

LAMPLIGHTER



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray," and Jesus said to them, "When you pray say - *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Many of us can relate to the disciples asking Jesus to teach them how to pray because praying is important. We desire to be connected to and to have a personal relationship with God. We want to honor and not offend our God. Since our first experiences in church we have heard this prayer and many of us have it memorized. For some of us, it is as routine as saying hello or good-bye.

My hope in doing this sermon series is that you will experience the Lord's Prayer with new eyes and new ears and a new heart. My desire is for us to know this prayer fresh, to recommit ourselves to the relationship we have with our God.

I hope you will commit yourself this Lenten season to attend as many of our worship services as possible during this series. Join us beginning on February 19th through March 25th. We will dive into this powerful prayer, line by line. We'll discover what Jesus meant when he shared it with his disciples and why it was seen as radical and controversial. Please bring a friend!

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

If you did not have your picture taken for the new directory, please email your email address to the church. We are updating our records.
www.dumc.net

February

19th – **The Lord's Prayer** – *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.*

26th – **The Lord's Prayer** – *Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

March

4th – **The Lord's Prayer** – *Give us this day our daily bread.*

11th – **The Lord's Prayer** – *Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespasses against us.*

18th – **The Lord's Prayer** – *Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.*

25th – **The Lord's Prayer** – *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.*

Scriptural reference for this series - Matthew 6:9-13

We will also be offering a Lenten Book Study that will meet following our Lenten Wednesday evening dinners.

However, our first class will be on Tuesday, February 21st after the Lenten Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. After the initial class we will then meet for 5 consecutive Wednesdays after our Lenten dinner and we will finish up with our last class during Holy Week on Thursday evening after our Lenten meal.

The title of the book is, "24 hours that Changed the World" written by Adam Hamilton, the same writer as the advent study we did last year. We will have a limited number of books available for purchase if you would like a copy before the class begins or you are welcome to get it on your own. Please see either Pam Durbin, Kyle Durbin or myself with any questions or to purchase a book. The books will be \$11.50 each and you may either pay with cash or a check made out to DUMC.

May God add blessing to our upcoming Lenten observation and be present with us through our journey today and always. Amen. – In Christ, Pastor Lisa

COUNCIL NOTES ~

The Church Council met on Monday January 23rd but I am in the Philippines, so Bob Tomlinson provided the notes below related to that meeting.

Meeting was called to order by Bob Tomlinson, Vice-Chair of Church Council with an opening prayer by Lee Matousek.

We reviewed last meeting's minutes with one correction. Pam Matousek is phasing down to two days per week and Kristy Mosely is ramping up to three days per week. Correction was noted and changed.

Don Wilson talked about the Trustees and we were told that their objectives for 2012 are life safety issues, making the Old Sanctuary a great place to visit by replacing the carpet and the possibility of sanding and varnishing the old hardwood floors. Work will also be done inside the annex. He

talked about the land by the Davidsonville store and the possibility of giving or selling the land to the Neal family or having them get the proper insurance to cover any mishaps on our property.

Carol Chell and Rita Siprak-Weill talked about the Safe Sanctuary policy and the need to get everyone signed up that has interaction with the children.

Education is going very well per Lee Matousek.

The stewardship program is progressing and went extremely well and will be continued.

VIM trip was discussed and the results were excellent for the trip to North Carolina.

Building committee has put all future plans on hold at this time as reported by Herb Wilson.

Pastor Lisa outlined her plans for the upcoming Easter season to continue with the Lenten Dinners and programs starting with the Pancake Supper.

Stephen Ministries is going well as is the Lady's Bible studies.

Bob Tomlinson

The Church Council will meet on Saturday March 3rd at the West River Methodist Retreat Center from 8am to 2pm for the annual Council planning session. During the March 3rd meeting the Council will review 2011 and set goals for 2012. Please share your thoughts and ideas with members of the Council in advance of that meeting.

There have been some changes in the leadership positions serving on the Church Council for 2012. The main leadership changes are Russ Smith, Finance Chair, Cindy Borchelt, Worship Chair and Jay & Courtney Ducharme, Superintendents of Church School. If I missed somebody, please let me know and they'll be included in the next newsletter.

