

# DAVIDSONVILLE UMC

# LAMPLIGHTER

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## Our

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



## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

*Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. Genesis 2:7*

On Ash Wednesday we mark ourselves with ashes to remind ourselves that we are dust and to dust we will return. It is an act that echoes the words of our graveside prayers and God's words to Adam after the fall. (Gen. 3:19) It is a somber beginning to the season of Lent focused on our frailty, humility, and mortality. But - the realities of life with God that ashes and dust invoke are hopeful and encouraging.

Ashes and dust remind us of our creator! We are not alone. God loves us. God breathes life into our dusty beings. And when our days are done, God will call us home.

It is good that God knows our all of our weaknesses. In Psalm 103:13-14 we read, "Like a parent feels compassion for their children— that's how the Lord feels compassion for those who honor him. Because God knows how we're made, God remembers we're just dust." Life makes us painfully aware of our frailty, but God sees our shortcomings and limitations with love and compassion and offers us healing and transformation.

Lent is a season of reflection and renewal. True healing requires us to confront pain; the pain within us and the pain we have caused others. So we reflect, acknowledge our sins, and then turn toward God to listen for renewal.

So we reflect, acknowledge our sins, and then turn toward God to listen for renewal. Traditionally during Lent, Christians listen to God through fasting, praying and studying God's holy word. Fasting is an exercise of discipline in which you give up something pleasurable in order to focus more intensely on God. People often give up sweets, but you could choose to give up social media, TV, or all spending beyond the basic necessities.

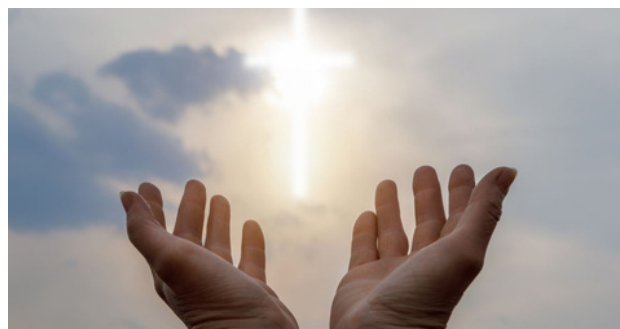
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The devotional enclosed with this newsletter is just one method of praying. You could also try centering prayer or prayer walking. I love to knit as a way to connect to the creativity of God. You may want to try praying while stitching, drawing, or baking. Our Seven Last Words Devotional unleashes prayerful creativity with coloring pages suitable for people of all ages.

Studying scripture has always been a key element of Lent. Our weekly groups, prayer communities, and devotionals all delve into God's word. In addition, this year we are trying a new method of connecting to scripture. We will post weekly videos to Facebook and YouTube to go along with the Seven Last Words Devotional.

From Lent's somber beginnings in the ash and dust of that first Wednesday, through 40 days of reflection, I will be praying for renewal for all. For those who have found hope in Lent before and for those who are looking for meaning and renewal with us for the first time - may you find this season to be meaningful.

**Blessings,  
Pastor Wendy van Vliet**



### **Drive-In Worship**

From the safety and warmth of your vehicle, you will be able to worship and sing while listening to the service through your car radio while parked in the church parking lot! We know it's not the same as having worship in-person inside the building, but it is a creative way to interact with one another, see each other's faces, and gather to worship.



## **Online Worship** *Written by Jackie Weavill*

Since closing our church's physical doors, nearly a year ago now, it has been hard for many to stay connected. It's hard to be engaged in a community you can't always "see." Our church is blessed to have the Green Cathedral (when the weather allows) and a creative new Drive-in church service that helps us gather in-person safely. However, one blessing we couldn't have predicted... online worship! Started out of necessity last March, when the world came to a halt, online worship has become a place of comfort, creativity, and growth for Davidsonville UMC.

