

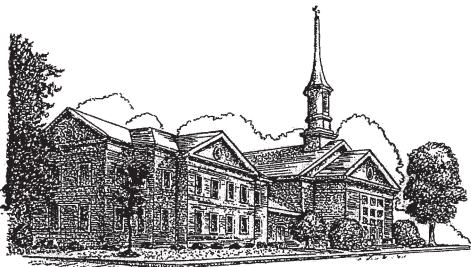
# THE DOVE

Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church

December 2010/January 2011

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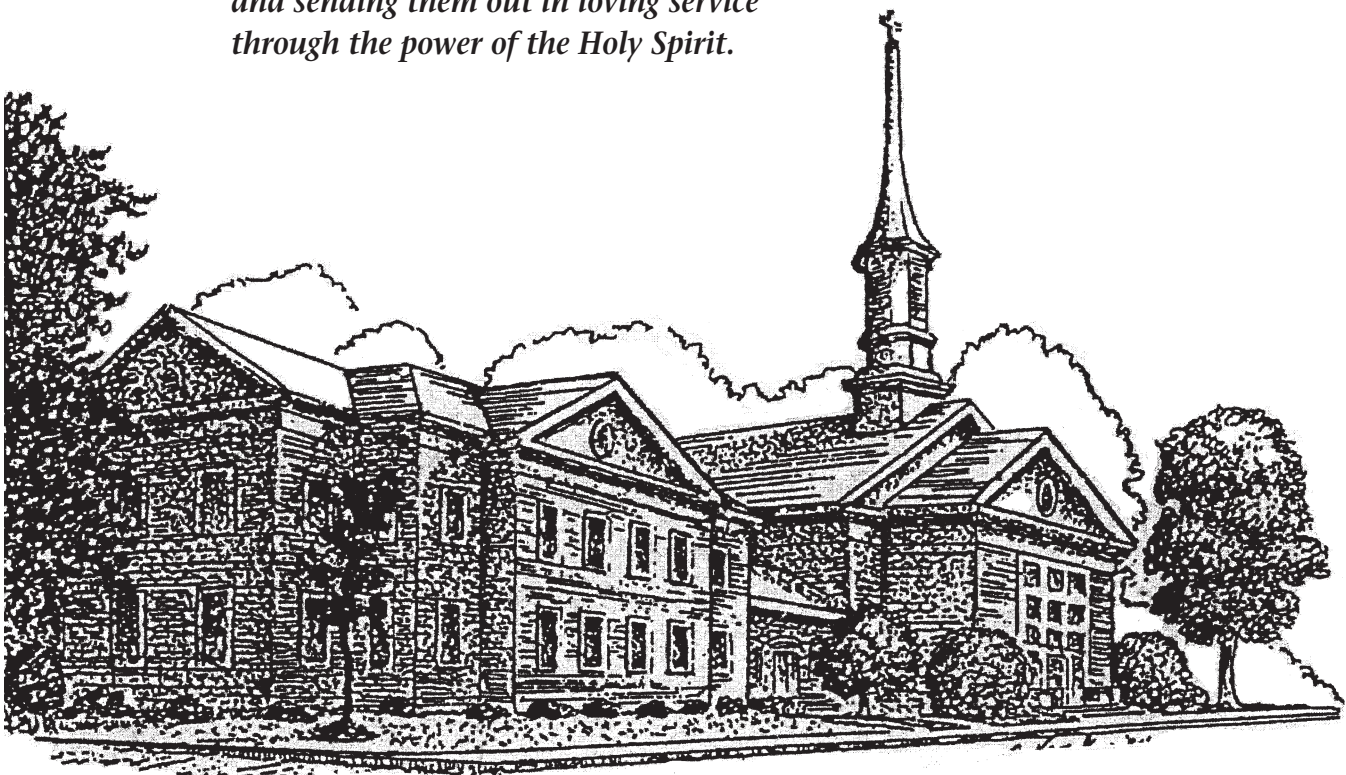
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## Sunday Schedule

- **8:00 a.m.** *Casual traditional service with weekly celebration of Holy Communion, 35-40 minutes in length*
- **8:50 a.m.** *J.O.L.T contemporary worship service with celebration of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month and other special occasions, 45 minutes in length*
- **9:40 a.m.** *Sunday school for all ages*
- **11:00 a.m.** *Traditional worship service with celebration of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month and other special occasions, 60 minutes in length*

*Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church  
is a community church on the campus  
of Randolph-Macon College,  
joyfully welcoming everyone into the family of God,  
nurturing them as disciples of Jesus Christ,  
and sending them out in loving service  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.*



## ***Note from the Pastor***

Recently I saw an announcement about a Bible study at another church which described Christmas as the most important event in history. It sounded good, but I think it was completely wrong. While our culture promotes the holidays as an opportunity for consumption and extravagant spending, Christmas is not the most important festival of the church year. From the very beginning Christians celebrated Easter as the most important event in human history. We even worship on a day different from the Sabbath (which is, and forever will be Saturday, the seventh day of the week) to remember every week on Sunday (aka the Lord's Day) the eternal significance of the Resurrection. Christmas was not celebrated broadly across the church until more than 350 years after the birth of Christ, so I write to invite us all to a more appropriate, balanced and holy observance of the season.

One way to do so is not to rush headlong too quickly into Christmas but to receive the season of Advent as a gift and opportunity to prepare for the coming of Christ more faithfully. Advent is God's gift for us to be still, to pray, to reflect on where we still do not have room for Christ in our lives, to discern where in the world Christ still is coming to us in new ways, and to prepare ourselves to welcome Christ to enter our lives and make a home in us in new ways.

I confess that when I saw the calendar of activities planned at Duncan Memorial for us during the weeks leading up to Christmas, it made me tired. Although I would like for us to have crowds of folks at our events, as your pastor I urge you not to fill the calendar with activities and events – even if they are at our church. Rather, stay home and read your Bible or pray. Turn down a holiday invitation or two and use the time to pay a visit on yourself to discern where you want Christ's life to enter yours in new ways. If you are looking for appropriate activities, spend some time serving the poor – you're more likely to encounter Jesus there than at the mall or a Christmas party. And instead of feeding the consumer demon, spend time and resources in ways that truly honor Christ – give gifts to family and friends that support needs in the community or world. Make donations to purchase mosquito netting, or relieve suffering in Haiti, or help a child through United Methodist Family Services, or purchase items needed for a Conference Kit in June. If you want to give a tangible gift to someone, how about a homemade item or the gift of time together over a meal or a beverage.

