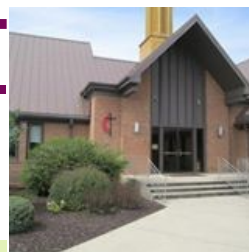


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**OCTOBER
2020**



World Communion Sunday

Sharing the Lord's Supper - in a pandemic.....

On October 4th, we will celebrate Holy Communion during online worship. If you would like to participate you may either buy your own bread and grape juice to have at home or you may stop by the church from Oct. 1-3 and pick up individual Communion elements from the basket outside the front doors. Join spiritual hands at Table with the global family of God.

Worship update

On August 30th, DUMC opened our Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for Live Stream Worship viewing. In the Sundays since we started, we've had between 11-15 people gather for this unique worship experience. We continue to invite you to come and join us each week.

A HUGE thank you to the members of our Healthy Church Team who have worked so hard to bring this about. Thank you for your tireless dedication to setting up and cleaning up each week. Also, thank you to Debbie Crist, Carl Rasnack, and Graham Witt for all your hard work getting the AV/sound/projection up and running in the Fellowship Hall in addition to keeping the Live Stream rolling every week.



Feeding Families in Need

Food backpacks are well underway with our number up to 20 each week. Thank you to our Angel Shoppers as well as the monetary and food donations shared that make this mission possible! If you would like to be an Angel Shopper, please reach out to Stacie Jackson at scjackson@vcsb.org or call 540-560-5300. The cost is reimbursable due to the generosity of our church family.

Important update on food items:

we have all the peanut butter and jelly required for remainder of the packing commitment.

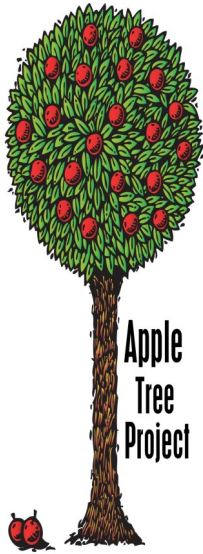
We need any of the following food donations:

- Ramen noodles
- Individual mac n' cheese cups
- Canned vegetables (15 oz cans)
- Boxes of crackers – must be crackers in individual sleeves
- Individual soup bowls
- Individual cereal bowls
- Individual cookie or chip bags

Church doors under the covered drive are open each Monday for drop-off.

Worship in October

<u>Day</u>	<u>Sermon Title</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>
4 World Communion Sunday	A Hunger for the Bread of Heaven	Exodus 16:2-15	Matthew 21:42-46
11 19th Sunday after Pentecost	A Royal Wedding	Psalms 106:1-5	Matthew 22:1-14
18 Laity Sunday	Graham Witt preaching		
25 Reformation Sunday	The Greatest Commandment	Psalms 90:1-6	Matthew 22:34-46



Apple Tree Project 2020

Once again, Dayton UMC will be supporting the **Kingsway Apple Tree Project**. This special ministry collects Christmas gifts for children of families affected by the incarceration of a parent or step-parent. However, this year the collection of gifts will take on a different look due to the COVID-19 virus. Below, you will find 3 ways in which you can choose to support this mission.

- A) Stop by our Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 11th either before or following in-person worship and choose a name. Shop for the gift, return the gift with \$5-\$8 for shipping to the designated box in the narthex during church office hours. November 8th is the deadline for returning all gifts.
- B) Email Linda Wine, lswine@comcast.net to choose a name and follow the directions for shopping & gift return in option A.
- C) Send a check in the amount of \$20 for the gift and cost of shipping, with the designation "Apple Tree Project" in the memo line to the church office and DUMC elves will shop for you.

As with many other things in 2020, this is the best approach to bring a smile to a child's face on Christmas morning. Please help us make this happen.

"S'more Jesus" Youth Bible Study

All Youth are invited to join Pastor Jenny for Bible study & s'mores Wednesday nights in October.

