

DAYTON UNITED METHODIST

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Pastor Bruce Carper to Retire

Friends,

This is not an easy announcement to make because being a pastor is who I am, not what I do. Being the pastor of Dayton UMC these past 30 months has been my great joy. Dayton UMC is a wonderful church to serve because you the people are such caring and loving Christians. And living in the Central Valley has been such a blessing in our lives. However, the DISCIPLINE of the UMC requires all clergy under appointment to retire at age 72. Next year I will be 72, so I will be retiring at the end of June 2019. I think a few have surmised this, but most are thinking I am in my 60s. I have carefully avoided communicating my actual age in order not to be a "lame duck" leader. I have worked hard to do as much as I could to help DUMC move forward in the time I have had, and will continue to do so for the remaining months.

Our being sent to Dayton UMC at this time has served to help accomplish some very important and necessary objectives to position the church for its future. A sufficient time has passed to allow for the healing of losing a very beloved pastor who had faithfully served this church family and community so well. Additionally, we have re-structured and re-purposed our Leadership Team (Church Council) to be an envisioning, implementing, evaluating body that is working to develop a blueprint for making disciples of Jesus Christ. This year we now have a leader on the Council for each Ministry Team which will enable our church to move forward from maintenance to growth. Critical to the church's future has been the miraculous outpouring of financial gifts to reduce our mortgage and thereby establish a sustainable ministry budget.

It is difficult to accept the fact that time catches up with us. I simply do not have the strength and mental acuity needed to successfully propel this body of Christ into new areas of outreach. That will be for the younger, tech savvy, new spiritual leader God will send to be your pastor. Only by the grace of God have I helped us take some good steps forward. Be diligent to pray for your church's leaders and the appointment process during this season of transition.

Blessings,
Pastor Bruce



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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6 Wesley's Covenant Renewal Service

"Our Hearts Are One with His"

John 17:1-3; 13-23

Communion ~ Music from the Choir

(More about this special worship experience on page 6)

13 Series: Making Love Last a Lifetime

"Viva La Difference" (more on page 6)

Genesis 2:18, 21-25; Ephesians 5:31-33

Music from Handbells & Choir

20 Series: Making Love Last a Lifetime

"They (men) Just Don't Get It" Part I

Proverbs 31:10-17; 25-31; Colossians 3:12-14

Music from the Choir

27 Series: Making Love Last a Lifetime

"They (women) Just Don't Get It" Part II

Song of Solomon 5:10-16; Ephesians 5:21-25

Music from the Choir & Joyful Noise

Pence Backpacks

During January/February, DUMC is providing the items needed to nourish almost two dozen students identified as food insecure on weekends. Check the narthex for a list and the Coffee Social room for a collection box. Monetary donations are always useful. Want to help stuff? Sign up in the narthex or contact

Stacie Jackson(560-5300)

Katrina Eberly (421-0806)



begin

January 30th!

Everyone is welcome.

Invite a friend!

Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Volunteers

NURSERY

6 Kelly Bowman
13 Denise Lough
20 Mary Ryder
27 Lori Bocock

ACOLYTES

6 Evan Lilly
13 Brooke Simmers
20 Ellianna Appleton
27 Clay Guyer

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS

6 volunteer(s) needed
13 On the Move Class
20 volunteer(s) needed
27 volunteer(s) needed



GREETERS

6 Tina Shipe & Stephanie Gardner
13 Larry & Nancy Hedrick
20 Mary Nieswander & Linda Covington
27 Judy Austin, Ernie & Zach Gery

PEW STEWARDS

6 Elaine Heatwole
13 Stacie Jackson
20 Linda Covington
27 Margaret Thornton

FLOWERS

6 Communion
13 available
20 available
27 available

USHER - Jim Snyder ~ **OPEN/CLOSE** - Doug Wine



We are so blessed to have talented decorators that share their creativity with us. This is true all year, but especially during Advent. Inside there were celebratory trees of Chrismons and mittens, faux-flame candles in the windows that (safely) kept tradition, poinsettias high and low, and much, much more. I don't know who all participated but on behalf of the church family, "Thank you!" I have learned that the beautiful winter evergreens arrangements on the front porch were created by Erika Gregory and the stunning door decorations were provided by Carolyn Davis and Nancy Harper. Well done, ladies!



