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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed." 1 Corinthians 12:1

This year our congregation has been focused on being church. Certainly, that includes worshipping well together in various formats, but it also includes growing as individual disciples of Christ and together as a church or congregation.

In January we defined church as a body of believers "called out" from the world by God to live as God's people under the authority of Jesus Christ. Our DUMC goal is to be a church where the transforming love of God shapes and molds us so that our love for God continues to grow and we are able to demonstrate the power of that love in our relationships with others. Or more simply, we aim to be a congregation that knows they are loved by Christ and seek to love one another and others like that.

We have been using Paul's letters to the Corinthians to learn about the components of discipleship such as: unity, worship, hospitality, being other-centered rather than self-centered, and to contemplate our morality including our sexual morality. Early in February, we took a survey to see where we might fall on a discipleship growth chart. Staff provided additional resource materials and pastoral support for questions and discernment.

In March we will explore another area of discipleship; our spiritual gifts. We each will have the opportunity to define what our Spiritual gifts are and how to live into our purpose by putting those gifts to work in the church and in the world.

Spiritual gifts are more than our talents and skills. They are God's grace at work within us empowering us to match our deep passions with the world's deep needs. Spiritual gifts are given to individuals to meet the needs of those around us and to build and strengthen the community.

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

We will be using the UMC Spiritual Gifts Assessment as a method of discovering our gifts. You can explore the twenty gifts and assessment here:

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/spiritual-gifts>

On March 27th we will be holding a ministry fair to learn about all the committees and ministries of our church and to discover where your passion and gifts might fit.

Lastly, Casey will organize a Sign-up Genius calendar for folks that might want to meet with me and ask deeper questions about personal growth and life in the church.

Let's get growing!!! Blessings Pastor Wendy



Lent is upon us, and we have built a Lenten devotional in a bag for our DUMC families. Look for a bag with your family's name on it and inside you will find supplies for your Lent journey. If you do not find a bag with your family's name on it or would like one, please contact the office and one can be created for you.

Service times:

- **6:30 AM** | Sunrise Service in the Green Cathedral
- **9 AM** | Contemporary/Family Service in the Fellowship Hall
- **11 AM** | Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
- 9 AM service will be livestreamed on Facebook and posted to YouTube after.



Don't miss out on signing-up for our **free children's** Easter kit! Like previous years, we will have a video for you and your family to follow along that will premiere at **7 AM on Easter Day!** Simply scan the QR code with your smart phone camera, and it will take you to the sign-up page online!

Or, follow the link that will be in your announcement emails. We love sharing this ministry with our church family and the community, so spread the word to your friends so they can sign up too!

Help a local farmer!

In past years I've asked DUMC members not to discard some kinds of carpet when they replace it, as I can use it to smother weeds in my garden. I won't need carpet this year as Eileen Smith (Thank you, Eileen) has given me enough. I do need old tennis balls, however, so if members have old ones and want to give them a 2nd life, I'd love to have them. Just call (410-798-1862) leave a message if no one answers, and I'll arrange to pick them up - or if you visit our barn to buy fresh eggs, you could leave tennis balls there.

For the curious - I put the balls on rebar rods that support the sides of my garden beds. Last summer I tripped and nearly fell on a rod that lacked a tennis ball. I hope not to repeat the fall, but if I do, I sure would like to have a tennis ball on each rod.

Thanks, Liz Hopkins



Hi Church!

Our Bell Choir and Praise Band are up and running again after a lengthy period of not rehearsing, due to COVID.

We're excited about Easter. We'll sing traditional hymns of the season, as well as contemporary worship songs. Several service times, both live and online are available for your worship experience!

Later in March, we'll send out a link to our Easter worship music, so you can listen ahead of time and be ready to sing from your hearts on Resurrection Sunday!

Have a favorite hymn or contemporary worship song that speaks to your heart? Let me know!



Grace and Peace be with you! You are loved!

Pastor Paul

CCDC announces that Mrs. Barbara is retiring! She was a cherished member of our team, and will be missed by many. We have also welcomed our new hire, Mrs. Leslie Lacy! God bless these 2 valued individuals! CCDC also has its Easter Celebration coming up, so stay tuned for more information about that!



