

# 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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## Annual Easter Basket Project

**Collection of items for children ages 2 - 12 mid-March through Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.**

This is the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of a unique outreach to children in our area. The baskets will be assembled after worship on Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> (900+). They will be distributed by several organizations to at-risk youth in our community, many who may not otherwise receive an Easter basket.

Look for collection boxes in the Coffee Social area and atrium. Cash donations are welcome and will be used to buy additional items for specific age groups. Just write Easter Baskets on your check.

For more info or to help with assembly, contact Debby Roadcap or Kim Guyer.



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.



## Sermon Series for Lent: **STANDING TALL** **- Facing fears that grip the soul -**

*Invite someone to worship as we explore the scriptures equipping us to face our fears, doubts and weaknesses.*

*You know the saying, "I gave it up for Lent." The principal is self-denial not adherence to a religious ritual. Read on page 5 about how to go a step further this Lenten Season through 'fasting & prayer' or 'give up & gain'.*

- Mar. 3: *God and I Can Face Anything Together* | Psalm 27; Luke 12:4-7  
Mar. 6: **Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00 p.m.** | *Winning the Battle* | Isaiah 59:12-20  
Mar. 10: *Facing the Fear of the Mind: Terrorism* | Joshua 1:1-9; Romans 8:31-39  
Mar. 17: *The Secret of Living in Every Situation* | Proverbs 30:7-9; Philippians 4:11-10  
Mar. 24: *Encourage Others: Be a Barnabas!* | Proverbs 12:25; Acts 9:1-6, 20-22 & 26-28  
Mar. 31: *Step Out for Christ* | Numbers 13:25-28 & 32-33; Matthew 14:22-23  
Apr. 7: *Don't Worry About Anything; Pray About Everything* | I Kings 8:56; Matthew 6:24-34

## HOLY WEEK

Apr. 14  
PALM SUNDAY  
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Apr. 18  
MAUNDY THURSDAY  
Worship at 7:00 pm

Apr. 21  
EASTER SUNDAY  
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

We are hosting the *Dayton Community Easter Sunrise Service* on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 a.m. Worship is followed by breakfast that we will provide. Watch for a signup in the narthex.



Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 10<sup>th</sup>



## Sunday Morning Volunteers

### NURSERY

- 3 Jan Alley
- 10 Mary Helen Witt
- 17 Kim Guyer
- 24 Holly Harold
- 31 Libi Herr

**OPEN/CLOSE:**  
Paige Will

### GREETERS

- 3 Connie & Vince Gilmer
- 10 Loretta & Nelson Moyers
- 17 Susie & Bob Dinsmore
- 24 Bernice & Chuck Garber
- 31 Elaine & Larry Heatwole

### ACOLYTES

- 3 Gracie Ryder
- 10 Evan Lilly
- 17 Ellianna Appleton
- 24 Clay Guyer
- 31 Chloe Nieder

**USHER:**  
Jim Alley

### COFFEE SOCIAL

- 3 Will & Wine
- 10 On the Move Class
- 17 Youth
- 24 volunteer(s) needed
- 31 volunteer(s) needed



### FLOWERS

- 3 Communion
- 10 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
- 17 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent
- 24 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent
- 31 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## 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**.
- ◊ **On the Move** assembles in the conference room of the Activities Building at **9:00**. They are doing another Andy Stanley study.
- ◊ **Suter's Bible Class** meets at **9:00** in room #6 downstairs to continue the Mark Batterson's "Whisper -- How to Hear the Voice of God."
- ◊ **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. Concluding "The Case for Christ" by C.S. Lewis soon and starting something new!
- ◊ **Confirmation Class** is close to completing their studies. A date for these six students to officially join the church will be announced soon!



### CHILDREN

pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.  
Join us for Sunday School as we use the Deep Blue Curriculum and learn to:

- B:** Be with God
- L:** Love God & your neighbor
- U:** Understand yourself as a child of God
- E:** Explore your faith and the Bible

COME ON DOWNSTAIRS TO  
JOIN THE FUN  
EVERY SUNDAY AT 11:15!

### Are you Spring Cleaning & Purging?

The DUMC Nursery could use those gently-used children's books and toys!



