YTON 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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SEPTEMBER 2020

In-Person Worship Resumes August 30!! **

**some restrictions apply

Beginning Aug. 30th join us in person on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall!

Thank you to everyone who answered the survey about re-opening the church doors. Earlier in August, our Healthy Church Team met to review your feedback. Based on these responses, DUMC sent a proposal to the District Superintendent to use our Fellowship Hall for viewing of the live-stream worship. The plan was approved and beginning Sunday, August 30th, the Fellowship Hall will be opened a little before 10:00 a.m. for our church family to gather together to watch the live-stream worship. If you plan to join us here are some important things to know:

- Masks are required for everyone (disposable ones available for those who need it). If you have a condition that does not allow you to wear a mask, for your safety please stay home.
- If you have been feeling ill or have a fever please stay home.

- Chairs will be spaced 6 feet apart. Families may sit together but please keep a six-foot distance from others at all times (this means no hugging or hand shaking...we know it's hard, but it's to keep us all safe).
- Every other parking spot will be marked off in order to maintain social distancing.
- No singing in the Fellowship Hall will be allowed (feel free to hum along though!)
- Offering baskets will be placed at the entrance but will not be passed.
- Please enter through the far-right door under the overhang. Other doors will be locked.

We look forward to seeing some of you on the 30th but we also want to stress that if you are not comfortable being in large or small gatherings right now, know you have our full support. In this unprecedented time, we all need to decide what is best for ourselves and our families.

"A Place called Philippi"

Worship Scriptures for September 2020

Pastor Jenny begins a sermon series that will take us on a journey to Philippi. The Christians in this city loved Paul and his letter to them is considered his most personal. The themes of humility, peace, joy and rejoicing are both timely and timeless. My mother quoted from Philippians often! They are "words to live by!"

6 Acts 16: 11-12, 16-31

13 Exodus 15: 1b-6, 11; Philippians 4: 10-13

20 Exodus 16: 2-8; Philippians 3: 4b-14

27 Exodus 17: 1-7; Philippians 2: 1-13

Watch Worship LIVE! Check out our YouTube Channel! **DaytonUMC-VA**



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Back-to-School = The Need for Food

Pence Middle School food backpacks are coming back! During the months of September and October, DUMC will be responsible for

providing nutritious food to serve students of Pence that have been identified as 'food insecure' on weekends. We anticipate a greater need this school year with up to 24 backpacks being filled weekly. This will be our 4th year with this mission made possible by the wonderful support of our DUMC congregation!

Due to COVID19, we have had to make some adjustments to our process. Please consider helping in any of the following ways:

- Monetary donations are welcomed by noting "food backpacks" in the memo of your check and mailing to the church.
- Food donations will be collected starting Aug. 24th. The **downstairs door of the church** (by the covered drive) will be unlocked on Mondays from 3:00-5:00

with boxes just inside. If this is not convenient, please contact Stacie Jackson to arrange another time/day for drop off. Please consider donating any of the *priority* items listed below:

Peanut butter, 28 oz plastic jar, creamy		
Cereal bowl – single serving size		
Fruit cups		
Crackers – boxes need to have individual sleeves		
Jelly, 28 oz plastic jar		
Juice boxes		
Canned vegetables (15 oz)		

• Shopping – If you wish to be an "angel shopper" please call or email Stacie directly schedule and receive a shopping list.

Please remember *single serving sizes only* as we are not able to divide larger boxes into individual servings.

Stacie Jackson: 540-560-5300; scjackson@vcsb.org



"Kits for Conference" Plan B (or maybe C)

As we are all very well aware, the Annual Conference is very different this year. It has been postponed and will be an online event rather than an in-person gathering of United Methodists celebrating, singing, and bringing their "Kits For Conference" that they have assembled.

"Kits For Conference" is a great tradition of missional support in the Virginia Conference, and an important missional effort that helps to support many impoverished families, as well as disaster response preparedness. Kits can also be assembled in the safety of one's home during the pandemic, and still contribute to the blessing of others.

This year, the kits will not be transported to Annual Conference, but will instead be collected at Grottoes UMC for the entire Harrisonburg District. The collection deadline is September 18, 2020.

