

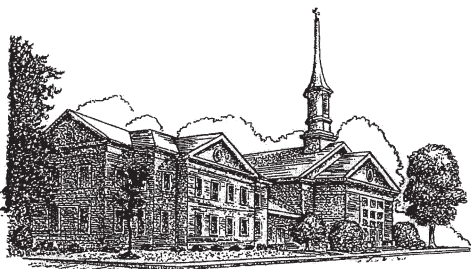
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Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church

March 2011

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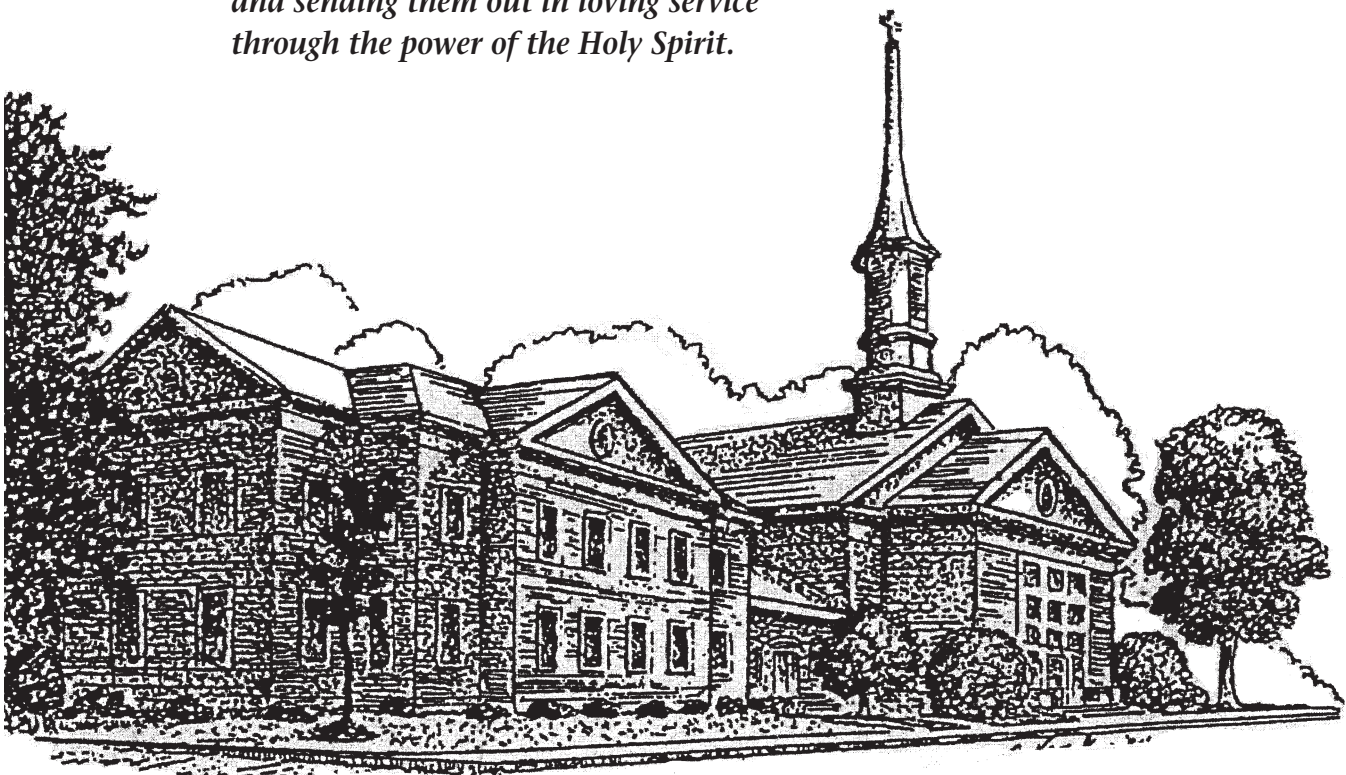
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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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.*





Connect with Our New Missionaries

In 2010, Grace UMC in Manassas sent a team of 13 United Methodists, ages 18-60+, to L'viv, Ukraine to work with missionaries David and Shannon Goran. The team provided both an English camp for university students and a kids' camp for younger children. The mission was highly successful! The Gorans were most appreciative of the assistance and have invited Grace UMC to organize another team this summer.

Plans for the trip are beginning to take shape, and Grace UMC extended an invitation to Duncan Memorial to join them since we now support the Gorans. At this time, firm dates have not been determined. College students through senior adults should contact Grace UMC's Allan Nixon (allannixon@comcast.net or 703-791-5473) and Pastor David if you are interested to participating in this mission endeavor. Anticipated cost for the trip is \$2,500; financial assistance is available!

Note from the Pastor

Preachers surely do talk a lot, so for Lent I hope to talk less and listen more – to you and to the guiding Holy Spirit. The main focus of Lent is to wrestle with the question, “What needs to die in me so Christ can live more fully?” I believe God is speaking to us all the time through scripture, prayer, corporate worship, fasting, service to the poor, and silence.

If I talk less and listen more, my spiritual antennae may be more attuned to pick up the still, small voice of God who is calling and inviting me into deeper relationship, more abundant life, and greater service to those in need.

As you begin your season of Lent, I strongly urge you to find ways to create more open spaces for the Spirit of God to enter your life for good.

A joyous Lent to you, my sisters and brothers!

Pastor David

Conference News: Volunteers in Mission Training

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) Team Leader Training is changing its registration process. The cost will be \$40 to be paid when you register. The fee covers the cost of handbook, meal refreshments and handouts. Handbooks will be at the training sessions for those who have preregistered.

To register for the training go to the conference website, www.vaumc.org/unvimtraining, and follow the directions. There you will find a list of training sessions available. Click on the location to register and prepay.

Training sessions currently available include:

- **March 12** – Redwood UMC, 3001 Old Franklin Turnpike, Rocky Mount, VA 24151
- **May 14** – Floris UMC, 13000 Frying Pan Road, Herndon, VA 20171
- **November 19** – Beulah UMC, 6930 Hopkins Road, Richmond, VA 23234

More sessions will be scheduled at a later date. For questions, contact the Virginia Conference UMVIM Coordinator, Rev. Keith Mottley at umvim@vaumc.org.

For other mission opportunities, see page 7 for youth trips and page 14 for general events.

