

LAMPLIGHTER



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Our Purpose:
Knowing,
Loving, and
Serving God
And Others in
Unity

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Summer is a great time to slow down -- there is something about the changed pace of our lives in the summer that makes it a little easier to dedicate time to spiritual practices. Perhaps we can experience moments of heightened sensitivity to our faith and the sacred around us when we go on vacation. Maybe the longer days of summer give us more time to relax in daylight after working a full day. I have included a few ideas below that might support you in your journey of faith and your connection to God.

This summer, waste some time! Yes really waste some time. Thomas Moore said, "It does no good to think moralistically about how much time we waste. Wasted time is usually good soul time." Summer is the right season for idleness and just messing around with things. Quit doing, and celebrate just being.

Summer is a great time to simply read the Bible outdoors, instead of inside your home or even the church building. We are blessed with the Green Cathedral as a dedicated worship space. Our Green Cathedral is place where you can truly experience the gift of creation and the sacred. So consider reading the Bible outdoors for a change. Wendell Berry writes, "I don't think it is enough appreciated how much of an outdoor book the Bible is." Think of how many times Jesus taught while outdoors or how often the Psalmists use images of the natural world. Read some of your favorite scripture passages while you are out in nature, and see how the setting enriches the experience.

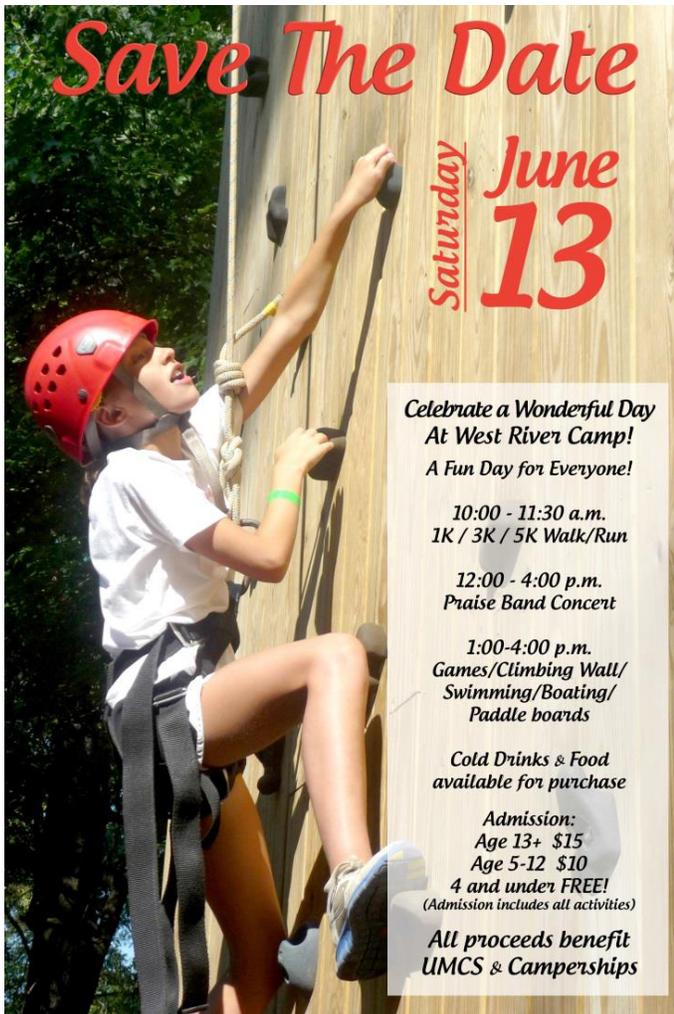
Lastly this summer, pray prayers of blessings. The Celtic Christians walked a "blessing path" and were deeply aware of "the long hand of God" in their lives. In the Bible, the long arm of God symbolizes protection - "*The Eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.*"—Deut. 33:27. The Celtic Christians said blessings over the signs of this presence. Pray

prayers of thankfulness with gratitude for the signs and symbols of God's presence around us. This will help to develop an awareness of our connection with God and that we draw strength from our relationship with God.

