

# LAMPLIGHTER



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## ASP - the Whole Story A Little History

The Appalachian Service Project was founded in the summer of 1969 by Rev. Glenn "Tex" Evans, a minister in the United Methodist Church. During Tex's 13 years as director at Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky, he witnessed the great need for home repair assistance. He recruited 50 teens and adult volunteers to repair homes in Barbourville, Kentucky. They worked on-site during the day and worshiped in the evenings. By summer's end, four families had safe, warm homes for the winter, fifty young lives had been changed forever - and a forty-year-long legacy was born. Its primary goal is making homes "warmer, safer, and drier."

Since 1969, more than 260,000 volunteers from across the nation have repaired 14,000 homes. Yet ASP is more than a home repair program. It also provides a unique framework that fosters transformational experiences for volunteers, families served, and staff by building relationships with each other that break down cultural, social, and economic barriers.

from Wikipedia

### From an Adult Leader's Point of View

by Tricia Moeslein

Bob Bence and I serve as ASP Coordinators. I've been working on ASP 2011 since September 2010, when the process began. The DUMC Missions Team, for which I'm a member/Treasurer, now oversees the direction of the program. I would like to dispel a rumor that ASP is too expensive. The cost for any member to attend ASP is \$225; next year I'm told the rate will need to increase. The participant fee pays for lodging and three

meals a day. I don't know any summer program including West River which is that reasonable. If ever a youth cannot afford the cost, the church and various individuals have stepped up to provide the funds. We tell our kids money will never be a reason for you not to attend. The major cost for the program is transportation to ASP since vehicles need to be rented. Due to safety concerns, each team is required to have a vehicle at their site.

Unlike VIM, which does not buy materials, and usually does not pay for housing, ASP participants help to pay for the construction materials and tools...although we bring additional tools. ASP receives additional funding from other organizations, churches and other national contributors to help offset the costs of the program. Centers are staffed by 4-5 college students who are committed to the program. ASP staff work long hours, plan programs at night for the kids, help with devotions, purchase and deliver building supplies and provide guidance on the various team projects and get to know the families we serve.

The team will be leaving June 19 and returning June 26. We have 20 kids and 10 adults which will make 5 teams, same as last year. I'm very proud to say that all of the kids are either members of our church or play an active role in our youth program. The major sources of funds for ASP are the Golf Tournament and the Strawberry Festival. Funds are very tight this year given the decrease in revenue from the tournament. Those who are interested in donating to the trip would be welcome. It will cost at least \$4,000 just to rent the vehicles and the high gas rates will further increase our costs.

We are delighted to say a number of church committees have given the youth a financial helping hand. Of course the UMM deserve a big thanks for the golf tournament and many youth work to provide sponsors. The UMW last year purchased new First Aid Kits for each team; this year they are paying for work gloves, goggles, nail aprons and water coolers for each team. As good stewards for the land, we will now be taking water coolers rather than buying bottled water to reduce the impact on the environment. Care & Nurture has contributed funds to support the team. We are very grateful for the involvement of the entire church.

We will be going to Mingo County, WVA. The Center, our home base, will be determined in early June.

Although ASP requires a lot of fundraising and time commitments, it truly has a huge lasting impact on our youth and youth leaders to provide a lifetime of giving back to others. It is not something they could experience in our area. Since cell coverage is usually nonexistent, distractions are at a minimum so they fully experience the program.

## From A Youth Volunteer's Point of View

by Chad Moeslein

The Appalachian Service Project is a valuable experience in which I believe each youth should participate. The project teaches children the fundamental values of what it means to be a Christian through community service by making the homes of the impoverished warmer, safer, and drier.

I have participated in this project for two years. During this time I have learned how fortunate I am compared to those in other parts of the world. My first year was an eye-opening experience. My host was an elderly woman who was physically constrained to a wheelchair. Due to her medical condition, she was rarely able to exit her home and also required homecare assistance. The woman lived in a deteriorating trailer that was supported by cinder blocks. The task for my group was to build a wheelchair ramp that allowed the woman to leave her home in a safe and accessible manner. Before we were able to begin construction, we had to first disassemble the stairs that had previously led up to the trailer. Once this was done we could begin building the ramp, which was a total of 23 feet long. At the end of our project, our host thoroughly expressed her gratitude for our services.