From the Director of Christian Education

Reading through this week's *taking faith home* the suggestion for service lifts those who provide protection and order in our communities – police officers. There was a service opportunity mentioned – prepare cookies or other treats to give to police officers as a thank you – which goes beyond just saying thank you. What a wonderful effort to extend God's love with a note and a prayer for these service persons.

In our daily walks of faith we can take simple random acts of kindness to be intentional in our faith sharing. When we had the opportunity to pledge ourselves in mission and ministry with the fall stewardship emphasis, some people indicated they would commit to sharing their faith. Others may not have known specific ways in which they could share their faith. Take this example, expand on it, adapt it, tune in to people and needs around you. Whenever you offer a simple random act of kindness, offer a prayer for the recipient and if the opportunity arises, you might share God's love. This is not just an individual effort, but one in which you can invite family participation.

During the month of March we enter Lent. As you consider ways in which you can observe Lent (what you can prayerfully sacrifice), including these intentional acts of kindness can also be offered as a spiritual discipline. Journal your actions, and reflections on the ways in which God has used these for growth and blessing to others and most likely to yourself as well.

*Blessings,
Sandra*

Thanks to . . .

- **Kendra Swager** for her leadership of "Home Grown Faith"
- **JoAnn Hunter** for coordinating volunteers for snacks with M'n'M and parents for bringing snack
- Guests to M'n'M: **Jesse Bradley, Erin S. Morrison, Nico Ramirez,** and **Barbara Bivens**
- Those who brought gifts for M'n'M to deliver to Heart Havens
- Those who continue to bring conference kit supplies
- **Ira Andrews** for leading a class on "Saving Jesus"
- **Bill Chappell** for Wednesday morning Bible study
- **Sue Ann Lewis** and **Cathy Keller** for leadership with Beth Moore class
- **John Hudson** for leadership of Matthew Immersion Bible study
- **Corinne Luck** and her volunteer leaders of Children's Church (*more volunteers would be welcome!*)

Children's Sunday School

Prayer Breakfast: March 6 concludes a study on prayer for the elementary children. The classes will participate in a prayer breakfast. They are invited to bring a parent and/or friends for this special Sunday event. *Plan to be there 9:40-10:40 a.m.!*

Paralleling the church year, the children's classes will concentrate on the events in Jesus' life and ministry that occur as he moved toward Jerusalem, Holy week, the cross and then resurrection. During Lent, the elementary classes will use the study by Adam Hamilton, *24 Hours that Changed the World*.

Protection Policy Orientation Sunday, March 13

This important orientation is required for all persons – *parent or volunteer* – working with children, youth and vulnerable adults.

The 30-minute session will be offered twice – 9:40 and 10:30 a.m.

Financial Peace University

Duncan Memorial will offer a free preview of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University with a special class on Sunday, March 13, 6:30 p.m. The 13-week course will be held at Duncan Memorial on Fridays, beginning March 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m. See page 18 for class description and more information.

Christian Education Opportunities for All Ages

New IMMERSION Bible Study – Gospel of Matthew

“A Fresh new look at the Bible, from beginning to end and what it means in your life!” New from the UM Publishing House, *Immersion Bible Studies: Matthew* engages students in Scripture and reflection of the Word. Each lesson moves through three parts: (1) *Claim Your Story* – which presents stories and questions to reflect on your own life, (2) *Enter the Bible Story* – where you explore the Scripture and consider what God is saying to you, and (3) *Live the Story* – where you reflect on what you have discovered and put it into practice.

Following the lectionary gospel for this year, we are offering this eight-week class on the Gospel of Matthew from February 28 through April 18, 7:00-8:00 p.m., in the church parlor. John Hudson is the facilitator for this class. Persons interested in the class can still join.

DM 101 – An Invitation to Join the Duncan Memorial Faith Family Sunday, March 20, 9:40 a.m. -2:00 p.m. (lunch provided)

Thanks be to God, there are many new faces in our midst these days. DM 101 is the opportunity for folks to become officially members of our community and to begin an exploration of what it means to be a United Methodist follower of Christ. This introductory focus on discipleship provides an overview of what Christ followers believe, unique emphases that are part of our Wesleyan/Methodist roots, an exploration of helpful spiritual practices to keep maturing in Christ, and a presentation of ways to get more connected and involved at Duncan Memorial UMC. New members will be received on Easter Day, April 24.

If you believe God is calling you into this closer relationship with Duncan Memorial through profession of faith or transfer of membership from another Christian faith community, contact David Hindman or Sandra Stanley.

DM 202 – Sharing the Biblical Story

Sunday, April 10, 9:40 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (lunch provided)

How do I make sense of Christian scripture? What types of literature are found within the Bible? What are some guidelines to understand and interpret scripture? What are some of the great themes found in scripture? How do I choose a Bible that will help me learn more and let scripture shape and form me as a disciple of Christ?

If these are your questions, this learning opportunity is for you. All youth, college students, young adults and other adults who want to read scripture but don't know how to begin are welcome. Lunch will be provided for this second module of our small group opportunity to help in our spiritual formation.

Exploring The Diet of Biblical Times: A Tasting Party

- Fun for the entire family
- Taste food mentioned in the Bible
- Activities to explore our Bibles
- Music

Rescheduled from January, plan to join the party **Friday, March 18, 5:30 p.m.** This will be a great opportunity for those with new Bibles and those wanting to learn how to use their Bibles! RSVP to the church office (798-7224) by Wednesday, March 16.

This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion, February 13-March 20

As a follow-up to last fall's study on Baptism, Pastor David will lead a new six-week study focusing on Holy Communion during the Sunday school hour (9:40-10:40 a.m.) beginning February 13. All high school youth, college students and adults are welcome. Contact Pastor David.

Saving Jesus, A Provocative Bible Study, Led by Ira Andrews, Continuing Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Saving Jesus is a 12-session DVD-based curriculum examining the possibility of a credible Jesus for the 21st century and his relevance for today. This class began in February and continues on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Sessions are 60-90 minutes with time for group discussion. All college students and adults are welcome!

Cool Camps and Other Fun Stuff for Summer

The summer is full of outdoor opportunities for children and adults. Make a note of these upcoming camps. Watch for details in the summer ministries brochure available later this spring.