Whether it is on Facebook or YouTube, we have more than 70 families/households tuning in for online worship on any given Sunday! Conversation and engagement happen at 9 AM when the service goes live online. Though we can't see each other's faces, we can chat throughout the service, pray for one another, and worship together in our online forums.



A bit hidden are all of the new disciples that have joined us since the pandemic started. Our online congregation has been blessed by new families who love the accessibility of online worship. Being able to stay safely at home and still connect as a body of believers and worship well has been life-giving to so many. The Christmas Eve Family Interactive service and the excellent Christmas Music offerings were a highlight for both our DUMC members and new families who have been joining us online each week. Though it may be harder to see, God is moving. Online worship is fruitful. And so much more is still to come, as we embrace what is possible when God's mission is combined with the versatility of the digital church.



### **Prayer Requests:**

With many of us are not worshipping in person, we want to make sure we continue to be in prayer for one another. We now have a prayer request form on our website. You are invited to use the form to share your prayers, concerns, and joys, all of which will be lifted up in both our online worship and during in-person worship.

**Submit a prayer request online:**  
[dumc.net/prayer](https://dumc.net/prayer)

We also invite you to join us for mid-week prayer on Facebook (Davidsonville UMC) and YouTube (Wendy van Vliet) on Wednesdays at 12 PM!





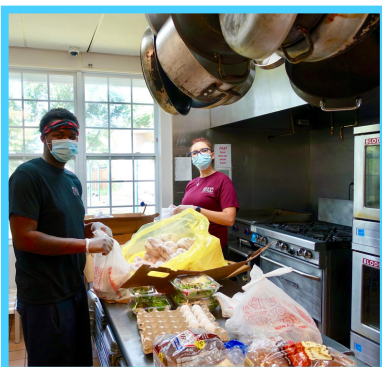
January of 2021 has brought its own set of challenges for our community. Our beloved Beverly King, went to be with the Lord on January 1st. The hole that her passing has left is as clear as day to any member of our church family. Beverly King served on the CCDC committee for countless years and was the liaison to the Director and so many. She worked tirelessly to make sure that everyone felt loved and cared for. Our sadness will continue and the absence of her presence will be felt for many years to come. We ask God for guidance and healing during this sad and uncertain time.

During these trying times we have also been blessed in numerous ways. Air purifiers have been installed in all of the Classrooms. This project of getting air cleansers would not have been possible without the support of the parents of CCDC and DUMC congregants. Parents generously donated money to this project and DUMC graciously donated the remaining cost to ensure they were in all of the classrooms. This project is critical to protecting our student's health and well-being while continuing their education. A special thank you is owed to Don Simpson for the research and installation of the air purifiers for each school room.

Another huge blessing is the winning of \$1,000 from our submission to Trees of Kindness! We would like to thank everyone who voted for our Dr. Seuss tree. Your dollars were multiplied by everyone that participated in this Rotary sponsored event.

A few other announcements include vaccinations, PPP funds, and support of DUMC. The Director has submitted the names to the State. They are waiting for the appointment to administer the COVID-19 shots. We have also applied for a second round of PPP funds to help with expenses during this difficult time. We should hear soon if we were approved for the second round.

And last, but not least we would like to thank DUMC for their endless support and gracious help. Without the assistance of DUMC, it would be difficult for the school to remain open. We thank you for the bottom of our hearts.



## LIGHTHOUSE SHELTER

Social Needs and Outreach met with Jo Ann Mettson, the executive director of the Light House Homeless Prevention Support Center in Annapolis. Each year, 1500 residents of A.A. County experience homelessness. The shelter serves about 2000 people. SNO is supporting Light House with monetary donation, food donations, and volunteers. Visit their website [annapolislighthouse.org](http://annapolislighthouse.org) to learn more.

## ANGEL TREE PROJECT

The pandemic can't stop ministry at DUMC! We moved our annual Angel Tree online this Christmas so that 19 children from 10 families were blessed with gifts provided by our congregation. By working with the Breakfast Club of Mt Zion UMC, each family also received a complete Christmas dinner and Christmas books, including one book sharing the birth of Jesus - the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you to all those who helped!



