

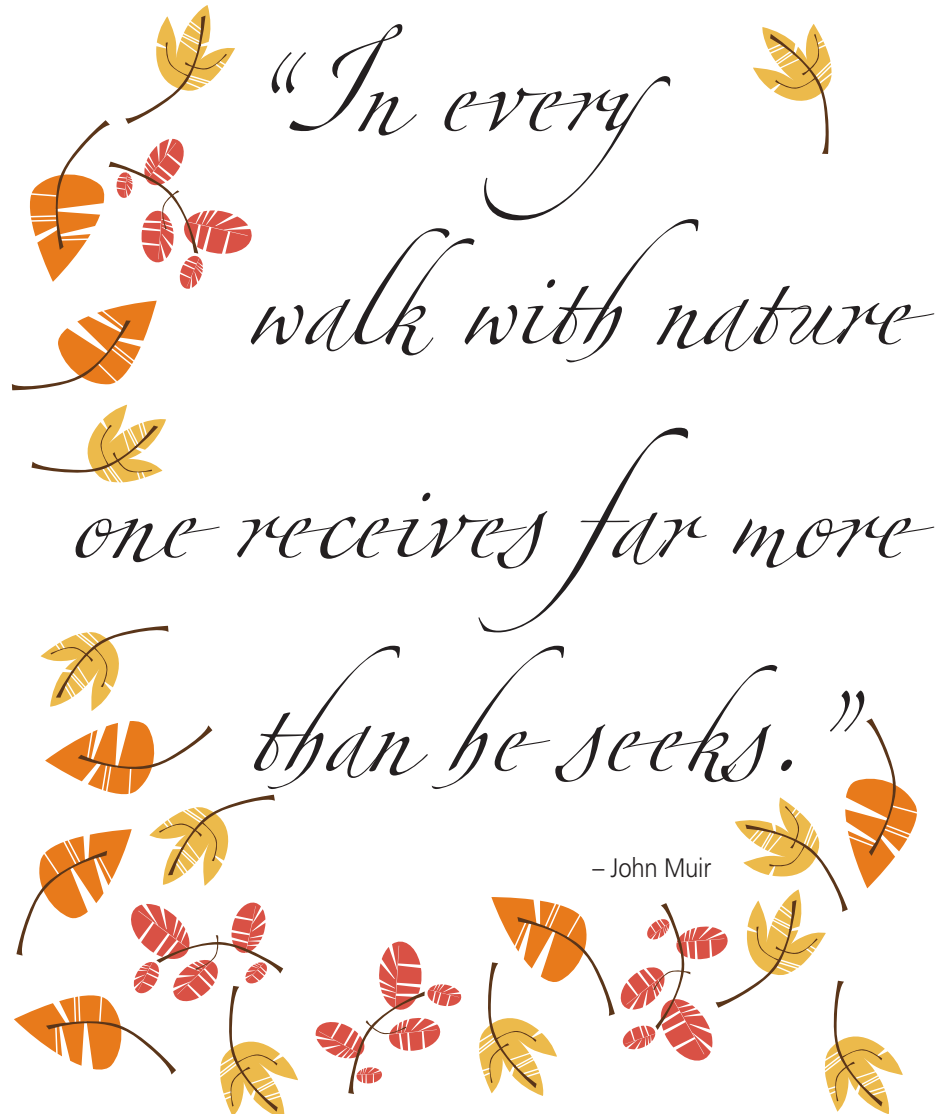
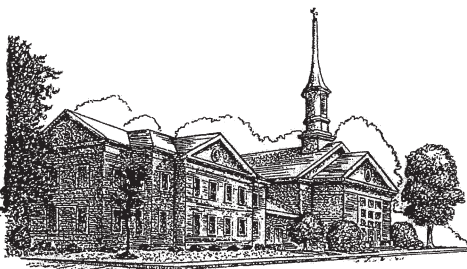
THE DOVE

Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church

October 2011

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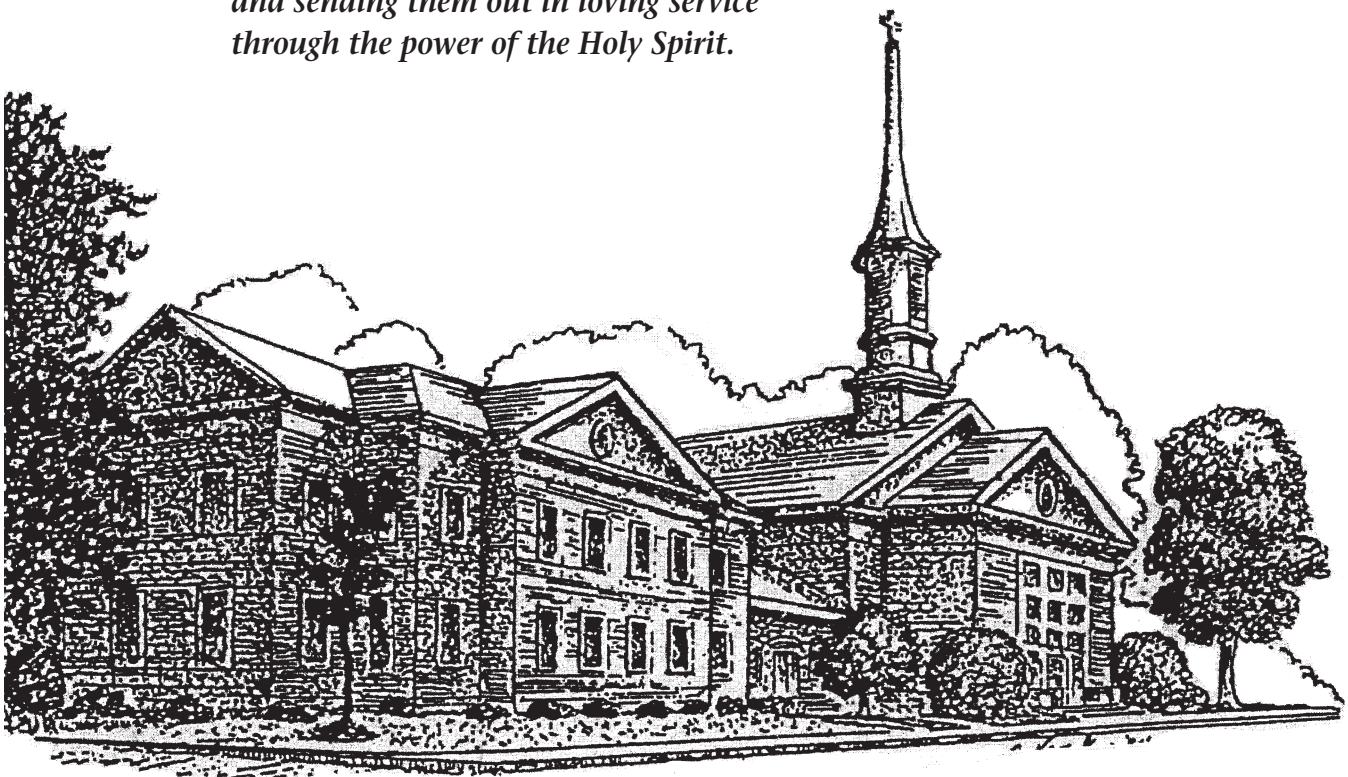
Sunday Schedule

- **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

- **6:00 p.m.** *Casual worship (including previous Sunday's sermon) with weekly celebration of Holy Communion, 45 minutes in length, in the fellowship hall*

*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

When you receive this copy of the *Dove*, we will be in the midst of our annual Generosity Campaign. We hope that as a result all of us will grow more like Christ by becoming more open-handed and open-hearted with the lives God has given us. Such generosity involves not simply our finances but becoming more extravagant in prayer, serving the poor and one another, and investing ourselves more deeply in worship and spiritual growth. There is nothing magical about such practices, but together they have the power to change lives and transform us into the image and likeness of Christ.



As I write this message to you, I am mindful of the many ways I witness generosity in this faith community: a staff that frequently goes the second mile with mutual encouragement, support, frequent laughter and prayer; the joyful spirit seen at church meetings and folks lingering to talk after worship has ended; members volunteering to prepare a meal for a sick neighbor or provide resources to feed the homeless; a simple but elegant table of refreshments graciously provided for a reception following a funeral; the warm welcome extended by an older member to a R-MC student helping her to feel at home; our Congregational Care Community Coordinators contacting members to make sure all are OK after the earthquake or hurricane; encouraging words expressed in difficult times or a quick smile that says “all will be well”; and of course the many ways this communion of saints shares its financial resources to mend the world, from weekly offerings to Kits for Konference to support for Pathways or missionaries in Ukraine or snacks for hungry students during exams.

What a blessing to be your pastor! When you think generosity, what comes to mind for you? How is Duncan Memorial a community of blessing for you? Stop and think about it, then offer a prayer of thanks, and ask God to move us all to greater extravagance, joy and life!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Pastor David

Be Our Guest!

Generosity Campaign Celebration Lunch

Catered BBQ Meal with potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw,
dessert and beverage

Sunday, October 23, immediately following 11:00 a.m. worship

Call the church, 798-7224, *today* to make your reservation

From the Director of Christian Education

Protection Policy Training

As a new school year starts, new youth enter our youth group and new families bring children into the ministries of this church. We will offer two opportunities to learn about the Protection Policy of Duncan Memorial. There will be a morning session on October 9, at 10:20 a.m. and an evening session at 5:30 p.m. for parents to attend while they have youth attending choir and youth group. Not only will this inform families, it also will prepare more adult chaperones for activities. We currently have trained adults who are enjoying some amazing outings and ministries as the adult chaperones for children and youth! Plan to attend one of these orientations and join the excitement of participation.

