

DAVIDSONVILLE UMC

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Our Purpose:
Knowing,
Loving, &
Serving God and
Others In Unity

PASTOR'S LETTER

Nine years ago, this month, I began chemo treatments for a reoccurrence of Breast Cancer. I was diagnosed for the first time during my first week of seminary in 2008. My doctors and I felt that a mastectomy would be more than enough to take care of the small, early-stage, bit of cancer. Unfortunately, five years later, we found a new lump in what remained of the skin after the mastectomy. This time as well as surgery, I would do chemo, radiation, and a hysterectomy. I still take medication to help keep myself cancer free.

Each of us faces challenges in life whether they are driven by our health, relationships, employment, or other unexpected circumstances. And here we are at the beginning of a new year, not knowing what is to come.

I have been thinking about what keeps us upright in the face of uncertainty and difficulty. How do we keep the light we carry burning, both as individuals and as a congregation? That's the question I hope we address over the next several months. Jan 15th, Pam Durbin will preach on starting the year off well. Jan 22nd, Pastor Paul will consider what we do when God seems remote and silent. Jan 29th, we'll begin a new series based on the Gospel of Matthew, and the stewardship of life – living life well with Christ.

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During Lent, we will delve into prayer, specifically the Lord's Prayer. And watch for Youth Ministry, UMW lectures, and various ministry events that bring us together, serve the community and rekindle our LIGHT.

It was Christ's close presence that got me through breast cancer – both times. I was very nervous about radiation and used to sing songs from my childhood, such as *Jesus Loves Me*, during treatments. I often joked that Jesus was so close that his shadow should turn up on the scans. I am grateful to family and friends for their care and support during those days. I am BLESSED to be healthy and here to serve God!

May we stick together and invite others into worship, fellowship, and ministry this winter, so that all learn to build resiliency and keep the God-light we carry within, burning brightly.

Pastor Wendy

Just some worship photos...





**2023 LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT
EFFECTIVE DATE JANUARY 1, 2023
CHURCH COUNCIL**

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Pastor of Worship and Music	Paul Raddin

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Don Simpson	Rita Siprak-Weill	Gwen Purcell
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LEADERS OF MINISTRY TEAMS

CCDC	Rita Siprak-Weill
Cemetery Trustees	Tim Hopkins
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Education/Sunday School	Cade Clurman
Evangelism	Pam Durbin
Historian	Tim Hopkins
Hope, Understanding, and Grief Ministry (HUGS)	Pam Durbin
Lamplighter	Casey Duley
Mission & VIM	Tim McArdle
Safe Sanctuaries	Rita Siprak-Weill
Social Needs & Outreach (co-chairs)	Barbara Colacicco & Florence Ingram
Sunshine (Sick and Shut-in)	Debby Wasson
Tongues of Fire	Mark Bowser
Wednesday Am Bible Study	Carol Chell
Worship	Lisa Niemann
Youth Ministry	Elisa Stanek
President of United Methodist Men	vacancy
President of United Methodist Women	vacancy

*** Indicates that we are searching for a new volunteer as the person holding the position needs to retire.*



December was a very busy time for our Social Needs group!

We had 44 children on our Christmas Angel Tree, and thanks to everyone who bought gifts, all were delivered the week of Christmas. A special thank you goes out to Casey for all her hard work in setting up the names for the online sign-up, sorting packages and so many other things. Also, a thank you to Vonda Vales for providing our Christmas tree to put names on for the gifts.

Debby Wasson and friends made brownies and sandwiches to be delivered to the homeless shelter.

We did have several people needing assistance during November and December. We also donated \$300 to Rotary for dictionaries for Edgewater Elementary School.

Lots of food was gathered at the Nativity drive-thru. We provided extra food for several families and some was donated to a local food bank.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 19th at 4 PM in the church sanctuary. We hope to have a senior luncheon in the very near future. Anyone who would like to join us at this meeting, please come on out. This is a wonderful opportunity to help with your church and community.

Happy New Year!

