

DAYTON UNITED METHODIST

Mission Statement: "We invite everyone to become disciples of Christ by loving and serving God and actively living out their faith."

Love. Connect. Serve.

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Sundays in January - Let Us Worship God Together!

- 5 - Epiphany of the Lord.** Rev. Kathleen Haynes is preaching; Holy Communion will be shared; the Choir will provide special music.
- 12 - Baptism of the Lord.** Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Victor Gomez, will preach the sermon "Keep Your Fork." Special music presented by the Handbell Choir.
- 19 - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany.** Pastor Jenny will use 1 Corinthians 1: 4-9 to tell us about "Getting Unstuck." Music from the Choir.
- 26 - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany.** A new sermon series starts: "*Faith and Sense.*" It begins with "Touch and Know that the Lord is Good" referencing Matthew 20: 30-34. Music by the Children's Choir and don't forget it is **Noisy Can Day!**

"God gave us five senses; it is sheer ingratitude to worship him with any less."

— Martin Luther



Our Wednesday Night Suppers have become a Dayton community tradition! So many of our neighbors and extended families enjoy this time of fellowship and *very* good food - a weekly bright spot during the dark and cold winter. This year the suppers **begin on February 5th at 6:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome. Invite a friend! The meals are free.

LOVE

Dayton UMC stepped up in the month of December to truly be the hands and feet of Christ. With all the busyness of the Christmas season, Dayton UMC hosted our local homeless shelter, Open Doors, two different weeks. There are so many thanks to go around in order to host successfully, but first and foremost, our willingness to literally open the doors to our amazing fellowship hall cannot be understated. This building is such a blessing! To see it utilized in this ministry, impacting our brothers and sisters struggling with homelessness, surely fulfills Christ's call to discipleship in Matthew 25:31-40. From guests, staff and volunteers, compliments on our building and kitchen were many! Over 100 volunteers across nearly 15 different organizations and faith communities combined to support these two weeks. So thank you, Dayton UMC, for all your donations, time and facilities to make Open Doors run smoothly during our hosting weeks.

SERVE

CONNECT



**JANUARY
2020**



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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NOTE:

Pastor Jenny will be away January 4 - 12.
If you have a pastoral need during this time, please contact **Alda Gunn at 828-0172.**

Sunday Morning Volunteers



Nursery

5 Libi Herr
12 Mary Ryder
19 Lori Bocock
26 Brenda Legg

Acolytes

5 Bridget Appleton
12 David Tatro
19 Laney Steele
26 Caden Alley

Coffee Social

5 need volunteer(s)
12 On the Move Class
19 need volunteer(s)
26 need volunteer(s)

Greeters

5 Loretha Bland & Charlie Pennybacker
12 Neal & Rebecca Wong
19 Linda Covington & Stephanie Gardner
26 Don & Wanda Gault

Pew Stewards

5 Linda Covington
12 Margaret Thornton
19 Mary Nieswander
26 Elaine Heatwole

Flowers

5 Communion
12 available
19 available
26 available

Usher: Jim Snyder | **Open/Close:** Larry Hedrick | **Trash Containers to Curb:** Paige Will & Jim Snyder

Sunday School & Christian Ed

- ◇ **Any Given Sunday** meets at **11:15** in room #9 downstairs.
- ◇ **Cross Talk** meets in Room #4 downstairs 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**
- ◇ **Suter's Bible Class** meets at **9:00** in room #6 downstairs
- ◇ **the Jr./Sr. High Youth** at **11:00** in room #3 downstairs.
- ◇ **Children Pre-K thru 5th Grade** gather downstairs after worship.



Is for kids Pre-K thru Grade 2 and happens every Sunday. Children are asked to sit with their parents for the beginning of worship then Pastor Jenny will dismiss them, following the Offering, to a room downstairs. Thank you to all the folks that provide leadership to our youngest!



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 2019 to be \$1,395.⁰⁰!** This is such a worthy project that provides hot meals for Haitian kids and just giving your loose change is almost painless. Our children enjoy helping us all share our blessings with other children far away. Don't forget your coins for the next collection on January 26th!

Treasurer's Report: Jan - Nov 2019 Budget	
Contributions/Income	\$283,826.44
Expenditures	\$269,363.75
Year-to-Date Budget	\$287,923.20
Designated Contributions	\$52,457.17
Mortgage Report as of Nov. 30 2019	
Loan Amount	\$650,000.00
Principal payments	\$17,211.06
Loan Balance	\$632,788.94
Extra payments on principal	\$479,029.21 **
** Includes Original + Refinanced Mortgage	

Please pick up your 2020 offering envelopes in the Coffee Social Area. Don't see your name? Contact Mary Beth in the church office. Begin using these on January 1 and discard any unused from 2019.

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.

Just visit our website www.daytonumc.net or call Mary Beth in the church office for more information.

