to make all these great plans, but then, they end up getting changed. It is ok to make our plans, but we also have to lay down our plans, because our plans aren't always going to align with God's plans. 'My will be done' doesn't necessarily align with 'Thy will be done.'

On January 23rd it was announced that I will be appointed senior pastor of Thoburn UMC in St. Clairsville Ohio. On February 13th it was announced that Pastor Wes George will be appointed pastor of Dover First UMC. These were unexpected changes, and for some, there may be feelings of stress. What can we do? The only solution is surrender: *Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done.*

God is in control, and whatever we may be feeling, let us all take time to lift those feelings up to Him. Be still, and know that He is God. In His perfect timing He will reveal the incredible plan He has for us all. In the meantime, be in prayer for me and my family, be in prayer for Pastor Wes and his family, be in prayer for the Thoburn UMC family, and be in prayer for the Dover First family. We are all one body, connected through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

'Our Father in heaven, Hallowed is Your Name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done...'

In His Name,

- *Pastor Dave*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



As part of our Discover, Develop, Deploy Mission, we will once again be helping the Dover-Phila Food Pantry by distributing food to those in need in our communities.

We will be serving at the Food Pantry on the 4th Thursday of each month with our next serving opportunity scheduled for February 24th

Sign up in the lobby
or contact the church office at (330) 343-1322
or by email - doverfirst@gmail.com

This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals, families, small groups, and our church family to reach out and help those in need!



Want to be a welcoming presence in our church?

We are in need of individuals or groups to serve at our Welcome Center on Sunday Mornings each week.

Assist with directions
Hand out Welcome Gift Bags
Answer Questions
Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Sign up in the lobby
or contact the church office at (330) 343-1322
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This is a great opportunity to use your gifts to welcome everyone each week as we gather to worship!

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing so some have entertained angels without knowing it - Hebrews 13:1



We invite you to join us for worship Wednesday March 2nd at 7pm as we kick-off the Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday service.

Those worshipping in person will have an opportunity to come forward
And receive ashes on their forehead or back of their hand.

Those not comfortable coming forward will have the opportunity to
receive a pre-packaged cotton swab with ash and
apply at their seat.

This service will also be live-streamed to all of our online platforms

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord - Acts 3:19

GOOD NEIGHBOR



**Good Neighbor
Weekend
April 2nd and 3rd**

Good Neighbor weekend is fast approaching!
Saturday April 2nd and Sunday April 3rd

We will not be holding worship services on Sunday April 3rd.

Instead, we will be going out into our communities this weekend,
seeking opportunities to reach out, serve, and help our neighbors.

We will live stream a brief message Sunday morning,
but no online or in-person services will be held.

More information, along with a Good Neighbor suggestion booklet,
will be coming in March.

{ Introducing }



Paul Wesley (Wes) George
Full-time Local Pastor (FL)

On Sunday February 13th, Mitch Warden of our church Leadership Board shared this announcement at the beginning of worship:

“it is expected that Bishop Tracy S. Malone will appoint Pastor Paul Wesley (Wes) George to be the pastor of First (Dover) UMC, effective July 1, 2022. In the itinerant ministry of the United Methodist Church, the Bishop appoints pastors to serve in our churches for missional reasons. Bishop Malone sends pastors to churches or charges where their gifts might best be used for the mission and ministry of a congregation as well as for the church at large. The Bishop, in consultation with the PPR (Pastor/Parish Relations Committee) and Cabinet, has prayerfully determined this new appointment for Wes. When Wes was licensed, he took a vow to go wherever the Bishop sent him to serve the people of God’s Church and the mission field of that mission outpost.”

Pastor Wes was born in 1981 in Marietta Ohio. He and his wife Susan have three children: Katelynn, Melody, and Ameilia.

Pastor Wes received his BA from Asbury College in 2004, his MA from Ashland Theological Seminary in 2007, and is currently attending Ashland Theological Seminary, pursuing an MDiv degree.

An information pamphlet was shared to those attending worship in person on Feb. 13th following the service. Copies of this pamphlet are available in the church office for anyone who would like to receive one. Contact the church office (330) 343-1322 for more information.

Pastor Dave has invited Pastor Wes to visit Dover First UMC on Tuesday April 19th. Pastor Wes will attend our staff meeting and spend time getting to know the staff, will tour the church and area with Pastor Dave, and then will be available in the afternoon to meet and greet with anyone interested in coming in. More information will be shared soon.

Please continue to keep Pastor Dave and his family, Pastor Wes and his family, the Thoburn UMC church family, and the Dover First UMC family in prayer as we prepare for this transition.