- **Day Camp at the Martin Farm:** June 27, 29 and July 1
- **Preschool Bug Buddy Camp 2:** July 18-20, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- **Caretakers of God's Creation Mini Camp for Elementary Children:** July 18-20, 9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.
- **"Helping Hands" Conference Camp** at Woodlake UMC: July 21-22
- **"Simon Says" Music Camp:** August 1-5, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., *see page 15 for current information*
- **Family Camp Out – Westview on the James:** August 26-28

In addition to these camps, there is information here about other opportunities for you as a camper, mentor or sponsor. Contact Sandra Stanley (sandra.stanley@duncanmemorialumc.org or 798-7224) for more information about any of these programs.

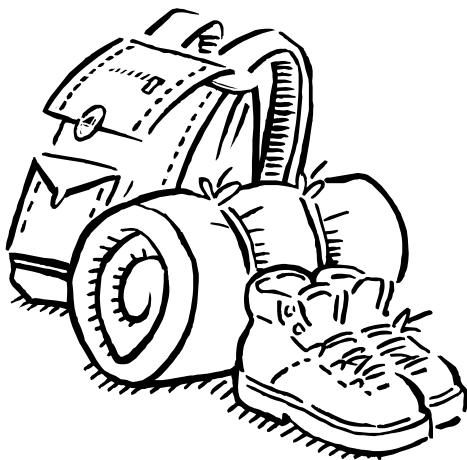
"Got Spirit? Finding God in the Everyday"

Westview on the James summer camp sessions for children and youth will be June 19-August 5. Theme this summer is "Got Spirit? Finding God in the Everyday."

Six- and seven-year-olds experience camp in a three-day/two-night program, while the seven- to 11-year-olds spend an entire week making friends and exploring camp activities. Senior Camp offers residential camp or Adventure Camp for 12-year-olds and teens. Adventure Camps include James River Trek, Backcountry Camping the Appalachian Trail, Moon Shadows, Extreme Treks, Kayak on the James, C3 (climb, cave, canoe), Beach Trek, Sailing the Bay, and Saddle-Zip-Paddle. Summer camp

registration is available online at www.westviewonthejames.org.

There will be an open house at the camp on Sunday, May 1, 2:00-6:00 p.m. This is a chance to meet counselors, tour camp, canoe on the lake, check out the hogans, and sample camp goodies. Pack a picnic lunch or supper for your family and come explore this camp and its opportunities!



"Hugging the World"

We held our children's retreat, "Hugging the World," February 4-6, at Westview on the James. While the weekend was wet, there were no wet spirits present as children were carried around the world – from the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma to Mongolia, Kenya, Argentina and Russia – through crafts, games, dance, music and food. At each stop along the way the children learned how God's love came to those areas and how God is still active.

This retreat gave at least three of our Duncan Memorial children their first exposure to Westview. Erica, Avery and Sydney liked the camp experiences – hogans, s'mores and exploring the camp. Ella enjoyed the crafts, games and making new friends. Thanks, Dave, for going as the adult and photographer.

Each of these campers is excited about an upcoming camp at Westview on the James ...

Grandcamp

Elementary-age children and their grandparents will have a retreat at Westview on April 29-30.

Grandcamp is a great sharing and bonding time for grandparents and their young campers! Together they will explore activities of camp and be surrounded by God's presence in nature. Brochures are available from Sandra. Registration deadline for this event is April 15!

All God's Children Camp

All God's Children Camp is a camp for children, ages 7-12 years, who have an incarcerated parent. This camp offers Bible, crafts, music, and all the camp-type activities along with special guests. Each year mentors are needed so more children get an opportunity to experience the love of God through people and nature. Three of Virginia's United Methodist camps offer week-long sessions. Mentors and helpers can select the week that best fits their schedule.

- Camp Highroad in Middleburg (Northern Virginia): July 31- August 5
- Westview on the James in Goochland (Central Virginia): August 7-12
- Occohannock on the Bay in Belle Haven (Eastern Shore): August 14-19

Last year we had volunteers from Duncan Memorial – Tonya Sikkar, Zach Sikkar, Jackie Strickland, and Nancy Williamson. Sandra Stanley served as the onsite director of the Westview camp. If you are interested or have questions, please speak with any of these people. Last year we had mentors from 17-80 years of age! For a mentor application or more information, please go to www.vaumc.org/agc. You can *help* as:

- *Mentor*: willing to provide supervision, companionship and compassion to the children during daily activities. It is an intense, yet extremely rewarding experience.
- *Prayer*: for camp, children, mentors and leadership
- *Financial contributions*: Camp depends on funds donated by individuals, groups and churches. A scholarship of \$350 sends one child to camp. Please write checks to Virginia Conference UMC with AGCC in the memo line, and mail to Casey Torrence, Director of AGC Camps, P.O. Box 5606, Glen Allen, VA 23058-5606.

Camp Rainbow Connection

Camp Rainbow Connection is a week-long respite camp held at the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center (VUMAC) in Blackstone for individuals with intellectual disabilities. A ministry of the Commission on Disabilities, the camp has been in operation since 1985.

There will be two sessions July 10-15 and August 7-12. Campers participate in a variety of activities including Bible class, music, arts and crafts, games, dancing and special activities. Camp Rainbow is a continuation of Christ's ministry where campers and staff of all races and religions experience Christian love.

The camp is actively seeking new campers and staff volunteers for this summer's camp sessions, and *we need your help!* For an application or for more information, please go to www.vaumc.org/campainbow.



Youth Activities

Youth Beach Retreats

The spring youth beach retreats will be March 25-27 for the high school youth and April 1-3 for the middle school youth. The theme for this spring is "Gifted for a Purpose." We will investigate what the Bible says about spiritual gifts. This will be an especially important retreat for all those youth participating in mission trips this summer. If you are interested in chaperoning a group of excited and wonderful youth, let Dawne Vronek know. These retreats are a wonderful opportunity for the youth to do deeper study on a Bible theme or book of the Bible. It also gives them a chance to get to know each other better!

