

Dayton UMC Mini-Newsletter 01/22/2015



New Worship Service – Letter from Church Council Co-Chair

Dear Friends,

Many people in Dayton do not attend church. As Christians it is our responsibility to bring others to Christ. The new fellowship hall gives us an opportunity to reach out to folks who do not want to be part of a traditional church service.

We have talked about, prayed about and made plans to begin an 11:00 fellowship service next Sunday morning. Last year due to declining attendance, the 8:45 and 11:00 services were combined into this 10 am service which was a compromise to both. With the beginning of a new service, we had planned to move the sanctuary service to 8:45.

It has become clear that it is impossible for some in our church family to be here for an 8:45 worship service. There were indications that our music program might suffer. Last Sunday the NOW (Nuture, Outreach & Witness) or program committee met. Concerns were brought forth about the hardships of having only an 8:45 traditional sanctuary service. We discussed it at length – moved on the other business before the committee and – because it was so important then came back to further discuss at the end of the meeting.

Every member of this congregation is important and we realized that we were basically shutting out some longtime members, as well as others, by moving to only an early sanctuary service. After a lengthy and thoughtful discussion, decided it would be best not to start as previously planned next Sunday but to make the tough decision to offer 9:45 as the Traditional Sanctuary service beginning next week. Children's Sunday school will meet at 9:45, with Children's Church offered at 11:00. Adult Sunday school classes have the flexibility of deciding what time works best for each class to meet.

This was a very difficult decision and I can assure you it was made thinking it was what is best for our church at this time. Of great concern was making this decision at such a late date, but we felt it would be even more detrimental to begin as had been planned only to have the need to change in a few weeks. This schedule is not set in stone but we do need to find what works best for this congregation and stick with it.

I think most of us can and will continue to be a part of this church, whatever the schedule, but if you have been offended - I am sorry and apologize. It was not the intention to upset but rather to find the best solution. As co-chair of your council and a member of the NOW committee, I am always willing to listen, as are the other folks you have elected as your church leaders.

A friend and longtime member said to me recently, this church has had some highs and some lows. Yes, it has and 2015 can be a high, but it will take all of us working together for the glory of God.

Sincerely yours,

Lena Osborne
Church Council Co-Chair

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Worship and Christian Formation Group Schedule

Traditional Service	9:45	(Sanctuary Worship)
Children's Sunday School	9:45	Educational wing
Children's choirs	10:45	
Contemporary Worship with	11:00	(Fellowship worship)
Children's Church	11:00	

Christian Formation Groups Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Adult Classes:

Cross-Talk Class meets in Room 4

Suter Bible Class meets in Room 6

On the Move Class meets in the Conference Room in the Fellowship Hall

Christian Formation Group at 11:00 a.m.

Beyond Belief (4th Sunday of the month) Room 6

(Third Sunday Evenings of the month meets in homes of members. (6:00 to 8:00 p.m.)

During the Week:

Prayer meeting 11a.m. -12 noon Each Wednesday

Making Sense of the Bible 6 week study: Wed. Feb 4 thru March 11 10:a.m. - 11:00

Chancel Bell Choir meets at 6:15 p.m. on Thursdays

Chancel Choir meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Children's Choirs

Ms. Patty, Ms. Martha, and Mr. Jeff look forward to seeing any and all children wishing to participate in the choir. Both Cherub and Sonshine Choirs will be meeting on Sundays following Sunday School at 10:45 in the downstairs piano room.

Stewardship Report for 2014

"Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?"

Average attendance in worship 150

Average attendance in Sunday School 53

Number of people we served in the community 250+

Our church gave \$51,539.00 in Conference apportionments and benevolences

Our children and their friends contributed \$1,515.69 to the Hati Hot lunch program!

End of the Year Budget Report:

Expenses for 2014 \$ 355,328.04

2014 Budget \$ 351,200.00

Received \$ 350,237.45

Shortfall \$ 5,090.59

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Upcoming Meetings – A quick look

Youth Lock-in on January 23

UMM meets Sunday, February 1 at 7:30 a.m.

UMW meets Saturday, February 7 at 9:00 a.m.

Young Followers meet Sunday, February 8 and February 22 at 12 noon

Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Dinners continue this week at 6:00 p.m. Come and bring a friend!

Thanks

We appreciate everyone's generosity in purchasing Christmas gifts for the Apple Tree Project so that children of incarcerated parents can receive a gift on Christmas morning. Now that the gifts have been delivered to Kingsway Outreach, we have another opportunity to contribute by helping to wrap the gifts. From December 8-19 between the hours of 9:30 AM and 4 PM you can help wrap gifts at the Kingsway center at 2217 South Main Street in Duke's Plaza in Harrisonburg. You can also call Kingsway at 433-5658 for more information. Thank you so much. – Linda

I have never received as many Birthday Cards and good wishes as I received for my recent 85th birthday. Thanks so much to my wonderful Church Family. Love and Blessings, Anne Hill

Through your generous donations Kingsway Prison ministry was able provide Christmas gifts to 400 children of inmates this year. Thank you for your help! Sincerely, Louise Jennings

Thank you for serving as bell ringers for the Salvation Army. We appreciate your time and dedication to help. Your group helped to raise \$1384.57 in 2014, and we cannot Thank you enough for your part. GOD Bless, Salvation Army – Majors Hank and Eunice Harwell

Announcements:

The Women's Bible Study will meet February 10th at 7:00 in the home of Libby Lambert. 275 Westview Street. The discussion will be on the Season of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

"Beyond Belief" meets Sunday, January 25, at the home of Chris and Lucinda Furry beginning at 6:00 with a chili supper. We will be viewing & discussing lesson one of the video "The Grave Robber" by Mark Batterson. This lesson will also be offered on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 11:00 a.m. in one of the adult classrooms downstairs. - Room 6.

Beginning in February, Steve will be leading Adam Hamilton's six week study on "Making Sense of the Bible". Everyone is invited.

Please send birthday cards for James Barnhart's 85th birthday on January 26th.

James Barnhart
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