When: Wednesdays October 7, 14, 21, 28 from 6:30-8pm

Where: The parsonage driveway (245 Ashby St)

What to bring: A camping chair, a mask, a drink, and a Bible

Please RSVP to Pastor Jenny so we know how many marshmallows to get!

daytonpastor@comcast.net 703-999-4873



A Message From Pastor Jenny "Thank You to Stephen Lilly"

Back in June high school senior Stephen Lilly came before Church Council with a proposal for his Eagle Scout Project. Stephen offered to turn a classroom in the children's wing, which at the time was being used as a storage area, into an updated children's library. The Church Council unanimously and enthusiastically approved and during the summer Stephen and his crew have been working hard to transform the

space. The project has included building a beautiful full-wall book case and securing it to the space, painting a cute mural of some familiar literary faces, and collecting books to add to the church's collection. To complete the project Stephen will put together a catalog system of the books.

Stephen, along with his whole family and team of Scouts, has done an outstanding job and I want to thank him for gifting the church with this wonderful addition. I look forward to when our children will be able to come and enjoy it!
-JD





Introducing Our New Staff!

We are pleased to announce that **Keri L. Hiner** has accepted the position of **Administrative Assistant**.

Keri comes to DUMC after 14 years as an assistant at Bridgewater Preschool and then becoming one of the directors of the program. Keri and her husband, Chad, live in Bridgewater and have two children. Their son, Blaine, is working in Jekyll Island, Georgia with a conservation group. Their daughter, Kaylee, attends college in Williamsburg, Virginia and is studying communications. They are active members of Otterbein United Methodist Church in Harrisonburg. Keri enjoys all things Disney! She also enjoys traveling and spending time with family, especially her children and 5-year-old nephew.



Keri, Blaine, Kaylee and Chad

At this time Keri's office hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Welcome to the DUMC Family, Keri!



Let me introduce you to **Anna Showalter**, our new **pianist**.

Anna grew up in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania but has roots in the Valley. She is a Doctoral Candidate of Piano at JMU but has already earned three degrees - Bachelor's of Music and Religious History (Goshen College in Indiana), a Master's of Piano (University of South Florida) and a Master's of Divinity (Duke University). She's been married to Stefan Hess for three years and they live in the Park View area of Harrisonburg. Anna and Stefan have an "urban farm" that is a Community Supported Agriculture program (CSA). They love growing and selling organic vegetables and pray they can do it on a larger scale in the future.

If you need to contact Anna, her email is annashowalter@gmail.com. Anna, we are looking forward to hearing you share your talents with us!

We are thrilled that **Nicole Jenkins** has returned as **Choir Director**. She and the choir are working to find ways to contribute to worship and still conform to pandemic safety guidelines.

Nicole is in the Doctorate Program at JMU, majoring in Voice. She grew up in New York City and earned her undergraduate degree at University of Maryland at College Park. Her parents now live in Chesapeake, Virginia, where her mother was born and raised (and where Nicole and her brother spent most of their summers during childhood).

When asked about her favorite artists and inspirations, Nicole replied, "Kathleen Battle, renowned lyric soprano inspired me to sing classically and I was honored to visited her at the Kennedy Center during a dress rehearsal when I was in college. The Clark Sisters are amazing, too. I learned a lot about how to sing gospel music from them!"



Need to contact Nicole?
Her email address is
nicole.d.jenkins@gmail.com

In addition to music, Nicole enjoys writing, journaling, shopping, living in other countries, and traveling to Caribbean islands. Upon completion of her degree, she wants to continue to sing professionally for audiences large and small as well as teach either at a university or conservatory of music. Her ultimate goal would be to start a music school of her own and introduce classical music to underrepresented communities.