I have chaired the Church Council for several years and want to give a little insight into my views of this position as others contemplate serving in this capacity. First of all, I feel fortunate to serve God as Council Chair with so many believers whose hearts are filled with the Holy Spirit. I believe the Council Chair position concentrates on organization and administration as guided by the Holy Spirit. I feel the direction of the church is established by God's plan working through the pastor as spiritual coach, the congregation and the Church Council. Sometimes it may appear that the Council Chair is all about the "business" of the church and if that's the case I hope the main business of DUMC is to reach out in love with the Word and deed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. My faith commitment is to offer salvation to others by leading them to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and I desire to concentrate on efforts outside the walls of the church in the greater community at large.

My prayers are that God will richly bless each of you in 2012 and beyond!!

The church website is the greatest single source of detailed information regarding our church and the various ministry activities (www.DUMC.net).

In His Peace,
Steve Leonard
2012 Council Chair



TRUSTEES

The year 2011 was a very busy year for the trustees. In total, there were 72 projects completed to enhance the safety, structure, and cosmetic issues of the church. A full listing of the projects will be presented at the annual retreat on March 3 at West River. Even though much has been accomplished, we have barely started to improve the appearance of our church.

There has been little money available to spend on the church. As I recall, one of the purposes of CrossRoads was to provide funds to upkeep the church as the income from "givings" was not nearly enough to cover normal maintenance, nor any improvements. As a result, a great amount of maintenance was continually being deferred. Generous volunteer donations have done miracles to attempt to keep the church in running condition. However, in order to improve not only the maintenance of the building but also its appearance, we need more funds. We have to maintain and replace basic mechanical systems, address life safety issues, and maintain the physical appearance of the church and grounds. We also have exceptional requirements for CrossRoads. As we are dealing with children, we are subject to the strictest of Federal and County regulations. For example, annual water testing requires that two church members need to attend a water safety class for training as Water Specialist. The range hood in the fellowship building kitchen has to be professionally cleaned annually.

It is going to cost more money than what is available under our current budget. We will probably be requesting more funding from the CrossRoads operations. We need to be proud of the appearance of our church and updating is very important for attracting new members. Upgrading the old parsonage is of utmost importance. This is an area that prospective members see and right now it does not give a good impression.

The detailed future plans are listed below.

Don Wilson, Trustee Chairman

SANCTUARY:

2012 SCHEDULING (Sanctuary)

1. Remove bulletins from rear wall. Relocate to vestibule
2. Replace carpet with glue down carpet
3. Paint walls and trim
4. Replace ceiling tile (optional)
5. Replace speakers with concealed speakers
6. Repair under-the-seat hymnal holders or remove

2013 SCHEDULING (Parlor)

1. Install new ceiling tile
2. Install fire code drywall and paint
3. Install new trim and paint
4. Install plastic laminate flooring

STAGE/DONUT ROOM BUILDING:

2013 SCHEDULING (Kitchen)

1. Replace old kitchen flooring as becoming trip hazard
2. Paint old kitchen and pantry
3. Improve shelving for better storage

OLD PARSONAGE (ANNEX):

2012 SCHEDULING

1. Replace furnace boiler when needed
2. Replace hot water heater (not presently working)
3. Improve lighting
4. Convert kitchen to conference room / classroom
5. Convert back porch area to kitchenette
6. Convert front conference room to church office
7. Convert existing office to conference room / classroom
8. Install shelving in basement for office file storage

MISCELLANEOUS EXTERIOR / GROUNDS:

2012 SCHEDULING:

1. Seal cracks in parking lot, seal lot and re-stripe lot
2. Put large stone or other barrier to prevent people cutting corner and driving through existing shrubs at sanctuary driveway
3. Repair sanctuary steps and chimney – scheduled for 2011 but schedule changed due to rainy weather
4. Repair parking lot at “Goldie” parking area
5. Install wheel stops
6. Install speed bumps to slow down “drive through” between Route 214 and Birdsville Rd.
7. Repaint exterior of fellowship hall and portions of remaining buildings.
8. Add canopies over doors to classroom from deck to prevent water leaks



VIM trip to Aurora, North Carolina – Jan. 8 – 14, 2012

“Help a person in need, and you have done it to me.”

