

# 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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**JUNE  
2020**

## Opportunities to: Show **Love**, **Connect** with & **SERVE** People in Need

We have all seen news footage of the long lines of families seeking food. Fortunately, we have not experienced that here, but the West Rockingham Food Pantry has served as many as 120 families needing food in our community.



As a local mission for the month of June, we will **collect canned food items for the Pantry**. Look for a tub at the front door (please securely close the lid). Donations will be delivered the first week in July. All types of non-perishable items are needed and much appreciated.

The Harrisonburg District UMC **Mission Central Children's Clothes Closet** has not been open due to COVID-19 but has been helping individuals, working closely with the Health Department to identify needs. They have given over 5,000 diapers since the middle of March. **They need to order more diapers** and can really use our financial assistance. If you wish to make a donation, please put **Clothes Closet** in the item line on your check. We continue to collect children's clothes for them as well. If you have a key and are comfortable putting items in the crib in the narthex, please do so. If not, there will be a tub in front of the church.



Don't forget that **Equipment for Caring** also operates at Mission Central. If you or someone you know needs **free** loaner medical equipment or have some to donate contact Delores Reid at 540-383-6112 or the District Office at 540-433-2382. They try to maintain a large range of items from wheel chairs and hospital beds to adult diapers and first aid supplies.



**Melinda Shiflet** is coordinating our summer special music. If you, or someone you know, would like to enhance our worship experience one Sunday, please contact her. Voices, instruments, dance and drama can all be used to express the Gospel. Keep in mind that social distancing will most likely apply. Please consider sharing your talents in praise and worship. (867-5288; [shifletmelinda@verizon.net](mailto:shifletmelinda@verizon.net))

## HEALTHY CHURCH



### Join the **Healthy Church Team**

DUMC is working to develop a "**Healthy Church Team**" in accordance with the Virginia United Methodist Church Conference guidelines, to prepare for the time when we are able to offer in-person worship once again. The HCT will provide advice and counsel to Pastor Jenny, the Chairs of Trustees, Church Council, and S/PPRC as we prepare to reopen. If you are interested in being a part of the HCT please email or call Pastor Jenny. We are especially in need of someone in the medical field to be a part of the team.

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(703) 999-4973 or (540) 879-2102

## Scriptures -- June 2020

- 7 -- "Perseverance"  
*Graduate Sunday/Trinity Sunday*  
Psalm 8; Matthew 28: 16-20
- 14 -- "Humility"  
Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19;  
1 Peter 5: 6-11
- 21 -- "A Lesson from King David"  
*Father's Day*  
Romans 6: 1b-11; Psalm 138
- 28 -- "Faith to Reach Out"  
Psalm 13; Mark 5: 25-34

WATCH LIVE - SUNDAYS at 10:00  
on our YouTube Channel  
DaytonUMC-VA



a note from  
**Pastor  
Jenny**

Dear DUMC Family,

It's been over two months since we began experiencing pandemic, social isolation, and online worship only and I know it's been tough on everyone. It is important to remember God is still here. Good is still in the world, even if we have to look a bit harder to see it these days.

We are still able to worship, though it looks a bit different. I am grateful for the hard work of those who set up live streaming months before we knew how heavily it would be relied upon. We have a talented group of people making the service happen each week and I am thankful to all those working hard to put together meaningful worship.

The finances of the church are in a steady place, thanks to all of you who continue to be so generous in your giving. We have been able to pay all of our bills and keep our commitments to various ministries we support. Thank you for your faithfulness. I know this is a stressful time, and for some of you who are unable to work and earn a paycheck, things are really tight, but I would urge any of us, who are able, to continue to give what/when we can. (see page 6).

So, you may ask, what steps are we taking in order to move forward in these uncharted waters? In meeting with church council, we discussed a plan for the next few months. To begin with, in June we are going to be

working to develop a "Healthy Church Team." (read more below). Throughout June I will also be exploring options where we can have some sort of community in safe, smaller ways. If you have ideas or thoughts about this please let me know.