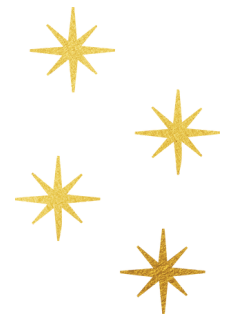
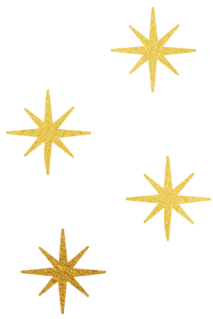
2022 has come and gone! We would like to thank our CCDC Family and committee, for all the love and support throughout the year, especially The Simpson Family for their generosity and for making the ornaments for the "Lights of Kindness" tree last month.

After 2 years, we finally got the chance to host our annual CCDC Christmas Pageant! I applaud the teachers, Mrs. Pat, and the children for a job well done; it was a joyous celebration indeed and the parents got to see their children perform.

If you have unwanted board games or outdoor toys to donate, please drop them off at our office.

May this New Year bring us peace, unity and bountiful blessings.





Christmas Traditions - Pam Durbin

The month of December is filled with traditions at DUMC, many of which I have enjoyed year after year. They bring the story of the birth of our Savior to life, reminding me of my faith, and filling me with hope for the future. We are so blessed to be able to begin the month with our newest tradition, the Drive-Thru Live Nativity. On December 3, 2022, we hosted the event for the third year. Volunteers from our church began working in November to plan and organize all that would need to be done in advance and then came the week before to set scenery in place and gather needed supplies and costumes. Finally, on Saturday afternoon, we all came together with friends from CCDC and Mayo UMC to set the stage and take our places for the show to begin at 5 pm, where a few cars had already lined up and we were waiting anxiously to experience the event.

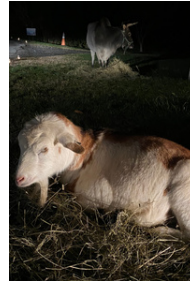
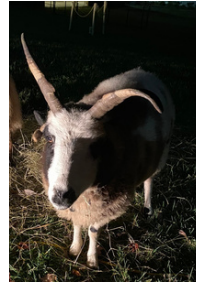
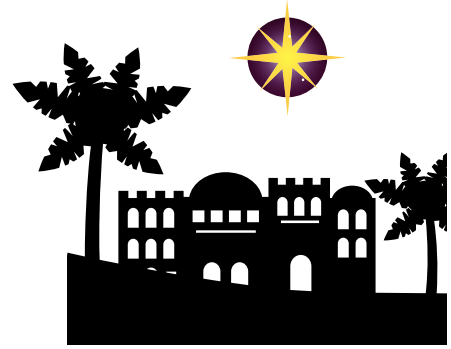
So many remembered the Nativity from the past two years and we're ready to see it again. It is a great way for us to demonstrate to the community our love of Jesus and our love for our neighbor. There is no shortage of Christian love at DUMC!

Our team of volunteers helped direct traffic into our parking lot, greeted with instructions for how to proceed with recorded carols, and collected canned goods and cash for local food banks. But my favorite part was watching parents roll down their car windows so the kids could hang out for a better look, listening to them read the scriptures for each scene, hearing families sing Christmas carols, and then watching their faces as they met the live animals, especially Delilah the camel. She might steal the show each year, but she really helps to make the experience special! And the final scene of Mary and Joseph in the manger with baby Jesus transformed minds and hearts before a farewell greeting and best wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

Thank you to the over 50 volunteers who helped in ways big and small this year to continue the tradition. This could not happen without each of you sharing your gifts of service and talents. We collected over 165 food items and over \$300 for our local food banks. DUMC pays for the event thru the Evangelism ministry and no proceeds are used to cover expenses. This is all done as a love gift and outreach to the community.

"For to us, a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6



A look back at the Christmas season...



