

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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Victory Sunday - September 9 at 10:00 a.m. Dayton United Methodist Church Special Guest: Steve Wingfield (*and a race car!*)

Come and hear Steve's message on "Winning the Race Every Day!" He will relate his experiences and insights of the Victory Weekend ministry which is taking a message of hope to racing venues, meeting race fans on their own turf, and reaching out to honor veterans, military personnel, and first responders.

Steve has been in the ministry for over 40 years and is fulfilling his dream of evangelizing at NASCAR races across the country. He also desires to encourage pastors and church leaders, as well as train and equip future faith-workers. To that end, he will be opening a retreat center, Lodestar Mountain Inn, in Smoke Hole, West Virginia.

Plan to COME & INVITE someone!



Sunday
Schedule

9:00

Suter's Class

10:00

Worship

11:00

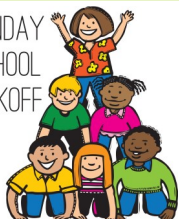
Coffee Social

11:15

Sunday

School

SUNDAY
SCHOOL
KICKOFF



Sunday School for all ages resumes in September!

There are five classes for **Adults** that offer something for every taste and 'faith-age.' One meets prior to worship and the others gather following the Coffee Social. See page 5 for a complete list of groups, their studies and rooms.

Our **Youth** are going to have a GREAT year! The Senior High's are starting a Christian classic & the Junior High's... well, you'll just have to come and see!

Children, pre-K through 5th grade, are in for a grand adventure *every* week! We've planned a new approach to leading our youngest followers - fun activities, engaging lessons and more to build their faith foundation. Classes kickoff on Sept. 9th immediately following worship (approx. 11:00 a.m.). Come check it out!

Teachers are needed!! Talk to Kim Nieder, our new Sunday School Superintendent, to find out what "new & enlivened thing" is happening and get in on it!

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"Dayton Days" is Saturday, October 6

ITEMS NEEDED by 5:00 on Friday the 5th:

~ CRAFTS: woodworking, sewing/fabric, yarn creations, that thing on Pinterest, etc.;
~ FOOD: home canned goodies like pickles and jellies; **homemade baked goods** are always a hit;

~ JARS: for the Youth Soup Sale;

~ VEGGIES: to make the soup; and most importantly...

~ VOLUNTEERS! Watch for sign up sheets in the narthex to help in the booth. It is a fun time!

Contact Gail Mitchell (540-810-2983; @odrva.com) for info.

Come Meet the New District Superintendent!

Our Annual Charge Conference is

Wednesday, Sept. 12th at
7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come as we celebrate the missions and ministries of the past 12 months and present to the DS our Vision/Mission and what we are - and will be - doing to accomplish it.

Sunday Morning Volunteers



Nursery

2 Libi Herr
9 Kelly Bowman
16 Denise Lough
23 Mary Ryder
30 Lori Bocock

Pew Stewards

2 Linda Covington
9 Margaret Thornton
16 Mary Nieswander
23 Connie Gilmer
30 Stacie Jackson

Coffee Social

2 volunteer(s) needed
9 On the Move Class
16 volunteer(s) needed
23 volunteer(s) needed
30 volunteer(s) needed
*Sign the poster in the
Coffee Social room.*

Greeters

2 Tina Shipe & Merle Wampler
9 Linda Covington & Libby Lambert
16 Betsy Hedrick & Susan Ingram
23 Jim & Norma Snyder
30 Tom & Brenda Legg

Flowers

2 Communion
9 open
16 Joan Leffel
23 open
30 open

Usher: Graham Witt

Open/Close: various

Mowing: Doug Wine &
Joe Simmons

Acolytes

16 Ellianna Appleton
23 Clay Guyer
30 Chloe Nieder

Flowers on the altar enhance our worship experience as well as honor loved ones. We thank these recent donors: Elsie Cox, Carolyn Davis, the family of Ann Gerard, and friends of Joe and Mary Glenn Hiner. If you would like to remember someone in this special way, check the poster in the narthex.



A/V Update: Our video camera training session, previously planned for August, will be scheduled in September. If you'd like to attend, please contact Graham Witt at 540-383-8420 or through email: hoowitts@comcast.net.

