

# DAVIDSONVILLE UMC

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

*5 Lenten Bible Verses for Reflection and Guidance*

During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection, and repentance when we seek to literally “turn around” and realign our lives and focus toward God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. By doing so, we seek to live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Whether your Lenten journey involves giving up or taking on, or both, here is Scripture to help you contemplate the meaning of this sacred season:

### **Matthew 6:16-18** **Keep a Secret**

**“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites... But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”**

No need to tell everybody what you’ve given up for Lent – if you’ve given up anything. Keep it in secret. It’s a secret between you and God. What could be more powerful than a secret like that?

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



**Isaiah 58:6-7**

*Take on Something*

Is this not the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house...

Giving up something to celebrate Lent? You could also do as these verses suggest: take on something. Volunteer at a food pantry. Contribute to your favorite charity. Donate some clothing or furniture. (see a list of community organizations below) Give your old laptop to Geeks for God. Giving can be another way of doing a Lenten fast. Taking on as you give up.



**Mark 1:12-13**

*Find Your Wilderness*

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

The gospel of Mark is so succinct. In two verses the writer describes all that happened to Jesus for those 40 days. We often get fixated on how Jesus went without food but notice here how the wilderness part of the experience was also crucial. To be alone. To be tested. To be with the wild animals and the angels. Before Jesus could begin His ministry, He needed that wilderness time. Can we not find a way to do the same as we look to grow in faith? Look for a Lenten retreat in your community.

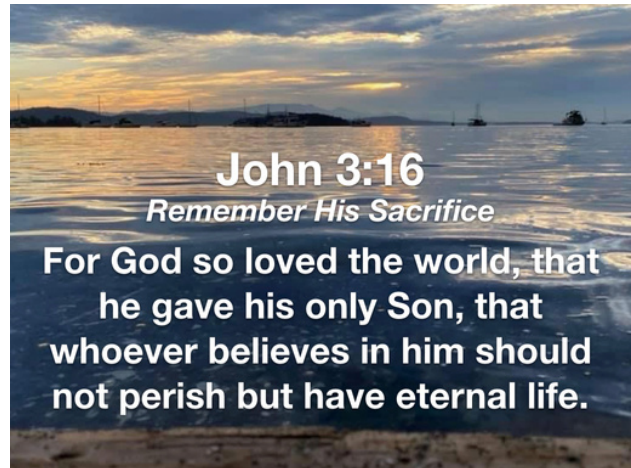


**Daniel 9:3**

*Seek Inward Things*

Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.

All these outward things we do for Lent, the fasting, the time of silence and stillness, even wearing some different clothes, they are simply ways to help us do the inward things. That is to seek God in Lenten prayers, asking for God's mercy.



**John 3:16**

*Remember His Sacrifice*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

This was what came out of Jesus's wilderness experience. This was what all those trials gave Him the inner strength to share with the world, even as He knew what suffering would be ahead. A timeless message, always, for Lent.

No matter which prayer practice you follow, may you each feel your heart opening to God's presence over these next 40 days of Lent.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Wendy*



Spring is just around the corner and soon it will be summer! We have been very busy planning for our Summer Program. We have invited four vendors for our in house field trip this summer: Mad Science, Wild and Crazy Entertainment, Eco Adventure and Jump Bunch. It's going to be fun!

CrossRoads Easter celebration will be April 6th. We plan to have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children, and any donations are greatly appreciated (eg. Plastic Eggs and Jelly Beans).

**Our enrollment for the School Year 2023-2024 is now open. Our summer adventure begins June 20th, 2023. We also have openings for our Pre-K Prep (3-4 years old) program. If interested please call 410.798.5790 for more information.**

Thank you for your continued support!



Mary's Talk can be found on our YouTube Channel at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cErdP7J\\_-bs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cErdP7J_-bs)



The UMW met at Barbara Moore's house for a day of art and creativity!

