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

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Church - Happy New Year!

I joyfully give thanks to God that I have been called to be your pastor. Like the Apostle Paul writing to the Corinthians, I give thanks to God for each of you and for all of the ways that God works in you and through you!

We stand together at the beginning of a new year full of possibilities. I would like to say that vaccinations and weakening variations of the coronavirus will allow us to return to ways that are familiar, but I think the gifts that will serve us best will continue to be innovation, adaptation, and resiliency. We have those gifts and many others that will allow our congregation to thrive through any uncertainty. I am aware of the anxiety caused by COVID-19, the economy, and the United Methodist General Conference in October. Yet, I trust that the Holy Spirit will lead us forward boldly toward our vision of helping people come to know, love and serve God and others in unity.

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians is very beneficial for helping us understand what it means to be God's Church here in Davidsonville. Paul writes about wisdom, knowledge, love, unity, and more. I challenge you to read the entire letter before Easter. If you start Jan 2nd, you would only have to read a chapter a week!

The Wednesday evening group will be studying "Our Purpose is Love," by David Field. Although it is not based on 1 Corinthian, it is also about how to be the church, this time from a Wesleyan perspective. The Wednesday morning group will be reading "1 Peter - A Living Hope in Christ" by Jen Wilkin. By reading about the concerns of the early church and believer's identity in Christ, this group will ultimately discover what it means to experience the Living Hope of Christ.

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So - The Apostles Paul and Peter, along with 21st Century authors Field and Wilkin, will take us back to the basics of church so we can move forward in faith together.

People of DUMC, stay alert to God's will, stay firm in your faith, and be prepared to share God's love boldly! God is leading us into 2022 and we are ready!

May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

- Pastor Wendy



Welcome, Donnie Monaghan as our new praise band drummer!



We thank everyone who made monetary donations to our church this end of the year. Your love and support is what keeps DUMC going. Those donated in honor or memory of someone are listed below:



- In memory of her husband, **John**, by Shirley McCarthy
- In memory of her husband, **David Stevenson**, by Patricia Stevenson
- For **Charles Fuller** by Terri Fuller
- In memory of **Charles N. Bassford** by Elaine Bassford
- In honor of **Pastor Jackie** by the Doney's



We were so honored to have participated in the Rotary Club of South Anne Arundel County's 8th Annual Lights of Kindness Christmas tree competition. Thank you everyone who took the time to donate and support our beloved CCDC. The center received \$388 for their tree!



Social Needs & Outreach

We thank our congregation for supporting our projects and giving so generously to help those in need.

Thanksgiving baskets were provided to 12 families and 3 seniors. Thanks to the youth who decorated the boxes they were donated in!

We continue to have successful blood drives, like the one in November. Thank you to Jean Smith for leading this ministry! Our next drive is in January. Please consider donating!

Thank you to Gwen Purcell for coordinating our Operation Christmas Child mission. Our congregation donated over 90 shoeboxes to be shipped around the world!

The Christmas Angel Tree project concluded with gifts to children in 5 families and 3 seniors. Turkeys and gift cards were also provided to the families. Thank you to Marie Simpson and Casey for coordinating this mission!

Throughout the year, people have donated toiletries for the homeless, as well as brownies for lunches and scarves! Thank you to Debby Wasson for leading this, making sandwiches, and finding volunteers to help the homeless.

We supported the Rotary Club with providing dictionaries to students at Edgewater ES and Davidsonville ES. We also continue to support Joy Reigns with their weekend lunch bags for students at Edgewater ES.

SNO provided assistance to several families who needed help with rent or bills through this year.

The mission of SNO is to serve God and others in our church and in South County by providing assistance to those in need.





Noah and Lynda Hall helped Gene and I make the 100 toiletry kits at my house on December 12th, and were delivered the following weekend, along with 2 bags of handmade scarves from Gwen Purcell and Florence Ingram.



On December 21st, the Hall family and Doney family helped to make and pack 400 lunches. We were blessed with the praise band practicing while we worked! Having Christmas music was an added joy!!



Many thanks to all the church folks who baked delicious brownies for the lunches.

Volunteers are always welcome to come and help make lunches, so mark your calendar for mid-December of 2022!

God Bless & Happy New Year to all!