The Choir & Joyful Noise are preparing several special pieces during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. We'd love to have folks join us for the season! Just come to practice on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. or talk to Jess about how to do "online learning." (jess03rod@gmail.com)

"ON AIR" - We've started video taping worship services! We need a few more folks to step behind the control board on Sunday mornings. No previous experience necessary - we will train you! Contact Graham Witt (540-383-8420, hoowitts@comcast.net)



**Yanet Bermudez**, our extremely talented pianist, will present her doctoral lecture recital on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Forbes Center at JMU. It is free and open to the public and JOY is organizing a group to attend!



Hey there, Partners! It's time to saddle up for **Vacation Bible School!** We are ridin' into **GiddyUp Junction the week of June 9 -13** with a closing program during worship on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Our kids will learn about the good news of God's love—the Gospel—going to new frontiers in the book of Acts. They will respond to God's love and learn how they can take it to new frontiers today.

Anyone who is interested in helping, please contact Mary Ryder and/or come to the **planning meeting on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the Coffee Social Area. We would love for you be part of the gang! To reach Mary: call 540-607-6286; or email mryder@rockingham.k12.va.us

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### Birthdays

- 3 Rodney Guyer
- 3 Steve Ruminski
- 5 Gail Mitchell
- 6 Bryan Bland
- 8 Sarah Heatwole
- 8 Betsy Hedrick
- 11 Landon Brinkley
- 12 Sally Parsley Howe
- 12 Hunter Wheelbarger
- 13 Larry Hedrick
- 15 Jamie Eberly
- 15 Glenda Ryder
- 17 Erika Gregory
- 20 Denise Cooper
- 20 Katrina Eberly
- 20 Travis Ryder
- 20 Garrett Ryder
- 23 Debby Carper
- 25 Jack Osborne
- 25 Wesley Gregory
- 30 Kaitlyn Moseley
- 31 Nancy Stockner
- 31 Jackie Stover



### Anniversaries

- 8 David & Ruth Culver ('97)
- 12 Ed & Judy Powell ('99)
- 21 Jeff & Sally Smith ('81)

### The Chili Cook-Off and Progressive Hearts Party

was an evening of great food and fun. Thirteen cooks provided delicious options and everyone took tasting very seriously before voting. We express special thanks to **Connie Gilmer, Debbie Crist, Linda Wine & Melinda Shiflet** for their hard work planning and coordinating. Melinda even provided beautiful gift baskets for the winners. Thanks, also, to Council for sponsoring, providing desserts and helping in many ways.

#### Congratulations to our winners:

tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place were  
**Jeff Weaver & Mailee Findley**;

2<sup>nd</sup> place went to **Lois Lineberry**;  
and the chili voted  
*“Best in the House”*  
was prepared by  
**Jon Alley**.

He has generously  
shared the recipe!

### Thai Chicken/Turkey Chili

by Jon Alley

1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner of Chili Cook-Off

- 1 lb. ground turkey, browned and drained
- 1 lb. chicken thigh meat, roasted and sliced
- 2 red bell peppers, chopped and sautéed
- 1 red onion, chopped and sautéed
- 6 cloves of garlic, chopped and sautéed
- 4 ears of corn, cut corn from the cob
- 6 cups of chicken stock
- 2 (14 oz) cans coconut milk
- 2 cans Great Northern beans, drained
- 1 can black beans, drained
- 3-4 TBS chopped chipotle peppers
- 2 TBS ground cumin
- 1 tsp. turmeric
- 1 TBS ground coriander
- 2 TBS paprika
- 1/2-3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 bunch cilantro, chopped & divided
- Salt to taste

Combine the ingredients together with half of the cilantro and simmer for 45 minutes on low.

Blend together until smooth:

½ cup cornstarch added to ½ cup water

At end, add remaining half of cilantro and the cornstarch mixture, simmering till thickened.

