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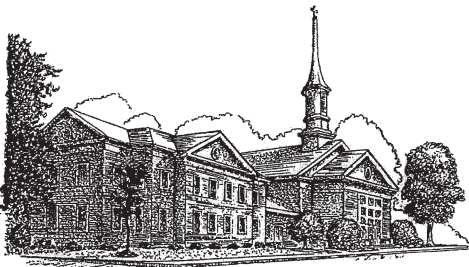
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*“Plants give us
oxygen for the lungs
and for the soul.”*

– Linda Solegato



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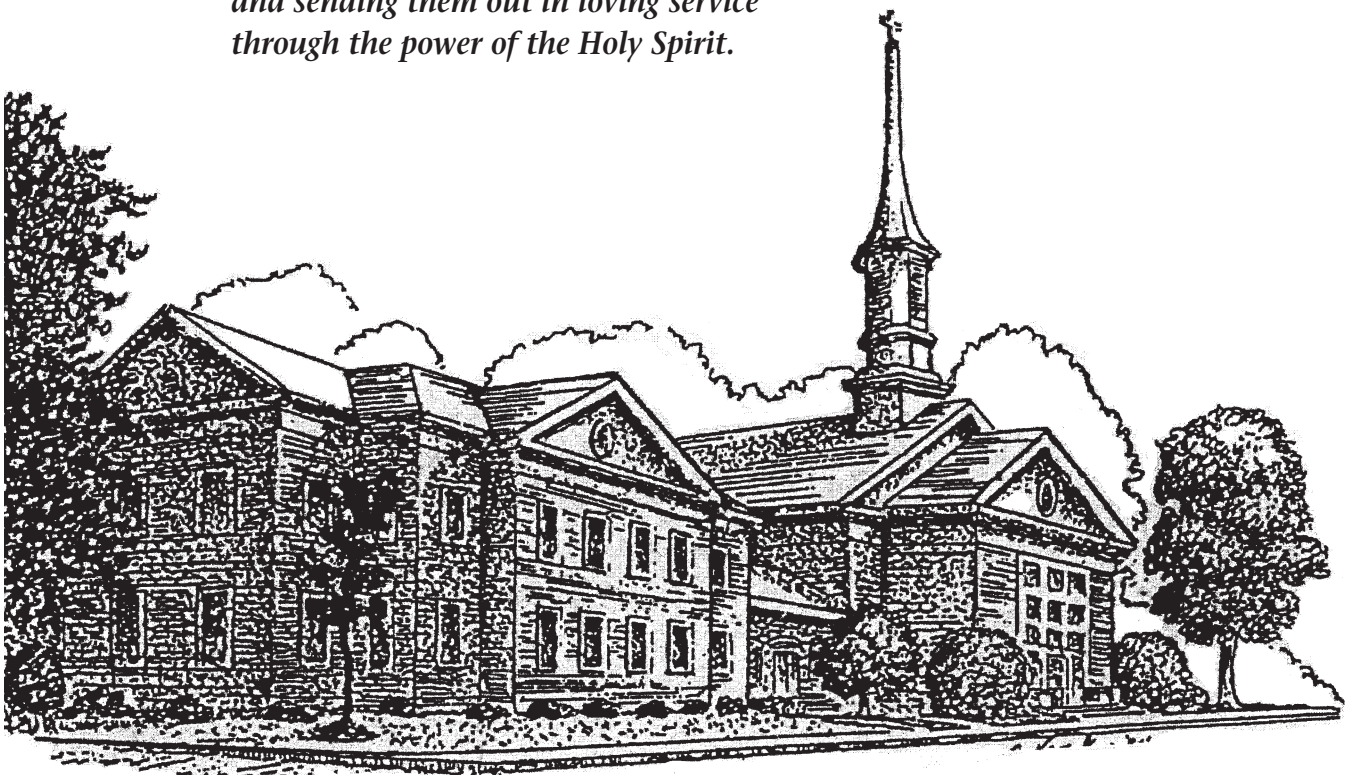
Sunday Schedule

- **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*

Wednesday Schedule

- **7:00 p.m.** *Casual worship (including previous Sunday's sermon) with weekly celebration of Holy Communion, 45 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.*



Message from the Pastor

“Christians are made, not born.”

-Tertullian (160-220), an early Christian leader

How did you learn the lifestyle, attitudes, values and practices of the Christian faith? In an earlier time, one or more of the following may have contributed to the making of you as a follower of Christ: family daily devotions and a family altar in your home, mealtime prayers, personal daily Bible reading, Sunday worship (morning *and* evening), Sunday School, confirmation (usually only six weeks), youth group, music program, Bible study, Wednesday night prayer meeting, summer camp, annual revival, Vacation Bible School, scripture recitation at school, Blue Laws (everything was closed on Sunday so why not go to church?). You may have also had the perception that *everyone* in your family and community were Christians, so becoming a church member was a fairly typical and conventional thing to do.

In case you hadn't noticed, that's no longer the case. Truth be told, most of these practices are not typical of most households (not even among us who call ourselves Christians), and being a member of a church is no longer as socially expected as it was in the past.

Here's how I see things today. Even among those of us who claim to be Christ followers, many (most?) of us are being influenced by many other cultural factors much more than by the Christian faith community. As a starter, the majority of nominal Christians in the United States are not involved currently in a congregation *at all*. That would be true of our faith family at Duncan Memorial, too. Even for the minority of us who are active at some level, attendance at Christian worship is sporadic for the majority of us, averaging less than twice a month, as jobs, sports, work and other commitments oftentimes win over our promise to worship; and the church oftentimes only offers Sunday morning worship. In contrast to the many ways available to participate in spiritual formation practices in

previous generations, generally our participation in worship and spiritual formation practices is limited to only an hour or two a week. Only a minority of our church members, for example, at Duncan Memorial during our Stewardship campaign last fall made a committed effort to pray, serve the poor, share their faith with others, attend worship, or give financial resources to the mission and ministry of Christ's church. While the biblical standard of giving is the tithe (10 percent of our income), very few church members approximate that level of generosity. When compared to our participation in sports, gaming, watching TV, spending time on the computer, or extracurricular activities beyond work, the portion of our lives given to growing up into Christ is minimal for many. The practices of an era gone by of mealtime prayers, daily Bible study, personal witnessing to others, or family devotions are a faint memory or a completely foreign idea to most of us.

