

# LAMPLIGHTER



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

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Waiting is not one of my favorite things to do. I am not a very patient person, and I like things completed and finished so I can move onto whatever needs my attention next. And waiting is really hard when we are waiting for something especially important, something longed for, something we are expecting.

During the season of Advent, we are waiting for the coming of the Christ Child. The beginning of the church year and the season before Christmas is a very important one that is all too often forgotten because everyone is anxious about getting to Christmas.

During this season we wait with all of Israel for the promised Messiah, the One who is to bring amazing and hopeful good news to the oppressed and bind up the brokenhearted. (Isaiah 61:1).

We gather and we wait -- we wait with assurance, knowing already about the birth of Jesus, born to a simple carpenter named Joseph and his teenage bride Mary in a rustic manger. We gather and we wait, knowing already about the cross and the resurrection, the ending and the promise. Christ has already come, yes? But as Christians we wait for more; we are especially called to wait because Christ will come again. No one knows the hour or the day even though there are people in all ages that try to predict His coming again. Regardless, it is clear that knowing the when isn't what we are to focus on. Rather, we are called to wait expectantly. You might wonder—what does that mean to us? To wait expectantly for us in all of our lives' circumstances, to wait in this time between already and not yet, to live in the here and now, and to live like He is coming again in the very next moment. Get our lives in order, do the things

that will bring us closer to God -- the things that challenge us to know ourselves deeper as children of God.

It always amuses me how New Years is a time for people to make resolutions, and many times the resolutions are around making changes that will make the individual healthier and happier. This year for Advent, let us resolve to be in conversation with God. Pray to God requesting guidance and help so we are more open to God's presence in our lives, and create in us more grateful and thankful hearts. Pray that God helps us to take refuge and have trust in God and in our faith instead of the things of this world.

This is a difficult season for many -- especially those that have lost love ones this past year. The first Christmas after a death can be as grief-filled as the actual time of the loss. We become so busy during this time that we might miss a chance to be just what a person needs on a difficult day -- a simple hug, a call or even a card. Please take the time to let folks know that you care and that their loss is not forgotten during this difficult time.

Lastly, to help us stay on track during the Advent season we will be offering Wednesday evening communion worship services at 7:00 PM on 4, 11 and 18 December in our sanctuary.

The theme for the services will be *Advent with Charles Wesley*, and we will focus on one of his hymns each week.

- Week 1 - Come Thou Long Expected Jesus - (Coming Birth of Christ)
- Week 2 - Hark, the Herald Angels Sing - (Birth of Christ)
- Week 3 - Lo He Comes With Clouds Descending - (Coming Return of Christ)



Please come and be refreshed and re-centered during this Advent season. We all need the reminder of what our focus should be during this season and not get completely caught up in the panic spending mode of our culture.

My hope for you and your family is that you have a safe and spirit-filled Advent and Christmas!

In faith,  
Pastor Lisa



*Send your prayer requests to  
[prayerchain@dumc.net](mailto:prayerchain@dumc.net)*

Bob Bence  
Russ Smith  
Mason Moseley  
The Jones Family  
Ken Werre

Joan Whetzel  
Billy Miller  
Blair Smith  
Nancy Bassford

The family of Staff Sgt.  
Alex Viola  
Mark Einerson  
The Rice Family  
The Leitch Family

# COUNCIL NOTES

The Council met on Monday, 18 November at 7:30PM. The next Council meeting is scheduled for 16 December at a time to be determined.