The Way of the Child

“The Way of the Child” is the Upper Room children’s experience that parallels the “Exploring the Way” which is being offered to adults on Sunday evening during October and November. Equip your elementary children to develop spiritual practices for growing in their faith walk. Children, first through fifth grade, are invited to participate in their own discipleship experience on Sunday evenings, October 16 – November 20, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Five Talent Academy

On October 6, a team from Duncan Memorial will go to Chesapeake for the next Five Talent Academy. The event will focus on the stories of congregations from across our conference who experience success in evangelistic outreach and hospitality to neighbors. While you may not be part of this team, you are encouraged to act as well. You can check with friends, co-workers and neighbors for the success stories of their faith communities (how are they reaching out and welcoming new people) and you can begin to check our bulletin for specific events to which you can invite unchurched friends, co-workers, neighbors and family members.

Students Receiving Bibles

Bibles were presented to the following students on September 25 – Erin Flexon, Daniel Enderle and Joshua Sikkar. Let’s rejoice with them in this gift of God’s Word. May this gift be a reminder to the faith family of the value in learning and growing in our love and study of God’s Word.



A Life of Generosity

From October 2-23, our church family will explore together a life of generosity. Every family is invited and encouraged to participate in the daily reading of *Practicing Extravagant Generosity – Daily Readings on the Grace of Giving* by Robert Schnase. We will also be looking at Duncan Memorial’s generosity in ministry. How might we grow as individuals and as a faith community? Please take one of the books you will find in the narthex and outside the church office for your family to read together. Donations of \$3.00 would be welcome.

Do you blog? Speak to Ed Gay, David Hindman or Sandra Stanley about participating in a generosity blog during the four-week emphasis.



Thanks to the Fall Celebration Team –

Special thanks to Lisa Davis, Cheryl Harris, Gordon McDaniel, Amy Tompkins and Sandra Stanley for their help with our Fall Celebration. Thanks to all workers who gave of their time and energy to make Saturday evening’s concert and Sunday’s special event a success.

Christian Education Opportunities for All Ages

Children's Sunday school

Both the *preschool class* and *the kindergarten – third grade class* are studying about people of faith who first learned about walking with God – those called to be set apart to be blessed so they could bless nations. They'll start with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.

Leadership for preschool class:

- First Sundays – **Stephanie Nixon**
- Second Sundays – **Sharon Morgan**
- Third Sundays – **Jennifer and Jamie Moss**
- Fourth Sundays – **Cheryl Harris**
- Fifth Sundays – **Sandy McDaniel**

Leadership for kindergarten – third grade:

Tonya Sikkar, Bob Tompkins and Alice Voss

The *fourth and fifth grade class* starts a new curriculum, *CrossTrainer*. This curriculum is divided into seven units titled:

- Young Believers,
- Connections – the Power of Prayer,
- God Provides,
- Bible Boot Camp,
- Uniquely You – Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts,
- Kids on Mission, and
- iWitness – the Case for Sharing Faith.

These are some great titles to be considered by students preparing themselves as disciples. *CrossTrainer* takes a new direction including PowerPoint presentations as part of the lessons. Susan Staudenmaier leads our fourth and fifth graders.

Please hold all of these students and their leaders in prayer as together they learn about living as disciples of Jesus Christ. *Also*, be in prayer for families with children you can invite to walk with them.

J.O.L.T. Plus

The newest adult small group meeting on Sunday morning has moved upstairs to room 12. If you are not currently part of a small group we will look for you! We are still getting to know each other, planning special gatherings and events, but also beginning a short-term study by Adam Hamilton, *Enough, Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity*. Grab your coffee and pastry, call your friends and make your way to room 12 today! Class meets 9:40 a.m.

Two Small Groups for Fall

Immersion Bible Study:

"Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians"

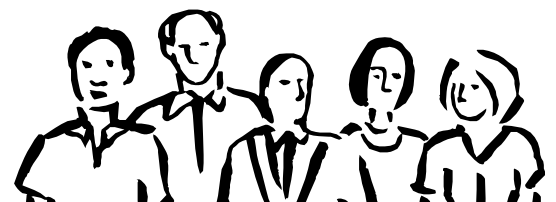
This six-week study begins with the first lesson on Monday, October 3, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. and continues through November 7. The lectionary epistle reading during this time will include 1 Thessalonians, so consideration of this letter of instruction to Thessalonica would be worthy of further examination. Books are available for \$6.00.

"Companions in Christ:

Exploring the Way – An Introduction to the Spiritual Journey"

Exploring the Way is a seven-week experiential small group. It provides an excellent introduction to the language of spiritual formation and some basic practices of the Christian spiritual life. Stories, scripture and exercises in each session will help connect your beliefs with daily experiences. Through independent and group study, you will establish a rhythm of daily time with God, weekly time in Christian community and a greater attentiveness to possibilities for serving the world.

An information session has been held. The seven weeks of gathering will be Sundays, October 16–November 20 at 6:30 p.m. Texts will be \$15.