**BACKPACKS:** A big THANK YOU to all those who supported our Pence food backpack mission program this year. We could not have done it without the congregation's generosity – from shopping to packing to donating funds and food during the past 8 weeks. All told, we provided 148 food backpacks for students at Pence. We could not have done it without you and so greatly appreciate your continued support for this vital local mission!  
-Stacie & Katrina

**MITTEN OFFERING:** “Thank you” to all the members who donated gloves and hats for the West Rockingham Food Pantry to keep all those little folks warm. They were given out in January and the children are always so excited when there is something for them. We appreciate your thoughtfulness so much.  
-Bea Morris



### FROM THE SMITH FAMILY:

“We have been so blessed by your many cards, calls, texts, posts and other expressions of care and sympathy during the illness and death of Jeff’s father, Stanley Smith. We felt your fervent prayers lifting us and your loving support has comforted us. We deeply appreciate the our Dayton UMC family!”  
-Jeff, Sally, Lydia, Codi Jo & Hunter

### 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/>



Need Bus Drivers  
MAR 18 – 25  
to/from Dayton UMC

So many thank you's to go around as we continue providing volunteer support for the Open Doors homeless ministry in our county! As we've all bundled up tightly during some of these more frigid evenings, it becomes all too clear this program's impact and necessity for those experiencing homelessness. Our bus has been busy several weeks this season as we continue to provide transportation to and from the city to county churches beyond our three hosting weeks at Dayton UMC: Bridgewater UMC, Cooks Creek Presbyterian and Massanutton Presbyterian. Our final hosting week will be March 18-25<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Graham Witt (540-383-8420, [hoowitts@comcast.net](mailto:hoowitts@comcast.net)) to see what needs can be filled during this week.





**Women's Bible Study Group** will meet in the Conference Room in the Activities Building Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. The lesson will focus on chapters 9 & 10, covering Philippians 3: 12 - 21 in the book "Be Joyful: Even When Things Go Wrong, You Can Have Joy" by Warren Wiersbe. Every woman is welcomed and invited to attend this monthly small group.

**The United Methodist Women** would like to thank everyone who attended our soup and sandwich luncheon. We had eleven different soups. We raised \$1,079.<sup>00</sup> for our mission work in the community and state. Thanks again for your support.

Our next meeting is Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Coffee Social Area. The District Retreat is March 2 at McGaheysville UMC and several of our members are attending.

**Twice Singles** is a fellowship group for men and women who are widowed or divorced - anyone who is single for a second time. Our next gathering will be Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:15. 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 JOY Group** is planning to attend the recital of our pianist, **Yanet Bermudez**, on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Forbes Center at JMU. If you wanna ride the bus, contact Jack Osborne for the departure time. Open to Everyone!

The cold days of February kept our **Dayton UMC Youth** inside during most of the month. Ironically though, our scheduled skiing trip to Massanutten needed changing due to – yes, you guessed it – rain and warm weather that week! So instead, 11 youth enjoyed a terrific evening at the Massanutten waterpark, followed by a dinner & lock-in at DUMC, reminding our youth director just how old he is getting. The following morning we missioned at Mercy House, organizing and cleaning both their entire pantry building and their daycare facility. A couple weeks later 10 youth went to Charlottesville JPJ arena to enjoy "The Roadshow" - a concert with four Christian bands (Matt Maher, Michael W. Smith, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and Matthew West). What an exciting and moving evening of fellowship, great music and devotions. We will look to return next year and include invitations to our congregation!

#### UPCOMING YOUTH SCHEDULE

- 3/6 – Wednesday Night Meal
- 3/16 – Lunches for Homeless (Harrisonburg Baptist Church)
- 4/7 – Harrisonburg Jump Park
- 4/20 – Open Doors Food Truck Festival volunteers
- 4/27 – Dayton Yardwork Day



Grades K–5

#### UPCOMING YOUNG FIRST FOLLOWERS EVENTS:

**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:30 – 4:30;** Bring your friends to enjoy an afternoon of crafts, games, videos and story time. Our theme is "No Ordinary Man" focusing on the Miracles of Jesus; Jesus turns water into wine (his first miracle), Jesus Calms the Storm, Jesus Feeds the 5,000 and Jesus Walks on Water.

**Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 11:00** We will share a Skit during worship then at **2:00** we will attend "Seussical, the Musical, Jr" at Wilbur Pence Middle School.