Here's the main thing – a healthy spiritual life is one that is intentional and deeply aware of choices being made. The blessed gift of a healthy faith life is knowing we only have to please One, and that One only wants what is truly good for us, for others, and for the whole creation. Pay attention to the One, and even in the Christmas rush, may you know a peace the world cannot give. A blessed Advent to you, so a holy Christmas may be yours as well.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor David*

### ***A Special Invitation to All: Open House at the Parsonage***

*David, Teri and Grace  
Hindman cordially invite  
our Duncan Memorial faith  
family to an open house  
Sunday, December 12,  
2:00-5:00 p.m. We know  
this is also the day the  
Heart Havens home is being  
dedicated, but we hope your  
schedule will permit you  
to visit the parsonage for  
some light refreshments  
and conversation with one  
another as we anticipate  
the Christmas season. Of  
course children are welcome!  
Hope you will come!*

# From the Director of Christian Education

What a privilege and blessing to nurture others in the faith! In the Mission Moments during worship in October, we heard of several examples of ways we, as individuals, can extend that nurturing to others. You will find in another part of *The Dove* a description of a new resource we are making available as a weekly bulletin insert and on our web site. *Taking faith home* will make some concrete suggestions for your use. You are encouraged to share this with friends and neighbors.

During the Advent season there are many opportunities to build faith rituals and traditions into your family times. Each of these should aim to help children and others look forward with quiet anticipation to the coming of Christ on Christmas. An atmosphere of anticipation and mystery with dim lights (maybe candle lights) while sharing stories, Scripture, songs and prayers are important to this time of blessings. Practice some of the Advent songs and practice acts of kindness that you all enjoy – perhaps one that can extend beyond the Advent/Christmas season.

As we move into the New Year, what are opportunities where you can explore and grow in your faith? Who might you encourage, invite and bless through invitations to small groups and worship and through continued acts of generosity? Check out the small group offerings. If you are a parent, *Home Grown Faith* is something you will want to include in those opportunities for yourself and others. Always be vigilant for someone to invite!

*Blessings,*  
*Sandra*

## **Protection Policy Orientation**

For the convenience of persons involved with Sunday school or worship, but still needing to attend an orientation session with the Protection Policy of Duncan Memorial UMC, mark your calendar for Sunday, December 12. There will be two opportunities available that morning – 10:00 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. Participants are encouraged to download and read the policy found on our web site ([www.duncanmemorialumc.org](http://www.duncanmemorialumc.org)) prior to attending.

## **Family Bible Exploration**

### **Extravaganza**

**Friday, January 7, 5:30-8:30 p.m.**

### **Eating Your Way through the Bible and More!**

Contact Sandra Stanley for more information on the evening's study and activities.

## Children's Church Need

*from Corinne Luck*

Last winter during our church family meetings, I stepped up and offered to use my gifts with children to help jump start the children's church program! A couple folks jumped right on to offer their help ... lessons are prepared, children are coming back and new families are worshipping.

Unfortunately one of my few helpers can no longer serve. I hope there are some folks who can offer an hour on one Sunday a quarter to help this

growing ministry. I have *everything* prepared ... you just need to walk in and choose a lesson/art activity. No experience necessary ... just a willingness to share your love with children! Please let me know that you are willing to help. Contact me at 752-2308 or [thelucks1@verizon.net](mailto:thelucks1@verizon.net)

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to Rich Fischer, Sandy McDaniel and Cathy Sloppy who continue to help. And thanks to Melissa Vaughn for sharing her gifts so generously over the past eight months!

# Christian Education Opportunities for All Ages

## ***“Into the Word, Into the World”***

Under the leadership of Joe Haugh, students have studied Genesis/Exodus and Luke/Acts for the last year and will be completing the course in mid December. As with other DISCIPLE classes, the study of Scripture emphasizes transformation along with information. The unique feature of this course is the emphasis on the “rhythm of coming to God and going for God, of being in the Word and in the world individually and corporately.” Learn from them why you want to participate in a class or other small group!

Disciples completing this study include John and Katie Hudson, Gordon and Sandy McDaniel, Wendy Minton, Janet Reid, Edith Satterthwaite, Sandra Stanley, Margaret Vaden, and Lyle Wieber. Ask any of them about the significance of DISCIPLE CLASSES and what the commitment to this study meant for them!

## ***December 26: Sunday School***

It may be the day after Christmas, but what better time to gather in praise of God’s greatest gift, Jesus. Bring a breakfast casserole, fruit or bread to share with others. Sing Christmas carols, share and experience a variety of Christmas traditions, and join in opportunities to extend this gift to others. See you on December 26 at 9:40 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Also on Decemer 26, in honor of the birth of Jesus, we will have a baby shower. Please bring any of the following items as contents for Birthing Kits for Conference: hotel size bar of soap, clean latex gloves, clear 4 mil plastic sheeting, clean string, clean single use razor blades, or flannelette receiving blankets (1 square yard).

## ***“Home Grown Faith” – Short-Term Parenting Class Study***

***Beginning January 9, 2011, 9:40-10:40 a.m.***

***Leader: Kendra Swager***

“No matter where you are in your own spiritual journey, no matter how little you know about the Bible, no matter how busy your schedule – you *can* grow your kids in Christian faith!” – from *Home Grown Faith* by David and Kathy Lynn. The text for this class teaches parents how to grow strong families and shape the spiritual future of their children, one day at a time.

This is a special series to engage parents in a conversation about the most important ministry opportunity of their life! Depending on discussion and interest, this class is designed to last eight weeks, but may extend another four weeks. Watch the bulletin and our web site for details.