As always, we encourage folks that feel "computer-comfortable" to contact Graham if you can assist, in any way, with the technology efforts at DUMC. We have operated on a barebones, volunteer staff for a decade with satisfactory results. However, operating in a culture that increasingly embraces digital communications and online content, now more than ever, our church needs support in this area. Many opportunities exist to give time and talent to assist DUMC (and enrich our missions & ministry!) through the digital arena:

- ⇒ Weekly slideshow production (digital bulletin)
- ⇒ Video Production
- ⇒ Sound Board
- ⇒ Social Media
- ⇒ Church Website

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What's Happening in the Music Department:

~ **Join the Choir for a Special Event:** The DUMC Chancel Choir will be participating in the first annual Harrisonburg Sacred Arts Festival themed "Welcoming the Stranger." We have started practicing the music and are eager to be part of the 250 voice Mass Choir with our former director Ben Bergey.

Plan to attend one or more of the concerts and activities even if you don't sing. Just two of the many free events are:

- ~ Community Sing on Friday, September 21st at 7:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and
- ~ Mass Choir Concert on Saturday September 22nd at 7:30 pm at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church.

This interdenominational music festival is an exciting opportunity to bridge the denominational gaps and share God's love with our Christian brothers and sisters. For more information visit <https://www.hburgsacredarts.org/>

Our choir rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. We welcome new members at any time and no previous experience or music reading ability is required! We hope you can join us! -Jess

~ **Handbells Return:** The Handbell Choir resumes practice on Thursday, Sept. 6th at 6:15 p.m. New ringers are always welcome!! Thank you, Ramona Evans, for directing this special ensemble that enhances our worship on the second Sunday of each month.

~ **Children's Choir** begins in September, too. They practice for 15 minutes between worship and Sunday School with enthusiastic director Dianne Pennington and accomplished pianist Yanet Ortiz in the downstairs library. Dianne knows how to have fun so don't miss out! Kids age 3 to 5th grade should come each week to grow their faith through music. They typically sing during worship on the 4th Sunday of each month.



~ **P.S. Thank you** to everyone who provided special music during the summer months!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Birthdays

1 Maris Lough
2 Donald Fravel
5 Perry Suter
6 Don Bowers
6 Mary Nieswander
9 Ginny Deeds
11 Barry Lambert
12 Helen Smith
13 Michael Click
13 Donald Huffman
13 Diane Pennington
13 Sterling Rose Slayton
14 Samuel Groseclose
15 Melinda Shiflet
16 Ron Kinkead
17 Hugh Robinson
20 Lee Dellinger
20 Lena Osborne
20 Mary Ryder
29 Lois Lineberry
30 Betsy Gentry
30 Colton Mitchell
30 Phyllis Ward



Anniversaries

5 George & Michelle Brinkley ('09)
6 Mike & Jean Click ('80)
6 Kevin & Gail Mitchell ('86)
7 David & Erika Gregory ('02)
18 Joe & Amy Simmons ('99)
20 Steve & Pat Ruminski ('80)
21 Terry & Nancy Stockner ('12)
22 Dave & Mary Jane McCoy ('04)
28 Barry & Jan Lambert ('96)

Thanks to everyone who worked in the food booth at the County Fair!

Many thanks for the prayers, visits, cards and calls I received during my recent health issues. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a supportive and loving church family. God bless,
- Larry Hedrick

We would like to thank everyone who had anything to do with the reception given to us on our 70th wedding anniversary. It is acts such as this that make life more meaningful in our "golden" years. It is our desire that God will continue to bless everyone one of you. Also, thanks for all of the cards we received.

- Mary Glenn & Joe Hiner



To: The Congregation

From: Council, Trustees & Finance Committee

Re: Our current financial situation

August 27, 2018

Thanks to all who stayed for Sunday's meeting. We plan to have another meeting in the future.

We are blessed to have excellent facilities but the fellowship hall mortgage is 1/3 of our budget and the age of the church building means continuing replacement and repairs.

Due to the mortgage, decrease in offering and needed repairs and replacements, our expenses have exceeded our offerings for operation by approximately \$35,000 this year

As presented at the meeting we have been able to pay the bills thanks to past members remembering our church in their wills. We cannot continue to count on using the gifts of members who have passed on. Nor should we be using that investment to keep the lights on.

