

DAYTON UNITED METHODIST

Mission Statement:

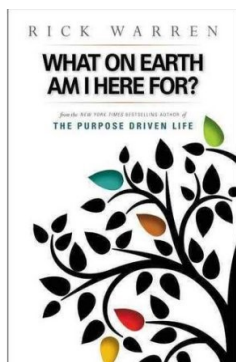
"We invite everyone to become disciples of Christ by loving and serving God and actively living out their faith."

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WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR? A 40-day Spiritual Journey

What On Earth Am I Here For? is the largest selling non-fiction book in American publishing history with over 32 million in print in 50 languages. This is the 10th anniversary edition of *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church for 35 years located in Lake Forest, California where 35,000 gather to worship every weekend. The lives of millions have been transformed around the world by discovering

God's five fundamental scriptural purposes for their life that are so simply yet powerfully and brilliantly explained in this book.

THE 40 DAY JOURNEY at DUMC

~ **BEGINS** Sunday, October 15th

~ **ENDS** Sunday, November 19th (6 weeks)

~ **BOOKS** – every household is asked to purchase a book

* **Order one** through church (order form, email, call) or buy through numerous on-line book sellers in paper back or e-book form;

* **Begin** reading the book on Monday, October 16th. It is divided into 40 brief chapters each one to be easily read in 15 minutes each day.

~ **WORSHIP** – messages each Sunday will help you grow deeper in your understanding of the purpose you are studying that week:

1. *You Matter to God*
2. *You Were Planned for God's Pleasure*
3. *You Were Formed for God's Family*
4. *You Were Created to Become Like Christ*
5. *You Were Shaped to Serve God*
6. *You Were Made for a Mission*

~ **SMALL GROUPS** – gather a few church folks/friends/neighbors together on any day or night each week to watch Pastor Rick teach on the theme that you read the previous week (25 minutes). This is a great opportunity to experience the wonderful learning that most effectively happens in small group sharing. All you need is a place, a remote, and DVD player - DUMC provides the participant guides and DVD.

* **If you want to host** a small group tell Pastor Bruce ASAP or sign up in the narthex;

* **If you want to join** a small group, tell Pastor Bruce or sign up in the narthex.

Knowing the purpose of your life will reduce your stress, simplify your decisions, increase your satisfaction, and most important, prepare you for eternity.

-Rick Warren

Come! Join Us In the Journey!



*5th Sunday
Potluck
October 29
Worship at 10:00*

Carry-in meal follows worship. Bring a dish or two to share! Volunteers are needed for set-up & clean up. Please email Lena Osborne at LenaRO@aol.com. No Sunday School or Coffee Social that day.

*Charge
Conference
Tuesday,
October 10*

7:00 PM - Sanctuary

Everyone is invited/encouraged to attend. This is the Church's business meeting with the District Superintendent where we celebrate the past year and look forward to 2018 as we approve the budget and elect officers.



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An Important Message from Your Church Council:

Listening to your input earlier this year, we assumed there would be support for a second service when we returned to the fall schedule so we offer both a traditional and a blended service attempting to give options to all our members and also to grow our congregation. We wanted to give you the to decide what you prefer and to attend either or both.

Poor attendance at the 11:15 blended service leads us to reconsider congregational support and whether it results in an adverse effect on visitors.

Questioning if it is a good use of resources to continue, we will monitor the blended service attendance on October 1 and October 8. If it is determined that it is not in the best interest of Dayton United Methodist Church to continue, we may no longer offer the 11:15 service after October 8.

-Lena Osborne, Chair

They Asked - DUMC Delivered!

The Cleanup Bucket project in response to Hurricane Harvey was a great success. Your designated giving to UMCOR and the buckets totaled \$3,600 as of September 24. You quickly - and very generously - brought items as well and Dayton UMC delivered 26 buckets to Asbury UMC on September 18! More than 75% of the items needed were donated so we only needed to purchase about \$600 worth of supplies to complete the 26 buckets. Ours were part of the 400 that were given by all the UM Churches in the Harrisonburg District and those were added to the State collection. We've learned that the UMC of Virginia had to rent another truck to send all the buckets to the UMCOR distribution center in Louisiana! Praise God!