The second year I had a similar situation as the first year. Our host was another elderly woman who could not leave her home because it was not safe for her to do so in a wheel chair. The task was arduous because the woman lived on the top of a large hill with ravines in her front yard. Although our host lived in an unsafe area, her three grandsons lived with her and were all contractors. Our task was to build another wheelchair ramp. The family was extremely generous because they helped contribute to the building of the wheelchair ramp. In some instances, they were able to teach us techniques that made the construction much easier and more effective. In the end the family was extremely grateful for our services.

Although we had responsibility at the work site for helping others, we also had daily services that were required at the center where we were staying. The various tasks included taking out the trash, cleaning showers, washing dishes, and sweeping the floors. I believe these small tasks helped all the youth to understand that working together is a valuable aspect of what it means to be a Christian. Even though we are helping to serve the impoverished families of Appalachia, we are also helping each other at the Center. The Appalachian Service Project is an eye-opening trip. During the one week course of ASP, many of the youth are exposed to aspects of society that they have never witnessed. For instance, each time I participate in this effort, I am reminded how fortunate I am to have a loving family as well as a warm and safe place to live.

Jesus came into the world not to be served, but to serve. We may consider ourselves wealthy and they poor, but they are rich in spirit.





### **GREEN CATHEDRAL REDEDICATION-MAY 29, 2011**

As I was sitting in the service this morning listening to Pastor Lisa's message, I was overcome with the joy of being able to sit outdoors and worship. Thirty five years ago there was a group of people that wanted more for our church and wanted to see our church grow and prosper. They wanted to be filled with the joy of God while listening to the birds singing, seeing flowers blooming, and feeling the wind blowing. I am thankful for those people. They created a sanctuary filled with God's presence everywhere you look. "Trust in the Lord, and do good"- just as our scripture lesson mentioned- is what our congregation did 35 years ago, and what our congregation is doing today. The heart of doing good for our Lord is what drove the committee of 10 to help restore and preserve our outdoor sanctuary. Working with these people over the past 7 months has been a privilege and a gift. They all want to "do good for our Lord". You just can't go wrong when God is first and foremost in any project.

I continued to listen to Pastor Lisa and during the reflection time found myself thinking about the men and women of our church that in prior years spent countless hours pulling weeds, planting new plants, trimming and watering, restoring benches and putting their very heart into our Green Cathedral. The joy of all those thoughts was

heightened by the fact that we are all different and come from varying backgrounds and amazingly... all worship the same God.

I am grateful for the vision and efforts of our past congregations, the Green Cathedral committee, and our present congregation that have given so generously of their support in many ways, to be able to "**Trust in the Lord, And do Good**".

Cynthia Howie

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT The Finance Committee with Council approval is taking the following actions to reduce the Treasurer's work load.**

1. The Treasurer is to be removed from all committees' emails except those that relate to church finances.
2. The Treasurer will issue checks once a week. Fund requests received by noon Sunday will receive a check the following Wednesday. Requesters will insure the "Fund Request Form" is properly completed, receipts are attached and the request is placed in the Treasurer's box by noon Sunday. Individuals and committees must plan ahead. The only exception is the Social Needs and Outreach Committee.
3. Quarterly, the Treasurer will provide the Church Council a "Condensed Profit and Loss Statement".
4. The Treasurer has been authorized a church credit card to pay bills online in the name of the church.

**Church giving for the first four months of 2011 is running behind that of 2010.**

**Giving is \$13,000 less than the amount budgeted for 2011, and 2011 expenses are up.**

Roger Vales, Chairperson

## **May 2011 COUNCIL NOTES ~**

The Council encourages the DUMC faith community to engage in environmentally friendly practices.