Who are the parents in your family, neighborhood or office who would be blessed by this shared time? Extend them an invitation to join the class!

## ***Fourth and Fifth Grade Sunday School***

At the end of October, the fourth and fifth grade Sunday school began a series of lessons about stewardship entitled *Stories for Sharing*. Each week the children heard a story or parable of Jesus and shared how they felt about the lesson through verbal, written, and artistic expression. The unit culminated with a visit from our UM Women on November 21. The class partnered with the UMW to help purchase tote bags for UMCOR school kits and participated in kit assembly.

Starting on November 28, they began a four-week long lesson on Advent entitled *Christmas Gifts That Won't Break*. In combination with traditional advent candle ceremonies, the children will discover ways to give and receive the unbreakable gifts of hope, love, joy, and peace.

## ***Bible Study for Women – “Jesus The One and Only”***

*How did it feel to walk the dusty roads of the Holy Land with the incarnate Son of God? You are invited to imagine yourself walking where Jesus walked and hear what He taught. This 11-week Beth Moore study for women will begin the week of January 16 with the option of a Sunday or Tuesday group offering. Do you know a woman you can invite to join this study group? Watch the bulletin for more details!*

# Youth Activities

**No youth meeting on December 26 or January 2**

## **Youth Council**

The Youth Council will meet on December 4 and January 9 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to these meetings to discuss up-coming events.

## **Peace, Love and Pasta Night! – Friday, December 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Dress up in your best tie-dyed shirt and bellbottoms! We're having a '60s dinner with a pasta bar dinner, dancing, music and contests. Our flower children will exchange home/yard services for contributions to their mission accounts! We look forward to sharing a look back at the '60s with all. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and children and will be sold on Sundays prior to the event. We had so much fun at '50s night we wanted to share the '60s with more people. Come join the fun!

## **Gift Wrapping Made Easy**

Are you one of those people that dreads wrapping gifts? Well, the youth of Duncan Memorial UMC have the solution for you. The youth will be wrapping presents this year for donations. Bring your gifts to church with you on December 5, 12 and 19. Leave them with the youth in the fellowship hall or colonnade, and pick them up that evening between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. They will be wrapped and tagged for you. All proceeds benefit the youth program.

## **Annual Cookie Bake**

This year the youth cookie bake will be on December 18 beginning at 1:00 p.m. The youth will be making cookies to share with those in our faith community needing some Christmas cheer. If you know of anyone that would enjoy such a gift, let the church office or Dawne know.

## **Progressive Dinner and Gift Exchange**

On December 19, the youth will be traveling our town eating at various homes and singing carols along the way. We will be begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at the Franklin house for a party and fun Grinchy Gift exchange. The youth will have appetizers at one home, a main course at another home, and dessert at third home, then the party.

### **Contact Information for Dawne Vronek**

**Phone** – Church Office: 798-7224 or Cell: 651-0786

**Email** – Church: dawne.vronek@duncanmemorialumc.org or  
Home: dvronek@comcast.net

## **Super Bowl Sub Sales!**

Super Bowl XLV is just around the corner. The youth will be selling sub sandwiches (Italian, Turkey or Veggie), chips, a drink and a cookie for \$5. Place orders any Sunday in January, and they will be ready for pick up Super Bowl Sunday, February 6. Order forms will be in the bulletin and at the youth table on Sundays, or use the form at the bottom of page 5.

## **Valentine's Day Cards**

*Be Mine* – The youth will take orders for Valentine's Day cards for pick up or delivery on Sunday, February 13. Let that special person know you are thankful they are in your life. It could be anyone in your family or church family. We want all our family members to feel loved this year on Valentine's Day. The cards are \$1 each and the youth will take orders on Sundays in January and February 6.



### **Super Bowl Sunday Sub Order Form**

3 Choices – Italian, Turkey, or Veggie

\$5 each, make checks payable to DMUMC Youth Group. Please pay in advance and pick up subs on Sunday, February 6 from 10:00 a.m.-12:30p.m.

# R-MC Exam Break

It has become a symbol of radical hospitality that we open our doors and hearts to the students at Randolph-Macon College each night before an exam day for space to study and warm home cooking! This semester we will be serving smiles, conversations and wonderful food to students on the evenings of December 12-16 from 9:00 p.m. to midnight.

The students appreciate this act of kindness, but in order for this to be a continued success we need the support of our members. We need food donations or money to purchase food. In addition, people need to be in the fellowship hall each evening to serve and to talk with the students. Clean up at midnight is a true sacrifice. If you are able to help in this outreach, please contact Dawne Vronek.

## Student Preacher Sunday

*A Message to R-MC Students and the Congregation*

**Students:** Duncan Memorial is initiating a student sermon competition.

A Randolph-Macon student will be selected to preach at all of Duncan Memorial's worship services on February 20, 2011. This opportunity is open to all juniors and seniors, no matter what your denominational affiliation. One need not be a pre-ministerial student to enter. Please contact Duncan Memorial's office administrator, Gordon McDaniel, at [gordon.mcdaniel@duncanmemorialumc.org](mailto:gordon.mcdaniel@duncanmemorialumc.org) to receive the guidelines by email. Manuscripts are due January 6. There is a cash award and a lunch will follow the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Congregation:** Student preaching can be a worship event that is taken seriously and anticipated with great enthusiasm. The support of our congregation can be a formative influence in the lives of students. Mark your calendar for February 20 and plan to attend.

Subs come with a bag of chips and soda – please specify diet or regular. All subs include provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, onions, mayo, oil and vinegar, salt and pepper, and Italian spices (veggie sub also has carrots and cucumbers). If you want it otherwise, please specify.

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Orders: \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Beacon

The Beacon is a Randolph-Macon College student-led worship service, each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Music and messages are provided by the students. The weekly service is sponsored by the United Methodist Student Fellowship on campus, but everyone is invited to worship in the Duncan Memorial sanctuary.

## R-MC Students

On Monday nights in the Upper Room at the Campus Center, from 8:15-8:45 p.m., the United Methodist Student Fellowship has a Bible study. You do not need to be a United Methodist to participate. The meetings are 30 minutes long and include an introduction to a topic, small group break-outs and prayer. Come join us!