Confirmation Offering Two Tracks for High School and Adults

by Sandra Stanley

Confirmation takes a new direction – in the age of participants and in the format for equipping individuals as disciples. On Sunday, October 2, there was an informational session for high school students and adults who are interested in exploring the meaning of living as disciples of Jesus Christ through membership in Duncan Memorial UMC.

Participants will be able to select from two tracks, both of which will include retreats, DM concentrated classes and short-term weekly sessions. Based on the new Confirmation curriculum, *Credo*, participants will examine three areas – “Know Your Story,” “Confirm Your Faith,” and “Live Your Commitment.”

There will be a series of DM classes offered twice between now and the spring Confirmation Sunday, May 6. These classes will be offered on a monthly schedule and then again each week during Lent. Topics include the basic introduction to Church history, Bible, Spiritual Disciplines, Spiritual Gifts, and Thinking Theologically.

The second track will include the retreats, and extended sessions in January and February. Participants in both tracks will be encouraged to participate in the Prayer Retreat and Labyrinth on February 25. (This is also open to the entire congregation.)

Interested persons should contact Pastor David or Sandra Stanley.



New Bailey Scholar

by Margie Turbyfill, Director, L. Purnell Bailey Pre-ministerial Program

Duncan Memorial joins the Bailey Pre-ministerial Program at R-MC in welcoming an entering student, Bobby Bradshaw, as a L. Purnell Bailey Scholar. Bobby is from Springfield, Va., and has a previous connection to R-MC: his grandfather, Marion Allen, is an alumnus.

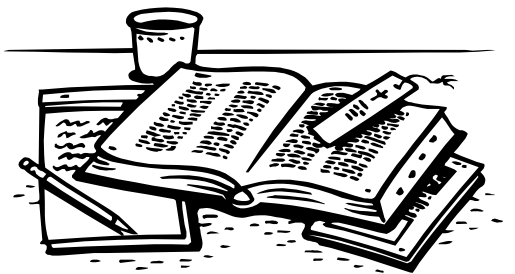
The Bailey Program equips participants to explore the vocation of ordained ministry. Bobby worships with us here at Duncan Memorial. Be sure to introduce yourself to him.

Want to Become a Member of Our Family?

by Pastor David Hindman

DM 101 Offered on October 20

Our next new member class for persons wanting to become officially connected with our faith family happens Thursday, October 20, 6:00-8:30 p.m. A light supper will be provided and child care is available, if needed. DM 101 introduces participants to how we fit into the Christian family tree; what we United Methodists hold in common with all Christians as well as special emphases cherished by us United Methodists; provides a basic introduction to spiritual disciplines useful for future growth in faith and discipleship as well as ways to get connected into the life and ministry of our congregation. Whether you've been attending Duncan Memorial for a few weeks or a few years but want to make a public commitment to Christ's ministry through Duncan Memorial, contact Pastor David or Sandra Stanley. New members will be received at worship services on Sunday, October 23, or at worship on Wednesday, October 26.



October Youth Calendar and Announcements

Our youth group year is off to a great start! Here are a few things you might want to be a part of:

Saturday, October 1 – Feeding the Homeless at Monroe Park

The youth met at the church at 9:30 a.m. to pack lunches and to deliver them and visit with our homeless neighbors in Richmond. This is a powerful experience of servant ministry and we hope you can join us when we do this again. Members of the church donated so much PB&J, sandwich and paper bags, and other items last month, that our main need this month was for snack/dessert items, fresh fruits, sandwich meat, and toiletries and toilet paper. Bottled water is always appreciated too!



Sunday, October 9 – Watch the movie version of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Seeing the show is fun and will help us envision how our own production will unfold. Do you like to sing and/or act? See what the roles are like. Do you like to design or sew costumes? Come check out the professional costuming. Do you like to design sets or work as a crew member moving sets around between scenes? It's all needed! *Lights, camera, and action!* Helping with the production will help you earn credits toward the summer mission trip. Even if the show isn't for you, come and enjoy the Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber musical on DVD on Sunday night.

Weekly youth meetings are in full swing all month.

Join us Sundays at 5:00 p.m. for youth choir and at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and youth group.

Contact Information for Youth Co-Directors

Devon Maust – Phone: 837-9850
Email: devon@duncanmemorialumc.org

Kendra Swager – Phone: 363-3340
Email: kendra@duncanmemorialumc.org

Church Office – Phone 798-7224

Opportunities for Youth Parents – or Other Interested Adults!

The youth program needs a parent to assist advertising coordination for the youth events by making posters. The program also needs a volunteer event coordinator to remind those who sign up during our orientation meeting which events they are working and to find adult coordinators for events. As a parent of a youth, you are asked to cook alongside another family for *two* Sunday evening meals during the year, to chaperone *four* Sunday evening meetings, to chaperone *one* extra event, to volunteer for *three* fundraisers, and to coordinate *one* event. We have a very active, growing, and meaningful youth program. It takes every one of us to make our youth program a success, so prayerfully consider stepping up to help us with our programming for the fall. Contact the church office (798-7224) with any questions about responsibilities or to volunteer.