Have any unwanted outdoor toys, like balls, soccer goals, buckets, shovels, etc.? Donate them to CCDC! Summer is just around the corner and our children will be spending more time outside as the weather permits, so we want to get them some toys!



Communications *By: Arielle Hall*

COVID has been a tough time for all, but as a church we have developed new and innovative ways to continue to worship together. Our online worship ministry has grown and thrived and has become an incredible opportunity for outreach as a congregation. Through online worship we have connected with and featured new and familiar faces. These new faces have included division 1 college athletes that have lead Bible study for their teammates and collegiate performing choir members. The growth of this ministry has been an exciting opportunity for us as a congregation to know, love and serve God and others in unity. Please reach out and contact the church if you would like to learn more or participate in our online worship ministry!



The DUMC youth has been gathering in the youth room together for fun activities and quality time with their peers.

In January, we even had a movie night! We watched Luca together and talked about some important lessons in the movie and how we can relate those to God's word.

The fellowship is going to continue into March and April with the in-person meetings every other week and online devotionals. Maybe a game night is in our future?

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



By: Casey Duley



Mar 6 - meeting in person at 6 PM!

Mar 13 - watch for email!

Mar 20 - meeting in person at 6 PM!

Mar 27 - watch for email!

Social Needs & Outreach

Our food pantry in the corner of our parking lot isn't getting as much traffic as we wish it would. Reverend Jeff Hual, with All Hallows Parish and the Brick Church said they could really use something like that for their food pantry, as their inside pantry is only open the third Monday of every month. With an outside stand like ours, they could bag up food and leave it outside for someone who needs it.

The Social Needs committee and Joseph Maslar, who built the pantry, discussed moving the pantry and all agreed it would be of better use at the Brick Church.

If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, please direct them to 864 West Central Avenue for the new location.



Welcome Tim McArdle as Chair of Missions

Thank you everyone for your warm welcome to Georgia and I as we are now leading up DUMC's Missions efforts! I truly owe all of my involvement in missions to Blair Smith. He got me to go on my very first missions trip after hurricane Katrina, which led to me meeting Georgia and getting married. He had been 'apologizing' to Georgie ever since. I had a strong background in volunteering prior to that but it was truly his mentoring and leadership that grew my interest and passion for it. And being around churches absolutely provides many opportunities. Blair and I did not get do a full knowledge transfer as we had planned - but I am confident he will be with me as we go forward. God provided this path - there is no doubt He will continue to walk with us along it. There are several volunteer opportunities coming up and/or ongoing:

Mission Opportunities:

Builders for God Missions Trip 2022 - Builders for God (BFG) missions team will be traveling to Montrose, PA the week of Father's Day (June 19-25) to serve the bible camp there. BFG serves bible camps annually that have the most need paired with our skill sets that are joining the trip. The primary goal is to assist these camps in getting ready for the summer. There is something for everyone of any age and this is a very family friendly event. The cost is inexpensive, lodging, meals, and resources of the camp are all provided. If you'd like more information, contact me tim.mcardle@verizon.net or 410.218.0074. We have openings, but the trip is getting booked quickly! If you are interested, sign up now!!! Even a partial week is appreciated!

The Bernie House - a home in Silver Spring MD that shelters refugees of domestic violence is asking for some painters and general help at the end of next month (likely a Saturday but no firm date yet). This would be perfect for DUMC Youth and anyone willing to come along.



Also, mark your calendar for the Annapolis St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 6th at 12 PM, as I am the leader of The Bernie House 'float' (walkers with a banner) this year. We need walkers, so if you want to be in a parade - here's your opportunity!!!! The 'theme' of the Bernie House is 'walk a mile in her shoes' meaning put yourself in the place of someone who is suffering domestic abuse and feels they have to endure it, as there are no other options (but The Bernie House is the other option!). Walkers are encouraged to wear high heels in this regard (yes, everyone!). It gets a lot of looks for sure - my size 13 spikes in particular!

More Mission Opportunities:



The Society of Hope and Love (SOHL) is a recovery group/leadership (sponsors) of AA, NA, Gamblers Anon, etc, that holds various alternative functions on holidays around the year. This group provides meals, meetings, and fellowship on days where temptation is often very high. Maura Harford is the leader of SOHL and on St Patrick's Day they are looking for kitchen help/general volunteers to assist with meal prep, meal service, cleaning, and fellowship on March 17th from 6 AM – 9 PM (the various groups cycle in and out of meals and meetings all day long).

