

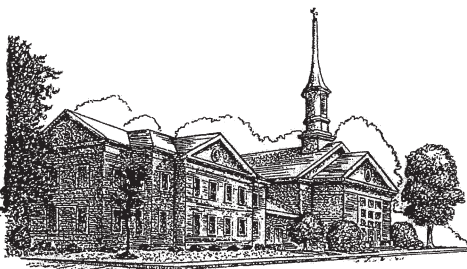
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Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church

October 2010

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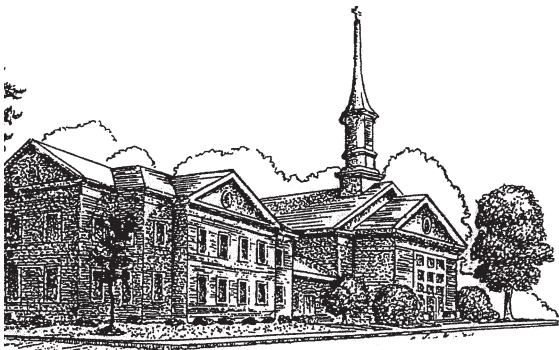


A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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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 Our Pastor

One of the key ingredients in the Recipe for Healing I suggested to us in July is *generosity* – being generous and gracious with each other personally and spiritually, and also in sharing the resources God has given each of us. Those resources include numerous talents and abilities, time, prayers, presence in worship and in the other opportunities for spiritual growth, service to “the least of these” and most in need, and our financial resources.

Generosity is such an amazing opportunity because it connects us more deeply with the God who has given us everything we have and are. My personal experience is that there are few things more wonderful than giving to others – our time, our talents and our resources. We can’t “out-give” God, but as we learn to give more and more, we become more connected to that God and to the healing work of God in this broken, bleeding world.

Every day we are given the opportunity to make choices about where we will invest our lives and our resources. When you think about the great needs of the world and the opportunity we have to do something beautiful and good for God, why would we want to do anything less than make the work of God in the world our #1 priority? I hope you will pray and listen for the voice of God in the coming weeks to discern how you might grow into a more generous person and more like the God who gave us everything in Christ.

Yours in Christ,

David

A Fact-Finding Mission to Israel and Palestine from February 23-March 4, 2011 will be led by Pastor David Hindman in cooperation with the Society for Biblical Studies. The mission trip will explore the role of the church in the Middle East, examine the current dynamics in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and experience the rich cultures of the region, as well as provide an opportunity to meet and engage with a wide range of groups and individuals across the religious, ethnic and political spectrum. An additional four-day extension is available to plant olive trees through Tent of Nations, with participants returning to the U.S. on March 8.

Cost for the 10-day trip is \$2,863 from New York City; the extension costs an additional \$460. For more information, including the full itinerary for this unique trip and registration information, talk to Pastor David or go to http://www.sbsedu.org/L3_missions_SBSfactfinding23.2.11.html.

Pastor David has traveled three times to Israel-Palestine, most recently in 2009, and was one of the faculty for the Virginia Conference School of Christian Mission study of Israel-Palestine in 2007 and 2008.

From the Director of Christian Education

Have any of you ever seen a divining rod used to locate a water source? I recall watching folks in my childhood neighborhood using it to locate the place to dig their wells. At times my parents used divining rods as well. For those of you not familiar with a divining rod, what I saw used were two pieces of thick wire, bent at a 90 degree angle. Holding the rods straight in front of them, they walked slowly across a field. When the wires turned toward each other, it indicated the presence of water.

Determining the will of God for our lives, ministries and church often seems difficult. It makes one wish that God would give us the direction and answer as the divining rod would locate water. As a friend once said, "It would be nice if God would just give me a direct phone call to tell me what to do." While that sounds nice, life does not work that way.

Becca Stevens, Episcopal priest and author of *Hither & Yon*, shares the story of being told that when you are making a decision, pray for a sign and keep walking. She continues to say we should "not stop in our tracks due to indecision or inability to discern God's voice, but it also means we shouldn't rush forward without any direction or insight. It does mean that we should continue working and loving our neighbors while also watching and praying."

Participating in an accountability small group helps in that task of divining God's will in our lives. In those small groups we work to discern, care for and assist out neighbors. Last year in a training session for all small group leaders (including Sunday school leaders) BCS was introduced as the key ingredients for the life and ministry of the church through small groups. As a reminder, *BCS* stands for *Bible study, Caring for one another and Service to others*. Engaging in study of the Word of God, we find a general compass for life, for in God we find our True North. Scripture reminds the disciples and us how caring for one another is vital. Caring for one another within the family of God is a powerful witness to God's love for the world to see. That love of God overflows beyond the family in such a way that we look for opportunities to serve others. Those opportunities for service are diverse and numerous.