-Debby Wasson

Our Gift to the Community this Christmas

DUMC held its second annual Drive-thru Live Nativity on Saturday, Dec 4th, with participation this year from Mayo UMC and Joy Reigns Lutheran Church. Volunteers arrived early to transform our parking lot so that visitors could journey with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Weeks of preparation had us ready and waiting for the first cars to enter our Christmas story telling event as we gathered for final directions and a blessing that we would be a witness to God's love and the gift of our Savior as a baby to the community. The weather could not have been better. With over 60 volunteers, and after a short time of refreshments and fellowship, the stage was set, and the show began.

Bar C Ranch provided the much-anticipated animals – the camel, the sheep, the donkey, the goat, and the cow. Delilah, Dandelion, and their friends were a special attraction for the young and old. Carols played in the background, special scenery was built, spotlights illuminated the stations and candles lit the path to follow that retold the Gospel account of Jesus's birth. The spirit filled actors at each station created the meek and humble background that welcomed the Christ child in the manger.

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Reserve Officers from AACO directed traffic on Rt 214 and on Davidsonville Rd. In addition to our church volunteers, Mayo UMC and Joy Reigns Lutheran Church each hosted a Station with actors and costumes, as well as provided support for greeting and collecting food items for local pantries. All guests were welcomed upon entry where donations of food and money were collected. And a farewell was offered at the end with a flyer invitation to attend upcoming Christmas services at all three churches. This is a huge opportunity for us to be a presence in the community in coordination with our sister churches. And God truly blessed our efforts.

More than 150 pieces of food were collected and distributed to Mayo UMC, Grace Presbyterian Church and St. Andrew's UMC. Over \$500 was collected for ministry use. And hearts were filled with joy as we all recalled our familiar and favorite Nativity story. DUMC pays for the event thru its Evangelism ministry and no proceeds are used to cover expenses. This is all done as an outreach ministry.

By the end of the night, over 100 cars passed thru the Nativity. With car windows down we could see the excitement in the children's eyes and hear their squeals of pleasure as they took in the sights. Most heartwarming was hearing the parents read the scripture verses to their children and explain the story of Jesus's birth. LOVE was our message, and LOVE was God's gift for us all.

Thank you to all who were inspired to participate in this year's Drive-Thru Live Nativity.



Lighting Up The Longest Night With Love- December 21st Open Sanctuary



Three members of our congregation answered God's call to go and help the people of Mayfield. Their town was leveled on Dec. 10th as the 4-state tornado swept through. Luke Borchelt works for Mercy Chefs, disaster relief, a non-profit that provides meals for victims, volunteers and first responders. Lee Matouskl and Damon Ostis spent several days cooking with Luke for the people of Mayfield. They made over 15,000 meals a day.



DUMC presents...

A SPECIAL MUSIC CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Sunday, December 19th, 2021 @ 9 AM & 11 AM



The praise team, bell choir, and DUMC Kids blessed our congregation with Christmas music!





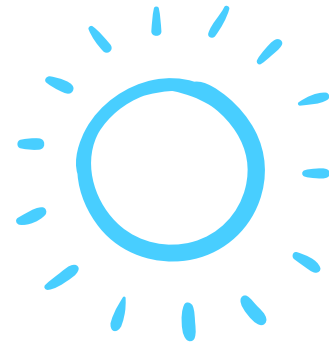
Dear DUMC Family,

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty.

Darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said "Let there be Light" and there was light. John tells us that the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John is equating Jesus to the Light shining in the darkness. Jesus is the LIGHT OF THE WORLD! And the darkness will never overcome Him.

Please remember that when darkness threatens to overcome you. You are not alone. There's something about holidays that can make one feel particularly fragile, even broken. Know that you can find strength and joy in the Light of the World even if you are feeling anything but strong and joyous. Hear the words of the Lord as spoken in Isaiah 43:

*"When you go through deep waters,
I will be with you.
When you go through rivers of difficulty
you will not drown.
When you walk through the fire of oppression,
you will not be burned up;
the flames will not consume you
For I am the Lord, your God"*



And the Lord, your God has given you the Light of the World. There is healing in the magic that is Christmas and all year through. Believe.

