

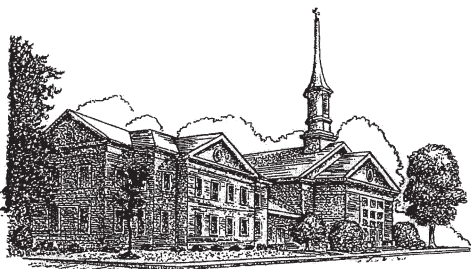
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Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church

September 2011

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*“Faith is courage;
it is creative
while despair
is always destructive.”*

– David S. Muzzey



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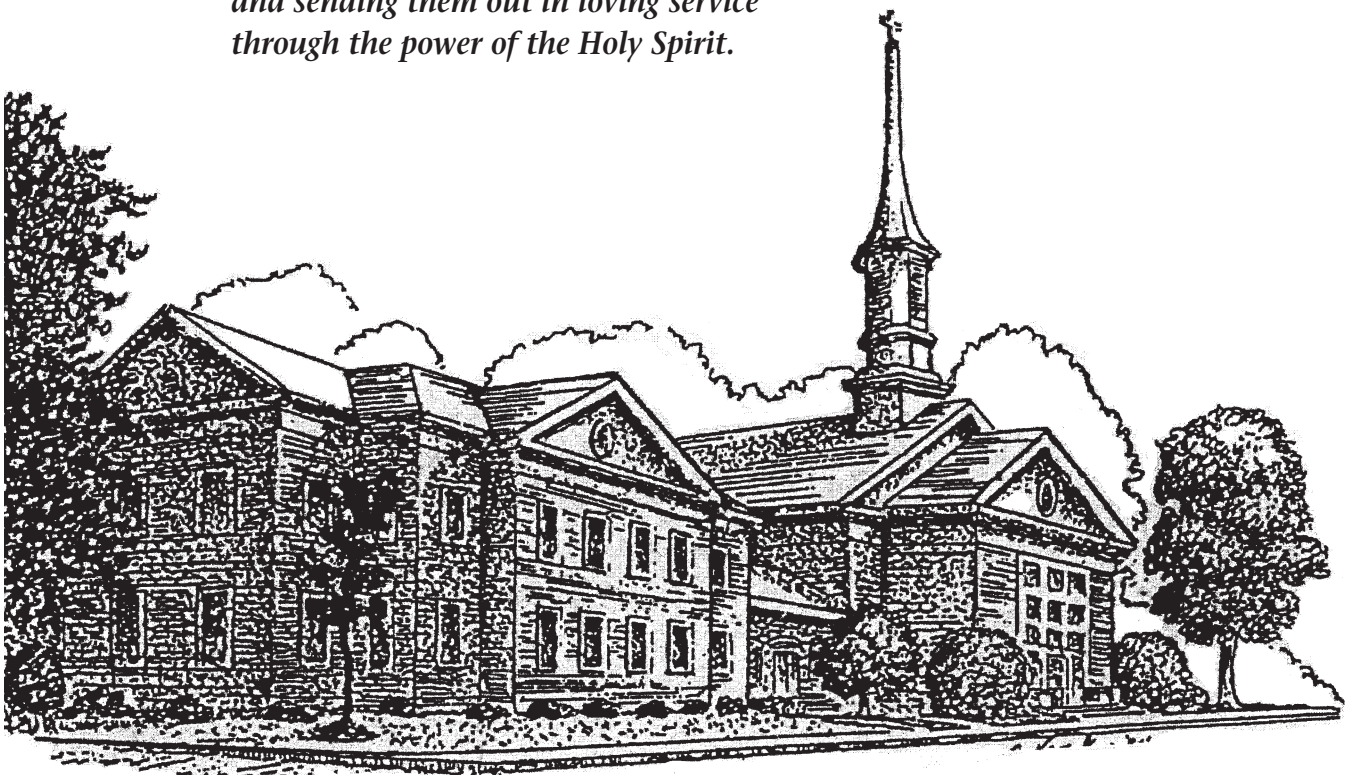
Sunday Schedule

- **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

“Christians are made, not born.”