Food Pantry Volunteers needed. The first Saturday of each month there are two food pantries that are always looking for helping hands. Riva Trace Baptist Church at 8 AM, and Adams United Methodist Church in Lothian whose food pantry is held at the Ralph Bunch Community Center in Edgewater. <http://www.ralphjbunche.org/>. Your contact for these: Riva Trace Richard Edmonds 443.534.4260. Adams UMC Raoul Graves 443.822.1417.

BKind Homeless Ministries. BKind is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to provide food, clothing, and hygiene products to those less fortunate in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, and Baltimore County. Every Saturday from 11 AM – 1 PM, there is an event held by multiple churches/individuals. Food and supply donations are taken and distributed. If you arrive early, there is also church service held! This need is WEEKLY. This event is in Glen Burnie - check their website for more info at <https://bkind.gives/>.



Mercy Chefs - as most of you know Damon Ostis and Lee Matousek joined up with Luke Borchelt recently and assisted Mercy Chefs in the aftermath of the terrible tornado events that struck Kentucky and other states in that part of the country. Mercy Chefs are in more solid locations now and rather than a delivery system, they have places to go to get food and resources. It's a long term ongoing effort. Thank you to Damon, Lee and Luke for being involved in this ministry.

Please consider helping with any or all of the aforementioned! Please also lift all of these efforts in prayer. Dutifully In His Name, Tim & Georgia McArdle

Dearest DUMC Family,

I heard a story not long ago about a little girl watching her Mama preparing a roast for Sunday dinner. She carefully sliced off the ends and tied the roast with string before putting it in the oven. The child asked her why she had taken the ends off the roast. Mama explained that that was the way her Mama had taught her. So they checked with Nana and received the same answer. So.....the next time they saw Great Gran they asked why she had taught Nana to take the ends of the roast off before it went in the oven, and Great Gran looked at them oddly and said, "So it would fit in the pan!" And that's how some family traditions are born!



So I was prompted to see what I could learn about traditions on YouTube. The gentleman performing the song said they had traditions for everything: how to sleep, how to eat, how to work, how to wear clothes AND how to show their constant devotion to God. Because of tradition everyone knew who they were and what God expected of them. Without tradition, their entire lives would be shaky and out of balance.

I started thinking about traditions learned from Christ and because of Christ. Because a Savior King was prophesied many years prior to his birth and because the history of Christ's life on earth was so well documented in the Gospel, we are not only able to celebrate Christmas but also the miracle of a resurrected Christ who gave up his heavenly throne for a brief sojourn on earth to cleanse the souls of humanity from their sin. So, yes, use tradition to remember that you are a child of God and know that you are so blessed to have a birth to celebrate each year and a resurrection to remind you of God's glorious love.

Whether you're wearing a cross or an apron, fitting a roof or knitting a prayer shawl, taking communion or eating a seder meal at Passover, giving up meat or donuts on Fridays in Lent, singing lullabies to a child or Hallelujah to a church of believers, celebrating a baptism or mourning at a funeral, praying the Lord's prayer or reciting the Apostle's Creed, use your traditions to stay in balance. Without traditions your lives may get a bit shaky; perhaps as shaky as, well.....a fiddler on a roof! Imagine!

God bless, Connie



The card ministry is having a fundraiser at Ledo's Pizza in Edgewater on **Tuesday, March 15 from 11 AM to 9 PM** – just tell them you are supporting *Making Cards for our Troops*.

On **Saturday, May 7, from 1 PM to 5 PM**, the cards ministry will hold their annual card making event at the church. We would love to see you then. Don't need to bring anything – just come make cards with us!

We sent 69,820 cards in the year 2021 and we have already sent 14,000 cards this year in 2022!