Extravagant Generosity: Our 2012 Campaign to Get to the Heart of God *Celebration Sunday is October 23!*

by Pastor David Hindman

The first four Sundays in October we will be focusing on growing in our generosity as a community of faith. How can we become more generous in prayer, serving others, and draw closer to God through worship and growth in our discipleship? None of us is a finished product and all are in the process of being transformed into the people God created us to be, so becoming more generous and magnanimous in spirit is an on-going work of the Spirit in our lives.

In addition to worship services focusing on growth toward becoming more generous souls, all of us are encouraged to use, beginning Monday, September 26, a devotional guide written by Bishop Robert Schnase, *Practicing Extravagant Generosity: Daily Readings in the Grace of Giving*. I hope the readings and reflection questions posed each day will take us deeper into the heart of a most generous God.

Finally, I hope all of you will make it a priority to be present on Sunday, October 23, as we make our commitments to worship,

pray, serve, grow in discipleship and give financially to Christ's ministry through Duncan Memorial UMC. Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service, we will also gather to enjoy a delicious catered meal in the fellowship hall. Since seating there is limited to 120, I encourage you to call and make your reservation soon!

We simply cannot out give God! As we become more generous souls we draw closer to the God of life and God's ways increasingly become our ways and that becomes a blessing to others that knows no end!

Prayer Makes a Difference

by Pastor David Hindman

"Prayer availeth much."
- James 5:16

Thank God for members of this faith family who graciously and generously pray for the ministry of Christ through Duncan Memorial UMC. This month these prayer warriors and others are invited to pray for our the following aspects of our congregation's life together:

- for all of us to understand that faithful generosity involves every aspect of life and faith and is more than making a financial commitment,

- for our interim Directors of Youth Ministry, Devon Maust and Kendra Swager, for the youth and their families in this vitally important time of life and faith,
- growth in the number of persons sharing musical talents with us, especially through our 11:00 a.m. musicians and singers, the new Sarah's Sisters group, and the youth as they begin rehearsals for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* musical,
- for R-MC students conducting a communications audit as a class

requirement for their Organizational Communication class taught by Dr. Ed Showalter; that their insights will help us connect better with one another and the larger community,

- a spirit of hospitality and welcome, especially to young adults and R-MC students,
- guidance for those discerning whether to become official members of our faith family,
- guidance for our Nominations and Lay Leadership Team as they discern our ministry leadership needs for 2012.

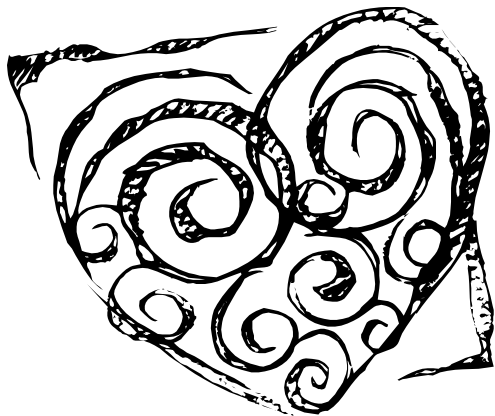
Meet Our Ministry Teams and Leaders

by Pastor David Hindman, first in a series

“God appointed some to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, others to be pastors and teachers. God did this to prepare all God’s people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the body of Christ.” – Ephsians 4:11b-12

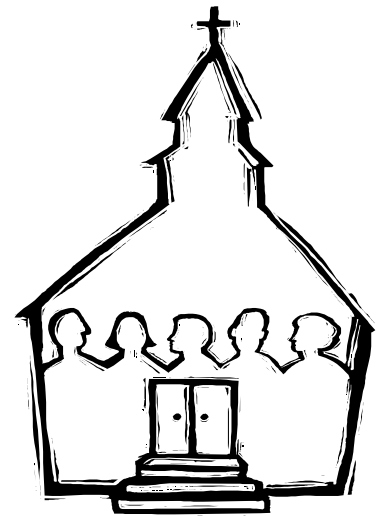
The work of ministry happens as many hands and hearts are called to various ways of serving and building up the part of Christ’s Body called Duncan Memorial UMC. In such a vitally active faith family, unique gifts for ministry are required and shared by a wonderfully rich and dedicated group of leaders. Beginning with this issue of the *Dove*, we introduce you to the various teams, how they contribute to the overall ministry of our congregation and their members.

Our ***Evangelism Team***, led by Audrey Roberts and Regina Holman, is committed to providing a welcoming environment for visitors as we seek to grow the Body of Christ and express Christian hospitality to guests looking for a church home and a relationship with Christ. The team recruits our greeters for J.O.L.T. and 11:00 a.m. worship; provides nametags for members and R-MC students; coordinates follow-up with first time and repeat visitors; provides Visitor Packets to our guests; and strives to foster a strong spirit of welcome and hospitality in our entire congregation. This team’s players include Dave Beish, Cheryl Harris, Rick Laird, Diane Stoakley, and Amy Tompkins.



