

DAYTON UNITED METHODIST

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

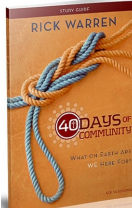
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40 Days of Community: BETTER TOGETHER



Church-wide Small Group and Worship Campaign

We reach out – BETTER TOGETHER

We fellowship – BETTER TOGETHER

We grow – BETTER TOGETHER

We serve – BETTER TOGETHER

We worship – BETTER TOGETHER

Based on I Corinthians 13 – the "Love Chapter" – and the many New Testament "one anothers", this Small Group ministry campaign will help our church family grow deeper relationally with each other and with the Lord. This six-week study and sermon series takes the principles learned in "What on Earth *am I* here for?" and puts them into practice in our church family, small groups, and community by sharing "What on Earth *are we* here for?"

WE ARE ASKING PERSONS TO HOST A SMALL GROUP (6-12) IN YOUR HOME FOR JUST SIX WEEKS. You simply play the video, and a facilitator leads the discussion using the student book as a guide (the facilitator does not need to be the host). The video and student book have great resources to help the host and/or facilitator. We are encouraging the formation of neighborhood groups – however, you are free to form or join a group of family and friends.

PLEASE COMMIT TO PARTICIPATE TODAY. Email the church office; registration forms are in each week's bulletin and on the Narthex table. Videos are provided; Student Books are \$8.00; we need time to order them!



SPIRITUAL RENEWAL SERVICES

Sunday February 18th, 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Greg West, Chaplain, Virginia Wesleyan University

Make plans to bring your family and friends to hear Greg speak at both Sunday morning and Sunday evening services. This is an important opportunity hear the heart of Rev. Greg West who is well known and regarded among Virginia United Methodists. Greg is an ordained elder in the Virginia Conference, and has pastored a local church, pioneered a new church plant, and since 2010 has been the Chaplain at Virginia Wesleyan University. Greg has a sweet spirit and great love for the church, and will bring messages that will help our church grow within and without. I pray you will anticipate and receive all that God will say to us and do in us through these special worship services.

-Pastor Bruce

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Sunday Morning
Schedule

10:00 Worship

11:00 Coffee Social

11:15 Sunday School



EVERYONE
is welcome.
Invite a friend!
Dinner served at
6:00 p.m.



Ash Wednesday
Service
February 14th
7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary



Sunday, Feb. 18th
5:30 prior to the
evening worship
with Rev. West.
Bring a dish or
two to share.
Tableware and
drinks provided.

Sunday Morning Volunteers



Nursery

4 Sally Parsley
11 Mary Helen Witt
18 Kim Guyer
25 Holly Harold

Pew Stewards

4 Margaret Thornton
11 Mary Nieswander
18 Connie Gilmer
25 Stacie Jackson

Coffee Social

4 UMMen
11 On the Move
18 volunteer needed
25 volunteer needed

Greeters

4 Joan Leffel & Tina Shipe
11 Keith & Glenda Ryder
18 Jim & Carrie Nutter
25 Nancy Byrd & Irene Rebholtz

Flowers

4 Communion
11 available
18 Lent #1
25 Lent #2

Acolytes

4 Ethan Eberly
11 Bridget Appleton
18 Caden Alley
25 Chloe Nieder

Usher - Don Huffman

Open/Close - Doug Wine

The Coffee Social is an important part of our church fellowship. We need more volunteers to host. Questions? Contact Lena Osborne
phone: 433-2094
Email: LenaRO@aol.com

Faith & Christian Education Opportunities



On the Move Class meets in the conference room of the Activities Building. Presently, they are watching Andy Stanley's teaching on "Temptation." On February 18th, they begin the six-week "40 Days of Community - Better Together" small group/whole church study with Rick Warren.

Suter's Class meets in room #6 downstairs. During Lent the class is doing the small group/whole church study "40 Days of Community-What on Earth Are We Here For?" **They meet at 9:00** (please note change in time). Anyone who wants to do the study and cannot attend another group is welcome.

Other Sunday morning classes are **Cross Talk** (Mel May), **F.I.S.H.** (Robin Simmons) and **Any Given Sunday** (Kim Guyer). They, too, may be participating in the "Better Together: 40 Days of Community." Watch the bulletin or ask a leader closer to Feb. 18.



