

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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WHAT: Chili Cook-Off & Progressive Hearts Party
WHEN: Sunday, February 24th at 5:00 p.m.
WHERE: DUMC Activities Building
WHY: Fellowship & Mission Trip Fundraising

AN EVENT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

Be a part of "Hearts & Heat" on Feb. 24th. The Meal and Fellowship will involve sampling assorted **pots of chili** then voting for the best one. Variety of ingredients and varying levels of heat are encouraged so bring your favorite and/or famous recipes! There will be sides and desserts to round out the dinner.

Since Pastor Bruce's sermon series is focusing on Love, it is only fitting that a game of **Progressive Hearts** is also on the "menu". Never played? It is easy and fun for ALL ages (just roll the dice!)

For the Fundraising part, we are seeking monetary donations for the **Adult Mission Trip** being planned to work in hurricane ravaged areas of North Carolina.

Come, join in the fun and good (h)eating with fellowship around the dinner table and laughs around the Hearts table! More information is coming soon; look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have questions, please call Connie Gilmer (433-8071) or Melinda Shiflet (867-5288).

A S[O]UPER SUNDAY! Sunday, Feb. 3rd is the United Methodist Women's annual **Soup & Sandwich Mission Fundraising Luncheon**. All you can eat and there are usually ten or so different soups served from 11:00 to 1:00 in the Activities Building. Donations support the many missions of our Dayton UMW. (Note: snow date is Feb 10)



Backpack Update - *Our commitment runs through February!*

Donations have been less this year to-date than previously. This makes for more shopping trips and we need another shopping volunteer for February. Find a sign-up sheet & full lists in the narthex and collection boxes in the Coffee Social area or contact Stacie Jackson at 560-5300 or Katrina Eberly at 421-0806.

We have several weeks left so all items from the list would be appreciated and needed, but specific items we typically struggle to cover include:

- cans of green beans, corn, or carrots
- cans of chicken noodle soup or soup bowls
- jars of peanut butter (28 oz.; plastic)
- jelly (plastic squeeze bottle, strawberry or grape)
- saltine or Ritz crackers
- cereal bowls
- fruit cups (peaches/ mandarin oranges)

We are filling
18 -22 backpacks
each week!



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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About the Commission on a
Way Forward



begin
February 6!
Everyone is
welcome.
Invite a friend!
Dinner served at
6:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Volunteers



Nursery

3 Elaine Heatwole
10 Linda Wine
17 Sally Parsley Howe
24 Abby Simmons

Acolytes

3 Chloe Nieder
10 Brad Moseley
17 Bridget Appleton
24 Caden Alley

Coffee Social

3 eat Soup instead!
10 On the Move Class
17 Ruminski
24 volunteer(s) needed

Greeters

3 Jim and Norma Snyder
10 Lee and Bonnie Dellinger
17 Larry and Nancy Hedrick
25 Jim and Carrie Nutter

Pew Stewards

3 Mary Nieswander
10 Elaine Heatwole
17 Stacie Jackson
24 Linda Covington

Flowers

3 Communion
10 available
17 available
24 available

Ushers: Lee and Bonnie Dellinger ~ Open/Close: Larry Hedrick

Sunday School & Christian Ed



◇ **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**.

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

◇ **On the Move** assembles in the conference room of the Activities Building at **9:00**

◇ **Suter's Bible Class** meets at **9:00** in room #6 downstairs. Everyone is welcome to join in with their next book: "Whisper - How to Hear the Voice of God" by Mark Batterson. This study about listening for and hearing God's voice explores seven different love languages that God uses to speak to us.

"...what we've learned from Scripture is that God often speaks in a whisper. Not to make it difficult to hear Him but to draw us close. God is actively speaking through Scripture, Desires, Doors, Dreams, People, Promptings, and Pain. God's whisper can answer your most burning questions, calm your deepest fears, and fulfill your loftiest dreams. Discover how simple it is to hear God's voice in every aspect of your life! He's speaking. Make sure you know how to listen."

CHILDREN, pre-K through 5th grade, Come join the adventure as we learn about Jesus and Families. Our time together starts immediately following worship and includes a beginning activity, singing, snack, videos and wonderful teachers **COME JOIN THE FUN in DEEP BLUE!**

"Live simply, love generously,
care deeply, speak kindly,
leave the rest to God."

— Ronald Reagan
born Feb. 6, 1911

Sunday Worship

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 continuing through February.