So THANK YOU to the congregation for your generosity, to Perry Suter, Debbey Roadcap, and Betty Robinson for helping pack buckets, to Lena Osborne for shopping and a BIG thank you to Dick & Linda Jacobs for coordinating this special project!



Perry checks the list. ↑



Dick & Linda Jacobs with the finished buckets.→

Linda, Debbey, Perry & Betty form and assembly line.↓



Sunday Morning Volunteers

Nursery Workers (9:00)

1 Amy Simmons
8 Lori Bocock
15 Brenda Legg
22 Kim Nieder
29 Linda Wine

Greeters (9:00)

1 Russell & Donna Kenney
8 Judy Austin & Loretha Bland
15 Anne Hill & Irene Rebholtz
22 Perry & Kathy Suter
29 Lee & Bonnie Dellinger

Pew Stewards (9:00)

1 Connie Gilmer
8 Stacie Jackson
15 Linda Covington
22 Margaret Thornton
29 Mary Nieswander

Acolytes (9:00)

1 Emma Jackson
8 Caden Alley
15 Evan Lilly
22 Carter Alley
29 Ellianna Appleton

Open/Close: Doug Wine

Ushers: Tom & Brenda Legg

Mowing: Dave McCoy/Jim Snyder

Coffee Social Providers

1 UMM
8 need a volunteer!
15 Tatro Family
22 Any Given Sunday Class
29 None - one service 10 AM



We Thank On the Move Class, Linda Wine, Ann Will and Debbey Roadcap for hosting the Coffee Socials. Please sign up to host one Sunday - we ask that it not be an "elaborate spread" - just a few snacks and drinks. Coffee, lemonade, plates, napkins provided. If you are a little apprehensive about hosting for the first time we will ask a "seasoned" volunteer to help you!

Flowers

1 Communion
8 Judy Austin
15 available
22 Lois Lineberry
29 available



We thank Joe & Mary Glenn Hiner, Elsie Cox and Joan Leffel for their recent contributions of altar flowers. There are still a few open Sundays if you would like to remember or honor someone special with flowers. Check the list in the narthex.

Can't Stop the Music!

🎵 **ATTENTION KIDS** - Children's Choir will begin on Sunday, Oct. 1st. Join me from 10:00-10:15 downstairs in the children's music room. All kids are welcome! We look forward to praising Jesus through singing together. -Dianne Pennington

🎵 **DAMAGED BUT NOT DETERED** - Our hand bells, their cases and music were damaged by water leak from an air handler that was installed above storage room (over 20 years ago). An insurance claim is being filed. GOOD NEWS – Sunset UMC in Broadway is loaning us their 3 octave hand bell set until ours are re-conditioned! The Hand Bell Choir meets on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and will share special music on October 8.

🎵 **CHRISTMAS IS COMING** - Chancel Choir meets on Thursdays at 7:00 in the choir room. We will soon be looking at Christmas music. If you want to join us just for the 'season' come on by!

YOU ARE INVITED! Fellowship & Faith Development Opportunities



The JOY outing to VDOT has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, October 3rd. The bus will leave DUMC at 9:15. Lunch will be at the Train Station Depot Restaurant in Staunton. JOY also plans to go 'leaf looking' at Big Meadows in October. Watch for a date!



Women's Bible Study will meet in the home of Debby Carper, (245 Ashby Street) at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 17th. (Please note change of date.) We'll continue in the study "The Grave Robber", using chapters 7, 8 & 9.

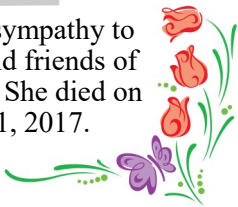
Suter's Bible Class meets in room #6 downstairs. Presently the class is using a resource from Right Now Media titled "The Bible Project" which explores the narrative of the Bible. First, we're using a series called the "Theme Series" which traces key Biblical ideas and themes throughout the storyline of the entire Bible. Subjects in this series include "Heaven and Earth", "Messiah", "Holiness", "The Covenants", "Sacrifice & Atonements", "The Law", "Gospel and the Kingdom", "Image of God", and "Day of the Lord". This is not an in-depth study, but gives the basics of what any believer should know about each area. The study helps one become familiar with the Bible and is a springboard for anyone to read and study the Bible on their own.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

October Birthdays

1 Jan Lambert
1 Beth Moseley
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

We express sympathy to the family and friends of Celia Good. She died on September 11, 2017.



