

# DAYTON UNITED METHODIST

## Mission Statement:

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

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*Dear Church Family,*

Sincere appreciation to all who sent emails and/or participated in the "Town Hall" meeting and sent emails to assist Council as we struggled with scheduling, direction and vision for Dayton United Methodist Church.

During a long meeting with much discussion after reviewing ALL your verbal and written comments, Council voted that beginning in September, we will offer a traditional service, followed by coffee social and Sunday School, followed by a blended service. The blended service may be much like the summer services have been.

Due to lack of participation and no longer having Conference financial support for it, we will not continue the contemporary service.

Offering traditional and blended services gives options to all our members and also gives us room to grow our congregation. Many of you said you like the blended service, but many also said you like traditional, with perhaps blended once a month. This gives you the opportunity to decide what you prefer and to attend either or both.

The Chancel Choir has voted to sing at the 9 AM traditional service. The Hand Bell and Children's Choir will decide which service they prefer. Council will meet on August 23<sup>rd</sup> to work out details.

I sincerely appreciate each of our Council members.

This was not an easy decision because it is difficult - if not impossible - to please everyone, while also praying that we are doing what is in the best interest of Dayton United Methodist Church, not only this year but also in the future. We must bring in new members - not only for financial stability but also because bringing others to know God is what we are all about.

If you have comments, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of Council.

*Lena Osborne*  
Council Chair

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## Vacation Bible School begins Sunday!

**Dinner at 5:45. Program 6:30 - 8:30.**

**It is not too late to volunteer** and we need kitchen help and cookies. Our mission offerings this year are.....

- Local: *Children's Clothes Closet*, a ministry of the Harrisonburg District United Methodist Churches. **We are collecting new & gently used baby blankets and clothing for infants & children. The Closet especially needs new underwear and socks, as well as diapers, baby wipes and new/gently used shoes.**

- Global: We hope to raise \$360 to continue support for our *World Vision child, Miguel Angel Cedillas* in El Salvador to help with his religious education, medical care and school supplies.

**VBS closing is Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>** during worship at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for a *celebration meal following*, whether or not you attend VBS. Please bring enough food to feed your family (meat, vegetables, salad and/or desserts).

All donations are very much appreciated. Please make checks payable to DUMC and designate VBS expenses, World Vision Child or the Clothes Closet. **THANK YOU!**



## Sunday Morning Volunteers

### Nursery Workers

6 Sally Parsley  
13 Mary Helen Witt  
20 Kim Guyer  
27 Holly Harold

### Children's Sunday School

6 VBS closing  
13 Betsy Hedrick  
20 Kim Nieder  
27 Betsy Hedrick

### Greeters

6 Elaine and Larry Heatwole  
13 Nancy and Larry Hedrick  
20 Diane and Doug Helmick  
27 Loretta and Nelson Moyers

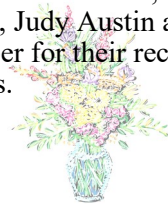
### Flowers

6 Communion  
13 available  
20 The Hiner's Anniversary  
27 Elsie Cox

### Pew Stewards

6 Stacie Jackson  
13 Linda Covington  
20 Mary Nieswander  
27 Margaret Thornton

Donations of altar flowers are always appreciated. Thanks to James & Melinda Shiflet, the Lilly family, Judy Austin and Nancy Harper for their recent altar flowers.



Opening & Closing: Paige Will  
Usher of the Month: Larry Hedrick  
Mowing: Don Huffman, Jack & Lena Osborne

### August Worship (10:00 a.m.) Highlights

Pastor Bruce continues a sermon series completing the sentence, "How can I ...?" -- an exploration of life lessons based on the faith of Biblical characters.

Date	How can I...	Person	Old Testament	New Testament
8/6	<i>Vacation Bible School Celebration Service &amp; Carry-in Lunch</i>			
	...ever change?	Jacob	Genesis 32: 24-30	Coloss. 3: 1-14
8/13	...stop messing up?	Samson	Judges 16: 4-6; 16-17; 19-22	---
8/20	...be confident in a crisis?	Paul	Psalms 125: 1	Acts 27: 10-14; 18-29
8/27	Sermon: "Do You See Me Sitting Here?" - Psalm 72: 12-14 & Acts 3: 1-10 <i>Special Music by Dayfydd Allen, relative of Anne Hill.</i> (See page 3) Reception following in the Fellowship Hall.			