The Dayton UMWomen have prepared for several months to assemble School Kits and Health Kits and thank everyone who has contributed. It is not too late to give funds for UMCOR to purchase relief kits! Write a check to DUMC with the memo *Conference Kits* and your gift will get to the right place. The values are: \$75 for each cleaning bucket; \$12 for each health kit and \$11 for each school kit. Additionally, UMCOR asks for \$1 per kit (\$3 for cleaning buckets) to cover processing and shipping and \$1 for toothpaste for each health kit.

If you have questions or need to arrange to get kits to Grottoes UMC, contact Glenda Ryder or the church office.

Great News!

The Mission Central Clothes Closet has re-opened! Hours are 10:00 to 1:00 on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed. If you are fluent in Spanish they could especially use your help. Call the Harrisonburg District Office at 540-433-2382 to volunteer or find out more.

If you have children's clothes to share, put them in the tub outside the front door or in the crib in the narthex.

Treasurer's Report: Jan-July 2020 Budget		
Contributions/Income	\$163,706.88	
Expenditures	\$162,900.76	
Year-to-Date Budget	\$188,451.08	
Designated Contributions	\$52,117.45	
Mortgage Report as of July 31, 2020		
Loan Amount	\$650,000.00	
Principal payments	\$85,203.88	
Loan Balance	\$564,796.12	
Extra payments on principal	\$537,157.77 **	
** Includes Original + Refinanced Mortgage		



Anniversaries

- 5 George & Michelle Brinkley ('09)
- 6 Mike & Jean Click ('80)
- 6 Kevin & Gail Mitchell ('86)
- 7 David & Erika Gregory ('02)
- 18 Joe & Amy Simmons ('99)
- 20 Steve & Pat Ruminski ('80)
- 22 Terry & Nancy Stockner ('12)
- 25 Dave & Mary Jane McCoy ('04)
- 28 Barry & Jan Lambert ('96)

<u>Birthdays</u>

- 1 Maris Lough
- 2 Donald Fravel
- 5 Perry Suter
- 6 Don Bowers
- 6 Mary Nieswander
- 9 Ginny Deeds
- 11 Barry Lambert
- 13 Michael Click
- 13 Donald Huffman
- 13 Diane Pennington
- 13 Sterling Rose Slayton
- 13 Mary Beth Morris
- 14 Samuel Groseclose
- 15 Melinda Shiflet
- 17 Hugh Robinson
- 20 Lee Dellinger
- 20 Lena Osborne
- 20 Mary Ryder
- 25 Matthew Sites
- 29 Lois Lineberry
- 30 Betsy Gentry
- 30 Colton Mitchell
- 30 Phyllis Ward



Nancy Harper is deeply grateful for the many expressions of support and caring she has received. The cards, calls, notes of cheer and especially the PRAYERS of the Church Family mean so much. Everyone has been so attentive during her recent illness. She has not healed as hoped and had an additional procedure on August 20 which appears to be very successful She is recovering at home.



Jim Nutter thanks the church family for the many cards and calls he and Carrie received following the deaths of his brother and sister-in-law.



A Thank You to Mary Beth

As you know, our wonderful Administrative Assistant, Mary Beth Morris, is leaving for a new journey on August 29th. Mary Beth and her husband, Bobby, are the new on-site directors of Robin's Nest, a ministry to orphans in Jamaica that "provides a safe, loving and Christ-centered environment where each child can grow physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually." As Mary Beth enters this next chapter, I want to first say a huge thank you for the 4 years she has dedicated to DUMC. Mary Beth has worked tirelessly at the church, often putting in extra hours, to make sure all the needs of the church have been met, and she's done so all with a smile on her face. It has been a joy to work with Mary Beth over the last year and I greatly appreciate how much she helped me to get acclimated to the Valley. I will especially miss our chats in the office and our sporadic sushi lunch dates. As sad as I am to see Mary Beth go, I am also incredibly proud of her for following God's call on her life and I am so excited for her. I know Mary Beth has had a passion for

mission work from a young age and I can't imagine anyone better to minister to the orphans at Robin's Nest. In appreciation for Mary Beth's 4 years of service to DUMC, the church has given her a love offering to help her as she gets settled in at Robin's Nest. Mary Beth's new position is a non-compensated commitment for two years. If you feel led to offer your support through prayer and/or financial resources, please visit their website at www.morris-mission.weebly.com. Mary Beth and Bobby, know that you go with the love and support of me and DUMC. We wish you all the best and pray God's blessings over you, the staff, and the children at Robin's Nest.

~Pastor Jenny

Our Charge Conference (virtual) will be October 24th 4-4:30 pm.

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, September 27