During July the HCT will be working on safety procedures for reopening our doors. The hope is that in August or September we may begin some level of in-person worship. This is our plan, but like everything right now plans are unstable and are, of course, all dependent on policies provided by state and VAUMC officials.

In the meantime, I pray you stay hopeful and healthy. If you need anything, if you have any thoughts or suggestions, if you simply want to chat, please don't hesitate to reach out to me, I'd love to hear from you.

I look forward to the day when we can be together again. Until then you remain held in my heart and lifted in my prayers.

Love & Blessings,

**Rev. Jenny Day**

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### How Soon is Too Soon? How Long is Too Long? How Will It Be to Be Together?

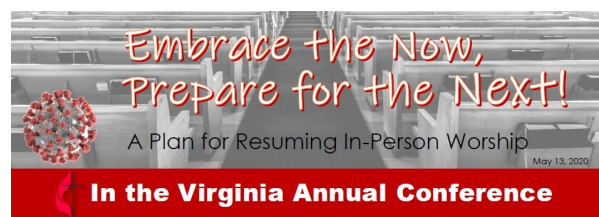
This past week Virginia began to open up a little more as we entered into Phase 1 on May 15<sup>th</sup>. What does this mean for Dayton UMC? The quick answer is that truthfully not much changes due to the continued concern of Covid-19. The Virginia Conference of the UMC put together a team to address safely reopening churches and they came up with a multi-page document that lays out 3 stages much like those out by the Governor. On Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, pioneer churches throughout the VAUMC conference began stage 1 of the VAUMC plan. Pioneer churches are congregations that agree to follow the requirements, rules, and protocols set forth by the VAUMC conference to move gradually into in-person worship and to communicate their lessons learned and best practices with the VAUMC. As eager as I am to be together with you all again, for the safety of our people I could not, in good conscience, volunteer us to be a pioneer church. Therefore, we will continue to worship through live streaming as we learn from sister churches in the state.

In the meantime, we are **working to develop a "Healthy Church Team"** in accordance with the VAUMC conference guidelines, to prepare for

when we are able to offer in-person worship. The HCT will provide advice and counsel to the Pastor, the Chairs of Trustees, Church Council, and S/PPRC as we prepare to reopen. **If you are interested in being a part of the HCT please email or call Pastor Jenny.** We are especially in need of someone in the medical field to be a part of the team.

For more information about VAUMC protocols please visit: [https://vaumc.org/return/?utm\\_source=mailpoet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=e-advocate-may+-19-2020\\_9](https://vaumc.org/return/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=e-advocate-may+-19-2020_9)

To view a copy of the Handbook for Local Churches in Reopening go to: <http://doc.vaumc.org/News2020/HandbookforLocalChurches.pdf>





### What's Your Sign? Get one of these!

We have ordered yard signs to let the community know about our live stream worship. If you would like to

put one in your yard, please stop by and pick one up. Let's get our name out in the community! **Signs will be available starting Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.**

### Thank You

Open Doors would like to thank all those at Dayton UMC who have shared time and resources supporting our emergency shelter through this extraordinary period. We are all struggling with fluctuating shelter-in-place protocols, not the least are those with no shelter at all. Your support has been instrumental, keeping our most vulnerable community members safe, as Open Doors has provided that shelter. We will continue our shelter at Godwin Hall through June 10<sup>th</sup>.



### Receiving High School Diplomas are:

**Madison Cofer** (TAHS), daughter of Whitney & the late Chris Cofer, will be attending James Madison University to major in Social Work.

**Zac Cunningham** (TAHS), son of Eric & Jill Cunningham, plans to attend Blue Ridge Community College when classes resume.

**Zach Gery** (TAHS), son of Ernie Gery, has joined the United States Army and reports to basic training in Missouri on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Payton Jackson** (TAHS), son of Cary & Stacie Jackson, will be attending Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, PA, to pursue an degree in education while continuing to his passion for wrestling.

