

DAVIDSONVILLE UMC
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PASTOR'S CORNER

I was drawn to the opening of a magazine article. Does this ring true for you?

"We live in a work-conscious era. We are all of us under constant pressure to get more done, to increase efficiency. Now work is an excellent thing in its way and by devotion to it the human race has produced a host of achievements. But work can also become an obsession...We turn into work-ridden neurotics, and we forget that *How to Get More Done* can be a very vicious knowledge unless it is balanced with an equal knowledge of *How to Do Nothing*."

The article continues on to note, that without balance and reservoirs of quiet we won't be able to "tap certain ancient wellsprings of the spirit... to draw the strength to stand up against the clatter of our industrial world." This article comes from a 1939 Readers Digest!

November and December are busy months. Many employees begin to cope with the push of fiscal year end. Stores fill as shoppers search for gifts. There is more cooking and cleaning to be done in preparation for the holidays. And, we are more active in ministry; Operation Christmas Child, Thanksgiving Baskets, Alternative Christmas Market, and many other church opportunities.

Jesus' birthday celebration is near. It is a time to remember that we have already received the greatest gift of all.

What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by. The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out. (John 1:4-5)

I read this passage and pictured a candle glowing on the dining room table, blessing the meal and those gathered with warm, comforting, flickering light. It is a light that reminds us of all that we have to be grateful for; food, shelter, and companionship. It creates a liminal moment when we can feel the presence of other loved ones. It slows us down. It is a wellspring of Spirit that fills us with divine love. Our mistakes, imperfections, and brokenness are not hidden, but rather forgiven. We don't need to *Get More Done* to earn God's love. It is a gift.

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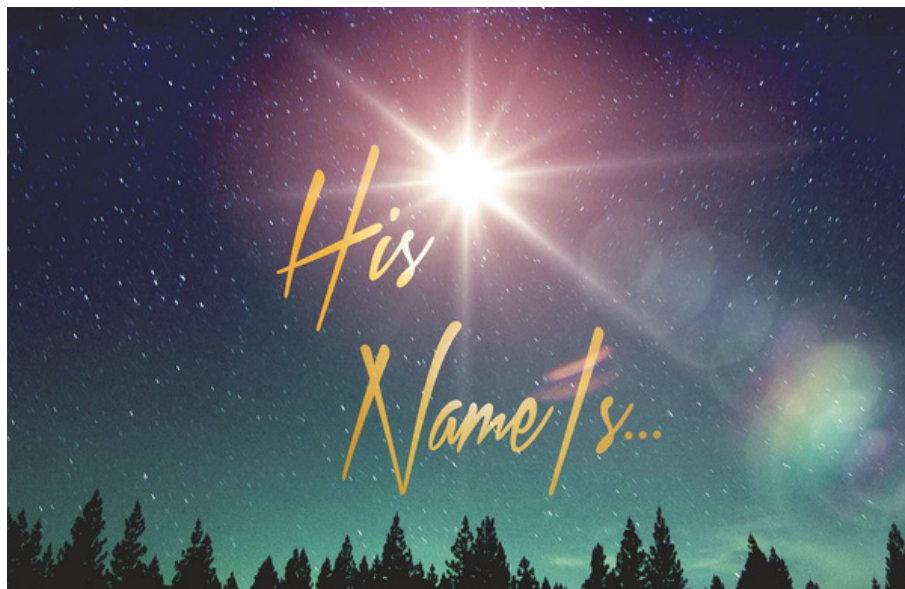
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**Our Purpose:
Knowing,
Loving, &
Serving
God and
Others In
Unity**

Friends, whether you imagine Christ's light as candlelight, a bright LED bulb, or blazing sunlight, may it be a wellspring of life and love during this busy season.

Let's pray: *Jesus, Light of the World, Light of Life, You break through every darkness with Your presence to guide us, comfort, and strengthen us. Thank you. May we rest in the light of Your healing so that we can rise restored to shine with Your glory and grace. Amen.*



Christmas 2021: Stay tuned for more information!

In Person Services

- **5:30 PM** - Fellowship Hall - Family-Oriented Service
- **7 PM** - Fellowship Hall - Adult-Oriented Service
- **11 PM** - Sanctuary - Candlelight Service

Online Services

Videos will premiere on Facebook:

- **4 PM** - Children's Christmas Box
- **5 PM** - Adult-Oriented Service



We will be having family boxes and candles again this year! Keep an eye out for an announcement, during worship or in the church emails, for when registration will open on our website! This is a fun experience for people of all ages to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas.