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

In June I had the privilege of speaking to the Florida Annual Conference about how disciples are made in the 21st century. Using the title “Shift Happens” the presentation focused on the reality that we live in a very different mission context than what many of us experienced in our youth or childhood. We live in a post-Christian context in which participation in any faith community is optional, involvement in spiritual practices is significantly less important, and connection to a faith community is much more tenuous (for a fuller description of this reality, you can view the PowerPoint I used at the Florida Conference at <http://flumc2.org/pages/detail/1871> or you can read my musings from the *August Dove*).

I find this a very exciting time in the life of the church because persons choosing to be attentive to their discipleship are not doing so for social or conventional reasons. In a way different from the past we disciples have to be prepared to explain why we choose to live and die as disciples of Jesus and to “be ready to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you” (1 Peter 3:15 TEV).

As a college student I asked my parents why they were Christians. They had no idea. No one had ever asked that question. They clearly were not prepared to answer it because they never had needed to do so.

That’s no longer the case for us. In a post-Christian world, simply participating in the church like its just another club or organization or simply having our name on a roll without meaningful participation in the life of the community are not compelling incentives for the church to continue or for others to become a part of its mission and ministry.

So how can we become a community of disciples, and not just church members? It’s really a matter of forming particular habits and practices of life, which means they will take time, dedication, practice and commitment. God already longs for a deeper and closer relationship with each of us; in fact God is the

spurned and jilted lover of all time. God continues to reach out and seeks to connect with us. Here are the ways we can respond to God’s love calls to us:

- read scripture daily,
- spend at least 15 minutes daily in prayer for others, the needs of the world and for Christ to live in you more fully so you will be transformed to become more Christ-like,
- make it a priority and first commitment to worship with others weekly,
- serve the poor at least monthly, not simply by writing a check but by finding ways to interact with them and to learn their stories, experiences, hopes and needs,
- get involved in a Bible study, Sunday school class, or other discipleship group this fall,
- get an accountability partner and honestly pray for one another and discuss ways you want and need to grow in your relationship with Christ,
- invite others to come with you to worship and form the habit of talking about your faith – we witness to why we love a particular restaurant, school or team; if we are unwilling to do that with our faith perhaps we need to do a soul check to discern why that is.

These are life-giving practices. They are not hard to do, but getting into the habit of them takes practice, practice, practice. Of course it will be uncomfortable and unfamiliar at first, but just like exercise, healthy eating, financial and time management do not come easily to us, once acquired the practices are priceless.

Above all else, spiritual growth and development are mindful practices involving intentional commitment and awareness of how to live differently. For example, if we think we don’t have time to add these practices to our busy lives, think honestly about how time is spent in life. Most of us spend hours texting or on the phone, on Facebook, watching TV, or participating in other activities. How can time be carved out for God by simply spending *less* time on such activities or using time more wisely?

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From the Director of Christian Education

"Hunger No More"

What do you know about hunger in your own community? Many times, when hearing of global missions, people react by saying, "But what about here? Why not help in our own communities?" Well, now you have that chance!

"Hunger No More" is a one-day hunger awareness event sponsored by Lebanon United Methodist Church. The community is invited to come out and learn what programs are offered, both by the county as well as nonprofit organizations. Each organization will have a table set up where you can meander and see what programs these organizations offer. Perhaps you will find an opportunity to volunteer one-time, weekly, or monthly. You may have a friend or neighbor that could use a "helping hand" in this rough economy. Here you will find information to share with them. Perhaps you need a program yourself to get through a tough time.

Information will be provided by organizations such as Hanover County Community Resources, A.C.E.S., and CARITAS. Dominic Barrett, Director of Shalom Farms at Westview on the James in Goochland, will be the guest speaker, sharing information about how their program runs and the need for volunteers. A free lunch will be provided by the United Methodist Women of Lebanon UMC.