How well is your small group practicing the ministry of BCS? Have you kept up with all those who claim membership in your group? Where are they? What are their needs? What type of care is needed? Where in scripture have you heard the voice of God for your mission and ministry? How can you be the conduit for God's love to serve the community? In the coming months we would like to highlight some of those ministries as we celebrate the mission and ministry of Duncan Memorial UMC. Be sure to share those practices with me and others so we can join you in giving thanks.

Blessings, Sandra

Welcome to the Nursery!

We have two young ladies, Edrienna Thomas and Berhana Ibrahim, serving the youngest members of the family and our guests. Edrienna is currently an R-MC student. Berhana graduated from R-MC in May and is back on campus taking additional classes this fall.

Both women have served here for special occasions and have received the orientation and background checks related to our Protection Policy. Remember to stop by to welcome them and get to know them! They are also looking forward to spending time with the children we bring and invite to the nursery.

Orientation for Protection Policy

Do you have children or youth participating in the ministries of Sunday school, choirs, youth group and beyond? Are you also interested in spending time helping or being with them as teachers, chaperones or shepherds? It is important for you to attend the next orientation session on October 10, immediately following 11:00 a.m. worship service. The session will start at about 12:15 p.m. and last no longer than one hour. Bring a sandwich and we will provide drinks.



Christian Education Opportunities for All Ages

“Living for Giving – A Wesleyan View of Stewardship”

“Stewardship is a gift from God, a spiritual discipline and a means of God’s grace. An understanding of stewardship in this light, illuminates our souls and produces the joy through giving that God intends for each of us,” says Bishop Kenneth L. Carder, author of the five-week study. From October 10-November 7, this will be the theme heard in worship, as well as small groups, Sunday school classes and groups meeting at alternative times. Youth and adults are encouraged to select a study group or class where you can participate with the congregation with this conversation – “Living for Giving.” (*also see page 10*)

Small Group Addition

A small group was left out of the listing in last month’s newsletter. Now under the leadership of Rev. Bill Chappell, a group is studying “First Class Mail from the Apostle Paul: Galatians and Philippians” on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

Westview’s Winter Camp, December 10-12

\$105/person by November 21 • westviewonthejames.org

Winter Camp is for children and youth ages 7-15. Westview’s summer camp counselors join us for the weekend and lead the campers in their activities. The seven- to 11-year-olds are in day groups. The 12- to 15-year-olds will decide their own activities as groups. Winter Camp offers everyone a chance to explore what waiting for Jesus’ birth really means and gives parents a chance to have their own holiday fun.

Duncan Memorial Church Family Journey of Faith and Discipleship

Every week Duncan Memorial is blessed with visitors – both R-MC students and persons simply traveling through our area. What a gift!

If you have been a part of the Duncan Memorial community and finding this to be a place to grow in faith and friendship, you may want to consider becoming a member of Duncan Memorial UMC. Later this fall we will provide a new member class. If you would like to be included, contact Pastor David at david.hindman@duncanmemorialumc.org or 798-7224.

R-MC students are also invited to consider becoming associate or affiliate members of Duncan Memorial, which allows us to include you more fully in our church’s ministry while keeping your membership in your home church.

“beginnings”

Do you have questions of faith or know someone looking for an opportunity to explore faith questions?

In a neutral location for those uncomfortable in a church, “beginnings” is being offered at the Station Café (113 S. Railroad Ave.) on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. This is a cooperative venture between Duncan Memorial, Kenwood and Lebanon UMC Churches. While this venture started September 21, there is always an open space for newcomers.

Hot Topics

The Hot Topics Team at Duncan Memorial has been hard at work planning programs for 2011.

We plan to have three programs next year. The first will be on Sunday, January 23, 2011 during the Sunday school hour. The next one is planned for Sunday, February 27, 2011, 3:00-4:30 p.m. The third program will be on Sunday, March 27, 2011, and lunch will be served immediately after church with the program beginning at 1:00 p.m.

We will explore the needs of Ashland’s poor during the February program. What is being done to meet those needs and what can we do to help?

If you would like to help us plan this program, please contact Betty Shamburger at 883-5223 or horshubr@embarqmail.com.

October Youth Activities – Join in the Fun

Youth Council

The Youth Council will meet on October 3 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to these meetings to discuss up-coming events. We will be working to get the committees up and running.

This summer the Council set up four committees: fundraising, programs, publicity and volunteer. The fundraising committee is coordinating all the fundraisers, activities, missions and special projects for the year. The publicity committee is responsible for articles in the newsletter and bulletin, for posters and for Sunday morning announcements about upcoming events. The programs committee is planning the details of weekly and special programs such as retreats, Bible studies, and fun activities. The volunteer committee will be recruiting volunteers to help with all activities, including meals on Sunday night and chaperones for events.

Each of these is very important to the success of our youth program. The youth council will be inviting people to join one of these committees to help us have the best possible year.

