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## Homecoming! Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

Invite your family, friends, neighbors, plus members past and present to join us for worship and fellowship. There will be only one worship service at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary followed by a covered-dish meal in the Fellowship Hall. There will be Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. but no Coffee Social.



If you help the poor, you are lending to the LORD – and he will repay you! -Proverbs 19:17

## You CAN Help the Poor — Let's Make Some NOISE!

The tradition continues... with a twist! For many years, our children have donated coins to benefit hungry children in Haiti during the Children's Chat. Beginning now, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month will be "NOISY CAN Sunday!" During the Children's Chat, the kids will collect coins from the congregation in tin cans. So, bring your change to share and let's make some noise while we fill the cans!

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



## What Is Your Shape?

We are put on this earth to make a contribution not just consume resources. We were created, saved, and are called to serve God and others. We only find real and lasting significance through service. What matters most is not how long you lived, but how you lived.

We were each shaped by God, uniquely designed to fulfill a specific role in life and in ministry. When God gives us an assignment He always enables, equips, and empowers us to accomplish it. Each believer is given a custom combination of natural abilities and spiritual gifts: **SHAPE**

**S** – spiritual gifts. Given only by God to believers for the benefit of others.

**H** – listening to your heart. Passion: why you do the things you do.

**A** – applying your abilities. DNA: uniquely God given natural skills, talents.

**P** – using your personality. Our particular combination of personal traits.

**E** – employing your experiences. God uses everything that has happened to us.

During the Sundays of October we each one are going to discover our shape, develop it, and deploy it for our fulfillment and God's glory.

-Pastor Bruce

## Start Times on Sunday Mornings

8:30 Prayer Time  
in Suter's Class room  
9:00 Traditional Worship  
in Sanctuary  
10:00 Coffee Social upstairs  
10:00 Children's Choir  
downstairs  
10:15 Sunday School for all ages  
11:15 Contemporary Worship  
in Sanctuary



**NEW!** Everyone is encouraged to gather for a prayer every Sunday morning at 8:30 in the Suter's Class room.

## Charge Conference:

**Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016 at 6:00**

Every fall our District Superintendent comes and leads the annual business meeting that celebrates all that God has done in the past year, and how we are looking forward to the ways God is leading us in ministry in the coming year(s). Most ministry reports are filed; our 2017 goals, budget, and leadership report and other items are approved. The current Church Council votes on these items, however everyone is encouraged to attend.

## Sunday Morning Volunteers

### Nursery Workers (9:00)

2 Denise Lough  
9 Mary Ryder  
16 Lori Bocock  
23 Kim Nieder  
30 Linda Wine

### Acolytes (9:00)

2 Chloe Nieder  
9 Carter Alley  
16 Clay Guyer  
23 Ethan Lilly  
30 Sarah Ralston

### Flowers

2 Communion  
9 Whitney Huffman  
16 available  
23 Lois Lineberry  
30 Alda Gunn

### Opening/Closing:

Doug Wine

Ushers of the Month:  
Tom & Brenda Legg

### Mowing:

Don Huffman  
Jack Osborne

### Greeters (9:00)

2 Don & Wanda Gault  
9 Lee & Bonnie Dellinger  
16 James & Melinda Shiflet  
23 Brenda & Sarah Legg  
30 Jim & Norma Snyder

### Pew Stewards (9:00)

2 Stacie Jackson  
9 Mary Nieswander  
16 Margaret Thornton  
23 Connie Gilmer  
30 Linda Covington

### Coffee Social Providers

2 On the Move Class  
9 UM Men  
16 need a volunteer  
23 need a volunteer  
30 Homecoming meal

Want to host a  
Coffee Social? Sign  
the poster in that  
area. Questions?  
Ask one of the other hosts or  
contact Lena Osborne.



## Sunday Morning Studies

**On the Move Class** is studying “3:16, *The Numbers of Hope*” by Max Lucado. John 3:16 is probably the most familiar and most quoted verse in the Bible. Lucado takes the verse phrase by phrase to tell of “God’s love, justice, and determination to save”—the Numbers of Hope. The class is led by Pastor Bruce and meets in the conference room of the activities building.



**The Unified Class**, led by Jeff Weaver & Robin Simmons, continues to use the Wired Word which applies the Bible to current events. Jeff says, “We would love to have new members. This is a great time to join the discussion!” They meet downstairs.

**Suter’s Bible Class:** When we complete “Half-Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn’t Say” the class will begin a study by Adam Hamilton titled “*Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It*”. Join us in room #6 downstairs.

