

LAMPLIGHTER



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Sunday Worship Schedule

Blended Service 8:30 AM
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Traditional Serv 11:00 AM
 Youth Fellowship
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 Senior High 6:30 PM

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Like most people, I am a little sad to see summer officially behind us. The baseball season is almost over and the promise of football is in the air. Our college students have returned to their campuses and our local area schools are busy with Back-to-School nights and fall sports. Fall always seems like the beginning of a new year even for someone like me who doesn't have children in school. It is just in the air. At almost every turn, it seems there exists the possibility for newness, adventure, and starting over.

At Davidsonville UMC, the start-up to the program year is in full swing, and that same sense of newness, anticipation and promise is all around us. We are a blessed congregation gifted with incredible opportunities to share our faith. The Stewardship team is excited about our fall dinners and programs. Kyle and I are teaching two classes this fall, first a class on Wesley and then in November an Advent study. We will also be offering our Wednesday night worship services during Advent. In addition there are many great opportunities to share and grow in our faith together like Sunday morning worship, Sunday School, UMW, UMM, Missions, UMYF and the list could go on and on and. . .

This Fall, make a commitment to get involved in a new way in our church community. Get to know your pew mates better, help with coffee hour, be an usher, read scripture, visit a shut-in, get to know your pastor and staff better! And most importantly, pass on your faith to this hurting world that needs hope. We all need to have hope and with Christ in our life, we always have hope.

This past September we marked the 10th anniversary of the events of 9-11. As we remembered the lives lost in Washington, New York and Pennsylvania, I reflected on how we could continue to best honor those memories and the faith we share. I pray we may focus our energies on finding new ways to work for compassion, peace, justice and yes, even continue to work on forgiveness. God's

unconditional love and Jesus' ministry of hope challenges and empowers us to do nothing less.

I came across the following quote the week I was working on our 9/11 Remembrance Service. Its message is such a timeless and vital one that I decided to share it with you here as a way to remind all of us of our call to love.

“Each second we live in a new and unique moment of the universe, a moment that never was before and will never be again. And what do we teach our children in school? We teach them that two and two make four; and that Paris is the capital of France. When will we also teach them what they are? We should say to each of them: Do you know what you are? You are a marvel. You are unique. In all of the world there is no other child like you. And look at your body—what a wonder it is! Your legs, your arms, your cunning fingers, the way you move! You may become a Shakespeare, a Michelangelo, a Beethoven. You have the capacity for anything. Yes, you are a marvel. And when you grow up, can you then harm another who is, like you, a marvel? You must cherish one another. You must work—we must all work—to make this world worthy of its children.” - Pablo Casals, Joys and Sorrows

God's peace be with you always, Pastor Lisa

The Blessing Of The Animals

The Blessing of Animals will be held in our Green Cathedral on Sunday, October 2nd, at 3 pm, with a rain date of the 9th. This service is traditionally held on the Sunday in October closest to the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4) and will feature animal-friendly focused liturgy, scripture and hymns as well as a personal blessing of each animal by Pastor Lisa. Each animal will receive a small St. Francis medal to sport on their collar or someplace special. Everyone will receive a card with a special prayer for the health and safety of our animal family members. Animals attending the service may include dogs, cats, horses, sheep, calves, fish and anything in-between. Some people even choose to bring photos of their pets if it is difficult for their pets to attend the blessing.

St Francis, founded the Franciscan order of the Catholic church and lived in Italy during the late 12th and 13th centuries. He was generous to the poor and ministered to the lepers. He is remembered for his love for animals and nature. The reason we have the service traditionally in the fall and close to October 4th is because that was the day that he died in 1226.



COUNCIL NOTES ~

The Church Council met on September 19th following the Finance Committee meeting. The next Council meeting is scheduled for October 18th at 6pm prior to the 7pm Charge Conference meeting.

The **Charge Conference** is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council. All members of the Charge Conference must be members of the local church. The Charge Conference must meet at least once per year. The Charge Conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry. The District Superintendent or Region Guide will preside over the Charge Conference. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend the Charge Conference.

The Finance Committee and Treasurer shared financial information regarding giving levels and spending. They advised that current monthly giving is about \$2,000 per month less than expenditures.

The Building Committee presented a motion to request authorization to spend \$5,000 for a cost estimate study of the building plan that was presented at the 8/22 Building Committee Meeting. Don Wilson offered to take a look at the plan and come up with a rough estimate. The motion was tabled.