Swimming at the Brock Center

On October 10, the youth group will go to the Brock Center at R-MC to swim in their pool. We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. for devotions and dinner. Then we'll walk to the Brock Center to swim from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Bring your swim suit and towel. Parents, pick up your children at the Brock Center at 8:00 p.m.

50s Dinner Fundraiser

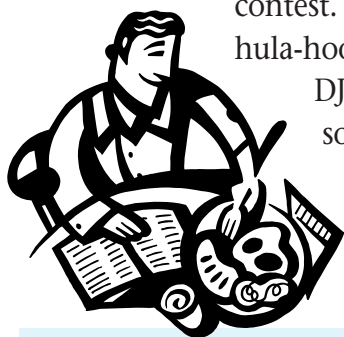
The youth of Duncan Memorial will be hosting a 50s dinner on October 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m. There will be music, contests, and lots of hot dogs, hamburgers and fries. Come in costume to win the "best-dressed"

contest. There will be contests for bubble gum blowing, hula-hooping, and many other fun activities and prizes.

DJs will be there for music, and we are hoping for some live music as well! All proceeds will be used for the youth mission trips during the year.

Dinner is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children.

Bring the whole family for a evening of *fun!*



Contact Information for Dawne Vronek

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Home: dvronek@comcast.net

Mission Weekend for Middle Schoolers

On October 15-17, there is a middle school mission weekend at Westview on the James. Throughout the weekend, youth will put their faith into action as they serve the people of the local community by doing minor home repairs and lawn care. These families do not have the financial and/or physical means to do this maintenance. The work of these youth will help keep each of the families safer, warmer and drier. Come and share God's love with others. Cost for this weekend is \$100 per participant. Contact Dawne Vronek at 651-0786 to register.

A.C.E.S. Scavenger Hunt

October 24 is our annual A.C.E.S. Scavenger Hunt. We need everyone's participation to make this a success. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., the youth will come around to homes collecting items for A.C.E.S. They are always in need of clothes (socks, gloves, sweaters) and food (beans, canned meats and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, stew, soup). A list of needs will be in the bulletin during the month of October. Please contact the church if you have items to be picked up that evening and we will see that we have a group of youth come by your home. The group that collects the most items on their check list will be the evening's winners, but the real winner is A.C.E.S.

Looking Ahead to November

Middle School Fall Beach Retreat

The middle school fall beach retreat will be November 5-7 in Kill Devil Hills, N.C. The topic of this retreat is "Risk-Taking Faith," leap before you look. There will be time to get to know other students and to explore the beach. Our study time will be focusing on Bible characters who exemplified risk-taking faith. Come join us on our journey. It's guaranteed to be fun and exciting. The cost is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available, so don't let the cost be the reason not to join us.

Jewelry Auction Coming in November!

Do you have any jewelry you will never wear or just isn't your style? Well, if you do, let the youth know. They are planning a jewelry auction November 14. We have a good start in nice jewelry, but we know everyone has pieces they just won't wear. It can help send a youth on a mission trip. All money raised by this auction will go toward the youth mission trips. Details on the auction coming soon, but we need your donations now! Thanks for your help.

Single Again?

Separated, Divorced, Widowed? – An Event for Newly Single Persons

The Virginia Conference is sponsoring a Single Again retreat, December 3-5, 2010 at Blessings Lodge at Overlook Retreat and Camp Ministries in Keezletown, Va. This retreat will explore the trials, hurts and loneliness of being single again, and search for the road that leads to healing and wholeness. Participants will join with others who have found themselves single again through separation, divorce, or death. Brief presentations, small-group reflections, and expressive worship will help restore body and soul. The cost for the weekend – lodging and meals – is \$105. Register online at www.campoverlook.org or contact Dawne Vronek.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Our annual Fall Kick-Off and Lunch on the Lawn was a huge success! We could not have our outdoor activities, but there was incredible interest and excitement. Nearly 300 persons attended one of our worship celebrations and our fellowship hall was filled with conversation and delicious food.

Everyone had the opportunity to learn about ways to serve Christ or to grow in faith and discipleship. More than two dozen door prizes were given. Pastor David raised nearly \$75 for missions through the "Baptize the Preacher Sponge Toss." Both our Manna Band and Matt Zavitz shared their musical talents.

The Beacon

The Beacon is a Randolph-Macon College student-led worship service, each Tuesday evening 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 come join them for 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!



Hats off to our planning team (Lisa Davis, Cheryl Harris, Pat Koontz, Sue Ann Lewis, Gordon McDaniel, Sandra Stanley) and others: Libby Bradley, Paul and Will Burch, Jessie Deaton, Terry Haugh, Cheryl Lindgren, Sandy McDaniel, Sharon Morgan, Danny and Mark Phillips, R-MC staff, and Scout Troop 700.

District Conference and Leadership Training Event

Saturday, November 20, 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mark this date and plan to attend! Lunch will be served to interested persons at the cost of \$7.00/person. Reservations with a check for the meal are required no later than November 1. Meal choices will include: 1) chicken salad croissant, 2) roasted turkey croissant or 3) vegetarian egg salad. Contact our church office (798-7224) or the district office (798-1649) for information.