This is not intended to point fingers; it is simply a description of the reality of us living in a post-Christian culture where belonging to the church is optional or something that garners our attention or time in a much less significant way than in the past.

Here's an interesting fact. Across the United States last fall, 23 percent of all new college students claimed *no* religious affiliation with *any* faith community, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Wiccan, or other. We definitely live in a secular, post-Christian society. In the words of many scholars, Christendom (the view that our culture is shaped and influenced primarily by Christian values and practices) is over. Many young adults see no reason to become involved in a faith community and don't see that it makes much difference in the lives of many who claim to be a faithful person, and so they ask, "Why bother?" Even if we (naively) believe young adults will return to the church when they marry and have children, one quarter of them have no church to which to return, and with young

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From the Director of Christian Education

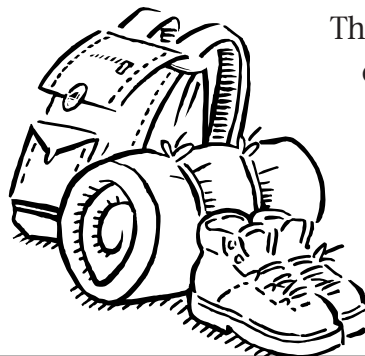
Special Thanks to . . .

- **Charlie and Ann Martin** for sharing the farm with day campers again! God blessed us with superb weather as well as fun, safe times!
- **Diane Stoakley, Kendra Swager, Betty Perkinson, Brian and Connie Moores, Tonya Sikkar, Sharon Morgan** and all others who helped make Day Camp a great place for everyone present!
- **Participants of day camp** for donations of farm supplies and monetary gifts for Shalom Farms. Located at Westview on the James, Shalom Farms is dedicated to growing nutritious food for the hungry and teaching them to grow their own food for personal use or sale.
- **Erin Kitchens, Ivy Kline, Ben McIlwaine, Nathan McIlwaine, Andrea Morgan, Sharon Morgan, Jamie Moss, Rebekah Sikkar, Robbin Stiles** and **Amy Tompkins** for their leadership in Bug Buddy Camp.
- **Chris Wirth**, R-MC student, who visited Bug Buddy Camp with bugs.
- **Ben McIlwaine, Jamie Moss, Andrea Morgan, Sharon Morgan, Rebekah Sikkar, Robbin Stiles** and **Amy Tompkins** for their leadership in Caring for God's Creation.
- **Lyle Wieber** and **Margaret Vaden** for leading the younger elementary Sunday school class and especially to **Susan Staudenmaier** for her commitment this year to the 4th-5th grade class!
- **Kelly Jones** and **Candace Mraz-Nelson** for providing transportation to Dulles Airport for the Ukraine mission team.

All God's Children Camp

While the camp is for children with an incarcerated parent, there are ways in which all ages can get involved. Families are welcome to come to help distribute camper sleeping gear and toiletries to the cabins on Saturday, August 6, at 2:00 p.m. prior to the Sunday arrival of campers. During the week of camp, persons can spend time at camp teamed with a Day Group to walk through the day or assist an activity like crafts, music or Bible study. Providing transportation to and from camp for youths is another opportunity for those with limited time, but great interest. If you are interested in making contributions for campers, needs include new sleeping bags (plain colors – no special characters), pillows, pillow cases, flat twin sheets (no fitted sheets). School supplies and polyfil for helping campers complete their mission project.

If you are interested in assisting or if you have questions please contact Sandra Stanley, 798-7224. Camp will be Sunday, August 7, through Friday, August 12. *The most important way you can help: pray for campers, mentors and leaders!*



Westview Family Camp Out August 26-27

Schedule a special time with your family and/or church family in a place apart – Westview on the James – to relax, build relationships, explore God's creation, swim, fish, hike, paddle around on the lake and canoe. A group campfire is planned for Friday evening.

Borrow a tent or camper or pack your own for a great overnight experience. You can pack your own meals or we can all consolidate food for a great time. Contact Sandra Stanley to add your name to the list of summer's last fling!

Kid's Work Camp

Now is the time to mark your calendar and construct a team to participate in the Kid's (grades 2-6) Work Camp held at Westview on the James on September 30 – October 2. Parents and or leaders, this opportunity to serve others together can strengthen bonds and nurture discipleship in your children and yourself! Some projects occur on-site, but most groups will head out into the Goochland community to assist with house repair, yard work, and visits to the elderly. Each team going from the church must have two adults. This retreat is open to any type of kids group, such as Scouts or ball teams, not just church groups. Cost is \$67 per person.

Christian Education Opportunities for All Ages

Elementary Children's Sunday School – August

The younger elementary children will be reviewing the basic elements of a worship service and Communion as August begins. Thanks to Ms. Teena, students will also begin learning some old favorite hymns.

Beginning with the second week of August, they will take their knowledge on the road. Visiting some of the church shut-ins, these children will be leading in worship and sharing Communion. If you are interested in accompanying the children on Sundays in August, contact Sandra Stanley, 798-7224.

Genesis Bible Study

Wednesdays, August 3, 10 and 17, 6:00 p.m.

A mid-week Bible study led by Pastor David focusing on this important Old Testament text continues into August. This is in conjunction with his sermon series on Genesis. All high school youth, college students, young adults and other adults are invited to dig deeper in the Word. Simply bring a Bible and an open spirit.

DISCIPLE 3 – Remember Who You Are

The Prophets will be offered beginning September 6 at 9:30 a.m. and led by Ira Andrews. This 16-week study titled *Remember Who You Are* covers the Prophets. The “Remember” in the title is the driving idea in this study – the connection between memory and identity as the people of God. Participants in this Old Testament portion of the class will read the major and minor Old Testament prophets, with the exception of Daniel. The cost of the text will be \$34 per person. Scholarship funds are available.

Resource Center Toolbox Workshop

Teachers Toolbox 2011, Saturday, September 24, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church, Richmond

Keynote Presenter: Marilyn Sharpe

As a parent educator, Marilyn braids the best of parenting practices into faith nurture. She can help all to keep their baptismal promises, making faith formation a gentle, pervasive part of all of daily life together.