Our ***Staff-Parish Relations (SPRC) Team*** oversees our Personnel/Human Resources by identifying appropriate staffing for our mid-sized congregation; developing job descriptions, making recommendations for salaries and support, hiring and evaluating paid staff, and recommending to Church Council all policies related to our professional and paid staff. The work of this team is always daunting because the nature of its work requires high levels of trust and confidentiality and because mid-size churches are often challenged by staffing needs greater than the church’s membership can support financially. Tough decisions such as these are made at Duncan Memorial

by team leaders Ron Lefever and Kelly Jones with the support of members Keith Fleckner, Shandy Hamner, Lyn Hodnett, Katie Hudson, Ray Martin, Wendy Minton, Jerry Sims, Judee Showalter, and Dave Stoakley.



Our ***Worship Team*** is led by Michelle Hamner and works with Pastor David to ensure that worship – the most important thing we do as a congregation – offers our best to God when we gather as a community to praise and glorify God. Team members enrich our worship with visual arts, recruit acolytes, Altar Guild members, crucifers, ushers, readers and Communion servers, and coordinate Communion elements, weddings and funerals. Team members include Susen Dunmire, Betsy Eggleston, Jack Luck, Charlotte Mallory, Brian Moores, Liz Sims, Charlie Van Goor, and staff members Teena Chinn and Pastor David.

Scripture Readings for October

Our Old Testament readings for October focus on the story of the giving of the Law and the formation of Israel as a people through their wanderings in the Sinai wilderness until their entry into the Promised Land. Readings come from the books of Exodus, Deuteronomy and Joshua. Our Gospel readings continue moving us through Matthew and our Epistle readings for the month conclude our exploration of Paul's letter to the Philippians and also provide an overview of his first letter to the Thessalonians. 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, October 2 (*World Communion Sunday and 16th Sunday after Pentecost*): Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 9 (*17th Sunday after Pentecost*): Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 16 (*R-MC Homecoming Weekend and 18th Sunday after Pentecost*): Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 23 (*Commitment Celebration Sunday and 19th Sunday after Pentecost*): Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

Sunday, October 30 (*20th Sunday after Pentecost*): Joshua 37:17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

R-MC Homecoming Sunday Features Dr. Stephen Hundley, R-MC Class of 1976

by Pastor David Hindman

Rev. Dr. Steve Hundley, Roanoke District Superintendent for the Virginia Conference, returns to R-MC in October for his 35th class reunion. We are delighted to welcome him to Duncan Memorial's pulpit for all three Sunday services on October 16. Steve has served congregations large and small across Virginia. Prior to his appointment in 2005 to the Roanoke District, he served seven years as Lead Pastor of Heritage UMC in Lynchburg. A strong and enthusiastic preacher of the Gospel, we look forward to welcoming him home as he shares the Word with us!

Homebound Members Share in Our Worship

by Pastor David Hindman

Thanks to the generous sharing of time by Van Shamburger, home-bound members of our faith family can still share in our worship life through our tape ministry. Each week Van prepares recorded cassette tapes of the 11:00 a.m. worship celebration and delivers the tapes to our older members unable to travel. What a blessing this is!

If you would like to be added to the list of those receiving a tape on a regular basis, please contact the church office at 798-7224.



Calendar - October 2011

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

Congregational Care Community

by Susen Dunmire

I hope by now nearly everyone received an introductory letter and phone call from their Duncan Memorial Congregational Care Community (CCC) Coordinator.

In April, we kicked off this new ministry to provide a way for everyone to stay better connected, and to effectively minister and care for each other during times of celebration and need. The coordinator collects and shares prayer requests, coordinates meals and visits when needed by a community member, and serves as a resource for church-related services and events.

CCC coordinators for our current nine care communities are Paul Burch, Becket and Paul Franklin, Cathy Keller, Shearer Luck, Sharon Morgan, Betty Perkinson, Beth Pollard, Jackie Strickland, and Joe and Jacqui Woomer.

Over the past few months, we have realized that not everyone is currently assigned to a CCC, and we are working hard to rectify this. Our timetable is to have everyone included in a community and receive a letter from their coordinator by the end of October. To accomplish this, we will need to form two or three additional communities, and are looking for two or three more volunteers to serve as coordinators. If you are interested in serving, or if you have questions about this new ministry at our church, please contact Susen Dunmire at 798-1236 or sdunmire@mindspring.com, David Hindman, or ask one of the CCC coordinators.



Hopefully many of you received phone calls or a knock on your door from one of your CCC members after Hurricane Irene. CCC Coordinators who had electricity or a charged cell phone called their members to check on them, or initiated a telephone tree for neighbors to check on one another. Through this recent experience, we recognize a very tangible benefit of the CCCs during a disaster – to help one another with electricity, food, water, and tree/debris removal. We are currently outlining procedures and compiling information for each CCC Coordinator to use in the future. You can help by contacting your CCC Coordinator to share your ideas, and to let them know if you have a generator, chain saw, other power tools, or specific expertise that would be helpful in a natural disaster.