## Sunday Morning Music (& more!)

### New Music Director Hired

**Jessica “Jess” Rodriguez** is a student at James Madison University, earning her Master’s Degree in Music Performance. She is a native of El Paso and graduated with a Bachelor of Music Performance from the Univ. of Texas at El Paso earlier this year. Jess is fluent in English and Spanish, has taught guitar and directed youth choirs. She spent the summer of 2015 with an opera company in Germany and that is how she learned about Virginia, JMU and met some students, including Ben Bergey.



**So join the Choir or Praise Band now!** More voices are needed. If you have questions, you can email Jess at jess03rod@gmail.com.

### The Praise Band

Practices on Wednesdays at 8:00 PM  
Meets about 10:15 on Sundays to  
warm up for 11:15 worship.

### The Chancel Choir

Practices on Thursdays at 7:30 PM  
Meets about 8:30 on Sundays to  
warm up for 9:00 worship.

### New Children’s Choir Director Secured

**Dianne Pennington** has graciously accepted the position of Children’s Choir Director. We welcome back **Patty Bird** as the accompanist. Practice will begin October 2<sup>nd</sup> in the music room downstairs. After the early service (about 10 AM) kids are to go there for snacks before Sunday School.

And one more “note”:

### Name That Tune!

Our organist, **Jeff Weaver**, takes requests! If you would like for Jeff to play a certain song, melody or hymn, send him an email at spudman234@gmail.com.





**The Men** meet again on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM for Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are encouraged to attend.



**The Women** meet again Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Coffee Social Area. A reminder that the World Thank Offering is due in November and to save/bring postage stamps. All women of the church are encouraged to attend our DUMW meeting and gatherings at the District and Conference levels. The District Annual Meeting is Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at Broadway First UMC and the Conference Annual Meeting, is October 28 & 29 at Good Shepherd UMC in Richmond. If you have questions about any UMW event, talk to Glenda Ryder or Linda Covington.



### **Recap: Camp Overlook Retreat with Bridgewater UMYF:**



On Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> we had a total of 27 youth participate in our Camp Overlook retreat. The day began on the confidence course where the youth participated in team building activities and overall fellowship. After lunch the youth went to work for Camp Overlook performing landscaping improvements, moving several cords of firewood for winter preparations and other cabin cleaning efforts. Since the weather was unseasonably warm that weekend, over 90°, the youth had the opportunity to have fun and fellowship in the Overlook lake where much fun was had by all. The evening concluded with a “clown communion” service followed by watching the movie “God Isn’t Dead 2”. This has become a yearly event and we are looking forward to next fall’s retreat to continue building fellowship and strengthening our relationship with Jesus Christ.

### **October**

1, Saturday: Dayton Days Soup Sales  
7-9, Friday-Sun: Harvest of Hope apple gleaning at New Castle, VA for St. Andrews Society (with Bridgewater UMC Youth)  
16, Sunday: Bowling, 7-9 PM  
30, Sunday: CROP Walk in Bridgewater, 2 PM

Bridgewater/Dayton Area CWS **CROP Walk** is 6 kilometers long, representative of the average distance women in Africa & Asia must walk each day to secure water for their families. That's 3.7 miles. You can sponsor one of our Youth or Young Followers by pledging a gift per kilometer. Look for a bulletin insert about the CROP Walk and the CROP Meal (Thursday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at Bridgewater College). Proceeds go to Church World Service's hunger education and relief programs in 80 counties around the world.

### **November**

5, Saturday: Prepare lunches for homeless at Harrisonburg Baptist Church, 10 AM to 1 PM (with Bridgewater UMC Youth)



**With great excitement** we announce Young Followers is back in action! Betsy Hedrick and Debby Roadcap are providing leadership and they have already had their first activity - a service project at Camp Still Meadows in Linville; a special needs facility that provides year-round therapeutic care for children and adults with developmental and/or physical disabilities.



Twelve Young Followers and their families participated. Tasks included weeding, mulching, and decorating the grounds and beautiful tree-house with pumpkins. When the work was through, we had a picnic at the camp to plan future activities. We had a total of 30 at our picnic!

### **Watch for details on our October activities:**

- ~ Visiting a Pumpkin patch (location to be determined) on Friday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the church at 5:30 and return by 8:00. Pizza will be provided for dinner.
- ~ Participating in a ½ CROP Walk on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at church immediately after the homecoming meal and have an activity before leaving for the CROP Walk which begins at 2:00.
- ~ Reminder to bring two items for the backpack program to each activity.