Matthew: 25 –40

The above quote is one of the many variations of this statement from Jesus as he tells about the Final Judgment. A more traditional version is, “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” Whichever version is favored, the directive is clear. We are to help those in need. Twenty participants journeyed to Aurora, North Carolina to provide that help. But as our local housing coordinator, Pastor Leslie, told the group, “You came to help, but what you’ve provided is hope.”

Unlike the previous seven VIM trips to repair hurricane damage that took a day and a half in travel time, Aurora was only about 6 hours or so away. Folks arrived much more refreshed and ready to work at the start and arrived home at the end tired, but not exhausted from the journey. Main Street in Aurora had 4 to 5 feet of water as hurricane Irene just sat off the coast of NC for nearly two days and pushed more and more water up the tributaries of Pamlico Sound. Huge trees were uprooted, including the 4 ft. diameter tree that smashed the home where the roofing team labored.

Participants included 13 from DUMC, 4 relatives & friends, and 3 folks from Galesville UMC, for a total of 20. The group was divided into 4 work crews: Cooking & Shopping, aka, Swing (Joann, Betty, Brenda); Plumbing, electrical, et al (Adam & Jean); Drywalling (Rog, Vonda, Nancy, Bruce, Rusty, Susan & GUMC Pastor EJ); Roofing (Damon, Stan, Myunga, Marty, Lee, Kurosh (Mo), Bill, Blair, & later, Jean).

Housing was the former fellowship hall of the closed Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross (CHC) on Main Street. This room had been divided into sleeping cubicles, mostly with two bunk beds each. The stage in the room was the scene of the nightly Mexican Train domino game. Just down the hall was the large, but antiquated kitchen where breakfasts and one candle lit dinner were prepared and served. Most mornings this was also the location for brief devotionals. Sunday through Wednesday meals were provided at no cost by a caterer from a Church of God congregation. Those meals were all served in the fellowship hall of the beautiful Aurora UMC several blocks away. Unfortunately, showers were in a shower trailer, also several blocks away. Much of Adam's work was to prep for transferring the trailer over to the CHC.

Tradition dictated that the team go to a restaurant on the last night in town. All the truly local restaurants in town had been closed, but the Swing team found Gary's Seafood in nearby Arapaho. Our team represented the majority of the diners that evening. They served a local version of a fish stew that was fantastic. We wish them and all the small and local businesses the best as they try to recover from the devastation.

If participation on a VIM trip sounds like something in which you'd like to get involved, please contact any one of us for more details. Another way you can support VIM is through joining Tongues of Fire, its principal fund-raising arm, or through the purchase of TOF bbq.

This report closes with yet another version of Matt: 25 – 40, this time from my maternal grandfather's Southern Baptist Bible, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me".

Blessings,

Blair Smith

Missions Coordinator

Finance

The Finance Committee held its first meeting of the year on January 23. With the budgeting and stewardship drive behind us for the year, we have high hopes for the financial health of DUMC. The annual Stewardship program ended with the best results in recent years. A total of \$222,712 was pledged by 65 giving units and represents approximately 60% of our operating budget. In prior years, only 40% to 50% had been committed at this time. The budget offered and approved by the Administrative Council was very lean by funding only the items absolutely necessary. If revenues should exceed the budgeted goals for 2012, additional programs and replacement of funds pulled from reserves last year should be considered. Copies of the Budget are posted in several locations in the church.

Currently the Treasurer, members of the Finance Committee, and other volunteers are working on the year end audits of every church organization that has bank accounts and reporting responsibilities. Once again, Tommy Tucker is leading the team that should complete their work by February 29, 2012.

The Finance Committee and Stewardship committee have initiated the EFT Giving program to allow donors to have their church contributions and pledges charged directly to their bank accounts. This is a very simple program of signing up for a fixed amount on a weekly or monthly basis, and that amount will be deducted from your bank account accordingly. Full detail is provided on your bank statement and the commitment can be changed at any time. If you would like the convenience of this program, contact the church office or me for further details.