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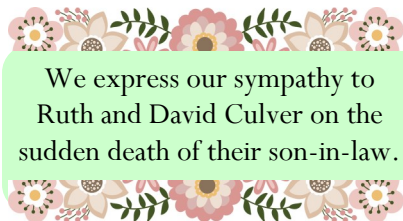
Birthdays

- 1 Terry Suter
- 5 Dick Jacobs
- 8 Tim Bocock
- 12 Joan Leffel
- 12 Linda Wine
- 16 Geneva Carr
- 17 Anne Hill
- 17 Gregory Ryan
- 18 Neal Wong
- 19 Jackson Bocock
- 19 Don Gault
- 21 Rebecca Baugher
- 22 Kathy Miller
- 24 Sonny Smiley
- 25 Whitney Huffman
- 25 Elsie Hyde
- 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)



Praise and Appreciation for....

...the inspirational music from the Handbells, the Choir's cantata, plus Bridget Appleton's violin and Sally Smith's solo on Christmas Eve. Thank you to directors Ramona Evans & Nicole Jenkins, organist Jeff Weaver and pianist Yanet Bermudez;

...the fabulous Family Night Children's Christmas Program and the reception following. We appreciate all the parents and people that made it happen;

...the decorations that were a feast for the eyes and soul. We are blessed to have so many talented and creative designers in our congregation;

...the families that served as Advent Candle readers and lighters leading us through the hope, peace, joy and love of the season;

...the many folks who gave their time to ring the bell at the Salvation Army kettle and the Jacobs for coordinating;

...your outpouring of generosity to our special collections: the Appletree Project, Operation Christmas Child Boxes, Pence Food Backpacks, the Mitten Tree, and Love Lights;

Thanks to everyone who made the Advent season at DUMC so special!

A Colorful Collection of Warmth: You placed 72 pairs of mittens/gloves and 9 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.

New Babies

Ellia Marie Staats was born November 18, 2019 to Brandi (Cooper) and Adam Staats. Her proud grandparents are Jim & Denise Cooper

Holly Ann Padon was born on December 3, 2019 to Heidi (Miller) and Josh Padon. Her proud grandparents are Dennis & Lolly Miller.



Congratulations to....

Chelsey & Joshua Cooper

who were united in marriage on September 7, 2019. She is the daughter of Jim & Denise Cooper and his the son of Gary & Faye Cooper. The ceremony was held at the Barn at Walnut Grove in Elkton and was officiated by former pastor Steve Bird. The couple is currently residing in Verona, Virginia.

The Pennington family

would like to thank you for all the cards, calls, texts, and prayers during Alan's illness and after his passing. The beautiful flowers, donations, and delicious meal served after the service are all greatly appreciated!

Love and blessings,
Dianne



From the Byrds: Ed & I would like to thank our church family for all the acts of kindness shown to us for the passing our brothers, Tom Byrd and Murray Harvey.

Flo Byrd

Re: Pence Backpacks - Thank you to everyone who helped support our food backpack mission work for this year! We concluded it with the double packing that went home just before Christmas break. Over the eight weeks, we packed 157 food backpacks for students at Pence. Thank you to all who provided food items and monetary donations along with our Angel shoppers and packers who make this mission possible. Katrina and I greatly appreciate all the support. Happy holidays!

Stacie Jackson



~ The **UMWomen** will meet **Saturday, January 4th at 9:00 a.m.** in the Coffee Social area. All females in the church are welcome! January is pledge month.
~ the date for our annual **Soup & Sandwich Missions Fundraising Lunch** will be announced soon! Watch the bulletin.

Mingling Singles

Mingling Singles is a fellowship group for adult singles. Our next gathering will be sometime in **March** so watch for details. If you have questions contact: Elsie Cox (434-9403; emc112338@gmail.com); Nancy Harper (828-2221) or Chris Simmons (820-4333; cpsimmons03@gmail.com)



Women's Bible Study will meet **Tuesday, January 14th** with Nancy Byrd and Irene Rebholz at VMRC at 12:30 pm. Car pool from church at 12:00. We will continue in the study by Max Lucado "Anxious for Nothing." We are on Session 3 in the study book.

YOUTH in Action Grades 6–12

What a blessed and busy December for the **Dayton UMC Youth Group** as we served our community in several ways. During our first week of hosting the Open Doors homeless shelter, our youth participated in the **'Loads of Love'** program. Every Friday, Open Doors intends to help shelter guests with personal laundry. The Dayton UMC Youth **washed, dried and folded over 25 loads of laundry** for our guests.



The following week we supported the **Angel Tree** project, managed by Braithwaite Studios in Dayton. This program reaches out through *local* schools to support families that are struggling to make ends meet. The gift requests range from baby and infant supplies to winter coats and boots, pajamas to jeans, hats and gloves. Many of these families are also touched by our weekend food backpack program. **Our youth 'adopted' 12 children from four families, purchased and wrapped more than 30 Christmas gifts.**

The excitement our youth felt shopping and providing gifts for others provided tangible evidence that giving is better than receiving.