The 2019 Flower Chart is now posted on the narthex bulletin board. If you would like to remember someone special with altar flowers during the coming year, please sign up. Thank you to those who donated flowers last year.

Sunday Morning Faith Enrichment

♦ **Any Given Sunday** gathers at **11:15** in room #9 downstairs.

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

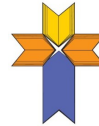
♦ **On the Move** assembles in the conference room of the Activities Building at **9:00**. Starting "Why in the World," a series from Andy Stanley discussing reasons God became one of us.

♦ **Suter's Bible Class** meets at **9:00** in room #6 downstairs. Using resources from RightNow Media, the class will conclude Biblical Themes by Tim Mackie with discussions on "Exile," "God," and "Way of the Exile." Following that they will begin Mark Batterson's "Whisper." Leader Connie Gilmer writes, "We invite you to start the New Year in a small group in a Sunday School setting."

♦ **F.I.S.H (Friends In Service to Him)** meets in room #7 downstairs at **11:15**.

♦ **the Youth** at **11:00** in Room #3. They continue "The Case for Christ" by C.S. Lewis.

♦ **Confirmation Class** begins January 6th following worship for eight weeks. There are six students enrolled!



CHILDREN,

pre-K through 5th grade,
are turning **DEEP BLUE**
in our new 'rotational' format.

Come join the adventure as we learn about Jesus and Families. We will discover how Jesus chose the Disciples to be his family, explore stories of other families in the Bible and see how they praised God.

Our time together starts immediately following worship and includes a beginning activity, singing, snack, videos and wonderful teachers presenting a meaningful lesson.

COME JOIN THE FUN!



News of Note from the Harrisonburg District & Virginia Conference

- ~ The District has a new **webpage**: www.harrisonburgdistrictumc.org
- ~ Check out their **Facebook** page, too: Harrisonburg District of VaUMC
- ~ Bishop Sharma Lewis has a **fresh Bible Challenge** for us! For 2019, the daily reading will be a **blending of Old and New** Testament passages. Find a copy each month in the narthex, in the District Newsletter, OR use the *Back to the Bible* website.

<https://backtothebible.org/reading-guide/16/1>

Benefits to using the online link? Read anytime, anywhere; simple "read now" tab; literally dozens of translations to try without buying the whole book.



~ The **UMWomen** will meet **Saturday, January 5th at 9:00 a.m.** in the Coffee Social area. All females in the church are welcome!
 ~ Everybody Save the Date! Our annual **Soup & Sandwich Missions Fundraising Lunch** will be **Sunday, February 3rd** starting at 11:00 a.m. (Snow date: Feb. 10).

No **UMMen** activities planned at press time.



No **JOY** activity is planned at press time.

Twice Singles is a new fellowship group for men and women who are widowed or divorced - anyone who is single for a second time. Their next gathering will be in February so watch for details! If you have questions contact: Elsie Cox (434-9403; emc112338@gmail.com); Carolyn Davis (879-9966; rog759@comcast.net); OR Nancy Harper (828-2221)



Women's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, Jan. 8th at 12:30 p.m. Nancy Byrd and Irene Reholtz are serving as hostesses in Park Gables at VMRC. If anyone wishes to carpool meet at the church at 12:10. We will continue in the study "Be Joyful" by Warren Wiersbe, using chapters 7 and 8 in the study book (Philippians 2:19-30; 3:1-11). Start out the New Year by joining this small group.



Grades 6-12

December is always an exciting month for our **DUMC Youth** group. The joy, love and grace of the season is simply contagious! Early in the month our Youth participated in the Dayton Christmas parade riding on a hay wagon, providing hot chocolate for the town as well as having the YFF lead caroling at the Dayton Christmas Tree lighting.