Conference Keynote: Marc Brown, Virginia Conference Director of Connectional Ministries will speak on “Asking the Right Questions.” Marc will also present two workshops – “Speaking Order to Chaos” and “Fishing on the Right Side of the Boat.” Ten other workshops will be offered as well.

Other Workshops: • I Love to Tell the Story: Church Communications 101 – Neil Caldwell

- Engaging Young People in Mission and Social Justice – Angie Williams
- Missing in Action: Improving Our Ministries to Young Adults – Angie Williams
- How an Inviting Congregation Prepares for Guests – Anna Workman
- Tomorrow’s Church: What Will the Future Bring? – Anna Workman
- Intentional Faith Development – Planning for Your Congregation – Jan Failes
- Called to be a Lay Leader: Training Lay Leaders – Larry Tubbs
- Training S-PRC Members – Mark Ogren
- Checking Vital Signs – Brenda Pusso
- Children’s Ministry – Cindy Lee

Music Ministry Notes

by Teena Chinn, Director of Music

Fall is a joyous time in music ministry, because the ensembles resume their weekly rehearsals. Everyone who loves to sing or play an instrument is welcome to join a group any time of the year, but fall is a great time to become a member of a music ensemble.

It isn’t necessary to know how to read music to join choir or handbells, and no experience is needed. Music ensembles function like a small group ministry within the church. Rehearsals provide fun fellowship as well as an opportunity for spiritual growth while praising God through music.

If you have friends or family members who love music and don’t have a home church, invite them to join one of our ensembles. It is a great way to reach out to others to join our church family.

If you have any questions, contact Teena Chinn at 798-7224 or email teena.chinn@duncanmemorialumc.org.

For the children in the elementary classes – Beginning October 24, at 9:40 a.m., Opening Assembly with Teena Chinn. This group will meet every Sunday morning in Room 13.

Note: On September 19, we welcomed Teena Chinn as our new Director of Music. Teena is a graduate of Morehead State University and Indiana University music programs. Teena has a strong commitment to helping to grow our music ministry.

Driver Safety

Duncan Memorial will sponsor a two-day AARP Driver Safety Course at the church on October 12-13 (Tuesday and Wednesday) from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The course is specially targeted to meet the needs of drivers age 50 and over.

The course is an excellent refresher to bring all drivers up to date on the many changes that have been made to vehicles and highways, along with suggestions on how to compensate for the effects of aging on driving skills.

The cost of the class is \$14 (\$12 for AARP members with a valid membership card) and it meets the requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia to qualify for an insurance discount. For more information or to register for the course call the church office at 798-7224 or call Joe Haugh at 550-3325.

Church Council – Summary of Summer Meetings

June 24

The June meeting of the Church Council took no significant action. The Council discussed the need to paint the parsonage before Pastor Hindman moved in. There was discussion of attendance at Council meetings. Those present decided that the chair should send the agenda in advance of meetings and that members of the Council need to send a substitute if they cannot attend.

July 22

Pastor Hindman explained his plan to restore the 8:00 a.m. Communion service and shift the times of the other services to accommodate as many people as possible. This plan was approved at a previous meeting of the Worship Team.

Jerry Sims reported the Staff-Parish Relations Team had created a search committee of musicians and singers to cull the applications. The SPR team will interview those selected and hopefully employ someone by mid-September.

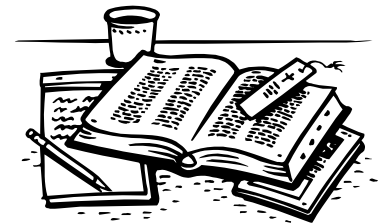
Dave Stoakley reported from the Annual Conference that the Conference plans to reduce the number of districts from 18 to 16 by July 1, 2011. This plan would eliminate the Ashland District and our church would be put into the Richmond District. There will be opportunities for input before this transition occurs. He also noted a number of trainings available related to The Five Talent Academy and Leadership to be held in autumn.

Bill Holman reported that the Trustees have plans to make repairs and spend some money on maintenance. The Council endorsed the actions of the Trustees.

The Finance report indicated the expected loss of collection revenue for summer months. The staff has kept expenses low but there is still a gap that we hope will be filled as summer ends.

August and Autumn

There was no August meeting. A meeting was scheduled for September 23. The next Council meetings are scheduled for October 28 and November 18 at 7:00 p.m. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend. Issues for the agenda should be suggested to Coordinator Joe Haugh in advance.



UM Women News

by Sharon Morgan, UM Women President

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, ‘Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?’ Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won’t feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It’s not just in some of us; it’s in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.”

This quote is often attributed to Nelson Mandela, but it is really by Marianne Williamson from her book *A Return To Love: Reflections on the Principles of A Course in Miracles*, Harper Collins, 1992. From Chapter 7, Section 3 (Pg. 190-191).

