

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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Prepare the Way of the Lord!



Dec. 5 Second Sunday of Advent with Communion

10:00 a.m. "A Christmas Carol: O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Scriptures: Malachi 3:1-4 and Matthew 1:18-25

Seasonal music from the Choir, Sally Smith and Patty Bird



Dec. 12 - Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. "A Christmas Carol: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Scriptures: Isaiah 12:2-6 and Luke 2:8-14

Seasonal music from the Bell Choir, directed by Ramona Evans, and also Bridget Appleton and Laney Steele.



6:30 p.m. Family Night program by the Youth & Children:

Are you "Too Busy" this holiday? Take time for this delightful presentation discovering the true meaning of Christmas in drama, song, and traditional nativity. Light refreshments follow the program. Check the narthex to sign-up to share cookies.



Dec. 19 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. The Choir, directed by Nicole Jenkins, will present "Sing Christmas" created by David Wise.



Dec. 24 - Two Christmas Eve Services

4:00 p.m. is designed Children-Friendly; bring those little ones!

7:00 p.m. Communion and Candlelighting

"A Christmas Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:2-7 and Luke 2:1-20

Both services will be live-streamed so if you cannot attend in-person we hope you will tune-in.



Dec. 26 - First Sunday after Christmas

10:00 a.m. "A Christmas Story"

Scriptures: Psalm 148 and Colossians 3:12-17



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Sundays at

10:00 AM

in the

Sanctuary

or view it

Live-stream

on YouTube



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Be sure to pick up an **Advent Devotional**, "**Total Christmas Makeover**," from the Narthex. We hope it will be a blessing for you this Advent season. There are calendars & coloring books for kids, too.

Love Light Tree

It is a celebration of Love and Light - what the birth and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus, brings to us. This is the 21st year for our Love Light Tree at DUMC and each light on the tree represents a person that is, or has, touched lives. Together, all of the lights are a reminder that, as followers of Christ, exhibiting unselfish caring and sharing brightens our world. This year your donations will go to Children's Ministry Outreach.



The deadline for all submissions is December 12th. Lights are \$10 each and are traditionally shared in honor or memory of your loved ones. You can find forms in the Narthex or in the tub on the front porch. Complete the form as you would like it printed, please, and return it along with cash or a check to DUMC with the memo 'Love Light Tree.'

Open Doors

Save the dates! February 28 - March 6 is our next week of meal prep.

Mitten and Glove Tree

During the season of Advent, there will be a Christmas tree in the Narthex on which to place donations of mittens and gloves for all ages. Your gifts will be sent to the West Rockingham Food Pantry to be given out during their monthly food distribution this winter. Let's cover the tree and help keep hands warm this winter.

Mission Central Needs:

- * Socks, all sizes 2T up through teen sizes, for both boys and girls. They need
- * Winter shoes and gloves, all sizes, boys and girls, through teen.
- * Hats for all sizes toddler and up; no infant hats needed.
- * Hair accessories are always welcome and so popular with little girls! As always,
- * Disposable diapers/pull-ups in all size for babies, toddlers and adults
- * Leave donations in the crib in the Narthex or in the tubs on the porch.

UPDATE: PENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOD BACKPACKS

Just 3 more weeks; our final packing will be December 19th. Thank you for your generosity. We ask that, in addition to sharing items and monetary donations, that you faithfully pray for these families. The Christmas break may be very difficult; could you be joyful on an empty stomach?

We are consistently short on these items -- if you are moved to buy, place them to our box in the Coffee Social Area. Remember, only single-serving items can be accepted

Easy Mac cups
Juice boxes
Nutrigrain bars

Cereal bowls / boxes
Pudding cups

Chef Boyardee cups
Microwave popcorn

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

Valley Program for Aging Services (VPAS) is seeking volunteers to deliver meals to homebound older adults living in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. Meal delivery days are Monday and Wednesday each week. Meals are picked up at A Bowl of Good located in Harrisonburg on Mt. Clinton Pike at 10:00 a.m. Routes take 1 to 1½ hrs. Volunteers use their personal vehicles and there is no reimbursement for travel expense. Training is provided and background checks are required. Practices are in place for safe meal delivery. If you would like more information or to receive a volunteer application packet please email lauraw@vpas.info or call 540-433-2893.



