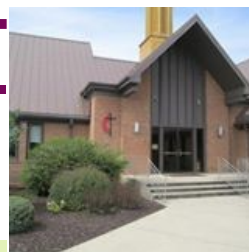


# DAYTON UNITED METHODIST

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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**MARCH  
2021**



## Ways to Observe LENT

Join the Dayton United Methodist Church Family in Worship every **Sunday at 10:00 a.m.** by viewing from your home on our YouTube channel, DaytonUMC-VA, or by watching with others gathered in the Coffee Social Area using pandemic protocols.



**Attend Special Lenten Worship Services Sunday afternoons at 1:00 p.m.** **In-Person** in the Sanctuary with pandemic protocols. This short time of prayer and reflection is intended to help prepare our hearts for Easter. Communion elements provided.



**Join the Lenten Study happening Wednesdays evenings from 7:00 to 8:30.** You can come in-person to the Choir Room with pandemic protocols or join in via Zoom. Our book is *Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross* by Susan Robb. Contact Pastor Jenny for the Zoom link and where to find the book.



**Use the Lenten Giving Calendar prepared by the Witness Team.** These daily 'observations' of our lives, possessions and time provide an avenue to share a small portion of what God has given us with people in need. All monies collected will be donated to the Salvation Army. Hard copies & treasure chests can be found at the front door or contact the church office to get it by email.

## **Easter Sunday Worship Announcement**

**On April 4<sup>th</sup> our Resurrection Celebration is offered In-Person in the Sanctuary at 10:00 in addition to online!**

If you desire to attend in-person, please note that limited space is available so you **must register** for the service by emailing or calling the church office **by March 21<sup>st</sup>**.

The following COVID-19 protocols will be followed:

- ♦ Pews will be marked. Stay 6' from those not in your household. Seating is spaced accordingly, but families may sit together.
- ♦ Masks are required for all people 5 years and older; disposable masks are provided if you don't have one.
- ♦ All worship team members, including the pastor, will wear masks the entire time.
- ♦ No singing will be allowed but you may hum to your heart's content.
- ♦ Please stay home if you are not feeling well.

*We look forward to worshipping with you on Easter, whether online or in-person!*

"The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies."

—Kate McGahan

## **THE TIMES**

- Please wear a mask whenever you are in the building(s). We provide them if you don't have one.

- Stay 6 feet from those not in your household. Seating is spaced accordingly

- If you don't feel well, stay home.



## **THE TUBS**

at the front door hold many items that are tools of the mission and ministries of our church:

For you to take:

*Newsletters and Lenten Calendars to read or share.*

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*March/April issue The Upper Room daily devotionals in both large and regular print.*

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*Communion Elements for home use.*

For you to leave:

*Diapers for adults or babies and any other items for Mission Central.*





3 Rodney Guyer  
3 Steve Ruminski  
5 Gail Mitchell  
6 Bryan Bland  
8 Sarah Heatwole  
8 Betsy Hedrick  
11 Landon Brinkley  
12 Sally Parsley Howe  
12 Hunter Wheelbarger  
13 Larry Hedrick  
15 Jamie Eberly  
15 Glenda Ryder  
17 Erika Gregory  
20 Denise Cooper  
20 Katrina Eberly  
20 Travis Ryder  
20 Garrett Ryder  
25 Jack Osborne  
25 Wesley Gregory  
30 Kaitlyn Mosley  
31 Nancy Stockner  
31 Jackie Stover



8 David & Ruth Culver ('97)  
12 Ed & Judy Powell ('99)  
21 Jeff & Sally Smith ('81)

## Congregational Communications

"Thanks so much for all the calls, emails, cards, flowers, and prayers from our church family following the death of Barry's Father. We are blessed to be a part of DUMC!"  
-**Connie & Barry Minnick**

**Keith and Glenda Ryder** get mail at their home 185 Summit Street, Dayton. They no longer have a post office box.

**The Upper Room** is a free daily devotional. The March/April issue has come. They are in regular or large print in the tubs at the front doors.

### **"Dear Members of Dayton UMC,**

I apologize for not having specific names, but want to thank you deeply for the amazing and generous donations to Mission Central's Children's Clothes Closet. They will bless so many children in our community. We are so grateful for all you do to support our mission. Your gifts seem to arrive exactly when needed - God's perfect timing! Please pass on our thanks to all who participated."

Blessings to all,

**Your friends and volunteers at Children's Clothes Closet**

[Note from Lena Osborne: We took 763 diapers, three bags of clothes, hats and gloves and some beautiful handmade afghans to Mission Central in early February. Thank you, DUMC!]

**We continue to collect for Mission Central.** They are in need of socks and underwear for both boys and girls of the elementary school age. Baby supplies, especially diapers, are always welcome. There is also a need for adult size diapers at this time. To donate, drop items in the crib in the Narthex or the bin outside of the church's front door.

### **Pastor Jenny Needs Your Feedback** (condensed version of her letter dated Feb. 23, 2021)

Dear Dayton UMC Family,

I recently mailed each member a short survey about worship. It is important to me that your faith needs are being met. This year has been hard on all of us and I know we are all doing the best we can to get through it. I am so grateful for our worship team who continues to provide meaningful live-stream worship week after week. I am grateful for the church leadership who continues to minister to the needs of our church community. And I am grateful for each one of you and your faithfulness to the ministries of our church.

I am asking for your feedback. Please ponder and pray about the following questions and then please let me know where you and your family are at in regards to each one.