**Abby Simmons** (TAHS), daughter of Joe & Amy Simmons, will be studying Business at Bridgewater College this fall.

**Evan Brandt** (ERHS) son of Gwyneth (Hill) & Michael Brandt will attend Blue Ridge Community College in the fall.

**Abi Gilmer** (BRChristian), daughter of Tim & Missy Gilmer has been accepted at Bridgewater College and plans to major in Psychology.

### College Graduates are:

**Rachael Simmons**, daughter of Robin Simmons, has graduated from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science in Business, double majoring in accounting and finance. She has also completed a semester of graduate-level courses and will earn a Master's degree in Accounting in December. She will study for the Certified Public Accounting exam and hopes to begin a career in auditing. During her time in college, she was actively involved in Cru campus ministry and loved cheering on the Hokies during football games!

**Natalie Helmick** has earned a degree from JMU in hospitality/event planning. She is the granddaughter of Doug & Diane Helmick.



**Students:** *are you presently in college or about to enter higher education? The Dayton United Methodist Women offer very generous **scholarships** every year to members of Dayton UMC. First-time applicants are awarded \$1,000, and you can receive \$500 for each year there after. *You do need to apply each year. Write a letter about yourself, your goals and needs and send it by July 15<sup>th</sup> to:**

Glenda Ryder  
185 Summit Street,  
Dayton, VA 22821

*"Solutions are not found by pointing fingers; they are reached by extending hands."*  
—Aysha Taryam

Keep moving. Don't stop. Don't stagnate.  
There is more to life than you have found thus far.  
This is not the end; it is only the beginning. Keep moving."

—SourceBook of Wit & Wisdom



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE



- 1 Jill Wright
- 3 Aaron Lough
- 4 Nancy Byrd
- 4 Shaun Stover
- 6 Ramona Evans
- 6 Irene Rebholtz
- 7 Jim Cooper
- 8 Leslie Sites
- 10 Ellianna Appleton
- 10 Donna Kenney
- 11 Joe Helsing
- 13 Emily Estes
- 14 Payton Jackson
- 16 Shannon Ruminski
- 22 Vince Gilmer
- 22 Cole Hamann
- 23 Carl Rasnack
- 24 Kim Guyer
- 26 Dan Tatro



- 6 Bernard & Julie Hamann ('92)
- 13 Don & Polly Fravel ('81)
- 13 Phil & Ramona Evans ('65)
- 16 Dennis & Lolly Miller ('84)
- 16 Michael & Holly Harold ('01)
- 16 Phil & Betsy Gentry ('84)
- 17 Don & Stacey Bowers ('95)
- 17 Travis & Mary Ryder ('06)
- 19 Todd & Kim Nieder ('99)
- 21 Larry & Nancy Hedrick ('69)
- 24 Jamie & Katrina Eberly ('95)
- 25 Don & Betty Lou Huffman ('60)
- 27 Mark & Tracey Simmers ('98)



...to the family and friends of **Chris Cofer** who died May 8, 2020. Please keep his wife Whitney and daughters Madison & Macey in prayer.

... to **Sally Smith** on the death of her mother, Jo Anna Sullivan, on May 14<sup>th</sup>.



**Mingling Singles** is a fellowship group for adult singles. Our next activity is still to be determined but will happen as soon as we get a green light to gather. Watch for details. If you have questions or suggestions contact:

*Elsie Cox* (434-9403;  
emc112338@gmail.com);

*Chris Simmons* (820-4333;  
cpsimmons03@gmail.com) or

*Nancy Harper* (828-2221).

**Ed & Flo Byrd**

"would like to thank our Church family for all the acts of kindness shown to us. Ed received 79 birthday cards."



"Thank you for the many cards, calls, prayers and numerous acts of care we received during my mother's illness and death. She enjoyed coming to worship at DUMC when she was able and had many friends here. Remember to be like mom and always have a song in your heart."

**-Sally Smith**



### ~ Welcoming the Holy ~

Abraham and Sarah welcomed three strangers who turned out to be the Lord.