Everyone is welcome to attend a Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service at Bridgewater Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, Dec. 21st at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Sally Smith or call 237-2102. The church is located at 110 East College Street in Bridgewater.



The Dayton United Methodist Women will meet Saturday, December 4th in the coffee social area. All women are invited to attend. We will host the Coffee Social time on Sunday, Dec. 12th.



Grades K—5

Young First Followers will have a second practice for the Christmas program on Sunday, **December 5th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**. Following rehearsal there will be a Christmas party in the coffee social area. Once again, we are asking our **middle school youth who are involved in the play to join us for the practice portion of the event.**



Grades 6—12

The Youth Group is taking their annual Christmas shopping and dinner outing on **Friday, December 10th**. We are meeting at 4:30-4:45 at the church. We will message parents when we are done with dinner for a final pickup time around 8 pm.

Below are photographs from their November activity - packing backpack meals!

SUMMER MISSION TRIP: Junior and Senior High Youth

Plans are underway through Team Effort to participate in a week long mission trip to the Virginia Beach area. We are considering 3 possible dates at the end of June/July. We will also need a few chaperones. Youth and/or adult chaperones who are interested, please contact the church by December 1st so we can determine a date and reserve spots with Team Effort.



Youth packed 34 backpacks on the day they helped with 13 items in each pack for a total of 442 food items!



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“Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it’s Christmas.” -Dale Evans

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- 1 Bridget Appleton
- 1 Sue Dinsmore
- 1 Braelon Steele
- 2 Carl Estes
- 3 Ethan Eberly
- 3 Betty Lou Huffman
- 4 Connie Gilmer
- 4 Daniel Heatwole
- 7 Stacie Bowers
- 10 Linda Jacobs
- 11 Doug Helmick
- 11 Steve Hill
- 13 James Snyder
- 17 Robin Simmons
- 18 Sidney Hamann
- 18 Mike Hill
- 19 JB Showalter
- 19 Codi Jo Wheelbarger
- 19 Lauren Mitchell
- 21 Nancy Showalter
- 22 Ruth Culver
- 22 Ken May
- 23 Mason Guyer
- 24 Davin Tatro
- 26 Becky Eberly
- 28 Mary Jane McCoy
- 29 Betty Robinson
- 29 Bob Dinsmore
- 30 Holly Harold



- 9 Carl Rasnack & Debbie Crist ('06)
- 9 Keith & Jill Wright ('78)
- 10 Lee & Bonnie Dellinger ('66)
- 23 Vince & Connie Gilmer ('67)
- 27 Don & Wanda Gault ('47)

Sharing Altar Flowers

is a great way to remember or honor someone and enhance our worship experience at the same time. You will find a sign-up chart on the bulletin board in the narthex. The calendar for 2022 is up.

We express our sympathy to...

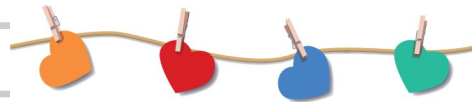
~ **Carolyn Davis** on the loss of her granddaughter, Tiffany Huggins;

~ the family and friends of Tom Miller. He was a cousin to **Nancy Harper and Darlene Newman**



I would like to thank everyone for the food, cards, phone calls and prayers while recovering from the virus. I belong to a very loving church. I also would like to thank everyone for the prayers and phone calls during my granddaughter illness and death.

-Carolyn Davis



Thank you so much for the cards and phone calls while I was recovering from surgery. It was a ray of sunshine and a blessing to hear from my church family during that time.

-Susan Davis



Charlie Pennybacker is recovering at White Birch.

Cards are very appreciated! Charlie Pennybacker
White Birch, Room 51
847 Oakwood Drive
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

**December
Sunday Volunteers**

Dec.	Nursery	Greeters	Pew Steward	Coffee Social	Flowers
5	Libi Herr	Need volunteer	Elaine Heatwole	----	Advent wreath
12	Denise Lough	Linda Covington	Stacie Jackson	UMWomen	Advent wreath
19	Mary Helen Witt	Mary Jane & Dave McCoy	Linda Covington	---	Advent wreath
26	Emma Jackson	Need volunteer	-----	Need volunteer	available

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On November 28th, quarterly gatherings of the Congregation to receive updates from Council resumed. Here are some highlights from Lena Osborne's report:

As you know, we have had some problems with our AV and live streaming of worship. Some issues have been with our equipment and some with YouTube. Please bear with us as we look forward to better and easier live-streaming.