Make sure you utter many blessings for the gifts of God this summer --the sun, rain, flowers, grasses, breezes, special foods, birds, insects, animals, and many, many more.

My hope, as we begin the summer of 2015, is that we become more in tune to our spiritual life and our relationship with our creator God.

Be God's,
Pastor Lisa



Save The Date
Saturday **June 13**

*Celebrate a Wonderful Day
At West River Camp!
A Fun Day for Everyone!*

*10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
1K / 3K / 5K Walk/Run*

*12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Praise Band Concert*

*1:00-4:00 p.m.
Games/Climbing Wall/
Swimming/Boating/
Paddle boards*

*Cold Drinks & Food
available for purchase*

*Admission:
Age 13+ \$15
Age 5-12 \$10
4 and under FREE!
(Admission includes all activities)*

*All proceeds benefit
UMCS & Camperships*

FINANCE COMMITTEE MESSAGE

Submitted by Nelson Outten,
Committee Chair

The financial situation at DUMC continues to be good with both expenses and income lower than planned and plenty of savings to support two high priority projects.

As reported in the last Lamplighter, the finance committee recommended and the Council approved quadrupling the budget line item for guitarist/drummer.

In addition, we have taken on a church-wide computer upgrade with a budget increase of \$2,000.



*Oscar Grimes
Marty Hanbury
Jay Landers (Kristy Moseley's brother)
Family of Kacia Smouse*

Send your prayer requests to prayerchain@dumc.net

Strawberry Festival

By: Debby Wasson

Praise the Lord for great weather, great help and that we sold out of everything! DUMC is very blessed to have such an amazing church family who came out to help pick, cut, and prepare strawberries for one of the most successful Strawberry Festivals ever. We raised nearly \$2,900 for the Youth Mission Trip.

A big thank you to all the helpers who started on Friday and worked in shifts until Saturday afternoon - especially the super seniors that made a difference and to our newest festival worker, Pastor Thomas, who did a great job picking and helping all around!

We really had amazing helpers from start to finish. It was such a beautiful day to fellowship with our community.



COUNCIL NOTES

It is the thick of the graduation season as I'm writing this letter, which likely means it has been a busy time for many. On Sunday 24 May, we welcomed nine new members to the congregation as they graduate their youth and accept their role as they pursue their life in Christ. As a congregation, we renewed our commitment to assist them in the same pursuit, for our church in Davidsonville is not the destination, but part of the continuum.

It was in that spirit that Council met in April and adopted several church goals: to bring people to Christ, and focus on a wider involvement of family and children in church functions, events, and activities, while increasing involvement and attendance in committees. There was considerable discussion centering on proper metrics to evaluate these goals, but it was ultimately determined that any measure would distract from our true purpose...serving God. I would offer the following anecdotal metrics for your consideration. For measuring *bring people to Christ*, I am reminded of the lyrics to the Newsboys song, Shine, where we should assert the kind of light "that would make a vegetarian barbeque hamster." Since hamster has never made a Tongues of Fire menu, I'm assuming one would have to demonstrate a significant amount of love in Christ to cause that effect.

Wider involvement of family and children in church activities suggests that while on occasion we may need to be the moms, men, or the youth, being children of God is a pursuit that we all share. The United Methodist Book of Discipline calls for significant participation of the youth and lays out the formulation of a youth council to emulate the church council. Youth committee should be composed of mostly youth, particularly all the officers, as a training environment for how the church functions.

Finally, there was *increasing committee attendance and involvement*. Every week I'm approached by members with ideas or expressions of desire to serve a greater role. If you have approached me, I know you received an encouragement to attend the next meeting of the committee with oversight to your interest. There are a number of committees with lots of different needs. It may well be your idea or assistance that they are seeking. If in doubt, attend different committee meetings. Almost all meetings are open to everyone.

Other Council meeting notes follow:

Finance

- Finance presents the motion to recoup \$4,500. from savings to increase the budget for musicians; motion carried by voice vote without dissent.
- Finance presents the motion to recoup up to \$2,000. from savings to increase the IT budget line for the purchase of two new computers; motion carried by voice vote without dissent.
- Finance did not meet in May.