Birthdays

- 1 Jan Lambert
- 1 Beth Moseley
- 1 Janis Ralston
- 2 Nicholas Stockner
- 4 Sarah Ralston
- 5 Brendan Parsley
- 5 Norma Snyder
- 6 Doris W. Bowman
- 7 Earl Thornton
- 10 Bonnie Dellinger
- 11 Jeff Weaver
- 12 Harold Meyerhoeffer
- 15 Lolly Miller
- 16 Kim Nieder
- 17 Jenny Day
- 17 Kathy Suter
- 21 Margaret Thornton
- 23 Phil Gentry
- 24 Carter Alley
- 27 John Ralston
- 27 Chris Simmons
- 29 Cameron Jackson
- 31 Drew Eberly

Anniversaries

- 24 Tom & Brenda Legg ('92)
- 26 Hugh & Betty Robinson ('91)

"Thanks for the Memories"

If you watch our live stream service you may have noticed that after several years with us, Yanet Bermudez is no longer at the piano on Sunday mornings. Yanet recently accepted a job in Florida to teach music and Spanish. We are so grateful for the years she shared her gifts with us and are sad to see her go. Yet, we wish her all the best in this next chapter. We know she will be a blessing to all her students!

If you would like to send Yanet a card and/or small gift, her new address is:

Yanet Bermudez
3940 Elvira Ct.
New Port Richey, FL 34655



Thanks to **Elsie Cox, Chris Simmons, Norma and Jim Snyder** for delivering the large number of food items you donated to the West Rockingham Food Pantry. Your generosity was amazing!

From Lena Osborne: "We truly appreciate all the prayers, cards, meals and phone calls. We are so blessed to be part of this wonderful church family. Hopefully I will have a diagnosis soon."

From Judy Austin: "I want to thank everyone for the food, flowers, cards, calls, and prayers I received during Tom's illness and passing. I deeply appreciate all that my church family has done during my own health struggles as well. God bless you all."

Adam Wright and his wife Kim had a baby boy September 15, 2020. **Caine Donald Wright** weighed 8 lbs, 2 oz and was 20½ inches long. His very proud grandparents are Keith & Jill Wright.



Brett Minnick and his wife Ann had a baby girl September 2, 2020. **Raelynn Parker Minnick** weighed 10 lbs, 8 oz, and was 21 inches long. Her happy grandparents are Barry & Connie Minnick.



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Zach completes his basic training in two weeks and will enter the IT Heavy Equipment School. He will learn how to drive and repair all the Army's big "tools." Keep Zach, and all those in the service, in prayer.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

During a church anniversary celebration, a pastor overheard a group discussing various congregational leaders over the years. Her ears perked up when an older member said, "Whenever someone asks which of our pastors I liked best, my answer is always, 'The one we have at any given time is my favorite.'"

What a relief for the pastor to hear — and what a great lesson for Pastor Appreciation Month. God sends each shepherd to us with a specific set of spiritual gifts and then works through those gifts to bless us.

(From *The Newsletter Newsletter*; Oct. 2020)

Thank you, God, for giving us Pastor Jenny and thank you, Jenny, for being a faithful and loving servant and shepherd.



The Bells are Back! Director Ramona Evans reports, "We are happy to be together social distancing and wearing masks! We are practicing on Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. and plan to share special music on October 18th."



REPORT ON THE VIRTUAL SESSION OF THE 238TH VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



~submitted by **Connie Gilmer**

On September 19, 2020 I “attended” the virtual Virginia Annual Conference. The Conference slated for June was postponed due to the corona virus and then it was decided not to have an in-person conference but to conduct the necessary business in a half-day virtual format. Other matters, such as ordination, were conducted by separate Zoom meetings. I substituted for Debbey Roadcap, DUMC’s Conference Lay Member, who could not “attend” that day.

There were two practice sessions that week which I really appreciated since I am not all that savvy on the computer. But I was able Zoom in and had the voter screen up and ready. Hold the phone—technical difficulties! That’s right—the voting app did not work on that Saturday, and the Bishop had to postpone the meeting again. So there were no motions voted on, but some reports were given, and I would like to give you a very brief account of some of the items that did transpire or were reported on.