This was followed by our annual involvement in a local assistance program called "The Giving Tree" located at Dayton's Braithwaite Studios. Local, needy families request items ranging from infant clothes, bottles and accessories to kitchen items, winter coats, shoes and toys for toddlers through teens. Each DUMC youth selected items from the tree and purchased these necessities for the families. All in all, we purchased over \$1,500 in gifts for 2 families, 7 children total, from the groups' fundraising efforts earlier in the year. YOUTH, watch your inbox for a list of upcoming activities! -Graham



Grades K-5

We hope all **Young First Followers** will join in our next activity: **GAME NIGHT !** Come Friday, January 11th from 5:45 to 8:00 p.m. in the green room. (note change of date)

The YFF Christmas party included cookie decorating, sending cards, making an ornament, seasonal-themed games plus a Christmas story and video. As you can see, it was great fun!



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Birthdays

1 Terry Suter
5 Dick Jacobs
8 Tim Bocock
12 Joan Leffel
12 Linda Wine
16 Geneva Carr
17 Anne Hill
17 Ryan Gregory
18 Neal Wong
19 Jackson Bocock
19 Don Gault
22 Kathy Miller
24 Sonny Smiley
25 Whitney Huffman
25 Elsie Hyde
26 James Barnhart
27 Anna Simmons
28 Loretha Bland
29 Kay Coffman
29 Pat Ruminski
30 Phil Evans



Anniversaries

1 Dick & Linda Jacobs ('89)
2 Graham & Mary Helen Witt ('94)
4 Doug & Linda Wine ('04)
10 Bryan & Loretha Bland ('10)
19 Tim & Lori Bocock ('91)
22 Carl & Judy Estes ('66)
24 Larry & Elaine Heatwole ('70)
26 JB & Nancy Showalter ('73)

*We express our sympathy to
Doug Stanley on the death of his
wife, Donna.*

She Got a Ring for Christmas!

Our Music Director,
Jess Rodriguez,
is now engaged to
Sabastian Olguin.
Congratulations!



Thank You's are fitting to....

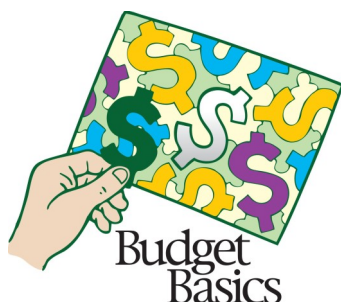
- ♦ **Kim Neider** for coordinating the Family Night Christmas program;
- ♦ **On the Move** for hosting the Family Night Meal;
- ♦ **The Children** for spelling out the wonderful message of Christmas (and all the parents & stage crew!);
- ♦ **Jess Rodriguez, the Choir, Joyful Noise** and some special guest musicians for an awesome Cantata;
- ♦ All the **Advent Candle readers**;
- ♦ The **Bell Choir & Ramona Evans** for their exceptional holiday selections;
- ♦ Everyone who rang the **Salvation Army bell**;
- ♦ **Jeff Weaver & Sally Smith** for the Christmas Eve Worship music.

Noisy Cans



Make Some Noise!

The Noisy Can Offering, collected by the children on the 4th Sunday of each month, is counted/deposited quarterly by Doug & Diane Helmick. They are thrilled to report the grand total for 2018 to be \$1,194.00! Thanks to your generosity "Hot Meals for Haitian Kids" just got a big boost! Don't forget your coins for the next collection on January 27th!



Treasurer's Report: Jan - Nov 2018 Budget

Contributions/Income	\$291,230.43
Expenditures	\$320,919.65
Year-to-Date Budget	\$328,774.41
Designated Contributions	\$414,808.42

Mortgage Report as of Nov. 30, 2018

Loan Amount (2/1/2010)	\$1,500,000.00
Principal payments	\$826,304.76
Loan Balance	\$673,695.24
Extra payments on principal	\$443,932.21

A Colorful Collection of Warmth

You placed 107 pairs of mittens/gloves and 16 hats on the narthex tree! They will be delivered to the West Rockingham Food Pantry for distribution in January. Thank you so much for helping to keep hands and heads warm this winter.