A Stewardship Ad Hoc committee was formed in August and has met several times. The Council approved the initial recommendations of this committee which include:

- Making personal contact with the congregation to invite all members to attend the Stewardship dinners in November and to conduct a brief survey of ministry satisfaction.
- Maintain the Step-it-Up initiative as the foundation of the Stewardship program.
- Direct the Finance Committee to establish electronic payment options for offering.
- Set the goal of 100% participation of all members in the annual pledge process.
- Develop a Stewardship initiative to be conducted over the next 15-months.

The committee recognizes that Stewardship is much more than financial giving. It's the basis of our Spiritual relationship with God. God has given His all to us and we are called to participate in the faith community. How are we being good stewards with what God has entrusted to us? How about our bodies, our overall Christian lives, in reading the Bible, in prayer, how we approach worship time, with our minds, our relationships and yes, our money?

The Trustees continue to make improvements to the church facilities. Motion activated light controls have gone up inside and outside the church. The sanctuary furnace is being replaced as well as chimney repairs. The concrete stairs going up to the area outside the Music office are going to be repaired.

In His Peace,
Steve Leonard
2011 Council Chair

DUMC RECOGNIZES THE MEMORY OF 9-11



A special remembrance service was held on 9/11. Personal reflections were offered on the life changes we have experienced since that memorable date. A Litany of Remembrance, Penitence and Hope was led by Pastor Lisa.

From the CrossRoads

By Liz Hopkins

CrossRoads said good-bye to its pre-kindergarten class in June with a Crossing Over graduation program. In a grand SRO crush of parents, grandparents and older siblings, the “graduates” received their “yearbooks”, posed for thousands of photos, and prepared to move on to kindergarten if they stayed at CrossRoads for Summer Adventure, and then to elementary school in late August.

Summer Adventure also offered full day programs for the elementary students who use CrossRoads for Before and/or After Care during the school year. All were kept busy and engaged with weekly themes, indoor and outdoor activities, and special visitors.

Staff added since June include:

- Stephanie Franey- Pre K
- Brenda Marston- Preschool 3's
- Magnolia Erteschik- Preschool 2's
- Lindsay Pacen- Univ. of MD student intern/Substitute

In addition Matthew Hicks and Alex Baldwin assisted with school age children for Summer Adventure.

The center is serving 116 children in September 2011. There are just two opening in the pre-school classes for part-time students, with 11 children on the waiting list for openings. However,

Before and After Care, which serves elementary and middle school children, is at just 34% of capacity. Be sure to recommend CrossRoads B&A to any of your neighbors who may need care for their older children.

In spite of the successes, CrossRoads showed a financial loss for the month of August. This is the first loss in over two and a half years. The CCDC Committee and Joanna Salas, CrossRoads Director, have determined that the loss was due to excess staffing for the Summer Adventure and increased costs for supplies. Steps have been taken to address these issues and prevent a recurrence.

Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Annual Candy & Gift Project

It is hard to believe that the holiday season is almost here, but the VIM team is offering you a wonderfully easy way to buy a few gifts for your friends and loved ones. Also, the items make great gifts for the newspaper carrier, mail carrier, teachers, etc. Included in the soon-t-be-provided packet is also a brochure for wrapping paper and candles for those of you who would prefer to not buy candy. Take the brochures to work and place them on the lunch table with a note attached, so your coworkers know that the profits are for a good cause.

To send a mission away team of 20+ is costly, but the more workers there are, the more work that gets completed during the mission week. Your purchases will also support Missions' efforts to help folks closer to home. In addition, one of the goals the team hopes to reach this year with the proceeds of the candy and bbq sales is to build an attractive and secure storage building for Missions' supplies and equipment. These goals can be reached with your help. A very nice profit margin is provided with each item sold (& a 40% tax deduction for you), so the more participants buying and selling items, the more money Missions earns.

The sale begins on Sunday, Oct. 30th and will end on Sunday, November 20th. **All order forms and money are due by Nov. 20th**. The candy, gifts and/or wrapping paper will be ready for pick up on December 11th. Prayerfully consider supporting the VIM program with your sales and purchases.

... "anything you did for any of my people here, you also did for me." Matthew 25:40 ERV Bible

Submitted By - Blair Smith

Don't Forget the Library

Anonymous donors keep leaving wonderful new books in the church library. Stop in and look at the following titles.