October Anniversaries

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

Request from Anne Hill

My grandson, Jack Brandt, lives in Richmond, VA (near Byrd Park), and he is in need of a personal care assistant. The position would require helping him with bathing, dressing, and transporting (in his accessible van) to/from his job at VCU each day. It would also require light housework and maintaining the small yard. Due to the flexibility of the hours, the assistant would have free time during the day to potentially take college classes or work at another job. Room and board is included in addition to the hourly rate. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in talking to Jack to learn more, please call me, at 540-421-0362.

Dear Friends of DUMC,

Thank you so much for all your prayers and concern expressed during my son Al Gunn's illness and passing. My daughter Cecile and I deeply appreciate your devotion in blessing us with God's help and mercy during these difficult days.

*Blessing,
Alda Gunn*

Effectively Inviting Others to Church



You're Invited!

Rev. Dr. Doug Powe of Wesley Seminary says many people just don't like inviting other people to church, in part because faith is so personal and in part because they fear rejection. He provides four clues for inviting in a way that is genuine, specific, honest, and expectant.

1. The invitation should be about a **genuine connection** and not staged. It is best to invite individuals to an event that has bearing on their life or appeals to their interests. If we translate this to inviting someone to church, then we share with them how the new sermon series on addictions may be helpful as they deal with a child in rehabilitation. The point is the invitation comes across as thoughtful and something that connects with the other person.

2. **Be specific.** Often, when we do invite, our invitations are very general. Simply saying, "Why don't you come to my church on Sunday," is not as specific as "I would love for you to come to Main Street Congregation at 10 a.m. Our address is 123 Main Street, and I will meet you in the parking lot." Be specific!

3. **Be honest** about what we know and do not know. Another reason many of us do not invite is that we are

afraid someone may ask us questions to which we do not know the answer, such as, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" It is okay if we do not have all the answers. This communicates to others that you are not trying to sell them a bill of goods. Honesty goes a long way and individuals respect those who are upfront with them.

4. It is important to invite with **expectant hope**. Do not invite with a defeatist attitude. There are times when we so underplay the invitation it comes across as if we really do not want the other person to come. But it's equally important not to go to the opposite extreme and be overly effusive. The goal is an invitation that leaves space for others to say yes without painting an overly negative or rosy picture.

It is disheartening to not see visitors on Sundays. 85% of all who affiliate with a local church do so because someone in that church invited them. Ultimately, we are inviting others to experience a transforming relationship with God in Christ. The majority of unchurched say they are open to being asked.

-Pastor Bruce



The **United Methodist Men's** District Prayer Breakfast is Saturday, Oct. 21st at 9:00 a.m. at Asbury UMC in Harrisonburg. All men are invited to attend.



The **UMWomen** will meet on Saturday, Nov. 4th at 9:00 a.m. in the Coffee Social Room.



Grades K—5

Our **Young First Followers** are learning and growing! Their two most recent gatherings were centered around *The Lord's Prayer* and the *Ten Commandments*. Games, videos and crafts all related to the topics.

October Activities Are:

Harvest Party

Paint Night w/ Ginny Deeds

Sunday, October 8th

Friday, October 27th

3:00 – 5:00 at DUMC

5:45 – 7:45 at DUMC



Grades 6—12

After a safe and blessed mission trip working with those experiencing homelessness this summer in Atlanta, the **Youth Group** finished the summer months on a rather slow pace with only an August pool party to celebrate the upcoming school season. We don't stay idle long -things are picking up!

Over the September 8-10 weekend, we participated in a **youth retreat at Camp Overlook** with the Bridgewater UMC youth. All totaled, we had 27 youth participate Saturday morning for the teamwork/confidence course, then mission work at Overlook all afternoon. Besides power washing many buildings and equipment, the youth provided much needed manpower to move 15 tons (no that is not a typo) of gravel with shovels, 5- gallon buckets and wheelbarrows. Camp Overlook is building a new shower facility and the gravel was to backfill the upcoming concrete floor. Unfortunately the location was unsuitable for heavy equipment - so they called on the SUPER-youth-groups of BUMC and DUMC! Many tired and sore bodies rested well that evening!