Advent, Children's Moments, Cantata, Children's Pageant



Making lunches for the homeless

Dear Bues,

Sadly, I found my faith challenged not long ago. Yes, challenged. Did I really want to tell you about it? No, I really did not want to tell you the whole story; but, perhaps, God was whispering to me. Perhaps this lesson needs to be shared. Lord, please give me the words to express what I have learned from this painful episode in my life. As I began to process the “why” I began to question the necessity of knowing. It happened. Not too much to do about it. Did God do it? Of course not, but He surely could have prevented it. And now, I have to re-learn the process of forgiveness on an entirely different level, and I didn’t know if I could.

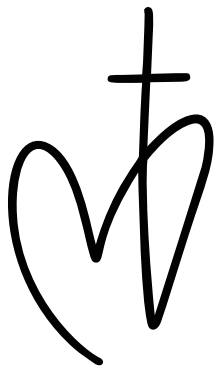


We all go through the process of memorizing important God speak stuff growing up: the 10 Commandments, the 23rd Psalm, the Apostle’s Creed, and, of course, the Lord’s prayer. As part of an assignment prior to being confirmed, we were asked to analyze the Lord’s Prayer and picture in your mind’s eye the elements of what was actually being said. My entire life I have pictured “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us” as exactly that. How can we expect God’s forgiveness if we can’t forgive others?

But when we say these words, what do we see?? Do we see the sin or the sinner? How can you ever again see the “who” without remembering the “what”? And that’s what forgiveness is about. Remember the cross. When you look into eyes full of grief and remorse, do you see a cross? When you attempt to excuse behavior because you don’t consider the perpetrator a child of God, do you see a cross? Forgiveness is personal. You need to find forgiveness for others in the knowledge of what God has done for you. Judgment belongs to God. He has offered forgiveness to all through the cross. He will find those who are worthy.

God loves you so much that He has given you the sign of the cross so that we might know beyond a shadow of a doubt that WE are FORGIVEN.

Have a blessed Happy, Healthy 2023.



Peace & Love,
Connie

The holidays bring great joy to many, especially at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's, but for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, holidays can be very difficult. The HUGS (Hope, Understanding and Grief Support) group started meeting in October twice a month to be in ministry with those in need of grief support. Using the book, *Beyond the Broken Heart*, as our guide, we gathered at church, watched a short video, and shared personal stories of grief experiences. We have created a safe, confidential space for sharing our hearts, shedding tears, and listening when it is too hard to speak. Discussions focused on facing the holidays without a loved one, managing expectations, and carefully planning activities. On December 21, we offered a Longest Night service in the sanctuary. For many people, Christmas is a time of loneliness, sorrow, alienation, and sadness. The service offered a way for people to claim those feelings and still feel surrounded by the compassionate love of God. We acknowledge that people grieve in different ways and we are learning and growing from each other's experiences.



In the future, we will start using Grief Share, a well-known and effective program that offers support and encouragement for your grief journey. Sessions include a video, group discussion, and a personal workbook. Each session is self-contained so you can start at any point. The program lasts 12-13 weeks and will repeat later in the year. HUGS is open to all in our church and community. If you know someone in need of grief support, there will be brochures with details that you can share. Pastor Wendy and I are available for questions as well as Tricia and Chuck Moeslein.

In His Service,

Pam Durbin

Save the Date

Wednesday Morning Women's Book Study

The Wednesday morning women's book study group will be starting a new series on **Wed, Jan. 11 at 9:30 AM** in the church office. Contact Carol Chell for more information. Books will be \$16 each.



UMW Spokesperson - Mary Conklin - Feb. 12 at 1 PM



South Korea is a fascinating country, as it reflects its Buddhist roots and is a showcase for economic development. To understand present-day Korea, one must look at its history for clues. To describe Korea, its evolving nature must be acknowledged. In the eight years since I was last in Korea, I was surprised by all the changes— fashion, technology, economic prosperity, and food! I will talk about the changes I have witnessed in the 30 years I have traveled back and forth to Korea! I have made over 20 trips to Korea in the past 30 years. Pictures will accompany the presentation.

