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- Crop Hunger Walk is November 2
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DAYTON UMC  
*Open hearts  
Open minds  
Open doors*

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## Pastor's Corner

**"We invite everyone to become disciples of Christ by loving and serving God and actively living out their faith." That is our mission statement and that is what we tried to do last Sunday at the Gathering of Neighbors.**

Last Sunday there was something for **everyone. "Thank God for Kids" was a wonderful program for children and it gave all of us an opportunity to invite our children or grandchildren or children we know in our neighborhoods to come and hear about the Lord's love in uplifting way.**

After that program we did what every good United Methodist does—we invited folks to come and share a meal with us. We fed close to 240 people.

At 6:30 we had a Celebration Service with hymns and special music by Russ and Janice Shank, --**Hugh & Nancy Ramsey's** grandson and wife. What a wonderful job they did for us! This was followed by Jim Lavender preaching. We had many guests who stayed for that, and left uplifted.

I want to thank all of you who invited someone, who brought someone, who reached out to neighbors and friends. To be **a Christian in today's world you have to reach out in love and service.**

I hope you become an inviter, invite your friends to your Sunday School Class, invite them to our weekly prayer meeting, invite them to worship. No one comes to

church today if they are not invited. Have you invited someone?

Sunday was a success because we all worked together. We want to thank Barry Minnick and his crew for cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs; Chris Furry and his team for setting up and taking down; Lena Osborne and her crew for serving the food, and feeding the multitudes. I believe we served almost 240 people!

We want to thank Graham Witt and the youth for setting up the tables, for handing out snow cones and cotton candy, and **providing some games after the "Thank God for Kids" program. We also appreciate all of you who stayed and cleaned up.**

As you know, this Saturday is Dayton Days. For many years our UMW did this booth on behalf of the church. They gave the proceeds to the church. For the last several years the money has been used on the mortgage. We want to thank them for all their selfless work for the church. This year the NOW committee invited the church to man this booth. For all who participate in Dayton Days by giving your time and talents and donating items we thank you!

See you in worship!  
Steve



## Worship Opportunities

### Coffee Time and Children's Choirs

8:45 a.m.  
 Sunday School  
 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service  
 10:00 a.m.

*Open Hearts*

*Open Minds*

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## Christian Education Opportunities

### Children's Sunday School

Early Elementary Class Room 7  
 Teachers: Amy Simmons, Christine Reeves,  
 Tracy Simmers, Lolly Miller

Middle Elementary Class Room 14  
 Teachers: Betsy Hedrick, Katrina Eberly,  
 Kim Nieder

Older elementary Class Room 12  
 Teachers: Donna Kenny, Holly Harold,  
 Sally Parsley

Middle School Class Room 15  
 Teachers: Lori Bocock, Todd Nieder,  
 Robin Simmons

High School Class Room 3  
 Teachers: Terry Stockner, Nancy Stockner,  
 Graham Witt

### Adult Sunday School Classes

Suter Bible Class  
 Nancy Byrd and Connie Gilmer are the  
 teachers who lead a group of folks looking  
 at different aspects of the Bible. They meet  
 downstairs in Room #6

Beyond Belief Class  
 Sally Smith is the teacher in this class. This  
 class uses various Bible study resources  
 throughout the year to enrich our Christian  
 walk. This class meets in the Fellowship  
 Hall.

#### Casual Corner

Amy Simmons and Kim Nieder teach this  
 casual Sunday School class for young  
 parents that will discuss different topics  
 including marriage, parenting, everyday  
 struggles & life. Meets in Fellowship Hall,  
 behind the stage.

#### Cross-Talk Class

Mel May leads this group of retired folks  
 who discuss the social issues of the day.  
**They use the curriculum "Faith-link" that**  
 connects faith with life and helps people  
 reflect on how current events can be  
 shaped by our faith. Please join them  
 downstairs in Room #4.

#### On the Move Class

This class meets in the Conference Room of  
 the Fellowship Hall. The pastor leads this  
 class in various faith related topics.

#### Weaver's Weavings!

Our class does topical studies. In the past  
 we have done Faith and Science, The  
 Shack, and the Prodigal Son. We use a mix-  
 ture of videos and discussion guides to help  
 us on our journey of faith. Come join us.  
 We meet in Room # 9.

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## DAYTON UMC OPPORTUNITIES

### Homecoming

Sunday, October 19

You are invited to attend our Homecoming on Sunday October 19th!