There are three in the Inspiration/Devotion section:

The Spirit-Controlled Woman by Beverly LaHaye
Strong Women, Soft Hearts by Paula Rinehart
So Long Insecurity by Beth Moore

Also, Friendships of Women by Dee Brestin is located in the Family Life Section.

Wesley: Small Group Film Study"

Wednesday Nights, 7:00 PM, 9/21/11-10/26/11

Facilitated by Pastor Lisa Bandel-Sparks and Kyle Durbin

This six week study will be part film study of Gateway Films recent production of "Wesley: A Heart Transformed Can Change The World," and essentially, part Methodist: 101. Discussions will focus on universal Christian themes stemming from a number of topics, such as Wesley's search for God, inner transformation by God's grace, challenges faced by Wesley, and the legacy left behind by John and his brother, Charles Wesley. The companion study guide to the movie, by renowned United Methodist theologian and author Kenneth Cain Kinghorn, invites participants to, "see how John Wesley [founder of the Methodist Church] changed the world and became the spiritual leader for millions. With a screenplay adapted directly from the journals of John Wesley, the film faithfully portrays the formative years of Wesley's ministry, from the Epworth rectory fire in his childhood, to his disastrous mission and romance in colonial Georgia, and to his pivotal 'heart-warming' experience in London." The first week will be a viewing of the film in entirety and is also open for individuals who cannot make a six week commitment, but still have a desire to learn more about the foundations of the United Methodist Church.

AUDITORS NEEDED

Each February the Church's financial records are audited by a committee of church members. You don't have to be a CPA to serve on this committee just be able to follow the Audit Guide. The audit normally takes one Saturday morning with some follow up actions if necessary. If interested in serving please contact Roger Vales.

Annual Audit is the annual review of the church's financial statements following the procedures outlined in the *Local Church Audit Guide*. The annual audit results in the publication of an independent opinion, *Fund Balance Report*, on whether the financial statements accurately display the fund balances, proper financial procedures are in place and are being followed, and proper records are being kept.

Definition: *The Book of Discipline* does not define what a local church audit is but has determined the term "audit" is meant to be a *process that provides reasonable assurance that good stewardship is being used in handling and accounting for the funds and other assets of the local church*. To a professional auditor or accountant this definition may be closer to a "review". However, the Discipline does not call for a "review" and that is why the definition chosen and the steps outlined in the *Local Church Audit Guide** falls somewhere in the middle between a full-blown "audit" and the simpler "review".

PEACH FESTIVAL - 2011

The Peach Festival was held August 13 under sunny skies. Throngs of people were lined up by ten o'clock to get a pie ticket and they continued to come to eat barbeque or burgers at the picnic tables, buy jam, and listen to the Chesapeake Pickers.



Karen Hirakawa sells pie tickets.

Who Are the United Methodist Women?

You know about our Bible studies, projects, tea parties, and fashion shows, but do you know that UMW is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members? Our mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating for justice.

Members raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children, and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world. The purpose of UMW is :

- * To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ
- * To develop a creative supportive fellowship

* To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church

Our UMW group is part of the Annapolis District and we send a pledge to missions every year.

Our next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Oct. 11 at the church. We will be continuing our study of a very interesting book *The Jesus Priorities*. The author went through the gospels and determined what Jesus consistently did during his ministry. He made up a chart with the first three being heal, love and pray. He wrote a chapter about each. Please join us for an interesting discussion and, of course, refreshments.
by Jean Smith

AUTUMN JUBILATION - 2011



The Autumn Jubilation Festival was held Sept. 24 under threatening skies, but the rain held off. Unfortunately, so did the customers. The BBQ was ready and the Bake Sale table was filled with delicious items. The band played in the Fellowship Hall (and briefly outside) where tables were set up for lunch and apple crisp was served. Those who came were in a good mood and adjusted to the weather changes.

**DAVIDSONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AND CROSSROADS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

**CONDENSED PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
MONTH OF AUGUST, 2011 AND EIGHT MONTHS JANUARY THRU AUGUST 2011**

	<u>MONTH OF AUGUST</u>	<u>ACTUAL 8 MONTHS</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2010</u>
<u>DUMC</u>				
GROSS INCOME	22151	215982	274000	232293
TOTAL EXPENSES	33440	273342	274065	238601
OTHER INC./RENT INTEREST	<u>3493</u>	<u>27277</u>	<u>27000</u>	<u>4109</u>
NET EXPENSES	29947	246065	247065	234492
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(7796)	(30085)	26935	(2199)
<u>CROSSROADS</u>				
GROSS REVENUES	45031	385473	371775	308926
OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>45460</u>	<u>335343</u>	<u>313492</u>	<u>251875</u>
OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)	(429)	50130	58283	57051
INT & BOND REDEMPTION				<u>36395</u>
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	(429)	50130	58283	20656

Submitted by: Ed Kelley, Treasurer

FINANCE

2011 General Fund giving is down. General Fund contributions finance the ministries and operations of our church. DUMC is a good steward of your gifts with a lean budget based on your pledges and previous giving. Please bring your gifts up to date and consider increasing your giving.

2011 GENERAL FUND BUDGET: \$378,121

AUGUST OFFERING: \$22,151 (needed to meet budget: \$31,510)

JAN – AUGUST OFFERINGS: \$220,150 (needed to meet budget: \$252,080)

2011 EIGHT MONTH DEFICIT: \$31,930 (-8.4%)

God blesses us with the opportunity to be in service to Him and one another during this year. Your continued Christian stewardship will insure a successful year carrying out the work of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

Roger Vales, Finance Chairperson

Building Committee

At the August 21st meeting Ken Fowler, Blair Smith and Damon Ostis presented an alternate building concept proposal which would bring the church up to current building codes, meet church space needs and provide a more cost efficient design while accomplishing the first two.

PROPOSAL:

1. Sanctuary & Upper Education Wing Modifications

- a. Update entrance, adding a narthex and handicapped ramp & entrance
- b. Extend the sanctuary to the back of Old Education Wing, add three rows of seats (36 seats) in the nave, and create a 34x22 chancel area. The altar and stained glass window would be on the outside wall of the OLD Education Wing allowing natural light on the stained glass window.
- c. Modify Old Education Wing to include a music room, office and robe closet, two classrooms, altar guild room and lavatory, and stairs from lower level.
- d. **Discussion:** The enlarged Sanctuary would become the church's worship area with the New Fellowship Hall being used for non-worship activities. The Sanctuary expansion will require major structural changes. A structural analysis, as well as ADA design for transitions between floor levels, will be required before proceeding.

2. Old Fellowship Hall (Coffee Room)

- a. Remove stage, adding two classrooms
- b. Relocate stairs to upper level
- c. **Discussion:** General agreement that this is a good use of the space.

3. Kitchen/Fellowship Modifications

- a. Enlarge and reconfigure the kitchen
- b. Change location of side ramp entrance
- c. Extend the New Fellowship Hall adding a stage
- d. **Discussion:** Kitchen expansion creates large prep area, improved dishwashing area and increased dry and cold storage area.

DISCUSSION: There was much discussion, and the following conclusions were reached.

- Concept lacks a large youth room, which Ken said could be built under the proposed stage.
- Concept lacks the number of needed classrooms. The addition of the old Phase II Church Office complex with lower level classrooms would solve the classroom need as well as moving the office back into the church complex.
- Possible loss of covered child care play area could be solved by building a pavilion.
- The committee was supportive of the concept and will ask the Church Council's approval to spend up to \$5,000 for a structural analysis.
- **The Council tabled the request until Operating Fund giving meets the budget.**

Submitted by: Roger Vales

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

by Carol Chell

Sweet Hour of Prayer, praying together for healing of the mind, body, and spirit, is coming to DUMC. The Hour of Prayer is a weekly walk-in prayer time in the Sanctuary, where you can come to seek healing through individual prayer with a Parish Nurse. What is a Parish Nurse? Parish nursing is a specialized practice of professional nursing that holds the spiritual dimension to be central to the practice. It is the intentional integration of the practice of faith with the practice of nursing to promote health and wholeness within the healing mission and health ministry of the church. For those of you who don't know me well, I've been a member of DUMC for about 10 years. I've taught Sunday School for about 7 years. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Maryland, and have been a Registered Nurse for over 30 years. I have a Graduate Certificate in Parish Nursing from St. Mary's Ecumenical University in Baltimore, and I'm continuing my studies this Fall in Advanced Parish Nursing, with an eye toward possibly pursuing a Master's in Church Ministries. Most importantly, I have been a Christian all my life, and have studied the Bible for years and years. I love the Lord, love His Word, and believe in the supernatural power that comes from turning to Him in prayer. Furthermore, I believe there can be healing of the heart even in the presence of incurable illness, wholeness of the spirit, no matter the condition of the physical body, and peace for the soul whatever the outcomes of the trials in our lives. I will be starting the Hour of Prayer on October 12th, and will be in the Sanctuary from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM that day, every Wednesday thereafter (except October 26th; any other exceptions will be printed in the bulletin.) If you have any questions, please call me at 410-956-5586, or email me at budchell@verizon.net. I hope you'll join me, to the glory of God.