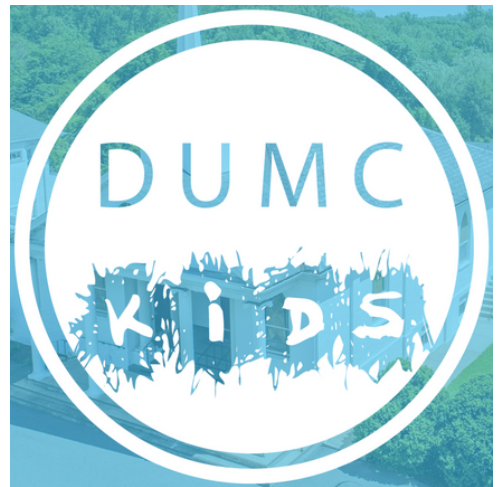


Celebrating loved ones for Valentine's Day





# Book Sale





# Disaster Relief



As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief - UMCOR - comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters - famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable. UMCOR provides relief, response and long term recovery grants when events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. Learn more and give at <https://umcmmission.org/umcor/>



Mercy Chefs is a faith-based, non-profit disaster and humanitarian relief organization. They provide professionally prepared, restaurant-quality meals to victims, volunteers, and first responders in natural disasters and national emergencies, and partner with existing like-minded organizations to further their mission by providing food service in underserved communities across the country.

# Stewardship of Life: How can I help?



HOPE For All is a Christian ministry whose mission is to provide furniture, household items, and clothing to people in our community who are without the financial means to meet their basic needs.

They are a unique resource in our area for those who need to rebuild their home after a disaster like fire, those transitioning from homelessness, or those who just in need of a helping hand. They offer folks the essentials necessary to create a healthy home. They need furniture and household items, clean gently used clothing, and cleaning supplies. The number of families referred to them has climbed 35% this year. Visit their website to learn more about their programs and ways to give. <https://hopeforall.us/> Donations can be dropped off at their warehouse on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 AM - 3 PM. They are located at 122 Roesler Rd. Glen Burnie, MD, 21060. Or call 410-766- 0372 for furniture pick up.



The Joy Reigns thrift shop serves the community each Saturday and Monday from 9 AM - 12 PM. You'll find gently used and previously loved clothes, household items and furnishings. Our affordable prices help those in need and make a double impact when our profits from this ministry go back into the community. Joy Reigns accepts clothing, toys, small household items like kitchen-wares, paperback books, lamps and small electronics. They are located at 35 Mayo Road Edgewater, MD 21037. They welcome community volunteers with open arms. If you are wanting to help email the office [officejrc@gmail.com](mailto:officejrc@gmail.com)

Learn more about the thrift store and baby pantry by visiting their website <https://www.joyreignslutheranchurch.org/>

## **St Andrew's United Methodist Church in Edgewater**

### **Flea Market**

The Flea Market is open every Saturday, 7AM-11AM (weather permitting) and features:

- Great selection of clothes, toys, housewares, sporting equipment, furniture and more at extremely affordable prices.
- Vendors selling a wide variety of items
- If you are interested in renting vendor space at an upcoming flea market, the space is \$15 per date (plus \$5 for optional table rental).

You can call 443-569-2290 for more information.

### **Thrift Store & Estate Sale Trailers**

Monday through Thursday 1PM-4PM and each Saturday from 7AM - 11AM, our Thrift Store and Estate Sale Trailers are open. The Thrift Store Trailer features clothing, toys, household items and more at low prices. Donations are accepted year round.



This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them. Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Too often people, including Christians, tend to stuff their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program.

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

**GriefShare will be held on Wednesday's at 7 PM for 13 weeks starting March 1, 2023 from 6:30 PM – 8 PM, in the church parsonage.**

- Cost: DUMC ministry supported. No cost to participants.
- Child care: none
- Any questions, call Pam Durbin 443-223-2024 or Karen Baker 410-271-5522
- To register, email Pam Durbin at [pdurbin1@gmail.com](mailto:pdurbin1@gmail.com) ASAP



June 18-23 2023 the Builders for God Missions team embarks back to Laurelville Mennonite Retreat in the Laurel Highlands of Western Pennsylvania just South East of Pittsburgh. Builders served that camp back in 2019 and our skill sets and tasks aligned well for us to return to them. Further, in February of 2022 the camp experienced a devastating fire to their maintenance facilities/plant and it was a total loss including many specialized vehicles. Those were the primary reasons the Lord has led us to return to Laurelville. Here is the article on the fire and a picture:



<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/firefighters-battle-early-morning-blaze-in-mt-pleasant/>



Hands and feet are still needed! All ages, all ability levels are welcome and needed and this is a family friendly event. The camp will be housing and feeding us for the week comfortably and the cafeteria there is a great blessing - this coming from a self-titled food 'snobfiando!' There will be Baptisms in the living waters of the waterfall at the camp available as well! Cost is \$45/adult, \$30/children under 12, which covers the ENTIRE WEEK, room and board! In these challenging economic times - you cannot find a better value for serving the camp and The Kingdom! Complete information for this year's trip is available on Facebook (sorry, only media the group uses) at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/426541535821835>



Tim McArdle has a new opportunity for us! This summer, June 19-25, Builders for God will be restoring a camp near Allentown, PA - Blue Mountain Christian Retreat. Some volunteers have already enlisted, but more are needed to complete the planned construction projects. This is a family ministry and there is something for everyone to do at any age or skill level! AND you don't have to commit to the entire week - even just a couple days is appreciated! Meals and lodging are provided. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering for this mission trip, please contact the church or Tim McArdle.