Ed Kelley, our highly dedicated Treasurer, is leaving his position of DUMC Treasurer to assume a full time position with another organization. His hard work and many hours of service will be sincerely missed. We wish Ed much success in his new position and hope to see him in new volunteer assignments around the church.

Russ Smith, Finance Chair

DAVIDSONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AND CROSSROADS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

CONDENSED PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2011 AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	2011		BUDGET	2010
	MONTH OF DECEMBER	ACTUAL 12 MONTHS		
DUMC				
GROSS INCOME	41,810	352,262	412,000	355,354
TOTAL EXPENSES	36,571	404,492	411,260	358,463
OTHER INCOME REIMBURSEMENT INTEREST	3,869	41,749	42,060	6,440
NET EXPENSES	32,702	362,743	369,200	352,023
NET INCOME (LOSS)	9,108	(10,481)	42,800	3,331
CROSSROADS				
GROSS REVENUES	46,432	589,468	557,540	506,803
OPERATING EXPENSES	44,375	495,204	470,062	412,026
OPERATING PROFIT	2,057	94,264	87,478	89,866
INTEREST AND BOND REDEMPTION	-	-	-	94,777
NET PROFIT	2,057	94,264	87,478	36,395

The year of 2011 for DUMC ended with expenses in excess of income by \$10,470. To cover the shortfall, reserves were used. Total income for the year was \$352,398 and net expenses were \$362,868. Expenses were \$6,000 less than budgeted. Revenues were \$27,000 less than anticipated.

For Crossroads Child Development their year end with a profit of \$94,264. The profits resulted from watchful management and implementation of quick corrections when needed. Crossroads has operated a facility with a fine reputation and enjoys an almost full to capacity enrollment.

As approved by the Council the profits from Crossroads are distributed to The Church. Profits as distributed are put into reserve accounts and not into operating income.

With the Church experiencing a shortfall it is still financially stable. With diligent, prayerful efforts and an improving economy the year 2012 will see an improvement in revenues.

May GOD continue to be our co-pilot.

Submitted by: Ed Kelley, Treasurer

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Grace and Peace from the Youth Room,

After an incredibly busy December, January's schedule raises the following question. Will the Davidsonville UMC Youth Group ever slow down!?!? The answer is, probably not. With over a year of growth in the current program here at DUMC, the positive progress and growth is obvious. One needs to look no further than the enthusiasm and dedication of the youth of our church.

December saw the official 10th production of Cornerstone Theatre with "When Christmas Left Rattler Canyon." It's hard to believe that what started as a humble church driven theatre ministry has come so far and grown so much. The show saw some familiar faces deliver some strong performances, but also marked the acting debut of Allison Arslanian and Austin Fowler with Cornerstone Theatre, along with a cameo by Meghan Arslanian.

December was also filled with service, as the youth assisted Heritage Harbor with their annual Holiday Bazaar, rang the bell for the Salvation Army through a special arrangement by Casey Bowers, laid wreaths for a memorial service at the National Cemetery in Annapolis thanks to help from the Seidel Family (Chris Seidel is a staple in Cornerstone Theatre shows), and bagged lunches for the homeless with the help of Debby Wasson. This event brought out a number of our veteran college youth as well, like Linsey Turkett, Andrew Webber, and Mary Roh. Also, as part of our Winter Youth Lock-In, the youth participated in raising money for World Vision through the 30 Hour Famine, and with a goal of raising enough money to help a child in Zambia for a year, we were actually able to raise enough funds to support an entire village! Efforts like these go hand in hand with the Youth Groups commitment to raise awareness for and help all of God's children, both locally and globally.

The fun continued in January, kicking things off with a Gift Exchange in connection with our celebration of Epiphany and the gifts of the Magi. However, while the Wise Men knew who they were giving their gifts to, ours were exchanged randomly with the luck of the draw. Some got candy, some got toys...and Justin Wood got a plunger! A special thanks to Kaileigh Ducharme for my sandwich as well. As I write, I'm taking a break from the ski slopes at Seven Springs Ski Resort, an amazing trip for our youth assembled by Tricia Moeslein. Austin Fowler, Chad Moeslein, Griff Howie, Niles Magowitz, and Carter Harrison collectively made me look like an old man on the snowboard. A special thanks to Heather Jentilet for daring to be the lone female chaperone on this truly fraternal adventure (and for also making me look like an old man on a snowboard!)