"What Matters Most"

This month we launch a spiritual growth campaign: **BETTER TOGETHER – 40 Days of Community**. Why are we focusing on the concept of community? Well, the Bible is very clear about this. It is God's plan. God's design. God wired us this way: to be in relationship with God and with each other. It is what matters most in life.

We cannot be all God wants us to be, do all God wants us to do, fulfill the purposes we were put on this earth to fulfill by ourselves. It is simply impossible! We have to do life in relationship to other people. It is what matters most.

Romans 12:14 says, "Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other and each of us needs all the others." We need each other and we belong to each other in the church. God says community is not optional!

Now, as with most Biblical truth, the concept of community is radically counter-cultural. The American dream began with the Declaration of Independence. Being totally independent and self-sufficient has been deemed a virtue. To have to depend on someone or something then becomes sinful. And too many, even in the church, have bought into the myth that the key to happiness is independence.

Just the opposite is true! God says the key to happiness is not independence but inter-dependence. We all need each other. We need other believers to walk with us, to work with us, to watch over us, to weep with us, to wait with us, and to witness with us. This is what the *40 Days of Community* is all about – to deepen our relationships with one another and with the Lord, and to deepen our love for our neighbors, the communities we live in, and the world the Church serves. It is what matters most.

– Pastor Bruce

February Worship Schedule

Living By Faith Series:

- 4 – "Burial Instructions"
Hebrews 11:22
- 11 - "Heroes of the Faith"
Hebrews 11:30-40
- 14 – Ash Wednesday
Worship at 7 PM
- 18 –Spiritual Renewal
Services at 10:00 AM
& 7:00 PM

Better Together - 40 Days of Community Series:

- 25 – *Reaching Out*
BETTER TOGETHER
"Partners in Spreading
the Good News"
Joshua 2:1, 6-1
I Peter 2:4-10

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Notes of Appreciation:

~ I would like to thank the congregation for all expressions of friendship and concern sent at the time of my surgery. -**Ann Will**

~ I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, food, cards, and visits when I had shoulder surgery. It is a blessing to have such a wonderful church family. -**Linda Covington**

~ Thanks so much for the many, many cards and greetings for my 88th birthday. -**Anne Hill**

We Express Sympathy to:

~ **Pat & Steve Ruminski** and family on death of Pat's brother, Donnie Trobaugh.



Birthdays &
Anniversaries
This Month!

Birthdays

- 1 William Lohr
- 2 Juanita Wagner
- 3 Reed Bowman
- 4 Chelsey Cooper
- 8 Kristin Chapman
- 9 Bonnie Lough
- 9 Terry Stockner
- 10 Dennis Barnhart
- 10 Deborah Barnhart
- 10 Mary Frances Koontz
- 10 Stephen Lohr
- 10 Linda Wagner
- 11 Courtney Bocock
- 12 Devan Cockrell
- 13 Keith Ryder
- 14 Jeff Lineberry
- 15 Clay Guyer
- 17 Zac Cunningham,
- 17 Joe Simmons
- 18 Andrew Huffman
- 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

Submit Your Suggestions, Please:

A goal for 2018 is to build our church family relationships by planning more church family gatherings on a regular basis. Some of the ideas have included pot luck dinners, movies, games, chili cook-off, Wednesday Family Nights with casual meal, activities for all ages, etc.

We are asking for your suggestions on what you would like and support. What time works best for your family - after church, Saturday or Sunday evenings, week nights? There is a basket in the gathering area (narthex). Please take the time to write your suggestions and drop it in the basket.

**Suggestions
Needed**



Warmth, shelter and support for our homeless

Dayton UMC will be hosting the Open Doors homeless shelter next month: March 26 – April 1. There are many different parts to

this ministry that you can help with – none too small or too large to bring God's glory and success to this ministry. Graham Witt (383-8420; hoowitts@comcast.net) will be the lead volunteer for this effort. We will need dinners & breakfasts prepared, bathrooms cleaned, compassionate listeners, floors swept, buses driven, towels washed, etc. If you feel called in any way to support this awesome effort to assist those experiencing homelessness please give Graham a call. God can find a place for you during this service if you feel called and are willing. More details will be announced during services as we approach our hosting dates.