September 23rd was our bi-annual **Yardwork Day**. We were privileged to be God's hands and feet for several families in our congregation (Hiners, Gilmers & Phyllis Ward) with general pruning, weeding & weed-eating and ground maintenance and even hung a new clothesline. It was certainly a win-win for everyone- the youth really learned some new skills and though not professional, they do quite a fine job! We will be lining up a Spring yardwork day so if anyone needs some assistance that time of the year please let Graham Witt know (383-8420) and we'll put you on our "TO-DO List".

Last, but certainly not least, October 7 is Dayton's Autumn Celebration - affectionately known as **Dayton Days Youth Soup Fundraiser**. The support of our church family has always been over-the-top both before and after!



Our needs have not changed: Quart canning jars (lids & bands are also very much needed); canned or frozen vegetables; beef broth; and prepared vegetable soup. There are wonderful recipes every year from our DUMC cooks that make ours 'one-of-a-kind' so, please, consider bringing in a pot of your best vegetable soup that week to complement final product. In total we prepare between 60-70 gallons of soup for Dayton Days, so any and all donations are appreciated.

If you drop something off just let Graham or Mary Beth know and we'll make sure you get any cookware returned. **Donations are needed in the big kitchen by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6th**. Thanks in advance for any contributions!

Remaining Fall Youth Schedule:

- 10/6 (Friday) - Soup Preparation for Dayton Days, 5PM-9PM
- 10/7 (Saturday) - Soup Sales @ Dayton Days, 7AM—1PM
- 10/21 (Saturday) - Lunches for Homeless @ HBC, 8AM—1PM
- 10/26 (Thursday) - Empty Bowls Dinner Hunger Event @ BRCC
- 11/5 (Sunday) - Youth Cornhole Tournament, 4-9PM
- 11/11 (Saturday) - Lunches for Homeless @ HBC, 8AM-1PM
- 11/19 (Sunday) - Youth Bowling, 6-8PM



Sat. Oct. 7

Dayton Days is almost here! Any baked goodies, canned goods, crafts, etc. will be greatly appreciated. **Please deliver them to the coffee social room by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6th** so we can get them priced. If you want to price your own craft items, please do so. Questions? Contact Gail at 540-810-2983
Thank you for all your support of our booth on Saturday, Oct. 7th! -Mary Glenn Hiner & Gail Mitchell

To: Parents of Children & Youth

Re: Family Christmas Program / Children's Christmas Play

Your children and youth should have received a letter/survey about participating in the Family Night Christmas Program this year. We have a variety of opportunities for their involvement, we just need to know by Sunday, October 1st who is interested and in what capacity. We have included practice times. The date of the program is Sunday, December 10th at 5:30 p.m. We are looking forward to helping your children demonstrate their talents and make a faith-journey memory!

- Katrina Eberly, Stacie Jackson & Stephanie Lilly



Pence Backpack Program

DUMC is again committed to providing backpacks of food to some students at Wilbur Pence Middle School who have been identified by the counselors as "food insecure" on weekends.

We are supplying items during November and December. This has been a tremendous success due to the generosity of our congregation. We don't yet know how many we will be filling each week (last year was 20). There are several ways to support this mission:

1. ***Monetary donations*** - just write "food backpacks" in the memo line on the check. These gifts allow us to shop for fresh fruit or other items.
2. ***Food donations*** - look for collection boxes beginning October 1st. Use the menu to the right.
3. ***Stuff backpacks*** - We need volunteers to fill the packs every week. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the coffee social room.
4. ***Share plastic grocery bags*** - recycle your clean bags with us! Drop them in Room 11 downstairs.

If you have any questions, please contact

Stacie Jackson at 560-5300 or

Katrina Eberly at 421-0806. Thank you!

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- 1) Purchase single-serving sizes only. Feel free to purchase cases however, in order to ensure food safety, large boxes of cereal or crackers that would need to be opened to be divided by hand cannot be accepted.
- 2) Be sure to check expiration dates on items purchased at discounters.

Given Weekly:

Entrée items:

- Soup or Stew cups
- Easy Mac Cups
- Chef Boyardee cups
- Ramen noodle cups (Cup Noodles)
- canned vegetables - 15 oz. size w/ pull-tab top.

