

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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DECEMBER 2018

Advent Worship

Dec. 2 - First Sunday in Advent at 10:00 a.m.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated and the Choir will sing.

Scriptures: Matthew 2: 13-18 & Jeremiah 9: 20-24; Message: "Do You Hear What I Hear?"



Dec. 9- Second Sunday in Advent at 10:00 a.m.

The Choir will sing and the **Handbell Choir** will play.

Scriptures: Luke 2: 8-14 & Zechariah 2: 10-11; Message: "Gifts for Every Family"

Dec. 16 - Third Sunday in Advent at 10:00 a.m.

The Choir will be joined by the Joyful Noise Praise Band and a few friends of director Jess Rodriguez to present the **cantata "Believe in Christmas."** We pray this collection of familiar carols and captivating new songs enhances our Advent -- that the spirit of expectation, hope and peace takes us from simply hearing of Christ's birth to allowing our lives to be transformed by His love. Invite someone to worship with you.



December 16th - Family Christmas Program at 5:30 p.m.

The children & youth are going to spell it out when they present "**The ABC's of Christmas**" on December 16th. From **Angels** to **Zechariah** you'll love this worship experience of scriptures and descriptions, characters and carols. It all begins in the sanctuary at 5:30. Everyone is invited to our traditional "finger-food" meal after the program in the Fellowship Hall (organized by On the Move). If you are able, please share your favorite food that can be eaten without silverware!



Dec. 23 - Fourth Sunday in Advent at 10:00 a.m.

Noisy Can Day! Bring coins to give children in Haiti hot meals.

Scriptures: Luke 2: 15-20 & Zephaniah 3: 14-17; Message: "Too Familiar a Story?"

December 24th - Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. (just one service)

Candlelight Communion Service - Invite family, friends and neighbors to join you. Celebrate Christ's birth through carols, communion and candlelighting. Message: "A Gift Beyond Description."



Sunday Schedule

9:00

Suter's Class
On the Move Class

10:00

Worship

11:00

Coffee Social

11:15

Sunday School

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Advent Opportunities to Share, Care & Be There!

~ **Pence Backpack Program** - providing weekend nutrition for students identified as "food insecure" during January & February. Details on page 2.

~ **Mitten & Glove Tree** - Let's cover the tree in the narthex with warm coverings for the hands of kids & adults in our own backyard. Details on page 2.

~ **Love Light Tree** - honor a loved one and help UMCOR efforts at the same time. Details on page 2.

~ **United Methodist Family Services** - a special offering received on Dec. 16th. Details on page 5.

~ **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** - Thanks to everyone who has signed volunteered. The dates are Saturday, Dec. 1st, Friday, Dec. 7th, and Saturday, Dec. 8th. We still have a few folks moving their schedules around, so please check the sign-up in the Coffee Social Area to see if there is a space available for you!

Questions? Contact Linda & Dick Jacobs,
SA Army Bell Ringing Coordinators:
readlindajacobs@mindspring.com

~ **Apple Tree Project** - you provided Christmas gifts for 50 children of incarcerated parents. Thank you!



Believe the greatest story the world has ever known.

Sunday Morning Volunteers



Nursery

2 Sally Parsley Howe
9 Mary Helen Witt
16 Kim Guyer
23 Holly Harold
30 Libi Herr

Pew Stewards

2 Elaine Heatwole
9 Stacie Jackson
16 Linda Covington
23 Margaret Thornton
30 Mary Nieswander

Coffee Social

Volunteers needed.
Check the list !

Ushers: Kevin & Gail Mitchell

Open/Close: Paige Will

Greeters

2 Kim & Rodney Guyer
9 Diane & Doug Helmick
16 Sally & David Howe
23 Ann & Paige Will
30 Carolyn Davis & Joan Leffel

Acolytes

2 Chloe Nieder
9 Brad Moseley
16 Bridget Appleton
23 Caden Alley
30 Gracie Ryder

Flowers

2 Communion
9 Advent
16 Advent
23 Advent
30 available

Thank you to Bonnie and Lee Dellinger for their recent contribution of flowers for the altar and again "thanks" to everyone who remembered someone special this year and enhanced our worship experiences with flowers. Watch for the 2019 Flower Chart on the narthex bulletin board if you'd like to share flowers for the sanctuary.



