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

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Little Lucille was born early in the 20th century. Her Grandma took her to the local Wesleyan Chapel to be baptized. But her father, and Anglican was skeptical about that proceeding since the Church of England didn't recognize Methodist clergy as being part of the apostolic succession. So he had her baptized again. Later Lucy's mother joined the Salvation Army and she took her daughter to the citadel for presentation under the banner of blood and fire - the Salvationist equivalent to baptism. The family immigrated to America and the only local church in their town was Methodist. It was lead by a pastor who didn't believe in infant baptism and he insisted that the whole confirmation class had to be "truly baptized." Lucy eventually married a Southern Baptist and all was fine until Lucy began to play the piano for the church choir. The deacons ruled that "unimmersed hands may not play the Lord's songs." So, for the fifth time Lucy was baptized.

I understand the impulse for our family members to be baptized. We want them to grow and mature in a community of faith. We want that outward sign of God's grace. We want to ensure that God will love them. But when we get hung up on human assumptions, such as baptism requires full immersion, or only adults can make the promises, or that baptisms of another denomination aren't valid... then we miss the point. We miss seeing God's gift.

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As a respected professor once said, "We tend to suffer from spiritual amnesia. We forget what God has done for us and promised for us... We are oblivious to the identity we have been given by the Creator." (Stookey)



One of God's cures for our malady is - Baptism. God is active in our lives before during and after Baptism. It is God who sparks our interest (or the interest of our guardians.) God who washes away our sin. God who gives us new life, and God who is with us always, perfecting us in love.

In worship this month we are going to delve into each of God's gifts for life as we consider the meaning of baptism. If you or someone in your family are interested in baptism please reach out to me or call the church. I know the fullness of life lived with God's gifts and I would love for you to know this life too. You certainly don't need to be baptized 5 times to have it. It's God's free gift to believers.

Blessings, Pastor Wendy



Saying Goodbye...

Jackie Weavill has been with us for almost five years. In that time she has proven to be passionate in her care for the congregation, especially the youth. She has been a good chaplain to the children, staff, and families of CrossRoads and she has developed ministries we didn't know we needed until 2020 happened; specifically an online prayer ministry, online worship, and our social media presence.

This year has been incredibly challenging for many of us and the hardships faced clarified for Jackie her need to make her health, family, and education her priority. So while she truly loved and appreciated her time with us, she is leaving full-time ministry and seeking part-time ministry elsewhere.

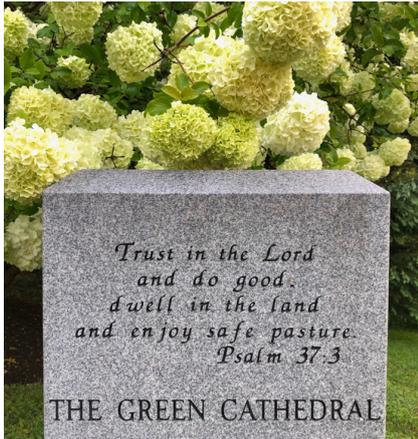
Jackie - we wish you luck in your future endeavors, and you will be missed!

Worship!

9 AM : Outdoor Worship in the Green Cathedral

10 AM : Online Worship on Facebook or YouTube

11 AM : Indoor Worship in the Sanctuary



Pentecost Sunday



Our *Nature of Faith* sermon series brought us many adventures!
From Beverly Triton Park, to Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary,
from the Hopkins farm, to the wine cellars of Dodon's Vineyard!
Here are just a few pictures from our exploration of God's creations!



Tongues of Fire BBQ Sandwich Sale *By: Blair Smith*

The Tongues of Fire BBQ Ministry team had its most successful sandwich ever on May 22nd. 10 DUMC folks helped with prep during the week, with a total 14 pulling, slicing, serving or cleaning up on Saturday. Interacting with each other and customers, TOFers helped to "Spread the Gospel, one bite at a time".



