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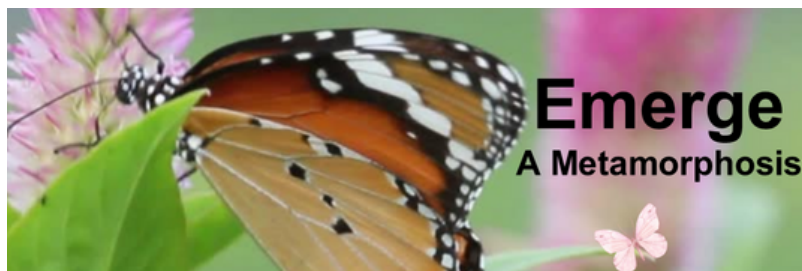
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Get out of bed, Jerusalem! Wake up! Put your face in the sunlight... The whole world is wrapped in darkness, all people sunk in deep darkness, but God rises on you. God's glory breaks over you!
Isaiah 60:1-6

The butterfly has long been a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus as well as the resurrection of believers as we emerge with the power of new life.

I am filled with wonder as I consider how a minuscule, unimpressive egg changes into a wriggly caterpillar, then a seemingly dormant chrysalis, and then finally into a beautiful, winged butterfly.

As we become disciples and begin our journey of faith we too grow and change. Beginning in June we will consider what we can learn spiritually from the process of the butterfly forming, cracking its chrysalis, pushing outward, hanging to let wings dry, letting go, and finally daring to fly.

Did you know that a group of butterflies is officially called a kaleidoscope? Isn't that wonderful. I hope this summer we learn to fly together like a kaleidoscope of butterflies. Each glorious in its own way, adding color and depth, fulfilling its role fluttering with others, making the world more beautiful.



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

Blessings - Pastor Wendy van Vliet

Did You Know?

Did you know that the most economical way to donate to the church was through automated electronic transfers from your bank account?

We often list the three ways of giving as; *Giving Envelopes* (checks and cash), *Online Giving* (at dumc.net), and *Text Giving* (to 410-324-6399).

Giving envelopes are great. Of course, it doesn't cost us anything to deposit checks or cash. The envelopes themselves, cost \$1-\$2 per box. When people are absent from church, generally their donations are absent also. When they return, they usually return with one week's giving, skipping the donations for the weeks that they were absent. It is hard to slip a month's worth of contributions into the envelope if you're accustomed to a weekly budget.

Online giving is convenient, especially for those who don't attend often. Folks who are donating because they are attending a special event, or want to give in memory of someone, or have been blessed by our space and people, can just go to our website, and make a donation. However, we lose a percentage (approx. 2.77%) on each credit card transaction. Often people will give a little more (an extra 28 cents for every \$10) to cover the bank fees, which helps.

Texting to give is another very convenient method and carries the same fees.

Electronic Fund Transfers (ETFs) from your bank account are FREE. They do not have service fees!

Here is how it works: You initiate the process by filling out the form and returning it to the church. You decide how much you want to give and when (once or twice a month). Then the funds are transferred from your account to the church account as per your instructions. Magic! You don't have to write any more checks or put aside any cash for an envelope. Your donation occurs as per your instructions whether you are traveling, staying home and resting, or worshipping online. You have complete control and can stop the transfers if your circumstances change. Remember- there are no extra fees.

We are grateful for each and every donation we receive. Every gift is counted, reported, and used carefully and wisely for the work of the church.

You are helping us reach people so that they come to know, love, and serve God and others in unity. You are helping us make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Your gifts, offerings and tithes are making a difference. Thank you.

**3 Ways
to Give:**



**Giving
Envelopes**



**Online Giving
at DUMC.net**



Text Giving
Text \$(desired amount)
to 410-324-6399



Quench your thirst! May 15 at 4 PM, come support of CCDC Pre-K class by buying a refreshing glass of lemonade! Also - save the date for CCDC's annual field day on June 9!

On Mother's Day at DUMC -
Handbell Choir plays! Children sing!
Praise Band leads us in worship!
Make this service a special part of your
Mother's Day celebration!



Make sure you join us on June 4th for the finale of our sermon series Sing to the Lord a New Song! There will be ONE SERVICE at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall! This service will also be livestreamed on our Facebook!