- The Treasurer reports that year-to-date giving and expenses for the church are about equal.
- The CrossRoads Child Development Center (CCDC) reports proceeds over \$75,000. This amount is after paying its share of expenses including utilities and \$25,000 in rent to DUMC (\$2,500/month). The 2013 CCDC net proceeds are being distributed as follows: \$2,000 for scholarships, 10% Social Needs and Outreach, 30% Building Fund Continuing the Vision and 60% Trustees Reserve up to \$40,000. Since beginning operations, CCDC has contributed \$162,000 to the Trustees Reserve account which has been used for various projects around the church.
- Nelson Outten is chairing an ad hoc committee formed to determine the best way to handle the church accounting. This determination involves the Treasurer position, bookkeeping and other accounting needs. Russ Smith will be stepping down as Treasurer at the end of the year. We owe Russ a great deal of gratitude for serving for many years providing dutiful oversight of the finances and accounting operations of both DUMC and CCDC.
- The Worship Committee is developing plans to replace the sound system in the Fellowship Hall.
- The 2014 DUMC and CCDC operating budgets are being finalized and will be approved at the December Council meeting.
- The Trustees have requested all users of the church be mindful of locking doors, turning off lights and lowering thermostats when leaving the church buildings.
- Chuck Sparks will begin serving as Council Chair in January, and we look forward to supporting his leadership.

It's been five years since initially being asked to chair the Council, and I feel honored to have served the congregation with so many dedicated servants of the Lord. Thank you!

This will be my last Council Notes update, and we'll also be putting down the welcome sign in December. Many of you have asked about why we wave on Sunday mornings. In an effort to get to know the congregation a little better five years ago, I started greeting the 8:30 worship service and others as they pass the church on Sunday mornings with an 8' WELCOME sign (later joined by my cousin Dave). We've gotten to know many of you through a smile and a wave--we actually try to see how far off we can recognize you by identifying your car. Persevering through all types of weather, we can often tell the mood of our community on Sunday mornings. Some mornings we would get several horn blasts and some mornings several vehicles would pass before getting a wave. We've greeted cars, trucks, motorcycles, bicyclists, joggers and even someone on horseback. Work vehicles almost always wave, and everyone is in a better mood on sunny Sundays. It's been fun...

**1 Peter 4:10-11 (ESV)** <sup>10</sup> As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup> whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

In His Peace,  
Steve Leonard, Council Chair

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## **DUMC**

Financial reports for the ten months ending 31 October reflect a near breakeven condition when comparing offerings and other revenues to operating expenses. Our statements indicate a slight loss of only \$178, but compared to 2012 at the same time, the loss was \$22,980. The turnaround of \$22,802, is attributable to an increase in offerings and other revenues by \$11,174 along with a reduction of expenses of \$11,628, most of which is from less spending by the Trustees.

All known liabilities and payables have been satisfied as of 31 October, and the church has adequate general reserves to address a financial emergency should such an incident surface. The church also holds additional funds which are designated for specific purposes and can be expended only for the intent which they were created. A report of all funds will be provided to the Administrative Council during the next meeting scheduled for 16 December.

## **Endowment Fund**

The Endowment Fund has grown greatly during 2013. We began with a balance of \$247,245, and as of 31 October, the balance has increased to \$345,703. The increase is the result of additional investments from the Building Fund in the amount of \$52,000, with the remaining amount coming from dividends and share value increases amounting to \$46,458. The Fund is segregated into two sections. Most of the Fund (83.8%) is held as an escrow to build new church structures at some point in the future with the remaining amount being undesignated but intended for special purposes. The policy governing disbursements from the fund are:

Less than \$25,000. - requires Administrative Council Approval

Greater than \$25,000. – requires the approval of a church conference

The Fund is administered by a five member committee as listed in the Charge Conference Program Booklet. This is an excellent location for anyone interested in making special gifts to the church and/or naming the fund as a recipient of one's estate. The church office can be contacted for further details.

## **Budget/Stewardship For 2014**

Our church is currently in the midst of the annual stewardship campaign. DUMC's operating expenses will reach \$400,000 for 2014 and represent an increase of \$25,000 over 2013. Member pledges are necessary in order to plan for the many ministries planned for 2014. Anyone interested and who has not responded with a pledge as of this date, can contact Lee Matousek (Stewardship Chair) or the church office.

## **CrossRoads Child Development Center**

Financial results for CCDC have been above target for the first ten months of 2013. Revenues have reached \$491,574 with operating income netting \$75,842 compared to a budgeted income of \$71,587. Earnings from CCDC are distributed to the Church Building Fund, the Trustee Reserve Account for capital expenditures, and the Social Needs committee to carry out charitable programs primarily in Anne Arundel South County. The allocation of the proceeds is determined by the Administrative Council on an annual basis.