1. *Are you satisfied with the Live-stream worship? Is there something we could do differently to make it more meaningful?*
2. *Would you prefer in-person worship, and if it was offered would you plan on attending?* (masks would be required, limited amount of people would be able to come and would have to remain 6 ft. apart from those not in your household, no hugging or shaking hands. The congregation would not be allowed to sing).
3. *Would you be comfortable meeting in the church for Sunday School or small groups?* (masks and social distancing would be required)

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and respond. Please send your feedback to me through email or a phone call by March 12<sup>th</sup>. I hope you are staying healthy and encouraged. I miss you and I am praying for you.

Blessings,

**Pastor Jenny**

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540-879-1352 (home)  
jenny.day@comcast.net or  
daytonpastor@comcast.net



### **Easter Basket Update: 1,000 almost ready to go!**

Praise God and Thank You! When complete, we will have 1,000 baskets to share with needy children all over our area! Packing was different due to limited group size, etc. We had to be done by March 11<sup>th</sup> to allow time for quarantine before distribution at the end of the month. Only four more assembly dates to go!

We deeply appreciate everyone who donated items, baskets and funds and those who helped with assembly (either at home or with others). We still need help with distribution. If you can pitch in contact me, Debbey Roadcap, at debbey\_r@yahoo.com or 540-478-3114.  
-Debbey

### **Mark Your Calendar for VBS July 18 - 22!**

The *Vacation Bible School* leadership is planning to host VBS July 18-22 with COVID-19 precautions in place. We would like to get an idea of where our church family is in terms of comfortability both in helping with VBS and/or sending your kids/grandkids to VBS. Please take a minute to fill out the online survey found at:

<https://forms.gle/Yabp7pEjkmMMYvPm8>

We appreciate your feedback. For questions please contact Mary Ryder or Pastor Jenny.



### **Worship in March**

Day	Special Designation	Sermon Theme	First Lesson	Second Lesson
7	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent & Communion	"Familiar Words"	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 3:14-21
14	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	"Amazing Grace"	Numbers 21:4-9	Ephesians 2:1-10
21	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	"Life After Death"	Jeremiah 31:31-34	John 12:20-33
28	Palm/Passion Sunday	"Holy Week"	Mark 11:1-11	Mark 14:1—15:47

### **Editor's Corner**

When I read this, I couldn't help but think of Pastor Jenny and her "fur babies" Binx and Gaston. I have always loved cats, but I am allergic to them. That's why the two at my house live outside. At every opportunity *they* allow, I pick them up and love on them. If you have ever had cats, I'm sure you can make the same connections that this writer did:

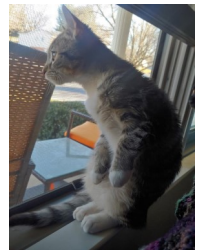
### **Feline-Informed Faith**

I am the epitome of a "cat lady": Each of my five felines has taught me a bit about faith. As I settle into bed, Piccolo presses his body tightly against mine. As I type, Tina sits on my lap, often reaching to rest a paw on my hand (the one on the mouse, of course!). Pumpkin cries persistently, even raising his front legs like toddler arms when he wants to be picked up. Yet, as any cat lover knows, these animals can be stubbornly aloof — at least until mealtime.

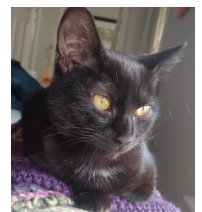
My cats' actions make me think about how intentional daily Bible reading is like pressing myself against God. When I see God's presence in nature or someone's kindness, pausing to give thanks is like reaching out to touch God's hand. When I feel needy, I can stretch my spirit toward God's embrace with an honest prayer. And when I make myself aloof — as, alas, I sometimes do — I can rejoice that God's love always calls me back, to nourish me again.

—Heidi Mann

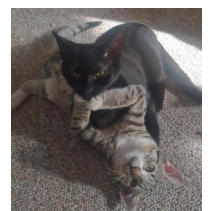
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Treasurer's Report: January 2021 Budget	
Contributions/Income	\$23,230.00
Expenditures	\$23,162.03
Year-to-Date Budget	\$26,022.33
Designated Contributions	\$50.00
Mortgage Report as of January 31, 2021	
Loan Amount	\$650,000.00
Principal payments	\$116,315.62
Loan Balance	\$533,684.38
Extra payments on principal	\$561,384.45 **
** Includes Original + Refinanced Mortgage	

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Reminder to check your year-end giving statement and if you spot an error, call Keri ASAP. Also, contact her if you have not received 2021 giving envelopes.



The Church Office will follow the snow policy of Rockingham County Schools. If classes are delayed or cancelled due to weather, the church office is, too.



Kind hearts are the gardens.  
Kind thoughts are the roots.  
Kind words are the flowers.  
Kind deeds are the fruits.

Take care of your garden  
and keep out the weeds.  
Fill it with sunshine,  
kind words and kind deeds.

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**Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Harrisonburg & Rockingham** are looking for volunteers to serve as Bigs! They are looking to match at least 70 new youth to a Big in 2021! As a Volunteer mentor, you can make a difference in the life of a local youth between the ages of 6 and 14 by spending 1-2 hours a week with them for 3 semesters, or one calendar year if you live locally or are here for the summer. If you are interested, to start the enrollment process go to [www.bbbshr.org/beabig](http://www.bbbshr.org/beabig) Scroll down to enter a local zip code and then your contact information. A staff member will reach out to schedule an in-person interview. In addition, their office is always happy to host a Zoom call providing an information session about getting involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters as a Big. You can email Sara Greenbaum with questions at [greenbaumsk@bbbshr.org](mailto:greenbaumsk@bbbshr.org).

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!

Direct questions and submissions for this publication to:  
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I have a box in the Coffee Social Room, too!  
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