This quote was a part of our study about Sudan at The School of Christian Mission. Nelson Mandela is quoted as saying something similar but more brief: *“There is no passion to be found playing small – in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living.”*

The women of Duncan Memorial’s UMW are encouraging everyone to let their light shine – not settle for less, no playing small.

Our October meetings are on October 18 at 10:30 a.m. for Circle 1 and 1:00 p.m. for Hallie Hootman. Information about the evening circle will be in the bulletin. (Bulletins can always be accessed from the church web site – www.duncanmemorialumc.org.)

Scripture Readings for Sundays in October

Two major emphases will be presented in our worship life in October. World Communion Sunday is our annual opportunity to remember that the Lord's Table extends around the entire creation and that we are one in Christ Jesus with sisters and brothers whose hues, languages, and accents are a rich harmony of praise. The remaining Sundays will be focused around the theme "Living is Giving – A Wesleyan View of Stewardship."

Each Sunday we will be exploring what it means to give ourselves to Christ in every aspect of our living – not simply our financial resources but also our time, talent, service and witness. Our Sunday worship will focus on topics and biblical texts being discussed across the Duncan Memorial family in youth and adult Sunday school classes, men's and women's groups and elsewhere. "Living is Giving" will also include our celebrations of the work of our Stephen Ministers and our lay leadership.

While Pastor David and others won't necessarily be using all the readings listed here for our worship

celebrations in October, you are invited to read the lessons for each week as a spiritual practice and in preparation to hear what God may say to you when we gather as a faith family.

October 3 (*World Communion Sunday*): Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 10 (*Stephen Ministry Sunday – Stewardship as Christian Discipleship*): Exodus 18:13-27; Psalm 100; Acts 6:1-7

October 17 (*Laity Sunday – Stewardship as Sharing in God's Life and Mission*): Psalm 116; Philippians 2:1-11

October 24 (*R-MC Homecoming – Stewardship of Vocation*): Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16; Matthew 10:1, 5-15

October 31 (*Reformation Sunday – Stewardship as Living Simply*): Exodus 16:1, 4-21; Psalm 105:1-5, 37, 39-43; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5, 8-15, 24

The Joys of Prayer Shawl Knitting

by Lisa Davis

There's something very soothing about knitting a prayer shawl. The "clack clack, swish swish" sound of needles plying yarn is comforting, like rain on the rooftop.

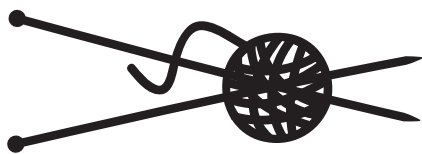
There's something very fun about knitting a prayer shawl. What color yarn will I use? What pattern will I try this time? Who will be at next Tuesday's meeting?

There's something very meaningful about knitting a prayer shawl. Feeling the fellowship of the knitters. Feeling God's presence as we knit. Knowing that the shawl will help comfort someone who truly needs it.

But the greatest joy of all is knowing that we have wrapped 226 people with not only our shawls and our prayers, but God's love as well. The gift touches the

giver as well as the receiver. I have seen how moving it is for the shawl knitter to know that her shawl has helped someone.

Our meetings are now at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights in the parlor. We have begun a devotion study of various women who have given of their gifts as well. They are short, but very interesting. We encourage you to join us.



Remember ... We can always use monetary donations for yarn if you feel moved that way. Simply reference "Prayer Shawl" in the memo portion of the check.