As we head into June and the summer, the DUMC faith community is busy with many things. The Strawberry Festival will be followed by the trip to ASP with a possible VIM trip in the works as well. In addition, there are some getting involved with an initiative to mentor at risk youth in the Annapolis area. The giving of ourselves through our gifts of the Spirit is part of God's plan for each of us. The Council provides organizational guidance but the congregation at large provides the ministry that is Davidsonville United Methodist Church.

The Building Committee continues to investigate, evaluate and review potential plans for building expansion. General feedback provided by members of the congregation indicates recognition of the need for space with the main question being affordability. The safety of the students enrolled in the CrossRoads Child Development Center will be addressed. The committee's report is included in this newsletter. Before any building would occur a number of steps would be taken including sharing an architectural concept, providing a sound financial plan, review by the United Methodist Conference and a vote by the congregation at a Charge Conference meeting. The congregation is encouraged to engage in the process, attend meetings and share their thoughts with the Building Committee. All Building Committee meetings are open and they are announced in the bulletin and in church services. The Council and the congregation are asked to be in prayerful consideration of where God is calling DUMC in regards to this matter.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is responsible for the oversight of the DUMC Safe Sanctuary initiative. The committee has found it difficult to get completed Safe Sanctuary forms from everyone that works with youth. The background check is only required every five years but the signed affirmation of no changes is required annually.

The youth have been very active with service projects and getting ready for ASP.

There are removable uprights available for 3' x 5' banners to be placed on the front lawn. When not in use the uprights are to be kept in the storage space (cave) under the new fellowship hall.

The Worship Committee has reported a need for a person to coordinate the flowers for the weekly church services and also a head usher is needed for the 8:30am service.

The Finance Committee reports the church finances are in order but slightly below the budget. The Treasurer will be completing quarterly financial statements for the church but will continue monthly financial statements for the CrossRoads Child Development Center due to the amount of financial activity in this area. There are currently over 100 students being served by this great ministry with a strong revenue flow. Proceeds from CrossRoads are being distributed to the Trustees Reserve Account, Social Needs and Outreach and the Building Fund.

The Lay Ministry group will begin working to identify persons willing to serve in leadership positions for next year. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of these positions. There is an immediate need for a Superintendent of Sunday School. You may see Bob Tomlinson if you would like the details of this position.

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

In His Peace,  
Steve Leonard  
2011 Council Chair

## **UMM Announces Scholarship Awards For 2011**

Oscar Fay Grimes Scholarship  
Linsey Turkett

Lawrence Vernon Leitch Memorial Scholarship  
Andrew Webber

Wood Memorial Scholarship  
Emily Cobb

Rev. Paul Cummins Memorial Scholarship  
Jenna Rice

William Scrimgeour Scholarship  
Katharine Scruggs

Brandon Weill Foundation Memorial Scholarship  
Tyler Cohen

### **MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET A BIG SUCCESS**

**On May 7, the UMM sponsored another Mother Daughter Banquet in honor of the ladies in DUMC. Over one hundred guests attended and were treated with a superb dinner, flowers, recognition pins, a photograph, and entertainment representing UMM finest performers. A worthy evening was enjoyed by all.**



**UMM Member Joe Emert serves Anita Gray**

### **BUILDING COMMITTEE NEWS**

After considering building a new structure behind the existing one and finding it beyond the church's financial capability, the Building Committee has returned to the 1998 Master Plan. This plan calls for a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor addition over the New Education Building, reconfiguring the current 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, and adding a new two story administrative building with a new sanctuary entrance along the West side of the church and in front of the Old Education Wing. The administrative building would be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase to be built later when funds were available. The second floor addition over the New Education Building would consist of a large 28' x 50' multi-purpose room with cathedral ceilings for youth activities, a storage area and youth office, four classrooms for adult-size people, bathrooms similar to and above the ones on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, a large conference/meeting room with coffee bar over the lower level entry, an elevator and new stairs between the lower and upper levels. The current 2<sup>nd</sup> floor would be modified to provide for a 21'x18' music room, an enlarged robing area to allow for storage of worship materials, an enlarged hall from the current outside 2<sup>nd</sup> level stairs into the new second floor addition, new education and music offices, and two large classrooms.