Extra Open Doors Bus Drivers

We are always looking to add potential bus drivers to our transportation list for Open Doors. Just as we require extra transportation help when Dayton UMC hosts the shelter, we have offered our bus service to other churches for support. Each day requires a pick-up and drop-off: Morning drop off shift- 6:30 – 8:00 AM;

Evening pick-up shift- 5:45 – 7:30 PM.

Our dates to help transport Open Doors guests are:

2/26 – 3/5: Massanutten Presbyterian

3/19 – 3/26: Bridgewater UMC

3/26 – 4/2: Dayton UMC

Please contact Graham Witt if you have an interest in this ministry.

Anniversaries

- 6 Ed & Flora Belle Byrd ('54)
- 10 Dennis & Deborah Barnhart ('15)
- 16 Keith & Glenda Ryder ('75)
- 19 Charlie & Nancy Harold ('71)
- 19 Tom & Judy Austin ('71)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We continue to offer prayer shawls at the time of birth, illness and death, as well as for newlyweds. If you have some idle needles, would you consider creating a shawl? The winter months provide a great time for such activities.

If you have questions, contact
Elsie Cox
(434-9403) or
Ann Will
(879-9568).





The **UM MEN** gather for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on the 1st Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall. They'll supply the Coffee Social on February 4th.



The **UMWomen** will meet on Saturday, February 3rd at 9:00 a.m. in the Coffee Social area. They express their thanks to everyone who attended the Soup Meal for Missions. It was a great turnout (over 85!) and you were exceeding generous (over \$950!). Thanks to all who contributed soup, sandwiches and sweets.



Grades PK—5

The **YFF** is open to all children age 4 through 5th grade. In addition to fun activities each meeting includes a devotion and prayer. We are excited this special group not only continues to grow in number and friendships but also in faith.

What's Fabulous in February?

~ *Valentine's Party* on Sunday, Feb. 11th from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the Activities Building.

~ *Sing for Supper* on Wednesday, Feb. 21st so meet at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall to practice with Dianne Pennington.



Grades 6—12

Youth Fellowship February Activities

16th (Friday) – 5:30 - 11:00 PM **Christian Rock Concert @ JPJ** in Charlottesville (Cost: \$10)

Here is the link: http://johnpauljonesarena.com/event_details.asp?id=847

18th (Sunday) – 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM **Special Sunday School** time in the Fellowship Hall with Greg West (see page 1)

21st (Wednesday) – 5:00 - 8:00 PM **Wednesday Night Meal & Bingo** night



Women's Bible Study is open to all ladies. We have changed our meeting time to 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Each lesson/gathering is independent so you can join in at any time.

We meet again on **Tuesday, February 13th** in the home of Linda Wine (725 Mason Street, Dayton) at **1:00 p.m.** (please note change of time) when we continue the book by Mark Batterson, *The Grave Robber*. Our discussion will cover chapters 13-15, the fourth miracle in John's Gospel (John 6:1-13), "Jesus Feeds Five Thousand."

If you have any questions, please call Connie Gilmer (433-8071).



The JOY Group is keeping an eye on the weather and the flu to plan their next adventure. YOU keep an eye on the bulletin for an announcement!



Confirmation Class

The 2018 Confirmation Class meets Wednesdays, 4:00 to 5:15 p.m., through March 18th. See Pastor Bruce for more information.

The Young First Followers had a great time at their Pajama Party in January!



Treasurer's Report: Jan-Dec Budget 2017	
Contributions/Income	\$344,044.36
Expenditures	\$351,742.14
Year-to-Date Budget	\$346,390.00
Designated Contributions	\$81,393.63
Mortgage Report as of Dec. 31, 2017	
Loan Amount (2/1/2010)	\$1,500,000.00
Principal payments	\$375,970.24
Loan Balance	\$1,124,029.76
Extra payments on principal	\$39,012.21

Meetings this Month

~ Endowment Committee – Monday, Feb. 19th at 7:00 p.m.