Calendar - October 2010

Day	Time	Event	Day	Time	Event
26	8:00 AM	R-MC Family Weekend	2	7:00 PM	Young Adults (FH/K)
	9:00 AM	Youth Retreat			
	8:00 AM	Casual Worship (FH)			
	8:50 AM	J.O.L.T. Worship			
	9:40 AM	Sunday School			
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship			
	12:00 PM	Troop 700			
	5:00 PM	Youth Choir (CR)			
	6:00 PM	UM Youth (FH/5/8)			
3	8:00 AM	World Communion Sunday	7	11:00 AM	Seasoned Adults Workshop
	8:00 AM	Casual Worship (FH)		11:00 AM	Living for Giving (P)
	8:50 AM	J.O.L.T. Worship		12:00 PM	Food Co-op (FH)
	9:40 AM	Sunday School		7:00 PM	Manna Band Practice (S)
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship			
	4:00 PM	Youth Council (9)			
	5:00 PM	Youth Choir (CR)			
	6:00 PM	UM Youth (FH/5/8)			
8	8:00 AM	UM Men	8	8:00 AM	UM Men
	9:00 AM	CROP Walk		9:00 AM	CROP Walk
	9:00 AM	NAAMI Walk		9:00 AM	NAAMI Walk
	7:00 PM	Young Adults (FH/K)		7:00 PM	Young Adults (FH/K)
9	8:00 AM	Casual Worship (FH)	15	4:00 PM	R-MC Classes end
	8:50 AM	J.O.L.T. Worship		4:00 PM	Youth Fundraising Dinner (FH/K)
	9:40 AM	Sunday School			
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship			
	12:15 PM	Protection Policy			
	Orientation (FH)				
	5:00 PM	Youth Choir (CR)			
	6:00 PM	UM Youth (FH/5/8)			
10	6:00 PM	Stewardship Sunday	16	7:00 PM	Young Adults (FH/K)
	8:00 AM	Casual Worship (FH)			
	8:50 AM	J.O.L.T. Worship			
	9:40 AM	Sunday School			
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship			
	12:15 PM	Protection Policy			
	Orientation (FH)				
	5:00 PM	Youth Choir (CR)			
	6:00 PM	UM Youth (FH/5/8)			
17	10:30 AM	Lady Sunday	21	11:00 AM	Living for Giving (P)
	8:00 AM	Casual Worship (FH)		12:00 PM	Food Co-op (FH)
	8:50 AM	J.O.L.T. Worship		7:00 PM	Manna Band Practice (S)
	9:40 AM	Sunday School			
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship			
	5:00 PM	Book Group (P)			
	5:00 PM	Youth Choir (CR)			
	6:00 PM	UM Youth (FH/5/8)			
24	8:00 AM	R-MC Homecoming Weekend	28	11:00 AM	Living for Giving (P)
	8:00 AM	Casual Worship (FH)		12:00 PM	Food Co-op (FH)
	8:50 AM	J.O.L.T. Worship		7:00 PM	Church Council (FH)
	9:40 AM	Sunday School		7:00 PM	Manna Band Practice (S)
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship			
	5:00 PM	Youth Choir (CR)			
	6:00 PM	UM Youth (FH/5/8)			
27	6:00 PM	HSP (6)	29	11:00 AM	Living for Giving (P)
	6:30 PM	Disciple 2 (P)		12:00 PM	Food Co-op (FH)
	7:00 PM	Chorale (S)		7:00 PM	Church Council (FH)
				7:00 PM	Manna Band Practice (S)
28	10:00 AM	His. of Christianity (FH)	30	7:00 PM	Young Adults (FH/K)
	6:00 PM	Handbells (10)			
	6:00 PM	Prayer Shawi (P)			
	6:30 PM	Beth Moore Study (MR/FH)			
	7:00 PM	beginnings (Station Café)			
	7:00 PM	SPR (11)			
	7:30 PM	R-MC Worship (S)			
29	10:00 AM	His. of Christianity (FH)	31	8:00 AM	Casual Worship (FH)
	6:00 PM	Handbells (10)		8:50 AM	J.O.L.T. Worship
	6:00 PM	Prayer Shawi (P)		9:40 AM	Sunday School
	6:30 PM	Beth Moore Study (MR/FH)		11:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	7:00 PM	beginnings (Station Café)			
	7:00 PM	Worship Team (FH)			
	7:30 PM	R-MC Worship (S)			
30	12:00 PM	Food Co-op (FH)			
	7:00 PM	InterVarsity (S)			
	7:00 PM	Manna Band Practice (S)			

Check the church Web site www.duncanmemorialumc.org for calendar updates.

Living is Giving – A Wesleyan View of Stewardship

by David Hindman, Pastor

This fall our church family will take time to think and pray together about generosity and giving as central elements to our Christian walk. We will use a resource written by Kenneth L. Carder, retired United Methodist bishop and Bishop-in-Residence at Duke University. In addition to worship and preaching focusing on the discipleship issue of stewardship, we will hear from church members who have found generosity to be a life-changing joy. We will have the opportunity to share in this five-week congregation-wide study. The culmination of our time of prayer and discernment will happen on All Saints Day, November 7, when we as members of the church family will make commitments of time, prayers, service and resources to the work of

Book Group

The Duncan Memorial Book Group will get together Sunday, October 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the church parlor. We'll be discussing *A History of God: The 4000-Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam* by Karen Armstrong. This will be a thought-provoking read and an interesting conversation. Please join us!

Upcoming selections:

- November – *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom
- January – *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

Christ as expressed in the ministry and mission of DMUMC. More details will be sent to our church family early in October.

The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This involves our answering the call of Christ to be faithful and to be in mission to and with others. That call cannot be accomplished fully without being good stewards or managers of all of God's resources, including our finances, time, talent, service and witness.

The reason we encourage giving is to meet the spiritual need of the giver to share what God has given, in order to grow in faith and to join others in fulfilling our sacred mission. Giving is a spiritual matter and reflects our commitment to Jesus Christ. The wise stewardship of our financial resources energizes a strong ministry of outreach and assists individual believers to

Living is Giving Study Group

Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.
October 7-November 4
Led by Margie Turbyfill
Bring your bag lunch

establish and keep a healthy relationship with money and material possessions in their own lives.

