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Special points of interest:

- Join a Sunday School Group—see page 2
- Volunteer Farm Day for youth and children is Sept 6
- **Young Women's** Conference at Blackstone Sept 19-20
- UMW Sunday is Sept 21
- **"Gathering of Neighbors" is Sept 28**
- During September we are collecting items for Henry Fork Childcare Center and Lighthouse Ministries—see page 5

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Pastor's Corner

What's the Plan, Stan?

I am aware that everyone wants to know what time our fall worship services and Sunday School will take place. Many of you are uncomfortable with so few being in Sunday School. Others think that our church would grow if we simply went back to two worship services.

I am not a fan of a drive-through church. Too many members came in at 8:45 and went home at 9:45 or came in at 11:00 and left at 12:00. Christianity is about a community of people who share the same values and work for the same goal. It takes more than an hour a week to achieve that. We are all needed.

To be honest with you we are too small to have two worship services. We do not need to split this congregation so the sanctuary can have 75 people in it at 8:45 and 75 people in it at 11:00.

So we decided to dream big. We know that people like different styles of worship so we are boldly asking the Lord to bring new people to a new style of worship. We are asking the Lord to give us a new vision.

Here is what I can tell you: We wait for the Lord to lead. He does not seem to be on our time table.

We are currently looking for musicians for our new worship service -- we are in need of guitar players, a keyboard player and a drummer. The good news is that some people have already volunteered and that is wonderful, but we need others. The commitment is for a weekly practice and a service every Sunday. And that is a commitment!

If you would like to volunteer, please see me. If you know someone who is inter-

ested please call me and I will contact them. Once we have a commitment from them and they have practiced together, we will announce to the community our new worship service.

Again, let me remind you why we are doing this. Only 20% of Virginians attend church! Over the years we (the church) have forgotten to reach out and now many churches in America are in trouble. Every year 5,000 churches go out of business. If we expect to be in business in 5 years we **need to be about our Lord's business** which is loving and serving our neighbors.

We need to be a friend and a light in our community so that others might see the love of our Lord in our lives and that means finding space in our lives for others.

If we want our church to grow, we need to reach out to people in the community **and be a friend. Jesus told us to "Go into all the world and make disciples."** (Matthew 28).

That starts when we get up out of the pew and decide to be a friend and make a friend. That is our calling.

We have already started this process of going out into the community. We were present at the Sadie Rose 5K walk/run in June, and the youth provided popcorn and water at movie nights in Dayton. We also passed out 500 bottles of water at the Dayton Mudler event. We had 10 of our own members compete in the race!

All this is great fun. It is good our church is in the community. How about you? What are you doing to share the light of Christ in a dark world? Made any new friends lately?

See you in worship!

Steve



Worship Opportunities—Starting September 7th

Coffee Time and Children's Choirs

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

Open Hearts

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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

Middle School Class Room 15
 Teachers: Lori Bocoock, Cary Jackson,
 Todd Nieder, Robin Simmons

High School Class Room 13
 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.

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 mixture of videos and discussion guides to help us on our journey of faith. Come join us. We meet in Room # 9

"We invite everyone to become a disciple of Christ by loving and serving God and actively living out their faith."

Join a Sunday School Class—become part of something special

If you have not found a Sunday school class to call "home" yet, you're invited to join the Suter's Bible class which meets in room #6 downstairs. We'll begin the fall with a look at "Let's Go Fishing", a United Methodist Handbook. This handbook offers concise information about

The United Methodist Church, including theology or beliefs, missions, organization, and so forth. This will just be introductory glance using the information included in the booklet as a guide--kind of a United Methodism 101!

You may know and love Dayton UMC, but how much do you know about the United Methodist denomination?! The first class will be September 7th at 9:00 am. Any questions, please see Nancy Byrd or Connie Gilmer.

