Recently while I was in a waiting room, I started reading a February issue of Time magazine. An article that caught my interest was about Kayla J. Mueller, the American aid worker taken hostage by ISIS and killed on 6 February at the young age of 26. Mueller was a native of Prescott, AZ, where she graduated from high school and a 2007 graduate of Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ.

In her short life, she supported a variety of causes both at home and abroad. These included the following areas with several different services: humanitarian aid, human rights, youth mentorship, environmental activism, journalism, and English teaching. Her family was active in their United Methodist Church, and she grew up with a strong faith which had an obvious influence on her life that is apparent when you read her letters. She had a great passion for taking care of those who were displaced and helping those in need. Kayla was quite a remarkable woman who answered a call to help others.

As we come to the end of our Lenten journey, I am reminded of the desire to have God revealed to us and within us. Kayla wrote the following to her father on his birthday:

“I find God in the suffering eyes reflected in mine. If this is how you are revealed to me, this is how I will forever seek you ... I will always seek God. Some people find God in church. Some people find God in nature. Some people find God in love; I find God in suffering. I've known for some time what my life's work is, using my hands as tools to relieve suffering.”

In the article in Time magazine, the writer, a young woman -- a member of Kayla’s generation -- felt that Kayla was an ideal role model for her generation, the Millennials. The writer refers to
her selfless desire to end suffering, her activism, and her humanitarian aid work -- praising her desire not to be seen, but to genuinely help people, and the Millennials' qualities of idealism, optimism, and love of families.

When Kayla heard the call of God, she humbly but confidently responded – “Here I am Lord, send me.” She knew God and had a strong relationship with God -- this is apparent in her last correspondence to her family, which she wrote:

“I remember mom always telling me, all in all in the end, the only one you really have is God. I have come to a place in experience where, in every sense of the word, I have surrendered myself to our creator b/c literally there was no one else. By God and by your prayers I have felt tenderly cradled in freefall. I have been shown in darkness light and have learned that even in prison, one can be free. I am grateful. I have come to see that there is good in every situation, sometimes we just have to look for it.”

(Transcription of Kayla J. Mueller’s letter to her family)

As we have now come to the end of our Lenten journey, may God be revealed to us and as Kayla wrote, sometimes we just have to look for it.

In Christ,
Pastor Lisa

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Send your prayer requests to prayerchain@dumc.net

Kacia Smouse
Jean Smith and Family
Oscar Grimes
Janet Argent
Pat Shankle
Hannah Travis
Betty Mobra

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Showers of Blessings

Each day there are showers of blessings sent from the Father above,
For God is a great, lavish giver, and there is no end to His love...
No matter how big our dreams are, God's blessings are infinitely more,
For always His giving is greater than what we are asking for.

----- Helen Steiner Rice

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COUNCIL NOTES

So, I’m writing this in the winter during a snowfall, but I’m trying to imagine that you are reading this on a nice spring day. Winter took a while to show up and is now infringing on our spring. Despite the snowstorms, Council met in February and twice in March for the Planning Retreat and regular Council meeting.

The March Planning Retreat provided an opportunity to examine the church calendar for the year. In order to provide an easier transition for the 2016 Council, this year we scheduled through the first quarter of CY16. The Planning Retreat also allows Council members the forum to develop church goals and discuss pertinent issues. It has been my limited experience that the Holy Spirit always makes an undeniable presence. It reminds me of the paraphrased version of Matthew 5:6 that frequents Facebook, “to be filled with the Spirit one must be empty of self.”

This year, mimicking the Baltimore Washington Conference, we focused on leadership and discipleship. What began as an effort to follow through with resolving issues was, in my humble opinion, once again hijacked by the Holy Spirit. This year when the agenda was abandoned, the focus became centered on the many things that our church does well. It focused on our principle strength: our familial behavior. It was noted that strength is sometimes our frustration because we act like a family in all the good ways, and many of the bad ways. Ultimately, the prevalent sentiment at the retreat was that we should all double down and embrace our greatest strength, work on our interactions as a church family, and trust that is our path towards reconciliation with each other, personal salvation, and discipleship for our Lord.