March 8, Shrove Tuesday

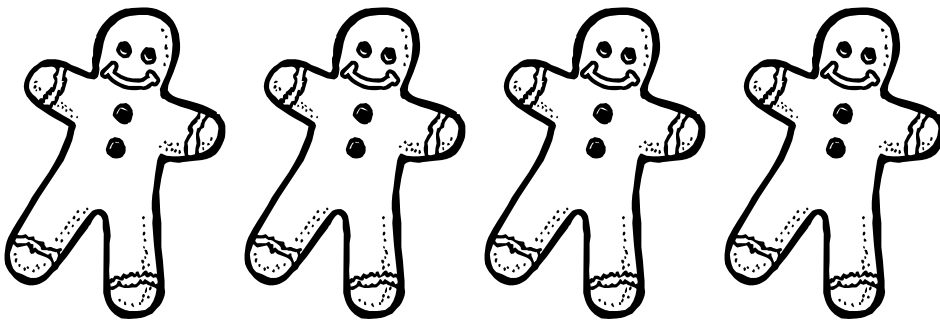
Pancake Supper, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is March 8, 5:30-7:30pm. Again, the youth will serve unlimited pancakes, with sausage and cooked apples for \$5 an adults and \$3 for students and children. Come join us for the start of Lent!



Calling All Duncan Memorial Manly Men

Are you secure with your masculinity? Are you up to helping the youth to get to Florida and provide Vacation Bible School to immigrant children? Then *we need you*. Yes, all men with the guts to become Ms. Duncan Memorial are needed. If you are interested in the honor, see the youth group at their table in the colonnade.



Contact Information for Dawne Vronek

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

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

The Beacon

The Beacon, a worship service led by college students, will be Tuesday, March 15, 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Duncan Memorial. The speaker this evening will be Joe Varner, a senior at Randolph-Macon College and an A.P. Bailey Scholar. Joe has been active in Duncan Memorial UMC during his four years at Randolph-Macon and will be missed as he moves to seminary next year.

R-MC Students

The United Methodist Student Fellowship meets at 8:15 p.m. on Monday evenings in the Upper Room. This is not just for United Methodists students. All students interested in studying God's word are invited to join the meeting for great discussion.

Young Adults

New time and day for Young Adult Bible Study! Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., at the church, there is a Bible study for anyone age 19-34. The series we are studying now is *Balance: Living with Life's Demands*. This will be of interest to all those who say, "I have too much to do!" What does the Bible say about this and how can we start to take control again? Join us!

Youth Mission News

by Jake Harris, DMUMC Youth Group

A hungry child is four times more likely to die from treatable or preventable diseases. You can change this statistic by donating your time, money or food to our youth group's *1,800 Minute Famine*.

This event is March 18-19. The youth will go without food for 1,800 minutes or 30 hours. We will only drink juice and water during this time. On Saturday, we will help our community by collecting food, clothes and toiletries for A.C.E.S. and feeding the homeless in Monroe Park. If you have items to donate, let us know before March 19. We will pick up items that Saturday. At the end of the 1,800 minutes, we will feast like kings – *that is if you help by bringing a pot luck dish*. This is all done in hopes of raising money and awareness for kids who don't get to eat regular meals. All help and donations are appreciated. Money raised will benefit the Monroe Park Project and A.C.E.S. Food donations are to feed the hungry youth of our church who will have not eaten for 1,800 minutes – from lunch on Friday until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. Bring your favorite dish and come help us celebrate! We also need time from you as chaperones to fast with us. If you are interested in helping, contact Dawne Vronek.

The youth trip to Tampa Bay, Fla., June 18-26, will be a wonderful experience. The mission of this trip is to provide a week of Vacation Bible School to immigrant farmer's children in the area. We are blessed that Shelia Mills will be going with us to help with the Spanish. Prior to going, we will learn more about the cultural background of the children, along with some Spanish VBS songs and key phrases.

For all those youth who have waited to decide on the Tampa Bay mission trip, you need to decide now. We can't add anyone to the trip after April 1 without a penalty. The cost is \$279, plus your meal going down and back and one free day. Scholarships are available.

The *In Your Own Backyard* trip is shaping up as well. Thank you to all who have said you will help that week. It's time now for a more detailed commitment. We need volunteers from 6:00 p.m., Sunday, July 24, until noon, Saturday, July 30. If you are willing to help on this endeavor, please let Dawne Vronek, Beth Pollard or Rhonda Lacoss know what day and what times you are willing to assist. We will work with Bandit's Adoption and Rescue of K-9s (BARK) on Monday and on a housing project the rest of the week. We need people to provide dinner for about 20 youth and chaperones Monday through Friday evenings. We will cook our breakfast and pack our lunches, but after a day of working, we would like to have dinner provided. If you haven't signed up for this trip and want to participate, please let Dawne know. The cost is \$100 for the week, but scholarships are available.

Needed: 3,500 Gallons of Gas

Help our youth get the Tampa Bay-area immigrant children to let Christ into their lives!

This summer the youth will need lots of help getting the gas for their mission trip to Tampa Bay, Fla. We are starting a fundraiser in March just for trip gasoline. It will take about 3,500 gallons to get both vehicles needed for all our volunteers to make this trip. We are asking for gas sponsors!

You can sponsor \$50 in gas, \$25 in gas, or \$10 in gas! Each sponsor will receive a note from our team during our trip. If you sponsor \$25, you will also receive a photo of our group at the Vacation Bible School. If you sponsor \$50, you will receive the photo *and* a free meal at the youth mission trip dinner, when we will discuss and share our trip experience with you. The youth will be collecting each Sunday in the colonnade. Thank you for your support!



Scripture Readings for March

Not only does March mark the transition from winter to spring, this year it also marks the transition from the season of Epiphany to Lent and the beginning of our six week-long journey of fasting, prayer and generosity that moves us toward the joy of Easter. The last Sunday of Epiphany is always Transfiguration Sunday, which occurs this year on March 6, and Lent begins with the solemn observance of Ash Wednesday.

Here are the scripture readings for each Sunday in March, along with the readings for Ash Wednesday. Even if you typically don't read these lessons, you are especially encouraged as a Lenten discipline to read these texts as you walk the way of the cross with our Lord.

Sunday, March 6 (*Transfiguration Sunday*): Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Wednesday, March 9 (*Ash Wednesday*): Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday, March 13 (*First Sunday in Lent*): Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday, March 20 (*Second Sunday in Lent*): Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Sunday, March 27 (*Third Sunday in Lent*): Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Special Note: On Sunday, March 6, **Jennifer Vestal Moore**, Director of Church Relationships for Society of St. Andrew, an outstanding preacher and advocate for the church's ministry with the poor, will preach at all three services. Hear her inspirational and powerful witness to Christ calling us to feed our hungry sisters and brothers!

