

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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IT'S *Thanks* GIVING SEASON!

This is the 5th year that Dayton United Methodist Church has participated in the **Apple Tree Project**, a unique mission founded and coordinated by Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach. The project collects Christmas gifts for children of families affected by the incarceration of a parent. This program lets the children in these families know that they are not forgotten.

On Sunday, November 5th, stop by the Coffee Social Area after worship and select a name of a child. You then shop for the item the child has requested and return the unwrapped gift to the box provided by Sunday, Nov. 26th. Please include \$5-8 for the cost of shipping.

Through your generous contributions, many children will know of God's love and will smile on Christmas morning.



Apple Tree Project

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Look for a sign-up sheet in the Coffee Social Area. This year we are again at the Dayton Market - inside the glass doors so it won't be cold! Hours are 9:00 to 6:00 and the dates are Friday, December 1st, Saturday, December 2nd, and Saturday, December 16th. Sign up soon!!



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!



REMEMBER:

» Purchase single-serving sizes only

» Check expiration dates

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



Dear Members and Friends,

Based on what we heard and read in your emails, we believed there was support for an 11:15 blended service.



Unfortunately, the lack of attendance has led us to no longer offer that option. That has raised the question of when to have our worship service.

Stability is important especially, after having several changes to worship services the past few years so we will continue having one service at 9:00 am for the time being.

Realizing that there are differences of opinion on the time we should have our worship service, we want to hear your thoughts and wishes to enable Council to make a decision for the long term. We apologize for soliciting feedback again so soon after the town hall, but we respect the opinions of our church family and believe it is in our church's best interest to reach out to you again. We want to have the most accurate information available to us as we are faced with making another challenging decision.

Beginning next week, there will be a box in the gathering area (narthex) for your vote. Please feel free to use the paper provided or use your own. If you prefer electronic vote over paper, you can vote via email to the church office.

We ask one vote per person before December 1. That gives time for you to consider and pray about it. After reviewing your votes, Council will set the service time for 2018.

The United Methodist Church is set up to have Council make leadership decisions; however, your Council is struggling with making this decision that is so important not only at this time but for the future of our church so please tell us what you believe God would have us do.

I ask that you pray about this and vote not just for what is convenient or suits you best, but what is best for Dayton United Methodist Church. What time will our worship service draw the most people to our church and best impact Sunday School? Because it is the mission of DUMC to invite everyone to become Disciples of Christ (Open Doors – Open Hearts – Open Minds) we need to think not just about those of us presently here but also others seeking a church home.

Through prayer let's figure out the best time and not have additional changes until the pews are so full that we have to add another service to accommodate all who wish to worship God here.

As always, I and other members of Council invite your questions and comments.

Lena Osborne
Council Chair

Only 5 Sundays Until Advent!

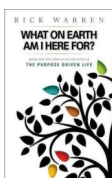
October 29

Sunday School 9

Worship 10

5TH SUNDAY LUNCH

You Were Formed for God's Family



**Sat., Nov. 4 - Turn clocks BACK
one hour at bedtime**

November 5

Worship 9

Sunday School 10

ALL SAINTS' OBSERVANCE

You Were Created to Become Like Christ

November 12

Worship 9

Sunday School 10

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

You Were Shaped to Serve God



November 19

Worship 9

Sunday School 10

You Were Made for Mission

November 26

Worship 9

Sunday School 10

Christ the King

🎵 **CHRISTMAS IS COMING** -
Chancel Choir meets on Thursdays at 7:00 in the choir room. We have started the Christmas cantata. If you want to join us just for the 'season' talk to Jess or any choir member.

If you have a photo of yourself or a loved one who has served in the military, talk to Graham Witt.

Sunday Morning Volunteers



Nursery Workers

5 Jan Alley
12 Elaine Heatwole
19 Kristin Chapman
26 Sally Parsley

Greeters

5 Linda & Doug Wine
12 Bernice & Chuck Garber
19 Betty Lou & Don Huffman
26 Amy & Joe Simmons

Pew Stewards

5 Connie Gilmer
12 Stacie Jackson
19 Linda Covington
26 Margaret Thornton

Acolytes

5 Clay Guyer
12 Bridget Appleton
19 Ethan Eberly
26 Chloe Nieder

Open/Close: Dave McCoy

Usher: Jon Alley

Mowing: Doug Wine

Coffee Social Providers

5 UMMen
12 volunteer needed
19 volunteer needed
26 volunteer needed
Thank you to the UM Men, Tatro family, On the Move and Any Given Sunday classes for hosting the coffee socials. If you are willing to host, please sign up in the Coffee Social Area.