Our theme is living in the Abundance of **God's Grace.** After our worship at 10:00 a.m. we will have inter-generational

games sponsored by our Young Followers and Youth Group. We will eat at 12:00

### Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will meet October 14th at 7:00 in the home of Chris Simmons, 101 Victoria Drive, Bridgewater, with Mary Glenn Hiner serving as host-

ess. The discussion will be from the series "You'll Get Through This" by Max Lucado, session 2 "Down and Out, But Never Alone". Any questions, please call Connie



Gilmer, 433-8071.

### Missionary Luncheon Set for November 12th

The Rev. Dr. Romeo L. del Rosario (Romy), missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries will be visiting churches in Virginia. He serves as country director of the United Methodist Mission in Cambodia. As country director, he is administrator and supervisor of mission programs/projects with a team of workers that includes Cambodians and nine missionaries from different parts of the world.

During the past two years, Romy served consecutively as superintendent of two districts encompassing four provinces, as well as teaching at the Cambodian Methodist Bible School and chairing the theological education committee, which oversees the continuing theological training of pastors and church workers.

Despite a rich cultural heritage and the diverse gifts of its peoples, Cambodia has

extensive poverty and hunger in its countryside, villages, and cities. Most Cambodian families were touched by the genocide that was perpetrated by Pol Pot's regime in the 1970s.

The Killing Fields are a constant reminder of the terror that robbed Cambodia of its middle-aged population, its scientists, professionals, and artistic and spiritual leaders.

## Attention 3rd - 5th Graders!!

Get ready for a super year with Young Followers!! We have an awesome schedule planned and hope that you will mark your calendars and plan to join your church friends for fellowship and fun!

- Kim Nieder & Kim Guyer

October 11 ~ Yard Work Day in Dayton  
October 19 ~ Homecoming—Fun Day at Church

November 2 ~ Crop Walk  
November 15-16 ~ Lock In at church

## Fall Youth Events

### OCTOBER

3rd & 4th: Dayton Days Soup Fundraiser (Schedule TBD)  
11th: 8 a.m. - Noon: Dayton Clean-up/Yard work Event  
19th: Homecoming—Fun Day at Church

### NOVEMBER

2nd: Crop Walk  
16th: 3rd Annual Corn Hole Tourney



## For Your Calendar

Dayton Days—Oct 4  
Finance Committee—Oct 5  
Youth and Young Followers Yard Work—Oct 11  
Now Meeting—Oct 12  
**Women's Bible Study—Tuesday Oct 14**  
Homecoming—Sunday, October 19  
District Meeting – Oct 25 – **"Reaching New People"**  
UMW to Blackstone—Oct 25  
Crop Meal at Bridgewater College—Oct 30

Crop Hunger Walk – Sunday Nov 2  
District Conference – Sunday Nov 9  
Cambodian Missionary Luncheon – November 12  
Young Followers Lock-in—Nov 15  
Youth Corn-hole Tournament—Nov 16  
Charge Conference—Nov 18  
Community Thanksgiving Service—Nov 23



## The School for **Children's** Ministry is coming soon!

**Don't miss the "Bottomless Cookie Jar" and 8 new workshops!**

Locations:

- Grace UMC, Manassas, VA - Saturday, November 8, 2014

Workshops are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Register Now! Please don't** wait until the last minute. (Website information is at [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org) under "Events" on the home page.)

Early Registrations help our presenters plan ahead. The \$20 registration fee includes lunch and three great sessions (pick your top four choices). Don't delay. Sign up today!



## Beth Matthew's Album Release Concert

Please join Beth Matthew at her concert for her debut album, Clear Vision! Beth recorded in Nashville with award-winning Producer, Roger Ryan. Beth will share songs of faith she's written about God and life! Concert is on

Saturday, Oct. 11, 7pm -8:30pm, in the Activity Room at Covenant Presbyterian Church! Beth is a Contemporary Christian singer/songwriter/pianist and independent recording artist, as well as a wife and

mom. Facebook: bethmatthew-music Website: [bethmatthew.com](http://bethmatthew.com) Refreshments will be served at concert. Beth's debut album will be available to buy.



## Seeking Spanish Teacher and Basketball Coach

Blue Ridge Christian School, a grade school located in Bridgewater, VA is looking to hire a boys

basketball coach and a k-2 Spanish teacher as soon as possible. Please contact Zoe Hansen at 828-

2233 to find out more. College students are welcome.



## Teacher Assistants and Tutors Needed

Blue Ridge Christian School, a grade school located in Bridgewater, VA, is seeking Christian volunteers to partner with us in

supporting our classroom teachers and their students. We have a variety of opportunities, but are in particular need of

teachers' assistants in kindergarten and 1st grade and for tutors for all subjects for the Middle School.