We believe that through this ministry, we can facilitate more effective communication, develop pastoral care leadership within the lay membership, and create a greater sense of community and connection as the Body of Christ. Jesus commanded his disciples, *“Love one another as I have loved you.”* What better place to start than within our local neighborhood among our neighbors and DMUMC members! If you haven't received a letter or phone call from your CCC coordinator yet, please either contact the church office, Susen Dunmire, or David Hindman, so you can be included!

A New Year of Table Fellowship

by Diane Stoakley

The 2011 season of Table Fellowship began with a kick-off appetizer/dessert social at the home of Diane and Dave Stoakley last December and ended with a picnic at Betty and Van Shamburger's home this May. In between these two all-inclusive events, Table Fellowship participants enjoyed monthly opportunities to dine in individual homes in groups of eight. The food and fellowship were outstanding and many close Duncan Memorial friendships have begun at these events. You don't have to be a gourmet cook or have a formal dining room to participate, so please consider joining us for the 2012 season. Planning is underway now. For more information, please contact either:

Betty Shamburger at 883-5223 or horshubr@embarqmail.com, or Diane Stoakley at 798-3283 or dianestoakley@comcast.net.

Duncan Memorial Book Discussion Group

by Betty Perkinson

On October 16 at 5:00 p.m. in the parlor, the Duncan Memorial Book Group will discuss *The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World* by Eric Weiner. The author

spent a year traveling to the world's supposedly most contented cultures and gives us an entertaining story of the lessons learned.

The book group meets monthly from September to May on the third Sundays at 5:00 p.m. If you enjoy a good read and like to hear

what others think about a book, please join the discussions! If you have questions about the book group or suggestions for books for the group to read this year, please contact Betty Perkinson, 798-5606 or eperkinson@aol.com.

News from the Library

by Bonnie Hoskin, Librarian

The following books have been donated or purchased for our library. Thanks to Pastor David for his suggestions; thanks to Sandra Stanley for her donation.

- *Half the Sky* by Nicholas D. Kristof
- *Bonhoeffer* by Eric Metaxas
- *Rich in the Things That Count the Most* by James W. Moore
- *Aging with Grace* by David Snowdon
- *Worship is...What?!* by Tom Kraeuter
- *Life in the Blender* by Sandi Patty
- *Odd Girl Out* by Rachel Simmons
- *The Message of the Prophets* by Gerhard Von Rad
- *Sex God* by Rob Bell
- *A History of Christian Thought – Volumes I-III* by Justo L. Gonzales
- *The Story of Christianity – Volumes I-II* by Justo L. Gonzalez
- *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson

Is there a book you would like to see in our library? Please contact the librarian via email: bdhoskin@embarqmail.com or call 883-7281.

Prime Timers Christmas Luncheon

by Carlene Bass

Christmas in October? No, not quite, but time to save the date for the Prime Timers Christmas luncheon. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 14, at noon, at the Ash Creek Club House. Look for more details in next month's *Dove*.



Weekday Book Discussion Group

The reading list of the United Methodist Women includes books with a wide reading appeal, many worthy of group discussion. Please read, review and join the discussions on the second Thursdays of October, November and December at 1:30 p.m. in the parlor.

October 13 – *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore

November 10 – *Unchristian, What a New Generation Really Thinks about Christianity* by David Kinnamon and Gabe Lyons

December 8 – *The Noticer* by Andy Andrews

While these books are on the UMW listing, they are great reading for both men and women!

Music Ministry Notes

by Teena Chinn, Director of Music

It is an exciting time to be in an ensemble in our Music Ministry. If you feel a calling, please respond by joining one of our small groups.

Chancel Choir rehearses at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the choir room. We need singers! This group has a lot of fun and functions as a small group in all aspects.

Manna Band practices every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. and leads music for the J.O.L.T. service each Sunday morning. If you haven't heard the band lately, come to J.O.L.T. and praise God with this awesome group of musicians.

Duncan Memorial Instrumental Ensemble will play at the 11:00 a.m. service at least one Sunday

a month. Rehearsals will be held one evening the week prior to the performance. If you play an instrument and would like to join this ensemble, please contact Teena Chinn at 798-7224 or teena.chinn@duncanmemorialumc.org.

Duncan Memorial Ringers will share a musical selection at the 11:00 a.m. service October 23. They will play "Fantasy," a fantastic composition. Handbells rehearse each Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. We need more ringers and would love to have youth in the group.

Sarah's Sisters, Duncan Memorial's newest music ensemble, will make their singing debut on October 16 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Please plan to attend to support this group of awesome ladies. They will sing "Give

Thanks and Praise," a choral selection by Handel.

Youth Choir rehearses each Sunday from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the choir room. We are having a great time working on the music for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Performances will be February 24, 25 and 26 at DMUMC. Please mark those dates on your calendar and plan to be at one or all of the presentations. Any youth or college students who would like to be a part of this production are welcome to join us!