There were 19 attendees at the **YFF Valentine's Party**. Our Bible Verse & Party theme were based on John 3:16 "Love One Another." We enjoyed a music video, crafts including making Valentine's, marshmallow sculptures and spin art heart garlands, a science experiment about God's love, refreshments, and games including God's Love Bingo, bean bag balloon pop and ring toss.



**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>

Have you met her yet? Here is your chance! Bishop Lewis is conducting “*Chat and Chew*” 3.0 on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at St. Paul’s UMC, Staunton.



## Final Report

*Here are the results of the Special Session of the General Conference that took place in St. Louis:*

The 864 delegates (half lay, half clergy) from all over the world met from Feb. 24-26 to discuss and act on the report of the Commission on a Way Forward over the issue of human sexuality.

In its final plenary session, the General Conference took final action on the two major plans advanced for a way forward. The One Church Plan was defeated by a vote of 45.4% for and 54.6% against. A version of the Traditional Plan was adopted by a vote of 53.3% for and 47.7% against (438 to 384). An exit path was adopted by a vote of 51.85% to 48.15%.

### What is the Traditional Plan?

The Traditional Plan keeps the current language around sexuality and increases accountability by streamlining the processes to enforce penalties for violations of *The Book of Discipline* related to marriage and ordination of LGBTQI persons. Some parts of the Traditional Plan were ruled unconstitutional, and it will take some time to clarify which parts will become part of our church law and which parts will not.

### What is the next step for the UMC?

Since the legislation is not the official church law until January 1, 2020, the bishops are urging all United Methodists to stay focused on the mission that glorifies God and reaches new people with the gospel. Bishops will be holding meetings with clergy and laity in their annual conferences on how details will be handled in each area.



### A Special Message from Pastor Bruce

Our Bishop Sharma Lewis will hold an address titled “State of the Church: Where do we go from here?” on Monday, March 4. The event will be **livestreamed** at [www.livestream.com/vaumc/stateofthechurch](http://www.livestream.com/vaumc/stateofthechurch) from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. The event footage will be archived at the same link for later viewing. Questions for the Q & A period may be sent to [wayforward@vaumc.org](mailto:wayforward@vaumc.org) prior to the event and during the event.

There were no winners or losers in this strongly debated and deeply emotional Special General Conference. Both the Progressive and Traditional groups are still unyielding in their positions. Their differences were and continue to be irreconcilable. We all prayed and hoped for a way forward. However, what transpired at the Special General Conference clearly demonstrated that we are not better together. The Bible clearly teaches that a house divided against itself will not stand.

-Pastor Bruce

### United Methodist Committee on Relief – UMCOR SUNDAY - March 31<sup>st</sup>

This special offering directly affects the ability of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to respond immediately to disasters and other calamities. Did you know that UMCOR doesn't receive apportionment funds? Because of gifts received through offerings like UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing), UMCOR is able to cover its administrative costs.

When we join with other United Methodists to support UMCOR, we equip UMCOR staff to work globally to alleviate suffering and advance hope and healing. Through relationships with local organizations and trained community leaders, UMCOR can activate its network and provide emergency funds as soon as they know of an urgent need. Please give generously on March 31.



Fasting is a spiritual discipline that, when combined with prayer, becomes a powerful means of experiencing God's grace in our lives. Fasting will cause us to come into a much closer relationship with the Lord, hear His voice more clearly, and realize lasting changes in our lives.

Many Christians fast during the seven week season of Lent which is a period of self-examination and repentance to prepare them to be renewed spiritually during the passion week/resurrection experience. The singular purpose of fasting is self-denial. Through the process the lusts, appetites of the flesh and the demand of self-will are brought into subjection to the Spirit.

Fasting is between you and God, and we are not to draw attention to ourselves by bragging to others.

### Important Guidelines to Observe

Always consult your physician before embarking on a radical change in diet. If you have not fasted before, a good way to start is to substitute liquid juices for the usual solid food at one or more meals a week. Do not overdo it!

Some chose to give up something that is significant in their life such as chocolate, fast food, soda, coffee, or snacks. The principal is self-denial not adherence to a religious ritual. Non-food fasts are entirely appropriate. Examples would be giving up television, movies, video games, or a particular activity that is a regular personal diversion. The gain in time should be spent in prayer/scripture meditation. Any gain in finances may be given to the UMCOR Lent offering or a mission.