CCC – In Your Neighborhood

by Pastor David Hindman

As you read this, you can anticipate receiving a letter from a member of Duncan Memorial who will introduce herself or himself as the Congregational Care Community (CCC) coordinator for your neighborhood. What is CCC and why is Duncan Memorial beginning this new ministry?

Last year when you welcomed me at a series of "Meet the Preacher" sessions, many of you said we needed to do a better job of watching out for one another, sharing news of joys and concerns, and minimizing the risk that folks' needs might fall through the cracks. Of course there are many ways already in place to help folks connect – Bible studies, youth and young adult groups, Sunday school classes, music groups, Table Fellowship, to mention a few. But we can do better!

Under the guidance of Susen Dunmire and our CCC coordinators, our membership has been divided into eight-10 groups. You'll receive a letter introducing the program and a follow-up phone call from your coordinator. Opportunities to support one another include celebrating milestones, providing a meal during an illness or death, contacting a new neighbor to invite them to worship, or taking a small gift to a neighbor who visits our church. We believe the Holy Spirit will guide us to learn ways to support and care for each other, so when you get your call, don't ignore it, but welcome the opportunity to new ways of caring! *Questions?* Contact Susen Dunmire (798-1236) or me.

Worth Noting

On Sunday, September 25, we welcome **Dr. Richard Soulen** back to Duncan Memorial to preach at all three services and to provide an overview to his latest book, *Sacred Scripture: A Short History of Interpretation*. Dr. Soulen was our pastor 1988-1995 and continues to teach New Testament at the Samuel Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. Plan to be here to welcome Dick and Peggy home!

Calendar - March/Early April 2011

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Practicing Lenten Disciplines: *Ancient Practices That Help Make Us New*

by Pastor David Hindman

Prayer, fasting and generosity are practices known not only to Christians but to practitioners of every world religion. Why are they observed? Not to make us miserable but to help us become more attuned holiness all around us, and to provide a space from the busyness of life to focus more intently on who we are and where we are in our relationship with God and in the life we have been given so freely.

Lent (and Advent) are particular seasons of the church year when followers of Christ are especially called to introspection, reflection, prayer, scripture study, fasting and unusual generosity. On Ash Wednesday, in the the Gospel lesson Jesus tells us “when you pray..., when you fast...when you give...” Note Jesus says when, not if. Jesus himself prayed, fasted, and lived a generous life. Those of us who claim to follow him and long to be like him can do no less

if we are truly serious about our discipleship.

*When you fast...*Lent is an opportunity for you to fast from something in order to create space for something else to have more room in your life. If you fast from a meal a week or from chocolate or alcohol or renting movies, consider setting aside the money you typically spend to support the Society of St. Andrew ministry with the hungry, or an alcohol rehab center, or the world-wide ministry of Duncan Memorial through our World Service and Conference Benevolence Funds.

*When you pray...*Think of the additional time you would have to pray if you gave up Facebook or TV or participation in just one organization for the six weeks of Lent. We have much more discretionary time than we sometimes think we have. It's not whether we have time as much as what we are doing with the time already loaned to us. Use the time

saved to write a letter, or read scripture, or to be silent and prayerful long enough to ponder the question, “What needs to die in me (attitudes, behaviors, beliefs) so Christ can live more fully in me?” What a wonderful preparation for the new life of Easter to come to you in the joyous season of Easter.

*When you give...*Generosity of spirit is expressed in how we relate to others, the encouragement we share with others, in the time we open up to others and to God's purposes, and in liberality of giving our treasure to the work of God in this broken, bleeding world. We have set a goal of raising \$2,500 this Lent as our sacrificial, second mile giving to support the world-wide mission of Duncan Memorial through the United Methodist Church. If our average Sunday morning attendance is barely 250, that is only \$10 per worship for the entire season – surely God will inspire us to this level and beyond (wouldn't it be awesome if we actually doubled that goal by Easter Day?)

How we observe this season is up to us individually. But we trust and believe that as we open ourselves to the blessings and possibilities that lie before us God will do amazing things and bring new life to us in ways we cannot yet imagine. Receive this holy season for the gift it is and learn what an awesome God we worship!

UM Women

by Sharon Morgan, UMW President

In March, the general meeting of UMW will be the *Call to Prayer and Self Denial: Give the Gift of Love*. This year's offering will support the Retirement Benefits Fund that provides for pensions and health care for retired United Methodist Women deaconesses and missionaries. The meeting will be March 21, at 11:30 a.m. Also the circles will meet on March 21 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. All women are welcome to attend any UMW meeting. And keep bringing the items for the kits!

Other Lenten Opportunities

by Pastor David Hindman

Tuesday, March 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
(mission fund raiser by our youth)

Wednesday, March 9, 12 Noon or 7:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Worship

“We’ve a Story to Tell” Lenten Daily Devotional Guide provided by Society of St. Andrew.

In keeping with the traditions of Lent, the Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) invites us to participate in a program of spiritual reflection, prayer and giving. The Lenten devotion program challenges readers to take seriously the scriptural injunction to care for the poor, while it also provides an opportunity to feed our hungry brothers and sisters. Each day during Lent, gifted writers use the theme “We’ve a Story to Tell,” to describe how knowing Jesus has made a difference in his or her life. As you make the journey to the cross this year, use SoSA’s devotional booklet to think of how a relationship with Jesus has changed your life. Then ponder the question: “Are you willing to share your story, and the story of our Savior, with others?” The devotions program is capped by an optional Good Friday Fast to remind us of the sacrifice of the Lord and to identify with those who are in need in our society.



Take Up and Read: Spiritual Reading to Deepen Your Life in Christ This Lent

If you give up Facebook or watching TV or the internet (trust me, people have done this in recent years as a discipline and found it to be liberating!) in addition to more time for prayer you may find blessing in reading spiritually enriching texts.

Like what? Some suggestions include C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, or *The Screwtape Letters*, or *The Great Divorce*; Phillip Yancey's *The Jesus I Never Knew*, or *What's So Amazing about Grace?* or *Where Is God When It Hurts?*; Joan Chittister, *Wisdom Distilled from the Daily*, or

God's Tender Mercy: Reflections on Forgiveness; Henri Nouwen's *Life of the Beloved*, or *Can You Drink the Cup?* or *The Return of the Prodigal*. Young adults would benefit from reading Lauren Winner's *Girl Meets God* or Donald Miller's *Blue Like Jazz*; folks who are up to the challenge might be drawn to Thomas a Kempis' *Imitation of Christ* or Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship*, or Brother Lawrence's *The Practice of the Presence of God* or the anonymously written *The Cloud of Unknowing*. The main thing is to receive the season of Lent for the precious gift it is to deepen your relationship with Christ.