Tongues of Fire BBQ ministry will be having it's first sandwich sale of the year on **Saturday, April 30th!**



CrossRoads CDC is in search of teachers! The center is looking for individuals who are strong, and anchored with kindness, patience, and love of supporting the growth of children in mind, body, and spirit. Must be 18 years old or older, have a High School diploma, and have a 90-hour certification for Child Development Preschool and Curriculum (preferred, but we can support you in obtaining this certification and other pre-service training). Responsibilities include but are not limited to: lesson planning based on child developmentally-appropriate curriculum, establishing positive and collaborative relationships with families and staff, adapting program activities to meet the unique and individual needs of the whole child, and maintaining professional and appropriate communication with parents or caregivers and fellow staff. Interested applicants, please email resume to crdirector@crossroadscdc.com. We want to add you to our CCDC family! We also have openings for returning college students or high school graduates to assist in our summer school program. These assistant positions do not require any of the certifications that the teacher positions do. Salary starts at \$14 an hour.

In Memoriam:

Martha Jones, 1931-2022



Martha Coleman Jones passed away January 15, 2022, in the loving care of her children. She was 90. She worked in the FBI for years, became a homemaker, and then returned to work at the Naval Sea Systems Command as a Logistics Management Specialist. She enjoyed bowling, her gardens, traveling and especially spending time with her family and friends. She was predeceased by her husband Walter, her 2 children, her 4 grandchildren, and her 5 great grandchildren.

Blair Smith, 1946-2022



Roderick Blair Smith passed away at his home on January 31, 2022. He was 75. Blair enjoyed a 30-year career as a history teacher. He also had a passion for architectural design and in 1975 started his own business, South County Designs. He was a member and president of the South Anne Arundel Rotary Club, and active member of DUMC, and the founder of our Tongues of Fire BBQ ministry. Blair is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Joann; two sons, one brother, and six grandchildren

Dear Friends of DUMC,

We can never truly be ready for the loss, especially such a sudden one, of someone we love. Suddenly, our lives are changed forever, but we are all left with some beautiful memories that each of us has experienced with Blair. The legacy left behind by him at DUMC has affected many people, and I am very aware that some of you are also feeling the loss of a dear friend. We can work together to see each other through.

Blair was a wonderful husband and father, and I considered him my very Best Friend. We shared so much together for which I am thankful, and, therefore, I have so many precious memories that will bring me comfort. Losing my beloved has been unbelievably hard, but I continue to be encouraged and comforted by our Church Family every day. I am so grateful for the beautiful cards and uplifting sentiments written by so many, heartfelt HUGS, providing meals, phone calls, sharing meaningful books, and inviting me to walk, shop, or visit. I can't thank you enough for all your support, encouragement, and for just checking up on me, so I am not constantly alone. All of these have helped immensely to lift my spirits, comfort me, and brighten my day. Thank you so much for walking this road with me, DEAR FRIENDS.

In God's Love, Joann

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

March

- 1 - Kathy Gabler
- 3 - Rev. Wendy van Vliet
- 4 - Dave Schwenker
- 8 - Barbara Emert
- 8 - Kennady Moseley
- 9 - Nancy Covington
- 9 - Cindy Wratford
- 10 - Jessi Rolko
- 12 - Vonda Vales
- 13 - Chad Moeslein
- 14 - Shannon Price
- 15 - Kaitlyn Burgess
- 16 - Dorothy Beard
- 16 - Julien Pierru
- 17 - Kris Bisci
- 18 - Colin Beattie
- 22 - Jenna Alexander
- 22 - Zachary Alexander
- 26 - Athena Wasson



April

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| 2 - Emily Stanek | 15 - Linnea Pierru |
| 5 - Dixie Doyle | 16 - Bonnie Campbell |
| 5 - Ken Werre | 21 - Gracie Egbert |
| 6 - David Attenberger | 22 - Mark Bowser |
| 6 - Kalle Kontson | 23 - Katie Bisci |
| 6 - Diana Schneider | 23 - Mason Moseley |
| 7 - Bobby Baur | 24 - Cindy Buechling |
| 7 - Joe Niemann | 24 - Jim Hopkins |
| 7 - Jan Rolko | 25 - Joe Emert |
| 8 - Sarah Simpson | 27 - Jackson Sparks |
| 9 - Becky Robertson | 27 - Dixon Wood |
| 10 - Rob Gabler | 28 - Lisa Gardner-Wasson |
| 10 - Steve Iannicelli | 29 - Bud Chell |
| 10 - Barbara Moore | 29 - Arthur O'Neill |
| 14 - Carolyn Wilson | |

4/22 - Florence & Bob Ingram

*~HAPPY~
Anniversary*

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