While Council has not formalized 2015 goals, there were recurring themes that I’m willing to share with the confidence that Council will develop and implement a refined by-product of these thoughts. It was repeated many times that our efforts to know, love, and serve God and others in unity should begin with bringing others into our family and, therefore, to Christ. We should promote wider involvement to include families and youth, and in order to do so, we should have more events (crossing committee silos) and fewer committee meetings. We want to expand our Bible study opportunities and explore the possibility of a church-wide family retreat next year.

The highlights from the regular Council meetings follow:

- Finance – Once again snow removal has stretched our prognostication and budgeting skills and will likely find them wanting. At 2014 year end closing, income was only $3000 below what was budgeted, despite over $15,000 in individual budget line overages. Several cost avoidances, like not having a Youth Director for much of 2014, were mitigating factors.
- SPRC – Welcomed the Youth Director, Thomas Byrd, to his first Council meeting. The committee has also begun planning for the DUMC picnic.
- CCDC – Closed out 2014 with a profit of $48,288. The profit was disbursed as follows: $2,000 to scholarships, $10,000 to Social Needs and Outreach, to cap off the Trustee’s Reserve Fund at its policy ceiling of $40,000, and the remainder went to the building fund.
- Worship – will need volunteers to arrive an hour early and help haul equipment down to the Green Cathedral when it opens and weather permitting.
- Missions – will be heading back to Crisfield, MD - 10 – 15 May.
- Social Needs and Outreach – the winter weather has dramatically impacted construction jobs and made it a difficult winter for some in our community.
- Youth – conducted a ski trip to White Tail and are planning the youth mission trip in June. There are 10 youth are in the Confirmation Class.
- UMW – made cookies, candies, and crafts for delivery by the Sunshine committee to shut-ins.
• UMM – elected their officers. Congratulations to Steve Tidwell, President; Guy Jordan, Vice President; and Joe Niemann, Treasurer. The committee is planning the annual golf tournament for 27 April.

• Education – the pre-school class is growing, and the Men’s and Relationship Class have temporarily combined for a study of Revelation.

The reports and committee business have been light for the last two months providing optimism for some of the goals that were brainstormed during the Planning Retreat, specifically fewer and quicker meetings. Still, even with the committees, I’m reminded of the childhood game of “here is the church, here is its steeple, open it up and there are the people.” That should remind us that the church is not about a single leader, chairperson, or volunteer. It is about all of us coming together to worship our Lord and hopefully inspire others to join us. It is incumbent on each of us to endeavor to walk in the path of Christ in all that we do, help our brothers and sisters when they struggle or get lost, and take action when we see needs or problems rather than to simply admire or scorn them.

DUMC is your church - it’s our church - and this is our church family. How we act reflects on all of us.

_Romans 12:10-13 New International Version (NIV)_
10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

In His Service,
Chuck Sparks, Council Chair

**Music Report**

_He Lives_

The gospel tune _He Lives_ was written in the 1930s by prolific hymn writer Alfred Henry (A.H.) Ackley. The genesis of the hymn begins with a question posed by a young Jewish man who had been studying the Christian faith, “Why should I worship a dead Jew?” Ackley, who had been witnessing for this young man, responded “He Lives! I tell you He is not dead, but lives here and now! Jesus Christ is more alive today than ever before!”

A.H. Ackley was born in 1887 in Pennsylvania. He was instructed in music at a young age by his musician-father. Showing promise, the young man furthered his education in New York City and at the prestigious Royal Academy of Music in London. He returned to the United States to attend and graduate from the Westminster Theological Seminary. Shortly afterwards, Ackley was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry. While serving as a Presbyterian minister in Pennsylvania and later in California, he wrote hymns and gospel songs, as well as compiling hymnbooks and gospel collections. He estimated he wrote over 1,000 compositions. Ackley died in 1960._He Lives_ is Ackley’s only contribution to the United Methodist Hymnal. It is an important one, though, as his hymn is well beloved and sung every Easter season. Here is a link to an excellent a capella version [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qF6aBDS3drA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qF6aBDS3drA)