Social Needs & Outreach

We are entering our busiest season!

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The Angel Tree ministry is back again this year as well! We will be providing Christmas gifts to families in need. We provide 3 gifts to each child: a clothing item, a toy, and a book. We will have an online tree sign up as we did last year, as well as a physical tree you may choose from. Stay tuned through the church emails for more information about signing up!

Debby Wasson is working diligently on the Linda's Legacy collection ministry, as well as preparing for sandwich making at the Lighthouse Shelter.

We thank everyone who helps in our Social Needs ministry; it is a wonderful resource for those in our community who need help.



Our DUMC Youth Group is BACK! We are currently meeting every other week at 6 PM. 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.

If you are in middle or high school and interested in joining our youth group, please contact Casey Duley at the church office by emailing dumcoffice@dumc.net or 410-798-5511.

Nov 7 - meeting in person at 6 PM!

Nov 14 - watch for email!

Nov 21 - meeting in person at 6 PM!

Nov 28 - watch for email!

Education Update *By: Cade Clurman*

Sunday School and Bible Study are thriving at DUMC! What a blessing it has been to have in-person and online formats available to dive into His word! The last day for Sunday School will be November 14th, with January the target for convening again.

On October 30th, the Education Committee hosted our 2nd annual Halloween Movie Night in the Green Cathedral! We're grateful for the numerous visitors that came from surrounding communities that joined us!



We are now full swing into fall and are looking forward to the holiday season! Mrs. Marilyn is keeping the center in line with the state mandates, as we are still in the pandemic. We have been blessed by being awarded another grant from the state of Maryland.

We have hired two new wonderful ladies this month! We would like to welcome **Ms. Leah Jamison** to our CrossRoads family. Ms. Leah is our new Teacher Aide and will be assisting Ms. Winsome in our Pre-K prep class. We also welcome **Ms. Esa Rudde**. Ms. Esa is our new Teacher Aide and will be working in our Pre-K class assisting Ms. Pat.

If you or someone you know are looking for a fulltime teaching position, we have openings! We would love to have you join our CCDC family. For more information please contact Marilyn Lindskold, Director of CCDC at 410-798-7590 or email at crdirector@crossroadscdc.com

Coffee Fellowship

Dear friends,

Greetings from your Worship team! We've had a very successful coffee fellowship time following the early service at the Green Cathedral. Folks have been sticking around and re-connecting after the worst of the pandemic had us separated. Since its re-start, Joann and I have been asking individuals to cover the coffee prep, week by week, not knowing what changes might be thrown our way. Now, it seems, that we're going to be able to continue with the coffee social as long as the number of reported cases of COVID-19 don't climb to dangerous highs.

Therefore, it's time to re-start the assigning of coffee duty by groups. Please review the following: If your group would prefer to exchange with another group, that's fine, just let me know what you've worked out. A coffee procedures document will be sent to the appropriate chair(s) just before each group is about to begin its' turn.



"God, who has called you in fellowship with his son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful".

1 Corinthians 1: 9

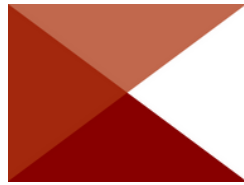
Yours in the love of the Lord and fellowship,

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SCHEDULE: **Nov:** Council and Finance, **Dec:** Worship & Evangelism, **Jan:** SPRC and Crossroads CDC, **Feb:** UM Women and UM Men, **Mar:** Trustees and Cemetery Trustees, **Apr:** Tongues of Fire and Missions, **May:** Social Needs & Outreach



Seeking to initiate a Spirit-led vision and understanding of our community; ignite faith into action, and invigorate people to pursue God's call for our lives and community.

Well - it has been nine months since we received the first report that indicated that our congregation was ready reach new people in new ways so that we could multiply our impact in our community. Our team is faithfully learning, listening, and trying to understand our community, congregation and God's call.

1-1 conversations with church members and people in the community have been most helpful. These 15-20 minute chats build relationships by helping us understand what concerns and motivates individuals, and what skills they may have to work on such issues.

Surveys are also a useful tool for understanding the congregation. Recently we offered a Core Values Survey online and in-person. We wanted to discover the top five core values that people believe are important to our church. 61 people participated which represents approximately 42% of our active members.

