

DAVIDSONVILLE UMC

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

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Brothers and sisters, we want to let you know about the grace of God that was given to the churches of Macedonia. While they were being tested by many problems, their extra amount of happiness and their extreme poverty resulted in a surplus of rich generosity. I assure you that they gave what they could afford and even more than they could afford, and they did it voluntarily.

2 Corinthians 8:1-3

The Blessings of the Season

Christmas and Thanksgiving are celebratory seasons when generosity seems to flow. These are times of giving, receiving, and being thankful for both. When my family sits down for our Thanksgiving meal, we take turns thanking God for the blessings in our lives. Maybe the same also happens around your table. As we prepare to come to the communion table again, I have been praying for God's blessings for our church and through our church.

Our calendar is full of wonderful ministries. There will be a Cantata and a Children's Pageant. We will again bless our neighbors both local and global with: Operation Christmas Child, Thanksgiving Baskets, hygiene kits and sandwiches for people without houses, a Red Cross Blood Drive and the angel tree. A lunch for seniors and a UMW Christmas tea are scheduled. The Alternative Christmas Market is only a couple of weeks away. December opens with the Live Nativity and Lights of Kindness. I don't think that these are "problems" but our capacity for volunteering and working together will certainly be tested over the next two months. I am expecting that God's grace will carry us through resulting in an "extra amount of happiness and a surplus of rich generosity." (2 Cor. 8:2)

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I am very grateful for the new families that are involved in our children's ministries. I hope that the photos of Back to Church Sunday and the Family Campout delight you too. Family and children's ministries will need extra support as they grow. While we have strong leadership, new programs will need additional volunteers, set up/clean up help, and financial support. You don't have to wait to be asked; let us know where your gifts and abilities might fit.

We are also taking steps to offer Hope, Understanding, and Grief Support (HUGS) to our congregation and greater community. We are becoming known as a place for funerals, memorials, or celebrations of life for families that don't have a home church. We are attempting to walk with people as they journey through their first year of grief. We have initiated grief support meetings. We are discovering what works and what doesn't, and adapting as we learn. On All Saints Sunday, we will read the names of those who went home to Jesus this year. Please keep their families in your prayers. The first year of loss is difficult. Reach out generously with cards or calls to the families you know who are grieving.

Church leaders have been very thrifty even as they launched or relaunched programs and new ministries. God has blessed us with the strength to reach people in new ways. But COVID anxiety, a changing employment market, and a volatile economy have impacted our income. When you are contemplating weekly or year-end donations, consider contributing to the work of the church.

May you, like the Corinthians, "...be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way. Such generosity produces thanksgiving to God through us." 2 Corinthians 9:11.

With gratitude and blessings - Pastor Wendy van Vliet



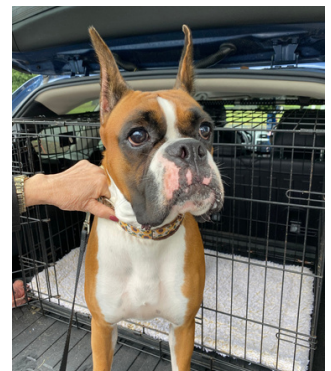
*Just some
worship
photos...*



Acolyte Ministry

When we worship indoors, the children take turns bringing the light of Christ into worship. That moment involves much more than just lighting the candles. It is one of the ways that children can be engaged in worship and give back to the congregation. It is about learning responsibility and how to praise God. We now have several children who are just the right age to participate in this ministry. We need a volunteer or a pair of volunteers to coordinate their efforts. We need someone to train, schedule, and appreciate our young acolytes.

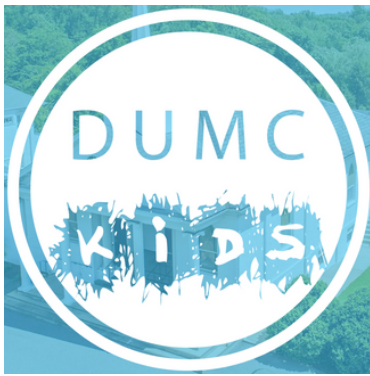
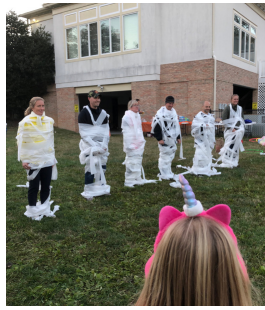
Please text Lisa Niemann (410) 353-2793 if you would like to help with this ministry.