M'n'M meets each Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. in room 12. This semester we are working on a fun musical called "*iHope Christmas.*" All children K-5 are welcome to participate in this production which we will present on the evening of December 18.

Support, Education, and Advocacy for Individuals and Families Affected by Mental Illness

by Connie Moores, Stephen Minister

The Duncan Memorial Stephen Ministry is supporting the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Virginia Walk again this year. Last year we raised over \$1,750! Please join us to help break the stigma of mental illness. The 5K walk is Saturday morning, October 8, around the lake at Innsbrook in Richmond. The NAMI Virginia

mission is to provide support, education, and advocacy for individuals and families in Virginia affected by mental illness.

Checks can be written to NAMI Virginia with Team DMUMC added on the memo line at the bottom of

the check. Checks can be given to Connie Moores, Alane Herbert or Gordon McDaniel in the church office.

Please keep all who are suffering in your prayers. Together. . .we can make a difference!

Join our team and donate by going to our team Web page at www.nami.org/namiwalks11/VIR/teamdmumc or contact Alane Herbert (798-4811) or Connie Moores (519-4650).

Missions Opportunities

Stop Hunger Now – February 11, 9:30 a.m.-Noon

Come one and all – a fun, hand's-on mission project that is suitable for all ages. Mark your calendar for February 11, 9:30 a.m.–noon. Duncan Memorial will host a Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event to assemble 10,000 meals.

Stop Hunger Now is an international hunger relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world. The meal packages we assemble are shipped around the world to support school feeding programs and crisis relief. The food stores easily, transports quickly and has a shelf-life of five years.

Stop Hunger Now meals pack a big punch. Every dehydrated rice/soy meal is fortified with 21 essential vitamins and nutrients. Research has shown that one in three people in developing countries are adversely affected by vitamin and mineral deficiencies. Addressing the problem of hunger is the single point where we can leverage relief for all humanitarian issues.

In addition, we need to raise 25 cents for each meal we package. We will support this mission project with November's communion offering and during the Christmas Mission Mart. You may also make a donation. Please make a check payable to DMUMC and put "Stop Hunger Now" in the memo line. Watch for more details in the upcoming newsletters.

Volunteer Mission Trip to Alabama in the March

Youth, college students and adults interested in helping residents in storm-damaged Alabama recover a normal life are invited to consider a mission trip the week of March 16-25. You can go for several days or the entire week. Planning is underway now. Contact Sandra Stanley and help spread the anticipation!

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. Everyone 10 and up is invited to glean, learn, and worship together! Cost for each of the weekends is \$75.

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

More information and applications are available on the SoSA web site, www.endhunger.org/ or you can call 800-333-4597. Join us and do something to end hunger in America!

Remember ...

- **First Sundays, A.C.E.S.** – Bring a canned food item to support their ministry.
- **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 glennngw@aol.com to volunteer or for more information.



October Birthdays

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

November Birthdays

- 1 Hannah Kannegieter
- 2 Joshua Minton
- 3 Faith Van Goor, Greg Lindgren
- 5 Mike Voss, Laura Williamson
- 6 Ed Ayers
- 7 Randy Ayers, Amy Harris, Derek Jones,
Andrea Lindgren, Alexander Lacoss
- 8 Carol Martin, Matt Zavitz
- 9 Alma Perrin, Debbie Bondi, Sarah LePeter
- 10 John Hudson
- 11 Tудie Midyette, Shearer Luck
- 12 Martha Shukrallah, Beth Pollard
- 13 David Hanky, Jonathan Fetty
- 14 Martha Taylor, Daniel Enderle
- 17 Marta Gay
- 19 Mike Martin, Stan Ballance, Mark Phillips
- 22 Mary Collins Rowe, Jody Des Roches, Ella Swager
- 24 Bonnie Hoskin
- 25 Rebecca Seay
- 26 Jean Williams
- 27 Theresa Lucas Witherell
- 29 Brian Moores, Forrest Ernst, Kyle Staudenmaier





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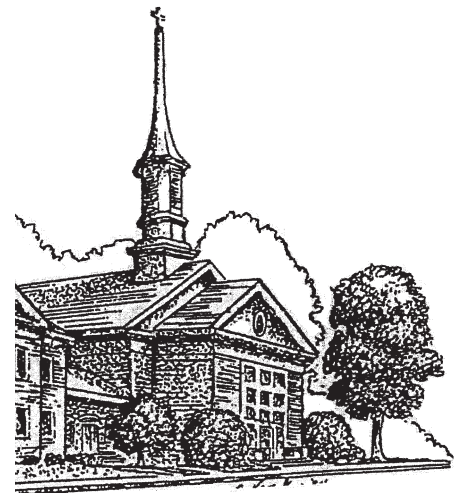
Copies of the complete 2011 lay leadership list are available in the church office.

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The Dove Dates and Deadlines

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