UMW Spokesperson - Tim Hopkins - Mar. 12 at 1 PM

"Captain Thomas Watkins, Civil War soldier from Davidsonville"

This talk is about Thomas Watkins, a local Davidsonville boy, who joins the Union army in 1861 at the beginning of the Civil War. The story is about his military career and how he was murdered in his home in Davidsonville 15 days before the war ended. The story also contains a lot of local Davidsonville and Anne Arundel County history during the time of the Civil War. Topics include: names of Davidsonville soldiers, where some are buried, slavery's impact in Anne Arundel County, and even an example of brother against brother right here in Davidsonville. Finally, I will be talking about how this story was connected to my family.



The next DUMC blood drive is scheduled for **Sat, Feb. 18 from 10 AM- 3 PM**. To schedule your lifesaving donation please visit redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: davidsonvilleumc or call 1-800-733-2767. Please consider donating!



Book Swap-n-Sale

Books don't do much lying on the shelf. Give them new life by placing them into the hands of a new reader! Sat, Jan. 28 from 10 AM until 1 PM, DUMC is holding a Swap-n-Sale in the Fellowship Hall. Donations of clean, gently used books are welcome up to and including that day. So...

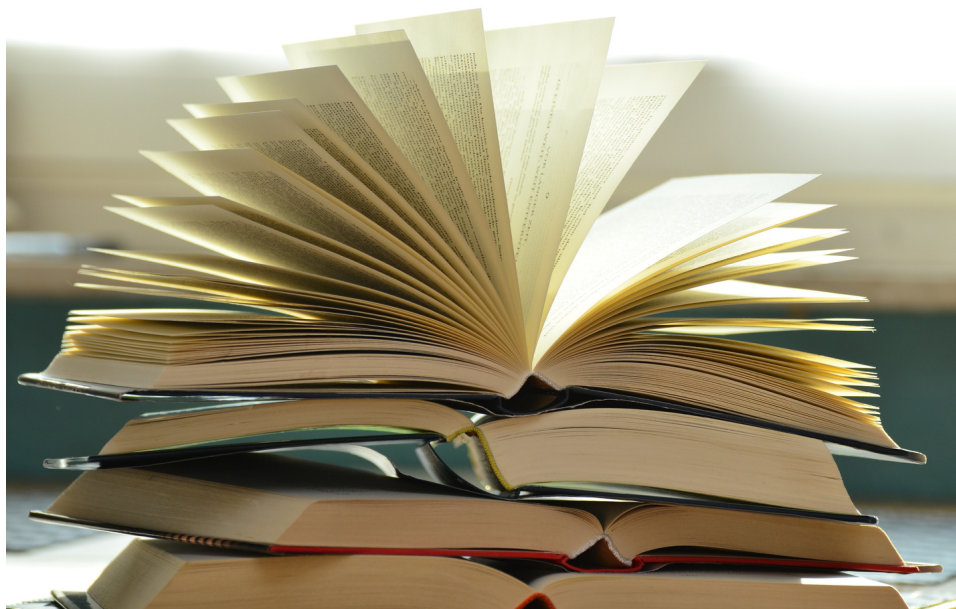
Give Some - Take Some - Donate for Some

Our goal is for people of all ages to enjoy reading books AND to raise funds for Books for International Goodwill (B.I.G.), an organization that ships books globally to where there is a need.

So, books will be available for donations of any size, 10 cents to 10 dollars - you decide. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted.

This is an opportunity for you to repurpose the books on your shelves, enjoy new reading material and support B.I.G. Book donations are accepted Sundays in church or on weekday mornings in the office.

Read more about B.I.G. on the next page, or go to their website <https://big-books.org/>



Books for International Goodwill - - - B.I.G Books

B.I.G. is a non-profit organization in Annapolis that gives books a new life by placing them in the hands of new owners. The hunger for books, especially in regions of need around the world, staggers the imagination. The Parole Rotary Club of Annapolis recognized this need several years ago and initiated B.I.G. and so far 8.7 million books have been shipped to over 30 countries.