Flowers

5 Communion
12 available
19 Thanksgiving
26 Lee Dellinger
Donating flowers for the altar is always an excellent way to honor or remember someone special. Thank you to Larry, Nancy & Betsey Hedrick, Judy Austin, Lois & Jeff Lineberry, Edgar Caplinger and Josh & Jennifer Appleton for their recent altar flowers. A special "thank you" to Ericka Gregory for the beautiful Fall planters at the front doors.

Introducing F.I.S.H.

The Sunday School Class led by Robin Simmons and Jeff Weaver has chosen a new name: **F.I.S.H. - Friends In Service to Him.** They are a group of friendly people studying God's word to equip themselves to serve Him. They begin "A Christmas Experience," a six-week study on RightNow Media on Nov. 19. Come, check it out!



Drivers Needed for Open Doors Nov 27-Dec 4:

Our first hosting of Open Doors, the Harrisonburg & Rockingham County seasonal homeless shelter, is just around the corner: Nov. 27 through Dec 4. We are blessed during this week that 7th Day Adventists will provide the meals and nearly all of the volunteers. We will need bus drivers during this week to help transport the guests in the morning and evening. A schedule will be coming out next week for sign-ups – it will be located in the Coffee Social Room or you can contact our lead volunteer, Graham Witt at 383-8420, if you would like to help. We will also need a crew of 6-10 for Fellowship Hall cleanup the morning of Monday, Dec. 4th – we will start at 7AM and hope to finish by 10AM.

Women's Bible Study this month: Women's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room in the Activities Building. Mary Glenn Hiner will serve as hostess. We continue in "The Grave Robber," studying the Third Sign in John's Gospel which covers chapters 10, 11, and 12.



A Note from Mary Beth:

I will be out of the office Nov. 11th to Dec. 2nd. My husband, Bobby, and I will be serving in Guatemala. Prayers for safe travels and the work being done there are appreciated.

It is time to order UnitedScript cards! Order forms are in the narthex and orders are due by Sunday, November 5th. Script Cards are a win/win - shop for gifts and DUMC benefits!

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." —Henry Ford

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Birthdays

4 Nancy Hedrick
7 Shelia Holsinger
8 Josh Appleton
8 Savannah Witt
9 Debbie Crist
9 Polly Fravel
11 John Findley
13 Jon Alley
13 Debbey Roadcap
15 Denise Lough
16 Sarah Legg
16 Rebecca Wong
19 Holly Smith
21 Keith Wright
22 Ashley Smith
23 Elsie Cox
24 Thomas Stover
25 Meredith Bowers
25 Thomas Legg
25 Connie Minnick
26 Bernice Garber
28 Susan Davis
28 Mitchell McCormick
29 Ed Powell

Anniversaries

3 Barry & Connie Minnick ('84)
8 Matt & Stephanie Findley ('03)
10 Chuck & Bernice Garber ('56)
12 Devan & Cheyenne Cockrell ('16)
18 Jeff & Lois Lineberry ('89)

Remembering the Saints

On Sunday, November 5th, worship will include an observance of **All Saints' Day** when we remember church members who have died in the past year. Take a moment to read these names and thank God for their contributions to all of us at DUMC.



Rosa Lee Kinkead - Jan. 6
Janet Meyerhoeffer - Jan. 25
Emory Thomas - Jan. 29
Helen Hoke - Feb. 7
Carla Phibbs - Feb. 22
Celia Good - Sep. 11
June Heatwole - Oct. 12

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of June Heatwole. She died on October 12, 2017.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The annual Dayton **Community Thanksgiving Service** is **Sunday, Nov. 19th** at 7:00 p.m. at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church on Main Street. Pastor Bruce is preaching!



Central Valley Habitat for Humanity is pleased to share that we will be dedicating our Newest home project on **November 12 at 3:00 PM**. The house at **420 Mason Street in Dayton** is the sixtieth home that has been built since our beginning in 1988. More importantly it represents 60 families whose lives have been improved as a result of the individual and community efforts coordinated by CVHH. **We hope you will join as we celebrate with our families, our church sponsor, and our volunteers!** Parking is available in the Park View Credit Union lot across the street.

SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED?

Dreading the holidays? Need spiritual renewal, some joy?

