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You asked for it! A **Cornhole Tournament for Everyone!**

Sunday, February 14th, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

And since players & spectators get hungry, it is also a **Chili Cook-off!**



The Tournament will be a blind draw for partners and double elimination. Open to EVERYONE, 8-88.

For the Cook-off, bring a pot of your best chili to share and be judged by those attending.

Watch the bulletin for further details or contact Graham Witt.

Don't miss the fun!

Wednesday Night Meals

have started and will run through April 4th. Dinner starts at 6:00 and there may be a program some evenings. COME and bring a friend!

Calling All Children - ages 5 to 11 !

You're invited to a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, Feb. 7th from 4:00 to 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Come check it out!



Providing Backpacks of Food to Hungry Children

Dayton UMC has partnered with four other Dayton churches to supply food for 20 students at Pence Middle School identified by the school counselors as "food insecure" on the weekends. Each of the churches provide a backpack of food for the weekend for each student for two months; DUMC is on tap for March and April.

A list of foods needed is posted here and will be in our Sunday bulletins. Please read it carefully and you can help in one of these ways:

1. By making a monetary donation to this ministry (check memo: Backpacks Meals);
2. By purchasing one or two items on our list. Items can be placed in one of the two collection boxes located in the narthex or at the back door between the two buildings;
3. Volunteer to help pack the backpacks on Thursday evenings. Look for a sign-up sheet or call Stacie Jackson.

Your monetary gifts will be used to purchase fresh fruit each week and fill in gaps as needed. If you have questions, please contact Stacie Jackson at 540-560-5300.

Thank you for your willingness to support this vital community mission!

Remember to purchase Single Serving Sizes only (cases are fine, just don't get one big box of cereal) and check expiration dates, please.

Fruit & Snack items:

Applesauce or Fruit cup
100% juice boxes
Microwavable popcorn
Pudding cups
Snack cakes / rice krispie treats
Peanut butter or Cheese crackers (Nabs)
Teddy Grahams

Breakfast items:

Cereal bowls / boxes
Instant oatmeal packets
Cereal bars
Granola Bars



Entrée items:

Soup or Stew cups/bowls
Easy Mac Cups
Chef Boyardee cups/bowls
Ramen noodle cups (Cup Noodles)



February:

Children

the hungry, the homeless, the abandoned, the abused, the neglected

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Nursery Workers (9:00)

7 Kelly Bowman
14 Amy Simmons
21 Denise Lough
28 Mary Ryder

Greeters (9:00)

7 Keith & Glenda Ryder
14 Don & Wanda Gaul
21 Bob & Susie Dinsmore
28 Jon & Jan Alley

Opening/Closing: Doug Wine

Pew Stewards (9:00)

7 Mary Nieswander
14 Patty Bird
21 Ann Gerads
28 Stacie Jackson

Flowers

7 Communion
14 Lent #1
21 Lent #2
28 Lent #3

Head Usher: Don Huffman

Coffee Social Providers (9:45—)

7 UMMen
14 On the Move
21 Wine/Will
28 Need a volunteer!

Thanks to the UM Men, On the Move and the Osbornes for providing our Coffee Socials during January. This is an important part of our church fellowship, but we need additional hosts to be able to continue. Please sign up in the Coffee Social area. Questions? Contact Lena at Lenaro@aol.com

Congregational Care

Birthdays

1 William Lohr
2 Juanita Wagner
3 Reed Charles Bowman
4 Chelsey Cooper
8 Kristin Chapman
9 Bonnie Lough
9 Esther Sprinkel
9 Terry Stockner
10 Dennis Barnhart
10 Deborah Barnhart
10 Mary Frances Koontz
10 Stephen Lohr
11 Courtney Bocock
12 Paul Eberly
13 Dale Barnhart
13 Keith Ryder
14 Martha Alger
14 Jeffrey Lineberry
15 Clay Guyer
16 Emory Thomas
17 Zac Cunningham,
17 Joe Simmons
19 Jeanne May
21 Tracey Simmers
22 Darlene Newman
22 Graham Witt
22 Wanda Wampler
24 Wanda Gault
24 Nicholas Reeves
25 Nancy Harper
25 Hope Showalter
26 Jackson Lohr
28 Gracie Ryder

Anniversaries

6 Ed & Flora Belle Byrd
10 Dennis & Deborah Barnhart
16 Keith & Glenda Ryder
21 Mr. & Mrs. Keith Shank



Paul and Whitney Eberly welcomed a son on February 1st - **Everett John Eberly**.
Congratulation to them, big sisters Lydia & Ellie and his proud grandmother, Becky Eberly.