Marilyn can inspire and equip congregational groups – large or small – to catch the vision of what God is up to with both homes and congregation. She can teach leaders, committees, groups, and targeted audiences to make faith practices a natural part of everyday life.

There are workshops for teachers/leaders of all ages; CEUs available. Mark your calendar to attend this special workshop.

Small Group Discipleship Opportunities

In September many opportunities for small group participation will be announced. During August you are encouraged to prayerfully consider ways in which you might want to stretch and grown in your discipleship. You can anticipate DISCIPLE classes, a Beth Moore study, as well as new short term options.

A personal discipleship assessment questionnaire is available for classes and individuals to assist in your selection of study groups. Please speak with Sandra Stanley for one of these tools.

Cybersafety with Children and Youth Workshop Tuesday, August 16 6:30-8:30 p.m.

This workshop should be of interest to everyone who has any communication technology and children/youth in their home as well as those responsible for their safety at church. What are some of the best practices to safeguard children and youth from dangers of technology? Angie Williams, Virginia United Methodist Conference Director of Children, Youth, Young Adult and Higher Education Ministries, will be the leader. Show your concern for the least of these with your presence.

Youth News and Activities

Tampa Bay Mission Trip

The Tampa Bay mission trip was a huge success! Twenty-two people, including 17 youths, worked Vacation Bible School for migrant worker's children. God's presence was there every step of the way. The children learned new songs, Bible stories and games. Our youth learned new songs and games from them as well. The day ended with meaningful worship.

Duncan Memorial has reason to be very proud of our youth. They were truly the face of Christ during this mission trip. Everyone we came in contact with made a point to say how well behaved the youth were and how impressed they had been by these young people. Our youth are amazing people, the trip was long and we traveled in tight quarters and yet we had no fussing, or cross words. They remembered why they were on the trip, and God smiled on us the whole time.

If you have ever thought you might want to go on a mission trip, think about volunteering next summer, you won't regret it and you will never forget it!

Feed the Homeless, Monroe Park, August 13, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

The youth will feed the homeless in Monroe Park on August 13, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Come join us in an experience you will not forget. If you can't join us, help by donating items: jelly, lunch meat, cheese, bread, individual snacks, cookies, snack bags, sandwich bags, lunch bags, and bottles of water. We also need toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, soap, shampoo, razors, toothpaste and toothbrushes. It's a great opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ to those in our community. Come meet new people who are grateful for a meal and will share their lives with you.

Youth Council, August 7, 4:00 p.m.

Youth Council meets August 7 at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We are planning our calendar for the 2011-2012 year. If you want to have a voice in what we will be doing, come speak up. Everyone interested in the youth program is invited.

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Pastor

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adults waiting longer to marry and have fewer children, most likely they won't become part of the church – unless we Christ followers live such an attractive, different, intriguing, and winsome life that they and others will find it plausible to consider becoming a disciple of Christ as something worthwhile and meaningful.

So, if Christians are made, not born, as Tertullian believed, how do we possibly form Christian disciples in this new world? Or is this the last generation of a community that once meant something to people and actually was one of the most influential forces shaping who they were and what they did with their lives? If we do want our faith family to be a community of disciples and not just church members, how will that happen? That friends, is the topic for next month's letter. In the meantime, I invite you to reflect on what it means for you to identify yourself as a disciple of Christ and to say he is Lord of your life. And I invite *you* to ponder what needs to die in you so Christ can live more fully in you, and how we can become a community of Christ followers and not just church members.

Grace and peace,

Pastor David

Help with Our Programs for R-MC Students

Each year we have had more Randolph-Macon college students coming to church and participating in events at Duncan Memorial. We want to reach out to even more this fall. No one has time for another committee, but it would be great to know the members of Duncan that would like to be welcoming to the R-MC students and help with events designed to make them feel at home here.

The fall will bring welcome-back activities during freshman orientation – Make Your Mama Happy Sunday, Family Weekend activities and exam breaks. If you are interested in helping with any of these events, please contact Dawne Vronek. It takes a group to see that events are a success and we want to be a friendly church to our R-MC neighbors.

The Randolph-Macon freshmen students come back August 31.

If you are interested in having a table of cool drinks for those moving back in, let Dawne Vronek know. We would like to welcome new students by helping on moving day.

The first home football game for Randolph-Macon is September 3 and we are hosting a tail-gate party! We are looking for hot dogs and buns and *cooks!* Let's have some fun and meet some next neighbors that day. Let Dawne know if you would like to help.

Serving in the Military

Duncan Memorial would like to reach out to our family members in the service. If you have a spouse, child, or grandchild in the military,

please send Dawne Vronek their name and address. We would like to keep in contact with all of our members and want to make a special

effort to reach out to those serving our country. This information can be emailed to dvronek@comcast.net or you can call the office.

New in the Library

by Bonnie Hoskin

New books for the church library – recommended by Pastor David:
Irresistible Revolution: Living As An Ordinary Radical by Shane Claiborne
Tokens of Trust by Rowan Williams
The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century by Joan Chittister
Girl Meets God by Lauren F. Winner
Jesus for President by Shane Claiborne
Blue Like Jazz by Donald Miller
Love Wins by Rob Bell
Velvet Elvis by Rob Bell
Jesus Wants to Save Christians by Rob Bell

Donated by Rev. William Chappell:

The Religion and Science Debate: Why Does It Continue
edited by Harold W. Attridge
A Common Word by Miroslav Volf
Handing One Another Along by Robert Coles
Against the Tide edited by Miroslav Volf

For youth:

Still My Grandma by Veronique V. Abeele – This story about the special relationship between Camille and her grandma introduces young readers to the realities of Alzheimer's disease, and reminds them that love is more powerful than any illness.

Donated by Rev. Glenn Williams:

The Illustrated Gospels
The Bible: New Testament: Illustrated Selections
The Bible: Old Testament: Illustrated Selections
Traditional Hymns
The Epistles of St. Paul
The Book of Psalms

Fall Celebration, September 17 and 18 – Two Concerts, Worship and Lunch on the Lawn!

by Lisa Davis, Fellowship Team

Duncan Memorial will hold its Fall Celebration (formerly known as Rally Day) on Sunday, September 18.

We expanded the celebration to Saturday evening to include a concert that is open to everyone from Duncan Memorial, R-MC and the community. The concert is sponsored by Duncan Memorial and the R-MC Office of Student Life. Fall Celebration coincides with R-MC Parent's Weekend this year.