## FOOD DRIVES

Our Drive-Through ministry continues with strength. Folks are able to pick up communion supplies and DUMC has been of great help to the South County Assistance Network Pantry in St. James Lothian EC. We have also used the donations to supply weekend meals for 35 Edgewater ES families. Our shared ministry with Joy Reigns Lutheran Church has been a blessing for those families.



## BLOOD DRIVES

The Red Cross Blood Drive is part of the efforts to help our community. We have hosted 3 drives during the pandemic when a lot of the usual drive sites were closed. The blood from our drives has helped patients at multiple hospitals. Since June of 2017, 403 donations have been collected.



## Sunshine Committee Report

We met on January 26th via Zoom. We updated our visitation list and discussed how some of our seniors are doing. And we made a list of who on the committee will be sending cards or postcards each month.

Also, Cade Clurman director of Education asked if some of the kids in the church can send some crafts or cards to those confined mostly to home as well as delivering baked goods to some of them too. This effort hopefully will start happening in February.

God Bless, Debby Wasson

## SANDWICHES FOR THE HOMELESS For Linda's Legacy

We were still able to make 400 lunches for the homeless in my garage thanks to the help from the Hall family and the Doney Family on December 22nd. Shortly after we finished, Gene and I delivered them to the Crown Plaza Hotel in Annapolis. They were immediately transferred to another car and delivered to the homeless, so they definitely got freshly made lunches.

If you would like to learn more about Linda's Legacy, you can google it as well.

Debby Wasson



## *My dearest Christian Family,*

I'm gonna roll the calendar back a bit to the summer when I first wrote this, at which time the Lamplighter was on vacation along with the rest of the known world waiting for some sort of normalcy to reassert itself. We're still waiting. At that time, there was terrible violence on our streets resulting from terrible wrongs committed. Sadly, a spark became an inferno.

Banners flew. Do black lives matter? Of course. We are all children of God. We are told in a beautiful hymn, "With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let us walk with our brothers in perfect harmony!" What could the issue possibly be? Don't answer the question by glibly responding, "All lives matter"; because I might respond, "but do ALL lives matter EQUALLY? Let's take a moment to really think about that. You might tell me that we are all responsible to play the hand we are dealt, and how you play your hand determines the route your life takes. Well, I guess that might be true. Kenny Rogers thought so :-). But what if we were all given a set of dice at birth, and some got dice with only fives and sixes and some got dice with only twos and threes. The only way we could hope for fair play would be for EVERYONE to trade off one of their dice. Now I don't pretend to be an expert at human nature, but my first reaction is, "That just ain't gonna happen!"

Do black lives matter? This is not a battle cry! It is a call to action! This is a problem that requires full participation over the long haul. This is not a political issue to be determined by ballot. The solution will not be achieved by violence, fear, and destruction of property. The solution can only be achieved by love and understanding.

I write these words on September 11. The anniversary of a day that changed the world. Many died on that day. Skin color didn't matter; religious persuasion didn't matter; job description didn't matter. On that day the people of the United States united to mourn. We CAN unite. Let it be so. Let us pray for God to come back into our midst: to walk with us on our streets; to be with our children in our schools; to move us safely back to our jobs, our communities, our churches. Then, perhaps, we can live together in peace and harmony, and the color of our skin will no longer be a factor in the blame game.

*Peace and love, Connie*





## DRIVE-THRU LIVING NATIVITY

*Written by Jackie Weavill*

Traffic was backed up...the line was long; not for a road closure or a traffic accident, but all for our first ever Drive-Thru Live Nativity! With our "normal" Christmas celebrations canceled because of COVID-19, we had to get creative with a safe way to reach out to the community and share the message of Christmas. Members of the community were able to travel to Bethlehem on our church property, as they experienced the sights, sounds, animals, and even some smells of the very first Christmas as the story of Christmas came to life!