## Crop Meal

October 30th

On Thursday, October 30 from 5-7p.m., members of local churches are invited to the Bridgewater College CROP Meal where they can purchase and enjoy meals surrendered by Bridgewater

College students in the college's **Kline Campus Center** Dining Hall, with all proceeds going to Church **World Service's** hunger education and relief programs in 80 counties around the

world.

If you would like to attend the CROP Meal, please contact Bridgewater College Chaplain Robbie Miller at [rmiller@bridgewater.edu](mailto:rmiller@bridgewater.edu) or 540-828-5383.

## We Walk Because They Walk

Did you know in this country and around the world, millions of children, women, and men will go to bed hungry tonight? They are people just like you, but because of poverty they must:

walk for food; walk for water; walk for firewood;

walk to escape violence; walk to seek shelter; walk to farm their fields; walk to find employment; and walk to go to school.



## WOMEN AND CHILDREN

In Africa alone, people spend 40 billion hours every year walking for water. Women and children usually bear the burden of water collection, walking miles to the nearest source, which is unprotected and likely contaminated.

Time spent walking and resulting diseases keep them from school, work and taking care of their families.

Along their long walk, they're subjected to a greater risk of harassment and sexual assault. With safe water nearby, women are free to pursue new opportunities and improve their families' lives.

## Crop Hunger Walk

November 2

On Sunday, November 2 at 2 p.m., the Bridgewater/Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk will bring help and **hope to God's hungry children** across the street and around the world. Prior to that day, members of area churches and Bridgewater

College students will ask others to sponsor them for every kilometer of the 10K (6.2 mile) or 5K (3.1 mile) route they will walk. On that day, they will gather at the Bridgewater Community Center to enjoy good fellowship, good exercise, and the good feeling of knowing

they are making a life-saving difference.

If you would like to participate in the CROP Hunger Walk, please contact Bridgewater College Chaplain Robbie Miller at [rmiller@bridgewater.edu](mailto:rmiller@bridgewater.edu) or 540-828-5383.

## A TYPICAL DAY IN THE LIFE OF A YOUTH

**U.S. Youth: I've had a busy Saturday! I went to a museum, helped wash the car and made \$10 by setting up a lemonade stand. Then we ordered pizza and watched a movie!**

**Global Youth: I've had a busy Saturday. I walked four hours to get water for my family. Then my mom and I walked to the market to buy grain. After the market, I washed our clothes by hand in a bucket of water. Then I collected firewood so we could make porridge for our family's meal.**

**Reporter:** We are so blessed to have easy access to food, water and education in the U.S. We can get our food delivered, have our water at the turn of a tap and take time for learning at fun places like museums. But many in this world have to walk for miles every day to get the things that we often take for granted. Women and children in countries like Kenya, Pakistan or Bolivia spend countless hours each day in search of food, water and other resources. What might we do to help?

**U.S. Youth: I've had a busy Sunday! Because I know CROP Hunger Walks can help people throughout the world to have food, water, tools, safe schools and more, I called my grandparents, and emailed my aunts and uncles and asked them to sponsor me. Every dollar we raise for the CROP Hunger Walk feeds the hungry and gives clean water to the thirsty! With their support and my allowance for next week, I'm going to make a difference!**

**Global Youth: I've had a busy Sunday! Thanks to the new CWS well in my village, I only walked a few yards to get water ... and it was clean! I didn't even have to boil it! After my chores, I had four extra hours to do my homework for school tomorrow and I even played some soccer! What a wonderful day!**

**Reporter:** You can make a difference, too! Walk in the CROP Hunger Walk on November 2. The donations you collect will help to provide resources for healthy, sustainable lives.

For more information, check out [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org) online to find out more about the CROP Hunger Walk and help you get started on our goal of changing lives.



**"We ordered pizza and watched a movie"**



**"I walked four hours to get water for my family."**



## Thank you for your help with the Gathering of Neighbors!

The NOW Committee would like to thank all those who help with the Gathering of Neighbors event. It was estimated that at least 225 people stayed for supper and there were more here for the "Thank God for Kids" program presented by Dr.

Jim Lavender. A big "Thank You" to all of you who provided food. It seemed the dishes multiplied from what was indicated on the sign-up sheet!