Love Light Tree

This is the 18th year for our Love Light Tree. Each light on the tree reminds us of someone who touches or has touched our lives in some way. All of the lights together show how unselfish caring and sharing brightens our world. If you would like to remember someone special, please fill out the Love Light Tree form in the bulletin in the coming weeks. This year donations will go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for recent hurricane and wildfire relief/recovery.

Mitten and Glove Tree

During the season of Advent, there will be a Christmas tree in the Narthex where you can contribute NEW mittens and gloves for adults and children. These donations will be sent to the West Rockingham Food Pantry to be distributed to families served at the monthly food distribution this winter. Let's cover the tree and help keep hands warm this winter!



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 January and February. This has been a tremendous success due to the generosity of our congregation. We anticipate filling 18 - 22 backpacks each week. 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 in the Coffee Social Room. Use the menu below.
3. **Stuff backpacks** - We need volunteers to fill the packs every week. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex by mid-December.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacie Jackson at 560-5300 or Katrina Eberly at 421-0806. Thank you!

Given Weekly:

Entrée items:

- Soup or Stew cups
- Easy Mac Cups
- Chef Boyardee cups
- Ramen noodle cups (Cup Noodles)

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

Given Once a Month:

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



REMEMBER:

»Purchase
single-serving sizes only

»Check
expiration dates

Believe the wonder of a Love that melts the heart of stone.

Congregational Care

Birthdays

- 1 Bridget Appleton
- 1 Sue Dinsmore
- 2 Carl Estes
- 3 Ethan Eberly
- 3 Betty Lou Huffman
- 4 Connie Gilmer
- 4 Charles Harold
- 4 Daniel Heatwole
- 5 Evelyn Thomas
- 7 Stacie Bowers
- 8 Tom Hyde
- 10 Linda Jacobs
- 11 Doug Helmick
- 11 Steve Hill
- 13 James Snyder
- 17 Robin Simmons
- 18 Sidney Hamann
- 18 Mike Hill
- 19 JB Showalter
- 19 Codi Jo Wheelbarger
- 19 Lauren Mitchell
- 21 Nancy Showalter
- 22 Ruth Culver
- 22 Ken May
- 23 Mason Guyer
- 24 Jackie Lohr
- 24 Davin Tatro
- 25 Nancy Harold
- 26 Tom Austin
- 26 Becky Eberly
- 28 Mary Jane McCoy
- 29 Betty Robinson
- 29 Bob Dinsmore
- 30 Holly Harold
- 30 Thomas Lohr
- 30 Mel May



Birthdays &
Anniversaries
This Month!

Anniversaries

- 9 Carl Rasnack & Debbie Crist ('06)
- 9 Keith & Jill Wright ('78)
- 10 Lee & Bonnie Dellinger ('66)
- 23 Vince & Connie Gilmer ('67)
- 27 Don & Wanda Gault ('47)

Let's Get Growing!

PRAY for someone you know
who is not an active Christian;
BUILD A RELATIONSHIP with this
person because you are about them;
KNOW YOUR OWN STORY
of why you believe and what Christ
means to you;
SHARE YOUR STORY
when the moment is appropriate;
YOUR FAITH WILL GROW
when you share it!

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You may purchase a digital version or a combination print/digital in either a large print or regular edition. Simply go online to UpperRoom.org to check it out.

Also, the Upper Room makes a wonderful gift for a college student, family member, or friend this Christmas!



Become a 2019

Secret Prayer Partner!

Prayer Partners is a fun and informal DUMC fellowship activity. We surprise a church friend with small holiday, anniversary and birthday gifts while keeping this person in our prayers throughout the year.

All adults (men & women of all ages) are encouraged to be a Secret Prayer Partner in 2019!

Sign up in the narthex through December 16th. On December 16th and 23rd I will be passing around a basket of names so you can draw your new prayer partner. Then, please, tell Mary Beth, our DUMC administrative assistant, what name you drew by calling the church office at (540) 879-2102.