Esther Sprinkle is turning 100 on February 9th.
Send her a card at VMRC - Crestwood
1401 Virginia Ave.
Harrisonburg, VA 22802



Biblical Studies & Conversations

The Crosstalk Class is having a series of specific interactive (head to head) sessions on Bible questions and philosophy taught by Nancy Harper. You are invited. Thank you, Nancy, for your hard work!

Suter's Bible Class is doing a Lenten study using "He Set His Face To Jerusalem" by Richard B. Wilke.

Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday, Feb. 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Libby Lambert (275 West View St, Dayton) to continue "The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss" with two classics: *Horton Hears a Who* & *Green Eggs and Ham*. All ladies are invited.



~ Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10th.
~ Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 20th.
~ There will be a Maundy Thursday Service March 24th.
~ This year, Easter Sunrise Service (March 27th) will be held at Dayton Mennonite Church at 7:00 a.m. Come celebrate the Risen Christ with members of all of Dayton's many churches. Breakfast is served.

Direct questions and submissions for this publication to:
Sally Smith, Editor
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I have a box in the Coffee Social Room, too!
Next Deadline: Sunday, Feb. 28



The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, understood that everyone needs help in living the Christian life. His *General Rules* offered instruction to the early Methodists on practices that would lead to faithfulness to the way of Christ. Wesley's guidelines for living are still relevant today.

Rule One: DO NO HARM. In his book, *Three Simple Rules*, the late Reuben Job says, "To do no harm means that I will be on my guard so that all my actions and even my silence will not add injury to another of God's children or any part of God's creation." I was taught if you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all. How often do we have the opportunity in word and deed, by action or inaction, to do no harm? However often it is, we should do it.

Rule Two: DO GOOD. Jesus said "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." Jesus and Wesley suggest that doing good is a universal command and is directed at everyone. Doing good is a proactive way of living--an act of the will. I can decide that the common good will be my first thought and what is good for me will become a secondary thought. Occasions to do

good are ever present. Look for them. "Be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16, *The Message*).

Rule Three: STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD. The first two rules are important but without this third rule become increasingly impossible. We practice the rules but God sends the power that enables us to keep them. Paul wrote, "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith" (Colossians 2:6-7)

Wesley suggested that spiritual disciplines including public worship of God, the Lord's Supper, prayer, Bible study, and fasting were key to maintaining a life of faithfulness to God. They assist us in living our lives in harmony with God. And while staying in love with God includes these practices, it also causes us to share God's goodness with others. The Greeks had a race in their Olympic games that was unique. The winner was not the runner who finished first. It was the runner who finished with his torch still lit. These Three Simple Rules will help us run all the way with the flame of our torch still lit for Jesus.

-Pastor Steve

A Note of Thanks:

"Well, we have concluded another very successful week of hosting Open Doors! There aren't enough thank-you's to go around, but everyone should know how important each piece is to the success of this week. There was no job too small and everyone joyfully embraced this opportunity to serve. *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* ~Mark 10:45

It was a pleasure to not only serve and socialize with you, but to meet several of you for the first time. I hold this ministry close to my heart and I hope, as we look to the future, you too will desire to continue in this effort to positively effect the 'least and the lost' of our community. I try to always remember that people are not projects; it is not our job to 'fix' them...that is His job. Our job is to love them. Showing that people do care and providing hope - sometimes hope is just what people need.

Sincerely and in His love,

Graham Witt

"Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

~1 Peter 4:8-10 (NLT)



Mark your calendars!

Vacation Bible School will be the evenings of **June 19 - 23**, with our closing/picnic the morning of Sunday, June 26.

We need volunteers to help plan this fun and exciting Children's ministry. Please contact Lena Osborne to volunteer. (LenaRO@aol.com)

Blue Ridge Christian School is having Open House in the Fellowship Hall of the church on February 18-19. Learn more about the fully accredited Pre K-High School program and their Liberty University partnership. Thursday, 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. or Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. RSVP to 828-2233 or info@brcschool.org. Inspiring Hearts, Challenging Minds. www.brchool.org.