First, we'd like to thank all of you who came to take part in the events. We met many neighbors and saw a "gathering of community"! We reached out and touched. There were many folks from other United Methodists churches in the

District. "Thank You" to our District Superintendent for promoting this event and for the District helping us bring Dr. Lavender here. Many of our guests stayed for the celebration service in the sanctuary following supper.



It took many people and many hours to pull this together. So, special appreciation and thanks go to Barry Minnick and his grilling crew, to Chris Furry and his set-up crew, to Lena Os-



borne and her kitchen and clean up crews, to Debbey Roadcap for taking pictures, to the UMM for directing parking, and to Graham Witt, the youth, and parents for "manning" the snow cone and cotton candy machines and seeing to it that all the kids (no matter the age!) got a treat while watching the show!

The day was beautiful, the food was plentiful, the help was willing and able, and there were many smiling faces--blessings all around--the Spirit was present.





## Thanks from the Haiti Education Foundation

The 2014-2015 school year is about to begin in Haiti. I am sure that teachers and students are thinking about getting back to the classroom!

In a country where education is not guaranteed, there is a much different value placed on the opportunity to attend school. Thank you for your gift which makes this

possible for these students and teachers!

We look forward to the possibilities that a new year brings! Please keep HEF, the students and teachers in your prayers. Your gift is greatly appreciated and does create opportunity for many children living in the remote mountains of Haiti.



Blessings,  
Vicki Lambert  
Financial Secretary



Thank you!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Your recent mission project at Overlook is part of a proud tradition of our church. For a number of years our churches wanted to have a place for youth to gather for fellowship and faith. After renting sites for several seasons they purchased land and started Overlook, 49 years ago! Ever since that time, volunteer teams have stepped forward to build buildings, cut trees, paint, landscaped, and prepare the

setting for special experiences with God. Such teams built the building you stayed in and have painted it several times.

The weekend following your preparations at Glovier Chapel, 175 college students gather there for praise, worship, and study. A couple weeks later the powerful Emmaus Walks will happen in the same space. Most of what you worked on, seeding, landscaping, and cleaning, grew out of the need to restore facilities from the

from Camp Overlook

wear and tear that youth and children exerted during their fun, fellowship and faith building this summer.

I know you experienced a lot of hard work but it is all for a very good cause. Thank you!

May you continue to love and share as you live and serve in His Grace!

Blessings,

*Ron Rotey*

## Asbury UMC Sacred Arts STAINED GLASS SERIES

Sunday, October 12th at 3:00 p.m.

Gabriel Dobner and Lori Piitz will give a Four-hand Piano Recital. Admission is Free and the doors open at

2:30 p.m. An offering will be taken for the Stained Glass Window Fund.

These world-class artists will perform works by Schubert, Grieg, Barber and

Debussy.

The church is located at 205 South Main Street, Harrisonburg. For more information, contact Asbury UMC at 540-434-2836.

## JMU Professor Gabriel Dobner

Gabriel Dobner has recorded for the Ottavo and MDG labels. His recording of Liszt, Dvorák and Mahler with Mezzo-Soprano Cornelia Kallisch, won high praise from BBC Magazine and the West German Radio in Cologne, referring to him as a **"master among Lieder pianists"**.

Mr. Dobner has also been heard on Bayrischer Rundfunk, Südwestfunk, Westdeutscher Rundfunk, Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk, Chubu-Nippon Broadcasting Company (Japan) and Saint Paul Sunday. His

latest recording project was of Schubert Die Winterreise with Baritone, Kevin McMillan.

He has also collaborated with instrumentalists Lawrence Dutton (Emerson Quartet), Allan Vogel (L.A. Philharmonic), Ulf Rodenhäuser (Berlin Philharmonic), and performs four-hand recitals with Lori Piitz.

Gabriel Dobner is Professor of Piano and Collaborative Piano at James Madison University. Before joining the faculty at JMU in 2001, Mr. Dobner was on faculty at the Augsburg/Nürnberg Hochschule für

Musik. He also regularly gives master classes throughout the United States, Canada and Germany.

Mr. Dobner holds a BM from Roosevelt in Chicago, as well as MM and DMA degrees from Indiana University. His teachers include Ludmila Lazar and Leonard Hokanson.



## Dr. Lori Piitz

Pianist Lori Piitz has been on the piano faculty at JMU since 2002. Previously, Dr. Piitz lived in Germany for 9 years where she participated in recitals for the Wagner Society, the New Music Association of Germany, the Philharmonic Matinee recital series in Augsburg, the International Flute Congress in Frankfurt, and in the Schleswig-Holstein and Villa Musica Festivals.