LET'S GO
Camping!

Families will pitch tents on the playground, roast hot dogs, sleep, rise and have breakfast, and then go to church together!

OCTOBER 8 - 9
ARRIVE AT 6 PM
at Davidsonville UMC



World Communion Sunday

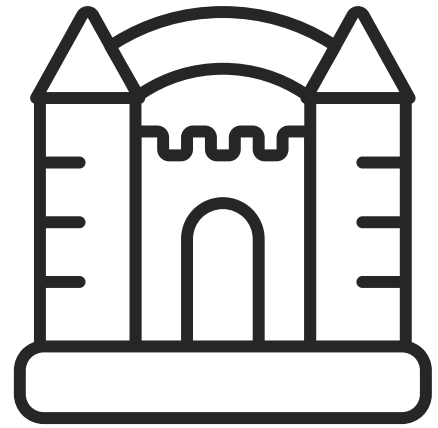




Back to Church Sunday!



Sunday, September 18th! Single worship service in Sanctuary at 10 AM, potluck picnic to follow! Fun and games for all ages! Bring a friend!



Dear Friends in Christ,

Which is crazier? To hear thunder and believe it is the voice of God or to hear the voice of God and believe it's only thunder? Perhaps we could better design our spiritual lives if God only spoke in thunder tones, but the truth of the matter is that whether He's thundering at you or speaking as gently as a summer's breeze, you're not going to identify with the voice of God unless you're really listening. The trouble is that I suspect when God speaks to us, we're often just too busy to listen.



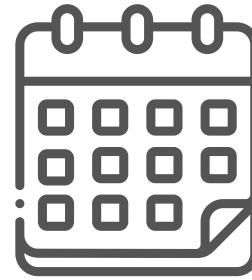
Elijah was listening when God spoke to him in 1 Kings 18. He was afraid. He was hiding, and God said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Elijah tells God that he's done everything he was asked to do, and still Ahab is killing off prophets left and right until he is the only one left and they're trying to kill him too! And the Lord tells Elijah to go stand on the mountain (in the presence of the Lord) for He is about to pass by. THEN a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. Are you ready to hear God's gentle whisper? Pray for an open heart and an open mind and LISTEN. Pay attention. Have you been called by God lately?

Peace & Love, Connie



**CCDC NEEDS
Teachers and Aides!
Share the News!**

CrossRoads is looking for individuals, strong and anchored with kindness, patience, and love of supporting the growth of children in mind, body, and spirit. Must be 18 years old, have a High School diploma, have a 90-hour certification for Child Development Preschool and Curriculum (preferred, but we can support you in obtaining this certification and other pre-service training). Responsibilities include but are not limited to: lesson planning based on child, developmentally appropriate curriculum, establish positive and collaborative relationships with families and staff, adapt program activities to meet the unique and individual needs of the whole child, and maintain professional and appropriate communication with parents or caregivers and fellow staff. Interested applicants, please email your resume to crdirector@crossroadscdc.com.



Alternative Christmas Market: The United Methodist Women are hosting the sale for The Ten Thousand Villages. They are a non-profit organization that takes products made by artisans in less developed countries, buys the items, and then markets them in the United States. There will be an amazing range of items, from toys, to scarves, placemats, jewelry, baskets, scented soaps, olive wood items, stationary sets, and wonderful Christmas ornaments. The United Methodist Women will receive a percentage of sales which will support the needs of a battered Women's Shelter. This event is a perfect opportunity to give the gift that keeps on giving. The Market will be from **10 AM to 2 PM on Saturday, Nov. 12th and Sunday, Nov. 13th** in the Fellowship Hall!

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES.
Alternative Christmas Market!
SATURDAY | 11.12.22 | 10 AM - 2 PM
SUNDAY | 11.13.22 | 10 AM - 2 PM
FAIR TRADE POP-UP SHOP

100 % of the church's proceeds go to the local battered women's shelter

GLOBAL TREASURES - MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS - POTTERY
JEWELRY - BASKETS - TOYS - CHRISTMAS DECOR - BAKED GOODS

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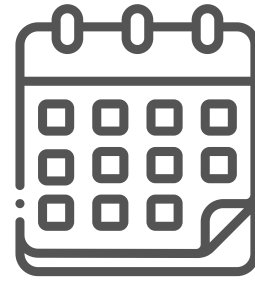


The next DUMC blood drive is scheduled for this Saturday, **November 26 from 10 AM- 3 PM.** To schedule your lifesaving donation please visit redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: davidsonvilleumc or call 1-800-733-2767. Please consider donating!