SPRC

The SPRC is happy to announce that Ben Bergey is our new Director of Music Ministries. He will lead the chancel choir and the praise team band and therefore be involved in both services. Ben is a

graduate of EMU and is currently in the graduate School of Music at JMU. Ben is originally from Pennsylvania, and he and his wife Kate live near the EMU campus. Welcome Ben!



Welcome Benjamin Bergey!

Choir

To all interested in singing with the choir, our first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 4, at 7:30pm in the choir room. Please feel free to join us to see what's it like, or to sing for the whole season. All are wel-

come, young and old, even if you haven't sung in a choir before. We gather to make music together and praise the Lord. See you then!

Chancel Bells

Ramona Evans, our Chancel Bells Director, wants to invite anyone who would like to play bells this year to their first practice which will take place Thursday September 4 at 6:15? in the sanctuary. All are welcomed. The chancel bells play on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Psalm 100:2

The Gathering of Neighbors

The N.O.W. Team is planning to have Sunday September 28 for our **"Gathering of Neighbors"** as our open house. We will have food and a program everyone will enjoy starting at 4 p.m.

Our friends and neighbors will be invited to come and see a program entitled **"Thank God for Kids,"** led by Jim Lavender, a United Methodist pastor in Richmond. Jim will bring animals and have a

program for our youngest disciples.

Jim has been to 23 states and presented this program for thousands of people for over 20 years. Later on that evening Jim will preach.



Annual Prayer Breakfast—September 20 at 9:00 a.m.

Furnace UMC is hosting the Annual UMW Prayer Breakfast on Saturday the 20th of September.

Cost is \$10 per person.

Lisa Nichols will be the guest speaker. She is a

deaconess and director of the Henry Fork Service Center—a childcare center in Rocky Mount.

Registration Deadline is Saturday, September 13th. Forms are on the table in the Narhex.



UMW Sunday

We welcome Lisa Nichols as our guest speaker for UMW Sunday on **September 21st.**

Lisa is the Director of the Henry Fork Service Center—a childcare center in Rocky Mount.

During the month of September, we will be collecting items to benefit this non-profit.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will begin on September 9th at 7:00 pm in the home of Linda Jacobs, 2271 Silver Lake Road. We will begin a new study, "You'll Get

Through This: Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times", which is a 6 session DVD series by Max Lucado. All women are invited to come join in the study and fellow-

ship. Anyone wishing a copy of the study book please let Connie Gilmer know (433-8071 or cjkgilmer@verizon.net).

Blackstone Young Women's Conference Sept 19-20

The Young Women's Event will be held September 19-20 at Blackstone for women in the ages of 18-35. You do not have to be a member of the UMW to attend. This year's event will be led by Mary Jane Rawley (from Bridgewater UMC) and her two daughters and the title of the event is "A Place of Grace--God's Greatest Gift".

Scholarships are available from the Conference UMW (and our local unit offers scholarships also). More information can be found on the UMW Conference website, <http://www.vaumw.org/> Or any questions, call Connie Gilmer, 433-8071.



A Mother/Daughters Trio are Leaders of Event:

Rebecca Wright, Mary Jane Rawley and Jennifer Hildebrand

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Dayton Days Booth

The United Methodist Women have had a booth at Dayton Days for many years. It will now become a church-wide event with the revenue going to pay toward our mortgage.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
This has always been a very successful fundraiser, but it does take volunteers to coordinate, staff and donate. If you are willing to serve on the

Organizational Team, please contact Lena Osborne (Lenaro@aol.com or 433-2094)

Heritage Museum needs Volunteers

Needed: Front Desk Volunteers - The Heritage Museum and Historical Society in Dayton, VA. Please call 879-2616 and ask for Penny or Amy. Museum hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Volunteers work in shifts and the hours are flexible.

Need Volunteers for our "Gathering of Neighbors" Event

Once again this fall we are inviting our neighbors to join us for an afternoon of fun for our "Gathering of Neighbors", September 28th, from 4:00-7:00 pm.

Again we will offer food to our guests. So

please be prepared to make dishes for this event.