Jesus said, "If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple," the giver will be rewarded (Matt. 10:42, NIV).

An ancient Jewish proverb asserts: "Hospitality is one form of worship."

A Russian Orthodox monk is said to have told a younger one, "Sometimes I see a stranger coming up the road and I say, 'Oh, Jesus Christ, is it you again?'"

And an old Gaelic poem declares, "Often, often, often, goes the Christ in the stranger's guise."

Sometimes we think we must do something big to serve God. Today, when you smile at someone on the street, take time to entertain a child's question, bring cookies to a new neighbor, thank a server or clerk ... know that you are serving Jesus, that you are worshiping God. **-Heidi Mann**



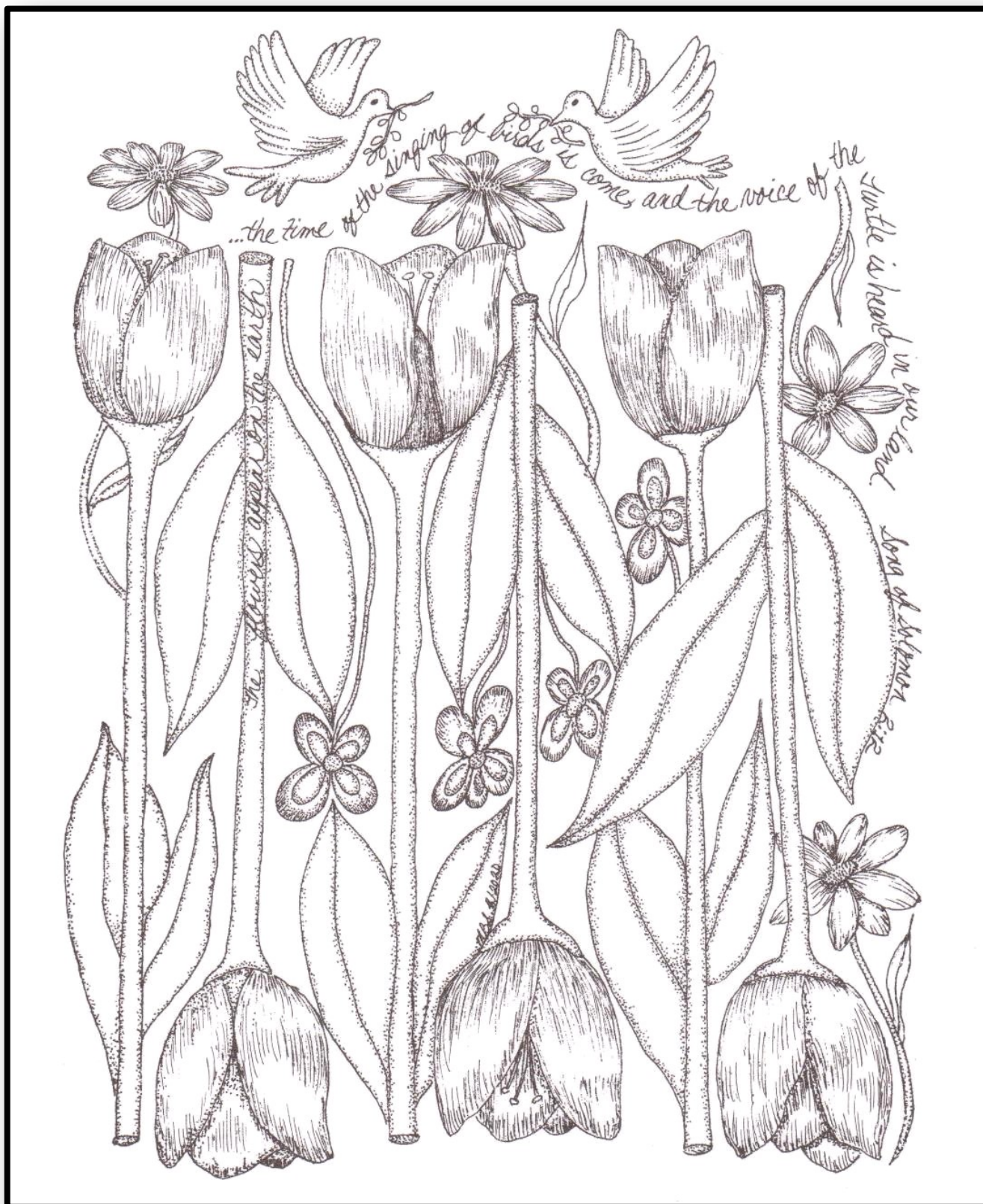
### Congratulations Are In Order! Applause to:

~ **Madison Cofer** for finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the State for Creative Writing in the Short Story category for her entry, "Number";

~ **Zach Gery** for being named to the All City/County Indoor Track Team in the shotput;

~ **Payton Jackson** for being named to the All City/County Wrestling Team (120 class);

~**Evan Brandt** for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. As his project he created a fenced play area for children at Mission Central Clothes Closet, giving parents free hands to "shop."



Contributed by Melinda Shiflet. This is a 'coloring page' she designed inspired by Solomon's Song of Songs 2:12. Feel free to print it and give it your own interpretation using pencils, paints, markers, crayons, or another technique. May it give you joy.

*"The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds has come,  
and the voice of the turtle [dove] is heard in our land"*

Treasurer's Report: Jan - April 2020 Budget	
Contributions/Income	\$94,063.73
Expenditures	\$102,043.50
Year-to-Date Budget	\$107,357.66
Designated Contributions	\$1,684.55
Mortgage Report as of April 30, 2020	
Loan Amount	\$650,000.00
Principal payments	\$28,218.44
Loan Balance	\$621,781.56
Extra payments on principal	\$483,667.77 **
** Includes Original + Refinanced Mortgage	

### 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 guarantees uninterrupted giving during vacations, illness, weather closure or - like now - dreaded pandemics.

Just visit our website [www.daytonumc.net](http://www.daytonumc.net) or call Mary Beth in the church office for more information.

Many members send checks automatically through their bank and the tried & true "write a check and mail it" method also works.

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**Finance meets Sunday, June 14 at 7:00; Council meets Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00**



After much prayer and deliberation, reviewing the feedback from families and chatting with Pastor Jenny and the Council it has been decided to cancel the **Youth Mission Trip** to Atlanta this summer. There are too many obstacles and uncertainties to pull it off.

Because of ongoing concerns with Covid-19 we've decided to cancel our **2020 Vacation Bible School**. There are so many unknowns right now and we feel it's too risky to put the health of our children and volunteers in jeopardy. Since we will save the curriculum, we will continue to collect supplies: big cardboard boxes, oatmeal boxes, and tea lights. Please call Mary Ryder at 540-607-6286 for any questions or to donate supplies.

**Virginia Annual Conference** has been rescheduled to September. The UMWomen will continue to collect items for Hygiene and School kits up to that time. There are lists available from the church office or at the website below. Thank you for your generous support! [www.umcor/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies](http://www.umcor/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies)

### "THE TUB"

at the church's front door holds many items that are instruments of the mission and ministries of Dayton UMC.

#### For you to take away:

1. *Newsletters* - if you want a paper copy. This one & the latest issue of the District newsletter.
2. *Upper Room* daily devotionals for May/June in both large and regular print.

#### For you to give away:

1. *Canned food or non-perishable staples* for the West Rockingham Food Pantry.
2. *Children's Clothes* for Mission Central (slide monetary donations under the front door, please)

Watch Worship when you want or LIVE! Check out our YouTube Channel! **DaytonUMC-VA**



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**R**emember to contact the church office if you:  
Move or change an email address,  
Drop a land line or change a phone number,  
**THANKS!**

Direct questions and submissions for this publication to:  
Sally Smith, Editor at [DUMCNews@comcast.net](mailto:DUMCNews@comcast.net)  
I have a box in the Coffee Social Room, too!  
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