# 3:16

**Women's Bible Study** continues our study by Max Lucado, “3:16--the Numbers of Hope” by looking at the phrase “*For God so loved...*” The group will meet in the home of Linda Wine (725 Mason Street, Dayton) at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. All women are invited to come to study, learn and fellowship.



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### Birthdays

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

### Anniversaries

14 Alan & Dianne Pennington ('95)  
22 Roger & Carolyn Davis ('88)  
24 Tom & Brenda Legg ('92)  
26 Hugh & Betty Robinson ('91)



### Thank You, Friends

I have been overwhelmed by the love and care you have shown for my granddaughter Leah and her family. When they came, I thought they would be with me a long time. They had nothing. Through my family, friends and church the Lord has provided. They have a house to rent and everyone helped furnish it. Thanks to all of you. What would I do without my church family! I am eternally grateful.

Blessings to all,  
**Nancy Byrd**

*Andrew "Drew" Huffman  
will be baptized October 9<sup>th</sup>  
at the 9:00 worship service.*



### Notes of Appreciation

#### *~ From: Jonathan, Whitney, & Drew Huffman*

We would like to thank Pastor Bruce and the congregation for the outpouring of love and prayer shown to us during Drew's corrective procedure. The emails, calls, and check-ins at church are so appreciated, and we have definitely felt the love of Christ surround us. Drew is thriving and has gone from staying in the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile for weight to jumping to the 40<sup>th</sup> at his last appointment.

We hope you all will prayerfully join us at the 9:00 AM service on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> as Pastor Bruce baptizes Drew, and we look forward to raising him in the DUMC Family!

#### *~ From: The DUMC Trustees*

Many individuals give of their time and energy to do the necessary, and somewhat mundane, tasks that keep our facility comfortable and functional. The Trustees want you to know who they are, some of the things they do, and give them a nod of gratitude:

- Open and close buildings and set thermostats on Sunday mornings:  
*Don Huffman, Dave McCoy, Paige Will & Doug Wine*
- Setting green trash containers out to the road every Friday for pickup and bringing them back to the building:  
*Don Huffman, Dave McCoy, Jim Snyder, Paige Will & Doug Wine*
- Mowing and weed-eating church grounds in teams:  
*Dave McCoy & Jim Snyder; Roger Davis & Paige Will;  
Don Huffman, Jack & Lena Osborne; Joe Simmons & Doug Wine*
- Setting recycling bins out to road for pickup every Wednesday and returning them to church: *Larry Hedrick*

#### *~ From: The Worship folks*

Ever wonder what happens after everyone leaves the sanctuary? There are a group of volunteers that take turns "straightening up" after worship by refilling the attendance registers, replacing hymnals and Bibles, sharpening pencils, replenishing the PewArt pads, and picking up left-behind items. Please take the time to thank them for their work behind the scenes: *Irene Rebholz, Stacie Jackson, Mary Nieswander, Margaret Thornton, Connie Gilmer, and Linda Covington.*

#### *~ From: Candy Barnes*

"I would like to thank the congregation for it's kindness and support during my year as Church and Financial Secretary. I have never enjoyed a job as much as I have this one, and I will miss everyone! Dayton UMC has a lot to be proud of! A special thanks to Doug and Linda Line, Paige Will, JB Showalter, Larry and Nancy Hedrick, Ginny Deeds, Mary Nieswander, Graham Witt, Karen Short, Steve Bird, Pastor Bruce and the many others who helped me along the way!"

## Introducing Faith Building Tools "On Demand"!

I'm excited to share that our congregation now has access to an extensive, new video library called RightNow Media! It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that **you can access whenever and wherever you want** on any internet capable device— smart phone, iPad, computer, at home on your TV—and it is **FREE** to every member, visitor, or friend.

As a church staff, we're always looking for ways to help you develop and strengthen your faith. We believe that RightNow Media will be a tool to serve you as you live out your faith at home, at work and in your neighborhood. RightNow Media has videos for everyone—kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults, working professionals—all aimed at helping you grow.

**rightnow MEDIA**

You should have already received an official invitation **email** to give you **FREE** access to RightNow Media. If you haven't received it yet, check your mail filter (because it came from RightNow's system, it may have gotten caught there or in a spam folder).

Once you find the email, simply click the link, sign up for an account, and you're all set to explore more than 12,000 videos. We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing for you and your family!