### Lunches for the Homeless

This picture was taken at the LightHouse after the following people, Kathy and Robert Gabler, Carol Chell, Gene Wasson, and I, made 125 sandwiches on January 9th. We will be making more sandwiches along with taking granola bars, fruit, and water there on March 26th. We started doing this every 3 months during Covid. It is a pretty simple process, and anyone can do it by signing up on their website for 25 to 125 lunches during the week. The funding for this is provided by Social Needs and Outreach.



Though we deliver 100 toiletry kits for the homeless in December, it is actually an ongoing project all year. So, I am going to put a container in the in the foyer outside the fellowship hall, one behind the last pew in the back of the Sanctuary, and one on the porch of the office building. I will empty containers once a month and sort them in the youth room. Please when you go to the dentist, just ask for an extra toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, and we may get enough this way. Also collect extra soap, hand lotion, and maybe shampoo and conditioner at hotels and timeshares. There too you can ask for a few extra and they will gladly give them to you. If for any reason you have extra ChapStick, small combs, travel size deodorant, or hand sanitizers, you can bring them in too.



Thanks to all that have been donating for many years.  
God Bless,  
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443-716-5077 (cell)  
email [mathtutor5@verizon.net](mailto:mathtutor5@verizon.net)

# My Dearest DUMC Family,

The Vernal Equinox occurs at 5:24 p.m. on Monday, March 20 (which happens to be a full ten days after the March full moon: -) This is significant because Easter occurs on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox. This year's April full moon is April 6 and is appropriately called the Full Pink Moon.

Unfortunately, because the Eastern Orthodox churches recognize the older, Julian Calendar and the Western Christian churches recognize the Gregorian Calendar, Easter can be celebrated on different dates! As a result, there is a move afoot (providing a consensus can be reached among Christian churches) to change the day we celebrate Easter to the second Sunday in April. However, noting that this proposal was made in 1963, those who remain in favor of tradition likely need not fear and can look forward to continuing to celebrate Easter as early as March 22 and as late as April 25.

But, regardless of the date, Easter is about miracles. So it is that I associate Easter with the bitterly cold, totally clear morning of March 27, 2005, on Nauset Beach, Cape Cod. The ocean was like a mill pond, and when the Light of our world broke the smooth line of the horizon, the phenomenon was totally visible in pure, unabridged clarity. The earth seemed to stand still while the Sun slowly rose to become a bright globe sitting on the sea. My husband, Graham and I were blessed to have shared this moment together, and it will always be one of my most treasured memories.

Up from the grave he arose; He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose! Amen.

## Peace & Love, Connie



# Save the Date

## **UMW Spokesperson - Sunday, March 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." - Tim Hopkins



Social Needs & Outreach is hosting a senior luncheon on Thursday, March 23 at 12 PM! All are welcome - bring a friend! If anyone is interested in attending or helping out, please get in touch with someone on Social Needs, or call the church office.

The DUMC Kids & Youth Group will be going bowling on Sunday, March 26 at 2 PM!  
Check out the next page for the rest of this year's plans!



**Easter Services - April 9th**  
6 AM in the Green Cathedral with Joy Reigns Lutheran Church  
9 AM in the Fellowship Hall (with an egg hunt to follow for the kids)  
11 AM in the Sanctuary



# 2023 Schedule for DUMC Kids & Youth Group (Ages 4-10)



**February 5, 2 PM** : Ice skating at Bowie Ice Arena

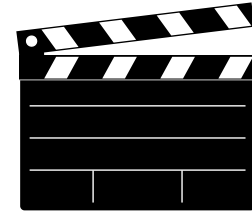
**February 21, 5 PM - 6:30 PM** : Pancake supper  
Older kids serve!