Come join us on Saturday, September 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and learn ways to solve hunger issues in Hanover. There is no fee, and of course, no obligations—just come and learn.

Lebanon United Methodist Church is located at 8492 Peaks Road, between Route 1 and Route 301. It is at the corner of Peaks Road and Stumpy Road. For more information, visit <http://lebanonumc.org/> or call 804-746-0980.

Cybersafety Information

Thanks to Angie Williams, conference staff, for sharing helpful information and best practices for cybersafety at home and church. Angie shared handouts with those present at her workshop. These handouts are also available if you were unable to attend. Check by the church office. Also, she suggested parents may want to subscribe to the Center for Parent/Youth Understanding "Parent Page." CPYU offers a monthly Parent page.

Fall Camp Opportunities

One Westview on the James: two great ministries, this fall – Kids Work Camp and AfterHours!

Kid's Work Camp

Bring your second-fifth graders into the heart of Goochland to work, play and praise together. Children and their leaders are invited to join us on the weekend of September 30-October 2 for an experience in missions, the UM connection, and fun fall activities. The cost is just \$67 per person. This is a group opportunity. Volunteer adult chaperones are needed! *Registration deadline is September 8!*

AfterHours

For the "older" crowd, seventh-10th graders, Westview is offering AfterHours – a weekend camp for night owls, October 28-30. Youth will explore the light and life of Jesus in worship and Bible Study and will choose from a variety of camp activities to help create their schedule for the weekend. We'll be joined by a local praise band, fun speakers and Westview counselors to bring enthusiasm to this fun and meaningful weekend. The cost is \$95 per person. This weekend is designed for individuals or groups!

Check out brochures for both camps at www.westviewonthejames.org. Call the camp office at 804-457-4210 or email Cat Holbert at catholbert@gmail.com for more information.



Christian Education Opportunities for All Ages

Gift Bibles Presented

If you have a rising third grader (or older child who has not received a Bible), please contact Sandra Stanley. These children will receive a Bible from the church during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 25.

Begin to show and share your Bible with the children and youth in your life! Help them develop those skills of learning the books of the Bible and how to find passages. You will both experience the blessing of growing in faith as you explore passages and stories found in the Bible. Share your favorite stories and passages. Locate prayers in the Bible. Invite others to share with you additional passages of significance.

Teacher Toolbox 2011

Great Training for Leaders and Parents

Saturday, September 24th, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Cost is \$35 (includes lunch); Register by September 16

Trinity United Methodist Church, Richmond

Keynote Presenter: Marilyn Sharpe

As God once called Abram, God now calls you (Yes, you!) to a wondrous, audacious ministry that transforms lives. God announces, "I have blessed you...to be a blessing. Through you, all of the families of the earth will be blessed." (Genesis 12:2-3) Join Marilyn Sharpe to discover how God is using you in ways you have yet to imagine or understand.

Ten workshop choices for all who are involved in the teaching ministry of the church – teachers, leaders and parents.

1. Family Stories – *Denise Bennett*
2. Kids Living Their Faith – *Beth Christian*
3. The Faithwalk – *Geraldine Johnson*
4. Social by Nature: How to Approach Technology Today – *Jon Messer and Sammy Frame*
5. Social by Nature – but What About Nurture – *Jon Messer and Sammy Frame*
6. And What About the Caregivers? Equipping Adults to be Faith Formers – *Marilyn Sharpe*
7. Engaging Adults in Meaningful Bible Study – *Emerson Shelton*
8. Using Music and the Arts in Christian Education – *Sandy Shelton*
9. Praise God by Protecting His Gifts – *Harriet Thomas*
10. Strengths, Spiritual Gifts and Passions – *Desda White*

Please check with Sandra Stanley for description of individual class options.

Children's Sunday School

Preschool and younger elementary children will be learning stories from Genesis – God calls a people, God's family grows, and hope for God's people!

Older elementary children, meet in room 6 and try a new curriculum entitled "CrossTrainer" which is designed to lay a solid foundation of faith in seven different units through the year.

