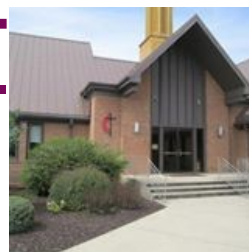


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**DECEMBER
2019**

Advent Worship ~ "Voices of the Nativity"

Dec. 1- First Sunday in Advent at 10:00 a.m.

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

Get your copy of the **Advent Devotional** with daily readings written by DUMC members.

Voices: Zechariah & Elizabeth in Luke 1: 5 - 24



Dec. 8- Second Sunday in Advent at 10:00 a.m.

The Choir will sing and the **Handbell Choir** will play. *Voice: Joseph* in Matthew 1: 18-25

Dec. 15 - Third Sunday in Advent at 10:00 a.m.

The Choir presents "**Shout the Good News!**" This blend of new material and beloved carols celebrates Jesus' birth and the messengers who helped God's purposes to be fulfilled. It is an affirmation that *all of us are called to be "voices" of Christ's love.* Invite someone to worship with you.



December 15th - Family Christmas Program at 5:00 p.m.

Our Young First Followers & Junior High Youth will present "**The Christmas Story - Jesus Christ the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever.**" It all begins in the sanctuary at 5:00 with carols, scripture and emphasis on the many missions of DUMC. Everyone is invited to the "finger-food" meal after the program in the Fellowship Hall. If you are able, please share your favorite food that can be eaten without silverware!



Dec. 22 - Fourth Sunday in Advent at 10:00 a.m.

Noisy Can Day! Bring coins to share. *Voice: Mary* in Luke 1: 26-38

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

Candlelight Communion Service - Invite family, friends and neighbors to join you and the church family in celebration of Christ's birth.



Advent Opportunities to Share, Care & Be There!

~ **Pence Backpack Program** - providing weekend nutrition for students identified as "food insecure" during December. *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.*



~ **Open Doors Homeless Shelter** - we are hosting two weeks in December. There are so many ways to share! Check the Coffee Social Area for posters and *read more on page 2.*

~ **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** - The dates are Friday, Dec. 6th, Saturday, Dec. 7th and Friday, Dec. 13th. Check the sign-up in the Coffee Social Area to see if there is a space available for you! Questions? Contact Linda & Dick Jacobs; readlindajacobs@mindspring.com

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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At DUMC

Week 1:

Dec 2 - 9

Week 2:

Dec 16 - 23

Week 3:

Mar 16 - 23

Advent Opportunities to Share, Care & Be There!



Love Light Tree

This is the 19th year for our Love Light Tree here at Dayton UMC. Each light on the tree reminds us of a life that 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 UMCOR-US Disaster Response.

Mitten and Glove Tree

During the season of Advent, there will be a Christmas tree in the Narthex where you can donate new mittens and gloves for children and adults. These gifts will be sent to the West Rockingham Food Pantry at Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church to be shared during their monthly food distribution this winter. Let's cover the tree and help keep hands warm this winter.



We Open Our Home to Open Doors; *how will you open your heart?* Dec. 2 - 9 & Dec. 16 - 23

As December rolls around and our Savior's birth is first and foremost on our minds, Dayton UMC is scheduled to provide ministry for those experiencing homelessness, as we host Open Doors two different weeks in December. Mary and Joseph, alone and desperately searching for shelter, brought Christ into our world under dreadful conditions. We have an opportunity to positively impact those in our community struggling with just such circumstances. **Please pray for God to lead you into service for this effort**, whether it may be donating food or supplies, preparing a meal, driving a bus, helping out cleaning or just stopping in to extend kindness and learn someone's story. There are so many ways to help. Keep notice in the Coffee Social Area for donation boards and schedules or contact Graham Witt, 383-8420, for any questions.



Backpack Ministry-

December is month #2 of providing food items to **19 needy students** at Pence

Middle School on weekends. Thank you for being so generous in November! Find a list in the narthex and collection boxes in the Coffee Social Area. If you have not yet contributed, please consider it. Monetary donations are also welcome so we can shop to fill out the list each week. Make checks to DUMC with "Backpacks" in the memo line.



Apple Tree Gifts -

We appreciate everyone's generosity in purchasing Christmas gifts for the Apple Tree Project this year. **We**

did 50! That's fifty children of incarcerated parents who will receive a gift on Christmas morning. Even though a parent may be absent, these children will smile and know of God's love. Well done, DUMC, well done.



Operation Christmas Child Boxes -

And again, your generosity is inspiring.

We did 34! We

hope everyone had as much joy filling them as they will bring to the children that receive them. Watch the DUMC Facebook page - there will be a post when they arrive at their destination!

"Like" us on Facebook!

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Advent, which marks the beginning of the church year, is "the first gleam of Christmas," writes W.E. Sangster. "It heralds the entrance of the Divine into human history; it is heaven descending to earth; it is a great event casting its brilliance before it." Sangster adds: "It is as though a trumpeter had taken his stand upon the turrets of time and announced the coming of the King. 'Get ready,' he seems to say. 'Get ready. He is coming!'"