Six Financial Planning Principles

- Pay your tithe and offerings *first*.
- Create a budget and track your expenses.
- Simplify your lifestyle (live below your means).
- Establish an emergency fund.
- Pay off your credit cards. Use cash or debit card.
- Practice long and short term savings and investments.

~ **Finance** meets Sunday, Jan. 20th at 7:00 p.m.

~ **Church Council** meets Monday, Jan. 21st at 7:00

INTRODUCING THE 2019 LAY LEADERSHIP TEAM

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairperson – Lena Osborne
Vice Chair- Connie Gilmer
Lay Leader – Steve Ruminski
Lay Member – Debbey Roadcap
Church Treasurer – JB Showalter
Finance Chair – Betsy Hedrick
Nurture Chair – Don Bowers
Outreach/Missions Chair – Jan Lambert
Secretary – Debbie Crist
Staff Parish Chair - Dick Jacobs
Trustee Chair – Doug Wine
Witness Chair – Melinda Shiflet
Worship Chair – Linda Wine
Youth Coordinator – Graham Witt

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAMS

Staff Parish – *Dick Jacobs, Chair*

Class of 2019
– Melinda Shiflet, Dick Jacobs, Kevin Mitchell
Class of 2020
– Donna Kenney, Neal Wong, Nancy Hedrick
Class of 2021
– Amy Simmons, Beth Moseley, Jennifer Appleton
Lay Leader – Steve Ruminski
Lay Member – Debbey Roadcap

Trustees – *Doug Wine, Chair*

Class of 2019
– Mary Glenn Hiner, Keith Ryder, Mary Helen Witt
Class of 2020
– Gail Mitchell, Doug Wine, Larry Hedrick
Class of 2021
– Elsie Cox, Phil Gentry (Secretary), Dave McCoy (Vice Chair)

Lay Leadership – *Bruce Carper, Chair*

Class of 2019
– James Shiflet (Vice Chair), Don Bowers, Linda Covington
Class of 2020
– Kim Nieder, Jan Lambert, Debbie Crist
Class of 2021
– Mary Jane McCoy, Stacie Jackson, Dan Tatro
Lay Leader – Steve Ruminski

Finance Committee – *Betsy Hedrick, Chair*

Administrative Assistant (Financial Secretary)
At-Large: Paige Will, Jack Osborne, Bill Groseclose
Steve Ruminski (Lay Leader)
Debbey Roadcap (Lay Member)
Lena Osborne (Council Chair)
Doug Wine (Trustees Chair)
Dick Jacobs (SPRC Chair)
JB Showalter (Treasurer)
Dennis Miller (Assistant Treasurer)

N.O.W.W. TEAMS

Nurture Team – *Don Bowers, Chair*

Adult Sunday School – Bruce Carper
Care Committee – Elsie Cox, Coordinator
Children's Sunday School – Kim Nieder
Nursery Coordinator – Jan Alley
Small Group Coordinator – Bruce Carper
Sunday School Secretary – Larry Hedrick
Vacation Bible School – tbs
Women's Small Group – Connie Gilmer
Young First Followers
– Betsy Hedrick & Jessica Tatro
Youth Coordinator – Graham Witt

Outreach/Missions Team – *Jan Lambert, Chair*

Easter Basket Project – Debbey Roadcap
Kingsway Apple Tree
– Jan Alley & Amy Simmons
Open Doors – Graham Witt
Prayer Chain – Administrative Assistant
Prayer Shawls – Nancy Byrd
Pence Backpacks – Stacie Jackson
Salvation Army Bell Ringers
– Dick & Linda Jacobs
Wednesday Night Dinners – Gail Mitchell

Witness Team – *Melinda Shiflet, Chair*

Coffee Social Coordinator – Lena Osborne
New Member Assimilation – vacant
New Resident Coordinator – vacant
Publicity/Communications – vacant
Visitor Follow-up – Dick & Linda Jacobs