Adults on Sunday Morning

J.O.L.T. Plus! Still looking for a small group on Sunday morning? Consider this new group. Any youth or adult can try this group that is currently building conversations around the Rob Bell *Nooma* DVD's. The class will meet in an upstairs classroom. Watch for more details and signs.

Boice Class, meeting upstairs in room 10, centers its study and discussion around the lectionary scriptures.

Joy and Fellowship Class, meets in the parlor and continues the international lesson series with a look at the wisdom literature (Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon) and the gospel of Matthew.

Watch for other options to be announced in the coming weeks!



Fall Discipleship Small Groups

DISCIPLE 3: Remember Who You Are (*Prophets and Paul*)

Following the DISCIPLE tradition, this course will require participants to complete daily reading assignments in preparation for the 2 ½ hour weekly class. The total course is 32 weeks in length, but the concentration for the fall is the Old Testament section on the Prophets. The first class session will be on **Tuesday, September 6, 9:30 a.m.** in the fellowship hall. Participants are asked to come to the first class having already completed the reading for Lesson 1. Rev. Ira Andrews is the facilitator for this class. Texts are available in the church office for \$34 (scholarship funds are available upon request – speak to Sandra Stanley, 798-7224).

Exploring the Way: An Introduction to the Spiritual Journey *Information and Orientation, Sunday, September 25, 6:00 p.m.*

The first class for this group is October 16. The class concludes on November 20. Pastor David will facilitate this discipleship group.

Do you have a deep longing for something more? It may be something you can't explain, but you have moral yearnings and visionary dreams that nothing has satisfied.

You're not alone. Even people "raised" in a Christian church can feel disconnected from — and even repelled by the church, which should be a comforting, constant presence in their lives. It's why so many people today proclaim themselves "spiritual but not religious." But what does that mean? Exactly what's meant by the *spiritual journey*?

Exploring the Way, a 7-week experiential small group 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'll establish a rhythm of daily time with God, weekly time in Christian community, and a greater attentiveness to possibilities for serving the world.

Feed your hungry soul, using *both* your head and your heart while rejuvenating your own spiritual journey.

Beth Moore's "DANIEL" Study

Tuesdays, September 20-December 6, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

This 12-week class will review and reflect on the Book of Daniel in the Old Testament. The class is facilitated by Sue Ann Lewis who requests participants pre-order their texts for \$15 by September 7. The first portion of this study explores the pressures and temptations Daniel faced that parallel those we encounter today. The second half of the study explores the prophecies found in Book of Daniel. Contact Sandra Stanley, 798-7224, to order your text.

Children's Ministry

"The Way of the Child" is the Upper Room children's experience that parallels the "Exploring the Way" which is offered to adults on Sunday evenings. Children, first through fifth grade, are invited to participate in their own discipleship experience on Sunday evenings, October 16-November 20, 6:00-7:30 p.m. *The Way of the Child* introduces and fosters opportunities for the children to learn how to center themselves and quiet themselves in God. There is a time of story, sharing, and centers. An orientation for parents on *The Way of the Child* will be offered on Sunday, October 8, at 9:40 a.m. in room 7 upstairs.

M'n'M will have its first meeting on Wednesday, September 21, at 3:45 p.m. in Room 12. All children K-5 are welcome for this time of Missions 'n' Music.

Kids Work Camp at Westview on the James is September 30-October 2. For 2nd-5th graders, it's a weekend experience in missions, the UM connection, and fun fall activities. This is a great way for a children's ministry to get under away. A brochure is available at www.westviewonthejames.org. The cost is just \$67 per person, and registration deadline is September 8. Adult volunteers are also needed. Contact Sandra Stanley, 798-7224, for details.