Lena Osborne is leading the kitchen crew. She will need volunteers to help in the kitchen and lots and lots of food. More de-

tails will follow as arrangements progress.

Plan to attend and please invite your friends and neighbors. Any question, see one of the NOW Committee members.

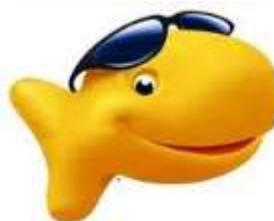
We are collecting these items in September:

Henry Fork Childcare Center

- Liquid Hand Soap
- 13 & 39 Gallon trash bags
- **1/2" scotch tape**
- paper towels
- digital thermometer
- brooms and dust pans
- dish towels and washcloths
- 8 oz drinking cups and bowls
- craft kits
- washable and craft paints
- **Campbell's Labels for Education**

Lighthouse:

- Cheez-it Crackers
- Pretzels
- Goldfish
- Pop Tarts
- Kool-aid
- Gummies
- Vanilla wafers
- Pre-sweetened Cereal
- Baby wips
- Dawn Dish Liquid
- Lysol Spray
- Lysol Wipes



There will be a box in the Narthex to collect items for the Henry Fork Childcare Center and Lighthouse Ministries.

Thank you!

From the heart, I would like to thank the church family for all the support during the illness and death of our brother Jack Callison. The cards, flowers, calls, food and fruit basket for Donnie and Family

were much appreciated.

The service by Pastor Bird was very special to the family, we will always remember the kind words of the service.

Not only during this phase of Donnie's life do I thank you, but all the many acts of kindness the church has shown him through the years.

—with Christian love,
Beverly, Donnie, Arron,
and Chad.



Thank you!

Many thanks to the following church members for their contribution of altar flowers: Nancy Harper, Wanda Wampler, Mel May, Doris Bowman, Edgar Caplinger, Chris Simmons, and Bonnie and Lee Dellinger.

Also, thank you to Elsie Cox, Joe and Mary Glenn Hiner and Nancy Hedrick.

There are still a few **open Sundays, if you'd** like to remember someone special with altar flowers.

Thank you!

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank everyone for all their support during my sisters illness and passing. All of the prayers, cards and phone calls meant so much to us.

Blessings to each of you. Tom Legg

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, thoughts and prayers on the passing of my grandmother, Dorothy Begum.—Jeff Weaver

We would like to thank all those who have been so kind during the illness and loss of Ralph. Your prayers, cards, and expressions of kindness, and support have been a great comfort. Thank you.— the family of Ralph Harper.



Thank you!

I appreciate all of the beautiful cards you sent me on my 81st Birthday! Thank you so very much. I really enjoyed them. - Janet Meyerhoeffer



Thank you—from the Creative Chefs 4H Club

Thank you for allowing us to use DUMC facilities for our meetings. We appreciate your support which makes it possible for us to have a club.

Creative Chefs has 24 members, 17 leaders and many parents who benefit from your willingness to allow community groups to use the building

—Thanks,
Creative Chefs
4H Club



Thank you—From the Sadie Rose Foundation

Dear Dayton UMC,

Thank you so much for your amazing support of the Sadie Rose Foundation. You sure know how to **make someone's day**

and you definitely made mine again. I love seeing your smiling faces when I get the chance and knowing you are friends of the SRF

and personal friends too!

- Regina Cyzick Harlow

Vacation Bible School—Thank you!

DUMC had a very successful Vacation Bible School thanks to many volunteers and donations.

Thanks to each of you for all you did for our Children's ministry.

Special appreciation to Jackie Lohr, Graham Witt, Lori Bockock, Kim Guyer, Cindy Hall and Nancy Lickey for their coordination and organization.

Thanks also to the anonymous donor for making the butterfly release possible.



Thank you for coming to Atlanta!

Dayton,

Thank you so much for sending your missions team to Atlanta this summer. We were grateful for your assistance. One of our clients

"Johnny" said you made his day by talking with him. Thank you for changing lives and helping us to end homelessness.—Best-Bee

from the Gateway Center

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!