A 7-year-old boy was chosen to be the innkeeper in the Christmas program. When Joseph and Mary approached him, looking for shelter in Bethlehem, he simply had to say there was no room. The kindhearted boy tried to take the sting out of the situation, however. "I don't have room for you in the hotel," he said. "But I'd love to have you come in for milk and cookies."

The Dayton UMC Women Collect Used Postage Stamps!

Don't forget about this unique benefit for UMCOR Missions. Christmas cards are coming to YOUR mailbox very soon! The holidays are a great time to save your stamps and place them in the box in the Coffee Social Area. Recycle & repurposed. Mail & mission.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Birthdays

- 1 Bridget Appleton
- 1 Sue Dinsmore
- 1 Braelon Steele
- 2 Carl Estes
- 3 Ethan Eberly
- 3 Betty Lou Huffman
- 4 Connie Gilmer
- 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 Davin Tatro
- 26 Tom Austin
- 26 Becky Eberly
- 28 Mary Jane McCoy
- 29 Betty Robinson
- 29 Bob Dinsmore
- 30 Holly Harold
- 30 Mel May



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)



... to the family and friends of **Odessa Showalter**. She passed away on November 9; and

... to **Ed Powell** and family on the death of his mother, Barbara Powell, on November 8.



Congratulations to **Colton & Charlotte Mitchell** on the birth of their daughter, **Rowan Paige**, on November 16th. Her proud grandparents are Gail & Kevin Mitchell and her very excited great-grandparents are Betty Lou & Don Huffman.

Secret Prayer Partners 2020

Prayer Partners is a fun and informal DUMC fellowship activity. We intentionally pray for one another and take time to recognize holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, special accomplishments or just "thinking of you" moments with small gifts and greetings - while keeping identities *secret* for a whole year!



All Adults (male or female) are encouraged and welcome to become a Secret Prayer Partner. Sign up in the narthex from Nov. 24th to Dec. 8th. On Sundays Dec. 15 & 22, Stephanie Gardner will pass around a basket and ask those who signed up to draw out the name of their prayer partner. Then, each person is to contact Mary Beth in the church office to record their secret partner's identity.

Won't you become a special friend for another special person? You'll get to pray, express kindness, care and support and get that in return. Then, at the end of the year, surprise and be surprised when identities are revealed in a Christmas gift.

Sign up to be a 2020 Secret Prayer Partner today!

Stephanie Gardner, Coordinator
stephaniegardnermsls@yahoo.com

Treasurer's Report: Jan - Oct 2019 Budget

Contributions/Income	\$ 249,291.44
Expenditures	\$ 246,816.71
Year-to-Date Budget	\$ 261,748.35
Designated Contributions	\$ 51,396.17

Mortgage Report as of Oct. 30, 2019

Loan Amount	\$ 650,000.00
Principal payments	\$ 15,080.48
Loan Balance	\$ 634,919.52
Extra payments on principal	\$ 476,974.21 **

** Includes Original + Refinanced Mortgage

Finance meets Sunday, Dec, 8 @ 7:00

Council meets Tuesday, Dec. 10 @ 7:00

We Accept E-Giving!

Use a checking account, savings account, debit or credit card to quickly and easily make your secure one-time or recurring (weekly or monthly) donation.



Automating your donations permits uninterrupted giving during vacations, illness or weather closure.

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Sunday Morning Volunteers



Nursery

1 Abby Simmons
8 Holly Harold
15 Kim Guyer
22 Jan Alley
29 Mary Helen Witt

Pew Stewards

1 Linda Covington
8 Margaret Thornton
15 Mary Nieswander
22 Elaine Heatwole
29 Stacie Jackson

29 Open

Coffee Social

1 Wine/Will
8 On the Move Class
15 volunteer(s) needed
22 volunteer(s) needed

Greeters

1 Betty Lou & Don Huffman
8 Loretta & Nelson Moyers
15 Judy Austin, Ernie & Zach Gery
22 Diane & Doug Helmick
29 Susie & Bob Dinsmore

Ushers: Kevin & Gail Mitchell

Open/Close: Doug Wine

Trash: David McCoy

Acolytes

1 Evan Lilly
8 Gracie Ryder
15 Ellianna Appleton
22 Landon Brinkley
29 Brooke Simmers

Flowers

1 Advent #1 Communion
8 Advent #2
15 Advent #3
22 Advent #4

We always appreciate donations of altar flowers. "Thank you" to the family of Doris Bowman, the Lineberrys, Edgar Caplinger & the Appleton family, Alda Gunn and the Dellingers for their recent contributions. Again, many thanks to those who shared flowers or created worship displays during 2019! Look for the 2020 Flower Chart on the narthex bulletin board and sign up to remember or honor someone special and enhance our worship space.