Respectfully submitted by: Bob Waddell
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

By the time you read this article, we will be through our first quarter of 2015. As a committee, we still have not seen the 2014 year-end income statement that summarizes everything (we too experienced some setbacks with the weather). However, we did make adjustments toward the end of 2014 to cover expenses where we were exceeding their Council-authorized limits. We continue to monitor those same line items into 2015. Some of them are out of our control (e.g., snow removal), but others we can change. In actuality, over 82% of our expenses are provided to us (e.g., UMC Conference apportionments, staff salaries), another 13% is contracted, so that leaves 5% of our budget to be manipulated as we see fit. We welcome your input as we decide on how to proceed.

For example, within that 5% is the expense of flowers, and that has been an item of discussion for at least the last 15 months. In 2014, we budgeted $2,000 with the expectation that donations would offset our orders. We spent a net (outlay minus donation) of $866 in the first month. By the end of 2014, we spent a total of $3,950 for the year, almost twice our Council-approved budget. For 2015, our Worship Committee is planning to use dry flower arrangements more often, but we still have at least the Easter and Christmas seasons where we order fresh arrangements for our members. For January and February, we are already $280 over our budget and have not yet experienced our big flower months. Another expense line that is under our control is the guitarist/drummer. In the first two months (17% of the year), we spent 63% of our annual budget. It has been suggested that we either move budgeted expenses from somewhere else within the 5% discretionary portion of the budget or take money out of savings to pay for future flowers and guitarist/drummer performances.

We had a difficult first two months with increased expenses (e.g., snow removal). Missing two Sundays of Worship Services, our revenue is down 20% from what has been a typical first two months for the last six years.

As our treasurer reported at our last meeting, the bottom-line is that DUMC is in a good financial situation -- we have savings. The Finance Committee agreed with his motion to move money from savings to fund guitarist/drummer performances for the rest of this year.

Please feel free to offer your suggestions at any time.

Submitted by: Nelson Outten
Finance Chair
A Message from Pastor Thomas

It’s hard to believe that it has been more than two months since my move to Maryland. When contemplating a move from South Carolina, I drew an imaginary line somewhere along Washington DC as the farthest north I was interested in moving. Who would have guessed that I’d end up right at that line? For me, the 40 days of Lent came early with a 44 day stint in a hotel. It has been a whirlwind experience for me. I appreciate the warm welcome that I received from not only the youth, but the congregation as a whole. You all have definitely helped make the transition a little easier for me. There are a number of realizations I have come to in my short time here.
- Moving is indeed one of the biggest stresses a person goes through.
- Despite what our history books say, to a South Carolina boy, Maryland is definitely not the south.
- Mother Nature has a fun sense of humor when it comes to Maryland. I have seen more snow in these two months than I have in years in South Carolina!
- Hotel life quickly loses its appeal after week two, especially when your cat is living there with you.
- A cardiologist for your cat is no cheaper than a cardiologist for a person.
- Apparently my southern, Charlestonian accent that I thought was lost is very much alive and well.
- After a few years on leave from the United Methodist Church, it is a wonderful feeling to be back in full-time ministry as clergy at a local church.
- I clearly missed being in youth ministry.
- I have begun using the phrase “my kids” in referring to the youth, so I must be settling in.
- DUMC is indeed a family.
- I am exactly where I am supposed to be.
- I have much to learn in the days and months ahead.

Thanks for welcoming me into the DUMC family and allowing me to walk with you in your journeys of faith. What a blessing it will be to celebrate Easter with my youth and the DUMC congregation. I look forward to getting to know each of you and building new relationships in the weeks and months ahead.

Peace,
Pastor Thomas

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*DUMC presents the nineteenth annual Southern Maryland Fairways of Faith*

*Monday, 27 April at the beautiful....*
DUMC Missions Updates

James, the Lord’s brother, stated, “What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?” “You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.” (James 2: 14 & 24)

At DUMC, parishioners have opportunities to exercise their faith, to practice good deeds for others, and to be God’s hands on earth. One of the ways to do so is by participating in some aspect of Missions. One can serve on the Social Needs and Outreach or the Missions Committees, participate with the Tongues of Fire BBQ Team, or go on mission with the adult Volunteers In Mission (VIM) team or the annual Youth Mission trip.