WOMAN'S DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY

Carol Chell will be starting a study of the book of Daniel on October 19th in the Annex from 10-11:20AM. This Wednesday morning group will be using the Beth Moore study guide Daniel; Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy. All women are invited to attend. If you haven't already turned in an interest form, please call Carol as soon as possible at 410-956-5586 so she can order you a member workbook. This is a wonderful, inspirational study for women with *any* level of Biblical knowledge, so don't worry if your Bible skills are a little rusty; believe me – you can do this study, and you'll LOVE it! (Please note: There will be no study on October 26th.)



Trustee Report

We have worked on many projects this year. They have been prioritized based on improvement of life safety and physical condition of buildings and equipment.

- Major Projects:
1. Replacement of 2 furnaces
 2. Chimney repairs
 3. Roof repairs
 4. Replacement of safer and more energy efficient lights in the stage (donut) room
 5. Drain repairs to prevent water from entering old kitchen and parlor.
 6. Last, but not least, renovation of the Green Cathedral due to storm damage

- Minor Projects:
1. Motion controlled light switches
 2. Replacement of water stained ceiling tiles
 3. Emphasis on Cleaning and Housekeeping Activities

Crossroads: Much time and money has been spent maintaining this facility. One example: government regulations require constant, expensive, water testing which necessitates a trained water monitor. Russ Smith and Don Wilson have volunteered to take the required training.

We have saved money through the efforts of Rita Spirak-Weill. She negotiated our copier contract and will save at least \$200 per month. The Trustees negotiated an agreement with a new oil supplier at a projected savings of \$.50 per gallon (based on last 3 year consumption) and forty per cent savings of scheduled maintenance with improved coverage

Once we get things completed that need to be done, we will hope to begin work on the sanctuary which needs paint, new speakers, and reworking of the floor coverings

If you see something to be repaired or that needs improvement please send me a note.

Faithfully yours,
Don Wilson

Unsung Servants



Connie Haywood is the lady behind Connie's Corner - the one who can get those little nuggets of wisdom and faith in one or two short paragraphs. When asked about how she writes it, she said, "It's just me - It's just the way I express myself. Words come out of my fingers better than out of my mouth. "

She is also the lady with the beautiful singing voice who sings in the choir and has recently joined the Praise Band, delighting us with her solos. When asked why she joined the Praise Band, she simply said, "Because they asked me - and I really, really enjoy doing it."

Connie was born in Hackensack, NJ and brought up in Hawthorne, NJ. She was brought up with the Lutheran church in a strong, loving family of faith. She sang in the high school choir but has never had any formal music training and doesn't know how to read music. She said, "I have a good ear for music. Once I hear it, I can usually sing it."

When she graduated from high school, she didn't know what she wanted to do. She won a 2-year liberal arts scholarship to Katharine Gibbs School and studied administrative work. Wanting to have some fun and travel, she went to work for Eastern

Airlines in the reservations/vacation planning area and traveled a lot, especially to her girl friend's home in St. Thomas. She went to live in St. Thomas where she met her first husband and where her son Mark was born. When it was time for him to be baptized, she joined the Reformed church and became an active member. Her marriage ended after 6 years and she returned briefly to New Jersey. She was soon back in St. Thomas, where she met Graham, a Lloyd's Marine Underwriter from London. She said it was "like magic" and they were soon married. They had two sons, Malcolm and Christopher and with Mark and Graham's three sons, they were a blended family.

St. Thomas was changing, and they decided to move to the United States to Severna Park, Maryland. Connie became active in the Severna Park United Methodist Church where she studied to be a Stephen Minister and began writing the forerunner of Connie's Corner. In 1991, they moved to Davidsonville. Connie has been working as a bookkeeper at DuVal High School in Lanham for eleven years.