September Youth Calendar and Announcements

Saturday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m. – Feed the Hungry

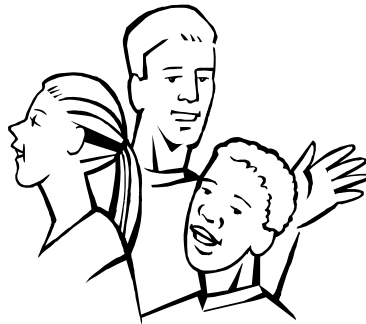
Our next mission trip is to Monroe Park in Richmond to feed the hungry. We will begin making lunches at 9:00 a.m. We plan on 200 lunches for day. We need bread, cheese, meat, jelly, desserts, tea mix, lemon aid mix, 200 cups, 200 lunch bags, 200 sandwich bags, and 200 snack bags. Any toiletries, toilet paper, razors or feminine hygiene products would be appreciated. **We need some vehicles to get all our supplies to the park.** Let the office (798-7224) know if you can help!

Sunday September 11 at 12:00 p.m. – Tails of Tampa

The congregation is invited to join the youth and their families for a burrito luncheon. The youth will present their experiences of the Tampa mission trip. Please plan to join us.

Sunday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. – Parent Orientation and Youth Game Night

All youth and their parents are invited to a potluck dinner. Important information will be shared including our calendar for the upcoming year and mission opportunities. Bring your ideas for fellowship, service, and spiritual growth. We especially welcome rising 6th graders and their families *and* any friends from the community you'd like to invite! Parents bring a photograph of yourself when you were a junior high or high school student. We're going to share photos and remember what's it's like to be a teenager as we plan for the coming year. Hope to see everyone there!



Sunday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m. – A Youthwide Special Event

Curious? Be sure to join us to find out more!

Sunday, September 25 at 6 p.m. – Biblical study on "Worry?"

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 (798-2657) with any questions about responsibilities or to volunteer.



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

by Lisa Davis, Fellowship Team

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

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

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



Saturday September 17 – Fall Celebration Evening Concert

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

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

Music by:

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

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

Sunday September 18 – Fall Celebration Day and Lunch

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

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

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

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

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

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

Want to help? We need people to help set up tables and chairs prior to the lunch Sunday morning and take them down afterwards. Please contact Gordon McDaniel in the church office, 798-7224.

“Duncan Memorial in Mission” Prayer Requests

by Pastor David Hindman

What a blessing to know that members of our Duncan Memorial faith family are generously praying regularly and fervently for the ministry and mission of our congregation. In August prayer requests were identified in the *Dove*, and we continue that practice this month as you are asked to include these specific prayers in your spiritual discipline:

- **Awareness of friends and neighbors we can invite to experience Christ’s presence at Duncan Memorial** through Fall Celebration or other events, especially un-churched or de-churched (persons formerly involved in a Christian faith community),
- **For our Music Ministry**, specifically for our newest choir, Sarah’s Sisters, to be a success; for more Chancel Choir members; for leaders of our M’n’M children’s music and mission ministry; and for the youth choir as it begins work on its first musical production, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*,
- **For our Nominations and Lay Leadership development team** as they discern leadership for 2012, for the Spirit to move amongst us to raise up the leaders we need for effective and faithful ministry in the coming year, and for persons willing to say “yes” if invited to become servant leaders,
- **For a continuing commitment to be welcoming and hospitable** to all, especially R-MC students as they begin a new school year
- Continued guidance and discernment for our team discerning how to develop a **mental health component to the Hanover Interfaith Free Clinics**,
- Discerning how and where we can help begin a new faith community, with special attention to **the needs of the Hispanic community in Ashland**,
- **For our fall “Duncan Memorial in Mission” Generosity Campaign**, that we will grow in our commitment to Christ as expressed through renewed and deeper practices of prayer, worship, faith-sharing, service to the poor, and financial support of our faith family’s mission and ministry,
- **For our new endeavors to help youth and adults to seriously consider their discipleship** through our discipleship tracks of confirmation or our DM series focusing on membership, scripture, spiritual disciplines, spiritual gifts and thinking faithfully,
- Faithful and generous response to **Pathways Ministry’s YouthBuild fund raising challenge**.

Pathways Double Dog Dare Challenge

by Pastor David Hindman

Help Us Raise \$16,000 by October 2!