Our volunteers were able to safely share Christmas's message with over 370 cars in just two hours! Visitors brought truckloads of donated canned goods, which went to support the SCAN food pantry. More importantly, many of the people who visited the Drive-Thru Nativity returned and joined us for our Online Family Christmas Eve Service and are continuing to worship with us online!



This event's monumental success would not have been possible without the team of volunteers who planned for months, dressed in characters, set-up, greeted, collected donations, and built the manger... Thank you!



# SEVEN LAST WORDS

## **Lent Devotional**

Join us for a Lent Virtual Devotional. The Seven Last Words devotional is designed for ALL AGES. It is simple enough for the youngest of our DUMC Family and fruitful enough for the young at heart. Starting the week of February 15th, weekly videos and coloring sheets will take us on a journey through the Seven Last Words of Christ. Visit [the church website for more information.](#)

## **Ash Wednesday Drive Through**

The pastor will be giving out ashes and prayers on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th, 10 AM - 12 PM and 4 PM - 6 PM in a drive-thru form in the parking lot of the church. You will be given enough ashes to share with your family and friends. You may also join us for the noontime prayer online (on Facebook or YouTube).



## **Palm Sunday Party!**

Join families on the church playground on Palm Sunday (March 28th) after Drive-In Church! We will have Palm Sunday stories, activities, and fun for the whole family. Masks and parents/ guardians are required.

## **Sign-Up for your Free Easter Box!**

Celebrate Easter in Davidsonville from the comfort of your own home with the whole family! On Easter Sunday, at 9 AM (or, anytime after it goes live), join us on Facebook and YouTube for an interactive family service. A FREE interactive box will accompany the online service. Sign up for your box online today!



## **Join us for Easter in Davidsonville, in-person or online!**

**6:30 AM** Sunrise Service in the Green Cathedral  
**9:00 AM** Online Family Interactive Service  
**10:00 AM** Online Easter Worship Service  
**11:00 AM** Drive-In Easter Worship Service



## 2021 LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT

To be Voted on at Church Council - October 11, 2020

EFFECTIVE DATE JANUARY 1, 2020

### CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair	Steve Leonard
Recording Secretary	Lisa Alexander
Lay Leader/Lay Member	Lee Matousek
Reserve Lay Member	Pam Durbin
Treasurer	Julien Pierru
Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair	Hank Hester
Finance Committee Chair	Don Shankle
Trustee Chair	Nelson Outten
Financial Secretary	Raye Long
Membership Secretary	Pam Durbin
Senior Pastor	Rev. Wendy van Vliet
Associate Pastor	Jackie Weavill
Pastor of Worship and Music	Paul Raddin
Pastor Emeritus	Davis Peck

### MEMBERS AT LARGE

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

Communications	vacant
Education/Sunday School	Cade Clurman
CCDC	Rita Siprak-Weill
Evangelism	Pam Durbin
Historian	Tim Hopkins
Mission & VIM (Tongues of Fire)	Blair Smith
Social Needs & Outreach (co-chairs)	Barbara Colacicco & Florence Ingram
Sunshine (Sick and Shut-in)	Debby Wasson
Worship	Lisa Niemann
Youth	Jackie Weavill
President of United Methodist Men	vacant
President of United Methodist Women	Barbra Moore
Church Cemetery Trustees	Tim Hopkins
Permanent Endowment Fund	Roger Vales, Don Shankle & Chuck Moeslein

*\*Pastor Wendy and the Nominating Committee are working diligently to address the key vacancies. If you are interested in joining a team or you would like to recommend someone for the position. Please contact the Pastor.*

# In Memoriam:



## **Barbara Jones, 1934-2020**

Barbara Lee Jones, 86, a 65-year resident of Riva and previously of Silver Spring, MD, passed away on July 3, 2020 at her home. Barbara was born on April 20, 1934 in Silver Spring, MD to the late Daniel and Madolin Barham. Barbara enjoyed being a mother and homemaker and was a member of Davidsonville United Methodist Church. Her interests included photography, Genealogy and collecting postcards.