Sunday School & Christian Ed

- ◇ **Any Given Sunday** meets at **11:15** in room #9 downstairs.
- ◇ **Cross Talk** meets in 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** meets in the conference room of the Activities Building at **9:00**
- ◇ **the Jr./Sr. High Youth** at **11:00** in a downstairs room.
- ◇ **Children Pre-K through 5th Grade** gather downstairs after worship.
- ◇ **Suter's Bible Class** meets at **9:00** in room #6 downstairs. During Advent will be using "An Unexpected Christmas" by Andy Stanley.

Shake any family tree and you never know what kind of people might fall out. Let's face it; we all have an uncle or cousin we whisper about behind closed doors and that relative we try to avoid at family gatherings. Jesus had a few shady characters in his family as well. This 5-part series introduces a few of these colorful individuals and the role they play in the Christmas story.



Is for kids
Pre-K thru
Grade 2 and
happens every
Sunday. Children are
asked to sit with their par-
ents for the beginning of wor-
ship then Pastor Jenny will
dismiss them, following the
Offering, to a room down-
stairs.



Communion Stewards Needed in the New Year

We are looking for church members to commit to helping serve Communion on the first Sunday of the month. Ideally, we'd like to have the same persons commit to a quarter (three consecutive months). Three individuals are needed - a couple plus one single or three singles. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider how you could serve DUMC as a Communion Steward. Contact Linda Wine for more information.

Perfect "As Is" - Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that he gave his only Son. The only requirement is to believe in him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life. —Corrie ten Boom

YouTube is good for more than cute pet or 'how-to' videos.



You can watch worship at Dayton UMC LIVE!

Find our YouTube channel: **DaytonUMC-VA**. Watch at 10:00 on Sunday mornings, or the recordings are posted to view when it is convenient.

I did this recently when I stayed with my mom for a weekend. She LOVED it and sang along with the hymns. It was so much better than a TV preacher we didn't know. She misses being able to attend worship. If you know someone like her, get them set-up to join DUMC for worship via the wonders of technology & the internet!-Sally

Mingling Singles

is a fellowship group for adult singles. Our next gathering is Sunday, Dec. 1st at 12:15. If you have questions contact:

- ~ **Elsie Cox**
(434-9403; emc112338@gmail.com);
- ~ **Chris Simmons**
(cpsimmons03@gmail.com; 820-4333);
- ~ **Nancy Harper** (828-2221).



Women's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, Dec. 10th in the home of Anne Hill [275

West View Street, Dayton] at 12:30 for lunch. We will continue in the study by Max Lucado, Anxious for Nothing, with Session 2 "Let Your Gentleness Be Evident to All." Lessons are not continuous, so anyone can join in the study at anytime.



The Women are not meeting in December. Most members are attending the Dec. 4 Christmas Luncheon at Camp Overlook



The Dayton UMYouth Group had a wonderful November! We enjoyed a trip to the JMU confidence course where we experienced some amazing team building. We followed that up with our yearly lock-in at the church. We took the following morning to serve our community by preparing lunch for our Harrisonburg and Rockingham County homeless population. We will continue this service to those experiencing homelessness on Dec. 6th, as we do laundry for the guests during our first week of Open Doors at Dayton UMC. We will close out the Christmas season participating in the Angel Tree project, sponsored by Dayton's own Braithwaite Studios. Our youth will purchase and wrap over \$1,000 of Christmas presents, as we sponsor several families struggling with poverty in our area. Come join us for any of these worthwhile projects (the calendar is below)!

- ~ Friday, DEC 6, 7-10PM: Open Doors Loads of Love (Laundry)
- ~ Friday, DEC 13, 2-8PM: Giving Tree Shopping (Early Release & Dinner included)
- ~ Sunday, DEC 15, 11AM: Wrap Gifts for Giving Tree (after church)



December activities

- Saturday, Dec. 7th from 2:00 to 4:00 -- Salvation Army Bell Ringing;
- Sunday, Dec. 8th immediately following worship -- Christmas program practice;
- Friday, Dec. 13th at 5:45 -- Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall and program practice.

Lock-In

Eighteen YFFs attended the pizza/movie night. They heard the Bible story, *the Fiery Furnace*, and practiced a related skit which they later performed during worship. After having pizza in their pj's, they snuggled in sleeping bags and blankets and watched the movie, "The Star." Popcorn and fruit snacks (compliments of Elsie Cox) were enjoyed, and a great time was had by all.

Thanksgiving

The Bible lesson was "The Story of David - David, God's Chosen King, David and Goliath, David and Jonathan, David Spares Saul, Poems, Songs and Prayer." The YFFs theme was gratitude and Psalm 92:1, It is good to give thanks to the Lord. Our mission was collecting cereal boxes for West Rockingham Food Pantry. We ended our time together sharing what we are thankful for and painting a Thanksgiving craft.



Youth Group FUN!



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, December 22

**Church Office
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**
The Office will be closed Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
and again New Year's Eve & New Year's Day.

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