Bishop Tracy S. Malone Announces New EOC Superintendency Plan

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” - Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

Yes! God is doing a new thing in the East Ohio Conference and in these unprecedented times, God is making a way and unfolding new ministry and leadership possibilities.

As of July 1, 2022, district superintendency will look different for several districts in the Conference. I have spent the last several months in consultation with the Cabinet and with the district superintendents and district superintendency committees who will be affected in the new leadership configuration. I am thankful to each for their support of this strategic plan.

Considering the new ministry appointments of Rev. Dr. Steve Bailey and Rev. Doug Lewis, the 10 districts of the East Ohio Conference will now be served by eight district superintendents and there will be new superintendency models implemented in two regions of the Conference. Every district will have an appointed district superintendent. District administrative assistants will continue to serve as a vital partner to the district superintendent, pastors, and local churches.

These missional, strategic leadership changes will better position the Conference as we continue to be faithful stewards of our mission and resources and as we face the current pandemic realities, the pending separation of some of our local churches related to disagreements on matters of human sexuality, and the declining membership and financial trends of some of our churches.

To that end, effective July 1:

Rev. Bruce Hitchcock, currently serving as the Ohio Valley District superintendent, will serve as the North Coast District superintendent.

Rev. Laura White, superintendent of the Southern Hills District, and Rev. Kelly Brown, superintendent of the Three Rivers District, will expand their leadership to also serve as the co-superintendents of the Ohio Valley District.

Rev. Nestor Nazario, currently serving as the Mid-Ohio District superintendent, will expand his leadership to also serve as the superintendent of the Firelands District. Currently, Rev. Donna Van Trees provides assistance to the Firelands District superintendent. She will continue to serve part-time and be appointed as district superintendent associate.

In this liminal space in which we find ourselves we are leveraging this time to make some new discoveries and to assess and explore the needs, realities, and opportunities within the districts and to create a sustainable structure as we move forward in mission. The two new district superintendency regional models are intentional steps to move us forward in this process.

I have named a District Realignment/Restructure Task Force made up of a diverse group of laity and clergy from across the East Ohio Conference to do assessment work and then bring a report to the 2023 Annual Conference.

Beloved of God, amid these realities we currently face, we still have a mission to fulfill. The mission of Christ is yet alive and we continue to be called to "... go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and to remember the promise of Jesus Christ ... "and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20 [NIV])

The East Ohio Conference is committed to resourcing and equipping pastors, local churches, and faith communities in building a greater capacity for making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ, for being God's agents of healing, hope and transformation in your communities, and for reaching new, younger and a more diverse people. This is our work, our mission, and our vision. Disciples make disciples! Transformed leaders transform their communities and the world!

Let us together, stay focused on our mission ... abiding in Christ, being outwardly focused through discipleship, abounding in love towards our neighbors and spiritually centered in our leadership and actions.

Let us not dwell on the past and let us embrace what is new ... God's possibilities!

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Tracy S. Malone



2022-2023 Cabinet



Rev. Angela Lewis
Canal District

Rev. Abby Auman
Maboning Valley District

Rev. Nestor Nazario
*Mid-Ohio District
Firelands District*

Rev. Bruce Hitchcock
North Coast District

Rev. Laura White
*Southern Hills District
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Rev. Kelly Brown
*Three Rivers District
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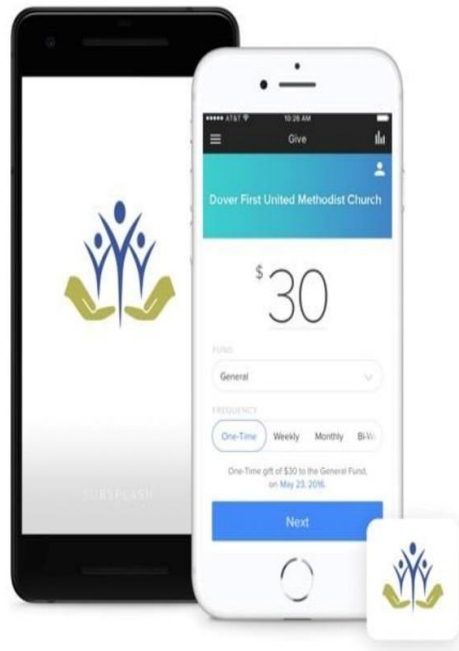
Rev. Cara Stultz Costello
Tuscarawas District

Rev. Edgar Brady
Western Reserve District



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BETTER TOGETHER! STRONGER TOGETHER!