By: Pat Brodsky

Making Cards for our Troops

Making Cards for our Troops card event was held on May 15, 2021 at Davidsonville UMC. Everyone had a great time making 1,000 cards for our troops! There was a wonderful sense of great fellowship as we worked!



Dear friends in Christ,

Isaiah speaks: Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying "This is the way; walk in it".

Could it be that when Yogi Berra said "When you come to a fork in the road, take it", he was thinking in Biblical terms?



In any event, we often forget to seek direction from God when He should be the first we turn to. Listen. God doesn't have to speak to be heard. Many years ago, the message board at the front of the church told us to "enjoy the scenery along the detour." How many of us bother to think about scenery when the detour adds so much time to the journey? In younger days, I was always hurrying down a road from somewhere going somewhere else. Most of the time I didn't even know where I was going as long as it didn't involve staying where I was. Have you been there, done that? When you're hurrying down a road and come to a fork, ask God, and take it (the fork and the advice)! But slow down. This summer when you're out collecting new memories for your memory box, take time to enjoy the scenery, but never forget that wherever you go, there you are. Go with God.

May God be with you on all your roads.

Yours in Christ, Connie



Crossroads passed and were in compliance with the Maryland State Inspection. Marilyn and the staff do a wonderful job keeping the center in tip top shape.

DUMC's Music Director Paul Raddin will be the new Chaplin at CCDC. He is looking forward to working with all the children.

CCDC is opening back up to 100% capacity with still implementing social distancing. The center is still on lockdown with only essential personal.

CCDC will not have the summer program this year due to COVID-19. The center continues to keep the safety of the child the upmost importance.



Sunshine Report by: Debby Wasson

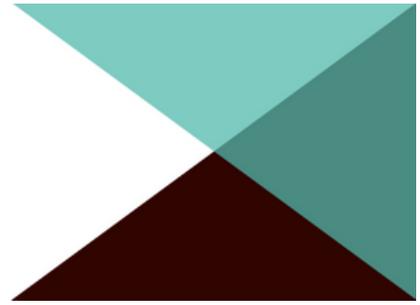
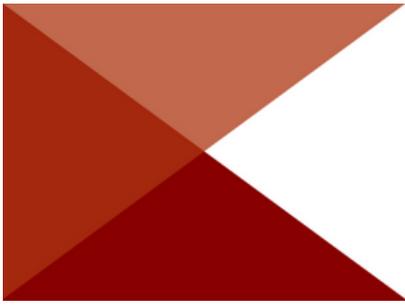
We on the Sunshine Committee continue to stay in touch with those less able to get out. Special prayers should continue for Ann Simmons who has had two eye surgeries and still struggles with her vision, and for Roger Vales who is continuing with cancer treatments. Enjoy the pictures of some of the folks we have visited!

June Travel-size Toiletries for the Homeless Drive

We hope to make around 100 toiletry kits to support *Linda's Legacy* (We have worked with this local charity in the past. They support the homeless in Annapolis, Baltimore, and Washington DC). A container for these items will be on the porch of the church office, and I will try to bring something down to the Green Cathedral as well.

Items needed are:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner,
- Hand lotion
- Deodorant
- Hand sanitizer
- Toothpaste
- ChapStick
- Small Combs
- Soap
- Hand towels/wash cloths
- Emery boards (nail files)



CATALYST INITIATIVE: What and Why?

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

What is the Catalyst initiative? A program to learn deeply and intentionally how to cultivate discipleship, to discern and experiment to build better relationships with one another and those in the community through discovery, exploration and renewal. The Catalyst program is made possible by a \$1 million grant to the Baltimore/Washington Conference from the Lily Foundation to help congregations assess their ministries, to address new challenges and better nurture the spiritual vitality of the people they serve.

Why DUMC? It is with great joy that we were selected for the first year this catalyst initiative was offered along with 11 other churches in the Baltimore Washington Conference. Our selection was based on an extensive application including the survey results taken by many in our congregation. This gives us an excellent opportunity to take a deep look at the needs of our congregation and community and to evaluate and design ministry for the most impact. This will empower our church to initiate a Spirit-led vision and understanding of our community; ignite faith into action and invigorate people to pursue God's call in the hopes of increasing skills, and resilience so that more lives in our community will become disciples of Christ.