~ Finance Committee – Sunday, Feb. 25th at 7:00 p.m. (special called) in Crosstalk

~ Church Council – Monday, Feb. 26th at 7:00 p.m. (special called)



TO: The Congregation of Dayton United Methodist Church
FROM: The Finance Team; Betsy Hedrick, Chair
RE: December 31, 2017 Financial Report

Many thanks to all those who have generously given to Dayton United Methodist Church and to the glory of the Lord over the past year. Without contributions like yours, we wouldn't be able to carry out the various ministries and mission of our church, "we invite everyone to become disciples of Christ by loving and serving God and actively living out their faith." As a result of your faithful stewardship during 2017, we were able to participate and/or support the following ministries:

- Youth mission trip to Atlanta
- Open Doors
- Wednesday night community dinners
- Pence backpack program
- Vacation Bible School
- UMCOR and other conference programs including Haiti hot lunch and cleaning buckets
- Easter baskets project
- Mission Central
- Music ministries
- Sunday School
- Dayton Community Aid Fund and Crisis Club
- Youth groups – Junior/Senior Highs and Young First Followers
- First Step
- Mercy House
- Weekday Religious Education
- West Rockingham Food Pantry

The Finance Team reports that through the year ended December 31, 2017, total income (both budgeted and designated) was \$425,438 and total expenditures (both budgeted and designated) were \$417,936 resulting in net income of \$7,502. This is the first year in the past four years we have not had to withdraw funds from reserves to cover operating expenditures. What a blessing! As we look to the future, we are currently anticipating a shortfall in 2018, mainly due to the annual debt service requirement for our mortgage loan. Effective February 1st, the interest rate on the mortgage loan will increase from 4.0% to 4.75%. Our annual debt service requirement will increase to \$99,600. Church Council, Trustees and the Finance Team are working together to identify actions to address this.

Giving regularly to our Church is one of the ways we express what it means to be disciples. Our Church family is comprised of very generous people. We appreciate your ongoing and steady support of Dayton United Methodist Church and may you continue to give to the Church's ministries and mission in 2018.

On behalf of the Finance Team,
Betsy Hedrick, Chair

Lay Servant Academy

Outstanding opportunity for anyone at DUMC to grow in faith and service! Fellowship, worship, and 12 different ministry classes to equip you as a Lay Servant or Lay Speaker. Happening March 2nd through 4th at the 4H Center at Smith Mountain Lake. Register by February 20th. Information packets are on the narthex table or visit vaumc.org/LayServantTraining.



5 Talent Academy

Teaching on discipleship by the Discipleship Executive Pastor from Ginghamburg UMC. Happening Saturday, March 10th at Bridgewater UMC. Registration deadline is Feb. 28th (\$35); early registration deadline (\$25) February 7th at vamuc.org/5Talent.

February is Heart Havens Month

"Now you are a part of the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27

Across the Virginia Conference, Heart Havens helps empower adults with a developmental disability to be included both in church and in their communities by providing a safe and nurturing group residence with as much independence as possible. Brochures are on the narthex table and please visit hearthavens.org.

24 to Double – A Harrisonburg District Class on church growth. Happening on Wednesday, Feb. 24th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Read Through the Bible 2018

Same Best Seller - Different Approach

Bishop Sharma Lewis invites us to join her in reading through the Bible – again - **this time in Chronological Order**. Copies of the daily reading outline are in the narthex or at www.vaumc.org. She suggests you invite others and choose your favorite translation. No Bible? No problem! Use this link to locate the passage of the day: <http://backtothebible.org/reading-guide/12>

FEBRUARY

- 1 Exodus 7-9
- 2 Exodus 10-12
- 3 Exodus 13-15
- 4 Exodus 16-18
- 5 Exodus 19-21
- 6 Exodus 22-24
- 7 Exodus 25-27
- 8 Exodus 28-29
- 9 Exodus 30-32
- 10 Exodus 33-35
- 11 Exodus 36-38
- 12 Exodus 39-40
- 13 Leviticus 1-4
- 14 Leviticus 5-7
- 15 Leviticus 8-10
- 16 Leviticus 11-13
- 17 Leviticus 14-15
- 18 Leviticus 16-18
- 19 Leviticus 19-21
- 20 Leviticus 22-23
- 21 Leviticus 24-25
- 22 Leviticus 26-27
- 23 Numbers 1-2
- 24 Numbers 3-4
- 25 Numbers 5-6
- 26 Numbers 7
- 27 Numbers 8-10
- 28 Numbers 11-13

Many thanks to Nancy Dauer for creating the beautiful banner in the Coffee Social Area. Be sure to look up when passing through!



Remember - 4th Sunday is Noisy Can Day!
Bring your coins to share with the Children.
All donations benefit a hot lunch program for kids in Haiti.

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

Next Deadline: Sunday, February 25