You are encouraged to invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to this glorious event.



Saturday September 17 – Fall Celebration Evening Concert

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on the Blackwell Auditorium steps

Bring your folding chair or blanket (*Rain location: Blackwell Auditorium*)

Music by:

- **Exit 245**, an all male *a cappella* student group from James Madison University;
- **Felix and Friends**, an amazing local acoustic classic rock group;
- **The Clay Mottley Band**, one of Virginia's most talked about singer/songwriters with introspective lyrics.

Kona Ice Truck will be here during the Saturday evening concert. Duncan Memorial will receive 20 percent of their profit.

Sunday September 18 – Fall Celebration Day and Lunch

Church Worship Schedule: 8:00 a.m., 8:50 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The R-MC Concert Choir will sing at 11:00 a.m. worship service

What do Duncan Memorial and you have to offer each other?

During the **Sunday School hour at 9:40 a.m.** in the fellowship hall there will be display tables of the committees, teams and ministry areas of Duncan Memorial. We encourage you to stop by and become involved. How have you upheld your stewardship promises made in January? We would love to be able to point you in at least one of many directions. *Be generous with your talents!*

- After the 11:00 a.m. worship service there will be a **pot luck luncheon** in front of Blackwell Auditorium. Duncan Memorial will provide the fried chicken and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to feed at least one family.
- During lunch there will be musical performances by **Matt Zavitz**, **R-MC '14**, and **The Manna Band** beginning at 12:30 p.m.

If your team or group wishes to have a display table in the fellowship hall, please contact Sandra Stanley (church office) or Cheryl Harris (752-6993 or harris115@aol.com) by August 31, 2011.

Want to help? We need people to help set up tables and chairs prior to the lunch Sunday morning and take them down afterwards. Please contact Gordon McDaniel in the church office.

Calling All Pray-ers

by Pastor David Hindman

As a part of our 2010 stewardship campaign's focus on becoming a generous congregation, members of our DMUMC faith family were invited to develop the discipline of praying regularly for our church's mission and ministry. To help us keep faith with that commitment, beginning this month we will include specific prayers to include in your spiritual practices:

- **For the Holy Spirit to move among us** so we will want to move beyond membership and maintenance attitudes to a community of mission and discipleship,
- **For opportunities to share our faith** with others, especially the un-churched or de-churched, and the courage to do so and the wisdom to do so winsomely,
- **Congregation Care Communities leadership** as they continue to work out details for this new ministry and include all members of our faith family in its care,
- For folks to hear a call to serve and **be involved in mission to community and beyond**,
- Discernment for **persons seeking discipleship opportunities** this fall,

- Persons gathering to discern if and how we can develop a **mental health component to the Hanover Interfaith Free Clinics**,
- Guidance and direction for DMUMC members assessing how to **make our building more accessible**,
- **Our Nominations and Lay Leadership Team** as it begins discerning leadership for 2012,
- Guidance for strengthening and broadening **our music ministry**, especially our music leadership for the 11:00 a.m. worship celebration and for more members to heed God's call to participate in our music programs,
- Prayer for campers, mentors and workers at **All God's Children Camp**, including the nearly one dozen folks from DMUMC assisting in some form,
- **New small groups** being formed and **renewal in existing groups**,
- Discerning how and where we, as part of our 5 Talent Academy commitment, can help **begin a new faith community**,
- Guidance and direction for discerning and developing **leadership of children, youth and adult ministries**, and for persons to respond to God's call to serve.

5 Talent Academy – Fall 2011

Thursday, October 6

10:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

**Oak Grove United Methodist
Church**

**472 North Battlefield Boulevard
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320**

The focus of this fall's 5 Talent Academy is "Evangelism." We will hear from five very successful and faithful models in our own conference. Churches of various sizes and settings will share their models for success and turnaround. Congregations from around the conference are invited to bring teams of six-12 persons who can return home with the enthusiasm of shared stories, experiences and a spark of new ideas for implementation. While this is a Thursday event, with this advance notice there is hope more can arrange calendars to attend the Academy. You can register by going to www.vaumc.org. Once there check events calendar for location to register online. We will arrange a van ride for those interested in attending.



Scripture Readings for August

The lectionary is a three year cycle of readings from the Old Testament, New Testament letters, and the Gospels. While revised down through the centuries, use of a lectionary is an ancient and common Christian practice borrowed originally from our Jewish forebears (who systematically still read through the Hebrew scriptures by using a cycle of readings).

Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, and many congregations in other Protestant faith communities (including United Methodist) follow this cycle of readings. A psalm reading is included as a response to the Old Testament text each week, too. This year's Gospel readings are mostly drawn from Matthew and during this time of year the Old Testament and New Testament readings systematically move through particular biblical books (note how the readings for August continue through Genesis followed by Exodus, and Romans). During the seasons of Advent and Lent, usually there is a connection between all three lessons, but during the rest of year the pattern follows *lectio continua* (continuous reading) through specific texts. As usual, the Sunday lessons will not include all the texts printed below, but you are encouraged to read them all for your own faith formation and nourishment and as a way to prepare yourself spiritually when we gather as the Body of Christ for worship:

Sunday, August 7 (*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*): Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 14 (*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*): Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-22, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28

Sunday, August 21 (*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*): Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday, August 28 (*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*): Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Dick and Peggy Soulen Return to Duncan Memorial UMC

Sunday September 25

by Pastor David Hindman

Dr. Dick Soulen, beloved pastor of Duncan Memorial UMC (1988-1995), biblical scholar, and author most recently of *Sacred Scripture: A Short History of Interpretation* (Westminster/John Knox, 2010) will return to the Center of the Universe to preach all three worship services on Sunday, September 25, and lead a combined Sunday school class on his book. Save the date and invite others to this informative occasion.

Worship on Wednesdays Continues

by Pastor David Hindman

Our summertime opportunity to gather for weekday worship has met with a very favorable start and much appreciation from folks away on weekends and/or with work commitments. Worship on Wednesdays will continue through August.

Scripture reminds us that it's important for us to gather regularly with our brothers and sisters in Christ to encourage and build one another up in the faith. Whether you are away on vacation or at the Rivah or have work obligations on Sundays, if you can't be with us on the first day of the week (the Lord's Day) please join us remembering, the exhortation of scripture, "Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...Instead let us encourage one another all the more..." (Hebrews 10:25.)