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00 A.M.

Children: 2 classes offered for grades K - 2 and 3 - 5

Adults: 1 class studying the book "Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus".

Youth: grades 6-12 meet Sunday EVENINGS at 6:30, Fellowship Hall.

### Dayton Muddler Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

**We are an official station** offering water and Gatorade in small cups to competitors as they turn the corner in front of the church. They are expecting 1000 muddlers this year - including our Youth Group!

We need lots of folks to sign up for the following shifts:

**From 8-9, only 2-4 folks; then 4 or more in two hour shifts: 9-11, 11-1, and 1-3.**

Contact Graham Witt or Mary Beth in the church office to sign up. There will be shade! We also need 5 oz. cups.

The race supports our Nation's military personnel who suffer injuries of the mind, body or soul. Learn more at: [www.daytonva/muddler/](http://www.daytonva/muddler/).



### Exciting News!

Sermons are now available for listening on our website! You can hear Pastor Bruce's entire "How Can I?" series, the Youth Mission Trip presentation plus a few older sermons from Rev. Steve Bird! Check it out today by clicking [HERE](#) or visiting [www.daytonumc.net](http://www.daytonumc.net) and looking for the 'media' tab. You can listen now or download for later.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### Birthdays

- 1 Stephanie Findley
- 2 Lucinda Furry
- 2 Devon Hamann
- 2 Chloe Nieder
- 3 George Brinkley
- 3 Roger Davis
- 3 Odessa Showalter
- 4 Seth Furry
- 5 Rachael Simmons
- 7 Jean Click
- 8 Dave McCoy
- 11 Donald Deeds
- 11 Jeremey Wright
- 12 Rachel R. Yorden
- 12 Whitney Harold
- 15 Edgar Caplinger
- 15 Jessica Tatso
- 16 Steve Dauer
- 17 Gene Wampler
- 18 Amy Simmons
- 20 Brenda Legg
- 20 Daniel Smith
- 21 Nancy McDonaldson
- 21 Kaylee Nieswander
- 21 Sally Smith
- 22 Jan Alley
- 22 Betty Wagner
- 23 Nate Bowers
- 25 Evan Lambert
- 25 Brad Moseley
- 25 Mark Moseley
- 27 Stephanie Gardner
- 27 Bill Miller
- 27 Lydia Smith
- 28 Janet Meyerhoeffer
- 29 Emily G. Wayman
- 29 Mary Helen Witt

The Church Directory should be available by the end of August. If you see any errors or need to make updates, please contact the church office.

### Anniversaries

- 2 Jim & Denise Cooper ('86)
- 2 Mark & Beth Moseley ('03)
- 3 Sonny & Susan Smiley ('74)
- 3 Paige & Ann Will ('63)
- 7 Bob & Sue Dinsmore ('87)
- 15 Russell & Donna Kenny ('87)
- 18 Steve & Patty Bird ('80)
- 21 Steve & Nancy Dauer ('76)
- 21 Joe & Mary Glenn Hiner ('48)
- 30 Nelson & Loretta Moyers ('58)

### International Music Student Coming Aug. 27!

**Anne Hill's Welsh family** will be visiting this month and she is excited that her cousin, **Dafydd Allen**, has offered to share his beautiful voice with us during worship on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>!



Dafydd, baritone/age 20, has just completed his first year of vocal studies at The Royal College of Music in London. He has performed in productions at the Wales Millennium Centre, and last summer participated in the Welsh National Youth opera's production of *Kommiliden*.

From age 13 to 19, Dafydd was a member of Côr Glanaethwy choir which gave him opportunities to sing solos in places such as the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, the Birmingham Symphony Hall and the Lowry Centre. Dafydd has been chosen to represent the Royal College of Music in the prestigious Kathleen Ferrier Bursary competition in October.

Please bring your family and friends to enjoy this special worship service. There will be a reception immediately following to visit with Dafydd and his family.