Join us for our annual **WOUNDED HEARTS, HEALING LOVE** Retreat. Realize this is not a matchmaking event, but rather a time to gain a Christ-centered perspective on the future. Consider sponsoring a male or female friend or family member who is struggling with this life-changing loss.



WHEN: December 1-3, 2017 (Friday evening-Sunday afternoon)

WHERE: Overlook Retreat and Camp Ministries, Keezletown

Comfortable accommodations at Blessing Lodge, 5 meals & snacks

COST: \$105/some financial aid available.

REGISTER: Call or fax (540) 269-2267 or email campoverlook@gmail.com,

WEBSITE: www.CampOverlook.org.

Family Night Christmas Program Rehearsal Schedule



<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Nov. 19 during Sunday School	Costume fittings for younger children in "The Christmas Story"
Dec. 2 -Sat. afternoon before the Dayton Christmas parade	Youth with speaking parts and narrators only
Dec. 3 during Sunday School	Rehearsal with everyone
Dec. 9 (Sat) 9:00 - 10:00	Dress Rehearsal - The Christmas Story participants and narrators only
Dec. 9 (Sat) 10:00 - 11:30	Dress Rehearsal - Play participants, older youth
Dec. 10 during Sunday School	Dress Rehearsal EVERYONE
Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m.	Program with potluck meal following



UMMEN meet Sunday, November 5th for breakfast at 7:30 in the Activities Building. They also host the Coffee Social that morning.



UMWomen meet Saturday, November 4th at 9:00 a.m. in the Coffee Social Area. Remember, the World Thank Offering is due.



Grades 6–12

#YouthSoup
by the #'s

55 gallons

\$1,900 profit

16 youth
Friday night

14 youth
Saturday

11 hours
over 2 days

DUMYouth Rocked October!

The Dayton Days Soup sale was a *super* success! We made 55 gallons of soup and sold 50 gallons on Saturday – our net profit was \$1,900...Woo-hoo! We won't complain about the beautiful weather, but the warm day did slow our sales somewhat on Saturday. We packaged up the remaining 5 gallons and sold those on Sunday to our congregation. We couldn't have done it without YOUR support and donations, as well as the time and effort from the families Friday through Saturday. Thank you for another AWESOME and BLESSED youth fundraiser!

On October 21st we had a great Saturday morning preparing lunches and sharing in fellowship at Harrisonburg Baptist Church for those experiencing homelessness here in the valley. There were about 30+ guests fed that morning: the youth made grilled cheese sandwiches & soup, put together brown-bag takeaway meals and thoroughly enjoyed sharing their time and heart with the guests. It is always so inspiring watching and listening to them open up their lives in Christ's name and putting their faith into action.

Upcoming November Youth Schedule

-Youth Cornhole Tournament: Sunday, Nov. 5th at 4:30 p.m. at DUMC (*Please contact Graham if you have a set of cornhole boards they could use – they will need at least 10 sets for the tourney*)

-Lunches for Harrisonburg Homeless: Saturday, Nov. 11th, 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Harrisonburg Baptist Church;

-Youth Bowling: Sunday, Nov. 19th, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Graham Witt- hoowitts@comcast.net or 540-383-8420



Grades K–5

DUMYFFollowers had lots of fun at their recent Harvest Party. It began with the 24 children in attendance drawing pictures and talking about fears. Our Bible verse was Joshua 1:9: *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

They also painted pumpkins, made candy apples and a “Shine with the Light of Jesus” pumpkin craft. They played games including pumpkin bowling and enjoyed party refreshments. It was a *fruitful* afternoon!

November
activities at
DUMC:

Friday,
Nov. 10th
5:45 to 7:45

Sunday,
Nov. 19th
3:00 to 5:00



2017 DISTRICT CONFERENCE NEWS



EVERYONE is encouraged to attend the Harrisonburg UMC District Conference & Leadership Training Event.

This year we will gather at **Asbury United Methodist Church in Harrisonburg on Sunday, Nov. 19th**. **District Conference** will begin at **2:30 p.m.** with the **Leadership Training Workshops** taking place from **4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** The keynote speaker for District Conference will be retired clergy, Rev. William Ricketts. Join together in a time of fellowship and refreshments between the two events and enjoy a Mission & Ministries Fair. The following are the workshops we will offer during the Leadership Event:

Workshop #1: EXPERIENCING MISSION CENTRAL

Want to go on a Field Trip? This opportunity allows you to travel to our Mission Central location where GREAT things happen! Get a tour, learn about this unique district-wide mission focus, and actually participate in the work of Mission Central. A map to the location will be provided.