We hope you join us and feel free to invite others to this unique summertime opportunity!

Young Adults

If you're between 19 and 39, join us for a weekly Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Moreland Room. We discuss life's difficulties and how God can help us through these. We are studying the book of Ephesians.

Calendar - August/Early September 2011

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5	Labor Day					

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

Meet Our Newest Members

by Pastor David Hindman

In June we welcomed into our faith family the following folks. Alongside their names you will find the name of their DMUMC sponsor/faith friend. As you are able, extend a warm welcome to them:

- **Susan Albritton** is employed with Sonoco Recycling and in her spare time enjoys The Caroline Hunt. Susan transferred her church membership from Memorial Baptist Church in Staunton, Va. and anticipates our faith family helping her to find ways to serve the poor as well as integrating her faith with other aspects of life. Her family at home includes husband, Buck, and son, Dale. Susan usually attends the J.O.L.T. service, and **Wendy Minton** serves as her sponsor/faith friend.

- **Clint Glasco** is a member of the Campus Safety Staff at R-MC and joins us by transfer from Shady Grove UMC in Mechanicsville. Clint enjoys history, hiking and reading and is a railroad buff (*so Ashland is a perfect place for him*). Clint tells us that he hopes our DMUMC faith family will help him learn how to integrate faith with other aspects of his life, find ways to serve the poor and identify his spiritual gifts. Clint is married to Cameron and is the dad of Kelsey; he usually attends our 8:00 a.m. worship service and **Rich Fisher** is his sponsor/faith friend.

- **Jenn and Chris Kilcoyne** – Chris is the Assistant Athletic Director at R-MC and joins us as an Associate Member (while maintaining his affiliation with St. Ann’s Roman Catholic Church). Jenn has transferred

her membership from Medford UMC in Medford, N.J. and works with the Victims’ Assistance office of the Commonwealth Attorney’s office in Hanover. They are the parents of Whit, who celebrates his first birthday in August and will be baptized on August 14. Jenn’s main hobby these days is keeping up with Whit and wants help with learning how to pray, talking with others about faith, and finding devotional resources to help her develop spiritual practices. Chris enjoys reading and golf (*not at the same time*) and is seeking to become a more generous person, identify his spiritual gifts, find ways to serve the poor and learn how to integrate with other aspects of life (especially work, family and health). Their sponsors/faith friends are **Cathy Keller and Jenn Inge**.

Duncan Memorial Book Discussion Group

by Betty Perkinson

The Duncan Memorial Book Discussion Group is taking a break over the summer, but we’ll get back together on Sunday, September 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the parlor. The September selection is *Mudhouse Sabbath: An Invitation to the Life of Spiritual Disciplines* by Lauren F. Winner. *Mudhouse Sabbath* tells of the writer’s discovery, after converting from Orthodox Judaism

to Christianity in college, that many of the traditions and spiritual practices of Judaism also enriched her Christian faith.

On October 16, we’ll discuss *The Geography of Bliss: One Grump’s Search for the Happiest Places in the World* by Eric Weiner.

The book group meets on third Sundays at 5:00 p.m. from September to May. Make these two books part of your summer reading and join the discussions

in September and October! If you have questions about the book group or suggestions for books for the group to read this year, please contact Betty Perkinson, eperkinson@aol.com.



And Where Exactly Does All That Money Go?

Part 6 of a Series on How Our Apportionment Help Ministry Happen Around the World and Across Virginia

by Pastor David Hindman

We are a connectional church, which means we are able to do more together than as individual congregations. To coordinate the mission and ministry of nearly 8 million souls in the USA alone is a daunting challenge and is done through the leadership of our bishops (supported by our Episcopal Fund), denominational boards and agencies (funded as a part of our World Service Benevolences) and District Superintendents. Because the Virginia Annual Conference is one of the largest conferences in our connection (with more than 340,000 members in 1200 congre-

gations), we are organized into 16 districts under the supervision of our bishop, Charlene Kammerer. Duncan Memorial, as of July 1, is in the Richmond District under the supervision of Rev. Steve Jones.

To provide for the salaries, benefits, travel and support of these 16 districts, all churches contribute to the **District Superintendents Fund**.

Go to www.duncanmemorialumc.org and you can see our entire budget. Click on the *Stewardship* tab on the left side of the page and then click on *2011 Budget*. Our apportionments (fair share of our partnership in ministry with other United Methodists) are listed under the 400s section of the budget.

Financial Stewardship Update

by Pastor David Hindman and Charlie Martin,
Finance Committee Team Coordinator

Contributions to the operating budget at Duncan Memorial through the end of June have been quite strong, with us receiving approximately 50% of our budgetary needs *and* paying *all apportionments* to the District and Conference! Expenses have been under budget, resulting in a current operating surplus of approximately \$2,000 after paying our annual insurance premiums.

We are now in the summer season and we have historically experienced a decrease in receipts over

the summer as many of us go on vacation and /or spend the weekends at "The Rivah." We appreciate your commitment to Christ's ministry through DMUMC as you prioritize your financial commitment to Duncan Memorial as the first thing that you pay each month. An easy way to do this is to utilize the "Bill Pay" program at your bank. It is typically a free service and insures that your contribution is directed to the church the first part of each month. This will significantly help in leveling the cash flow for our finances over the summer.

Thank you and God bless all we seek to do in Christ's name!

Celebrate Great Things!

by Pastor David Hindman

When Dave Stoakley, Judee Showalter, Sandra Stanley and I went to Annual Conference in Roanoke in June, we didn't go empty-handed thanks to the saints of DMUMC! More than 360 Kits for Konference (birthing, school and health) valued at more than \$4,200 were delivered along with more than \$1,400 donated to the DMUMC Holy Rollers, Dave Stoakley



and Ron Lefever, to support the Annual Conference offering for ministries in Brazil, Mozambique, and Virginia (Eastern Shore and Roanoke). Way to go, saints! Praise God for the generous spirit found here!

Missions Opportunities

VBS Bloodmobile, Sunday, August 21

Virginia Blood Services bloodmobile will be in the Duncan Memorial parking lot Sunday, August 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There's a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. In addition, you can schedule an appointment by calling VBS at 359-5100 or on their website www.vablood.org.