Grades K–5

The Young First Followers thank everyone for contributing to our special **Cereal collection** for the West Rockingham Food Pantry. We took them **34 boxes!!** Our January activities are:

- ~ Friday, Jan. 10th from 5:45 to 7:45 – "Snow" along with 10 Bible verses about snow;
- ~ Sunday, Jan. 26th from 2:00 to 4:00 – "Playing for God's Team" and Super Bowl Party.



Following is an Advent devotional written by Pastor Jenny that I failed to get in the Advent Devotional booklet. I really don't know how I overlooked it; probably got lost in the shuffle. Anyway, I have apologized to Pastor Jenny and hope that you still enjoy it. I didn't change any of the wording but think the message works for the new year, too. Sorry!

—Connie Gilmer

A CRY, A WORD OF DELIVERANCE - by Pastor Jenny Pay

“A voice cries out: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’” Isaiah 40:3-5 (NRSV)

These words from the prophet Isaiah are echoed by John the Baptist as he enters the scene in Judea. The Gospels tell us that he “is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, ‘A voice cries out in the wilderness.’” Yet, I wonder if Isaiah had any inkling as to the eccentric character he was prophesying about! It seems to me we all have that one relative who is a little bit odd, you know what I’m talking about. Well, John is, without a doubt, that relative in Jesus’ family! He enters into the Advent season like a bull in a china shop. Amid the jingling of bells and carolers singing “Silent Night,” we hear a cry that sounds like fingernails on a chalkboard. The discordant voice that disrupts our warm thoughts of a cooing baby in a manger. From his unconventional clothing choices to his questionable dining, John is perhaps not the person we would choose to prepare the way for God’s Messiah. Yet he is God’s choice. From the time the Angel visits Zechariah in the Temple to announce Elizabeth is going to bear a son, we learn that this child will bring many people to God and “make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” It is an honorable role, it is a vital role and, my friends, it seems to me it is to be our role as well. For we too are called to bring people to God and to prepare them to receive the Lord in their lives. To make God’s people ready for when Jesus comes again. To let them know that God’s gift of grace is for them. That’s what this season is all about. Preparing for Jesus to enter our world once more as we celebrate his gift of love for all people. So this Advent Season in the midst of the parties and the shopping let us be the voice shouting in Dayton and Harrisonburg and Bridgewater, “Prepare the way of the Lord!” For then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

Prayer: God of us all, we pray that we would be bold witnesses of your love at work in the world. Help us to share the good news of your son’s coming until the day when all people see your glory revealed. Amen.



Editor's Corner:

Perhaps there was a divine plan in Connie’s misplacing Pastor Jenny’s devotional. After the excitement of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany the church calendar jumps right to the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. This year’s observance falls on January 12th. I feel certain that Rev. Gomez will take time to have us remember our own baptism and, as Pastor Jenny wrote, renew our calling to “make God’s people ready for when Jesus comes again.” *Prepare the Way!*

According to Matthew, who was present at Jesus’ baptism? (Choose as many as apply.)

- A. John the Baptist
- B. The Spirit of God
- C. Jesus’ mother, Mary
- D. His first disciples

Answer: A and B (Matt. 3:13-17.)

May we always live “soaking wet” in the waters of baptism.
—unknown

The Power of Choosing Love

Martin Luther King Jr., whose life and legacy we honor this month, spoke often about the power of love. In fact, he equated the practice of nonviolence with “absolute commitment to the way of love.”

Love, declared the minister and activist, “is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.” And, he said, anyone who’s “devoid of the power to love” is “devoid of the power to forgive.”

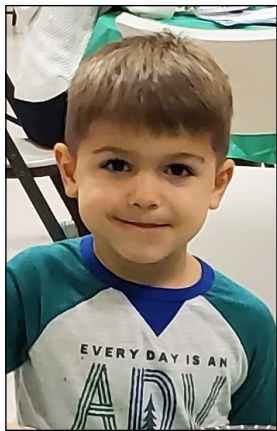
King distinguished between true love and “empty sentimentalism,” however. He taught — and showed — that love is “the active outpouring of one’s whole being into the being of another.”

Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross is the ultimate “active outpouring” of love, and we can choose to follow his example daily.

“Because of Calvary I’m free to choose,” writes Max Lucado in *When God Whispers Your Name*. “No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.”

—The Newsletter Newsletter (Jan. 2020)

Faces of Our Young First Followers - Faith Building & Fun!



 **SAVE THE DATE!**
our "second annual"
Chili Cook-off
will be
Sunday, March 1

Mission Central Children's Clothes Closet Needs....

~Winter coats for infant, 2T, and 3T (snowsuits, jackets etc.)
~Hats and gloves for older children age 2 and up
Please leave in the little crib in the narthex.

Pick up the latest edition of the UM District Newsletter from the narthex table each month!

Finance will meet Sunday, January 26 at 7:00 pm

Can't get to worship? Watch it LIVE! Check out our YouTube Channel! **DaytonUMC-VA**



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Move or change an email address,
Drop a land line or change a phone number,
THANKS!

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