This is my final report for The Lamplighter as DUMC Treasurer. It has been a challenging and interesting experience for the third time. I am ready, as I'm sure others are, for a change in the Treasurer's position. I only hope and pray that with God's help, our church fully embraces the mission statement adopted in 2013, and DUMC achieves everything for which it is capable.

Russ Smith



# Welcome Hugh Brodsky



In late October, Music Director Bob Waddell introduced Hugh Brodsky as our new organist.

Hugh is from Rochester, NY where he attended Eastman School of Music – two things he shares with Bob Waddell.

Hugh's main profession is serving as a Prison Educator at the Correctional Treatment Facility in Washington, DC. He teaches adult education to pre-GED candidates.

He has an extensive background in various types of music including classical and gospel styles, and he's been an accompanist for many musical theatre productions. He's also worked as a pianist for several ballet schools.

Hugh resides in Alexandria, VA. Please welcome Hugh warmly to our DUMC family.



The United Methodist Women cordially invite all of the ladies of the church to join them for a Christmas Tea on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 1-3 PM at the home of Lisa Niemann. There will be great food and fellowship, caroling, and our traditional angel ornaments.

The bus will transport ladies from the church.





## FROM THE YOUTH ROOM

By Kyle Durbin, *Assistant Pastor to Emergent Ministries*

The last couple months have been busy as ever for the Youth Ministry at DUMC. We began October with a trip to see "Grace Unplugged," a Christian film starring AJ (of Aly and AJ fame) about a young female artist struggling between secular fame and Christian values. It was an awesome night as almost twenty of us took over the theatre where the film was being shown and even sang along with some of the praise songs featured in the show. We ended the month with the annual Fall Festival at the Hopkins' Farm -- a great night of fun and fellowship for all!

We moved into November with another night out, this time to a TobyMac concert at Baltimore Arena. Not only were we blown away by the seven opening acts, including Mandisa and Colton Dixon of American Idol fame, we were surprisingly treated to an impromptu acoustic set by the Grammy Award-Winning headliner just five feet away from our faces. The performances were inspirational and probably packed more punch than any Billboard Top 100 artist, but it was also incredibly meaningful and moving to experience an event where literally thousands of fellow Christians came together in the heart of Maryland for an evening of worship and celebration.



*TobyMac concert*

## FROM THE YOUTH ROOM, Continued

The biggest event on November's calendar was undoubtedly Cornerstone Theatre's production of "All For One...And Nun For All," an original comedy and murder mystery featuring audience participation and improv. This was the first time Cornerstone Theatre took a show featuring all of these stylings, but calling it a mere success would be an extreme understatement. The talent and skill showcased by the cast and crew was exceptional. Veteran actors like Kennady Moseley and Nik Ostis had the audience rolling in their seats. Newly aspiring leading ladies Emily Marks and Arielle Hall carried the plot with flawless delivery. And the audience was graced with debut performances by Marley Morris, Anna Marks, Samantha Donahue, and a riveting cameo by Kaileigh Ducharme. Be sure to keep your eyes on the calendar for what's sure to be a riveting Spring Musical in 2014!



*Cornerstone Theatre presents "All for One...And Nun For All."*

Next up on the calendar is our annual Service Project at the Heritage Harbor Holiday Bazaar, where the youth will gather at the wee hour of 7:00 AM on a Saturday to help move, fill, and set-up around 100 vendor tables for participants who may find difficulty with some of the heavy lifting. It is always a joy to lend a hand, and the members of Heritage Harbor are so grateful that our youth look forward to this event every year.

If you're interested in getting involved with Youth Group, be sure to join us on Sunday evenings from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM if you're in Middle School, or 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM if you're in High School. If you're a parent or even just an interested adult, the Youth Council is always looking for new recruits. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM. Feel free to join us!