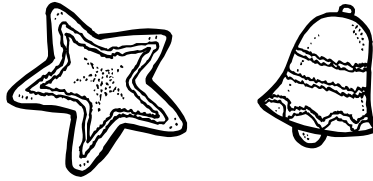
## Young Adults

***Life Deeply: A Study of the Parables of Jesus***

Young adults are invited to begin this Bible study on Saturday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dawne Vronek (111 Slash Drive, Ashland). If you have ever read one of Jesus' parables and asked, "What is he talking about?" you are not alone. This small group will dig deeper into the meaning of these parables. Need a ride? Call 651-0786 to arrange one.

## Children's Christmas Pageant

This year's Children's Christmas Pageant is "The Gift from Duncan" based on a short story by Charlie Van Goor. Duncan Memorial's children K-6 have been practicing on Wednesday afternoons and the preschoolers during the Sunday school hour. The pageant debuts Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m in the Sanctuary. Come hear our children in this wonderful performance. All are welcome!



## CareNotes for Kids

When your life seems to be moving along a roller coaster of unexpected events and feelings, you know there are Stephen Ministers ready to assist. You know where to find helpful reading materials, but what happens when a child encounters those bumps in the road? Along with the adult CareNotes available in the narthex, there are some new titles for children. You will want to familiarize yourself with the booklets and their contents. Share the appropriate ones with a child you know facing life's challenges.

These newest titles include:

*When You're Sick or in the Hospital*

*Mad Isn't Bad*

*Respect, Dare to Care, Share and Be Fair*

*Sad Isn't Bad – When Someone You Love Dies*

*When Mom or Dad Dies*

*When Someone You Love Has Cancer*

*God is My Friend: A Kid's Guide to God*

*Happy to Be Me – A Kid's Booklet About Self-Esteem*

*Keep School Cool – A Kid's Guide to Handling School Problems*

*Bye Bye, Bully!*

*When Mom and Dad Divorce*

*Right and Wrong and Being Strong*

## Children's Retreat: "Hugging The World" Worship

Children, grades 1-5, from Duncan Memorial, Kenwood and St. Peter's will head to Westview on the James for an overnight retreat. The children will take an imaginary hot air balloon journey around the globe. They will learn about God's mission in the world

as they visit people from a variety of countries and cultures. In each of these countries and cultures, the children will hear how God's message is incorporated into their lives and ministries.

Mark your calendar now for February 4-5. The registration

## Christmas Day Worship

**Saturday, December 25, 10 a.m.**

An informal, simple service of Christmas carols interspersed with scripture. There will be warm beverages, muffins and fellowship afterwards. Casual dress (including pajamas for the kids). Come and worship the newborn King!

## Advent Study

Several of our classes (children, youth and adults) are involved in an Advent study by James Moore, *Christmas Gifts That Won't Break*. Let the conversations begin around the lunch table and in the car rides home about those gifts "that can't be lost, never go out of style and that are independent of the chances and changes of life. They are the gifts that have been graciously given by God." Adults interested in participating in this parallel study are invited to gather in the Moreland Room on the first floor next to the church library.

# PrimeTimers Christmas Luncheon

The annual PrimeTimers Advent luncheon gathering will be Monday, December 6 at 11:45 a.m. in the Kings Charter Clubhouse. Bring your special dish or dessert. A sign-up on the sheet is in the hallway or call Terry Haugh (550-3325). For information, directions, or ride requests, contact Terry. There will be Christmas caroling led by Teena Chinn, lots of fun and fellowship! *Everyone's invited!*

**Heart Havens Open House  
and Dedication  
December 12, 2010  
3:00-5:00 p.m.  
320 North Snead Street  
Ashland, Virginia**

# Blue Christmas: When the Holidays Are Difficult

**Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 p.m. • A Time of Worship for Those for Whom the Holidays are Difficult**

The holidays are not always a jolly, holly season or the best time of the year. Rather these days can be a joyless “blue” time for anyone who finds the season difficult because of the many reminders they carry of what they have lost or never had. The loss of loved ones or friends, financial insecurity, broken relationships, ill health,

the loss of a beloved pet and other factors can leave us feeling blue in this season of celebration and good cheer.

Our Blue Christmas Worship Service, which happens on the longest night of the year, will acknowledge losses that sometimes darken our holidays and help us to move from feeling blue to

experiencing the wonder and hope of Christmas.

Please feel free to invite friends, family, and neighbors who would appreciate and benefit from this worship opportunity. Our Stephen Ministers will also be available to offer a listening, caring presence.

# A.C.E.S. – Stocking Their Shelves

**Scouting for Food: DMUMC,  
Troop 700 and Venture Crew 7**

On Sunday, November 7, many DMUMC members brought in bags of canned and dry goods to donate to A.C.E.S., in support of the local Scouting for Food initiative. One of the largest annual events of its kind, Scouting for Food helps stock the shelves for the coming holiday need – and this year was no exception. Altogether, the generosity of our members yielded 29 bags of food that were taken to A.C.E.S. On top of that, the efforts of Troop 700, Venture Crew 7 and several other local scouting units helped provide more than 370

bags of food for A.C.E.S., estimated at 4,500 pounds. Thank you to all our members who opened your hearts and pantries!