What's Next: Soon the course *Who are We?* will be offered again and we hope that you will consider participating in this 18-week journey to grow deeper in faith.

The Catalyst team will continue sharing with the congregation over the next 10 months the findings of this initiative. We ask for your prayers as we serve Jesus Christ and this congregation to make us catalysts of hope, thriving in the church and the world.

Sincerely, the Catalyst Team,

Pastor Wendy, Cade Clurman, Pam Durbin,
Chuck Moeslein, Tricia Moeslein and Lisa Niemann

Blood Drive

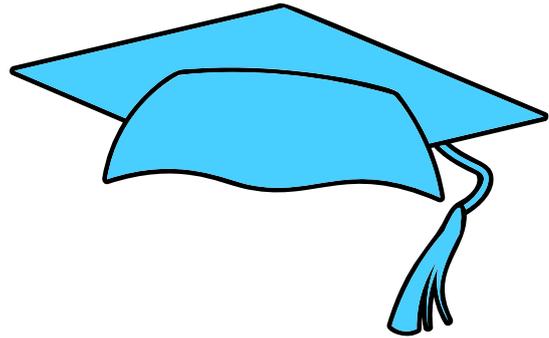


Red Cross Blood Drive

The next DUMC blood drive is scheduled for Saturday, June 26th from 10 AM - 3:30 PM. To schedule your lifesaving donation please visit redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: *davidsonvilleumc* or call 1-800-733-2767. Please consider donating!

Graduates

On Sunday, June 27th, Davidsonville UMC will be taking a moment to honor the high school and college graduates of 2021! It has been a hard year, and they deserve celebrating!



Upcoming Baptisms

We are so excited to celebrate these peoples on the day of their baptisms. Join us as they are welcomed into God's family.

- On June 13th at 9 AM - Arthur O'Neill
- On June 13th at 11 AM - Bob Ingram
- On June 20th at 9 AM - Lyla Bisci
- On July 25th at 9 AM - Christian Stanek

In Memoriam:

Joan Schulz, 1945-2021

Joan Waskey Schulz, 75, passed away at Acts Bayleigh Chase in Easton, MD, on April 6, 2021. She lived much of her life in Davidsonville, MD, and was an active member of Davidsonville United Methodist Church for many years. Joan was a high school algebra teacher at Bishop McNamara High School, later transitioning to a career with the Maryland Department of Agriculture. She loved all things Maryland and shopping for a bargain.





Caring For Our Most Vulnerable - A Statement From Our Pastor

I am celebrating! The COVID-19 indicators that measure new illnesses and deaths are decreasing! The number of people able to get a vaccination is increasing! The local restrictions are loosening! These are very good trends!

BUT - If you have grandchildren, have they been able to be vaccinated? Is someone you know battling cancer and dealing with a compromised immune system? There are people in our congregation that are unable to be vaccinated, or because of the condition of their immune system the vaccination may not work.

You can see from the chart below that unvaccinated folks need to continue to wear masks indoors and outdoors, especially when they are with people outside of their household. That means that the children of our congregation still need to wear masks when they are moving and playing with others. The CDC also recommends that those who are in close contact also wear masks to protect the children.

So - vaccinated people don't need masks but they may choose to wear them to protect the most vulnerable among us; the children and the immune-compromised. As Christians, we can sacrifice our personal comfort to protect others.

*Thanks and Blessings -
Pastor Wendy*

Choosing Safer Activities

Adapted from the CDC guide: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/participate-in-activities.html>

	Unvaccinated People	Examples of Activities	Fully Vaccinated People
		Outdoor	
Safest		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
Less Safe		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
		Dine outdoors with people from multiple households	
Least Safe		Attend a crowded, outdoor event	
		Indoor	
Less Safe		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
		Take communion in a socially distanced worship service	
Least Safe		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in a worship service	
		Have fellowship hour with food	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

Get a COVID-19 Vaccine



Prevention measures not needed



Take prevention measures
Wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart,
and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.