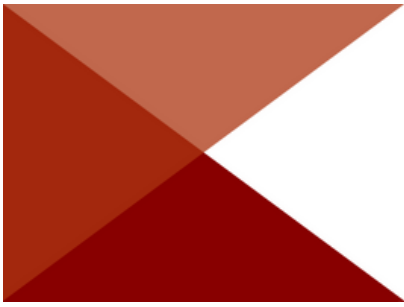
Peace, Love and JOY - Connie



Our DUMC Youth Group is continuing to meeting every other week at 6 PM in the youth room (unless told otherwise).

Usually in the youth room, we gather together and cover different topics related to the Lord, and participate in fun activities! Meals or snacks and drinks are provided at each meeting.

Middle-schoolers and high-schoolers are invited to join us and bring a friend!



Very Truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.” John 16:20 NIV

Grief is the outpouring of emotion and pain that expresses how we feel as we experience great loss. Many times, that loss is the death of a loved one, but it also includes divorce or the end of a relationship, the loss of a home and the security it provides, or the loss of a job and financial stability. You don't get over grief. You walk through the suffering, and it changes you.

Many people in our congregation and community have experienced loss, suffering and grief in the past couple of years. As our Catalyst team analyzed data about our community, walked the local neighborhoods, listened to people, over and over again it was the stories of grief that touched our hearts. On All Saints Sunday when we lit 32 candles (twice as many as in any previous year) representing 32 people in our community who died in the last 12 months, the Catalyst team felt God asking our congregation to offer our community hope, understanding and ongoing support through times of grief.

Our first steps have been small but very intentional as we connected with those experiencing loss throughout the holiday season. Our next step is to develop a system of recognizing people who are experiencing grief, as we walk with them on that journey. Our congregation already has a few people experienced in this area and other resources like wooden crosses, prayer shawls, and helpful books. We have some of the tools to begin the journey. We need others who can help us with grants, communication, developing a database, and ministering with people in grief. The BWCUMC is giving our congregation a \$250 grant to get us started. A further \$5000 is available as we begin to organize and offer our community HUGS - Hope, Understanding, and Grief Support.

If you know someone who is grieving, for any reason, help us help them. Consider sharing their contact information with the pastor. If you feel God calling you towards this type of ministry, talk about it with one of the team members.

“We have come this far by faith, and we will continue to walk with our hand in yours wherever you lead us.” - Rev. Leighton Farrell found in *Journey Through Grief - Life Beyond the Broken Heart*.

*Blessings from the Catalyst Team:
Pam Durbin, Chuck & Tricia Moeslein, Lisa Niemann,
and Pastor Wendy van Vliet*

2021 LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT
EFFECTIVE DATE JANUARY 1, 2022
CHURCH COUNCIL

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| Pastor of Worship and Music | Paul Raddin |

MEMBERS AT LARGE

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|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Don Simpson | Rita Siprak-Weill | Gwen Purcell |
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CATALYST INITIATIVE

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Cade Clurman | Pam Durbin | Chuck Moeslein |
| Tricia Moeslein | Lisa Niemann | Pastor, Wendy van Vliet |

COVID-19 TASK FORCE

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Pastor - Wendy van Vliet | Evangelism - Lisa Niemann | Education - Cade Clurman |
| Finance - Jason Clurman | Trustees - Nelson Outten | Health - Carol Chell |
| Worship - Pam Durbin | | |

LEADERS OF MINISTRY TEAMS

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| CCDC | Rita Siprak-Weill |
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| Education/Sunday School | Cade Clurman |
| Evangelism | Pam Durbin |
| Historian | Tim Hopkins |
| Lamplighter | Casey Duley |
| Mission & VIM | Tim McArdle |
| Safe Sanctuaries | Rita Siprak-Weill |
| Social Needs & Outreach (co-chairs) | Barbara Colacicco & Florence Ingram |
| Sunshine (Sick and Shut-in) | Debby Wasson |
| Tongues of Fire | Blair Smith |
| Worship | Lisa Niemann |
| Youth | Casey Duley |
| President of United Methodist Men | vacancy |
| President of United Methodist Women | Barbra Moore |