Pathways Work Project, Saturday, September 10

Join us for our next workday at Pathways in Petersburg on September 10. We will leave the church around 9:00 a.m. and return by 4:00 p.m. Pathways works to improve their community by fixing up homes and broken lives. Previous work has included painting, landscaping and clean up. This is a great way to help others and get to know fellow church members better. Questions? Contact Gordon McDaniel at 798-7224 or gordon.mcdaniel@duncanmemorialumc.org.

Adult Volunteers Needed for Kids Work Camp

Two adult volunteers are needed for each kid team attending the Kid's Work Camp held at Westview on the James on September 30 – October 2. Parents and or leaders, this opportunity to serve others together can strengthen bonds and nurture discipleship in your children and yourself! Some projects occur on-site, but most groups will head out into the Goochland community to assist with house repair, yard work, and visits to the elderly. This retreat is open to any type of kids group, grades 2-6. Cost is \$67 per person.

SoSA – Harvest of Hope Intergenerational Events

This fall, Society of St. Andrew is pleased to offer several opportunities to learn about hunger and a common sense solution (gleaning) to the issue. Together, we will glean fresh fruits and vegetables which will immediately, through the help of local feeding agencies, find their way onto the tables of those in need. A simple healthy lifestyle will be experienced during the event. We will worship together exploring what God wants us to do concerning our neighbors who are in need. Everyone 10 and up is invited to glean, learn, and worship together! Cost for each of the weekends is \$75.

- September 23-25; Fincastle, Virginia
- October 21-23; Gretna Glen, Pennsylvania
- November 4-6; Shawsville, Virginia

More information and applications are on the SoSA website, www.endhunger.org/ or you can call 800-333-4597. Join us and do something about hunger!

Support UMVIM

In early July, Megan Keaney, Julie Keaney and Susan Whitt traveled to L'viv, Ukraine to work in a camp for young adults and college students. They're home and ready to share their experiences with us

You can support Volunteers in Mission by attending the Ukraine Ice Cream Social Sharing on Sunday, August 28, at 7:00 p.m. Megan, Julie and Susan will give a presentation on their mission trip in Ukraine. Donations made at this event will help sponsor future missionaries from Duncan Memorial.

Thank You

Thanks to all who prepared and served food in June when St. Ann's Catholic Church hosted CARITAS. An additional thanks to the van drivers and assistants.

On Thursday, July 14, Duncan Memorial hosted 70 teens and their leaders for lunch. These Harvest of Hope volunteers were a hungry bunch! After gleaning tomatoes and corn from local farmers' fields, feeding the hungry in Monroe Park and working hard preserving food at the cannery, they were most appreciative of the delicious lunch provided by our church. Thanks to Lyle and Tom Wieber for coordinating the 26 families from DMUMC who volunteered to bring food and helped set-up and clean-up. We appreciate your contribution.

Remember ...

- **First Sundays, A.C.E.S.** – Bring a canned food item to support their ministry.
- **September and October Communion Offering** will support the work of the *YouthBuild* program at *Pathways*.
- **November Communion Offering** will support the work of *Stop Hunger Now*.
- Next Mission Team meeting will be October 11.

Volunteers Are 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 snack-size crackers and chips items are needed as prizes.
- We provide supper for Hanover Interfaith Free Clinic staff on several Wednesdays during the year. We provide sandwiches, fruit, dessert and drinks to the clinic about 5:30 p.m. Contact Jean Williams at 752-2444 or glennwg@aol.com to volunteer or for more information.



United Methodist Women

by Sharon Morgan, UMW President

Kits for Konference

WOW! Duncan Memorial UMC made 363 kits for Conference! Can we do it again? Why spend more for supplies for school kits in spring? School supplies are on sale now at the lowest prices of the year. When you are shopping for school supplies for your children please purchase some supplies for kits. During the month of August there will be empty tote bags provided so that you can fill one with school supplies while they are on sale, and return it to the church. We will concentrate on the other kits in the spring.

The items are:

- 1 pair of rounded tip blunt scissors
- 150 sheets of paper, may be combinations of spiral, top bound or loose leaf
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener, at least one inch long
- 1 – 24 count box of crayons
- 1 – 30 centimeter ruler
- 6 unsharpened pencils
- 1 – 2 ½ inch eraser

Please no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols on the ruler, pencils, or erasers. Cartoon characters are acceptable.

Final tally on the Kits for Konference

Duncan Memorial members and groups working together sent

- 112 birthing kits
- 117 school kits
- 134 health kits and \$134 for toothpaste
- \$363 for transportation
- **The total value is \$4,288**

There are many people to be thanked – Pastor David reminded us of our goal, Susan Staudemaier and the 4th/5th grade Sunday school class, Carol Martin stored the items, Sandra Stanley sewed cloth bags for school kits, Dawn Vronek and the young adult group, Ira Andrews' Bible class donated money in Ira's honor, all the people who found room in their cars to take boxes of kits to conference, UMW funds from the Strawberry Faire made up the difference between donations and transportation costs and the members of Duncan Memorial for your generous donations to a super worthy cause.

Give yourself a pat on the back! Now let's top that goal for next year. *How about 400 this time?*

United Methodist Men

Spaghetti Feast to Support Pathways Ministry

Sunday, September 25, 12:15 p.m. (following 11:00 a.m. worship)

by Pastor David Hindman

Duncan Memorial UMC has been a strong and loyal supporter of Pathways Ministry in Petersburg for many years, and they need our support now more than ever. As a result of steep congressional

budget cuts this year, Pathways Ministry's signature program, YouthBuild, lost \$700,000 in federal funding.

Co-director Dwala Ferrell has set for herself the audacious goal of raising these lost funds between now and February 1, and we are

being challenged to raise \$10,000 as a faith community. On Sunday, September 25, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, our United Methodist Men will host a Spaghetti Feast to support Pathways. A variety of baked spaghetti casseroles will be on the menu along with salad, bread, dessert and beverages. Individuals and families can secure tickets for the meal by making a donation of any size (large or small); tickets will be available from late August through mid-September.