Vonda Vales heads up Social Needs and Outreach. Her small committee does a giant-sized job of reaching out to others in the community. Can’t go on mission away from home? Then Social Needs and Outreach may be a good fit. The level of love that this group holds for others is truly amazing.

Another option for those who would like to do something close to home would be to serve on the Missions Committee. This group doesn’t meet but about twice a year. Its primary function is to distribute funds for outreach efforts and to suggest ways in which to serve the Lord in mission to others. The next meeting for the Missions Committee will be in the Annex at 6:30 on Tuesday, 28 April at 6:30.

Tongues of Fire, a principal fund-raising group for Missions, has already had two activities this year. On 21 February, there was a field trip to Missions BBQ in Parole. Fourteen folks had a great time together and began to think about the new barbecue season. A month later, the group had its first regular meeting for 2015. The calendar was set, and a number of decisions were made about how best to “spread the Gospel, one bite at a time.”

Nothing says Missions like hands-on service for the Lord by helping others who are unable to help themselves. Again this year, the adult VIM trip will be to Crisfield, MD. Devastated by Hurricane Sandy, this small town lies in the lower Eastern Shore in the poorest county in the state. All levels of ability are needed to help out on this 10 – 15 May adventure for the Lord.

There’s very little that one can do that tops helping young people to serve the Lord and to learn the value of helping others. This year the DUMC Youth will be returning to North Carolina. Their destination is the town of Washington. Like the adult VIM trip, participants will be repairing hurricane storm damage. The dates for their trip are 27 June to 3 July.

Make the decision to be the Lord’s hands on earth, “and in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.” (Ephesians 2: 22)

Submitted by:
Blair Smith
Chair of Missions
TOF Pit Boss
Green Cathedral

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

Now that winter is ebbing away and spring is quickly showing itself, the Green Chapel Committee once again is kneeling to the needs of the grounds on which we all worship. It had been noted that during the winter some shrubs and trees had become so overgrown that pruning was needed. When worshipers enter the Green Chapel for the first time this spring, they will notice that some drastic pruning was done.

For a while, our garden will be a little rough around the edges, but please remember that given time, the garden will recover and be as beautiful a place to worship in as before.

Job 14:7 - For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

Submitted by:
Carolyn Wilson

Connie’s Corner

Dear Christian Family,

One of my favorite Michael Crawford songs is one entitled ‘Not too far from here.’ I am always deeply moved by the words which so remind me of the role Christ would have us play. The chorus includes the words, “Not too far from here, somebody’s troubled and confused; somebody’s got nothing left to lose. Not too far from here somebody’s forgotten how to trust and somebody’s dying for love. Help me speak Your love to every needful ear. Someone is waiting not too far from here.”

God bless the Good Samaritans of this Community of Faith. Always be there to offer your strength and compassion if someone you know is finding the road of life too steep. Remember, going to Church doesn’t make a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes a car! DUMC is a member of the Stephen Ministry community, and Stephen Ministers are trained to offer Christian caring to wounded souls. To learn more about the Stephen Ministry go to www.stephenministries.org, call me or speak with Pastor Lisa.

Peace and love,
Connie
HISTORY OF ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2004, the DUMC United Methodist Men decided to award a $1,000 scholarship to a deserving member of the church. This same process was repeated again in 2005. As the result of a discussion at a monthly breakfast meeting, it was determined that the UMM had available funds to sponsor and award four $1,000 scholarships in 2006. It was also decided that the four scholarships would honor the following Methodist men for their long and tireless efforts on behalf of DUMC: Albert Samuel Wood, Lawrence Vernon Leitch, Oscar Fay Grimes, and Rev. Paul Cummins. There were eight applicants for the four scholarships, and the selection was made by the leadership of the UMM.