**March 26, 2 PM** : Bowling at Annapolis Bowl

**April 9** : Easter Egg Hunt after 9 AM service

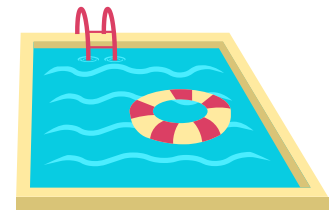
**April 21, 6 PM - 8 PM** : Movie night at DUMC



**May 20, 10 AM** : Nature walk with scavenger hunt at South River Farms

**June 17** : Pool party, TBD

**August 26, 2 PM** : Pool party at Stanek's



**October 7** : Bonfire

**November 11** : Bowling at Annapolis Bowl

**December TBD** : Christmas pageant practice

**December TBD** : Christmas pageant during 9 am service



**January 12, 2024, 6 PM - 8 PM** : Game night at DUMC



# In Memoriam

## **Anna Beales**

**1931- 2022**



Anna Lucille Beales also known as Pat, died Wednesday, January 25th, 2023, at the age of 91. Born November 10th 1931 in, Tronto VA. Preceded in death by her parents Byrd and Dora Moore; Claude Beales her beloved husband of 46 years; three of six children, Mary Ellen, Doris, and Bobby; one of eleven grandchildren Danny Cooper; and two of twenty-nine great-grandchildren Joseph Smith and Michael Grimes.

She is survived by three children; Tommy, Susan and Deanna; one of eight brothers and sisters Donald (Dot) Moore, ten grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Anna's passions were Faith, Family and Friends, followed by her sweet tooth, sewing and reading.

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## **Dottie Beard**

**1931- 2022**



Dorothy Ann (Sawyer) Beard passed away peacefully on February 14, 2023 at her home in Annapolis, MD with her daughter by her side. She was born March 16, 1925 in Oklahoma. She was the beloved mother of Lisa Niemann and mother-in-law of Joe Niemann and a very proud grandmother to Jodee Niemann. She was a loving aunt to her nieces and nephews, a dear neighbor and friend, and known to many as Grandma Dottie. Upon graduating from high School in OK, she joined her sisters in DC working at the Office of Price Administration during World War II. She also worked at the Army Security Agency in Arlington, VA where she met her future husband, the late Cletus E. Beard. They were married in 1952, and soon after received orders to be stationed in Asmara Eritrea, Ethiopia, East Africa where she worked at the State Bank of Ethiopia. One of her favorite memories is meeting the family of the Emperor Haile Selassie. After retiring to Florida, she was a senior tap dancer with Tommy Vance Dancers and the Golden Steppers. She moved to Annapolis, MD in 2001 and she joined the South County Show Stoppers tap dance team at the Edgewater Senior Center. One of her greatest strengths was lighting up a room as she spent time with her family and friends. Her favorite activities encompassed quality time with loved ones, cooking (most notably known for her pecans), and tapdancing. She was still tapping for family and friends on her 97th birthday.

# 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

## March

- 1 - Kathy Gabler
- 3 - Wendy van Vliet
- 8 - Barbara Emert
- 9 - Nancy Covington
- 9 - Cindy Wratchford
- 10 - Jessi Rolko
- 12 - Vonda Vales
- 13 - Chad Moeslein
- 14 - Shannon Price
- 15 - Kaitlyn Burgess
- 16 - Julien Pierru
- 17 - Kris Bisci
- 22 - Jenna Alexander
- 22 - Zachary Alexander
- 25 - Karen Baker
- 26 - Athena Wasson

*~HAPPY~  
Anniversary*

4/22 - Florence & Bob  
Ingram

*Submit a joy or concern  
online: [dumc.net/prayer](http://dumc.net/prayer)*



## April

- |                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 - Emily Stanek      | 14 - Carolyn Wilson      |
| 5 - Dixie Doyle       | 15 - Linnea Pierru       |
| 6 - David Attenberger | 16 - Bonnie Campbell     |
| 6 - Kalle Kontson     | 21 - Gracie Egbert       |
| 6 - Diana Schneider   | 22 - Mark Bowser         |
| 7 - Bobby Baur        | 23 - Katie Bisci         |
| 7 - Joe Niemann       | 24 - Cindy Buechling     |
| 7 - Jan Rolko         | 24 - Jim Hopkins         |
| 8 - Sarah Simpson     | 25 - Joe Emert           |
| 9 - Becky Robertson   | 27 - Dixon Wood          |
| 10 - Rob Gabler       | 28 - Lisa Gardner-Wasson |
| 10 - Steve Iannicelli | 29 - Bud Chell           |
| 10 - Barbara Moore    | 29 - Arthur O'Neill      |

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