Music



There will be organ music in the 11 AM services on Sunday, May 21 and Sunday, June 18!

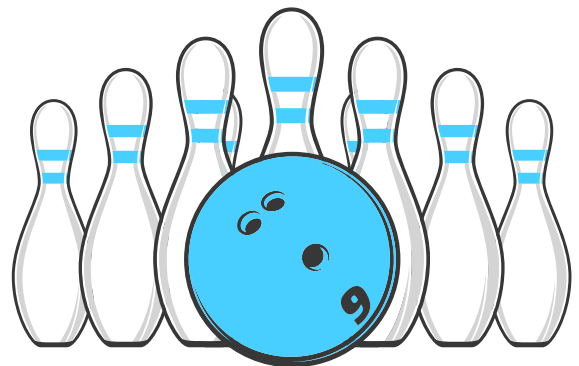
Rev. David Thayer will be here to play and help lead us in worship.

If you love the sound of organ music in worship, don't miss these services.

Rev. Thayer plays the 3rd Sunday of each month!



Bowling Night on March 26th!



Easter



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,

Debby Wasson

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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.



JAM AND PIES FOR STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL! HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- We will be making jam in the church kitchen on Monday, May 15 at 10:30 AM
- We will make Strawberry Cheesecakes on Friday, May 19 at 6 PM in the church kitchen.
- Before the festival on May 20 at 7 AM, we will make Strawberry pies under the guidance of Pam Durbin.
- If you can help with any of these activities, call Debby Wasson at 410-798-6901 or text her at 443-716-5077, or tell her in person at Sunday's worship!

Social Needs and Outreach will sponsor the making of 125 lunches for the Lighthouse Shelter on June 12 at Debby's house (3324 Strawberry Run in Davidsonville)



Davidsonville United Methodist Church is pleased to announce that for the first time in 3 years, we will be having our Strawberry Festival, which will be held in honor of Blair Smith, who was the energy behind Tongues Of Fire. We are calling it the *Blair Smith Memorial Strawberry Festival*.

TOF will be serving pulled pork and sliced beef sandwiches, as well as half-chickens, with sides like baked beans and coleslaw. They will also serve lemonade and iced tea! This year, TOF will be sponsoring Mercy Chefs; there will be a booth available to learn more about them. Join us as Tongues of Fire spreads the gospel "One Bite At A Time".

The UMM will serve burgers, fries, and drinks. The UMW will be making their homemade strawberry frozen jam and strawberry pies!

There will be live music performing, smoothies, lots of vendors, along with a moon bounce and activities for the kids!

Join us for a time of celebration and fun on May 20th from 11 AM to 2 PM at 819 West Central Avenue in Davidsonville.

Dear Bues,



I am so excited to take this opportunity to write to you so closely to the sermon series of the Lord's Prayer. I'd like to address the words, "Give US this day OUR daily bread." In John, Chapter 21, we find Jesus asking Peter, "Do you love me?" and the answer: "Lord you know all things; you know that I love you." To which (of course you know), comes the reply, "Feed my sheep." It doesn't take a great leap to work out that, perhaps, there's more than bread being asked for. To quote Dr. Adam Hamilton in his book THE LORD'S PRAYER:

"Jesus knew that we can have all the bread that we want, and yet be spiritually starved, just as we can have all the wealth that we could hope for, yet still be impoverished, but when Jesus told us to pray for our essential, substantial bread, existential bread, the bread that sustains our souls, the bread we need to survive – he was inviting the hungry to pray for physical bread, and inviting those who have enough to pray for those who don't and be moved to share. He was teaching us to ask for and receive the bread that satisfies our souls.

When you pray these words, "Give us this day our daily bread" I challenge you to think of those who might not have enough or those who have other needs, physical or emotional. Be aware of those in need and invite God to use you to be an instrument of His peace. Pray that God can use you to provide the bread of life to those suffering the poverty of heart and soul. Pray that the areas of your life that need sustenance are fed.