The UMM established a Scholarship Committee in 2006 to formalize the application and selection process. Scholarship guidelines were established stating that they would be awarded to members of DUMC and/or members of the DUMC Youth Group. The purpose of the scholarships is to assist these young people in continuing their education and to jump start post-high school continuing education. Key information requested in the application were: high school you graduated from and year; college or continuing education institute you are attending if appropriate; grade point average (high school, vocational center or college, as applicable); higher-education institute that you will be attending; a faith based assessment of your financial need, and a 250-500 word essay addressing the following topics:

- What church activities are you or have you been involved in?
- What community service activities are you or have you been involved in?
- What does living your life as a Christian mean to you?
- How do you expect that continuing your education will affect your life?

These guidelines are still in use this year as the basis for scholarship winner selection.

The quality of the applications has continued to be outstanding. In 2008, three $1,000 and two $500 scholarships were awarded. In 2009, seven outstanding applications were received and ranked. Four winners were selected by the Committee. In addition, the Tongues of Fire put up $1,000 to fund another scholarship, and Care and Nurture put up $2,000 for scholarships for the last two applicants. In 2010, there were seven applicants -- the applications were evaluated, and each was assigned a ranking. The top four were awarded scholarships named after prominent Methodist men. Additional funds were put forward by the Tongues of Fire for the William Scrimgeour Scholarship, the Brandon Weill Foundation for the Brandon Weill Memorial Scholarship and DUMC’s Care and Nurture Committee for the Gwelda Price, Betty Gilbertson and Maxine George Memorial Scholarship. The names of the four Methodist Men’s Scholarships were changed to: the Oscar Fay Grimes Scholarship, the Lawrence Vernon Leitch Memorial Scholarship, the Wood Memorial Scholarship, and the Rev. Paul Cummins Memorial Scholarship. In 2011, six $1,000 scholarships were awarded.

In 2012, eight scholarships were awarded during worship in June. In 2013, there were ten applications and nine scholarships were awarded, one of which was the United Methodist Women’s Scholarship. And in 2014, there were 14 applicants and six scholarships were awarded.

Eligible applicants are invited to apply for a scholarship. Applications are available on our website at www.dumc.net or by contacting Pastor Thomas at tcbyrd85@gmail.com. Applications should be submitted to Pastor Thomas by noon on Sunday, 26 April. Scholarships will be awarded on Graduate Recognition Sunday, 17 May.

Submitted by: Bob Wilson
**Sunshine Committee**

This Valentine's Day, the United Methodist Women baked cookies and made tins with cookies, candy and a magnet for those not getting out so much. Our Sunshine folks delivered them between snow storms. Having made some of these visits, I realized that during the winter months, we need to make a greater effort to call or visit the folks that don't get out.

The Middle School Sunday school classes made valentines for some DUMC members that do not get to church, and last week, the kids made Easter cards for many of our sick and super seniors.

If anyone is interested in making visits and/or learning about giving communion to church folks that can not make it to church, just call or e-mail me.

God bless,
Debby Wasson
mathtutor5@verizon.net or call at 410-798-6901 or text at 443-716-5077

**Strawberry Festival**

The Strawberry Festival will be held on Saturday, 23 May from 11 – 2, rain or shine. I am in need of two people to coordinate crafters and parking for the festival -- please contact me immediately if you can help.

There will be a meeting for all coordinators and all those that are interested in helping on Wednesday, 8 April in the Annex conference room at noon. If you are unable to attend, just call me with questions or talk to me between church services.

**HELP IS NEEDED! SIGN-UP ON EASTER DURING COFFEE HOUR**

- Pick berries on Friday, 22 May. Youth can pick after school from 2:30 pm on, and if adults are willing to pick, they can come anytime on Friday, but they must let the Hopkins know they are picking for the festival.
- Friday after 5 pm, we will be cleaning berries and making cheesecakes. The youth will be setting up the canopies and tables outside.
- Saturday morning we need help making pies starting at 7 am, and we will finish setting up.
- If strawberries are available for picking before 22 May and anyone wants to pick some in advance for the festival, that would be great, too. They will need to be cleaned, cut up, and frozen as well.
- If you are interested in setting up a craft table, contact me or the church office (until I get a coordinator). The fee is $15 per table.