The Wall of Giving is being successful but we need to find additional ways to pay down the mortgage and lessen its impact on our budget. Lessening the mortgage monthly payment will give us more dollars to cover our expenses

The Trustees are researching selling lots on West View Street at the back of our property and apply all revenue to pay down the loan. The number of lots and price have not been determined. Our congregation needs to decide if selling lots is the best option or are there other ways to reduce the mortgage. If so, what are those options?

We need to reduce the mortgage balance by \$300,000 or more. If all the envelopes on the Wall of Giving are taken and returned it will only give us approximately \$200,000.

Your Trustees, Finance Committee and Council will continue to work on this, but we need your help.

Please, please PRAY about this, consider increasing your giving and invite folks to become part of Dayton United Methodist. If our attendance grows, we will not only be living our mission statement, we should also increase our financial income.

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Treasurer's Report: Jan. - July 2018 Budget

Contributions/Income	\$184,598.58
Expenditures	\$220,093.01
Year-to-Date Budget	\$209,220.08
Designated Contributions	\$60,440.84
Mortgage Report as of July 31, 2018	
Loan Amount (2/1/2010)	\$1,500,000.00
Principal payments	\$459,993.64
Loan Balance	\$1,040,006.36
Extra payments on principal	\$95,332.21

- Finance meets September 16th at 7:00 p.m.
- Wall of Giving: \$56,550 of envelopes have been pulled to date



District UMWomen Prayer Breakfast: Saturday, Sept. 8 at 9:00 a.m. at Evangelical UMC in Elkton. Sharon Harold, UMW District President will share about her trip the Holy Land. Breakfast by the EUMW for \$10.

The Dayton UMW will not meet in October because of Dayton Days. Our next meeting will be on November 6. The World Thank Offering will be due at the November meeting.



District UMMen Fall Rally is at Furnace UMC on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. The District Superintendent is speaking. Registration forms are on the Narthex table.

Check the bulletin for the next meeting of the Dayton UMMen.



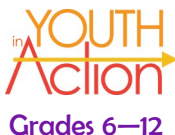
Join the next JOY Outing to "Widow Pence Farm" on Thursday, Sept. 6th. The bus will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. We will enjoy lunch at Hank's following the tour. The *Widow Pence Farm* is a preserved farm that sits on part of the Cross Keys Battlefield and was a silent witness to the civil war battle on June 8, 1862, the end of Stonewall Jackson's 1862 Shenandoah campaign. Irvin and Nancy Hill Hess have restored the private residence, built before 1840. They have also built a replica of the original post-and-beam barn. Everyone is welcome!



Introducing Twice Singles - a fellowship group for widows and widowers. Our first gathering will be a pizza lunch on Sunday, Sept. 16th at 12:15 in the Activities Building. If you have questions contact Elsie Cox (434-9403; emc112338@gmail.com), Carolyn Davis (879-9966; rog759@comcast.net) or Nancy Harper (828-2221).



The YFF typically meets two Sundays each month from 3:00 to 5:00 at DUMC. This month:
 ~ On Sept. 9th their theme is Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors and the topic is forgiveness;
 ~ On Sept. 23rd Moses is the man! The day should be 'epic'!



Help us create the "Best Soup on the Block!" Share cans of vegetables or pre-made vegetable soup (no meat) for us to serve from our giant kettle. Bring donations to the big kitchen by 5:00 on Friday, Oct. 5th, please. We also need pint or quart jars with lids. Thank you for your generous support of this DUMC Youth tradition!

Other activities on our schedules are:

- ♦ Sat., Sept. 8th – Bag Lunches for homelessness. Meet @ DUMC, 8:30AM
- ♦ Sept. 14-16th – Annual Retreat @ Camp Overlook
- ♦ Sun., Sept. 30th – Dayton Yardwork Day after Sunday School
- ♦ Fri., Oct. 5th – Soup Cooking, 5PM until?
- ♦ Sat., Oct. 6th – Dayton Autumn Celebration – Soup Fundraiser

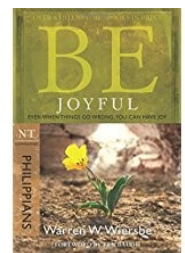


Women's Bible Study resumes Tuesday, Sept. 11th. All women are invited to the home of Linda Wine (725 Mason Street, Dayton) at Noon for lunch followed by the introduction of our new study.