The committee has requested from Torchio Architects a proposal for updated schematic plans and code and cost analysis based on the 1998 Master Plan with a \$1,500,000 budget, which addresses the above requirements. Torchio architect, Jo Ann Baker, designed our current new addition and is familiar with our buildings and Anne Arundel County procedures and practices. When the Torchio proposal is received, the committee will review it and make a decision on requesting Administrative Council approval to spend funds for the updated schematic plans and code and cost analysis. Roger Vales, Chairperson

## **SOCIAL NEEDS AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS**

Have you wondered what Social Needs and Outreach is about? Well, our mission is twofold: 1) to provide referral and financial assistance to those who are struggling both inside and outside our church community and 2) to reach out to our senior church members through senior luncheons. In these difficult economic times, the church has been called upon for rent, food, and utility assistance. Social Needs and Outreach tries to help with these needs and to be good stewards with the church funds provided for the committee's use.

Here at DUMC, we maintain a small food pantry for drop-ins. The rest of the congregational donations go to the Lighthouse Shelter for the homeless in Annapolis. We also provide financial donations for their food needs and purchased bedding for 30 beds at the shelter. Food cards are purchased for the church office to give out when people stop and ask for food and gas assistance. We also make quarterly donations to the South County Assistance Network (SCAN). SCAN is a community effort of several South County churches and runs a large food bank out of St. James Episcopal Church in Lothian. It also provides rent and utility help to South County citizens. Each Thanksgiving we prepare food baskets. Needy families from Central Middle School are the recipients along with others who call and request a basket.

The following are examples of the needs that the committee has helped with during the past year. Rental assistance was provided to two of our church family and to others outside of our church. One gentleman in South County had a house fire and needed rental and storage help until he

could move back into his home. One couple who live in a dilapidated rental house with no working oven needed food and rental. The husband called to thank the church for the help they received, saying it helped them get back on their feet. At Christmas, we received a request from a lady who had taken in 2 children from a drug-addicted mother in south county. She asked for clothing and a toy for those 2 little girls and for their two siblings who were staying with other people. A member of our church kindly helped us provide clothing and toys for the 4 children. In addition, Social Needs sponsored the annual Red Cross blood drive, provided Christmas gifts for the Department of Health Angel Tree children, provided bedding for 10 beds in a women's shelter in Davidsonville, and sponsored the annual church yard sale which provides some of the funds needed.

This committee also has fun! We schedule luncheons for our 70+ senior church members. The attendance has been great and the fellowship wonderful! Our Christmas luncheon fell on Dec. 7, and there were audience reflections on what that day meant for them. Our seniors are truly a treasure. They have "been there and done that" in our church and community, and it is a pleasure to talk with and learn from them. We encourage volunteers to join us so that we can provide the luncheons more often.

If you are interested in serving DUMC and the community around us through the Social Needs and Outreach Committee, please speak with any committee member: Terri Williams, Vonda Vales, Dot Wood, Betty Hardesty, Peggy Williams, Betty Mobra, Patricia Cain, and Nancy Covington. We welcome your participation.

Submitted by Vonda Vales

## Missions Update

The tornado-damaged states of North Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi have generated prime locations for where Missions' resources may be used.

1. At this time no VIM teams are requested. However, a conversation with Tom Dully, the Disaster Response Coordinator for North Alabama, included a request that DUMC get registered. This has been done.
2. Early Response Teams are still being deployed. DUMC has 13 ERT trained personnel. A communications problem prevented all but two of these folks from receiving their ID badges. This is not an impediment to all 13 being deployed. There are currently no teams being deployed by the B/W Conference, but DUMC could lead such a team if there are sufficient personnel able to go.
3. VIM is urging members to donate to UMCOR, specifically to Advance # 3021326 – U.S. Spring Storms.

Another major concern for the Missions program is funding and staffing this year's ASP trip.

1. The Youth had a successful car wash in conjunction with the 5/7 TOF BBQ sale. They plan other sales in the near future.
2. UMM raised about \$7000 from the "Fairways of Faith" golf tournament.
3. Missions will assist if funds are still short of what's needed.

Tongues of Fire continues to raise funds for Missions.