**-Pastor Bruce**

**PS:** Another blessing! Internet-capable televisions are being installed in all classrooms to enhance our Sunday School curriculum opportunities.

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### Attention Parents with Students in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

**Jessica Tatro** has agreed to lead a group for Grades K-2. Planning for activities, projects and other experiences is coming so watch for more information. Not sure Jessica knows about you? Write your contact information and the name and age of your child on the pew register.

Saturday, Nov. 5  
**HARVEST PARTY**  
for children.  
Details on the way!



### **Be Ready to Step Up & Sign Up!**

**Apple Tree Project:** This will be our 4<sup>th</sup> year participating in this special sharing opportunity of Kingsway Prison Family Outreach. During the month of November we will be collecting Christmas gifts for the children of families affected by the incarceration of a parent or step-parent. Watch for more information about the project at the end of October.

**Family Night Christmas Program:** A coordinator is needed. The event is tentatively set for December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm followed by a finger food buffet. Anyone is willing to serve in this capacity, please call Lena Osborne at 433-2094.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing:** Volunteers are needed to man the kettle at The Dayton Market these days:

Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Look for a sign-up poster in the Narthex starting the first Sunday in November. Shifts are only one hour!

Whitney Huffman is shepherding this event and can be reached at: 540-607-0385 or whitneymhuffman@gmail.com



**Backpacks in Jan/Feb:** DUMC is again partnering with other local churches to provide food backpacks to students at Pence Middle School identified as *food insecure* on the weekends. This was a tremendous success last year due to the generous support of our congregation! There are many ways you can participate & donate:

~ **Give Funds:** We can use monetary donations to shop. Be sure to write "food backpacks" on the memo line of your check.

~ **Give Food:** Look for the menu/list in the November newsletter and plan to bring items beginning in December.

~ **Give Time:** Help fill the backpacks each week. Look for a sign up in December.

~ **Save Bags:** We will need clean, plastic grocery bags so recycle! You can put those in Room 11 anytime.

Questions? Please contact Stacie Jackson at 560-5300. Thank you!

Treasurer's Report - January through August 2016	
Contributions	\$ 228,786.50
Expenditures	\$ 251,995.78
2016 Budget	\$ 363,631.00
Designated Contributions/Income	\$ 23,708.81
Mortgage Report as of September 1, 2016	
Loan Amount (2/1/2010)	\$ 1,500,000.00
Principal payments	\$ 301,136.44
Loan Balance	\$ 1,198,863.56
Extra payments on principal 7 Months Paid Off Early	\$27,913.21

Finance meets Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### **District Events to Note** *(find full newsletters in the narthex)*

~ Oct. 22, 9:00-3:00: District Workshop on "Small Church Training" at DUMC

~ Nov. 5, 9:00-Noon: District Workshop on Church Council at Verona Community Center. Church leaders are encouraged to attend. Let Pastor Bruce know if you plan to go.

~ Nov. 13, 2:30-3:30: District Conference at Sunset Drive UMC, Broadway.

~ Nov. 13, 4:00-6:00: Annual Leadership Training event following District Conference.

~ And introducing the new Bishop of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church: **Rev. Sharma D. Lewis.** She is the first African-American woman elected a bishop in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. She began her tenure Sept. 1.



**New Program Structure:** Beginning January 1, 2017 the structure of the program ministries will be: *Nurture Team, Outreach Team, Witness Team, and Worship Team.*

When the Lay Leadership committee members call to ask you to serve in the church, please prayerfully consider saying "Yes" if you feel you can serve in that capacity or volunteer for an area where you are being called.

**Fifth Sunday Fellowship:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in 2017 are:  
*January 29<sup>th</sup>, April 30<sup>th</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup>, and December 31<sup>st</sup>.*

People or groups are needed to host these dinners which involves set-up, take-down, manning the kitchen, fixing drinks, clean-up. Please call Lena Osborne if you or your group would like to sponsor a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday event!

**Open Doors Homeless Shelter:** We are again hosting Open Doors - the cold weather shelter for the homeless of our area - this time for two weeks:

*January 9 to 23.*

Watch for sign ups in December to **volunteer during the first week (9-15).** The Seventh Day Adventist congregation is supplying all volunteers for the second week.

**Weekly Wednesday Night Community Meals:** are scheduled to run  
*January 25 to March 29.*

This is a fabulous time of fellowship and food, providing nurture to our neighbors during the cold, dark winter months.

Direct questions and submissions for this publication to:  
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I have a box in the Coffee Social Room, too!  
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