She has been a guest at both

the Music & Beyond Festival and Festival of the Sound in Canada, The Schubert Club in Minnesota, and Steinway Hall in New York City.

Piano four-hand recitals, with pianist Gabriel Dobner, have taken her to Canada, Europe and the United States, including the Kennedy Center and performances commemorating the 250th anniversary of **Mozart's birth in Augsburg, Germany**.

She has been active in Virginia performing in the Wintergreen Summer Music Festival, the Richmond and Staunton Chamber Music Festivals, and the Bach Festival at EMU.

Ms. Piitz holds degrees in piano performance from Indiana University and the University of Ottawa (Canada), and is fortunate to have had amazing mentors such as Helgi Fatovic, Jean-Paul Sevilla, Leonard Hokanson, and Menahem Pressler.

## Happy Birthday for October

- |                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Jan Lambert, Janis Ralston    | 14 Krystal Smith               |
| 2 Nick Stockner                 | 15 Lolly Miller                |
| 4 Sarah Ralston                 | 16 Kim Nieder                  |
| 5 Brendan Parsley, Norma Snyder | 17 Kathy Suter                 |
| 6 Doris Bowman                  | 21 Margaret Thornton           |
| 7 Earl Thornton                 | 23 Phil Gentry                 |
| 10 Bonnie Dellinger             | 24 Carter Alley                |
| 11 Jeff Weaver                  | 27 John Ralston, Chris Simmons |
| 12 Harold Meyerhoeffer          | 29 Cameron Jackson             |
|                                 | 31 Drew Eberly                 |



*Happy 75th Birthday  
Norma Snyder!*

## Happy Anniversary for October

- 22 Roger and Carolyn Davis  
24 Tom and Brenda Legg  
26 Hugh and Betty Robinson



*Happy 22nd  
Anniversary  
Tom and Brenda  
Legg!*

## Volunteers for October

### Greeters

- 5 Loretha Bland and Bonnie Lough  
12 Russell and Donna Kenney  
19 Tom and Brenda Legg  
26 Ed and Judy Powell

### Nursery

- 5 Kelly Bowman  
12 Tracey Simmers  
19 Amy Simmons  
26 Linda Wine

### Pew Stewards

- 5 Mary Nieswander  
12 Patty Bird  
19 Ann Gerads  
26 Stacie Jackson

### Offering Attendants

- 5 Dennis Miller & Norma Snyder  
12 Ann Will & Jim Snyder  
19 Don Gault & Larry Hedrick  
26 Joe Hiner & Paige Will

### Opening and Closing on Sundays

Doug Wine

### Head Usher

Roger Davis

Mowing—Dave McCoy, Jim Snyder

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Aaron and Denise Lough on the birth of their son, Maris Jackson Lough on September 1st. Rosie and Rhonda Kinkead are the happy grandparents.

## Sympathy

Our Prayers and Christian Sympathy go to the Early family on the recent death of their mother, Beverly Early.

## Prayers

Please continue to keep Hugh Robinson in your prayers.

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### Finance Report

#### Budget Report

As of August 31, 2014  
Total Amount Spent \$236,600.02  
Total Amount Received \$217,495.29

#### Mortgage (As of 9/30)

Feb. 2010 Interest Rate 3.7%

Loan Amount \$ 1,500,000.

Paid to Date \$ 200,804.

Balance \$1, 299,196.

Extra Payments to date \$18,819.02

5 Months paid off early

### Thank you for the Scholarship!

#### Dear United Methodist Women,

Thank you for the scholarship money. I've already used it to pay for books this semester. I truly appreciate it.

Blessing, Chelsey Cooper

September, 2014

Dear United Methodist Women,

Thank you very much for awarding me the \$250 scholarship for my second and final year of schooling. I'm looking forward to graduating with my master's degree in counseling this coming April and beginning my career serving others. Thank you again for your generous scholarship award.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Huffman

Dayton United Methodist Women,  
I'd like to thank you so very much for aiding me in my quest to continue my education. It would be very difficult to do without the help I have received from you in the past as well as this year. I hope this letter finds you all very well.  
Sincerely,  
Leah Monckton



Dayton United Methodist Church has a rich history in the Dayton, Virginia community. For at least one hundred and twenty eight years we have **been witnessing to God's amazing grace found in Jesus Christ. We are a merger of two great traditions-the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church in 1968. We moved into our present building in 1978. We have always had a heart for missions desiring to be God's people for a broken and hurting world.** We are located in at the intersection of Thompson and Ashby Streets.