**A Different Type of Communion  
Offering – Bring Food for  
A.C.E.S. to the Lord's Table**

Each week at worship the ushers receive our financial offerings and bring them forward to present during the singing of the Doxology. Beginning in December, you are invited to bring a canned or dry good to church the first Sunday of each month to be donated to our friends at A.C.E.S. A bin will be in the church narthex to receive



your donation, and the ushers will present it along with our other offerings as we prepare to receive the Lord's Supper. Thanks for being a generous church and helping our hungry Lord (“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat ...” – Matthew 25:35)

# Advent, Christmas, Epiphany – Services and Activities

Angel Tree program begins	Everyday	November 28-December 18	
First Sunday of Advent Worship Services	Sunday	November 28	8:00, 8:50, 11:00 a.m.
Mitten Tree program begins	Everyday	December 1-19	
Second Sunday of Advent Worship Services	Sunday	December 5	8:00, 8:50, 11:00 a.m.
Youth Gift Wrapping Fundraiser in Fellowship Hall	Sunday	December 5	Noon-6:00 p.m.
PrimeTimers Christmas Social	Monday	December 6	11:45 a.m.
Chancel Choir meets to go to Pamunkey Regional Jail	Saturday	December 11	1:00 p.m.
Central VA Masterworks Chorale: <i>A Ceremony of Carols</i>	Saturday Sunday	December 11 December 12	7:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Third Sunday of Advent Worship Services	Sunday	December 12	8:00, 8:50, 11:15 a.m.
Christmas Mission Mart	Sunday	December 12	8:30-11:00 a.m.
Youth Gift Wrapping Fundraiser in Fellowship Hall	Sunday	December 12	Noon-6:00 p.m.
Parsonage Open House	Sunday	December 12	2:00-5:00 p.m.
Youth Cookie Bake	Saturday	December 18	1:00 p.m.
Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Services	Sunday	December 19	8:00, 8:50, 11:00 a.m.
Christmas Mission Mart	Sunday	December 19	8:30-11:00 a.m.
Youth Gift Wrapping Fundraiser in Fellowship Hall	Sunday	December 19	Noon-6:00 p.m.
Youth Progressive Dinner Christmas Party	Sunday	December 19	6:00 p.m.
Blue Christmas Service	Tuesday	December 21	7:00 p.m.
Family Christmas Eve Service	Thursday	December 24	5:30 p.m.
Choral Prelude with Carol Singing	Thursday	December 24	10:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service Candlelight and Communion	Thursday	December 24	11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Service	Saturday	December 25	10:00 a.m.
First Sunday after Christmas Worship Services	Sunday	December 26	8:00, 8:50, 11:00 a.m.
The Epiphany Day Worship Services	Sunday	January 2	8:00, 8:50, 11:00 a.m.
Baptism of the Lord Sunday/Baptism Renewal Service	Sunday	January 9	8:00, 8:50, 11:00 a.m.

# Scripture Readings for December and January

In the relatively brief time span of December and January, the Church Year marks the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, as well as the holy days of Christmas, Epiphany Day and the Baptism of the Lord.

Advent, the four weeks leading up to the joy of Christmas, began November 28 and continues until Christmas Eve. It is a time of reflection, prayer, repentance and preparation for the advent (coming) of the Lord, not only to Bethlehem long ago, but more importantly at the end of history and to us in our everyday lives.

Christmas season is 12 days in length and is the celebration not only of the birth long ago, but more importantly of the mystery of the Incarnation, that the God of all creation has come to us in human form to live in our midst.

Epiphany season begins January 6 with the visitation of the Magi, the three wise men, and concludes on the eve of Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, and so the number of Sundays in the season varies from four to nine depending on the date of Easter. The word "Epiphany" derives from Greek words meaning manifestation or appearance, and celebrates the revealing of Christ as Savior and Lord to the whole world. We will celebrate Epiphany Day on January 2 at Duncan Memorial, and Baptism of the Lord (when Jesus is revealed as Son of God to many) on January 9. You are invited to read the lessons for each week as a spiritual discipline in preparation for what God may say to you when we gather as a faith family.

## New Faith Resource

A new resource from Vibrant Faith Ministries is available each week in our bulletin and on the church web site. This resource, *taking faith home*, can provide specific activities for building a more solid faith foundation. Each bulletin insert contains a variety of faith-building activities, allowing you to pick and choose what is most beneficial to your household. Since the Scripture lessons relate to the Lectionary readings of the week, you will be able to

**December 5 (Second Sunday in Advent):** Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:12-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

**December 12 (Third Sunday in Advent):** Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

**December 19 (Fourth Sunday in Advent):** Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

**Christmas Eve:** Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

**Christmas Day:** Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4, 5-12; John 1:1-14

**December 26 (First Sunday after Christmas Day):** Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

**January 2 (Epiphany Day):** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

**January 9 (Baptism of the Lord):** Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

**January 16 (Second Sunday after the Epiphany/Human Relations Day):** Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

**January 23 (Third Sunday after the Epiphany):** Isaiah 9:1-4; Isaiah 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

**January 30 (Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany):** Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12



continue the thoughts and conversations elicited by the morning sermon.

# Calendar - December 2010/Early January 2011

<b>28</b> Advent 8:00 AM Casual Worship (FH) 8:50 AM J.O.L.T. Worship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 5:00 PM Youth Choir (CR)	<b>29</b> 6:00 PM HSP (5/6/7/8) 6:30 PM DISCIPLINE 2 (P) 7:00 PM Chorale (S)	<b>30</b> 6:00 PM Handbells (10) 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl (P) 7:00 PM <i>beginnings</i> (Station Café) 7:30 PM R-MC Worship (S)	<b>1</b> 3:45 PM Children's Choir 6:30 PM Chancel Choir (CR) 7:00 PM Family to Family (FH) 7:30 PM 4th Way Group (P)	<b>2</b> 12:00 PM Food Co-op (FH) 2:00 PM Centering Prayer (MR) 5:00 PM Hot Topics 7:00 PM Manna Band Practice (S)	<b>3</b> 6:00 PM Peace, Love and Pasta Dinner & Auction (FH)	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM Campus Ministry TOPS 9:00 AM Durcan Memorial 101 (FH) 7:00 PM Young Adults (FH/K)
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# Update on the Stewardship Campaign

by Pastor David Hindman

What a wonderful opportunity we have been provided this fall to think seriously and faithfully about our stewardship as disciples of Christ! So many pieces of the puzzle came together to make this an exceptionally blessed opportunity for us.

Thanks to all those who participated in the study, "Living for Giving: A Wesleyan View of Stewardship"; to our many volunteers who called members of the church celebrating the good

things happening at Duncan Memorial; to Brian Moores, Kendra Swager, Ira (and Anne) Andrews, Susen Dunmire, and Joe (and Jacqui) Woomer who spoke so eloquently during our "Duncan Memorial in Mission Moments"; to the wonderful folks who facilitated our delicious celebration lunch (including members of the Church Council, Finance Team and Stewardship who provided the needed funds); and to Ed Gay and the Stewardship Team who planned each component of the campaign.