1. TOF has about \$1100 and Missions about \$3100. (These figures are pre-Strawberry Festival.)
2. TOF's upcoming schedule: 6/25- (subject to change) 2<sup>nd</sup> outdoor non-festival

sale, 7/22-23 – Holy Smoke BBQ Festival & sale in Easton, 8/13 – Peach Festival, 9/24 – Autumn Jubilation

VIM & Youth worked at the West River Camp

1. On Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> VIM vets and members of the Youth put a new roof over the existing roof on a low pitch pavilion.
2. Other jobs will be scheduled for this summer and fall. This will provide roofing experience to those going on ASP or future VIM trips.

Respectfully submitted,  
Blair Smith, Missions Coordinator



From The Youth Room

What a busy couple of months the youth have found themselves in here at Davidsonville UMC! For starters, the spring musical, "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," was more successful than ever imagined, with a number of young faces stepping up into leading roles and simply mesmerizing the audiences, including Nik Ostis and Kennady Moseley in the respective roles of Charlie Brown and Lucy. On a similar note, a very special thank you goes out to all of the parents and volunteers who helped make this show possible, and a big congratulations to all the youth who participated in the play. Finally, a very special thank you goes to the incredible work of Amanda Klute in designing the set, the scenery, and every prop, way to go!

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, the youth participated in a collaborative effort with the Tongues of Fire BBQ event by offering a Free Car Wash with donations supporting the ASP Service

Project. The youth operated like a well oiled machine, delivering wetting, washing, scrubbing, rinsing, and drying stations in extremely cooperative teams. This event also allowed many of the youth participating on ASP who are unable to attend weekly Sunday Night Bible Studies, such as Kerin Webber and Ronald Drescher, to join the group and enjoy the fellowship of such a great group of teens.

With everything going on in the Youth calendar, our group has not been free from service. The youth were offered the opportunity to lead a very special Mother's Day Youth Sunday service, and they did not disappoint. An extremely touching moment occurred when every member of the youth group came forward to lead a prayer and dedication to all the women of the church, under the leadership of former youth group member, Chris Emert. Additionally, on May 21<sup>st</sup>, an impressive group of about 15 youth and 5 leaders traveled to the UM West River campsite to do work on the roof of one of the picnic facilities. In what easily could have taken two days, under the leadership of Damon Ostis, along with JP Moseley, Ken Fowler, Bob Harisson, and Tricia Moeslein, the youth were able to completely finish the roof in about five hours, and made some great connections with our friends at West River too!

Finally, the Youth have also continued to participate in a number of fun activities, including a trip to Rita's one evening for free Italian Ice, and a trip to see the Hollywood blockbuster, "Soul Surfer," an inspirational Christian movie about perseverance and overcoming adversity through prayer and faith in Jesus Christ. Sunday nights continue to be fun as well, as just this past weekend, I left the church dripping wet from being covered in over a dozen eggs thrown by the youth...but if you want to find out more about that...you'll just have to join us for Sunday Night Youth Group! Kyle Durbin, Dir Youth Ministries

## Spring Fling Fashion Show

Several Sundays ago, you heard Dot Wood give you this little teaser about an upcoming event.

*It's a while off but don't you worry  
Because June 5 will be here in a  
hurry.*

*This is a date you'll want to be here  
We promise you fun and good cheer  
The United Methodist Women have  
something up their sleeves  
But it's all fun and no pet peeves.  
So mark your calendars, circle that  
date*

*Believe me you won't want to be late  
This is all we can tell you now  
But I promise you you'll be saying  
WOW*

**That event is a Spring Fling Fashion Show to be held in the stage room at 12:30 on Sunday, June 5.**

**All women in the church are invited to see our own members model a new line of fashions. Finger foods and desserts will be served. We hope to see you there!**



Betty Schmitt, Kate Grimes, and Beverly Finn stand by the tree planted in Kate's honor in celebration of her 100th Birthday. Kate enjoyed a party given in her recognition on May 1, 2011.