YouthBuild is an exceptionally worthy cause for us to support! Since 2001 YouthBuild has offered at-risk youth an immediately productive role in rebuilding Petersburg by working towards their GED and attaining workforce credentials in high-demand fields while building affordable housing. The recidivism rate for adjudicated students currently is 0 percent; the job placement rate is 93 percent.

It's another great reason to make Duncan Memorial the place to be September 25!

Duncan Memorial Pledges \$10,000 to YouthBuild

Duncan Memorial UMC pledged \$10,000 to support the YouthBuild program at Pathways after federal funding for the programs across the country was cut. In addition to the spaghetti lunch on Sunday, September 25, you can donate money at any time this fall. Write a check to "Duncan Memorial UMC" and put "YouthBuild" in the memo line. You can mail the check to the office or put it in the offering plate on Sundays. Cash contributions are welcome also. Please specify that it is for YouthBuild. We will support Pathways with our Communion Offering in September and October. During Christmas Mission Mart, Pathways and their YouthBuild Program will be one of our supported missions.



Summary of Church Council for May 2011

by Liz Sims, Church Council Secretary

The Church Council meeting held on May 19 was opened with prayer by Pastor Hindman and led by Bill Hamner. Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

The pastor reported that the Stewardship Team had met recently to plan. He also noted we had prepared 363 Kits for Konference. He is planning mid-week services in July and August and "Meet the Preacher" follow-up sessions in July.

Kelly Jones reported the Staff Parish Relations Team was in process of reviewing job descriptions.

Finance Team Leader Charlie Martin distributed a detailed report showing the cash flow situation is good and the balance sheet is good. He also noted receipt of about \$3,000 for the Lenten offering.

Trustees reported through Ann Martin that their next meeting will address accessibility issues and training on the new AED device.

Audrey Roberts reported the Evangelism Team had met and strategized They will meet again on June 30 and on July 31.

Chuck Staudenmaier reported on the new Communications Team which is assigned to assess current communications and determine how to be more effective. Ed Showalter will conduct focus groups on how members get their information as part of this process.

Sharon Morgan reported on the United Methodist Women's

upcoming yard sale at the Strawberry Faire. She noted there was a need for funds to ship the Kits for Konference.

It was noted that the new van policy is posted on the website. The wedding policy revisions are still being made so it was not

presented for approval.

Pastor reported the Fall Kickoff will be on September 18, Dick Soulen will preach on September 25, and Steve Hundley will preach the Sunday of R-MC Homecoming. The next council meeting will be June 23.

Aesthetics Committee Disbanded

by Brenda Meadows, Aesthetics Committee

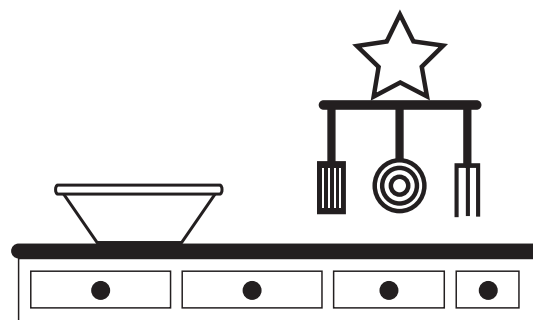
Thanks to the entire congregation for helping the Aesthetics Committee make so many improvements to our church facilities – paint, lighting, furniture, window treatments, linens, and kitchen upgrade. At the encouragement of Liz Stiles, we formed the Committee in 1999. We disbanded last fall since we had finally made all the major improvements toward which we had worked. The two new stoves now in place complete the kitchen upgrade. All the many improvements are the result of generous donations, church funds, memorials, elbow grease, wheedling, wishing, planning, cookbooks, yard sales. To be certain, there were many other improvements made by other individuals and committees during these years.

Improvements don't end here. They are just like home – they have to be made as we grow and change, so I'm sure the conversations will continue about how we keep up our worship and fellowship House of God.

Please note: The fellowship hall chairs are 100% insured for 10 years, so if you find a chair with fabric tears, bent, broken in any way, let staff know. The furniture company will replace that chair until 2017 at no cost. They don't insure for gravy or cake icing ...

Again, thanks to all concerned.

The Aesthetics Committee has included Michelle Hamner, Terry Haugh, Lyn Hodnett, Charlotte Jones, Brenda Meadows, Patricia Staples, Liz Stiles and Nancy Williamson.