Stay tuned for more activities, more theatre productions, more fundraisers, and many more service projects with the Davidsonville UMC Youth Group. Currently we are learning about Baptism, Eucharist, and God's Calendar at our weekly Youth Group, which will continue to meet at its regular time: Middle School from 5:00-6:30 and High School from 6:30-8:30. God Bless!

-Kyle Durbin

CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS

The library has received a donation of cassette tapes from Jennifer Larrimore. Even though this is old technology, these are some great tapes. They are:

Set Your Goals and Live by Faith by Charles Stanley
Knowing Who You Are in Christ by Joyce Meyer
Mental Strongholds and Mindset by Joyce Meyer
Overcoming Insecurity by Joyce Meyer
Fruit of the Spirit by Joyce Meyer

These may brighten up a cold winter day for some of you.



Our Advent project at DUMC

Our Advent project this year at Davidsonville United Methodist Church was to raise funds for the purchasing of tent kits through Disaster Aid, USA. The cost of each Family Survival Tent kit was \$750. The kit includes cooking utensils, water purifiers, blankets, tools, stove and all the necessities for survival up to 6 months for a family of 8.

This year our church raised \$3,182.27, enough funds to purchase 4 Survival Tent kits and 3 additional water filters! Each water filter will supply 500 gallons of filtered water per day.

Our tent kits have been assigned tracking numbers- #USA145, #USA146, #USA147 and #USA148. They will be deployed to either Sudan or the Philippines. The tents location can be tracked by going to the website WWW.DisasterAidUSA.com

What a great way to start the New Year by helping those in need with a fresh start on life. Thank you Davidsonville United Methodist Church!



Submitted by: Cynthia Howie



Connie's Corner



We all face difficulties--times when for one reason or another we are confused or in pain. We would like to share our feelings with someone, but don't want to be a burden. Stephen Ministers are lay-people, trained to help you work through your feelings. The Stephen Ministry Program is ready to get to work in your Church, and in your community. It is an ecumenical program of Christian love offered by a number of congregations locally and throughout the country. It is a family of confidential, Christian Care-givers.

We are in the process of putting our first training class together. This is a 50-hour course, normally encompassing 25 weeks. If you hear the voice of your personal discipleship calling you toward this ministry and would like to find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister, please talk to me or to Pastor Lisa and mark February 11 on your calendar. We will hold an initial meeting that morning and will try to answer all your questions. Required reading is limited to two books. I was leafing through the first (CHRISTIAN CAREGIVING A WAY OF LIFE by Kenneth C. Haugk) looking for inspiration, and came upon these words I'd like to share with you, "The world needs all the caring it can get, from both psychology and theology." "When you identify and integrate God's presence in your caring and relating, the impact of his presence on you and your caring relationships can be an empowering force." Wow! These few simple words could change your life. Think about them.

Peace and love,

Connie

February

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 3 Margie Turkett | 12 Olivia Robertson |
| 4 Max Covington | Eric Thibodeau |
| Cynthia Howie | 13 Tim Hopkins |
| Evelyn Long | 16 Matthew Cobb |
| 5 Morgan Barkdoll | Barbara Whittington |
| 6 Dale Gray | 19 Doris Cummins |
| 9 Gwen Purcell | Amelia Williams |
| Nicholas Tate | 24 Lisa Alexander |
| 10 Julianne Barkdoll | 25 Bob Bence |
| Dan Colacicco | 26 Elizabeth Gibbin |
| Marty Sprecher | Charlotte Gibbin |

March

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 7 Tyler Cohen | 15 George Carter |
| Dalton Fowler | 16 Dorothy Beard |
| Norma Ingram | Brenda Weber |
| Davis Peck | 19 Nancy Bassford |
| Cyrena Tate | 22 Jenna Alexander |
| 8 Barbara Emert | Zachary Alexander |
| Kennady Moseley | Susan Wood |
| 9 Nancy Covington | 25 Anita Gray |
| 9 Cindy Wratford | 27 Virginia Howells |
| 12 Vonda Vales | 29 Christopher Scruggs |
| 13 Chad Moeslein | Russ Smith |