As of November 21, 107 church members have pledged to pray and worship regularly; to serve the poor and our faith community as volunteers; to be involved in some type of discipleship group and to make a financial commitment to underwrite our 2011 ministries. If you have not made your commitment yet and would like to do so, please contact the church office. We want to make it easy for you to do! And continue to pray for God to bless and use us for good in the coming year!

## Library News ... A Mission of Peace and New Books

by Bonnie Hoskin

Our library has received a copy of the *Holy Qur'an* thanks to Rev. Wayne Lavender, Executive Director of Passing the Peace, an organization whose mission is to create a world of peace and justice.

Rev. Lavender, out of a deep commitment to the principles of his faith, felt he needed to do something in response to the potential

hate crime that was going to be perpetrated by the Dove World Outreach Center in Florida this past September 11.

He decided that for every Qur'an this church was going to burn in the name of his God, he would deliver a Qur'an to a church within the United States to be included in their church library, combating hate through actions of love and peace.

Not only is this a symbolic gesture of peace and religious tolerance, but, according to Rev. Lavender, the *Holy Qur'an* "might also be read for better understanding that, like Christianity, Islam is a complex, nuanced and dynamic faith with its roots in mercy, justice and peace."

(Source: Common Ground News Service, September 14, 2010 [www.commongroundnews.org](http://www.commongroundnews.org))

**New additions** – Many thanks to **Matthew and Valerie Moore** who donated some of these resources.

- *What God is Saying to You Today* by Peter Wallace
- *Simple Church* by Thom S. Rainer
- *He Chose the Nails* by Max Lucado
- *Stories for a Women's Heart* compiled by Alice Gray
- *Home to Holly Springs* by Jan Karon
- *Finding God: Ten Jewish Responses* by Rifat Sonsino
- *Aldersgate Reconsidered* edited by Randy L. Maddox
- *What You Know Might Not Be So* compiled by David C. Downing
- *Finding God in the World* by Avery Brooke
- *When God Winks at You* by Squire Rushnell
- *Becoming a Contagious Christian* by Bill Hybels
- *The Ragamuffin Gospel* by Brennan Manning
- *God Does Not Foreclose* by David L. Watson
- *Invitation to the Old Testament* by Celia B. Sinclair
- *Invitation to Romans* by Pamela M. Eisenbaum
- *The Work on Life (Young Adult)* by Toni Sortor
- *God's Little Devotional Book for Teens*

# UMCOR Kits for Conference ... 350 by June

School, Birthing, and Health Kits are all valued by people in need around the world. We want to have 350 kits ready by Annual Conference in June 2011. To give many people the opportunity to be involved with this ministry, we started collecting items this fall.

The response to our early appeals for gathering materials for kits has been rewarding! Thank you to the generous donor of 100 spiral notebooks. Someone also donated many pairs of scissors; so with the pencils, erasers and rulers we have,

we can fill about 30 School Kits! *Problem is*, we have to provide cloth bags to specified sizes.

**Needed:** sewing machines and willing hands to get material, cut patterns, sew bags and affix velcro closures. We want to see if we could set a work day for assembling the bags at church, maybe in February. Please reply to the church if you are willing to help and/or have a portable machine. It would be a fun gathering for work and fellowship! Then all we'd need are more pencil sharpeners!

Nail files, combs and hand towels are still needed for the Health Kits. We're well on the way to having over 10 Birthing Kits, but we still need monetary donations (\$8 for each kit) to buy the plastic sheeting and flannelette in bulk.

Thanks to all for making this drive successful already, and keep those donations coming!

Below is a listing of items needed for each kit. Each month specific items will be highlighted in the bulletin. Of course, you are welcome to bring any item at any time.

## **Birthing Kit**

*Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.*

All items included in kits must be **new** items.

- 1 hotel-size bar of soap (1 oz. and up)
- 1 pair of clean latex gloves
- 1 square yard of clear 4 mil plastic sheeting
- 3 pieces of clean string each 12" long
- 1 clean single use razor blade (carefully wrap the blade in paper or plastic to protect it and keep it from causing injury);
- 2 flannelette receiving blankets, each 1 square yard.

## **Health Kit**

*Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.*

All items included in kits must be **new** items.

(**Note: Do not include toothpaste!** UMCOR will purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before it is sent.)

- 1 hand towel (15"x25" up to 17"x27", no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized);
- 1 metal nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-sized bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages (Band-Aids)

## **School Kit**

All items included in kits must be **new** items.

- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip)
  - 3 pads (or loose leaf) of 8.5"x11" ruled paper (approx. 250 sheets total)
  - 1 30-centimeter ruler
  - 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
  - 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
  - 1 large eraser, 2-1/2"
  - 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- Prepare a 14"x16" (finished size) cloth bag with handles and one of these three closures (Velcro, snap or button) and place items in the bag. (A pattern for making cloth bags is available from the UMCOR Web site at <http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/schoolbag> pattern.

**Remember:** On December 26 at 9:40 a.m., there will be a baby shower in honor of the birth of Jesus. Bring an item for the Birthing Kit.

# Mission News and Opportunities

## **Angel Tree**

Duncan Memorial is supporting the Angel Tree program which provides Christmas presents for the children of incarcerated parents at Pamunkey Regional Jail. If you are able to adopt a family, please pick up the name of a family from the Angel Tree in the colonnade. Gifts need to be delivered or mailed to the family by December 18.

## **Christmas Mission Mart**

Mission Mart program will take place this year in the church library on December 12 and 19. Stop by between 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. and make a donation to a well-deserved mission organization in honor of the person on your Christmas list. It's the perfect gift – comes in all colors and sizes.