CrossRoads CDC will be participating in Lights of Kindness: a tree decorating contest taking place at Homestead Gardens! Voting will open soon on rotarylightsofkindness.org, and the tree will be available for viewing from **Thursday, Dec 1st-Sunday, Dec 4th.** Your vote and donation supports CCDC.



Save
the Date



In a world of great religious diversity, where there is often doubt and disbelief about all things biblical, it is NOT doubt or disbelief among our congregation that threatens the power of the Christmas story; it is familiarity. We have heard it so many times that we miss the wonder, the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love of God making *a way in a manger*.



Join us in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, December 11th at 9 AM** for a beautiful Cantata put on by our very own praise choir! A musical "way to a manger" as we inch towards the season of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ!

On Dec 5th, from 5 PM - 7 PM, enjoy a LIVE NATIVITY! From the safety of your own car, drive through our property and travel to Bethlehem. Experience the sights, sounds, and smells of the very first Christmas. The whole family will enjoy our angels, shepherds & sheep, Wisemen, and even a live camel. We will be accepting donations of canned goods in supporting our local community.



In Memoriam

Janet Long, 1936 - 2022



Janet Marie Long, 86, passed away on September 15, 2022 in Jupiter, FL. Born on August 31, 1936 in Washington, DC, she was the youngest child of the late Raymond and Mary Gicker. Janet spent most of her adult life in College Park and then Annapolis, MD where she raised her family and proudly worked as an Administrative Assistant at the U.S. Naval Academy for 15 years. She was a gracious hostess of pool parties and holiday gatherings at her home and was well-known for her Scotcheroots (a Rice Krispies treat) and Sand Tarts. A longtime member of Davidsonville United Methodist Church, Janet also loved to play BINGO and eat out, especially when she could pick crabs or order a good crab cake. In addition to her parents, Janet was preceded in death by her loving husband of 52 years, Leon Long, all five of her siblings and her furry companion whom she adored, Harley. She is survived by five children: Carl (Debbie), Cindy, Daniel, Donald (Diane) and Douglas; 15 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.



We are collecting items for those in need!

Please consider donating something from the list below. There will be containers at both worship services to collect your donations.

Items needed include:

- Toothbrushes
- Travel sized toothpastes
- Dental Floss
- Travel sized soaps
- Travel sized shampoos
- Travel sized conditioners
- Travel sized lotions
- Travel sized deodorants
- Combs
- Nail Files
- ChapSticks

We also will need large empty boxes for storing and transporting the kits.

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

November

- 1 - Betty Magruder
- 2 - Cole Kronenthal
- 2 - Chris Tucker
- 3 - Paul Raddin
- 3 - Mary Wilson
- 4 - Michael Payne
- 4 - Adam Schmitt
- 10 - Marie Simpson
- 10 - Christian Stanek
- 12 - Karen Evangelista
- 12 - Debby Wasson
- 12 - James Egbert
- 13 - Maeve Simpson
- 14 - Julia Cobb
- 14 - Liz Hopkins
- 15 - Pam Durbin
- 16 - Rob Bennett
- 16 - Erin Hollamon
- 19 - Caroline Scruggs
- 21 - Ann Simmons
- 26 - Martha Payne
- 26 - Joann Smith



December

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| 3 - Donald Monaghan | 20 - Debbie Werre |
| 3 - Nikolas Ostis | 21 - Randy Simpson |
| 4 - Jackie Wallander | 21 - Lynn Welton-Beatty |
| 6 - Noah Hall | 22 - Steven Tartaglia |
| 7 - Elaine Lancaster | 23 - Evelyn Rolko |
| 7 - Tom Roh | 26 - Craig Kronenthal |
| 8 - Mary Elaine Hardesty | 26 - Doug Wasson |
| 10 - Lyla Bisci | 27 - Francois Pierru |
| 13 - Beverley Swaim-Staley | 27 - Benjamin Robertson |
| 15 - Redge Mahaffey | 29 - Sean Morrissey |
| 16 - Sharon Foster | 30 - John Wallander |
| 17 - Betty Schmitt | 31 - Shirley McCarthy |

11/10 - John & Patricia Cain

12/10 - Greg & Caroline Scruggs

12/20 - Wendy & Frank van Vliet

12/23 - John & Bonnie Campbell

*~HAPPY~
Anniversary*

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