B.I.G. works with our local schools, libraries, and other community organizations like Davidsonville UMC, to gather gently used books and raise funds for shipping. Currently, they are looking for non-fiction and children's books, but all clean used books are welcome. There is a shed open 24/7 at their warehouse located at 451 Defense Hwy. Annapolis, MD for book donations. But you can drop books off at DUMC till Jan 28th.

Shipments of about 20,000 books each are sent around the world to Rotary Clubs, libraries, or schools, which then get them into the hands of those who need them. Right now B.I.G is preparing shipments for Nigeria and Mongolia.

Since shipping costs about 20 cents per book, B.I.G. holds frequent book sales at the Annapolis warehouse. Their next sales are on Jan. 20, 3 PM - 5 PM, and Jan. 21, 8 AM - 2 PM. The average book sells for 50 cents to 3 dollars.

The profits from DUMC's book swap and sale (Sat, Jan. 28, 10 AM - 1 PM) will be donated along with any unsold books to B.I.G.

B.I.G. is always looking for volunteers to sort books on M-W-F, 9 AM - 3 PM, and to pack books on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, 8 AM -12 PM. Donations will be accepted at the DUMC event, or tax-deductible donation checks can be mailed directly to B.I.G. *PO Box 6327, Annapolis, MD 21401.*



In Memoriam

BetteAnne "Bette" Hammett

1941- 2022



Bette Hammett, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend passed away on November 7, 2022, at the age of 81 in Annapolis, Maryland. She was born on May 25th, 1941, in Passaic, New Jersey. She reunited with her high school sweetheart Roy Hammett in 1984. In July of 1985, they were married, each bringing a son and daughter to the union. Together they went above and beyond in raising their blended family of children, stepchildren, and grandchildren. Bette was a grand lady with a feisty tongue and a loving heart. She made it her mission to care for others – the elderly, young children, exchange students, family, and friends. She was a giving, caring and selfless soul who would open her heart and home to anyone, anytime. Her lasting influence on others is apparent from the many heartfelt messages shared.

Doug Colacicco

1979 - 2022



Douglas "Doug" Frank Colacicco, 43, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, died December 3, 2022 as a result of an enlarged heart. He was born June 28, 1979 in Annapolis, the son of Daniel and Barbara Colacicco. He attended South River High School, then Coastal Carolina University to study business, where he met the love of his life, Betsy. Doug's most proudest accomplishments were his family and his business. Doug and Betsy settled in Myrtle Beach, married September 4, 2004, and have 2 children, Dominic (16) and Katie (14). Family has always come first for Doug. His children were the center of his life. He made their lunches everyday and could be found on their soccer sidelines. He had a way of being close with every single family member and checked in with his siblings daily. He was the "fun uncle" that all the kids were drawn to because of his adventurous heart. Doug started a successful general contracting company at age 23, and took the utmost pride in his custom projects. Doug had a lifelong passion for fishing. He was regularly participating in offshore fishing tournaments, and often winning.

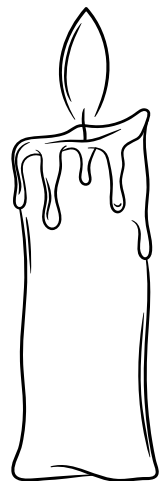
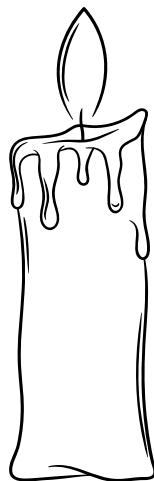
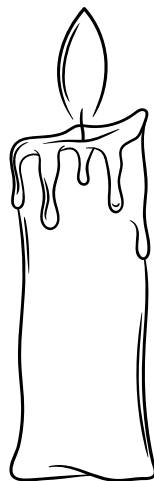
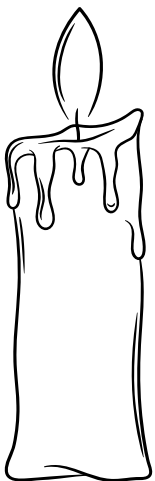
In Memoriam