"Be" is a series by Warren Wiersbe and we are going to explore the theme **"Be Joyful -- Even When Things Go Wrong, You Can Have Joy."** This is a New Testament commentary on Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Paul was writing to a church he had founded and expressed his joy and gratitude for them in this Epistle.

As we approach the 50th Anniversary of The United Methodist Church and the 40th Anniversary of Dayton UMC's occupying our present building it would be good to think: What would a former pastor write back to us? Would it contain words of joy, gratitude, encouragement, peace, contentment, and love?

To obtain the book or ask questions, contact Connie Gilmer (433-8071).



Sunday School Classes—the details

» **Any Given Sunday** is starting a 4-week video series “Shaken” with Tim Tebow on **Sept. 9th**. If you are interested, please join them **at 11:15** in room #9 downstairs.

» **Cross Talk** utilizes “Faithlink” - a hot topic, discussion-based examination of life and Biblical expression. Leadership varies and they meet in room #4 downstairs **at 11:15 beginning Sept. 16th**.

» **On the Move** assembles in the conference room of the Activities Building on **Sept. 2nd at 11:15** with a new Andy Stanley series “Breathing Room.” It is led by Pastor Bruce.

» **Suter’s Bible Class** resumes on **Sept. 9th at 9:00** in room #6 downstairs. Led by Connie Gilmer the class will continue “The Bible Project” a RightNow Media series. Join their journey through the Torah - the first five books of the Old Testament - in particular, Exodus.

» **F.I.S.H (Friends In Service to Him)** meets in room #7 downstairs beginning **Sept. 9th at 11:15** and a study has not yet been chosen by the leaders so come and help us decide!

» **the Senior High Youth** will begin their study of Lee Strobel’s “The Case For Christ” on **Sept. 9th at 11:00**. An avowed atheist, and investigative reporter for the Chicago Tribune, sets out to disprove Christ’s existence; discovers the overwhelming evidence to become a Christ follower and Apologist. \$5 to cover cost of book. They are meeting in the same room as last year.

» **the Junior High Youth Class** also kicks off on **Sept. 9th at 11:00**. Details TBD.



Youth Mission Trip Summary

The Dayton UMC Youth Groups were blessed on two different mission trips during the ‘dog days of summer’: July 8-15 to Virginia Beach & July 29-Aug 4 to Atlanta. All totaled, Dayton UMC sent 30 persons: 11 adults and 19 youth to be Christ’s hands, heart and feet across these two weeks. Both trips witnessed Christ very much alive! We engaged local communities providing many opportunities for relational ministry. For ten participants, it was their first youth mission trip representing Dayton UMC. To a person, we found Christ actively changing us as we answered His great commission to interact and change the world around us! Many thanks to our congregation for continued support in these youth missions – we couldn’t do it without you.

In Virginia Beach we continued renovations in a mobile home community as part of a two-year project to save this neighborhood from rezoning and eventual family displacement. We were privileged to befriend several families. During the week, God blessed us with news the city withdrew its long-standing rezoning effort; in essence saving this neighborhood!

In Atlanta, our youth group’s 7th trip to the city, we continued Christ’s call to love those experiencing homelessness (Matthew 25:34-40). We engaged the metro Atlanta community through five different organizations supporting those experiencing homelessness. We served over 500 meals, distributed several hundred toiletry kits and stepped out into different neighborhoods and parks to sit and eat; love, learn and play with ‘the least and the lost’ our culture continues to neglect.

We were reminded during these weeks, that in God’s eyes there are no little people; no little places; no little effort. That donations are necessary but merely the beginning; putting people in front of people is the pathway to success. Only one thing is important – being what God wants us to be, where He wants us to be, committed to Christ. And by God’s grace and mercy, obedient and living under His authority, we may change the flow of our generation moment by moment.