# Green Cathedral



The Green Cathedral Committee wishes you a blessed Christmas and a very happy new year filled with joy, hope, and love.

God bless,  
Patricia Cain

## Social Needs and Outreach Update



Our thanks go out to all who donated both food or cash to our Thanksgiving sharing program and to all who filled a shoebox for a needy child. We gave complete Thanksgiving dinners to 12 families in our community. Members of our congregation filled 64 shoeboxes. May God bless you for your generosity!

On 14 January, we will be sponsoring another Red Cross Blood Drive which is especially needed after the holidays. Please consider giving blood or helping our committee run this drive.

Mark your calendars for a senior luncheon on 13 February. More details will follow.

Anyone interested in joining our committee can contact any member. We welcome your helping hands!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Social Needs and Outreach Committee  
Vonda Vales, Dot Wood, Patricia Cain, Peggy Williams,  
Betty Mobra, Joan Whetzel

*Submitted by: Vonda Vales*

### A Season Of Kindness

May every heart and every home  
continue through the year  
To feel the warmth and wonderment  
Of this season of good cheer...

And may it bring us closer  
to God and to each other  
Till every stranger is a friend  
and every man a brother.

*-Helen Steiner Rice*



# Welcome New Members



The Travis Family

## Welcome New Members!

*Barbara Gregory*

*Mike Hodge*

*Linda McCarthy*

*Jimmy and Wendy Travis  
and children, Sonny,  
Sydney and Hannah*

Tim & Vickie McMurray  
and daughter Marley Morris



Barbara Gregory



Linda McCarthy and Mike Hodge



## Blessing of the Animals



Rusty Lamar and Toby



Chuck Sparks and Tiberius



Lisa Niemann and Kelsey



New Member Barbara Gregory and Andrew Liboueski with her pet chickens



Sara Carter and Sparky





# In Memoriam

## *Pam Rice*

**Pam Rice**, a lifelong resident of Edgewater, died suddenly on 10 October 2013. Born 18 April 1965 to Bill and Bettie Sheridan, she graduated from South River High School in 1983 and from Towson University in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in business.

Pam managed the Baltimore sales office for the Brown-Forman Beverage Company. She played in the DUMC Bell Choir and taught Sunday school for many years. Pam was a devoted mother and volunteer at school and church.

In addition to her parents, Pam is survived by her husband, Dave; daughter, Jenna; brother, Bill Sheridan and sister, Kim Grimsley. A memorial service was held in October.

## *Geneva Leitch*

**Geneva Burgan Leitch**, a resident of Birdsville since 1947, died on 26 October 2013.

Born 27 December 1922 in Norton, VA, Geneva graduated from Flatwood High School in Jonesville, VA. She was employed in many administrative positions, retiring with 30 total years of federal service. Mrs. Leitch was also co-owner of Leitch's store in Birdsville. Geneva served on the DUMC Administrative board, Care and Nurture Committee and taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Vernon Leitch, whom she married on 5 December 1947 and who died on 7 June 2003. Geneva is survived by her children, Larry S. Leitch, and Linda K. Jones; two sisters, Elizabeth Ann Dove and Phyllis Sue Dever; five granddaughters and ten great-grandchildren.

Geneva's Life Celebration was held in November.



## *Walter Jones*



**Walter Jones**, 82, formerly of St. Leonard, MD, passed away on 27 November in Annapolis, MD. He is survived by his wife Martha C. Jones and two daughters, Joy Schoenbauer and Jill Cropper. His funeral service will be on 2 December.