Christianity and the Constitution

by Brett Morgan

The next **Hot Topics** program, *Christianity and the First Amendment*, is Sunday, March 27. We will look at the United States Constitution with our emphasis being on the First Amendment.

Is the Constitution still a relevant and viable document? We will discuss this question. Benjamin Marchi will be one of our guest speakers and another speaker is expected. Our own John Hudson will have points to make, and Brent Morgan will take a quick historical view on what elements led to our Constitution. We expect to have good audience participation at this program.

Join us for a soup-and-salad lunch in the fellowship hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. church service, and the program will start promptly at 1:00 p.m.

For current news and announcements, the weekly bulletin is available online – www.duncanmemorialumc.org.

Finance Report for Duncan Memorial

by Charlie Martin
Finance Team Coordinator

2010 Year End Report

Thanks to God and you, we did it! Your financial giving to support God's ministries through Duncan Memorial in 2010 totaled \$419,200, an increase of \$13,700 (3.4%) over 2009. Your generosity allowed us to pay 100% of our apportionments, fund vital missions, meet our local budget, and pay back all but \$151 of the over \$15,000 deficit with which we started 2010.

Our challenge for 2011 is to keep up the momentum! Our hard working staff has not had salary increases since 2008; our youth deserve continued and increased support; and we want to do much more in mission and ministry. I know that we will do all of this and much more in 2011.

We are still receiving commitment cards indicating the many ways we will support the church in 2011 (including our financial support); to date we have received **121 financial pledges** totaling nearly **\$373,000**. If you have not yet indicated your 2011 commitments, it's not too late. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at 752-6477 or usmartin@verizon.net, or our new Treasurer, Bob Spiller, at 798-1022 or wlspsiller@gmail.com

Approved 2011 Budget

Income

801	Envelopes	\$424,822
802	Loose Plate	5,000
803	Initial Offering	100
804	Church School	2,100
805	Other Income	0
806	Use of Building	500
807	Interest Income	30
809	Special Budget Income	2,500
Income		\$435,052

Expenses

<i>Local Church Administration</i>		
111	Education	\$ 6,450
112	Evangelism	1,000
113	Missions	200
114	Jolt Worship Service	0
115	Stewardship	1,700
116	Worship	1,700
117	Church Council Training	200
118	Campus Ministries	1,883
	<i>New: Young Adults</i>	1,000
119	Fellowship	500
121	Finance	500
122	Music	4,000
123	Altar Guild	600
124	Children	1,550
125	Nursery	0
126	Youth	6,500
127	Library	0
Total Church Administration		\$ 27,783
<i>Church Office</i>		
131	Supplies	\$ 10,000
132	Internet Access/Computer	1,584
133	Postage	3,133
134	Telephone	3,333
Total Church Office		\$ 18,050
<i>Missions</i>		
144	Local Missions	\$ 1,250
145	Covenant Missionaries	2,500
Total Missions		\$ 3,750
<i>Miscellaneous</i>		
151	<i>Upper Room /Alive Now</i>	\$ 216
152	Advertising	200
153	Annual Conference Delegates	1,500
154	Other Expenses	1,000
155	Background Checks	450
Total Miscellaneous		\$ 3,366
<i>Vehicle Expenses</i>		
162	Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 150
Total Vehicle Expenses		\$ 150

Property Maintenance

211	Educational Building	\$ 1,500
212	Sanctuary	2,500
213	Parsonage	0
215	Grounds	0
216	Custodial Services	19,000
218	Security	400
Total Property Maintenance		\$ 23,400

Utilities

231	Church Building	\$ 20,000
233	Parsonage Building	0
Total Utilities		\$ 20,000

Insurance

241	Insurance – Liability & Worker's Comp.	\$ 9,369
Total Insurance		\$ 9,369

Maintenance Supplies

251	Kitchen	\$ 585
252	Janitorial	750
Total Supplies		1,335

300 Ministerial & Staff Support \$248,789

Conference Apportionments

401	World Service	\$ 15,973
402	Episcopal Fund	2,058
403	Equitable Compensation Fund	1,129
404	Active Clergy Health Benefits (Fka Pension & Benefit Fund)	19,089
405	New For 2011 – Retired Clergy Health/Pensions	13,537
406	District Superintendent's Fund	5,737
407	Conference Services	4,561
408	Education Fund (Conf)	2,422
409	Church Extension & Development	1,835
411	Ministerial Education (Conf)	2,478
412	General Connectional Fund	1,366
413	Interdominational Cooperation Fund	193
414	Black College Fund	988
415	Africa University Fund	221
Total Conf. Benevolences		\$ 71,587

District Apportionments

501	District Fund	\$ 5,221
502	District Missions Fund	658
503	Westview-on-the-James	1,594
Total District Fund		\$ 7,473

Total Expenses \$435,052

Excess (Shortfall) 0

And Where Exactly Does All That Money Go?

Part 2 of a Series on How Our Apportionment Help Ministry Happen Around the World and Across Virginia

by Pastor David Hindman

The Methodist branch of the Christian family tree is the only part of the Christian community that can trace its roots back to a group of students on a university campus. Thus it is no surprise that United Methodists continue in that tradition to support education in a broad range of ways.

As part of the United Methodist family, Duncan Memorial's ministry and mission in education includes financial support of four vitally important apportionments.

Book Group

by Betty Perkinson

The Duncan Memorial Book Group is reading *Playing the Enemy: Nelson Mandela and the Game that Made a Nation* by John Carlin for March. This is the story of the South African team and the 1995 Rugby World Cup match that helped to bring a nation together. Pick up a copy, enjoy an inspiring read, and join us in the church parlor on Sunday, March 20, 5:00 p.m. for the discussion.

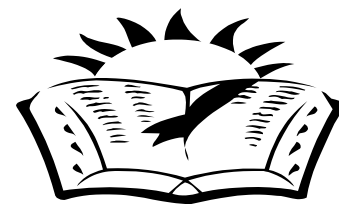
During April we're reading *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn (from the UMW 2011 reading list) and for May, Muriel Barbery's *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*.