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You Probably Want To Know...

We are living in confusing times. The measures of COVID-19 change almost daily, and so do the guidelines from the CDC and government officials. The Bishop hosted a Reentering Well Training Update on Tuesday, May 25 addressing many concerns and giving the churches in our conference some direction. You can find materials on the conference website under "BWCUMC COVID-19 Resources." The training was recorded and can be found on YouTube under the BWCUMC Training Tuesday section.

The Bishop advised us that our first goal was to maintain the safety and health of everyone in our congregation. We need to care for our most vulnerable members by providing choices such as online and in-person worship, and listening to our Task Force. There is a great deal of information circulating. We rely on our Task Force to read, understand, and help us apply the data well, so that we can care for our congregation. Our Task Force includes representatives from Trustees, Education, Worship, Evangelism, and Healthcare. This variety of perspectives has been essential for make wise decisions.

Here is a list of things you may want to know. This information comes from our Reopening Task Force:

- If it rains we will worship indoors in the Fellowship Hall or Sanctuary. Watch for emails and Facebook notices on rainy Sunday mornings.
- Worship Services are held at 9 AM in the Green Cathedral, 10 AM online and at 11 AM in the Sanctuary.
- We expect the county to remove capacity restrictions June 11th, but the indoor spaces are still organized to provide distance between pews so we can protect our young ones. Unvaccinated people **must** wear masks.
- Daycare rules are still very strict. Only CrossRoads staff and children should be in that portion of the building while school is in session.
- Community groups have been invited back to gather in the Sanctuary.
- Meetings, ministries, and studies continue, and folks are deciding what style of meeting (Zoom, in-person, or hybrid) works for the group.
- Congregational singing is still not advised since not all are vaccinated. We will continue to listen to the advice from the CDC and work towards restoring our choir and praise band. Expect to see fully vaccinated performers singing outside, before you see the whole congregation singing together.
- Hand washing, disinfecting our spaces after use, giving people some space, tracking attendance for our use and for COVID tracing, and virtual worship will all continue. They are effective at keeping the congregation well.
- and finally - Get vaccinated, if you are able! It lowers the risk for you and the people around you.

Submit a prayer request 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



June

1 - Charlie Hardesty
5 - Hailey Potts
5 - Tyler Potts
5 - Don Simpson
6 - Delores Bowling
6 - Daniel Wallander
7 - Eileen Smith
8 - Paula Tidwell
11 - Abby Geiman
11 - John Graves
13 - John Cain
14 - Shannon Long
15 - Florence Ingram
15 - Esther Peck

16 - Kellie Baur
16 - Dusty Egbert
16 - Tricia Moeslein
18 - Liz Morrissey
19 - Cindy Borchelt
21 - Trent Fielser
21 - Richard Kurtinitis
22 - Jean Smith
23 - Lucy Taylor
24 - Carl Drew
24 - Bob Wilson
26 - Jerry Fiesler
28 - Claire Stanek

July

2 - Donnie Monaghan
5 - Harper Cornelius
5 - Angel Joya
5 - John Price
6 - Christy Potts
9 - Larry Smouse
10 - Marie-Ange Pierru
10 - Chip Robertson
12 - Nancy Barham
12 - John Cohen
12 - Timothy Purcell
13 - Chuck Moeslein

16 - Will Stanek
17 - Brianne Potts
21 - Barbara Colacicco
22 - Rebecca Iannicelli
25 - Anders Pierru
25 - Ray Simpson
26 - Ben Hopkins
26 - Lauren McKeever
27 - Elaine Bassford
27 - Sam Clurman
28 - Lori Heider

~HAPPY~
Anniversary

6/2 - John & Barbara Cohen
6/9 - Daniel & Barbara Colacicco
6/11 - Don & Sarah Simpson
6/13 - Gene & Debby Wasson
6/14 - Lee & Pamela Matousek
6/15 - Blair & Joann Smith
6/24 - Steve & Kelly Arslanian

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