Instructor: Artie Frederick and Mission Central Tour Guides

Workshop #2: SPIRITUAL SIGHTS & SOUNDS - Worship and the Arts

Do you enjoy how the message, the hymns, and even the altar settings all come together to help make worship a truly spiritual experience? Come and learn how it happens through planning and preparation and how you can contribute your gifts and talents to this important part of the ministry of the Church.

Instructors: Debbie Creech and Becky Wright

Workshop #3: EXPLORING MINISTRY - The Call of a Lifetime

Have you ever thought that God was calling you for something special? Learn from others who have heard that call, answered, and worked through the process of becoming a minister.

Instructors: Rev. Joel Robinette and Rev. Erich Bennett

Workshop #4: PINNACLE LIVING AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Downsizing? Trust/Financial Planning? Learn how to prepare for these and other issues and how

Pinnacle Living can assist you from one of the best in this field.

Instructor: Martha Stokes, Director Church/Community Relations, Pinnacle Living

Workshop #5: UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

For decades the UMW have been a vital force in their congregations and in mission fields all over the world.

Learn how to grow personally, spiritually, grow your UMW numbers, and ways in which you can serve.

Instructor: Mary Jane Rawley, Virginia Conference UMW President

Workshop #6: UNITED METHODIST MEN

Want to learn how to place Christ first and then assist others in meeting the needs and interests of men of all ages? Join members of the District UMM and find out how to become a part of a group of men who love Christ and seek to be his hands and feet in service to others.

Instructor: Scott Dillard, Harrisonburg District UMM President

Workshop #7: THE WORK OF THE CHURCH TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

Just joined, currently serving, or have served as a member of the Trustees Committee? This workshop gives an overview of the work, responsibilities, and legalities of this very important Church/Parsonage Committee.

Instructors: Rev. Tom Murphy, Dist. Lay Leaders Rodney Bussard & Joe Amend

Workshop #8: JOHN WESLEY - A Spiritual Model of Living for You

Learn about the importance John Wesley placed on living a spiritual life through the format of Wesley Class Meeting. Learn how to establish a Small Group Ministry based on the principles which John Wesley used in his time. Small Group Ministries can give your church a way to reach out to new people and give everyone opportunities for growth in Christ and fellowship with other Believers.

Instructor: Rev. Jim Wingert

Workshop #9: THE WORK OF THE STAFF/PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

This workshop provides an overview of the responsibilities of the Staff/ Pastor Parish Relations Committee including characteristics of an effective S/PPR, the role of the S/PPR with the Senior Pastor and other Staff, a model for discussion prior to completing the "Appointment Preference Form" as well as the Virginia Annual United Methodist Conference Evaluation Form for Clergy and Staff.

Instructor: Rev. Tommy Herndon, D.S.

FINANCE
COMMITTEE
MONDAY
NOV. 20
7:00 P.M.

Treasurer's Report: January - September 2017 Budget	
Contributions/Income	\$240,694.34
Expenditures	\$266,394.48
Year-to-date Budget	\$259,792.50
Designated Contributions	\$54,418.18
Mortgage Report as of October 1, 2017	
Loan Amount (2/1/2010)	\$1,500,000.00
Principal payments	\$353,075.50
Loan Balance	\$1,146,924.50
Extra payments on principal	\$28,288.71

BISHOP SHARMA LEWIS'



NOVEMBER

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

Pastor Bruce Recommends:

90.1 fm - Spirit FM
95.5 fm – The Journey
102.9 fm – K-love
107.5 fm – Your PDR
1470 am - Bluegrass Gospel
On Sirius XM – eMessage X63
Over the Internet – Pandora,
Spotify, Tunein, Jango



Editors Corner:

This story stuck a chord with me. As a child, my sisters and cousins and I would play “communion” using a toy Coke dispenser.
-Sally

Communing With Nature

In *More Than Words* (Westminster John Knox Press), Erin Wathen tells of serving as pastor at a church where, following communion, the children take the leftover bread outside for the birds. One day, Wathen's own youngsters were playing church when they summoned her to a “meeting” for a new church plant.

The kids had planned the building layout, an order of worship, a prayer garden, a grand-opening picnic — and something else, which Wathen didn't initially understand. Then her heart swelled with joy, recognizing that her daughter meant the post-Eucharist disposal of bread, which clearly, to the child, was a natural and assumed part of church. “[We need] a place,” the girl stated casually, “for the animals to have communion.”



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Social Room, too!

Next Deadline:

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