Africa University: The Africa University Fund was established at the 1992 General Conference and supports ongoing operations, including building maintenance, utilities, classroom equipment and supplies, faculty and staff salaries, and other operational expenses. Africa University is located in Zimbabwe, and offers undergraduate degrees in Agriculture and Natural Resources, Humanities and Social Sciences, Theology, Education, Management and Administration, and Health Sciences as well as five graduate programs in Management and Administration, Theological Studies, Health Sciences, Agriculture/Natural Resources, and the Institute of Peace, Leadership and Governance.

Black College Fund: Following the Civil War, the former Methodist Episcopal Church organized the Freedmen's Aid Society to help educate Black people newly freed from slavery. The 1972 General Conference established the Black College Fund apportionment, which provides a constant reliable way to support United Methodist-related historically Black colleges' operations, programs and capital improvements. Today The United Methodist Church supports 11 historically Black colleges and universities, more than any other religious denominations.

Education Fund: This Conference apportionment provides support to our five United Methodist-related colleges in the Virginia Conference (Ferrum, Randolph, our own R-MC, Shenandoah and Virginia Wesleyan, as well as preparatory school Randolph-Macon Academy.

Ministerial Education Fund: MEF provides vitally needed scholarships through annual conferences, essential funds for the support of our 13 United Methodist seminaries in the United States, programs that encourage men and women to respond to the call to ordained ministry, continuing-education opportunities for pastors across the connection and course-of-study education for local pastors. For most United Methodist seminaries, Ministerial Education Fund (MEF) disbursement accounts for 12 to 20 percent of their annual budget: 25 percent of the receipts assist candidates for ministry, to support continuing education for pastors and clergy recruitment and to provide financial aid for students in your annual conference; 75 percent is disbursed to the 13 United Methodist seminaries to assist candidates for ordained ministry through scholarships and faculty salaries.



Missions Opportunities

Nothing But Nets Mosquito Sale

In December, Duncan Memorial contributed \$765 (enough to buy 76 bed nets) to Nothing But Nets. As a follow up on March 20, a group of young people, led by Kendra Swager, will have a sale table in the colonnade with homemade “pipecleaner” mosquitos.

These cute crafts are a reminder to you to pray for those areas of our world where malaria still decimates families and communities and to seek ways we can continue to make a difference. The United Methodist Church (through Imagine No Malaria) has a goal of ending malaria in sub-Saharan Africa by 2015. You can purchase a pipecleaner mosquito for any donation (25 cents, \$10 or \$25 dollars, your choice!) Keep in mind that \$10 buys one insecticide-treated bed net for a person in Africa.

The young people who have made the mosquitos are members of the Hanover Homeschooler group Roots and Shoots, a Jane Goodall Institute environmental and humanitarian program for young people. Duncan Memorial will send all of the donations directly to Nothing But Nets.

Meal for Daily Planet Respite Care

The Missions Team is providing the evening meal for the Daily Planet Respite Care program on Wednesday, March 30. If you would like to help provide some of the food and/or if you would like to go to the center and serve, we would love to have you. Please contact Lyle Wieber (883-6177) or Randi Buerlein (798-1414).

Pathways Work Projects

There are two chances to help at Pathways this spring. On **Saturday, March 12**, we will help with landscaping. Meet in the church parking lot at 8:45 a.m. Bring your lunch and garden/work gloves and yard tools. We will leave at 9:00 a.m. for Petersburg. The second work day will be **Saturday, June 4**. We will leave the church at 8:00 a.m. to work on a project to be announced later.

CARITAS ... June 11-25

St. Ann’s Catholic Church is again hosting CARITAS for two weeks, June 11-25. We will prepare several meals and drive the church van to the laundromat and Y.M.C.A. during their stay. Actual dates of our assistance will be determined later. Watch the bulletin and *The Dove* for more details.

Remember ...

- **First Sundays, A.C.E.S.** – Bring a canned food item to support their ministry.
- **March Communion Offering, *Nothing But Nets*** – To parallel the mosquito sale, March communion offering will be donated to Nothing But Nets.
- **April 3, *One Great Hour of Sharing*** – Gifts to this offering underwrite UMCOR’s costs of doing business. That helps UMCOR keep the promise that 100 percent of every other gift we make to a specific UMCOR project can be spent on that project – not on home office costs. In addition, April’s communion offering will be given to UMCOR.
- **July 11-15, *Harvest of Hope*** – The youth gleaners will be in the Ashland area. Wednesday, July 13, we will prepare their lunch. Volunteers and food are needed. Details later.

SoSA Pennies

The penny jar for St. Society of St. Andrew was lost in last month’s hallway clean up. Please hang on to your contributions until we find a place to put a new one. Thanks to everyone for leaving their change in the jar. We’ve collected \$619 – almost 3/4 of a mile of pennies. Also, thanks to the Christmas collectors for their additional \$95.

Music Ministry

by Teena Chinn, Director of Music

The Music Ministry will be busy in March preparing for our weekly services plus Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Palm/Passion Sunday:

The Chancel Choir begins rehearsing this year's cantata on Tuesday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. and continues on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join the choir for this glorious musical presentation. The cantata, *Palm/Passion Sunday: A Service of Lessons and Hymns*, will be presented at the 11:00 a.m. service on April 17.

In addition to the Chancel Choir, the Duncan Memorial Ringers will play. They will ring two selections by themselves, one anthem combined with the choir, and will join Jim Doering in playing the congregational hymns.

The Manna Band and Youth Choir will lead the congregation in a contemporary Service of Lessons and Praise Songs at the J.O.L.T. service. The music along with scripture will lead us through the passion story in preparation for Holy Week.

M'n'M:

DMUMC's children's mission and music group, M'n'M, is off to a great start. Each week, Kendra Swager is leading the children in various mission projects, and I am directing the musical segment in

which the children sing, play boom-whackers and ring children's bells.

The group went on a mission outing to visit the residents of Heart Havens on February 16. They took gifts as housewarming presents and sang several songs for the residents.

The M'n'M mission themes for March will be poverty and beauty of God's creation. All children ages kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome to join us each Wednesday afternoon from 3:45-5:00 p.m.