## **LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

**24 October 2013**

**EFFECTIVE DATE 1 JANUARY 2014**

### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

Chair - Chuck Sparks

Recording Secretary - Kristy Moseley

Lay Leader/Lay Member - Lee Matousek

Reserve Lay Member - Pam Durbin

Treasurer - TBD

Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair -  
Rhonda Ostis

Finance Committee Chair - Nelson Outten

Trustee Chair - Don Wilson

Financial Secretary - Raye Long

Membership Secretary - Kristy Moseley

Pastor Emeritus - Davis Peck

### **MEMBERS AT LARGE** (only three are needed)

Cindy Wratchford

Rita Siprak-Weill

Gwen Purcell

### **STAFF – PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Class of 2014

John Trussell

Delma Miller

Mary Wilson

Class of 2015

Chair, Rhonda Ostis

Carolyn Wilson

Kacia Smouse

Class of 2016

Leanne Sparks

Beverly King

Steve Tidwell

Ex-Officio – Lay Member to Annual Conference Lee Matousek

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Class of 2014

Greg Scruggs

Steve Alexander

Ben Hopkins

Class of 2015

JP Moseley

Adam Schmitt

Susan Lamar

Class of 2016

Steve Iannicelli

Don Wilson

Ken Fowler

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Class of 2014

Treasurer

Lee Matousek, Stewardship

Tricia Moeslein

Class of 2015

Rhonda Ostis

Don Wilson

Caroline Scruggs

Class of 2016

Nelson Outten

Chuck Sparks

Jim Hopkins

### **PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND**

Roger Vales

Don Shankle

Steve Leonard

### **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Herb Wilson, Chair

Blair Smith

Jim Hopkins

Damon Ostis

Ken Fowler, Vice Chair

Lynda Hall

Mo Hawk

Cindy Borchelt

Steve Leonard

Betty Schmitt

Tom Roh

Chuck Moeslein



## **LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

CHAIR – PASTOR LISA BANDEL

VICE CHAIR – Sharon Bence

Class of 2014

Lisa Niemann

Raye Long

Roger Vales

Class of 2015

Sharon Bence

Dot Wood

Cindy Wratchford

Class of 2016

Carol Chell

Beverly Finn

Joanne Smith

## **MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS**

Coordinator of Communications

Church School Superintendent

Cross Roads Center Chair

Education Team

Evangelism Team

Historian

Mission Team and VIM Coordinator (Tongues of Fire)

Social Needs and Outreach Team

Sunshine (Sick and Shut-in Team)