Spread joy throughout the year by remembering your partner on special days, or on any day, and hold them up in your prayers. Surprise them again in December by revealing your name in your 2019 Christmas gift.

All are welcome to participate!

Stephanie Gardner,
Secret Prayer Partner Coordinator
stephaniegardnermsls@yahoo.com

Sunday Morning Faith Enrichment

♦**Any Given Sunday** likes using RightNow Media studies. Join them **at 11:15** in room #9 downstairs.

♦**Cross Talk** utilizes "Faithlink" - a discussion-based examination of life and Biblical expression. Room #4 **at 11:15**.

♦**On the Move** assembles in the conference room of the Activities Building **at 9:00** and they are starting "Twisting the Truth" series by Andy Stanley on how the devil works to deceive and lead us astray.

♦**Suter's Bible Class** meets **at 9:00** in room #6 downstairs. Leader Connie Gilmer writes, "During the season of Advent we will use several video sources from RightNow Media, the first being *An Invitation to Christmas* featuring Andy Stanley. Please join us for this special church season."

♦**F.I.S.H (Friends In Service to Him)** meets in room #7 downstairs **at 11:15**. They are about to choose a new study.

♦**the Youth & Children's Classes** will be preparing Christmas programs or activities **at 11:00**.

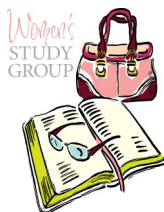


And let the story bring you the hope you really need.



The UM Women would like to thank the donor who gave \$50,000 as a match to what our group shared for the refinancing of the church loan.

Our next meeting is Saturday, Dec. 1st at 9:00 a.m. in the Coffee Social Area.



Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday, Dec. 11th at 12:30 for lunch in the home of Anne Hill (275 West View Street, Dayton).

We will continue the series "Be Joyful" by Warren Wiersbe, a study of Paul's Letter to the Philippians, focusing on Philippians 2:1-18, chapters 5 and 6 in the study book.



UMMen:
No
December
meeting or
Christmas
dinner



Twice Singles is a new fellowship group for men and women who are widowed or divorced - anyone who is single for a second time. Our next gathering is Sunday, Dec. 2nd at 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a catered meal by Donna & Russel Kenney. If you have questions contact: Nancy Harper (828-2221); Elsie Cox (434-9403; emc112338@gmail.com) or; Carolyn Davis (879-9966; rog759@comcast.net).



JOY:
No
December
adventure
is planned



Grades 6-12

November was an awesome month for our busy Youth! We had over 30 Youth attend our 7th annual Corn Hole Tournament with BUMC Youth. It was great fun, food & fellowship and the Dayton youth retained the trophy as Mason & Clay Guyer teamed up to finish in first place. We also participated in ministry and service projects directly impacting those experiencing homelessness in our community. On Saturday, Nov. 3rd our youth group, again teamed up with the Bridge-water group, as over 20 youth came together to prepare and serve a hot lunch and a takeaway meal at Harrisonburg Baptist Church. We finished up the month assisting with the Open Doors shelter at Dayton UMC by serving the Loads of Love project. Our youth families provided laundry services for over 20 shelter guests. We look forward to a Christ-filled December for our youth groups as we continue grow and look opportunities to be the body of Christ in a hectic and broken world.

December Activities

2nd - **Sunday** - Giving Tree shopping and dinner, 6:00 -10:00 PM

8th - **Saturday** - Dayton Parade and Hot Chocolate station, 3:30-6:30 PM

8th - **Saturday** - Youth Night @ JMU UREC (\$10/person), 8:00 PM -Midnight

14th - **Friday** - Christfest (caroling & present wrapping), 4:30-7:30 PM



Grades K-5

Saturday, December 1st - SA Bell Ringing

The YFFs will be ringing the Salvation Army bell at the Dayton Market from 2:00 - 4:00.

Saturday, December 8th - Dayton Christmas Parade

Meet at the church at 3:00 to practice Christmas carols before we hop on the float with the Youth. Parade line-up begins at 3:30 and ends at the pavilion on College Street for the Town Tree Lighting. **The YFFs will be singing 3 songs at the pavilion and the Youth will serve hot chocolate.**

Friday, December 14th - Christmas Party & Caroling

Our get-together is 5:45 - 8:30 in the Coffee Social Area. Dinner will be provided. During the evening, the YFFs will join the Junior/Senior High Youth with Christmas Caroling on the hay wagon within the Dayton town limits.