**WHAT:** Kingsway Prison & Family Outreach 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Bridgewater United Methodist Church

Come hear the story of Kingsway, an outreach that encourages families who have loved ones behind bars, assists those recently released to successfully transition back into society and sponsors weekly Bible studies inside and outside the prison walls. In addition, their Christmas program provides gifts for children who have incarcerated parent(s). Last year, this program provided gifts to over 350 children. This fundraiser will include a meal, music by Southern Grace, testimonies and a small doll auction. No charge, but a free-will offering will be received. Call 540-433-5658 or email [kingswayoutreach@hotmail.com](mailto:kingswayoutreach@hotmail.com) to reserve your seat.



**Tuesday,  
Aug. 22**



**Lunch at  
Olive Garden**

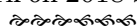


**Leave church at  
11:00. Join us!**

### MEETINGS THIS MONTH

#### Finance:

Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
to work on 2018 budget



Church Council Planning Retreat:  
Wed., Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
at Camp Overlook.



## "Abound in Every Good Work: A Youth Mission Trip Summary"

By Graham Witt

The Dayton UMC Youth Group had a blessed and inspirational mission trip this summer to Atlanta, GA during the week of July 9-15! We travelled with 22 youth and 6 adults and were joined by the Bridge-water UMC Youth Group who sent 15 youth and 5 adults. The mission trip is named M25, referencing Matthew 25: 34-40. Our time there was devoted to relational ministry - working with those experiencing homelessness or children and families struggling with poverty. We spent several mornings with underprivileged children, engaged in many activities from arts & crafts, sports & recreation and karaoke. Each of these encounters included lunch where our youth could then interact individually, personally and spiritually. The relationships formed were incredibly meaningful and will never be forgotten by either side!



Homeless Outreach

Our youth also provided several meals for those experiencing homelessness, reaching out into the city parks of downtown Atlanta with face-to-face lunch invitations. Overall the group served some 300+ meals (preparing quesadillas – yummy; and eating alongside the guests) while continuing to form many relationships with those they met. One of the greatest impacts of this week was on their perspectives – not only considering those they met, but challenging their own comfortableness in life. Each evening included powerful worship and group devotions to further confront these challenges with scripture and testimonies; strengthening their trust to walk in the word and examples of Christ! Many of these impassioned stories were shared with the congregation on July 16<sup>th</sup> (check out the website for a recording of these testimonies) but so much more was left untold. Please find our youth before or after services, or during coffee social – they would love to share much more of their experiences.

Of course, these trips could not happen without the support of our congregation! We cannot thank you enough for continuing to allow our young disciples to be Dayton United Methodist Church's hands and feet in today's world. We think often of 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 when considering all you do for our youth – praying to live up to this scripture:

"6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

Many thanks and abundant blessings from DUMC Youth!



<b>AUGUST</b>		
1 Isaiah 18-22	13 Jeremiah 4-6	26 Jeremiah 49-50
2 Isaiah 23-27	14 Jeremiah 7-9	27 Jeremiah 51-52
3 Isaiah 28-30	15 Jeremiah 10-13	28 Lamentations
4 Isaiah 31-35	16 Jeremiah 14-17	1: 1 - 3:36
5 Isaiah 36-41	17 Jeremiah 18-22	29 Lamentations
6 Isaiah 42-44	18 Jeremiah 23-25	3:37 - 5:22
7 Isaiah 45-48	19 Jeremiah 26-29	30 Ezekiel 1-4
8 Isaiah 49-53	20 Jeremiah 30-31	31 Ezekiel 5-8
9 Isaiah 54-58	21 Jeremiah 32-34	
10 Isaiah 59-63	22 Jeremiah 35-37	
11 Isaiah 64-66	23 Jeremiah 38-41	
12 Jeremiah 1-3	24 Jeremiah 42-45	
	25 Jeremiah 46-48	



**“Be a lifelong learner, influencer, and servant”**  
*Key notes from the closing sermon of Bishop Sharma Lewis  
on June 18, 2017 at The Virginia Annual Conference*

Proverbs 29:18 tells us that “without a vision the people perish.”

I like the way it’s put in *The Message*: “If people can’t see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves. But when they attend to what God reveals, they are most blessed.”

According to Andy Stanley, the importance of visioning begins with three important facts:

- 1) A vision is birthed out of a **CONCERN**  
*An inability to accept things the way they are*
- 2) A vision brings **CLARITY**  
*We need clarity in order to focus. God does not want us to wander in the wilderness*
- 3) A vision brings a sense of **MORAL CONVICTION**  
It is not just that something *could* be done – it’s that it *should* be done.