3 "They (women) Just Don't Get It, Part II"
Song of Solomon 5:10-16; Ephesians 5:21-25

10 "When the Honeymoon Is Over!"
Song of Solomon 7:5-7; I Corinthians 3:1-8

17 "Five Don'ts and Two Do's"
Proverbs 6:16-19; Ephesians 4:25-32

24 "Making Love Last a Lifetime"
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Ephesians 5:1,2



Coming this Lent beginning March 3: ***Standing TALL: Facing Fears that Grip the Soul***



Feb. 3 - Chancel Choir
Feb. 10 - Bells & Choir
Feb. 17 - Choir & Joyful Noise
Feb 24 - Choir & Joyful Noise

The Handbell Choir practices at 6:15 on Thursdays in the sanctuary and the Chancel Choir practices at 7:00 on Thursdays in the choir room. Folks of all ages and abilities are welcome to be part of enhancing worship through music!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Birthdays

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
11 Courtney Bocock
12 Devan Cockrell
13 Keith Ryder
14 Jeff Lineberry
15 Clay Guyer
17 Zac Cunningham,
17 Joe Simmons
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
28 Gracie Ryder



Anniversaries

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

OOPS! Change Your Directory!!

Please note that **Connie Gilmer's cell number is 540-246-6533.**

My apologies to Connie and the poor soul who has the # I printed!

-Sally

On January 27, Joan Leffel official joined DUMC. Joan has been an active part of our church family for some time and we are blessed by her presence.



Bus Drivers Needed!!

Please consider helping transport the guests of

Open Doors one of the following weeks

<u>Week of:</u>	<u>Host Church:</u>
FEB 18 – 25	Massanutten Presbyterian
FEB 25 – MAR 4	Bridgewater United Methodist
MAR 18 – 25	Dayton United Methodist

Look for a sign-up in the Coffee Social area or contact Graham Witt (hoowitts@comcast.net)

Year-End Finances



Treasurer's Report: Jan -Dec 2018 Budget

Contributions/Income	\$336,707.15
Expenditures	\$353,086.94
Year-to-Date Budget	\$ 358,663.00
Designated Contributions	\$438,397.72

Mortgage Report as of Dec. 31, 2018

Loan Amount (2/1/2010)	\$1,500,000.00
Principal payments	\$843,329.55
Loan Balance	\$656,670.45
Extra payments on principal	\$455,322.21

Sending Our SYMPATHY

To...

~ **Joe Hiner** and family on the death of Mary Glenn Hiner on January 5, 2019;

~ **Ray Lilly** & family on the death of his mother, Mary Catherine Prichard ;

~ **Vince Gilmer** and family on the death of his sister Sandy Gilmer.



Elsie Thomas Hyde celebrated her 100th birthday on January 25th. Elsie was born in Dayton and resided here most of her life. She was an active member of DUMC until she moved to be with her daughter and son-in-law, Virginia & David Dansie. If you missed sending her a card last week it is never to late to remind her how much we care!

Elsie Hyde
8207 Kentbury Drive
Bethesda, MD 20814

Camp Overlook 2019

ATT: Members of Dayton UMC with kids - our UMWomen are offering full scholarships to send your child(ren) to Overlook! Just pick up a brochure on the narthex table ASAP and return your registration to the DUMC Office (not to the camp). Early registration as a group lets us take advantage of several discounts. Use this link to Go Online and check out this summer's camps and get that registration form into the church office!

<http://overlookretreatandcampministries.weebly.com/>

"Worry is the interest paid by those who borrow trouble."

— **George Washington**
born Feb. 22, 1732

Bishop Sharma Lewis has another Bible reading challenge for us. A monthly list in the narthex or check it out using this link!

<https://www.vaumc.org/pages/bishop-lewis/2019biblechallenge>



The Council of Bishops has called a **Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church** to be held **February 23-26, 2019**, at The Dome,

part of the America's Center Convention Complex in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to act on a report from the Council of Bishops based on the recommendations of the Commission on a Way Forward. The 32-member Commission was appointed to examine in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church.