Friday, January 4th - Welcoming the New Year

New Year's Pajama Party/Game Night from 5:45 to 8:15. More details to follow.



There were 17 at our Movie Night!

You'll be changed forever if you just Believe. Believe in Christmas!



United Methodist Family Services – Special Offering

Every Advent season UM churches across Virginia help support a vital ministry to children and families. Gifts to UMFS provide a comprehensive network of services to high-risk children and families through six regional offices and campuses in Edinburgh and Richmond. Compassionate care and professional resources combine to provide treatment for behavioral and development challenges, intensive residential treatment and crisis intervention services, and foster care and adoption services.

On the Harrisonburg District, **Charterhouse School** in Edinburg is a fully accredited 1st through 12th grade school providing proven academic and intervention services helping students to graduate or return to public schools.

Our special offering will be received Sunday, December 16th.

A Request from Mission Central:

~ **The Equipment for Caring** (Medical Equipment Loaner Closet) is in need of shower benches. If you have one to share, contact Delores Reid at 540-383-6112. For a full list of items available for loan and equipment they need donated there are new brochures on the narthex table.

~ And don't forget the **constant need for teen clothing** on the Clothes Closet side of Mission Central. You can leave items in the crib in the narthex.

Open Doors Summary

What a tremendous gift and blessing last month as Dayton UMC hosted our local homeless shelter: Open Doors. So many thanks to all the volunteers, from meal cookers to bus drivers; from bathroom cleaners to laundry washers; but most thanks of all to God for the blessing of our fellowship hall and the love shown by all our members answering His call '...to seek and save the least and the lost.' Luke 19:10

The week was very much a success even as we struggled through the season's first ice-storm, making it all the more clear the need for this ministry. All in all, over 280 persons were sheltered and fed during our hosting week. Many guests repeatedly expressed gratitude for the hospitality. Several even commented on the love and comfort they felt coming to DUMC that is often absent conducting the 'business' of the shelter season. So many blessings to all who served as Christ's hands and feet last month!



You're Almost Done!

Congratulations to everyone who met Bishop Sharma Lewis' challenge to join her in reading through the Bible – again - **Chronologically**.

The resource she used, BacktotheBible.org, offers several reading programs in dozens of translations. Check it out!

DECEMBER

- 1 1 Corinthians 9-11
- 2 1 Corinthians 12-14
- 3 1 Corinthians 15-16
- 4 2 Corinthians 1-4
- 5 2 Corinthians 5-9
- 6 2 Corinthians 10-13
- 7 Acts 20:1-3;
& Romans 1-3
- 8 Romans 4-7
- 9 Romans 8-10
- 10 Romans 11-13
- 11 Romans 14-16
- 12 Acts 20:4-23:35
- 13 Acts 24-26
- 14 Acts 27-28
- 15 Colossians 1-4;
& Philemon
- 16 Ephesians 1-6
- 17 Philippians 1-4
- 18 1 Timothy 1-6
- 19 Titus 1-3
- 20 1 Peter 1-5
- 21 Hebrews 1-6
- 22 Hebrews 7-10
- 23 Hebrews 11-13
- 24 2 Timothy 1-4
- 25 2 Peter 1-3; & Jude
- 26 1 John 1-5
- 27 2 John; & 3 John
- 28 Revelation 1-5
- 29 Revelation 6-11
- 30 Revelation 12-18
- 31 Revelation 19-22

Also needed Dec. 3-9:
morning clean-up and lots of hands for a big
clean-up on Monday, Dec 10th 7-10 a.m.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED:

~ **Nov. 26 - Dec. 3**
to Montezuma Church of the Brethren AND

~ **December 3-9** to DUMC.
The Seventh Day Adventist congregation will provide volunteer support; DUMC will provide bus drivers.