2020 and 2021 have been challenging years for us all. We have missed out on many times of fellowship, worship, and serving together.

But the mission and ministries of our church have never stopped!

In order to continue our outreach into 2022 and beyond, we need your help.

Please consider online giving. It is quick, safe, and easy to use.

Simply visit

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Enter the amount of your gift along with the frequency, click next, continue as a guest, complete your information, and submit. It's that easy!

Our ministries, facilities, and administration rely 100% on the offerings of our church family.

Please consider how you can faithfully give to Christ's Church today!

Sunday Feb. 20th, 2022

Worship Service

5 Minute Countdown Begins At 10:15am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

First Scripture Psalm 84:1-5 (CEV)

*Hymn #347 "Spirit Song"

*Call To Worship

Our Father in heaven, great is Your Name above all names. Let Your glory fall upon us, Lord. Let Your Kingdom come. Let Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Thank You for providing for us each morning, and for forgiving our sins as we forgive others. Lord, Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us with Your Hand. For the Kingdom is Yours, the power is Yours, and the glory is Yours, now and forever, Amen

*Prayer

*Hymn #79 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (verses 1 and 2)

Second Scripture Jeremiah 15:19-20 (NLT)

Special Music

Offering Introduction/Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

Message Discover, Develop, Deploy: *Deploying Into A Life Of Influence*
- Pastor Dave St.Aubin

Prayer

*Hymn #593 "Here I Am, Lord" (verses 1 and 2)

*Benediction

*Hymn #2166 TFWS "Christ Beside Me" (*sing to 'Morning Has Broken'*)

Postlude

* denotes to please stand as you are able when worshipping in person



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**Worship Service Outline
February 13th, 2022
Discover, Develop, Deploy:
“Deploying Into A
Life Of Influence”
(Message 8 of 8)**

*Let your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do
and will praise your Father in heaven - Matthew 5:16 (CEV)*

You are like salt for the whole human race - Matthew 5:13 (TEV)

You are to influence them; do not let them influence you - Jeremiah 15:19 (NLT)

HOW CAN I DEPLOY INTO A LIFE OF INFLUENCE?

1) RECOGNIZE MY INFLUENCE

Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that - Galatians 6:4 (MSG)

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘what is that in your hand?’ ‘A staff,’ he replied. God said, ‘throw it on the ground’ - Exodus 4:2 (NIV)

2) EXERCISE MY INFLUENCE

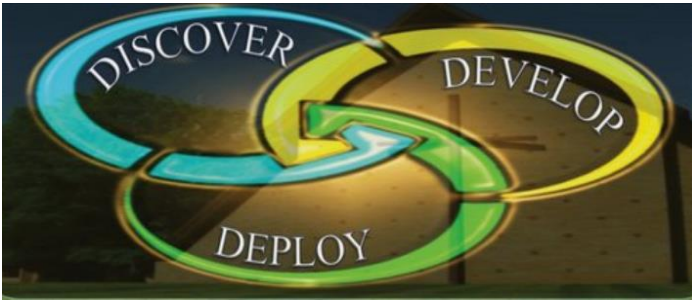
I CAN DO THIS BY:

SMILING

A cheerful look brings joy to the heart - Proverbs 15:30 (NIV)

SYMPATHIZING

God comforts us...so when others have trouble, we can comfort them with the same comfort God gives us - 2 Corinthians 1:4 (NCV)



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SERVING

Even though I am free of the expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people - 1 Corinthians 9:19 (MSG)

SPEAKING UP

Let the redeemed of The Lord say so - Psalm 107:2 (KJV)

Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves - Proverbs 31:8-9 (TEV)

SACRIFICING

My life is being poured out as part of the sacrifice and service I offer to God for your faith. Yet, I am filled with joy - Philippians 2:17 (GWT)

Don't forget to do good things for others and to share what you have with them. These are the kinds of sacrifices that please God - Hebrews 13:16 (GWT)

3) MAXIMIZE MY INFLUENCE

Make the most of every opportunity for doing good in these evil days - Ephesians 5:16 (NLT)

Make the most of your chances to tell unbelievers the Good News. Be wise in all your contacts with them - Colossians 4:5 (TLB)

The area of influence God assigned to us is to reach you. (Now) our hope is that as your faith increases, our area of influence may be greatly enlarged, so that we may preach the gospel in lands beyond you - 2 Corinthians 10:13-16 (ESV)

For me, living means opportunities for Christ - Philippians 1:21 (TLB)