Submitted by: Debby Wasson
mathtutor5@verizon.net or call at 410-798-6901 or text at 443-716-5077
Recently, we had the opportunity to visit the Picturing Mary exhibit at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC. It was a perfect day! The weather was delightful, the lunch delicious, and the exhibit inspiring.

The exhibit explores the concept of womanhood represented by the Virgin Mary, as well as the social and sacred functions her image has served through time. This landmark exhibition organized by the National Museum of Women in the Arts brings together more than 60 Renaissance- and Baroque-era masterworks from the Vatican Museums, Uffizi Gallery, and other museums, churches, and private collections in Europe and the United States.

Submitted by: Pam Durbin
Announcements from Pastor Thomas

**Graduating Seniors**
Spring is here, and graduations are around the corner. If you or a loved one will be graduating from high school, college, or beyond, please provide the name, what school, major is applicable, and any plans for after graduation to Pastor Thomas at tcbyrd85@gmail.com. Graduates will be recognized during worship services on Sunday, 17 May.

**Confirmation**
We are well under way in our Confirmation classes. We have a record ten 8th graders in this year’s class. Be in prayer for them over the weeks ahead. Confirmation Sunday is on Pentecost, 24 May. Join us in celebration during worship when these youth become full members of our church family.

**Drama Camp**
DUMC will again be holding its drama camp 22-26 June from 9am-3pm daily. The camp is open to children ages 7-12. This is a special day camp experience that culminates in a performance of an original musical play Friday afternoon for family and friends to marvel! We welcome would-be actors and singers for a unique experience. Participants should bring lunch and drinks daily. A mid-morning snack will be provided. Children will experience singing, dancing and drama along with regular camp activities. Contact our Music Director Bob Waddell at music@dumc.net for more information including costs.

**Youth Mission Trip**
Plans are well under way for this year’s youth mission trip. The dates for the trip are 27 June – 3 July. We will be traveling to northeastern North Carolina to work on houses in storm-damaged areas. Cost is $200 a person. A $75 deposit holds a place for you. Youth are encouraged to sell sponsorships for the UMM Golf Tournament, as that will go towards your cost. While our youth are outstanding people, we will also need adults to help with this trip. Contact Pastor Thomas for more info.

**Audio-Visual Volunteers Needed**
If you would like to help with the audio-visual aspects of the 9:30 worship service, contact Pastor Thomas.

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – Benefits of Recycling**

- Reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators;
- Conserves natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals;
- Prevents pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials;
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change;
- Helps sustain the environment for future generations;
- Helps create new well-paying jobs in the recycling and manufacturing industries in the US.

So help us. There are designated cans in the kitchen and throughout the church. Some are for recyclables, and some are for non-recyclables. **Please** do your part to recycle at DUMC, including during Coffee Hour and special events.
In Memoriam: Russ Smith

Russell W. Smith Jr. passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones at his home on 15 February. Born in Salisbury, MD, Russ was the son of Evelyn and Russell Smith. He graduated from Wicomico High School and the University of Maryland.

Russ had a successful business career in the accounting and financial field working as a comptroller and vice president in the dairy and coffee industry. He was a highly prosperous entrepreneur having started and sold several businesses during his career.

Russ was an active DUMC member where he served as treasurer for several years. He was president and treasurer of the Davidsonville Ruritan Club. He was happiest when talking about the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren. If he had any spare time, he enjoyed sitting on his back porch at Chesway Hill.

Russ is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jean Lineberry Smith; his son, Stephen Smith; his daughters, Linda Smith Cochran (Robert) and Shannon Smith Garden (Richard), and ten grandchildren.

He is also survived by his brother, Richard Smith (Shirley) and his sister, Beverly Pope (Vaughn).

A Note Of Thanks!

Thank you to all those who thoughtfully chose a card with words of comfort, or offered help or hugs, or helped with the wonderful funeral luncheon for Russell. You don't know how much the support of this wonderful church means until you have been there. I appreciated everything you did for us.