~In His love and blessings,
Graham Witt – Youth Coordinator

“Misplaced Priority”

City and suburban life is exciting, enriching and full of energy. There are just lots of opportunities to enjoy life on every level: the arts, sports, entertainment, dining, shopping, outdoor recreation, volunteering. Folks are really busy! Life is hectic and stressful. Most try to squeeze in an hour or two for God, but typically only 20 to 30 percent make church on any given Sunday.

And if you ask for more time from them the overwhelming response is, “I just don’t have the time.” Now these are good people who have filled up their lives with good things. However, the good has become

the enemy of the best. We spend our time and money on what we feel is important to us. A great question to ask oneself is, “am I doing this for the Lord, or is it really just for me?”

Every great marriage, friendship, parent-child relationship is built on putting the other person first, not ourselves. The very same is true of our relationship with the Lord, and our enthusiasm for His life lived in and through us every day. This is the best life, and it is far more fulfilling and joyous than the good life!

-Pastor Bruce



CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- compiled by *Connie Gilmer*

This year, 2018, marks the 50th anniversary of the merger of The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church. John Wesley and his brother Charles began the movement known as Methodists in England in the 18th century. John Wesley sent lay preachers, among them Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke, to the American colonies in the later part of the 18th century. These preachers became known as “circuit riders” because they traveled by horseback to areas throughout the colonies. On Christmas Eve, 1784, in Baltimore, MD, at what became known as the Christmas Conference, the Methodist Episcopal Church was formed, and Francis Asbury was elected Bishop. The Methodist Church was formed in 1939 by bringing together many offshoots of the Methodist Episcopal Church that had occurred over the years.

The EUB Church grew out of influences of the German Reformed Church and the Mennonites. Philip William Otterbein was a German Reformed pastor and Martin Boehm was a Mennonite pastor. Otterbein is said to have said to Boehm that “We are brethren.” These men formed a friendship and these two denominations came together in the 1800’s. It’s interesting to note that The Church of the United Brethren in Christ was a bilingual church of German and English. This was the foundation of the formation of the EUB church in 1946. From these beginnings of these two denominations, there were several “splits” and mergers of different churches leading up to the formation of The United Methodist Church in April of 1968.

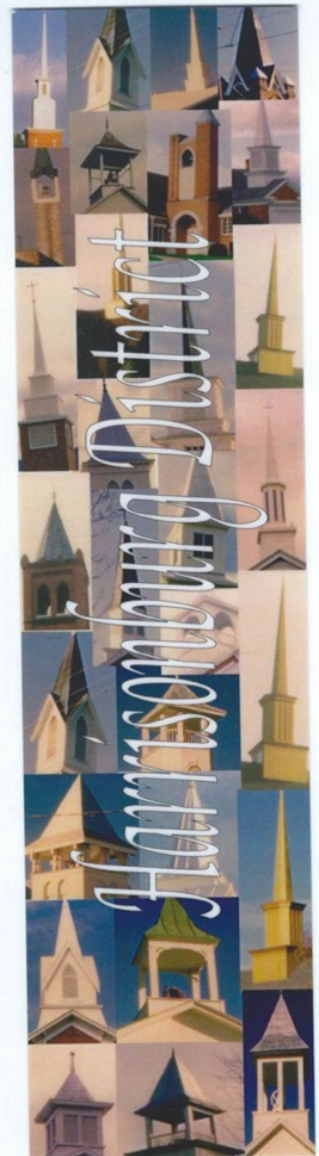
This is but a tidbit of the history of The United Methodist Church. There is much more historical information on the denomination’s website: www.umc.org. On the table in the Narthex is a resource book published by the denomination titled “Therefore, Go—Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World”. This informational book covers just about anything one would want to know about The United Methodist Church.

So, what is a United Methodist? From the book, “Therefore go, ...”: “A United Methodist is a Christian who has professed faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, put his or her whole trust in Christ’s grace and promised to serve him as Lord as a member of The United Methodist Church, a worldwide church that welcomes persons of all ages, nations, and races.”

Celebrate our United Methodism! Remember to invite past members, inactive members, and friends to our

Homecoming Celebration on October 14th **Worship at 10:00 with covered-dish meal following.**

No doubt these steeples in the Harrisonburg District represent some of the former Methodist and EUB churches and, of course, present-day United Methodist churches. Do you recognize any? Is Dayton UMC’s steeple pictured?