Heart Havens

by Pastor David Hindman

Heart Havens welcomed four new residents to its home in Ashland. Gracie M., Ashley D., Ashley B. and Luke B. moved into the house in February. William S. will join them early this month. Duncan Memorial and five other churches (Enon, Lebanon, St. Peter's, and Wright's Chapel UMCs and Union Baptist) have committed to developing a relationship with the home. For this first year, each church will sponsor a month on a rotating basis; our months are April and October. We can support them at anytime during the year, but in April and October Heart Havens will look first to Duncan Memorial for maintenance needs such as lawn care, household repairs, replenishing supplies (paper products, games, coloring books), visitation, and invitations to attend church.

House supervisor, Dana Smith, will be at the home most days, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Since many residents have various diet restrictions, please check with her (368-7999 or Ashland@hearthavens.org) before taking any food to the home. The home is staffed 24-7 on rotating shifts.

We celebrate the many ways our Duncan Memorial faith family has already extended a caring welcome to our new neighbors – prayer afghans have been made for each bed (*see page 16*) and our M'n'M children's group visited and sang.

David Luther (798-3821 or luthermail@verizon.net) is our Heart Havens liaison to communicate, solicit and nurture support from Duncan Memorial for the home.

Music Camp:

All children third-eighth grade who love music and theatre are welcome to attend our first (hopefully annual) Music Camp, August 1-5, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. each day. The musical for this year is "Simon Says: The Rockin' Trial of Simon Peter." Each of the five days will consist of several classes including, Bible study, music/movement, drama, art and games. Cost for the camp is \$15 per camper/\$30 maximum per family. Lunch and snacks are included.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry – Not Just for Shawls

by Lisa Davis, Prayer Shawl Ministry Team Coordinator

On Saturday February 12, the residents at the newly opened Heart Havens house were presented with hand-knit afghans. The afghans were made by the Prayer Shawl Ministry at the request of Missions Team.

The residents had just spent their first night away from home and were getting acclimated to their new surroundings. Ashley B.'s father was there and was delighted to pick out an afghan for his daughter. The other residents also choose an afghan.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will make several other afghans for Heart Havens for use by the staff, the house in general, or the parent of a resident. We encourage all of Duncan Memorial to become involved in some way with Heart Havens.

Since March 2007, the team has presented 245 shawls. As always, we look for donations to keep our ministry going. Please prayerfully consider a small donation to help purchase yarn. Just add Prayer Shawl Ministry on the memo line of your check and leave in the office or in the offering plate.

March Birthdays

- 1 Nancy Kitchens, Jenn Inge
- 2 Lisa Deaton, Jeff Andrews
- 3 Cathy Keller, Jenny Schontag
- 6 Nancy Andrews, Brian LePeter, Hannah McGraw
- 8 Jennifer Bass
- 9 Warren Bass
- 10 Brenda Beish, Melissa Vaughan, Gray Stiles
- 11 Lynn Newell, Lyle Wieber, Victoria McGraw
- 12 Libby Bradley, Fred Hodnett
- 13 Ed Marshburn, Marie Washburn, Charley Liebert
- 14 Edith Satterthwaite, Nathan McIlwaine
- 15 Jewell Howell, Jennifer Moss
- 18 Keith Hunter
- 19 Alice Voss, Suzanne Walker
- 20 Jacob Sikkar
- 21 Jud Hatz
- 22 Logan Guffey
- 23 Pat Herbert, Betty Martin, Sharon Chidsey, Sherri Prunty
- 24 Regina Holman, Steve Chidsey, Jessica Laird, Seth Prunty
- 26 Braeden Burke
- 27 David Johnson, Zach Layne
- 28 Carol Van Goor, Colleen Wright
- 29 Mary Frances Luck, Evan Hunter
- 30 Elizabeth Hargrove
- 31 Barbara Wiedeman, Shirley Barton, Megan Bondi, Ethan Kochell, Makayla Newell

April Birthdays

- 1 Angie LePeter, Grace Fetty
- 2 Rebekah Sikkar
- 3 Jonathan Gay
- 4 Bill Flexon, Mark Hargrove
- 5 Kara Lefever
- 7 Carla Solari
- 9 Van Shamburger, Charles Luck
- 10 Al Dickerson, Rhonda Toussaint
- 11 Ron Harris, Tony Minton
- 13 Hunter Newell
- 15 Betty Turner, Sue Watson
- 16 Pat Koontz, John Norman
- 19 Buck Herbert
- 20 Betty Shamburger
- 22 Betty Faucett, Amanda Williamson
- 23 Bill Dodl, Jennifer Lucas
- 24 Matt Lefever
- 25 Rich LePeter, Lindsey Harris, Jo-Jo Flexon
- 26 Tom Bass, Ed Williams, Glenn Birch
- 27 Doris Waters, Tricia Trent
- 28 Josh Valent
- 29 Dylan Hughes
- 30 Sharon Morgan, Mollie Hargrove, Peyton Luck, Bailey Inge



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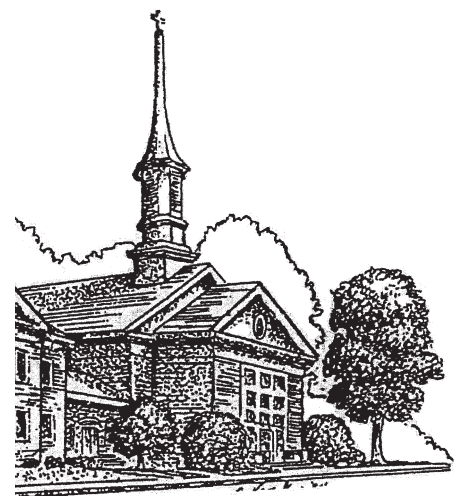
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Change Service Requested

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Duncan Memorial will offer a free preview of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University with a special class on Sunday, March 13, 6:30 p.m. The 13-week course will be held at Duncan Memorial on Fridays, beginning March 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Child care will be provided. Contact Sandra Stanley for more information.

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In this life-changing program you will learn:

1. Step-by-Step Cash Flow Planning

Luke 14:28: "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it."

2. Debt Snowball Plan Technique to Eliminating Debt

Proverbs 22:7: "The borrower is slave to the lender."

3. How to Invest Wisely

Ecclesiastes 11:2: "Give portions to seven, yes to eight, for you do not know what disaster may come upon the land."