Check the Coffee Social Area for a sign-up kiosk or contact Graham -
(540) 383-8420,
hoowitts@comcast.net

OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

- Monday, Dec. 3 - Church Council at 7:00 in Cross Talk. New 2019 Council members are invited to attend.
- Wednesday, Dec. 12 - Dayton Christmas Party for all town residents in our Fellowship Hall. 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 15 - Walk to the Manger at Camp Overlook (FREE). See the District newsletter for details. (our youth are NOT helping with the event)

Treasurer's Report: January - October 2018 Budget	
Contributions/Income	\$261,398.84
Expenditures	\$291,926.89
Year-to-Date Budget	\$298,885.83
Designated Contributions	\$276,095.42
Mortgage Report as of October 31, 2018	
Loan Amount	\$1,500,000.00
Principal payments	\$682,867.74
Loan Balance	\$817,132.26
Extra payments on principal	\$305,562.21

Believe in Love! Believe in peace and hope and joy for everyone!

Important Update from Council, Finance & Trustees:

In October your Finance team felt it was best to re-finance our mortgage as quickly as possible in order to save money so that we can pay our operating expenses.

Since that time, we have been told that some members plan to make donations at the end of this year. Others plan to have required withdrawals from their IRAs paid directly to the church. Sending those funds directly to the church benefits them tax-wise and gives them a means to donate but they need to wait until after January 1st to make their donations.

Because we want and need everyone to have the opportunity to help pay down the mortgage, and every dollar helps to reduce the loan amount, we will wait until mid-January to refinance.

Your finance team has approved the following resolution and it will be voted on by your Council at the December 3rd Charge Conference:

Dayton United Methodist Church desires to reduce its annual budget by decreasing the annual mortgage requirement. The Dayton United Methodist Church finance team approves refinancing the existing mortgage loan with F&M Bank at a balance up to \$750,000 amortized over 25 years at an interest rate up to 5.79% for 10 years then adjustable every five years thereafter based on the then current U.S. Treasury rate plus 2.75%. The increase in the interest rate after the initial 10 years will be capped at 2.75% for the next five years. The increase in the interest rate at each subsequent five-year adjustment (after the first 10 years) will not be more than 2.75%. Refinancing the loan with the terms above will reduce the church's annual mortgage requirement in excess of \$40,000 per year.

We have been blessed by some large donations. The United Methodist Women gave \$58,000, a \$50,000 anonymous family gift was received through the Community Foundation in honor of the United Methodist Women; \$100,000 was given by a member, \$25,000 by a member and \$100,000 by a former member. In addition to these large gifts, others have been received through the offering plate and the Wall of Giving. **Every dollar helps!**

Because of the generous giving, we are now below the \$750,000 approved for our loan. The application has been submitted and the loan is being processed. We are fortunate that F&M has been willing to waive some of the costs associated with refinancing. We will borrow only what is needed.

Refinancing will help DUMC reduce our mortgage payment. **That reduction is extremely important.** This year our expenses have exceeded our income by more than \$55,000 (\$45,000 taken from the estate donations investment account and a \$10,000 interest free loan from a member). We have had some unexpected expenditures including termite treatment, replacing a heat pump, freezer, water heater and other issues associated with a 40-year-old building. Also, Steve Bird conducted over 90 funerals while he was our pastor. Many of those who have gone on to glory were in our pews every Sunday and contributed their time, talents and financially.

As we look to the future, debt reduction will help us meet our operating budget. Every dollar used to reduce the loan will help. We have reached the point of not having to sell lots in order to refinance. All donations/gifts received for the mortgage before January 15, 2019 will help reduce the loan to a manageable amount.

I apologize for the length of this, but it is our goal to keep you informed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lena Osborne, Betsy Hedrick or Doug Wine.

The following is a note from former member Scott Wine to his father, Doug, that accompanied a gift to reduce our loan principal. (reprinted with permission)

Dad,

This really is a heartfelt gift, as I truly believe that Dayton United Methodist Church, and especially those of you who are now the church elders, blessed me with a foundation of faith that continues to serve me well nearly five decades later! I have so many wonderful memories of our church and hope that this gift can help ensure many others can further their relationship with God there, too!

Love,
Scott

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Direct questions and submissions for this publication to:
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I have a box in the Coffee Social Room, too!
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Believe the wonder, our God has come! Believe in Christmas! Believe in Love!