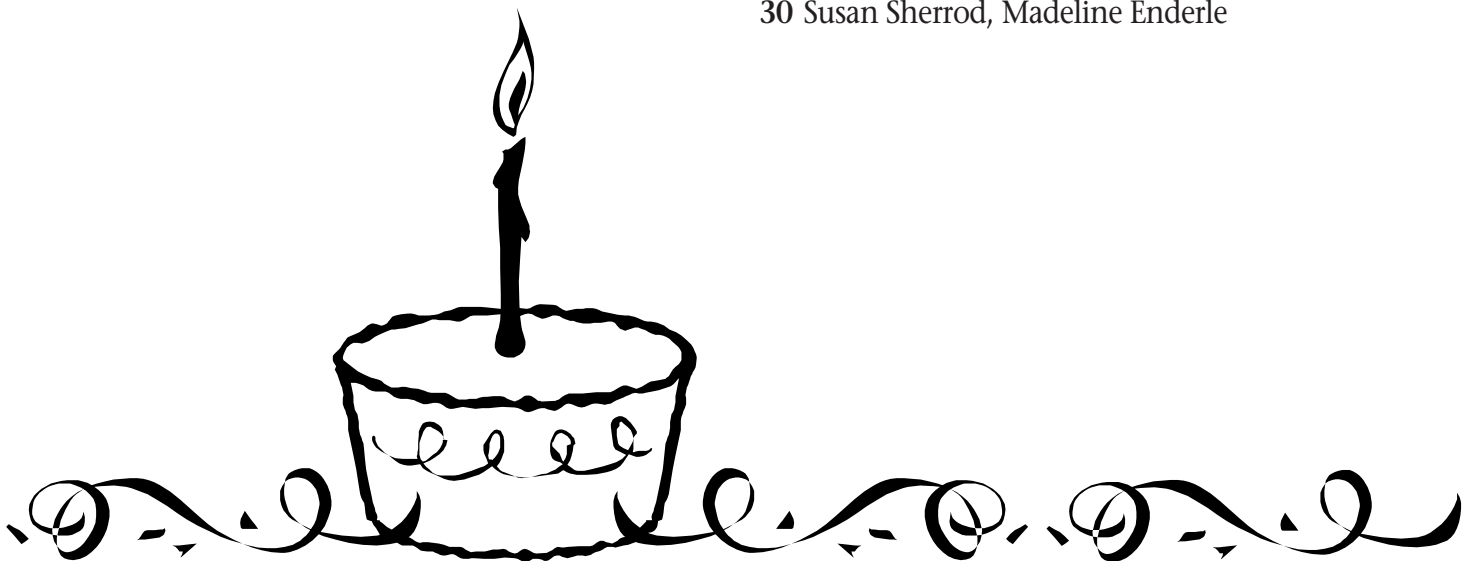


August Birthdays

- 1 Tim Ernst, Alex LePeter, Kristina Woomer
- 2 Peggy Williams, Matt Blanton
- 3 Jim Sayers, Daniel Phillips, Jr., Shannan Ballance
- 4 Frank Straus
- 5 John Keaton, Ben Anderson, Paul Franklin,
Shea Burch
- 6 Rebecca Sherrod
- 8 Evelyn Brock
- 9 Maria Fleshood, Jason Witherell
- 10 Oriana Hargrove
- 11 Annabelle Reynolds, James Brooks, Dwight Zavitz
- 12 Curtis Herbert
- 14 Dick Roll, Gordon McDaniel, Dawne Vronek
- 16 Daniel Wray
- 17 Michele Herbert
- 18 Betty Perkinson, Jake Leffler
- 19 Meredith Salley
- 21 Erin Williams, Jim Lindgren, Emmeline Roberts
- 22 Whit Kilcoyne
- 23 Sue Turner, Terry Haugh, Carmen Solari
- 24 Danielle Solari
- 27 Donald Shillady
- 28 Katie Hudson, Sarah Hargrove
- 29 Bailey Herbert, Morgan Hunter
- 31 Jacque Hoskin, Angela Will, Annie Powell

September Birthdays

- 1 Tonya Sikkar, Kim Lucas, Shelby Baucom
- 2 Lee Edwards, Erin Flexon
- 3 Reese Maceda
- 4 Beth Baskin
- 6 Cara Crickard
- 7 Jeanne Engleby, Katie Blanton
- 8 Merrill Barton Jr., Kim Hoyt, Justin McDaniel
- 9 Helene Walch, Patty Rogers
- 10 Ione Dabel, Chris Lacoss, Thatcher Dickenson
- 11 Brian Pillow
- 12 Will Holman
- 13 Anne Andrews
- 14 Alane Herbert, Susan Albritton, John Ewing,
Sam Hodnett
- 15 Sue Robertson, Isaac Sikkar
- 16 Ritchie Watson, Carlisle Rogers, Jr., Kipp Proffitt
- 17 Ginie Snead, Jesse Bradley, Murphy Williamson,
Leah Donohue
- 18 Allison Pillow, Trey Inge, Emily Woomer
- 20 Allyse Harris, Avery Drew Inge
- 22 Louise Richards, Jo Anna Johnson, Davis Luck
- 23 Matthew Enderle, Jonathan Rogers,
Aaron Rogowski
- 24 Randi Buerlein, Susan Rogowski, Emily Parris,
Elizabeth Parris, Tyler Newell
- 25 Tenley Thompson, Sarah Prunty
- 26 Mary Turner
- 28 Karen Fetty
- 30 Susan Sherrod, Madeline Enderle



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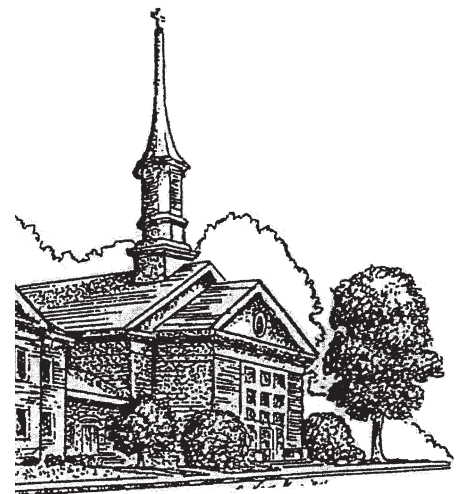
Copies of the complete 2011 lay leadership list are available in the church office.

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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 September issue must be submitted by **Monday, August 8**. E-mail articles to newsletter@duncanmemorialumc.org.



Change Service Requested

Music Ministry Notes

by Teena Chinn, Director of Music

Fall of 2011 promises to be an exciting time in the Music Ministry at Duncan Memorial UMC. All of the existing ensembles will begin rehearsing, and we will add a new ensemble for mature ladies.

Sarah's Sisters is a new ensemble especially for mature female voices. We will meet in the choir room at 11:00 a.m. every other Thursday morning, and those who are interested can have lunch together after rehearsals at Estes Hall. The music will be chosen with the mature voice in mind, and the group will sing at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service approximately once a month. The first rehearsal will be September 15 at 11:00 a.m. in the choir room. If you are a mature female and love to sing, please join us for good music, fun, fellowship and food.

Chancel Choir will resume weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, August 24, at 6:45 p.m. in the choir room. The choir is a fun ensemble, and we need more voices in the group. If you like to sing, please consider joining the Chancel Choir.

Manna Band has continued the usual 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening rehearsals throughout the summer. If you play an instrument or sing and would like to become a band member, please contact Teena Chinn.

Duncan Memorial Ringers will resume weekly rehearsals on Tuesday, September 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room. We need more ringers and will welcome anyone with a desire to join the ensemble.

Youth Choir will resume rehearsals on Sunday, September 25, at 5:00 p.m. in the choir room.

The group will be doing something new and different this year. We are going to work on a musical, and the group will perform the musical for the congregation. Since a musical is a play, we welcome any youth who have an interest in drama, set building, dance and music.

M'n'M will have the first meeting of the fall on Wednesday, September 21, at 3:45 p.m. in Room 12. All children K-5 are welcome for this time of missions, music and more. We have something new for the music portion this year. The children will have an opportunity to play Orff instruments.

If you have questions about any of the above ensembles, contact Teena Chinn at 798-7224 or teena.chinn@duncanmemorialumc.org.