## Treasurer's Report

As presented to Admin Council May 16, 2011

### Davidsonville United Methodist Church

### And CrossRoads Child Development Center

#### Condensed Profit And Loss Statement

4 Months January 1 through April 30, 2011

#### DUMC Profit And Loss

	Actual	<u>2011</u> Budget	<u>2010</u> Actual
Gross Revenues	114,840	128,000	115,466
Total Expenses	<u>121,421</u>	<u>123,032</u>	<u>99,428</u>
Net Gain (Loss)	( 6,581 )	4,968	16,038

#### CrossRoads Child Development Center

	Actual	<u>2011</u> Budget	<u>2010</u> Actual
Gross Revenues	194,051	185,846	139,151
Operating Expenses	<u>161,832</u>	<u>156,687</u>	<u>107,759</u>
Operating Profit	32,219	29,159	31,392
Interest Expense & Bond Redemption	0	0	36,392
Net Profit	32,219	29,159	( 5,003 )

Submitted By Ed Kelley, Treasurer



## THE BELL IS STILL RINGING

Tradition insists that the original Davidsonville Methodist Society was established Nov. 19, 1844. The deed for the land on which the church was built suggests that the church was built after 1846. Thomas Davidson and his wife Jane sold, for a sum of \$100 current money, a piece of ground, part of a trust known as Beard's Habitation, to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in trust that they would erect and build a place of worship for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the USA.

Tradition also tells us: "In 1846, the congregation as an expression of gratitude to God for having guided them successfully on their way thus far, commissioned the village blacksmith, Thomas Talbott, to 'turn out' a bell that it might grace the church steeple and call with its silvery tones the Methodists to prayers."

In 1882 Wesley Chapel reconstruction began upon the same location as the first church and it was dedicated on June 12, 1883. The Talbott bell graced its steeple.

In 1922, the trustees purchased a half acre lot for the purpose of building a new church. Unfortunately, church records concerning the building of the present church were lost. The cornerstone states simply 1924. Since the new church was "steepleless", the Talbott bell was unused.

The bell was stored away in various places over the years - no one could agree on its use. When Rev. Peck became pastor in 1956, the rusty old bell was stored in the parsonage garage where it remained during his pastorate.

In the early 70's, a new steeple and church extension were built and the Talbott bell was resurrected. On Dec. 16, 1973, a dedication was held. A plaque was placed in the sanctuary in 1978 dedicating the steeple to Maxwell Hart Covington, Sr.

The Talbott bell continues to peal forth to this very day. Let's hear it more often.

From Rev. Davis Peck's History of DUMC



## Connie's Corner

Dear Friends in Christ,

I woke up this morning in the middle of a pity party. Imagine! I WOKE UP feeling sorry for myself. I glumly got out of bed and half-heartedly fell into my routine. Truth be told I spent most of my day wondering where I would find the courage to face another day like this one. Then slowly, ever so slowly, little pieces of my past slipped through into conscious memory, and I realized how blessed I am. How very blessed I am to have woken up; to have my sweet dogs (better than any alarm); to have truly amazing memories, and to have you all to write to. How would I have gotten out of the doldrums without this deadline???? Oh, no doubt He would have figured something out! I believe in the sun even when the curtains are closed; I believe in love because it lives in my heart; I believe in God who doesn't have to speak to be heard.

Peace and love, Connie

## UNSUNG SERVANTS - THE OFFERING COUNTERS

The offering plate is passed each Sunday and everyone puts in their contribution. Fortunately, DUMC has 2 teams of counters who faithfully meet the next day or so to count, record the donations in accordance with church policy, and then take the deposit to the bank.

Betty Spurgin and Raye Long alternate months with Betty Trussell and Jacque Tomlinson. Kacia Smouse serves as a substitute. Joy Wood was also a long term counter until she recently resigned. These women all have professional backgrounds in teaching, banking, and administration. Betty S. and Raye have been counting so long that they don't remember exactly when they started. Betty thinks it has been about 20 years or so for their team. Betty T. and Jacque have also been counting for several years.

According to the counters, you can make their job easier by always using your pledge envelopes. Sometimes their job is frustrating when they can't determine exactly how to record a contribution. For example, if an envelope is marked Memorials, does it go to the regular memorial fund or to the Green Cathedral Memorial?