SPRC

- 16 August has been set for the DUMC picnic.

CCDC

- Working on outside improvements and activities in the works.
- Working on the further development of before and after school program.

Trustees

- Endeavoring to provide CCDC with an exclusive use kitchen.
- Significant work continues on the landscaping around the parking lot.

Worship

- Maintenance work on the Green Cathedral continues

Missions/Tongues of Fire

- The May mission trip was cancelled and Missions continues to seek opportunities for redirecting efforts.

Social Needs and Outreach

- The Senior Luncheon will be held on 10 June.
- There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on 19 June.

Education

- Education will be meeting in June to discuss curriculum for next year. Those who have interests in the subject are encouraged to attend.

Youth

- Congratulations to the 2015 graduates!
- Welcome to the nine newest members of DUMC from this year's confirmation class!
- Mission trip preparations are underway.

UMW

- The quest continues to improve participation and attendance. (I encourage all of the ladies of the church to take your ideas and suggestions that would increase your enthusiasm for an organization that has been an ever present mainstay in our church).

UMM

- Conducted a successful golf tournament in April with many thanks to all who assisted.
- Hosted the annual Mother/Daughter banquet in May.
- The men have started a breakfast speaker program, the May speaker was retired FBI Assistant Director, Tom Locke. (For those that missed this, it was a great presentation in an informal atmosphere.)

As we go through life, we can choose to see problems or opportunities. The original disciples saw opportunity early in the history of the church (Acts 6:1-7). Complaints about the lack of care of a certain group in the church were taken up with the leaders. This was remedied, and the church grew (Acts 6:7). The early church used conflict to improve the ministry. Your Council has made a conscious decision to approach our difficulties in a positive manner in an effort to better emulate the early disciples.

I am sure this will prove challenging, as we are all challenged on our Christian path, so we ask for your support and participation in the process.

Romans 8:18 (NIV)

¹⁸I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

In His service,

Chuck Sparks
Council Chair

A Message from Pastor Thomas

I can't believe it, but summer is close at hand. For this South Carolina boy who loves his beach time, the warm weather could not come quick enough. As a youth minister, this has always been a favorite time of the year for me. This year proves no different.

At DUMC, we have celebrated with nine youth as they have made the grown-up decision to become full members of DUMC. Yes, nine. That's fantastic!

We celebrate with all of our graduates as they complete one chapter in their lives and start the next one. This is oftentimes a bitter sweet time for youth ministers. We are thrilled for our seniors who graduate but will miss seeing them regularly when they go off to college.

Then, of course, there is the summer mission trip. If you ever want to really get to know youth, spend a solid week with them doing work that is not in their (or your) normal routine. It is these times that remind me why I love youth ministry.

Henry David Thoreau once said, "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams." This is a great quote for this time of year and a great one for all of us to keep in mind. Life is short. Don't waste it. Follow your dreams

with the confidence that God is with you helping make your dreams a reality, and don't let anyone stomp on those dreams. Just imagine how great our world could be if more people spent their time doing this, instead of letting others bring them down. We have but one life to live: dream big and live big!

Peace,
Pastor Thomas



Youth Mission Trip

For nineteen consecutive years, DUMC has sponsored a Youth Mission Trip -- a home repair and rebuilding ministry that has served the needs of families in North Carolina, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Each summer, the youth and adult volunteers have provided economically and physically disadvantaged people a safer, drier, warmer place to live.

This year's youth mission trip is 29 June – 3 July. During this week, members of DUMC's youth, along with adult volunteers, will travel to the Edenton, NC area to repair and/or replace homes that were damaged by tornados in April 2014. We will work with Disaster Recovery Ministries, a ministry of the North Carolina Annual Conference.

This trip could not be possible without the generosity of the DUMC family. From love offerings at the pancake supper, to the UMM Golf Tournament, the Strawberry Festival and everything in between, the youth are grateful for the love and support they receive from their DUMC family.

If you have not signed up to go, there is still time. Contact Pastor Thomas @tcbyrd85@gmail.com for more information.