NOW meets Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:15 in the Coffee Social Area

The Prayer Table

by Connie Gilmer

I bet you didn't know or haven't paid attention, but at the back of the sanctuary is an opportunity to be blessed or to bless someone else.

A couple of years ago the Prayer Group decided to place a "prayer table" in an area where people might be able to express their need for intercessory prayer for themselves or for someone else. The Coffee Social Area was too busy; there was no room in the Narthex; and not everyone visits the rooms downstairs. Of course the logical place would be in the sanctuary where we gather to worship. So a "prayer table" was positioned at the back of the sanctuary in front of the AV table.

Now you have been given the opportunity to ask for prayers and to share the answers to your prayer requests. It has been reported that in other congregations that have employed a similar idea, it was a blessing to

experience seeing the "answered prayer" vessel begin to fill up. (Also there are prayer request cards in the pews that can be placed in the offering plate.)

The Prayer Shawl Group placed a basket of prayer squares on the prayer table. These are a smaller version of the prayer shawl idea and can be more convenient to share. The prayer squares can be used for yourself to carry with you in your purse or to put on the dashboard of your car, to give to family members, co-workers or neighbors, or they can be mailed to someone to let them know you have them in your thoughts and prayers, plus many other uses I'm sure you can think of. Maybe a door will be open to share your faith. Remember all prayer shawls and squares are prayed over and blessed.

So, you're invited to seize the opportunity—ask for prayers and share the answers received; and, share a prayer square to bless someone else.

U.M. WOMEN & MEN & YOUTH

From UMW: Thank you to all who came to the Soup and Sandwich meal. You were very generous and gave over \$500 for us to use for missions.

Our next meetings are Sat., Feb. 6th and Sat., Mar. 5th at 9:00 a.m. in the Coffee Social Area.

All ladies are invited to attend the District UMW Evening Together on Thursday, Feb. 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Otterbein Church in Harrisonburg. Our Dayton UM Youth will be sharing about their recent mission trips.

From UMM: We meet on the first Sunday of each month at 7:30 for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall and provide the Coffee Social that morning.

From UMYF: Check out our busy schedule! We hope you will join us when we serve the Wednesday Night Meals, that you support us on Youth Sunday and at the Potato Bar Lunch, and that you pray for us in our Mission adventures!

DUMC Youth Upcoming Events:

Feb. 10 - serve the Wednesday Night Meal, 5-8
Feb. 21 - devotions & movie at Witts, 6-9
Mar. 15 or 16 - Loads of Love for Open Doors, evening

Apr. 6 - serve the Wednesday Night Meal, 5-8
Apr. 16 - Operation "InAsMuch", 6:30AM-3PM
Apr. 22/23 - Cardboard City at Bridgewater UMC
Jun. 5 - Youth Sunday & Senior Day + Potato Bar
Jun. 19-23 - Vacation Bible School @ DUMC
July 24 -31- Youth Mission Trip to Copperhill, TN

Treasurer's Report - as of December 31, 2015

Contributions	\$334,440.42
Expenditures	\$359,461.87
2015 Budget	\$359,372.00
Mortgage Report as of Jan. 31, 2016	
Loan Amount (2/1/2010)	\$1,500,000.00
Principal payments	\$ 273,721.54
Loan Balance	\$1,226,278.46
Extra payments on principal	\$ 27,913.21

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Editor's Choice Corner

The Sadie Rose Foundation Remembrance Flower Garden

Many of you are familiar with the Sadie Rose Foundation here in Dayton. It is an organization offering support to families and individuals who have experienced the death of a child, including through pregnancy loss and miscarriage.

This past summer they moved to a new location that has a beautiful but very empty backyard. They have a dream to turn a portion of it into a memorial garden, where people can come and "visit" with their loved ones.

The Horticulture Classes at Turner Ashby High School (taught by DUMC member Codi Jo Smith) have designed landscaping and suggested plants. The garden is estimated to cost \$2,500. They want to construct the garden this Spring so funding needs to be in place in April.

If you would like to make a donation to help fund the garden, there is a "GoFundMe" Facebook page (<https://www.gofundme.com/4ejjkrge>) or you can send donations directly to The Sadie Rose Foundation,

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