An \$8,000 matching challenge has been issued to our Duncan Memorial faith family by several folks in our church! If we can meet their challenge by Sunday October 2, together we can raise \$16,000 (or more) to support Pathways Ministry’s YouthBuild program – enough to sponsor one young person for a year!

As a result of steep cuts in the federal budget, Pathway Ministry’s YouthBuild program lost a \$700,000 grant. Since 2001 YouthBuild has offered at-risk youth a second chance at life as they work towards their GED,

rebuild Petersburg and attain workforce credentials in high-demand fields. More than 600 young adults have graduated; 93% have jobs and none who came into YouthBuild through the courts system have become recidivist – an amazing commentary of the value of YouthBuild!

To help us meet this challenge write your check to Duncan Memorial UMC with “Pathways” on the memo line. Also, individual contributions of \$500 are eligible to receive a \$200 tax credit from the Commonwealth of Virginia; in other words, your \$500 gift will really only cost you \$300 – what a deal! Contact Pastor David to discuss this option.

Scripture Readings for September

Our Old Testament readings for September focus on the story of liberation and escape from Egypt by the Hebrew slave community and their wandering in the Sinai wilderness. Our Gospel readings continue moving us through Matthew and our Epistle readings for the month conclude our exploration of Paul's letter to the Romans and begin our concentration on his letter to the Philippians. As usual, the Sunday lessons will not include all the texts printed below, but you are encouraged to read them all for your own faith formation and nourishment and as a way to prepare yourself spiritually when we gather as the Body of Christ for worship:

Sunday, August 4 (12th Sunday after Pentecost): Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, August 11 (13th Sunday after Pentecost): Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, August 28 (R-MC Family Weekend and 14th Sunday after Pentecost): Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, August 25 (Dick Soulen, guest preacher and 15th Sunday after Pentecost): Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Dr. Soulen at Duncan Memorial on September 25 + Spaghetti on Menu

by Pastor David Hindman

What a joy to welcome former pastor Dr. Richard Soulen and his wife Peggy to Duncan Memorial on September 25, when Dick will preach all three services and lead a Sunday School presentation on his most recent publication, *Sacred Scripture: A Short History of Interpretation!*

Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship celebration all members and friends of Duncan Memorial are invited to stay for a Spaghetti Feast hosted by our United Methodist Men. A variety of spaghetti dishes, salad, desserts and beverages will be provided; freewill donations for the meal will support Pathways Ministry in Petersburg and our commitment to match the \$8,000 challenge presented by several members of our faith family. Reservations will be required in order to have sufficient food for all; contact the church at 798-7224 to make your reservation or get a ticket from any member of the United Methodist Men.

Worship on Wednesdays Continues

Why End a Good Thing?
Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

by Pastor David Hindman

What began as an opportunity to provide worship for vacationers has proven to be so successful that "Worship on Wednesdays" will continue this fall, but at a new time. With the resumption of choir rehearsals, Worship on Wednesdays will move to 6:00 p.m. We'll still gather in the fellowship hall for song, prayer, scripture, the previous Sunday's sermon, and the Lord's Supper. R-MC students, church members, and all community folks who can't gather on the Lord's Day are invited. Spread the word, and help us "keep the habit of meeting together and encourage one another all the more..." (Hebrews 10:25).