## **Hunger Aid – Daily Planet and Freedom House**

- **Help prepare and serve a meal at the Daily Planet Medical Respite Program on December 9.** We will serve dinner, decorate the home and give out small gifts for the 20 residents who live there. The Medical Respite Program provides shelter for homeless people with serious illnesses or who are recovering from medical treatment. You can help by donating part of the meal or contributing money to help purchase small gifts. Food items needed are rotisserie chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert. If you can help with meal preparation, contributions, or serving the meal please contact Randi Buerlein, 798-1414/rwbuerle@vcu.edu or Lyle Wieber at 883-6177.
- **Help prepare Giving Bags for toddlers** in the Freedom House's Christmas Day Dinner for the homeless and working poor. Fill a bag for toddlers, label it for a boy or girl, and leave it at the Missions bulletin board. Items needed for children ages 2-5 are: gloves and hats, training pants and underwear, toothbrushes, coloring books and crayons, Legos or other small games or toys. If you can help or you have questions, please contact Randi Buerlein or Lyle Wieber.

This year the sponsored mission organizations are:

- Interfaith Free Clinics (formerly St. James the Less)
- Heart Havens Home
- All God's Children Camp
- Pathways
- Red Bird Mission
- Society of Saint Andrew
- Nothing but Nets
- Sovereign Global Mission in Ghana

## **Mitten Tree**

You are invited to warm the hearts, hands, heads and feet of children in the community by bringing caps, gloves, mittens, socks and scarves to place on the **mitten tree** in the fellowship hall. These items will be distributed by A.C.E.S. to those in need. The

tree will be up in the fellowship hall from December 1-December 19.

## **News from Mozambique**

Our missionaries, Cláudia and Eduardo Maia, are completing their three-year term in Mozambique. In January, they will return home to Brazil to continue their missionary work. We thank them and wish them well in their next chapter.

## **New Missionaries**

As the Maias prepare to leave Mozambique, we are beginning a new association with missionaries David and Shannon Goran in L'viv, Ukraine. David serves as Pastor and Director of Student Ministry with responsibilities for overseeing campus ministry among the various universities in L'viv. Sannon is Associate Director of Student Ministry. Look for updates on the bulletin board in the hallway, in the bulletin and in *The Dove*.

## **Volunteers Needed**

- Panera Bread pickup, Friday nights, contact Shearer Luck at SRehabs@aol.com to help
- BINGO – second Tuesday, Ashland Convalescent Center, contact Stephanie Nixon at prayermtg@aol.com. Small size toiletries and food items are needed as prizes.

## **Upcoming Date**

- **February 20** – DMUMC will visit Greensville Correctional Facility on 2/20. See David Luther for more information.

# Communion Offering

Each month the communion offering is donated to a mission. These programs are recipients of the offering given between October 2010 and February 2011. Thank you for support.

October	<i>World Communion Scholarships for students outside the USA; Ethnic Scholarships and Ethnic In-Service Training</i>
November	<i>Sovereign Global Mission</i>
December	<i>Daily Planet Medical Respite Program</i>
January	<i>Pathways</i>
February	<i>Heart Havens</i>

# NAMI Walk Update

*from Alane Herbert and Connie Moores, Team Captains*

Thank you to all of our walkers and supporters at Duncan Memorial! With your hard work and generous donations Team DMUMC raised \$1,470 for the NAMI VA walk. NAMI VA raised more than \$134,000. This will make a difference in the lives of those suffering from mental illness and their family members. Thank you so much for your support.

# Hot Topics Calendar

Here's your annual opportunity to focus on topics of general interest, but from overtly and explicitly faith perspectives.

## ***Sunday, January 23, 9:40-10:40 a.m., Flippo Fellowship Hall***

An update on Pathways Ministry in Petersburg by Dwala Ferrell, Executive Director and Mike Watts, Executive Director for Shalom Homes and volunteer coordinator. All adult Sunday school classes and youth are invited to attend. As an added bonus, Dwala and Mike will also be preaching this Sunday at all worship services!

## ***Sunday, February 27, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Flippo Fellowship Hall***

Ashland's Poor – A panel presentation on meeting needs in the Ashland community

## ***Sunday, March 27, Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Program at 1:00 p.m.***

*"The Constitution: A Relevant Document?"*

# Lost Sheep

If you have any information pertaining to these members, please call the church office. We have not heard from them in a *long* time and do not have current addresses for them

- Charles William Fretwell
- Douglas Young
- Richard West

# UMW News

*by Sharon Morgan, President UMW*

Our meeting with the UMM was well-attended. Sandra Stanley, shared experiences from All God's Children Camp. We had delicious food and wonderful fellowship

Our November circle meetings focused on the World Thank Offering program.

UMW will bake cookies and brownies to assist the UMM with the reception at Heart Havens on Sunday, December 12.

The next Duncan Memorial UMW meetings will be January 17, 2011. Circle 1 will meet at 10:30 a.m. The UMW General meeting will be a soup lunch at noon. We will present some very special ladies with mission recognition pins. Hallie Hootman circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. continuing with the mission study "The Beauty and Courage of Sudan, Why a Dream of Peace is Possible".

The next Ashland District meeting is the Annual Prayer Breakfast/Leadership training on January 8, at 9:00 a.m. at Wright's Chapel UMC in Ladysmith. An alternate snow date is January 22. The flyer is on the bulletin board. Reservations are required for their breakfast and the cost is \$7.00 per person.