Resources about this special session are available on the Virginia Conference website at <https://www.vaumc.org/GC2019>

This includes the archived live stream from the September 26th Q & A session featuring Bishop Sharma Lewis, Rev. Tom Berlin, and Ms. Martha Stokes, direct link: <https://livestream.com/VAUMC/COWFQA>

Links to the three proposed plans: <https://www.vaumc.org/document.doc?Id=3289>

Summary of Plans developed by the Commission on a Way over a two year collaborative study to represent all the diverse views within the worldwide denomination. These are a summary of the plans recommended by the Commission to the 2019 Special General Conference. The complete plan documents are available on links at vaumc.org

One Church Plan

- Affirms sexual relations only within the covenant of monogamous marriage between two adults (thereby permitting homosexual marriage)
- Declares we are not of one mind regarding human sexuality and permits persons in the church to interpret and decide issues of human sexuality differently
- Permits pastors to bless monogamous homosexual marriages anywhere secular law permits such marriages
- Removes restrictive language from the Book of Discipline that prohibits same-gender weddings at UMC properties and ordination of "self-avowed practicing homosexuals"
- Does not require churches or conferences to accept such practices and contains language to protect consciences of pastors and congregations

Connectional Conference Plan

- Replaces current five U.S. jurisdictional conference with three connectional conferences based on agreement on issues related to the definition of marriage and ordination standards – Progressive, Unity, and Traditional
- All three would use a general Book of Discipline (Articles of Religion, General Rules, Confession of Faith) with the ability to adapt other portions to their context of ministry
- Provides space for different practices and beliefs by the different connectional conferences
- Requires numerous Constitutional Amendments

"Modified" Traditional Plan

- Retains the church's current position on the practice of homosexuality, enhances accountability, and provides a gracious exit path for annual conferences, local churches, and clergy who cannot abide by the requirements of the Book of Discipline into a new self-governing Methodist church

Prayer for Special General Conference February 23-26

Let us pray: Oh Lord, we come to offer our praise and thanksgiving for your presence and gifts, your mercy and grace. We come to ask for strength and courage as we pray for our General Conference, for the delegates and for your United Methodist Church. We pray Lord, hold your delegates in the palm of your hand. Give them wisdom, compassion and understanding and a willingness to make difficult and necessary decisions to strengthen and grow your church as we walk this journey together. We acknowledge Lord that we are a diverse people, of different cultures, understandings, biases, beliefs and desires. Instill in us a sense of the Body of Christ, that we may in our differences be one Body of Christ. Where there is division, lead us to compromise and unity and maintain our focus on your mission that you have for us in the world, to make disciples in relationship with you.

"Give all delegates a love for your church – a desire not only to serve you as we now can but also a determination to bring unity to divided churches, that the world may more readily receive the Gospel and find in our manner of living it out the way of peace and unity. Through Christ who is the head of the body, the church. Amen."

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Local Opportunity for Education & Discussion

On Sunday, Feb. 3rd and again Feb. 10th, there will be presentations & discussions on "The Commission on a Way Forward" and the General Conference discussion on human sexuality at 4:00 p.m. at Asbury UMC-Harrisonburg co-hosted by Pastor Adam Blagg of Otterbein Church and Pastor Steve Hay of Asbury Church. The meetings will be in room 300, also called Slaven Hall. There will be opportunities for questions and discussions. The first meeting will focus more on the institutional questions and consequences of each plan. At the second meeting the values informing the three plans will be lifted up and brief reflections on Biblical/theological approached will be offered. All are invited to join in both meetings. Asbury is located at 205 South Main Street, Harrisonburg.



Inmate Requests Correspondence – *Stephen McCall* has been a guest with Open Doors and attended worship here some Sundays in 2017. He is currently incarcerated at Dillwyn Correctional Facility. We received a letter from Stephen requesting correspondence from church members to help provide him with “spiritual guidance and fellowship”. If you would like to correspond with Stephen, you may write him at the address on the right. Do NOT put your return address on the letter; instead use the church’s address. WE will forward his letters to you. -Bruce

Stephen McCall #1690980
Dillwyn Correctional Facility
P.O. Box 670
Dillwyn, VA 23936



When Philip Johnson, renowned architect and designer of the Crystal Cathedral in California, was just 13, his family took him to France.

When they entered the cathedral at Chartres, Philip was so moved by the majesty and beauty of the build-
ing dedicated to God that he burst into tears.

I have also shed tears in a church. I wept when I felt the nudging presence of God pointing me toward the ministry. I wept when I was ordained. I wept when I retired after serving as a pastor for 38 years.

I have seen people weep at the altar rail. I have seen brides cry during the marriage ceremony. I have observed people weeping at funerals and sometimes at the baptism of a child. I recall a man saying to me, “I cried during the sermon. Do you know that what you preach can sometimes make a person cry?”

To weep before God is to be in good company. Job said, “My eye pours out tears to God” (Job 16:20, NRSV). A psalmist prayed, “Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; do not hold your peace at my tears” (Psalm 39:12, NRSV). Read Jeremiah 9 and you will understand why he is called “the weeping prophet.”