Altogether, our congregation's top five values, in order, beginning with the most important are:

- 1) **Preaching and Teaching Scripture** (Communicating God's Word to people)
- 2) **Prayer** (Communication with God)
- 3) **Inclusiveness** (There is a place for everyone)
- 4) **Worship** (Attributing worth to God through preaching/prayer/music)
- 5) **Encouragement** (Giving hope to people who need some hope)

In this liminal time caused by COVID-19 disruptions, we are hoping to discern, with your input and engagement, God's next call for our congregation. Please watch for opportunities to engage with the Catalyst Initiative process.

The next step in the initiative is to connect the community's voice, the congregation's gifts and passions, and the focuses of the Church's leaders into "Our Mission Possible", a design thinking tool for church and social change. We will be applying for a \$250 grant and then later a \$5000 grant that will help fuel our new vision.

Please pray that God will teach all of us to dare, to remember, and to love. May our people become catalysts of hope and thriving in the church and the world.

Faithfully Yours-

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



Dear Christian Friends,

To quote Ralph Waldo Emerson, "It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself." That being said, one wonders why there's not more of that 'helping others stuff' going around. We are told to 'love thy neighbor as thyself' and doing so reaps immediate reward! Surely that is a great incentive!

But, can we really be disciples of Christ? Can we care for souls? I, for one, am constantly feeling inadequate – pondering on my motives, wondering why God would want to use a sinner like myself as an instrument of His peace. If you, as I do, feel on occasion full of self-recrimination, turn to Matthew, chapter 10. The chosen twelve were no better qualified for the job than you and me. They were simply in the right place at the right time. When God chooses to use us, we too are in the right place at the right time.

One doesn't have to be a minister to minister. Open your hearts to lead active Christian lives. Everyone can be an Active Christian Today. ACT out your love for Christ by keeping His greatest commandment.

Jesus felt great concern when he said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." He gave the disciples the authority to heal every disease and sickness. He admonished them by saying, "Freely you have received, freely give." Perhaps we do not have the power to heal, but He will equip us, and we have been given the power of prayer. If you were on trial for your Christianity, would there be enough evidence to convict you? Be there for Jesus when He needs you.

Peace & Love, Connie

Thank you to everyone who took the time to purchase and donate food for our Thanksgiving boxes! Together, we will provide food to 15 families in need in South County, including 5 seniors.



Our Recent Guest Preachers:



Pastor Paulette Jones was our guest preacher on Sunday, October 10th. Rev. Paulette Jones is a Baltimore Washington Conference Pastor serving since 2008, assigned to Union Memorial UMC and served Edgewater UMC in 2018 until 2021.

She was an active member of the United Methodist Women since the fall of 1964, serving, teaching, and planning for the School of Mission for the local district and conference offices. Rev. Jones has also served as the President of the UMW at the conference level, where she held lectures on global issues affecting women and children.

Rev. Jones is a native of Anne Arundel County, born in 1946 to Clayton and Evelyn Edwards-Greene. She was educated in the county public, graduating from Wiley H. Bates High School, Morgan State College (BS), University of MD (MEd), Wesley Theological Seminary (MDiv).

Rev. Jones' educational background led her to teach children and adults in every capacity of her careers and life. As her family so endearingly exclaims, "she came out of the womb teaching."

These are the scriptures that Rev. Jones lives by; 2 Corinthians 5:7 and Psalms 28:7. She says it this way, "I walk and live by faith in Jesus Christ, not by sight for Jesus alone is my strength and shield."

thank
you

Retired Pastor David Thayer was our guest preacher on Sunday, October 24th. Pastor David Thayer graduated from Frostburg University with a degree in English. He also holds a Master's Degree from Duke Divinity School, and a Doctorate from Catholic University in Liturgical Theological Studies.

He pastored Pleasant Grove UMC for 3 years, Cheltenham UMC for 8 years, and St. Andrews UMC for 31 years.

He retired from full time ministry a year and a half ago, but continues to minister to churches through music and preaching.

He and his wife have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.



Our own Pam Durbin was our guest speaker on October 17th. She has been attending DUMC since 1987 when she was searching for the church where she wanted to raise her then very young children, Kyle and Danielle.

While the children were growing up in church, she was serving on the Education Team, teaching Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Pioneers Club and leading the Children's Choir. She was certified as a Lay Speaker in 2001 and began substitute preaching and leading Children's Sermons.