-Pastor Bruce

## Treasurer's Report: January 2019 Budget

Contributions/Income	\$19,462.00
Expenditures	\$26,634.41
Year-to-Date Budget	\$26,986.06
Designated Contributions	\$10,020.00
<b>Mortgage Report as of January 31, 2019</b>	
Loan Amount (2/1/2010)	\$1,500,000.00
Principal payments	\$855,324.29
Loan Balance	\$644,675.71
Extra payments on principal	\$465,132.21



PANCAKE MEAL #1 is a **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch** at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The date is **March 5<sup>th</sup>** and the meal is served from 11:00 to 1:00. The cost is donation. The menu include both plain and buckwheat pancakes, sausage gravy & chipped beef gravy, biscuits, and fruit.

All proceeds go to the Bridgewater Home Auxiliary - a group of volunteers that conducts a myriad of activities and projects to nurture all residents of the Bridgewater Retirement Community. We have several DUMC members in various living situations at BRC - temporary and full-time - that benefit from the good works of the Auxiliary. Grab a friend and head to lunch on March 5<sup>th</sup>! (generously hosted by Community Partner Dayton Tavern)

PANCAKE MEAL #2 is the **Dayton Ruritan Pancake Breakfast** on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 10:00 in our Activities Building. It is "all you can eat" as well!

## Wednesday Community Dinners March 6 & 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Thanks to all meal planners/providers for another fabulous year!

### From the Editor's Inbox, Rc'd Feb. 27:

"A friend of mine spoke very highly of the Wednesday Night suppers... She expressed her appreciation for the outreach to seniors and those who often eat alone - and is inviting others to join her. Please pass this word along to the organizers. Their kindness and thoughtfulness for an often-forgotten group of seniors is appreciated." -Jane

Direct questions and submissions for this publication to:  
Sally Smith, Editor AT DUMCNews@comcast.net  
I have a box in the Coffee Social Room, too!  
Next Deadline: Sunday, March 24

» Finance Committee – Sunday March 3, 7:00 pm Cross Talk

» Church Council – Monday March 4, 7:00 pm Cross Talk

» VBS Planning – Monday March 4, 7:00 pm Coffee Fellowship

### A Special Announcement:

Due to excessive work demands **Betsy Hedrick** has stepped down as Finance Committee chairperson to devote more time to Young First Followers. Betsy has provided outstanding leadership to our church for the last 5 years guiding us through a very successful second capital campaign to greatly reduce our Fellowship Hall mortgage. Dennis Miller, our long time Assistant Treasurer and Finance Committee member will serve as Chairperson for the remainder of 2019.

### A Note from Lena Osborne, Board Chair

Thanks to everyone who contributed to help refinance and pay down the fellowship hall loan. You are amazing and we are grateful for each dollar. Our goal was to reduce the mortgage to \$750,000, possibly with the sale of property. Thanks to your generosity, we will be able to reduce our loan to \$650,000, without selling any property. We were truly blessed by two \$100,000 gifts, \$50,000 from UMW and a \$50,000 match in honor of UMW. The remainder came from the Wall of Giving and other donations. Thank YOU!

We had hoped to close by now, but it has taken longer than expected to get through the paperwork. When the fellowship hall was built, the VA United Methodist Conference gave us a \$25,000 grant. Since it was a grant, it does not have to be paid back but they did put a 2<sup>nd</sup> lien on our property. Our petition to the court to refinance has been approved and F&M is ready to close but we are currently waiting for the settlement agent, VS Title, to prepare the Subordination Agreement concerning the grant's 2<sup>nd</sup> lien. As soon as they are able complete pulling that together, we can close on our loan.

The mortgage payment has been a huge part of our budget and we have had to borrow money in order to meet the financial demands of the mortgage and our operating expenses. Refinancing will cut our mortgage payment by approximately half.

We all need to be aware that lessening the impact of the mortgage payment does not mean we can decrease our giving. As you probably noted in the bulletin the past few Sundays our income has not been what it needs to be. Our "church" building is 40 years old and continues to need repairs. Lessening our mortgage payment should help us have funds to cover those expenses and to be able to continue God's ministry, as long as our donations do not decrease.



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