Worship Team

Youth Coordinator

President of United Methodist Men

President of United Methodist Women

Rhonda Ostis

Jay and Courtney Ducharme

TBD

Lee Matousek

Pam Durbin

Davis Peck

Blair Smith

Vonda Vales

Patricia Cain

Dot Wood

Nancy Covington

Betty Trussell

Vonda Vales

Cindy Borchelt

Damon Ostis

J.P. Moseley

Sharon Bence

## **DAVIDSONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

David Schwenker

Raye Long

Oscar Grimes

Ben Hopkins

Tim Hopkins-Chair

Max Covington- Co Chair

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Rhonda Ostis, Chair

Kyle Durbin

Caroline Scruggs

## **CARE AND NURTURE TEAM (sub-committee of UMW)**

Joan Whetzel

Barbara Jones

Betty Mobra

Jean Smith

Chris Tucker

Betty Schmitt

Janet Long

Barbara O'Donnell

Barbara Stecher

Brenda Weber

Carolyn Wilson

Dot Wood

Eileen Smith

Mary Wilson

Peggy Williams

## **CROSSROADS COMMITTEE**

Class of 2014

Rhonda Ostis

Roger Vales

Beverly King

Class of 2015

J.P. Moseley

Barbara Moore

Tricia Moeslein

Class of 2016

Steve Leonard

Leanne Sparks

Lisa Niemann

## **EDUCATION TEAM**

Jay and Courtney Ducharme, Superintendents

Beverly King

Debbie Wasson

Lee Matousek, Chair

Carol Chell

Rob Ballister

Caroline Scruggs

Kyle Durbin

Damon Ostis

Rhonda Ostis

## **SAFE SANCTUARY TEAM**

Debby Wasson

Steve Leonard

Rita Siprak-Weill

## **SICK AND SHUT-IN TEAM**

Carol Chell

Nancy Covington

Debbie Wasson

Karen Hirakawa

Barbara Emert

Sara Carter

Vonda Vales

Betty Spurgin

Connie Haywood

Betty Trussell

## **SOCIAL NEEDS AND OUTREACH TEAM**

Vonda Vales

Peggy Williams

Betty Schmitt

Betty Mobra

Dot Wood

Patricia Cain

## **WORSHIP TEAM/ EVANGELISM**

Cindy Borchelt, Chair

Bob Waddell

Kyle Durbin

Jim Hopkins

Cindy Wratchford

Vickie McMurray

Joann Smith

Pam Durbin

Margie Turkett

Patricia Cain

Leanne Sparks

Blair Smith

Kristy Moseley

Dot Wood

Lisa Niemann

# **UMM Tailgate**



The United Methodist Men held an event at the US Naval Academy football game on 16 November. We had over 50 attendees that enjoyed fellowship, fun, and great food along with an outstanding win against South Alabama.

Thanks to the Pit Master Blair Smith, we shared the most tender ribs around. A big thank you to Blair Smith, Chuck Sparks, and Jay Ducharme for helping make it happen. The UMM are looking forward to more events in the future.

Submitted by: J.P. Moseley  
UMM President



# Happy Birthday!

## December

1 Angie Sprecher  
 3 Spencer Baird  
 3 Nikolas Ostis  
 7 Tom Roh  
 11 Christianna Ducharme  
 12 Griff Howie  
 13 Ashley Gross  
 13 Beverley Swaim-Staley  
 16 Sharon Foster  
 17 Betty Schmitt  
 18 Chuck Sparks  
 21 Sara Carter  
 21 Randy Simpson  
 25 Terri Williams  
 26 Kelsey Ruane

27 Benjamin Robertson  
 29 Libby Powell  
 31 Douglas Gross  
 31 Shirley McCarthy

## January

3 Emily Cobb  
 3 Geoffrey Wood  
 5 Patricia Weems  
 10 Susan Hopkins  
 11 Kacia Smouse  
 12 Donald Shankle  
 14 Lisa Niemann  
 16 Wendy Miller  
 18 Barbara Stecher  
 22 Jack Gould

22 Joshua Hirakawa  
 24 Katie Hollamon  
 24 Vassie Hollamon  
 24 Hannah Hollamon  
 24 Caroline Webber  
 27 Dave Rice  
 29 Bailey Masters  
 30 Linnea Boogades  
 30 Rhonda Ostis  
 30 Kerin Webber  
 31 Mason Baird

# Anniversaries

## December

10 Greg and Caroline Scruggs  
 23 John and Bonnie Campbell  
 23 Bill and Bev King  
 28 Barbara and Mike Wilson

## January

10 Bob and Pam Durbin  
 11 Adam and Betty Schmitt  
 22 Janet and Lee Argent



# Important December Dates

7 -- UMM- Decorating for Christmas- 8 AM  
8 -- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 10 AM  
8 -- Blood Pressure Screening between services  
8 -- Peck's Farewell Potluck Luncheon at 12:15 PM  
15 -- UM Women's Annual Tea at Lisa Niemann's Residence 1-3 PM  
22 -- UM Youth bag lunches for the homeless 11AM  
25 -- Merry Christmas  
25 - 27 -- Office Closed

# Important January Dates

1 -- Happy New Year!  
5 -- Joint Youth Group 2013 review  
Parents Welcome  
10 -12 -- Youth Ski Trip  
14 -- Red Cross Blood Drive  
29 -- 2 Feb -- Youth Retreat

***For unto you is born this  
day in the city of David, a  
Savior, which is Christ the  
Lord.  
Luke 2:11***



# Christmas Events at DUMC

## Advent Services

4, 11, 18 December -- 7 PM (In Sanctuary)  
22 December at 10 AM - Cantata

## Christmas Pageants

15 December -- Children's Christmas Pageant -- 10 AM  
20 December -- CrossRoads CDC Pageant -- 6 PM

## Christmas Eve Services

5:30 PM -- Family Candlelight Service  
8:00 PM -- Candlelight Service and Communion  
11:00 PM -- Candlelight Service and Communion

Christmas Day -- No Services



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