Robert "Bob" DiAngelo

1926 - 2022



Robert D'Angelo, 96, died peacefully on Nov. 29, 2022, surrounded by his son, daughter, granddaughters, and great-grandson. Robert was born on May 18, 1926. When Bob was in HS he was active in his church and attended a HS with an advanced art program. His lifelong passion for art started in HS and continued in college. When he graduated, he began a 40-year career as a junior high school art teacher. He created advanced programs in art, ceramics, and stage crew, and maintained lifelong relationships with students whom he mentored and who pursued careers in the arts. Bob married Lynn Girolando, his childhood sweetheart, and they had a fairy tale marriage and love affair for 44 years, ending too soon when Lynn passed away. After Lynn's passing, Bob moved to MD to live with his daughter and granddaughters in Davidsonville. "Papa" was adored by his granddaughters and played a central role in their lives. He remarried in 2004 to Joan Leatherman; they shared a love of music and travel and enjoyed 8 years of marriage before Joan passed away. His love of art extended beyond his career. He was a master carpenter, a gifted photographer, and had a passion for gardening. He was an active member of DUMC for 20 years and worked with the youth group on several Habitat for Humanity projects, before moving to Annapolis.



Birth Announcements



Charleigh Grace Tartaglia

12/16/22

1:52 AM

6 lbs 13 oz

20.5 inches long

Born to Rachel & Steven Tartaglia. The name Charleigh is a tribute to Charles being a Hardesty & Tartaglia family name. Rachel's middle name is Leigh, so they combined both to get Charleigh.

Kendall Lynn Vincent

12/16/2022

Born to
Kim and Jeff Vincent



Submit a joy or concern online: dumc.net/prayer

3 WAYS TO GIVE



Giving Envelopes

Give by cash or check with in worship Sunday mornings



Online Giving

Give a one time gift or set recurring donations on our website: DUMC.net



Text Giving

Text \$(desired amount) to 410-324-6399 to give via text message

January

- 1 - Cade Clurman
- 3 - Melissa Attenberger
- 3 - Emily Cobb
- 3 - Geoffrey Wood
- 4 - Andrew Stanek
- 8 - Margie Norris
- 10 - Susan Hopkins
- 12 - Don Shankle
- 13 - Morgan Carr
- 14 - Terri Joya
- 14 - Lisa Niemann
- 16 - Wendy Miller
- 16 - John Moore
- 17 - Ed Hall
- 18 - Sara Attenberger
- 18 - Bianca Iannicelli
- 18 - Barbara Stecher
- 20 - Brecken Baur
- 21 - Tara Pierru
- 24 - Vassie Hollamon
- 24 - Hannah Hollamon
- 24 - Katie Jacobs
- 28 - Tyler Egbert
- 28 - Jean Manahan
- 29 - Bailey Masters
- 30 - LeeAnn Monaghan
- 30 - Rhonda Ostis
- 31 - Blee Mahaffey



February

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 - Christina Carr | 16 - Annette Graves |
| 4 - Evelyn Fincher | 16 - Barbara Whittington |
| 5 - Patricia Stevenson | 17 - Bill King |
| 6 - Joshua Attenberger | 18 - Deb Angevine |
| 9 - Gwen Purcell | 18 - Carol Chell |
| 9 - Caroline Wallander | 18 - Kim Vincent |
| 10 - Dan Colacicco | 19 - Dawn Raddin |
| 11 - Chloe Burgess | 20 - Joseph O'Neill |
| 11 - Anna Wallander | 22 - Jason Clurman |
| 12 - Oliva Robertson | 24 - Lisa Alexander |
| 13 - Tim Hopkins | 24 - Georgia McArdle |
| 13 - Gene Wasson | 27 - Casey Duley |
| 16 - Matthew Cobb | 29 - Carmen Tartaglia |

1/11 - Adam & Betty Schmitt

2/14 - Lisa & Joe Niemann

*~HAPPY~
Anniversary*

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