As the children moved into high school and college, she began leading the Evangelism Team and Worship Team.

After his retirement, her husband, Bob, joined DUMC and attended with her until his death in 2019. DUMC has been her church family, offering love and support as she continues to grow in her faith and serve God.

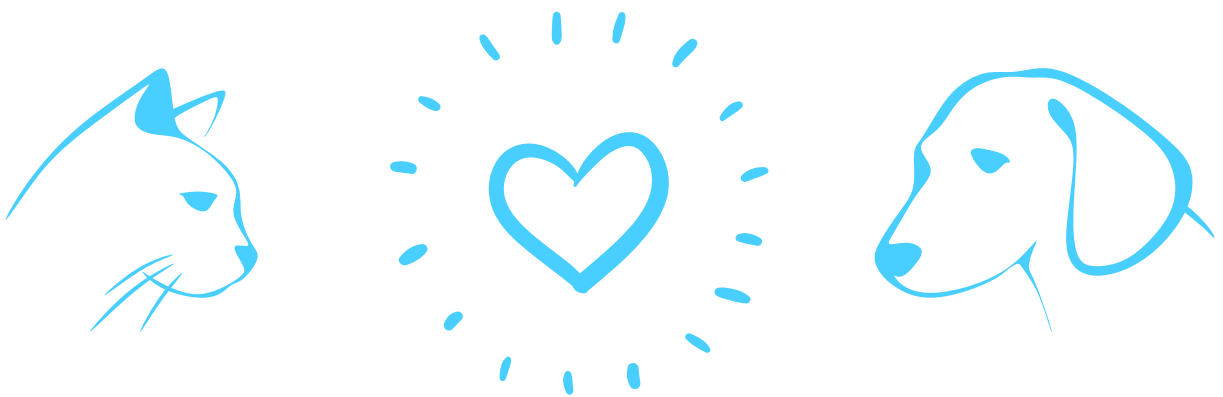


DRIVE-THRU

BLESSING of
the PETS

SAT. OCT 2 @ 10 AM

at Davidsonville UMC
819 W Central Ave Davidsonville, MD 21035





By: Pat Brodsky

Making Cards for our Troops is happy to announce that we had a very successful fundraising event at Killarney House. We thank all of our friends from Davidsonville UMC who attended the event and those who gave donations. We are very grateful for your support.

BWC Memorial Service Recorded on October 14th





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BWC Ministries

Upcoming Events

Opportunities for Discipleship and Transformation

Training Tuesday: Finance Committee Preparations for 2022

Nov. 16, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Training for local church finance committee members. [Learn more and register.](#)



New Faith Expressions

Let's Talk About ...

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7 to 9 p.m.
Infuse Restaurant, Temple Hills
A district-wide conversation tour provides a safe space for young adults to talk about tough questions. The Washington East District will meet at [Infuse Restaurant](#).
[Learn more.](#)



Young People's Ministry

Training Tuesdays: New Ways to Engage People for Ministry in COVID

Nov. 30, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
An online webinar. [Learn more and register.](#)

BWC Events Calendar

Online 24/7

Be sure to visit the BWC Events Calendar frequently to stay up-to-date on all the wonderful training, resource webinars, and events coming in the weeks and months ahead. [Visit www.bwcumc.org/events/](http://www.bwcumc.org/events/)



Deaf Advent Bible Study

Dec. 2, 9 & 16,
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Hosted by BWC & Pen-Del Deaf Ministries. [Learn more and register.](#)



Wellness & Missions

Seeds of Security Virtual Gala

Dec. 4
This free event benefits the BWC's [domestic violence outreach ministry](#). For information, contact sos@bwcumc.org.



Advocacy & Action

Signing for the Holidays

Dec. 5, 1 p.m.
A free webinar to learn Christmas-related signs and a Christmas hymn. [Register.](#)

Training Tuesdays on the Staff Parish Relations Committee

Dec. 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
An online webinar. [Learn more and register.](#)

Training Tuesday: The One Board Model

Dec. 14, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
An online webinar. [Learn more and register.](#)

Let's Talk About ...

Dec. 14, 7 to 9 p.m.
This stop on a district-by-district tour provides a safe space for young adults from the Greater Washington District to address tough questions. [Learn more.](#)

Let's Talk About ...