OPEN DOORS at DUMC – Save the Dates



We will open our doors to the homeless of the area two times this winter. Congregations in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County host the shelter (for folks over 18) from November to March. Read more about Open Doors at <https://www.valleyopendoors.org/>

- #1. November 12-18** - Dayton UMC will provide ALL volunteer support;
(meals, bus drivers, food donations, overnight, laundry, cleanup/setup, etc.)
- #2. December 3-9** - the Seventh Day Adventist congregation will provide volunteer support;
DUMC will provide bus drivers.

We will start soliciting volunteers the Sunday after Labor Day so look for a display in the Coffee Social Room.

For more information contact Graham Witt at (540) 383-8420; hoowitts@comcast.net

Read Through the Bible 2018

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.

SEPTEMBER

1 Ezekiel 18-19
 2 Ezekiel 20-21
 3 Ezekiel 22-23
 4 Ezekiel 24-27
 5 Ezekiel 28-31
 6 Ezekiel 32-34
 7 Ezekiel 35-37
 8 Ezekiel 38-39
 9 Ezekiel 40-41
 10 Ezekiel 42-43
 11 Ezekiel 44-45
 12 Ezekiel 46-48
 13 Joel 1-3
 14 Daniel 1-3
 15 Daniel 4-6
 16 Daniel 7-9
 17 Daniel 10-12
 18 Ezra 1-3
 19 Ezra 4-6;
 Psalms 137
 20 Haggai 1-2
 21 Zechariah 1-7
 22 Zechariah 8-14
 23 Esther 1-5
 24 Esther 6-10
 25 Ezra 7-10
 26 Nehemiah 1-5
 27 Nehemiah 6-7
 28 Nehemiah 8-10
 29 Nehemiah 11-13;
 Psalms 126
 30 Malachi 1-4



“If I’ve learned anything about friendship, it’s to hang in, stay connected,” says journalist Jon Katz. “Don’t walk away, don’t be distracted, don’t be too busy or tired, don’t take them for granted. Friends are part of the glue that holds life and faith together.”

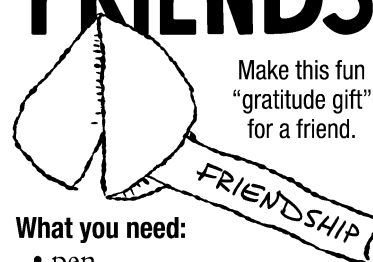
This applies to church life too. When we’re annoyed by some aspect of congregational life or caught in conflict with other members, it’s tempting to drift away to another church — or no church. Even when all is fine, we sometimes let church take a back seat. But our bonds with the family of God are “part of the glue that holds life and faith together.” For the sake of the benefits we gain and give, may we “hang in [and] stay connected” with our church family. May we not “walk away [or] be distracted, ... be too busy or tired.” May we not take one another for granted but thank God for this “glue” — even when things get a bit sticky!

Lay Servant Training – basic and two other classes are being offered at Otterbein UMC on Saturday, Sept. 29th, from 9:00 – 5:00 p.m. Open to anyone! Registration info can be found on the Narthex table.

Ways to Give:

~Traditional: check or cash in the offering plate or sent through the mail.
 ~Electronic: find the link to online giving on the church’s webpage. www.DaytonUMC.net
 ~Special transactions: Talk to Mary Beth in the church office.

Fortunate FRIENDS



What you need:

- pen
- round object to trace (about 4 inches across)
- lightweight colored paper
- scissors
- ruled notebook paper
- Chinese food takeout box (or small paper gift bag)
- hot glue gun

What you do:

1. Trace circles onto the colored paper and cut them out.
2. Cut strips of notebook paper and write messages to a friend (or Bible verses about friendship).
3. Fold each circle in half without making a crease. Secure the top center edge with glue.
4. Pull the outside edges together by creating a bend in the center of the paper. Undo the bend and insert the fortune.
5. Re-bend the “cookie” into shape and add glue inside to hold it in place.
6. Put all the “cookies” in a takeout box and give to your friend.

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I have a box in the

Coffee Social Room, too!

Next Deadline:

Sunday, September 23