September 6 ~ Volunteer Farm (we will leave the church at 7am and return at 1pm) Breakfast & snacks provided.

September 28 ~ Fun Day & Team Building at church (bring a lunch and plan to stay until 1:00pm)

October 11 ~ Yard Work Days in Dayton

October 19 ~ Fun Day at Church (bring a lunch)

November 2 ~ Crop Walk

November 15-16 ~ Lock In at church

More details will come for each activity but mark your calendars so you won't miss out! We are looking forward to growing in our FAITH with each of you!

Kim Nieder & Kim Guyer



Fall Youth Events

SEPTEMBER

6th: 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Volunteer Farm

12th: 5 p.m. Jr. High Lock-In @ Camp Overlook (Dinner and Movie)

13th: 10 a.m. Sr. High Lock-in @ Camp Overlook

OCTOBER

3rd & 4th: Dayton Days Soup Fundraiser (Schedule TBD)

11th: 8 a.m. - Noon: Dayton Clean-up/Yardwork Event

19th: Youth Devotional @ Witts

(Jr Highs-5-6:30PM / Sr Highs-6:30-8PM)

NOVEMBER

2nd: Crop Walk

16th: 3rd Annual Corn Hole Tourney



Happy Birthday for September

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 Maris Lough | 16 Ronda Kinhead |
| 2 Don Fravel | 17 Hugh Robinson |
| 5 Perry Suter | 20 Lee Dellinger, Chris Furry,
Lena Osborne, Mary Ryder |
| 6 Mary Nieswander | 29 Lois Lineberry |
| 9 Ginny Deeds | 30 Betsy Gentry, Colton Mitchell,
Phyllis Ward |
| 11 Janice Dunlap, Barry Lambert | |
| 13 Mike Click, Don Huffman | |
| 14 Ann Gerads,
Samuel Groseclose | |
| 15 Melinda Shiflet | |



*Happy 45th Birthday
Chris Furry!*

Happy Anniversary for September!

- 6 Mike and Jean Click
Kevin and Gail Mitchell
- 8 Harold and Janet
Meyerhoeffler
- 18 Joe and Amy Simmons
- 20 Steve and Pat Ruminski
- 22 Terry and Nancy Stockner
- 25 Dave and Mary Jane McCoy
- 28 Barry and Jan Lambert



*Happy 10th
Anniversary
Dave and Mary Jane
McCoy!*

Volunteers for September

Greeters

- 7 Jim and Norma Snyder
- 14 Libby Lambert and Nancy Byrd
- 21 Charles and Bernice Garber
- 28 Jack and Lena Osborne

Nursery

- 7 Lori Bocock
- 14 Sally Parsley
- 21 Mary Helen Witt
- 28 Holly Harold

Pew Stewards

- 7 Patty Bird
- 14 Ann Gerads
- 21 Stacie Jackson
- 28 Margaret Thornton

Offering Attendants

- 7 Dennis Miller & Norma Snyder
- 14 Ann Will & Jim Snyder
- 21 Don Gault & Larry Hedrick
- 28 Joe Hiner & Paige Will

Opening and Closing on Sundays

Don Gault

Head Usher

Barry Minnick

Mowing—Doug Wine and
Joe Simmons



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From the Trustees:

The Trustees want to announce that the work on the Fellowship Hall Floor has begun. The old floor was removed on Monday August 18 and the new floor is currently being installed. The church would like to thank Doug Wine and Paige Will who have been meeting with our contractor for several years now about the floor situation. The fruit of their patient discussions is finally being realized. Thank you!

—The trustees would like to express their appreciation to Bob Dinsmore for repairing the hole in the wall of the conference room.

—The Trustees would also like to thank the teams who mowed our church yard this summer. Here are the folks who we all our indebted to: Doug Wine and Joe Simmons, Paige Will and Roger Davis, Dave McCoy and Jim Snyder and Don Huffman, Jack and Lena Osborne. Thank you!



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.