Connie also has a foster son, David, who is a great success story. When Mark left home, Connie looked into temporary foster care where the foster child would spend weekends and holidays with her family. David was a troubled child living at the Board of Child Care, but he became such a part of their family that Malcolm and Christopher decided that, "He has to live here," and so he did and does (to this day). He has earned a double master's degree from Georgetown and works in Virginia. Chris currently lives in Milwaukee, and Malcolm is Career Air Force, currently stationed in Tokyo. Sadly, Graham and Mark have passed away.

A life-changing event will soon take place at Connie's house. She will welcome Malcolm's fiancé and her three little girls to live with her while he spends a year in Korea. Connie asks for your prayers....

Connie came to DUMC for its youth activities such as ASP. She began singing with a small group of women known then as the Sweet Spirit Singers. When asked about her favorite hymn, she said "There are so many beautiful ones," but she chose Because He Lives. When asked about a favorite Bible verse, she didn't name a favorite, but said she found the lesson of the fig tree in Matthew 21:18-22 the most thought-provoking. She would like to hear a sermon about it or spend a couple of hours in a discussion group.

Connie would love one day to share some words of faith and wisdom under the title of "You Can't Fight with your Thumb in your Mouth". She said that "if there's one thing I've learned in all these years it's that when negative thoughts abound, that's the time to make something positive happen; and for goodness sake, you can't do anything if your thumb's in your mouth!"

Submitted By: Jean Smith

Come Out and Help our Youth at California Pizza Kitchen

The Youth will be having a fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen on October 24th, 25th and 26th. They will receive 20% of the entire bill. A coupon must be presented to CPK indicating you are part of the DUMC fundraiser.

Any person eating at CPK and presenting the flyer shown on the next page can contribute to the fundraiser...so encourage all your friends to eat at CPK. If you haven't been to CPK, you should go. The food is fresh, healthy and tasty. Don't let the name fool you - they have a huge menu and many things other than pizza and the salads are wonderful. CPK is located inside the mall next to Nordstroms, and from

outside the mall near The Cheesecake Factory. Outdoor seating is available (with heaters).

Who should attend? EVERYONE who is interested in great food and dining at Doris Cummins' second home should go! Doris is referred to as Mom!

- Groups are encouraged to attend, one coupon per group. If you prefer separate checks, that is **EASY for CPK as long as you say so BEFORE placing the order, otherwise NO.**
- If you forget your flyer...go anyway. The manager, Miranda, has assured me as long as you mention up front you are with DUMC they will honor the fundraiser.
- Any meal, lunch or dinner, on October 24, 25 & 26 qualifies.
- Order off the entire menu - no special meal is needed.
- **Parents**, CPK has great kids meals and they are reasonably priced. Try the kids brownie with ice cream, which is the best, and it serves enough for the parents to enjoy as well!
- Ideas.... kids have your sports teams eat at CPK and 20% of the bill can go to DUMC. Kids will enjoy the food and eating in the outside area is fun.
- Church meetings...hold them at CPK and enjoy!

JOIN US *for an* EVENT WHERE
**GIVING WON'T JUST FEEL GOOD,
IT'LL TASTE GOOD.**

**Raise some serious dough
with California Pizza Kitchen
FUNDRAISER EVENT!**

We're having a fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen. Just bring in this flyer on the date listed below, present it to your server when ordering, and 20% of your check will be donated to our organization.



**ANNAPOLIS MALL
Monday October 24th Thru Wed October 26th
Bring this flyer with you
Help Support Davidsonville United Methodist Church**

Eligible groups include non-profit schools and 501c3 charitable organizations. Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax, gratuity, gift card and retail purchases. Valid for dine-in, take-out and curbside service. Not valid on delivery. Manager, please attach this flyer to the guest check. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.

Love those church ham n' oyster suppers?

Now that we at DUMC have the Autumn Jubilation behind us, the attention of many of our food lovers will turn towards those wonderful ham n' oyster suppers at the local churches. Remember that the "...happy heart has a continual feast." (Proverbs 15:15) Below is a chronological list of spots to be happy. Details are not complete at all locations, so be sure to call first or check websites. Also, don't arrive late as they tend to run short towards the end. OK then, go out and enjoy those bivalves!