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 7 to 9 p.m.
Cacique Restaurant, Frederick
This stop on a district-by-district tour provides a safe space for young adults from the Frederick District to address tough questions will meet at [Cacique Restaurant](#) in Frederick. [Learn more.](#)



New Yoga Class! with Elisa Jillson Stanek

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: Nov 4, Dec 9, Jan 20, Feb 17, Apr 24

Operation Christmas Child

Gwen Purcell is leading us in our annual Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection. Please consider participating in this ministry. Shoeboxes should be returned to the church by **Sunday, Nov 14th**.

Samaritan's Purse asks that we do not over stuff the boxes, that way rubber bands are not needed.



Alternative Christmas Market

The Alternative Christmas Market is coming to DUMC this year! Shoppers may buy unique gifts AND help women in less developed countries. The UMW are sponsoring the sale, which has items from Ten Thousand Villages, a fair trade organization. This is an amazing and festive shopping opportunity! Buying goods from Ten Thousand Villages directly helps people with little access to other ways to earn income. UMW earned funds will be donated to the local YMCA. Join us

Saturday, Nov 13th & Sunday, Nov 14th in the Fellowship Hall!

Angel Tree

SNO will be leading us in the Angel Tree ministry again! We will be providing Christmas gifts to families in need. We provide 3 gifts to each child: a clothing item, a toy, and a book. We will have an online tree sign up as we did last year, as well as a physical tree you may choose from. Stay tuned through the church emails for more information about signing up!



The Lights of Kindness:

CrossRoads CDC will be participating in Lights of Kindness: a tree decorating contest taking place at Homestead Gardens! Voting will open soon on rotarylightsofkindness.org, and the tree will be available for viewing from Thursday, Dec 2nd - Sunday, Dec 5th. Your vote and donation supports CCDC.

Drive-Thru Living Nativity

Once again, we will be hosting a drive-thru living nativity for our community! It is a free event on Saturday, **Dec 4th from 5 PM - 7 PM.** We will also be collecting donations for our food drive during this event.



In order for this to be successful, we need **volunteers!** Positions include: Actors, traffic manager (working with local police to direct traffic into the event), donation managers (to collect food as people drop off), costume coordinators, hosts, props, lighting, and other volunteers willing to float around where needed! Contact the office if you are interested in helping!

Welcome New Members!



Robert Bennett

My name is Rob, I have been attending DUMC as a guest with my now-fiancé Jessi for a few months. I am originally from Harford County, MD, and I now live in Edgewater with Jessi & her daughter Evie. I work for the city of Annapolis as a facilities engineer, I am an HVAC master and am starting my own company. I enjoy being healthy physically, mentally, and spiritually. My hobbies are going to the gym, hunting, fishing, and fixing things. I feel at home with DUMC and appreciate the warm welcome and support.

Jim & Barbara Nalley

My name is Barbara Nalley. My husband, Jim and I have lived in Crofton for approximately 30 years. We are both originally from nearby Bowie. My mother has lived with us for over 20 years. She celebrated her 102nd birthday in July. We have two children, a daughter and family who live in Davidsonville and a son and family who live in Crofton. We have five grandsons and three great-grandchildren (two girls and a boy). Most of them live locally. Family alone keeps us pretty busy. I have been a member of the Methodist church all my life. For many years, I attended various Catholic churches while our children and some of our grandchildren were growing up. In recent years I decided to return to the Methodist church. I have been looking for a church near our home, one with a friendly, warm congregation and a Pastor who delivers a good sermon that I could relate to and one who I feel comfortable talking with. I have found all those things here at DUMC.



Patricia Stevenson

Before Pat was an excellent Realtor, she was one of the first two female Capital Police officers. She met her husband of 44 yrs. David, while she was working in the Capital buildings. David introduced her to Methodist worship, but church and God have always been important to her. She is transferring to our congregation from St. Andrews UMC, but she has also participated in the Zimbabwe Mission with Community UMC. Music, United Methodist Women, and addressing the community's social needs are very important to Pat. Welcome to DUMC!

Bob & Dixie Doyle

I am Dixie Doyle. I grew up in the church, and so I have loved God and accepted Jesus as my savior at an early age. I was baptized in the Church of the Nazarene. After graduating HS, I went to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan to attend the same Bible College where my parents met. I completed my Christian Education degree and enjoyed lots of fun opportunities, like singing in a mixed quartet touring all over Canada. After that, I moved back to Seattle, and for the next 10 years, I worked for a group purchasing company that negotiated hospital contracts for 63 non-profit hospitals in the state. After completing a Bachelor of Science degree from City University of Seattle, I changed career paths and became a U.S. Customs Officer at the Tijuana/San Diego border. Later, I would move to Blaine, and then to Washington D.C. at Custom's headquarters. While at Custom's headquarters, I completed a Master of Arts in Counseling, met Bob, fell in love, got married, and have been happily married for 17 years and going! We are both retired from the Federal Government. Bob is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Edgewater, but also enjoys attending services at DUMC with me. We are both enjoying being back with our church family.