Never, never feel inadequate to wear the shoes of a disciple. The Holy Spirit will equip you as the need arises. The original disciples answered a call to follow and followed without hesitation. We are called and equipped to be Christian examples. We are called to feed His sheep. The awesome ministry MERCY CHEFS feeds disaster victims three meals a day who, otherwise might have nothing and who have lost everything. Our own barbeque team, Tongues of Fire, spreads the Gospel one bite at a time to support mission efforts. You, too, can be a to-go meal for the needy. Simply by touching a heart you can feed a soul. We are blessed to be a blessing. Share the Gospel (and sometimes use words)!

Peace & Love, Connie



Gifted! A New Projector!

Over the past several years, when DUMC hosted guest speakers and needed a projector for their presentations, we used the one belonging to the Woodworkers'. While we are grateful for their generosity, we began to have technology connection issues. Recently Pat Brodsky made a presentation for Making Cards For Our Troops and discovered our lack. Pat and Making Cards For Our Troops, as a Rotary friend and a partner in ministry, gave our congregation a brand new projector. So now whether we are hosting or carrying our ministries into the surrounding community, we have a mobile, easy to use, effective tool for sharing our messages.

Thank you Pat Brodsky and Making Cards For Our Troops.

*On Sunday, June 11,
we will start our
summer services at
8:30 AM outdoors in
the Green Cathedral!*





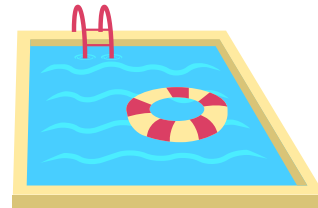
The DUMC Kids and Youth Group will participate in the Strawberry Festival with a tent with games and activities, as well as a moon bounce! We plan to have a pool party in June, and again in the late summer hosted by a couple of our church families. Sunday School will conclude for the summer on June 18th.

Save the dates below for our future events!



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

Baptism



Kendall Lynn Vincent was born on December 16, 2022 to Kim Kontson and Jeff Vincent. Her gleeful disposition, bright eyes, and big smile bring joy to her family every day. Kendall's older brother, Jamison, is especially happy to share kisses and toys with his new baby sister. Kim and Jeff have both lived in the greater Annapolis area their entire lives and are excited to raise their children in such a wonderful community.

Welcome New Member

Karen Baker has been a lifelong Christian who tries to renew that commitment regularly. She has had the blessing of a legacy of faith filled parents and grandparents; one set even started a rural Presbyterian church. She has been married to Tom Baker for 36 years and they have a cat that adopted them. She is a Nurse Practitioner in Pain & Palliative Care at the National Institutes of Health and sincerely considers it a calling to care for those suffering. She loves nature, being outdoors hiking, gardening and sailing. She was initially drawn to DUMC by the outdoor service, (reminded of fond memories of church campground services). Her family moved here right before COVID, so now feels increased ability to engage and connect. She has been a Stephen's Minister for 12 years and happy to continue to serve here. It is a privilege to co-lead with Pam Durbin in the GriefShare outreach program, the Holy spirit is infusing it with encouragement and hope in brokenness. Praying throughout the day is an ongoing, enriching conversation, often including this congregation and Pastor Wendy. It is a very stressed out world, we need a grace lifted community to respond to what God is doing now.

Welcome New Members



We are the Zeigenfuse-McAllister family comprised of Nora Zeigenfuse, and Brian, Brian (6) and Sloane (3) McAllister. Brian is in kindergarten at Davidsonville Elementary. Sloane attends school at the church, CrossRoads (where Brian also attends aftercare). Brian and Sloane both play soccer with the Davidsonville Gators, and Sloane dances. Nora works in learning and development for a law firm in DC and Brian is a physical education teacher in PG County (he also coaches both kid's soccer teams). We also have a dog named Raphael (named after the teenage mutant ninja turtle). I am excited to be a new member of the church.

Nora Zeigenfuse
(443) 440-7977

We welcome Chrissy Ottman from Massachusetts. She is a Nationally Certified Pharmacy Technician. You can find her at the Walmart Pharmacy in Landover Hills. She found her way to our church through her sorority sister Cindy Wrotchford and our new GriefShare Group. The welcome she received in the group and congregation was amazing, so amazing that she decided to stay and chose to become a disciple with us. She has jumped right in with local service projects with her sorority and is looking forward to Making Cards for Troops. Here among us - with us - she hopes to deepen here relationship with God. This is where she finds life.