## **Janet Argent, 1940-2020**

Janet Lorraine Argent, 80, of Davidsonville, passed away at home on September 24, 2020, surrounded by her loving family, peacefully in her home after many years of battling Parkinson's Disease. Janet loved her farm and all the animals that come with it. She was an established equestrian with an admiration for Tennessee. In addition to her love of horses, Janet was passionate about music. Above all of these wonderful things, she was a devoted wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, and great grandmother to her family and a strong-willed, kind-hearted, open-ear to any who needed it.



## **Joe Kidwell, 1939-2020**

William J. Kidwell, or "Joe" to anyone who knew him, born November 5th, 1939 in Frostburg, MD, passed away the afternoon of December 15th, 2020, at Anne Arundel Medical Center due to complications with Covid-19. He was 81 years old. He was a 53-year resident of Edgewater, MD. Joe's hobbies included traveling, hunting, fishing, and cars. Family always came first to Joe and he would do whatever he could to make sure they were taken care of and looked after.



## **Beverly King, 1946-2021**

Beverly K. King, 74, born on July 18, 1946, in Hillsdale, MI, a resident of Riva for 50 years, died peacefully at her home on January 1, 2021. Beverly was an avid University of North Carolina "Tarheel" fan who also enjoyed reading, gardening, and baking. She was the family caretaker, and she cultivated a unique bond with each of her children and grandchildren. Beverly was extraordinarily proud of her five daughters, and many of her happiest days were spent with her husband, Bill, while surrounded by her girls, her grandchildren, family, and friends.



## **George Brode, 1934-2021**

Dr. George Lewis Brode II, 86, born on July 11, 1934 in Philadelphia, PA, a resident of Heritage Harbour in Annapolis, MD, passed away peacefully at his home on January 2, 2021. Among his many accomplishments, George held 55 U.S. patents, authored articles in 29 publications and accepted numerous invitations to make presentations across the United States and Internationally. George was an avid hunter and fisherman, enjoyed gardening and photography and was an active in the Green Acres Committee in New Jersey.

# 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



## February

- 4 - Max Covington
- 4 - Evelyn Fincher
- 6 - Joshua Attenberger
- 9 - Gwen Purcell
- 9 - Caroline Wallander
- 10 - Dan Colacicco
- 11 - Anna Wallander
- 12 - Olivia Robertson
- 13 - Tim Hopkins
- 13 - Gene Wasson
- 16 - Matthew Cobb
- 16 - Annette Graves
- 16 - Barbara Whittington
- 17 - Bill King
- 18 - Deb Angevine
- 18 - Carol Chell
- 18 - Amanda Klute
- 18 - Kim Kontson
- 22 - Jason Clurman
- 24 - Lisa Alexander
- 24 - Georgie McArdle
- 27 - Casey Duley
- 27 - Cullen Hester
- 29 - Carmen Tartaglia

## March

- 1 - Kathy Gabler
- 3 - Justin Towles
- 3 - Wendy van Vliet
- 4 - Dave Schwenker
- 7 - David Peck
- 8 - Barbara Emert
- 8 - Kennady Moesley
- 9 - Nancy Covington
- 9 - Cindy Wratchford
- 10 - Jessi Rolko
- 12 - Vonda Vales
- 13 - Chad Moeslein
- 14 - Shannon Price
- 15 - Sarah Towles
- 16 - Dorothy Beard
- 16 - Julien Pierru
- 18 - Colin Beattie
- 22 - Zachary Alexander
- 22 - Jenna Alexander
- 26 - Athena Wasson
- 28 - Silas Hester

~HAPPY~  
*Anniversary*

2/14 - Lisa & Joe  
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