Jean Smith
Welcome New Members

**Kevin, Cyndy, Noah and Noel Doney**
Kevin is a retired military transplant to the Davidsonville-Riva area, originally from Champaign, IL. He works as a government contract analyst. Cyndy Bartlett-Doney LCSW CMT, Massage Therapist-Healer, Subway Board of Directors, grew up as a United Methodist PK (Pastor’s kid) as her father Rev. Walter Bartlett pastored churches in Westminster, MD. Kevin, Cyndy and their twins, Noah and Noel, have attended DUMC for several years.

**Martha Gibbs and Mike Payne**
Martha was born and raised in Davidsonville on property that has been in her family for three generations. She is a Transportation Specialist with Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Martha is reactivating her DUMC membership. A native Marylander, Mike is the Controller for Eyre Bus Service in Glenelg. He enjoys fishing, reading and baseball.

**Welcome New Members!**

**Kevin and Cyndy Doney and children, Noah and Noel**

**Martha Gibbs**

**Michael Payne**

**Bob and Cindy McCarthy and children, Matthew and Andrew**

**Bob, Cindy, Mathew and Andrew McCarthy**

The McCarthys live in Riva, and the children attend CrossRoads.
April
3  Ian Dickerson  
6  Diana Schneider  
7  Joe Niemann  
8  Frank Wood  
9  J. P. Moseley  
9  Becky Robertson  
10  Amanda Cohen  
13  Blake Allman  
14  Carolyn Wilson  
15  Ted Hirakawa  
15  Blair Smith  
15  Daniel Thibodeau  
16  Bonnie Campbell  
18  Jimmy Travis  
18  Sonny Travis  
18  Betty Trussell  
19  Bob Durbin  
20  Barbara Jones  
20  Mark Neider  
21  Alison Jordan  
21  Andrew Webber  
23  Mason Moseley  
24  Jim Hopkins  
25  Joe Emert  
26  Janet Argent  
27  Jackson Sparks  
27  Dixon Wood  
30  Danielle Spaeth  

May
1  Jessica Grow-St. John  
2  Kathy Grow  
2  David Mckeever  
2  Roger Vales  
3  Nelson Outten  
3  Pat Shankle  
5  Steve Arslanian  
5  Howard Hardesty, Jr.  
9  Debbie Lawrence  
9  Carol Pressey  
10  Tim McCardle  
10  Pat Wood  
13  Ken Baird  
14  Betty Spurigin  
15  Megan Arslanian  
15  Allie Barkdoll  
15  Tara Neider  
18  Sarah Gould  
19  Charles Hollamon  
19  Rebecca Hollamon  
19  Raye Long  
19  Hannah Williams  
20  Paul Deafenbaugh  
20  Tammy Ward  
23  Isaac Kale  
23  Eleanor Sadler  
24  Kate Scruggs  
25  John Trussell  
29  Rusty Lamar  
30  Courtney Klute  
30  Susan Lamar  
31  Dane Hall  

Anniversaries
April
1  Roger and Vonda Vales  
2  Conley and Barbara Whittington  
6  Ray and Patricia Weems  
8  Carlos and Ann Gross  
22  Robert and Florence Ingram  

May
2  Ed and Jamie Hopkins  
16  Thomas Roh and Carol Pressey  
23  Ed and Lynda Hall
**Important April Dates**

7 – Education Committee – 7:30 pm
8 – Strawberry Festival Planning Meeting
27 -- Fairways of Faith Golf Tournament
28 – Missions Committee – 6:30 pm

**Important May Dates**

9 -- Mother Daughter Banquet -- 5 pm
10 - 15 Missions Trip
17 – Last day of Sunday School; recognition of graduates and scholarship awards
23 -- Strawberry Festival -- 11 – 2
24 – Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday

**Holy Week Services**

2 April – Tenebrae Service – 7 pm (Sanctuary)
3 April – Prayer Vigil 7 am – 7 pm (Sanctuary)
3 April – Good Friday Service at Holy Family – 7:30 pm
4 April – Easter Vigil at All Hollows – 7 pm

**Easter Sunday Services**

5 April

6:30am - Sunrise Worship Service
9:30 am - Contemporary Blended Worship Service
11:00 am - Traditional Worship Service

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