2015 Scholarship Winners

Since 2004, 60 college scholarships have been awarded to DUMC members and/or members of the DUMC Youth Group. The purpose of the scholarships is to assist young people in continuing their education and to jump start post-high school continuing education. There were two applicants this year. The Scholarship Committee selected both applicants as worthwhile winners, and each was awarded a \$1,250 scholarship to the college or university which they will attend.

We congratulate the 2015 scholarship winners:

Demi Heider received the United Methodist Women's Scholarship. Demi will graduate from Southern High School and will attend Anne Arundel Community College.

Luke Borchelt received the William Scrimgeour Memorial Scholarship. Luke will graduate from Annapolis Area Christian School and will attend Taylor University.



On behalf of the Scholarship Committee I would like to personally thank the following groups for contributing to our scholarship fund this year: United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, Tongues of Fire, and CrossRoads Child Development Center. Without the generosity of these groups, we would be unable to provide scholarships. Your continued support is a blessing not only to the youth, but to the entire DUMC family. I would also like to thank Bob Wilson for his many years of service as the chair of the scholarship committee. Bob stepped down as chair this year. We thank him for all of his hard work.

With humble gratitude,
Pastor Thomas

Congratulations to our seniors!



High school graduates:

Luke Borchelt

Graduating from Annapolis Area Christian School

Will attend Taylor University in Indiana

Demi Heider

Graduating from Southern High School

Will attend Anne Arundel Community College

Christabelle Outten

Graduating from South River High School

Will attend Anne Arundel Community College

College graduates:

Emily Cobb

Graduating from University of Maryland

Robert H. Smith School of Business

BS Supply Chain Management with minor in Sustainability

Kate Scruggs

Graduating from University of Maryland

BA Double Degrees: Communications and Government and Politics

Erica Kontson

Graduating from Penn State University

BS in Bioengineering

Angelina Sprecher

Graduating from Penn State University

Behrend Campus in Erie, PA

BS in Chemistry

DUMC Performance Camp

22 – 26 June 2015 - 9a.m. - 3 p.m.

Ages 7-12

A 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 drink daily; a mid-morning snack will be provided.

Contact Music Director, Bob Waddell, for more information including costs.

*I shall pass through this world
but once;
Any good therefore, that I can
do, or any kindness that I can
show to any human being, let me
do it now;
Let me not defer or neglect it, for
I shall not pass this way again.*

Confirmation

On 24 May, DUMC confirmed nine youth members. Please congratulate them and show them a warm welcome as full members of DUMC!

Our new members are Jenna Alexander, Zachary Alexander, Megan Arslanian, Noah Doney, Noel Doney, Dane Hall, Bianca Iannicelli, Logan Masters and Caroline Webber.



Green Cathedral



Spring finally arrived after our long cold winter, and nature put on quite a show for us in the Green Cathedral. The dogwoods and the cherry tree were beautifully dressed in their pinks; the fragrant viburnum in white. Because our snowball trees (this is the name we call it) had been pruned in February, we surely missed seeing their beautiful white blossoms. Happy to say they are recovering quickly, and

we will look forward to next spring. As the weeks go by, each Sunday we will have surprises waiting for us. How blessed we are. We thank the UMM for cleaning and sealing our benches --with special thanks to Adam. Our goal is to keep the Green Cathedral looking beautiful.

We are looking forward to the remainder of the spring, the soon to be summer, and the fall in our Little Piece of Heaven.

A few quotes you may enjoy:

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's Party."
-- Robin Williams

Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world. -- Virgil A Kraft

Every April, God rewrites the Book of Genesis.
--- Author Unknown

From our Little Piece of Heaven,

Patricia

Bench Duty In The Green Cathedral

Here is the schedule for bench duty at the Green Cathedral. Duty consists of arriving early to set out the bench cushions (located in the shed), removing the altar cover (and stowing it inside), and setting out the small chair and rug mats for the Children's Sermon. Thanking you in advance for your caring service.