Save
the Date



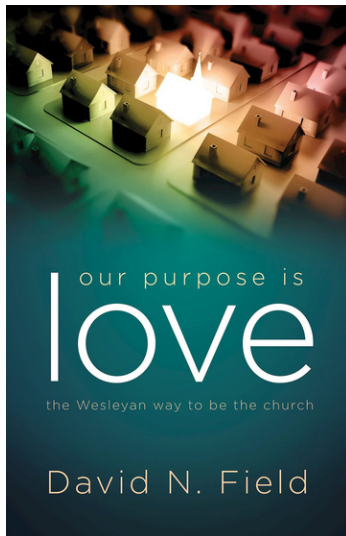
with Elisa Jillson Stanek



**American
Red Cross**

Red Cross Blood Drive

The next DUMC blood drive is scheduled for Saturday, Jan 29 from 10 AM - 3 PM. To schedule your lifesaving donation please visit redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: davidsonvilleumc.



Wednesday Evening Book Study Group

Starting January 26th, the Wednesday evening book study group will start *Our Purpose is Love* by David Field. This book challenges us to reclaim love as the center of our identity and purpose as the church, focuses on the importance of unity for the church's witness, and invites us to consider the ways in which embodying God's love can and should influence how we live as individuals and as communities of faith.

Yoga Class!

Please join DUMC Yoga: a free, monthly Hatha yoga class that will meet at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall on Thursdays. Adults and children ages 6 and older are welcome. Please bring a yoga mat!
Dates: Jan 20, Feb 17, Apr 24

JEN WILKIN

1 PETER
A LIVING HOPE IN CHRIST



Women's Wednesday Morning Book Study Group

Starting January 26th, the UMW will start the book *1 Peter: A Living Hope In Christ* by Jen Wilkin. This book challenges us to look beyond our current circumstances to a future inheritance and helps readers discover what it means to experience the Living Hope they have in Christ. Pick up your books on the 12th!

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

3 WAYS TO GIVE



Giving Envelopes

Give by cash or check with in worship Sunday mornings



Online Giving

Give a one time gift or set recurring donations on our website: DUMC.net



Text Giving

Text \$(desired amount) to 410-324-6399 to give via text message

January

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Cade Clurman | 18 - Sara Attenberger |
| 2 - Dave Attenberger | 18 - Bianca Iannicelli |
| 3 - Melissa Attenberger | 18 - Barbara Stecher |
| 3 - Emily Cobb | 20 - Brecken Baur |
| 3 - Katie Cornelius | 21 - Tara Pierru |
| 3 - Geoffrey Wood | 24 - Vassie Hollamon |
| 4 - Andrew Stanek | 24 - Katie Hollamon |
| 8 - Margie Norris | 24 - Hannah Hollamon |
| 10 - Susan Hopkins | 28 - Tyler Egbert |
| 12 - Don Shankle | 28 - Jean Manahan |
| 14 - Terri Joya | 29 - Bailey Masters |
| 14 - Lisa Niemann | 30 - Peyton Cornelius |
| 16 - Wendy Miller | 30 - LeeAnn Monaghan |
| 16 - John Moore | 30 - Rhonda Ostis |
| 17 - Ed Hall | 31 - Blee Mahaffey |

February

- 1 - Christina Carr
- 4 - Max Covington
- 4 - Evelyn Fincher
- 5 - Patricia Stevenson
- 6 - Joshua Attenberger
- 9 - Gwen Purcell
- 9 - Caroline Wallander
- 10 - Dan Colacicco
- 11 - Anna Wallander
- 12 - Olivia Robertson
- 13 - Tim Hopkins
- 13 - Gene Wasson
- 16 - Matthew Cobb
- 16 - Annette Graves
- 16 - Barbara Whittington
- 17 - Bill King
- 18 - Deb Angevine
- 18 - Carol Chell
- 18 - Amanda Marie Klute
- 18 - Kim Vincent
- 19 - Dawn Raddin
- 20 - Joseph O'Neill
- 22 - Jason Clurman
- 24 - Lisa Alexander
- 24 - Georgia McArdle
- 27 - Casey Duley
- 29 - Carmen Tartaglia



*~HAPPY~
Anniversary*

- 1/11 - Adam & Betty Schmitt
- 1/26 - Dave & Susan Attenberger
- 2/14 - Lisa & Joe Niemann

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