We do not give to maintain Duncan Memorial UMC as an institution. In fact, we might be so bold as to say the church doesn't need our money as much as we need to give in order to deepen our spiritual roots in Christ. We hope all of us will take advantage of this opportunity to think and pray about how we might put ourselves at God's disposal in new ways in the coming year. Please continue to pray for our ministry and mission, that God may be glorified in all we do, and the world might experience healing through our love in action.

Stewardship Survey

On September 12 at the Fall Kick-Off, surveys were available for people to indicate the areas in which they might be interested in sharing their gifts, talents and abilities for the mission and ministry of Duncan Memorial to the congregation and community. Additional surveys are available for you to examine and complete. If time did not allow adequate consideration of the survey, you are invited to complete another one. You will find these surveys in the narthex, fellowship hall and church office. Completed forms can be left with the church office.

Thanks to everyone who has completed the stewardship survey!

The Story of Stephen Ministry

by Rhonda Toussaint

Stephen Ministry – where did it all begin? It dates back to 1974 when Kenneth C. Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist, was pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Mo. Fresh out of seminary, his strengths and heart were in caregiving ministry, and he was looking forward to making a positive impact on his congregation and community by providing pastoral care to all those experiencing life difficulties.

Very quickly he found that the needs for care by far exceeded that which he alone could provide. He faced one of a pastor's greatest frustrations: seeing people slipping through the cracks because their urgent needs were going unmet. In November of 1974, he discussed the situation with two seminary friends. The conversation turned to Ephesians 4 and "equipping the saints for the work of ministry." Haugk realized that God didn't intend for pastors to monopolize ministry. Rather, God gave all his people gifts for ministry and one of his roles as pastor was to equip others to use their gifts in ministry.

Haugk returned to St. Stephen's with a plan. He recruited nine lay people who had the gifts and heart to do caring ministry. Then he used his combined backgrounds in theology and psychology to develop a training program in Christian caregiving. By March 1975, the nine were commissioned as "Stephen Ministers."

The impact was immediate. People began receiving the focused Christian care they needed. Fewer people were slipping through the cracks, and Haugk found he had more time to perform his other pastoral duties. The Stephen Ministers were surprised by the spiritual growth they encountered as they saw God working through them to bring love and healing to others.

The story would have ended there, had not the Stephen Ministers cornered Haugk on a May morning after worship services. "This is good stuff," they said to him. "We're not going to let you go until you promise to bring this ministry to other churches!" Haugk gave in and agreed to find a way to bring Stephen Ministry to other churches.

In November 1975, Haugk and his wife Joan founded the not-for-profit Stephen Ministries organization and began bringing Stephen

Ministry to other congregations. Duncan Memorial UMC is one of more than 9,000 congregations from more than 90 Christian denominations that now has Stephen Ministry. Over a quarter million people have been trained as Stephen Ministers. More than a million people around the world have been touched by God's love through a Stephen Minister. That is the mark of God's doing, because finally the story of Stephen Ministry is a million stories and more of caring ministry.

You can hear more about Stephen Ministry during all three worship services on October 10. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Leader about being a Stephen Minister or about receiving care, call Rhonda Toussaint at 798-6039 (h) or 402-9523 (c). ***A new training class for Stephen Ministers will begin in January 2011!***

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Our United Methodist News Magazine

The easiest way to know what's happening in the ministry of the United Methodist Church in Virginia and around the world is to subscribe to the *Virginia Advocate*, the award-winning, full-color monthly newsmagazine of the Virginia Conference of the UMC. In addition to news and information about upcoming training and discipleship events, every month brings helpful ideas we can try at Duncan Memorial and inspiring stories of faith in action. The most recent issue featured very helpful articles about ministry in mid-size congregations like Duncan Memorial – that one issue was worth the annual subscription of only \$15 (\$12 for bulk orders of five or more coming to one address). Join the more than 15 members of Duncan Memorial already benefiting from reading the *Virginia Advocate*; contact the church office (798-7224 or office@duncanmemorialumc.org) to enter your subscription this month!

Mission News

CROP Walk

Join us for the CROP walk on Saturday October 9, 9:00 a.m., Carter Park. This is a 5K (3 mile) walk around Ashland with neighbors from different churches walking to raise awareness and funds to fight hunger. CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcoming Poverty. You can sign up to walk on the bulletin board beside the library or talk to Lyle Wieber (883-6177) or Stephanie Nixon (386-8862). Please support our walk as we take a stand against hunger!

NAMI Walk

The Stephen Ministers remind you of the 5-K NAMI Walk on October 9 at Innsbrook. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) seeks to make a difference in the lives of people with mental illness. The money raised will support mental illness research, education and programs. For information, contact Connie Moores (227-3149) or Alane Herbert (314-5526).