31 May - Youth
7 and 14 June - Social Needs & Outreach & UMW
21 and 28 June - Finance & Trustees
5 and 12 July - UMM
19 and 26 July- SPRC & Crossroads
2 and 9 August - TOF
16 and 23 August - Education
30 August - Youth
6 and 13 September - Council
20 and 27 September - Green Cathedral

In Memoriam: Kacia Smouse



Kacia passed away on 5 April. She was an active DUMC member and served on several committees. Kacia was our recording secretary for many years. She volunteered as a Girl Scout Troop Leader and with the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center. She taught for ten years at Yorktown Elementary School in Bowie and for 14 years at Central Middle School in Edgewater.

Kacia is survived by her husband of 48 years, Larry Smouse; children Chandra and Brian (and his wife Samantha); and two grandchildren.

A Note from the Bookkeeper

As we have transitioned to bookkeeping remotely, our reimbursements have changed. When you submit for reimbursements, you will now receive a check coming from First National Bank. We process through online banking, and it takes 7-10 days to receive your payment, unless you request otherwise. It will not look like the checks in the past. If you have any questions, please contact me at accounting@dumc.net or via cell at 972-740-4278. -Kristy

United Methodism Quiz

Since just completing confirmation class, our newest members will probably ace this short quiz!

What is the birthplace of John Wesley?

- Epworth
- Oxford
- London

What new holiday was recognized by General Conference in 1912?

- Mother's Day
- Father's Day
- Memorial Day

How many hymns and poems did Charles Wesley write?

- 400
- 900
- 4,000
- 9,000

Where is Francis Asbury buried?

- Wesley's Chapel, London, England
- Mount Calvary Cemetery, Asbury Park, NJ
- Mount Olivet Cemetery, Baltimore, MD
- Asbury Cemetery, Knoxville, TN

Good luck! Email caroline@ddminsurance.com for the answers.

Source: *umc.org*



Happy Birthday!

June

- 4 Jenna Rice
- 5 Eileen Smith
- 6 John Adey
- 8 Paula Tidwell
- 10 Joan Schulz
- 11 Abby Geiman
- 13 John Cain
- 14 Shannon Long
- 15 Florence Ingram
- 15 Esther Peck
- 15 Katie Webber
- 16 Leon Long
- 16 Tricia Moeslein
- 19 Cindy Borchelt
- 22 Jean Smith

- 24 Bob Wilson
- 25 Emily Purcell
- 27 Rebecca Gould
- 29 Ethan Marks

July

- 5 Nicholas Boogades
- 7 Marty Hanbury
- 8 Steve Gould
- 10 Chip Robertson
- 11 Lauri Adey
- 12 Timothy Purcell
- 13 Casey Bowers
- 13 Chuck Moeslein
- 15 Danielle Baird

- 16 Jean Ford
- 18 Beverly King
- 18 Mary Roh
- 21 Barbara Colacicco
- 26 Ben Hopkins
- 26 Lauren McKeever
- 28 Lori Heider
- 28 Evan Purcell
- 30 Jon Hopkins
- 30 Anna Marks

Anniversaries

June

- 9 Dan and Barbara Colacicco
- 9 Glenn and Margie Turkett
- 14 Lee and Pam Matousek
- 17 Michael and Sharon Foster
- 24 Steve and Kelly Arslanian

July

- 11 Diane and Marty Sprecher
- 15 Scott and Terri Williams
- 26 Leon and Janet Long
- 26 Robert and Brenda Weber
- 29 Skip and Mary Ellen McKee



Join us for the fun! This year's Vacation Bible Camp with Holy Family Catholic Church will be 3 - 7 August from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Holy Family.

Volunteers are needed!

Important June Dates

- 10 – Spring Senior Luncheon
- 13 – West River Camp Event
- 14 – Youth Sunday
- 17 – Women’s Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- 18 – CCDC Graduation, 7 p.m.
- 19 – Red Cross Blood Drive
- 22 – 26 June – Performance Camp
- 27 – Tongues of Fire Sale, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 28 – 3 July – Youth Mission Trip

Important July Dates

- 6 – Office Closed
- 22 – Women’s Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Mark Your Calendars



8 August - Peach Festival



16 August – DUMC Picnic

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

June	Missions
July	Evangelism/Social Needs
August	Council
September	Finance
October	Education
November	Worship
December	Evangelism

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