Yours in the love of the Lord (bbq, **and** oysters),

Blair Smith

St. James Episcopal – Oct. 8th from 2 til 6. Cost is \$20. This is one of the great ones. Lots of good shopping as well. 410-867-2838

Mt. Harmony UMC – Oct. 15th from 2 til 7. 300 E. Mount Harmony Road, Owings. Cost is \$20, kids 7-12 \$8, served buffet style. 410-257-2761

Christ Church Episcopal – Nov. 5th. Located in Owensville near the Med Center. Note – they usually use west coast oysters. Adults \$18, kids under 12 \$8. 410-867-0346

Friendship UMC – Nov. 5th, 3 til 6. 22 West Friendship Road, Friendship. Their committee hasn't met to decide prices. 410-257-7133.

Mayo UMC – Nov. 12th, 3 til 7. 1005 Old Turkey Point Road, Edgewater. Served buffet style. Their prices have on yet been set. 410-798-6110

Galesville UMC – Nov. 12th, 2 til...? Galesville Community Hall. This is another of the great ones. Adults \$18, kids 12 & up \$8. 410-867-3281

From Anita & Dale Gray

To the folks at DUMC:

Our grateful thanks go to Pastor Lisa for her visits and care.

We so appreciated the flowers from the altar delivered to us recently.

Another thank you belongs to the many friends who sent cards, made calls and visits during the past years.

May God bless you all,

Love, Anita & Dale Gray

Laura Estelle Humphrey has arrived!

We received an announcement of the birth of Laura Estelle Humphrey from proud parents, John and Vicky Humphrey. She was born on August 13, arriving at 7 lbs 2 oz and 20 1/4 inches long. Their address is 302 Dorsey Ave, Mount Airy MD 21771. The proud grandparents are Steve and Carolyn Humphrey.

A poem by Gary Cummins

Hasten Not to Leave

Sun-dappled evergreens glisten, reflecting the golden rays of a setting sun
And as this stately wood basks in the ethereal glow of amber haze
I hasten not to leave, but to linger just a while.
Thrushes trill their vibrant song, echoing their call through distant glade
And as this shady glen fills with the music of bird and brook,
I hasten not to leave, but to linger just a while.

Heavenly spires gently sway, murmuring their contentment with the wind's tender caress,
And while the sun is sinking low in a sky of crimson fire,
I wish not now to leave, I must linger just a while.
The forest enchantingly beckons, yielding not to divergent pursuit,
And while the captivating moments last before the veil of night descends,
I shall take my time to leave, and pause a while within.

August, 1989

About the poet - son of Doris Cummins

Gary was born in Maryland and gradually moved north because of his work as a banker. Bank mergers took him all the way from Maryland to Bangor, ME. He absolutely loved New England and he and his wife, Judy eventually bought 50 acres of land on a mountain and lived in a mountain cabin, surrounded by woods, a stream, vegetable and flower gardens and fruit trees. In this setting, he was able to enjoy all of life, including camping, hiking, reading, playing music with friends, writing poetry. He loved animals, mostly dogs, and wrote a burial service (including hymns) for Max (his dog) when Max died, Gary was full of life.....savoring each moment. When he called me and told me of his cancer diagnosis, he said, "Mom, if I die tomorrow, I will have experienced life the way it should be and I have no regrets.....How many of us can say that....."

Gary is buried on that mountain near the cabin where he took his last breath.



DUMC Prayer Warriors

Prayers are requested for:

Norma Ingram
Norma Carpenter
Dale and Anita Gray
Jean Ford
Bill Snyder
Betty Mobra

Virginia Howells
Geneva Leitch
Edgar Wayson
Joy Wood
Greg Wayson

Family of Jim Fate
June & Bill Scrimgeour
Millie Crutchley & family
Family of Julia Hardesty
Family of Susan Attenberger



Connie's Corner

We have the opportunity to participate in an introductory workshop to the Stephen Ministry on November 12. Perhaps you've never heard of the Stephen Ministry and are unaware of this glorious opportunity to serve your Christian family. There's really no way I can "briefly" describe this rather unique expression of discipleship, but actually that's what Connie's Corner has been about. I started writing newsletter articles many years ago in another Congregation as a means of introducing my church family to this awesome ecumenical lay ministry.

According to the "manual" a Stephen Minister is defined as: a lay Christian recruited, selected, trained, and supervised to provide Christian caregiving through their congregation. Stephen Ministers commit to serving a minimum of two years, which includes the initial fifty hours of training and twice-monthly Supervision and Continuing Education sessions. Stephen Ministers can, and often do, extend their service well beyond their two-year initial commitment.