Baptisms:



Joseph Wallander

Joseph Wyatt Wallander was born July 5th, 2021 to John and Jackie Wallander. He enjoys late nights and extra kisses from his older siblings, Anna, Caroline, and Daniel. His parents look forward to raising him in the DUMC community and appreciate all of the love and support from the congregation.



Jamison Vincent

Jamison Raimond Vincent was born on June 24, 2021 to Kim Kontson and Jeff Vincent. His happy demeanor and bright smile warm his parent's hearts every day. Kim and Jeff are excited to raise their first child in such a wonderful community.

In Memoriam:

Rev Davis Peck, 1939-2021



Revered Davis Peck passed away on September 15th at 98 years old. He first served in our church from 1956-1964. His wife, Esther, said: *Davis served many churches in the BWC-UMC, but the congregations of La Plata UMC and Davidsonville UMC kept in touch in meaningful ways. Esther said, "We never had children. The children of our churches were our children. When we were sitting at the front of the church and gazed out over the congregation and took in all of the children, their parents, and other folks, our hearts were full." Davis and Esther had a good life together. It was so full of wonderful stories that Esther claims she could write a book. They appreciate all of the people who have reached out over the years.*

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



October

- 1 - Kristy Landers Moseley
- 4 - Bev Finn
- 4 - Don Wilson
- 6 - Barbara Chen
- 7 - Herb Wilson
- 10 - Katelyn Singler
- 11 - Demi Heider
- 13 - Eleanor Taylor
- 16 - Logan Masters
- 16 - Rita Siprak-Weill
- 17 - Lee Matousek
- 21 - Cynthia Stecher
- 22 - Aaron Brantley
- 23 - Jodee Niemann
- 25 - Vassie Hollamon
- 27 - Steve Leonard
- 28 - Steve Tidwell
- 29 - Torin Jacobs
- 31 - Connie Haywood

November

- 1 - Betty Macgruder
- 2 - Chris Tucker
- 3 - Pastor Paul Raddin
- 3 - Mary Wilson
- 4 - Michael Payne
- 4 - Adam Schmitt
- 4 - Joan Whetzel
- 7 - Vicki Drew
- 7 - Charlie Sweet
- 10 - Marie Simpson
- 10 - Christian Stanek
- 12 - Karen Evangelista
- 13 - Maeve Simpson
- 14 - Ben Borchelt
- 14 - Julia Cobb
- 14 - Liz Hopkins
- 15 - Pam Durbin
- 16 - Erin Hollamon
- 19 - Caroline Scruggs
- 21 - Ann Simmons
- 26 - Martha Payne
- 26 - Joann Smith

December

- 3 - Donald Monaghan
- 3 - Nikolas Ostis
- 4 - Jackie Wallander
- 6 - Noah Hall
- 7 - Elaine Lancaster
- 7 - Thomas Roh
- 8 - Mary Hardesty
- 10 - Lyla Bisci
- 13 - Beverly Swaim Staley
- 15 - Redge Mahaffey
- 16 - Sharon Foster
- 17 - Betty Schmitt
- 18 - Chuck Sparks
- 20 - Debbie Werre
- 21 - Randy Simpson
- 21 - Lynn Welton-Beatty
- 22 - Steven Tartaglia
- 23 - Evelyn Rolko
- 26 - Craig Kronenthal
- 26 - Douglas Wasson
- 27 - Francois Pierru
- 27 - Benjamin Robertson
- 29 - Sean Morrissey
- 30 - John Wallander
- 31 - Shirley McCarthey



- 10/3 - Vassie & Erin Hollamon
- 10/22 - Douglas & Lisa Wasson
- 10/24 - Carl & Vicki Drew
- 11/10 - Ben & Cindy Borchelt
- 11/10 - John & Patricia Cain
- 12/10 - Greg & Caroline Scruggs
- 12/21 - Wendy & Frank van Vliet
- 12/23 - John & Bonnie Campbell

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