The theme of this 238th VA Annual Conference was: **“See All The People”** based on Romans 15:7 which reads: **“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”** (NRSV)

As Bishop Lewis pointed out that this time of pandemic and unrest has caused us to “see” all the people. She added that we have a Christian responsibility to all our brothers and sisters. And we need to remember that God will never leave us nor forsake us. The session was opened in prayer and the singing of “And Are We Yet Alive”, a hymn written by Charles Wesley and sung at annual conferences since the days of John and Charles Wesley.

There were two “Glory Sightings” videos. Highlighted this year were Henry Fork Center and a Latino Outreach on the Eastern Shore.

Following are some notes taken during the session:

- ♦ One quote: Let us *“Love those with whom we disagree and disagree with those whom we love.”*
- ♦ Two new faith communities were started in 2020, even with being closed for in-person worship most of the year.
- ♦ The VA Conference has 314,000 members with an average attendance of 96,000 and 82,000 engaged in small groups. There were 2500 professions of faith and 2000 baptisms. The net change in membership was -1.0%. (numbers have been rounded off)
- ♦ Financially, the VA Conference is in a strong position as far as cash reserves. The apportionments have been prioritized to give local churches some relief during this time when congregations have not been meeting. It is proposed in the budget for 2021 that there will be a 1.5-million-dollar reduction in conference apportionments or -16.34% and a reduction of -4.54% in clergy benefit apportionments. The total apportionments in the proposed conference budget for 2021 is \$27,850,000 or a reduction of \$3,600,000. Through August there has been an apportionment shortfall of 6% from 2019. The decrease in collections has been 3.74%.

As I said, voting did not take place. The Bishop said she hoped to reschedule in 2020 if the technical difficulties can be worked out. If not, everything would wait until the 2021 VA Annual Conference. -CG

DUMC’s UMWomen

are pleased to announce that **20 school kits & 10 hygiene kits** were assembled & delivered to Church Word Service for distribution.

THANK YOU for your generous contributions to this Annual Conference mission tradition.

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

The Children’s Clothes Closet at Mission Central was recently featured on WHSV. Chairperson Artie Frederick was interviewed by Bob Corso during National Diaper Need Awareness Week. Here is a link to the segment if you missed it.

<https://www.whsv.com/2020/09/22/1on1-national-diaper-need-awareness-week/>

Treasurer's Report: Jan - July 2020 Budget	
Contributions/Income	\$186,792.13
Expenditures	\$185,378.45
Year-to-Date Budget	\$215,372.63
Designated Contributions	\$59,590.00
Mortgage Report as of July 31, 2020	
Loan Amount	\$650,000.00
Principal payments	\$87,606.96
Loan Balance	\$562,393.04
Extra payments on principal	\$538,237.77 **
** Includes Original + Refinanced Mortgage	

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Helping the World See Jesus

In 1936, a group of pastors launched World-Wide Communion Day. Amid the Great Depression, they were looking for a way to meet people's spiritual needs and unite Christians in their dedication to Christ.

The observance, now known as World Communion Sunday, is held on the first Sunday of October. For eight decades, it has served as a reminder that Christians around the globe share the same meal in remembrance of Jesus.

The church's role isn't only to "take Christ to the world," thus fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20, but to recognize Christ *already* at work in the world and help others see him, too. God is visible through his handiwork, but easily seen? Not always. So the church is called to direct the world's gaze past mere "human decency" or "good fortune" to God as the ultimate Source of goodness.

When someone professes atheism but also awe at nature, we might gently share our conviction that God designed such beauty. When medical care yields a cure, we can thank Jesus openly for healing. When community volunteers deliver toys to foster children; when counselors help families communicate; when neighbors welcome newcomers ... *there* is Jesus.

Christ doesn't hole up in church buildings until church members "take him" to the world; he works in the world, through church and unchurched alike. But the church is key to helping people recognize him.

From The Newsletter Newsletter

In **Christ**
there is no
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In Him no
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↑ **North**;
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Throughout the
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Move or change an email address,
Drop a land line or change a phone number,
THANKS!

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I have a box in the Coffee Social Room, too!
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