In my opinion, the Stephen Ministry Program is a natural extension of one's Christianity. Dr. Elton Trueblood so beautifully wrote, "If you are a Christian, you are a minister. This proposition is absolutely basic to any contemporary understanding of the Christian movement. A non-ministering Christian is a contradiction in terms. The Christian faith is not made up of spectators listening to professionals and is not for individuals who are seeking, primarily, to save their own souls. It is necessarily made up of persons who are called to serve as representatives of Christ in the world, and to serve means to minister." Participating in the Stephen Ministry program comes as naturally to a Christian as breathing and is a wonderful opportunity to express your Christianity.

I have been honored to participate in a Stephen Ministry Leadership Training Conference. The theme of the conference which I attended at Loyola was, "Bear one another's burdens". Not 'bear', the cuddly noun; but 'bear' the servitude verb. The purpose of God's word is to act upon it! Reach out, bear, BE THERE!

I would invite you to explore the website at <http://www.stephenministries.org/> or feel free to speak with me should you have any questions concerning the Stephen Ministry program or any interest in learning more. Should you be interested in attending the meeting on November 12, you need only call the office and express your interest to Pam. Remember that it is not within our power to place divine teachings directly in someone else's heart. All that we can do is place them on the surface of the heart so that when the heart breaks, they will drop in.

Peace and love, Connie



October

- 1 Kristy Moseley
- 1 Paula Simpson
- 1 Alexander Ward
- 2 June Scrimgeour
- 4 Bev Finn
- 4 Don Wilson
- 5 Ken Fowler
- 6 Barbara Cohen
- 6 Jordan Hicks
- 7 Lisa Bandel-Sparks
- 7 Kevin Reio
- 7 Herb Wilson
- 9 Rob Ballister
- 11 Demi Heider
- 16 Kaileigh Ducharme
- 16 Logan Masters
- 16 Rita Siprak-Weill
- 17 Lee Matousek
- 20 Kate Hopkins
- 23 Jodee Niemann
- 25 Vassie Hollamon
- 27 Steve Leonard
- 28 Stephanie McKeever
- 29 Andrew Hirakawa
- 31 Connie Haywood

November

- 2 Chris Tucker
- 3 Mary Wilson
- 4 Jenny Grow
- 4 Ryan Purcell
- 8 Skip McKee
- 10 Emily Marks
- 10 Marie Simpson
- 11 Izzy Lawrence
- 12 Tom Tucker
- 13 Karin Thibodeau
- 14 Ben Borchelt
- 14 Liz Hopkins
- 15 Pam Durbin
- 16 Erin Hollamon
- 16 Ray Weems
- 17 Gavin Baird
- 17 Trevor Baird
- 18 Chloe Lawrence
- 19 Kyla Ballister
- 19 Caroline Scruggs
- 20 Peggy Williams
- 21 Branson Fowler
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- 25 Linsey Turkett
- 26 Joann Smith
- 26 Joyce Wyatt-Anderson

Notice - We apologize for omitting Casey Duswalt from the article on the confirmation class printed in the previous issue.

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SAYING THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SAY THANK YOU

Thank you, when spoken from the heart with sincerity are powerful words. We may say thank you to the paper delivery person for throwing the paper close to the door and not on the roof or not knocking the bloom of the plant in the flower bed. We may say thank you to the toll taker. Thank yous are said many times, many ways and routinely without feeling or with sincerity.

As each of us participates in life at DUMC we are thanked for what we do. Each of us thanks others for what they are doing to serve the Lord and to serve DUMC. Thanks are expressed to Pastor Lisa for a message that inspired you in a special way. We may thank the choir and a soloist for sharing their talents.

Yes, all of us serve at DUMC in some way. The present and former Sunday School Superintendents serve with an abundance of energy. Others serve behind the scenes in a quiet manner. Many servants of the Lord are active at DUMC by attending, by being part of a committee, by being a chairperson and in many other ways. In my experience at DUMC and in prior churches I have been thanked for the little I have done. But how do we say thank you to the chair person or the group leader?

How do we say thank you to those who thank us? Saying thank you to the many leaders at DUMC can be done in many ways. One on one, eye ball to eye ball, with a hand shake and a hug verbally express your thanks to the chairperson. Pray to God praising the leaders and asking for God's continued support. Send a card for a birthday or other special event saying thanks for taking responsibility and for serving. God bless those who have earned a big THANK YOU.
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