Jacque had a story to tell about taking the deposit to the bank. Once, there was a \$10 discrepancy and so they counted and recounted several times. Jacque was right in the end and she said they are so careful they are almost always right.

And here is Raye Long's funny story in the life of a counter.

### It was a memorable night of counting...

Many years ago, when the church offices were behind the Sanctuary, Betty Spurgin and I were counting and posting the weekly offering. All of a sudden a storm came up and Davidsonville went dark. There were no street lights, no light brightly shining in front of DUMC, and no emergency lights. It was dark, dark, dark! We started to inch our way down the hallway toward the entrance. As we got closer I dug in my purse to find my church keys. To our amazement they were reflective! So we continued on our way to the door using our new found "light". Finally, we reached the door and went outside where the storm had subsided some but it was still very dark. As I locked the door I said to Betty - "You have the money right?" She replied in a surprised voice - "Oh Golly". We laughed all the way back to the office and back using the key fob as our guiding light. We've been working together for many years and have found many things to laugh about but this is definitely the night we remember most. Raye Long

These women deserve a big thank you for all their work behind the scenes.

By Jean Smith



Pictured left to right, Raye Long, Joy Wood, and Betty Spurgin. Jacque Tomlinson and Betty Trussell were not available.

## NEW MEMBERS

Members who joined the church on May 29.

### Denise Hicks

I'm a native of Annapolis, MD. I have lived near or in the area for most of my life. I graduated from Arundel High School & received my Bachelors of Interdisciplinary Studies from Johns Hopkins University. Currently, I am the Assistant Director for DUMC's childcare center, CrossRoads, which I love and enjoy very much. I have a daughter, Jordan, who is actively involved in gymnastics & attends CrossRoads as well. Activities I enjoy the most are spending time with my family, watching my daughter grow & discover the world and being surrounded by great people.



### Arslanian Family

Allison (11) Arslanian attends Central Middle, and is active in travel Soccer, Scouts, and plays the viola. She plans to join the Chesapeake Youth Symphony Orchestra in the fall. Megan (10) attends Davidsonville Elementary. She is very active on an acrobatic gymnastics team. She won 2 silver medals with her partners in last year's Junior Olympic National meet. She also participates in Scouts and plays the flute. Mom Kelly is a corporate controller

for Bozzuto, a real estate company in Greenbelt. Dad Steve has worked at NASA for over 20 years as a Systems Engineer for Honeywell. We spent many years in Bowie where Steve grew up, then moved to Davidsonville in 2005. We live in Foxhall.



### Moseley Family

The Moseley Family (J.P., Kristy, Kennady, and Mason) came to this area from Dallas, Texas because of a job transfer. They have become active members of Missions/Tongues of Fire and Mason and Kennady have enjoyed the youth activities. . Kristy is in the handbell choir and on the Youth Committee and Kennady is in the Praise Band. Kennady will be a sophomore at South River next year and has recently been inducted into the National Honor Society for Music - TRI-M. Mason will be in the 7th grade at Central and enjoys playing baseball in the recreational league



## FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

Two out of three Americans choose not to attend church as other activities take precedence. Interestingly, the majority of these Americans claim to be Christians.

The average person attends church three times in his or her life: when they are baptized, married, and when they die. The first time they throw water on them, the second rice, and the third dirt.

Many never see the importance of attending church.

An article in a newspaper stated, "Do not ride in automobiles; they cause 20 per cent of all fatal accidents. Do not stay home as 17 per cent of all accidents occur there. Stay off the streets as 14 per cent of all accidents occur to pedestrians. Don't travel by air, rail or water as 16 per cent of all accidents occur by these modes of transportation. But only 0.0001 per cent of all accidents occur in a worship service and these are related to previous medical disorders. Therefore, the safest place on earth is in church! Go to church. It could save your life."

It is a wonderful privilege to attend the Lord's house.

It may not make you healthier, but it certainly will make you happier!