In Memoriam

Barbara Whittington

1938 - 2023



Barbara D. Whittington, 85, a lifelong resident of Davidsonville, MD died of natural causes at her daughter's home in Shady Side, MD on Monday, April 3, 2023. Born February 16, 1938, in Davidsonville, MD to the late Earl and Jessie Leitch. She attended the original Davidsonville Elementary School and graduated from Annapolis High School. She was the longest-living member of Davidsonville United Methodist Church. She drove a school bus for 33 years for Johnny and Barbara Carr. Barbara enjoyed gardening, duck pin bowling, watching her son play ball, and playing golf with her husband and family. She is survived by her children, Connie Smith of Shady Side, MD, Randy (Sonja) Whittington of Davidsonville, MD, and Linda (Duane) Cecil of Powhatan, VA; a sister, Jane Skipper of Kilmarnock, VA; nine grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Conley Whittington; two siblings, Albert Leitch, and Betty J. Moreland; and a son-in-law, Johnny Smith.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your love and support always but especially this past year as my mother's health declined.

My mother appreciated so much the love she received from you through phone calls, cards and visits. It meant the world to her and us. When she died, you again were there for us and gave us the strength to move forward with your many prayers, texts, cards, calls, and the wonderful luncheon you provided after her funeral.

My Mother joined DUMC soon after she moved back to Maryland in 2001 to be close to us. She immediately made church friends. She loved the camaraderie of peeling peaches and putting tops on the jam. She was a regular at the 11 am service, 3rd row from the back, right side, and more recently she looked forward to the online service every Sunday. She will be remembered by some at the church as Grandma Dottie and to many as the gal who was still tapdancing in her 90's.

My mother was always happy and never met a stranger. She was also a woman of great faith. When she passed away on Valentine's Day her last words were a joyous "Let's Go", and without a doubt she is with Jesus.

Love, Lisa, Joe, and Jodee Niemann



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

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

May

2 - David McKeever
3 - Nelson Outten
5 - Steve Arslanian
5 - Jeanne Bowser
5 - Howard Hardesty
7 - Frank van Vliet
8 - Emery Bisci
10 - Tim McArdle
10 - Pat Wood
11 - Charlotte Maslar
12 - Alex Joya
13 - Carter Clurman
14 - Bob Ingram
15 - Megan Arslanian
15 - Sara Gonzalez-Rothi
18 - Bruce Angevine
19 - Rebecca Hollamon
19 - Charles Hollamon
19 - Raye Long
19 - Joseph Maslar
23 - Elisa Jillson Stanek
25 - Mary Conklin
26 - Harlow Manahan
28 - Kevin Wright
29 - Rusty Lamar
30 - Noel Doney
30 - Noah Doney
20 - Susan Lamar
31 - Dane Hall

June

1 - Charlie Hardesty
4 - Adam Burgess
5 - Tyler Potts
5 - Hailey Potts
5 - Don Simpson
6 - Delores Bowling
6 - Daniel Wallander
7 - Eileen Smith
8 - Maggie Fitzsimmons
10 - Evelyn O'Neill
11 - John Graves
11 - Elizabeth Kurban
13 - John Cain
15 - Florence Ingram
16 - Kellie Baur
16 - Dusty Egbert
16 - Tricia Moeslein
18 - Liz Morrissey
21 - Trent Fiesler
21 - Rick Kurtinitis
22 - Jean Smith
24 - Bob Wilson
26 - Jerry Fiesler
28 - Claire Stanek
30 - Jacob Burgess



~HAPPY~
Anniversary

5/4 - Kaitlyn & Adam Burgess
5/23 - Ed & Lynda Hall
5/25 - Bruce & Deb Angevine
5/25 - Herb & Mary Wilson

6/2 - John & Barbara Cohen
6/9 - Daniel & Barbara Colacicco
6/11 - Don & Sarah Simpson
6/13 - Gene & Debby Wasson
6/14 - Lee & Pam Matousek
6/24 - Steve & Kelly Arslanian

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