Family Survey

I want to thank everyone again for the outstanding participation in our Stewardship campaign this past fall and attendance at the dinners. One of the things discussed was the surveys taken over the phone along with the dinner invitations. We would like all of you to take another look at the survey on the following page. Please fill it out and bring it to church with you. We would like to have these in time for our Leadership Retreat this year so we can properly plan the activities, ministries and programs that will strengthen our faith community. Thank you in advance for your participation. I look forward to compiling your responses. Lee Matousek, Lay Leader

Davidsonville United Methodist Church

Congregation Survey - FAMILY Name: _____

How many years have you been attending DUMC? _____

How many of your family members attend church at DUMC? Adult (18+) #__ Youth #__

Which Sunday worship service do you usually attend 8:30am _____ 11am _____

How many members of your family attend Sunday School? Adult (18+) #__ Youth #__

How are you and your family currently connected to DUMC? MM ____ MW ____ VIM ____
Council ____ Youth Group ____ TOF ____ Ministry Committee Other _____

From our family's perspective, DUMC adequately provides the following:

Please provide a number response from 1 -10 (10 Strongly Agree - 1 Strongly Disagree)

The area next to and below each item is for comments

#__ Spiritual Growth

#__ Christian Education

#__ Local Community Outreach

#__ Non Local Community Outreach

#__ Family and Personal Support

#__ Worship

#__ Youth Ministry

#__ Fellowship

#__ Music

#__ Communication

What would be the one thing you would add or change at DUMC?

THE SILENT SERMON

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday."

We live in a world today which tries to say too much. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes a good sermon is one left unspoken.

Public Domain



Prayers are requested for:

Norma Ingram
Norma Carpenter
June & Bill Scrimgeour
Millie Crutchley

Virginia Howells
Geneva Leitch
Dale & Anita Gray
Edgar Wayson

Betty Mobra
Jean Ford
Bill Snyder
Joy Wood

Remembering VS. Never Forgetting

by Georgia McArdle

There have been things in my life that I want to forget and will always remember. There have been things in my life I want to remember and seem to forget. Over the couple years I have been here I had several people open up to me about their faith. One said " Don't even talk to me about that born again stuff. I am here for the activities." One told me flat out, " I don't believe you need to be born again."

I believe we have leaders in this Church who are not born again Christians.(I pray I am wrong). Whatever the reason you are in Church I am glad you are here.

My mom has Dementia. She can't remember a lot from her past or present sometimes. But I have recently learned a great lesson from her. As I stand beside her in Church and she sings the songs WITHOUT a song book, she tells me about what a great preacher my dad was and the people really loved him. When we went to a Handel's Messiah sing along this past Christmas, at the end she turned to me shaking and crying telling me how they used to sing like that, it really made me think. Is my relationship with Jesus something I will just sit back and remember as I get older or is it something I will Never Forget!

If you don't have Jesus as a personal savior, you are missing out on the best NEVER FORGET decision you will make. If you do have Jesus in your life don't let it be just something you just remember on Sundays. Make a decision now, right now, to ask Jesus in your life. Pray to him. Tell him you're a sinner and you need him to cleanse you and guide your life.

He will send the Holy Spirit upon you. You will feel different! You can make this NEVER FORGET decision! Do it now! Then tell someone.

I Love my Mom!

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TREASURER NEEDED

Person needed to assume the position of Treasurer for DUMC and CrossRoads. Qualified individual must have a degree in accounting, familiarity with Quickbooks and experience with internal controls and statement preparation. This is a part time, compensated position. Contact Russ Smith at the church office if you have an interest.

KIDS IN CHURCH

Nine year old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School. "Well Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge, and all the people walked across safely. His used his Walkie Talkie to radio headquarters and called in an airstrike. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, Is that REALLY what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked. " Well, no Mom, but if I told it the way the teacher did, you would never believe me."