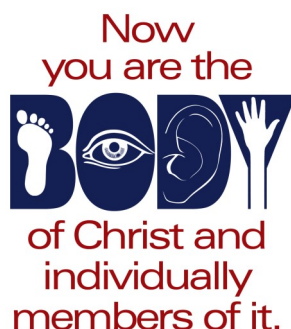
Worship Team – *Linda Wine, Chair*

Acolyte Coordinator – Linda Wine
AV Team
– Graham Witt, Karen Short, Steve Ruminski
Children's Choir – Dianne Pennington
Flower/Altar Ministry – Linda Wine
Greeter Coordinator – Norma Snyder & Ann Will
Noisy Cans – Doug & Diane Helmick
Usher Coordinator – Nancy Harper

Staff on Worship Team

Bell Choir Director – Ramona Evans
Music Director – Jessica Rodriguez
Organist – Jeff Weaver
Pianist – Yanet Ortiz

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2018 Leadership Addendum

United Methodist Women - *Glenda Ryder, Pres.*
United Methodist Men - *Steve Ruminski, Pres.*
Crisis Club Coordinator - *Larry Hedrick*
Facebook Managers - *Susie Dinsmore & Debby Carper*
Librarian - *Stephanie Gardner*
Newsletter Editor - *Sally Smith*
Website Mangers - *Administrative Assistant & Joe Helsing*

District/Conference Representatives

Alternate Lay Member - *Steve Ruminski*
Camp Overlook Rep. - *Beth Moseley*
Dist. Board of Missions - *Jan Lambert*
Dist. Conference Delegates - *Council members*
Dist. Disaster Response - *Vacant*
Dist. Steward - *Betsy Hedrick*

Articles Shared by Pastor Bruce

Worth It

Read Matthew 4:18-22

Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him. -Matthew 4:22 (NIV)

When I was younger, I felt called to follow God instead of my friends. Trying to get me to hang out with them instead of attending Bible study, my friends would say things like, "You can go next week" or "Do you actually believe in that stuff?" I would tell them, "I know that I would not have many of the good things in my life if it were not for God and the relationship I have built with God through Bible study". Even though my friends would criticize me and leave me out of things because of my decision, I would go every week to Bible study. **I knew I was doing the right thing.** I ended up knowing much more about God than my friends did, and when we were teenagers my friends started asking me questions about my faith.

Not everyone chooses to follow God, perhaps because it seems that doing so means having to give up so much. But what we give up for our faith is far less fulfilling than what we gain by living faithfully. Choosing to follow Christ may seem difficult in the beginning, but it is worth it in the end.

Prayer: Dear Lord, guide us to do what is right and to help others.

Thought for the day:
God will lead me to what is important.

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JAN. 6 - John Wesley's Covenant Renewal Service

In 1775, John Wesley introduced a covenant service as an important part of spiritual life in the Methodist Societies. This renewal service was a time for the Methodists to gather annually in a time of self-examination, reflection, and dedication, wholly giving up themselves and renewing covenant with God. Repentance through confession and commitment was a key focus of the service, demanding humility from those willing to submit themselves to the dynamic words stated within the liturgy.

According to Wesley's journal, though the covenant renewal service was held on various occasions throughout the year, by the end of his life, the service was observed typically on or the Sunday nearest January 1st. The covenant renewal service is a practice that continues in churches and Christian communities today, often near the beginning of the new year. It has undergone many revisions and adaptations, but its purpose as an evocative ceremony of commitment to ongoing discipleship and Christ-like character has always remained intact.

Please join us in worship and renewal on January 6th.

-Pastor Bruce

JAN. 13 - Starts a New Sermon Series:

Love, Marriage, Sex - Making Love Last a Lifetime

The Bible has much to say about this, and provides great wisdom for developing a healthy, satisfying, and successful marriage. God desires that we all enjoy loving relationships with others. This is not always easy, however the Bible provides answers to our questions and solutions to our struggles. Whether single or married, young or old, you will not want to miss this seven week series beginning January 13th.

-Pastor Bruce

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

Next Deadline: Sunday, January 27