# December Birthdays

- 1 Dave Swager, Paul Burch
- 2 Susan Staudenmaier, Jeremy Luther
- 3 Rachel Harris
- 4 Sarah Parris, Bigley Liebert
- 5 Janet Reid, Alison Bass-Broaddus, Laura Liebert
- 6 Herb Jacobsen, Gregory Cole, Trevor Puryear, Abigail Leffler
- 7 Brad Rogers
- 8 Nancy Schloemer, Ed Blanton, Harrison Powell
- 9 Colby Burke
- 10 Michael Layne
- 12 Lee Sloppy
- 13 Joe Haugh, Carolyn Key, Thomas Herbert
- 14 Stewart Reid
- 16 Dougee Zeno, Robin Ayers, Chris Perry, Jesse Deaton, Ruth Deaton, Henry Franklin, Carter Zavitz
- 17 David Hindman, Sarah Dettbarn
- 18 Joseph Herbert, Shelby Maceda
- 20 Charlie Van Goor, Lauren Boito, Lucas Swager
- 23 Daphne Lasser
- 25 Harold Stuart, Wesley Baucom
- 26 Keir Burton
- 28 Nathan Hughes, Leah Harris
- 29 Rick Cook
- 30 Bill Hamner, Lisa Davis
- 31 Hannah Hughes

# January Birthdays

- 1 David Cook, Rebekah Turner
- 4 Dawn Plum, Tom Herbert
- 5 Tom Varner
- 6 Joshua Sikkar
- 7 Anna Dykshorn
- 8 Stephanie Martin
- 9 Anne Stiles
- 11 Joshua Sebring, Nathan Sebring, Zachary Stevens
- 13 Ira Andrews
- 14 Samantha Sloppy
- 15 Jan Ernst, Lesley Jones, Kate Leffler, Charles Liebert
- 16 Alice Alexander
- 17 Tom Lasser, Andrew Hodnett
- 18 Kemelee Puryear
- 19 Jack Luck, Patricia Cook
- 20 Allen Gaddy
- 22 Kelly Criste-Cook
- 23 Vinson Harris, Ronald Lucas, Susie Phillips, Rhonda Lacoss
- 24 Darlene Bonds
- 25 Matthew Newell
- 26 Blanche Talton, Gene Smart, Zak Sikkar
- 27 Charlotte Mallory, Olin Dykshorn
- 28 Amanda Sloppy, Rachael Vronek, Carleigh Luck
- 30 Andrea Luther
- 31 Deanna Rogowski, Ann Ballance, David Pettyjohn

# February Birthdays

- 1 Wendy Minton
- 2 Ed Turner, Stewart Hargrove
- 3 Frank Hargrove
- 4 Charlie Martin, Susen Dunmire
- 5 Gladys Ayers, Charles Baskin, David Hoyt
- 8 Kay Small
- 9 Ruth Avery, Dana Harris, Ryan Pettyjohn
- 10 Dale Sayers
- 12 Glenn Easter, Leah Moss
- 13 Paige Flexon, Chris Harbin, Jack Johnson
- 15 Ranny Robertson, Anne Midyette, Wendi Hughes
- 15 *(continued)* Chip Bass
- 16 Tom Wieber, Lynn Hargrove, Matt Moore
- 17 Kevin Parris, Travis Williams
- 18 Lyn Hodnett
- 20 Pat Powell
- 21 Mary Maxey
- 24 Robert Powell
- 25 Jackson Proffitt, Brooke Flexon
- 26 Dan Harris, Valerie Moore
- 27 Glenn Sherrod
- 28 Doug Buerlein, Cheryl Harris, Michael Bradley

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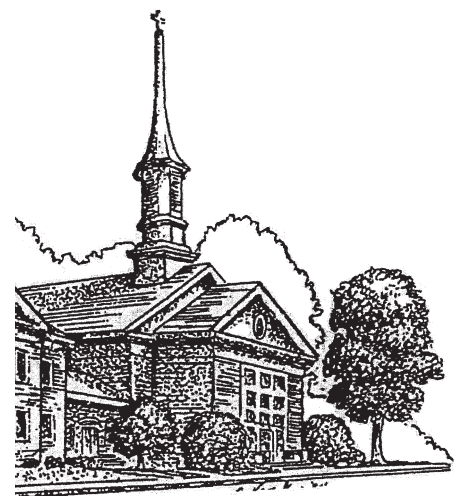
*Copies of the complete 2010 and 2011 lay leadership lists are available in the church office. New leaders for 2011 will be listed in February.*

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## The Dove Dates and Deadlines

*The Dove* is published monthly February-June and August-December. Deadline for materials is the second Monday of the month prior to publication. Articles for the February issue need to be submitted by **Monday, January 10**. E-mail articles to [newsletter@duncanmemorialumc.org](mailto:newsletter@duncanmemorialumc.org).



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## Welcome to Our New Acolytes

On October 31, eight enthusiastic youth were trained to serve as acolytes, continuing a Christian tradition that started in 240 A.D.

Acolytes served a vital role in the early Christian church, lighting the way through the catacombs when the Christian church was driven underground during the Roman Empire. Christians had to meet secretly, and the acolyte was sent ahead of the others, carrying a torch to light the way, and to see if any soldiers lay waiting to capture the Christians. The job required considerable bravery, since many times, the acolyte was captured, imprisoned, and put to death for being a Christian. Fortunately today, the position does not carry that risk!

The acolyte carries the lit wick into the sanctuary at the beginning of the service to remind us that the light of Christ is with us during worship, the altar and peace candles

in the chancel are lit to serve as a reminder of Christ's presence throughout the service, and then the acolyte carries the lit wick out of the church at the end of the service to symbolize the light of Christ going out into the world.

Please welcome and encourage our new acolytes: Shannan Ballance, Shea Burch, Henry Franklin, Thomas Herbert, Devin and Derek Jones, Peyton Luck, and Laura Williamson. These youth join our 14 veteran acolyte/crucifers: Will Burch, Brooke Flexon, Brody (Paul) Franklin, Jonathan and Nicholas Gay, Jud

Hatz, Erin Kitchens, Carleigh Luck, Ben and Nathan McIlwaine, Jennifer and Jamie Moss, Jacob Perry, and Murphy Williamson. We are grateful for their willingness and dedication to serve in worship in this important way. Let us praise God that they have chosen to hold high the torch and the cross of Christ for us each Sunday!

Another training session will be held in the first quarter of 2011 for any interested youth. Please contact Susen Dunmire at 798-1236 or [sdunmire@mindspring.com](mailto:sdunmire@mindspring.com) to let her know of your interest.

## Duncan Memorial Book Group

The Duncan Memorial Book Group will not meet in December. Our next get-together will be January 21 at 5:00 p.m. in the parlor. The January selection is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. *The Help* is a novel set in Jackson, Mississippi at the beginning of the civil rights movement. It tells the stories of black maids in the south and their relationships with the families who employ them. Please join us in January for the discussion.