Breakfast items:

- Cereal bowls / boxes
- Instant oatmeal pack
- Cereal bars
- Granola Bars

Fruit & Snack items:

- 100% juice boxes
- Applesauce or Fruit cup
- Microwave popcorn
- Pudding cups
- Snack cakes
- Rice Krispy treats
- Peanut butter or Cheese crackers (Nabs)
- Teddy Grahams
- Little boxes of raisins
- 1 sleeve of saltines

Given Once a Month:

- 1- 28 oz. plastic jar of peanut butter
- 1- 28 oz. plastic jar of jelly

COMING SOON / SAVE THE DATES

Apple Tree Project

Watch for information in the November newsletter about the Kingsway Ministry Apple Tree Project where you can select a child's name, shop for a desired gift and bring them a smile on Christmas morning.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Dayton Market - inside the glass doors so it won't be cold!

From 9:00 to 6:00 on

Fri., Dec. 1

Sat., Dec. 2

Sat., Dec. 16

Sign-up in November.

Open Doors

This is our cold-weather mission to support those experiencing homelessness locally. Dayton UMC will host these weeks:

- Nov. 27 - Dec. 3 (*7th Day Adventists will supply volunteers*)

- **Mar. 26 - Apr. 1 (Dayton UMC will supply volunteers)**

Graham Witt will be the lead for this mission. If you would be interested in supporting this effort with a breakfast or dinner, clean-up, bus driving, overnight chaperone or any other capacity (or questions) please call Graham at 383-8420

Treasurer's Report: Jan. - Aug. 2017 Budget	
Contributions/Income	\$225,037.09
Expenditures	\$235,444.39
Year-to-Date Budget	\$230,926.66
Designated Contributions	\$43,395.27
Mortgage Report as of September 1, 2017	
Loan Amount (2/1/2010)	\$1,500,000.00
Principal payments	\$349,045.51
Loan Balance	\$1,150,954.49
Extra payments on principal	\$28,288.71

Report
prepared by
JB Showalter

Do You Know These Folks?

The DISCIPLINE of the United Methodist Church requires an annual membership ship audit be performed. Regretfully, Dayton UMC has not performed this audit for many years. We are in the process of conducting an audit, and we need your help. Please contact the church office if you know the address or phone number for any of the following persons:

Kim Abernathy
Jeff Puffenbarger
Penny Claytor
Amanda Williams
Carol Poole Evans

Wayne Fitzgerald
Mandy Chambers
Leah Wetzel
Mari-Agnes Wilks
Angela Van Fossen

William Bryan
Sharon Ralston
Thomas Leary
Amy Lavonne Leary

BISHOP SHARMA LEWIS'



OCTOBER

- 1 Malachi 1-4
- 2 Matthew 1-4
- 3 Matthew 5-6
- 4 Matthew 7-8
- 5 Matthew 9-10
- 6 Matthew 11-12
- 7 Matthew 13-14
- 8 Matthew 15-17
- 9 Matthew 18-19
- 10 Matthew 20-21
- 11 Matthew 22-23
- 12 Matthew 24-25
- 13 Matthew 26
- 14 Matthew 27-28
- 15 Mark 1-3
- 16 Mark 4-5
- 17 Mark 6-7
- 18 Mark 8-9
- 19 Mark 10-11
- 20 Mark 12-13
- 21 Mark 14
- 22 Mark 15-16
- 23 Luke 1
- 24 Luke 2-3
- 25 Luke 4-5
- 26 Luke 6-7
- 27 Luke 8-9
- 28 Luke 10-11
- 29 Luke 12-13
- 30 Luke 14-16
- 31 Luke 17-18

COMMUNITY EVENTS

What: Dayton Ruritan Pancake Breakfast
When: Saturday, Oct. 28th 7:00 - 11:00 am.
Where: Dayton UMC Activities Bldg.
Who: Donations received fund many community projects and groups supported by this Ruritan Club.

Who: Our choir director **Jessica Rodriguez**
When: Nov. 11 at 8:00 p.m.
Where: JMU Forbes Center for the Performing Arts Mainstage Theatre
What: She will be singing the role of Fiordiligi in *Così fan tutte* by W.A. Mozart
 Congratulations, Jess!



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