Funds for Heart Havens

For almost two years, a group women from Duncan Memorial has been meeting to give to various missions. Recently they participated in a yard sale at First Baptist Church. With much clearing out, hauling in, setting up and selling of wares, they were able to amass a total of \$459.10 which will be given to Heart Havens as they build a new home in Ashland. A considerable amount of treasure was also given to Goodwill!

Note: There will be a concert to benefit Heart Havens at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 9, at Lebanon UMC (746-0980).

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

October Birthdays

- 1 Glenn Williams, Cody Dedmon
- 2 Nancy Taylor, Tim Norman, Andrew Person
- 3 Steve Tuell, Tonya Croston, Tyler Phaup
- 4 Ross Luck, Michael Vaden, David Toussaint
- 5 Paul Franklin
- 6 Carlene Bass, Judy Johnson, Jessie Buerlein
- 7 Les Dukes, Rich Fisher
- 8 Corinne Luck
- 9 Ricky Edwards, Scott Prunty, Beth Phillips, Jazmyn McLaren
- 10 Sabrina Lacoss, Callahan Inge
- 11 Julie Lefever, Craig Hatz
- 12 Bruce Spiller, Tom Hatz, Mason Thornburg
- 14 Carmen Dodl
- 15 Skip Andrews, Will Burch, Sydney Inge
- 16 Beverly Seay
- 17 Joe Stiles
- 18 Jamie Flanagan, Josh Chidsey
- 19 Maxine Akers
- 20 Sandy Roll
- 21 Barbara Lacoss, Stewart Hargrove, Sandy McDaniel, Jim Toussaint
- 22 Tammy Proffitt, Elizabeth Sloppy
- 23 Sam Gaddy
- 24 Jennie Reynolds, Shandy Hamner
- 25 Sharon Blanton
- 26 Susan Wall, Brittany McGraw, Libby Shoolroy
- 28 Betty Fitzgerald, Ray Martin, Becket Franklin
- 29 Charlotte Jones, Tom Small
- 30 Linda Cook, Les Cook

Early November Birthdays

- 1 Hannah Kannegieter
- 2 Joshua Minton
- 3 Faith Van Goor, Greg Lindgren
- 5 Mike Voss, Laura Williamson
- 6 Ed Ayers
- 7 Randy Ayers, Amy Harris, Derek Jones, Andrea Lindgren, Alexander Lacoss
- 8 Carol Martin, Matt Zavitz
- 9 Alma Perrin, Debbie Bondi, Sarah LePeter

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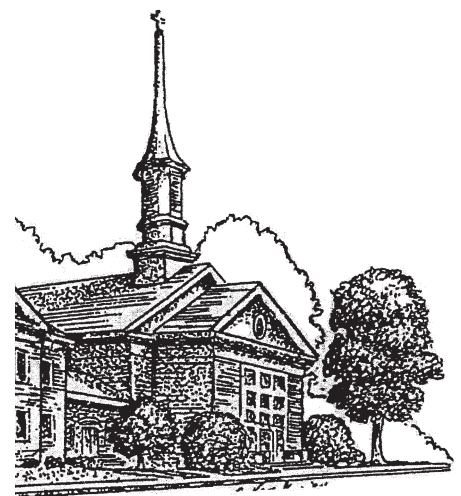
Copies of the complete 2010 lay leadership list are available in the church office.

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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 November issue need to be submitted by **Monday, October 11**. E-mail articles to newsletter@duncanmemorialumc.org.



Change Service Requested

The Fellowship Team Spotlight – Meals On Wings

by Lisa Davis

There are many different groups and committees under the Fellowship Team. Each month we will be highlighting a different one to make you aware of what they do. This month – *Meals on Wings*.

There are a few times when it's just too difficult to cook a meal. There are so many other things that are on your mind – the hospital, your loved one, the kids, work, the funeral. That's where Meals on Wings can help.

The Meals on Wings ministry prepares meals for individuals and families who are going through difficult times. Whether it is due to a hospital stay or mourning, this group has the ability to prepare a meal for one person, a family or a larger extended family if need be. Multiple meals can be arranged as well.

Headed up by Pat Koontz, meals are prepared by congregation members and delivered to the family's home.

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to be called on occasionally to help prepare these meals. It doesn't take much and

it's a very generous gesture of your time and culinary talents. Please contact Pat Koontz (798-3500) or Lisa Davis (ldavis@vmlins.org) if you wish to join this ministry.

If you know of someone in need, please make the church office or Pat aware. We are here to help!

Table Fellowship

by Diane Stoakley

The 2010 season of Table Fellowship began with a kick-off appetizer/dessert social at the home of Diane and Dave Stoakley

last December and ended with a picnic at Betty and Van Shamburgers in May. In between these two events, Table Fellowship participants enjoyed a monthly opportunity to dine in groups of eight with others from Duncan Memorial. The food and fellowship were outstanding and many close relationships have begun at these events.

Please consider joining us for the 2011 season. Planning is underway now. For more information, please contact either:

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