Recent Special Projects & the cost:

Parsonage HVAC Replacement:	\$9,983.26
Church Office HVAC Replacement:	\$9,482.50
Kitchen Dishwasher Overhaul:	\$1,330.91

In 2019 we had a surplus in excess of expenses. \$25,000 was deposited in the Trustees Emergency Funds held by The Community Foundation and Ameriprise Financial Services. Funds were drawn from these two accounts to pay for those special projects.

We have become aware that our playground is a liability. We own the lot. It is a wonderful property and needs to be utilized. A safe playground is an important ministry to our children and those living around DUMC. Council is working to learn what is available, pricing, etc., and will report to the congregation as we work through it.

We are disappointed to announce that resuming Wednesday Night Meals this winter will not be possible.... in the 'old' form. A 'new' method to meet the needs of those served is being explored. Watch for ways to help!

It was noted that *these folks deserve a BIG round of applause!*

★ **Debbie Crist and Carl Rasnack**, our AV Team, as they continue to work to correct our live-stream situations. It can be very, very frustrating and we appreciate the hours they have committed to find solutions.

★ **JB Showalter** for the outstanding job he does as Treasurer. He spends so much time working on our finances, providing in-depth, accurate reports and writing checks to pay our bills.

★ **Doug Wine** for the 35 years he served as a Trustee, most of them as Chairman. He "retired" from Trustees last January but is still volunteering (and fielding calls from this editor!).

★ **Phil Gentry and Graham Witt** who recently spent time on the playground, replacing the slide, tightening bolts and removing the swings.

The next meeting of the Council is Tuesday, December 14th at 7PM.

Current Members of Church Council are:

Chairperson:
Lena Osborne

Vice Chair:
Denise Lough

Secretary:
Debbie Crist

Church Treasurer:
JB Showalter

Finance Chair:
Dennis Miller

Lay Leader:
Graham Witt

Lay Member:
Linda Jacobs

Nurture Chair:
Don Bowers

Outreach/Mission Chair:
Graham Witt

Staff Parish Chair:
TBD

Trustee Chair:
Phil Gentry

United Methodist Men:
Steve Ruminski, President

United Methodist Women:
Glenda Ryder, President

Witness Chair:
Melinda Shiflet

Worship Chair:
Debbie Crist

Youth Coordinator:
Jenny Day



Treasurer's Report: Jan - Oct 2021 Budget	
Contributions/Income	\$203,754.41
Expenditures	\$218,203.40
Year-to-Date Budget	\$260,223.33
Designated Contributions	\$13,390.85
Mortgage Report as of 2021	
Loan Amount	\$650,000.00
Principal payments	\$140,809.15
Loan Balance	\$509,190.85
Extra payments on principal	\$574,248.73 **
** Includes Original + Refinanced Mortgage	

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2022 Offering Envelopes are in the Coffee Social area. Want them & don't see your name? Contact Jennifer.

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* to read or share. This one and the latest issue of the District newsletter.
The Upper Room daily devotionals for in both large and regular print.
Communion elements a few days before the 1st Sunday of each month

For you to leave: *Children's Clothes and other items* for Mission Central

A Season of Waiting

Our oven recently bit the dust, and the needed replacement part is no longer manufactured. Due to an appliance shortage, we had to wait eight weeks for a new oven! Yet even amid inconvenience, I see God's purpose. We were thankful to have a grill and slow cookers in the meantime. We creatively attempted to cook favorite meals in different ways. And though we craved anything baked in an oven — cookies, casseroles, even chicken nuggets — we realized that waiting eight weeks for an oven isn't truly a trying time.

Many of us wait for much greater milestones and miracles: physical healing, the return of a prodigal child, an end to financial struggles. Paul offers us hope as we wait: "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had" (Romans 15:5, NIV).

When you're in a season of waiting — including Advent! — consider what you're thankful for and what you crave. Tell God how you're feeling and ask for endurance while you wait.



—Janna Firestone

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Please remember 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:

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

Next Deadline: Sunday, December 26