Over the years I've had dozens of people say there is no place in the Bible that tells us we have to go to church. However, Hebrews 10:25 tells us as a command that "we are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is...but so much more as we see the day approaching."

There is something life changing about going down to the house of God with your family and worshiping God. May I encourage you to be faithful to God's house? Support it with your attendance. It will reap eternal dividends, and as the article says, "it may save your life!"

This was the faith of our fathers, and I trust it is yours.

By Mel Brindley, Pastor, Chestertown, MD Baptist Church – submitted by Oscar Grimes



## A COMMUNITY CHURCH

Worship that's exciting, makes sense for your life, and connects you to God...  
Friendly people, new relationships...  
A place for your kids...  
A way to make a difference for good in the world around you...

A church that gives you practical answers to life's problems...  
A church that offers, love, acceptance, forgiveness, compassion, and help, especially when you need it most...  
A church where you can build new relationships...  
A church that ministers to your whole family...  
A church that really cares about you...  
A church that helps you truly live your faith in today's world...  
A church that gives you opportunities to reach out to help others...

EVERYONE NEEDS A PLACE where they can sense the presence of God and worship Him, where they can receive spiritual strength and guidance for the week ahead, where they can belong to a caring group who will encourage them along the way, wherever they are in their spiritual journey.

Submitted by Tim McArdle from a church bulletin in Saginaw, Pennsylvania where they attend with Georgia's family



**DUMC Prayer Warriors**  
Prayers are requested for:

Norma Ingram  
Norma Carpenter  
Dale and Anita Gray  
Family of Julia Hardesty  
Virginia Howells  
Geneva Leitch  
Edgar Wayson  
Greg Wayson  
June and Bill Scrimgeour  
Bill Snyder  
Millie Crutchley and family  
Jean Ford



**June**

**July**

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| 4 Jenna Rice         | 5 Nicholas Boogades  |
| 5 Eileen Smith       | 7 Marty Hanbury      |
| 6 Karen Reio         | 7 Ferrall Howie      |
| 8 Frank Tate         | 8 Steve Gould        |
| 10 Joan Schulz       | 9 Kate Nieder        |
| 11 Abby Geiman       | 10 Chip Robertson    |
| 13 John Cain         | 12 John Cohen        |
| 14 Shannon Long      | 12 Timothy Purcell   |
| 15 Florence Ingram   | 13 Casey Bowers      |
| 15 Esther Peck       | 13 Chuck Moeslein    |
| 15 Katie Webber      | 15 Danielle Baird    |
| 16 Leon Long         | 18 Kyle Durbin       |
| 16 Tricia Moeslein   | 18 Bev King          |
| 19 Cindy Borchelt    | 18 Mary Roh          |
| 20 Jean Deafenbaugh  | 19 Jim Stutler       |
| 22 Tommy Howie       | 21 Barbara Colacicco |
| 22 Jean Smith        | 26 Ben Hopkins       |
| 23 Kathy Reents      | 26 Lauren McKeever   |
| 24 Bob Wilson        | 28 Lori Heider       |
| 25 Emily Purcell     | 28 Evan Purcell      |
| 27 Rebecca Gould     | 29 Ann Gross         |
| 28 Douglas Colacicco | 30 Carolyn Colacicco |
| 29 Ethan Marks       | 30 Jon Hopkins       |
| 30 Alice Wood        | 30 Anna Marks        |

**DID YOU NOTICE ?**

**LEGEND OF THE DOGWOOD TREE**

In Jesus' time, the dogwood grew  
To a stately size and a lovely hue.  
Twas strong and firm its branches interwoven  
For the cross of Christ its timbers were chosen.  
Seeing the distress at this use of their wood,  
Christ made a promise which still holds good.  
"Never again shall the dogwood grow  
Large enough to be used so.  
Slender and twisted, it shall be  
With blossoms like the cross for all to see.  
As blood stains the petals marked in brown  
The blossom's center wears a crown.  
All who see it will remember Me  
Crucified on a cross from the dogwood tree.  
Cherished and protected this tree shall be  
A reminder to all of My agony."

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**AND A GREAT DAY - THANKS TO THE HOPKINS FAMILY FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE**

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