Jesus wept over the wretched status of Jerusalem where he was spurned (Luke 19:41). He also wept when his friend Lazarus died (John 11:35). St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “I wrote you out of much distress and anguish of heart and with many tears” (2 Corinthians 2:4, NRSV).

The point is this: When you are moved to cry before God, cry. People with caring hearts do that.

—Charles Ferrell

LOVE IN ACTION: *Fiddler on the Roof*, the 1964 musical about an Orthodox Jewish family navigating cultural change, includes a duet by the main character, Tevye, and his wife, Golde. As they watch their daughters marry for love, they contemplate their own arranged marriage.

“Do you love me?” Tevye sings. After first deflecting the question, Golde recounts the many things she’s done for or with him during 25 years together — cooked, cleaned, endured hardships, raised a family. She concludes, “If that’s not love, what is?”

When Jesus speaks of love, he uses a word that might be better translated as “serve.” Above all, love is an action. Sometimes we feel loving; sometimes not. But Jesus calls us always to act lovingly. And in the end, serving is the best way to show our love.

If that’s
not love,
what is?

Kids Talk about Marriage

How does a person decide whom to marry?

“No person really decides before they grow up who they’re going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you got to find out later who you’re stuck with.” (Kirsten, age 10)

How can a stranger tell if two people are married?

“Married people usually look happy to talk to other people.” (Eddie, age 6)

“You might have to guess based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.” (Derrick, age 8)

What do you think your mom and dad have in common?

“Both don’t want no more kids.” (Lori, age 8)

Is it better to be single or married?

“It’s better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need somebody to clean up after them!” (Anita, age 9)

“Single is better ... for the simple reason that I wouldn’t want to change no diapers Of course, if I did get married, I’d figure something out. I’d just phone my mother and have her come over for some coffee and diaper changing.” (Kirsten, age 10)

What would you suggest to make a marriage work?

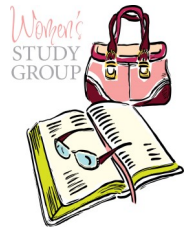
“Tell your wife that she looks pretty even if she looks like a truck!” (Ricky, age 7)





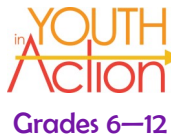
The UMWomen will meet Saturday, Feb. 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to set up prepare for the Soup and Sandwich Lunch on February 3.

Women's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, Feb. 12th 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).



Twice Singles

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 will be in early March so watch the bulletin. If you have questions contact: -Elsie Cox (434-9403; emc112338@gmail.com) -Carolyn Davis (879-9966; rog759@comcast.net) OR -Nancy Harper (828-2221)



February

7-8th Skiing, Lock-in, & Project at Mercy House
22nd Christian Concert at JPJ/Charlottesville
\$20/person

March

6th Wednesday Night Community Dinner
8-10th Lake Junaluska/Confirmant-Youth trip
16th Homeless Lunch at H'burg Baptist Church
17th Coffee Social...hosted by Youth

The YFF Valentine's Party is Sunday, Feb. 10th, 2:30 – 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall.



Grades K-5

Theme: 1 John 4:12 - "If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

All youth grades K-5 are welcome. Bring your friends!

EDITOR'S CORNER

Annual Easter Basket Project (year 22!)

One of my favorite hymns goes like this, "I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today. I know that He is living, whatever foes may say. I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer; and just the time I need Him, He's always near. He Lives!" It is an anthem we shout on Easter morning.

The week before we celebrate the Resurrection, 900+ baskets will be prepared in our Fellowship Hall. These baskets full of gifts will touch at-risk youth in our community, many who may not otherwise receive an Easter basket. We have an opportunity to be the Savior's presence "in the world today;" to be "His voice of cheer;" to let a child know "He's always near."

Collection of items for children ages 2 - 12 will begin mid-March through Friday, April 12th. The baskets will be assembled after worship on Palm Sunday, April 14th. Cash donations are welcome and will be used to buy additional items for specific age groups.

Here is a list of things we like to include:

Small games	Small toys	Books
Snack cakes	Juice boxes	Candy (individually wrapped)
Crayons	School supplies	Toothbrushes
Toothpaste	Shampoo	Baskets & Buckets to hold the goodies.

For more information or to help with assembly, contact Debbey Roadcap or Kim Guyer.

"You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!"



"Faith is not believing that God can,
but that God will." —Abraham Lincoln

born Feb. 12, 1809

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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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