A vision weaves four things into our daily experience:

- A vision brings **EMOTION**
- A vision provides **MOTIVATION**
- A vision sets **DIRECTION**
- A vision translates **PURPOSE**

People who have a vision are always discovering  
**NEW / FRESH / CREATIVE / INNOVATIVE** ways to do ministry.

Clergy, as long as you are biblically/theologically sound and follow the Book of Discipline, **BE FREE** to do ministry.

Laity, as long as you are biblically/theologically sound and follow the Book of Discipline, **THE SKY IS THE LIMIT!** And when the pastor comes to you with a new thing, as long as it’s biblically/theologically sound, don’t say to the clergy, “We’ve never done it like this before.”

The leader’s passion, plus the congregation, plus community needs... where they intersect is where God speaks. At the appointed time, God’s time, the vision will speak! It’s time to be a disciple, a life-long learner, an influence, a servant of the Most High God; it’s time to stir up the gifts, it’s time to do a new thing!

From 2012 to 2016 you spent four years in prayer with Bishop Cho, preparing the way for a new vision. Now you are asking, “Bishop, what’s the new vision?” After much prayer, discernment, sharing, and compiling the data of the 32 sessions held with laity and clergy throughout Virginia, our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is: **A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST IS A LIFELONG LEARNER WHO INFLUENCES OTHERS TO SERVE.** All Virginia United Methodist Churches will have a process of intentionally forming disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by your influence and acts of servanthood.

#### Prayer:

When my spiritual vision is foggy, help me to find my way.  
When my understanding is incomplete, open my mind  
and increase my patience.  
When my indifference blocks my senses, touch my heart.  
When worry of fear raise their voices, speak to my faith.  
Let your Spirit permeate my longings as well as my living and my loving.  
Amen.

~ Peggy Ferrell,  
Prayers and Poems

## **“Dayton Days” is Saturday, October 7**

During these hot days of summer, October may seem far away, but it will be here before we know it. Dayton UMC will have two booths for the “Dayton Days” Autumn celebration – one for the youth’s veggie soup sales and one for the church.

Remember DUMC as you prepare jelly, jams, pickles, crafts and sewing items. Why not make items for the Rockingham County Fair (Aug. 13-19), win a ribbon and then donate your winning project to the DUMC booth?



If you have extra pint or quart jars you no longer need, place them in the box in the Fellowship Hall kitchen pantry for others to use for canning or for the soup sale.

We appreciate Gail Mitchell volunteering to coordinate the DUMC booth.

## **More About the VBS Local Mission Offering Recipient:**

*The Children’s Clothes Closet*, one half of “Mission Central” of the Harrisonburg District Churches, is located at Cedar Grove UMC on Smithland Road. The closet was started at McGaheysville UMC in 1994 and relocated to Cedar Grove due to needing more space. It serves over 500 families and 1500 children. Guests can come once a month and take up to five outfits per child at no cost. When those clothes are outgrown, parents are asked to return them and pick out new outfits. The returned clothes are put back on the racks for someone else to select. So your donations of clothing and cash continue to bless many families many times over!

Sharing the space is *Equipment for Caring* - a free resource for those needing durable medical equipment on loan: wheelchairs, bedside commodes, shower benches and hospital beds. They also distribute wound care supplies, disposable adult diapers, adaptive equipment and much more. Contact Delores Reid at 540-383-6112 or dried515@aol.com if you, or someone you know, has a need, if you have questions or wish to donate equipment, supplies or time.

Treasurer’s Report - January through June 2017 budget	
Contributions/Income	\$ 170,741.54
Expenditures	\$ 176,611.01
Year-to-date Budget	\$ 173,195.00
Designated Contributions	\$ 41,799.80
Mortgage Report as of June 1, 2017	
Loan Amount (2/1/2010)	\$ 1,500,000.00
Principal payments	\$ 341,025.66
Loan Balance	\$ 1,158,974.34
Extra payments on principal	\$ 28,288.71

*A big “thank you” to all church groups and classes who give their time and energy to “June is Clean the Church Month”. Your efforts are appreciated by all.*

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I have a box in the Coffee Social Room, too!

Next Deadline:

Sunday, August 27