Calendar - September 2011

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28	Family Camp Out 8:00 AM Casual Worship (FH) 8:50 AM J.O.L.T. Worship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 7:00 PM Ukraine Ice Cream Social (FH)		1:00 PM Tailgate Party @ R-MC Game
29	9:30 AM Cawley (MR) 7:00 PM Chorale (S/FH)	11:30 AM Prayer Shawl (P) 12:00 PM Food Co-op (FH) 2:30 PM Centering Prayer (MR) 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl (P) 7:00 PM Manna Band Practice (S) 7:00 PM Young Adults (MR)	
30	7:00 PM SPR (11)		
31	Welcome R-MC Freshmen 7:00 PM Worship Service (FH) 7:45 PM Chancel Choir (CR)		
4	8:00 AM Casual Worship (FH) 8:50 AM J.O.L.T. Worship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship	9 11:30 AM R-MC Class (FH) 5:00 PM Crew 7	10 8:00 AM UM Men 9:00 AM Pathways 9:00 AM Youth to Monroe Park
5	Labor Day Office Closed 7:00 PM Chorale (S/FH)	8 10:00 AM Hanover Parks (FH/K) 12:00 PM Food Co-op (FH) 2:30 PM Centering Prayer (MR) 7:00 PM Manna Band Practice (S) 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry (P)	
6	9:30 AM DISCIPLE 3 (FH) 7:00 PM Young Adults (MR)		
7	6:00 PM Worship Service (FH) 6:30 PM Troop 700 Council (13) 6:45 PM Chancel Choir (CR)		
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12	Newsletter Deadline 7:00 PM Chorale (S/FH)		
13	9:30 AM DISCIPLE 3 (FH) 6:30 PM Childrent/Youth & Technology (FH) 7:00 PM Finance Team (11) 7:00 PM Young Adults (MR)	16 11:30 AM R-MC Class (FH) 5:00 PM Crew 7	
14	5:30 PM Kappa Alpha Theta Fundraiser (FH/K) 6:00 PM Worship Service (FH) 6:45 PM Chancel Choir (CR)		
18	Fall Celebration 8:00 AM Casual Worship (FH) 8:50 AM J.O.L.T. Worship 9:00 AM Bloodmobile 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 5:00 PM Book Group (P) 5:00 PM UM Choir (CR) 6:00 PM UM Youth (FH/5/8)	22 11:00 AM Sarah's Sisters (CR) 12:00 PM Food Co-op (FH) 2:30 PM Centering Prayer (MR) 7:00 PM Manna Band Practice (S) 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry (P)	24 8:30 AM Jeremiah Project (10) 9:00 AM Crew 7
19	10:30 AM UMWomen Circle 1 (MR) 1:00 PM UMWomen 7:00 PM Halle Hootman Circle (P) 7:00 PM Chorale (S/FH) 7:00 PM Girl Scout Service Unit (10)		
25	8:00 AM Casual Worship (FH) 8:50 AM J.O.L.T. Worship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 12:00 PM Spaghetti - Pathways (FH/K) 5:00 PM UM Choir (CR) 6:00 PM UM Youth (FH/5/8) 6:30 PM Companions in Christ Orientation (P)	23 11:30 AM R-MC Class (FH)	1 9:00 AM Youth to Monroe Park 1:00 PM Tailgate Party @ R-MC Game
26	6:30 PM Kiwanis Board (10) 7:00 PM Chorale (S/FH)	29 12:00 PM Food Co-op (FH) 2:30 PM Centering Prayer (MR) 7:00 PM Manna Band Practice (S)	30 11:30 AM R-MC Career Services (FH)
27	9:30 AM DISCIPLE 3 (FH) 6:00 PM Handbells (CR) 6:30 PM Beth Moore Study (FH) 7:00 PM SPR (11) 7:00 PM Young Adults (MR)		
28	3:45 PM Children's M'n'M 6:00 PM Worship Service (FH) 6:45 PM Chancel Choir (CR)		
29	12:00 PM Food Co-op (FH) 2:30 PM Centering Prayer (MR) 7:00 PM Manna Band Practice (S)		
30	7:00 PM SPR (11) 7:00 PM Young Adults (MR)		

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

Growing in Our Generosity

2011 Generosity/Stewardship Campaign Plans

by Ed Gay, Generosity/Stewardship Team Coordinator

As we prepare for Fall Kickoff and the upcoming season for thinking about continuing to grow in our discipleship, generosity and stewardship, I have been “chewing” on what to write to help us prepare to make our commitments for the giving of our time and talents. As I write this early on August 5, I woke up, did a little TV channel surfing; for some reason I landed on the “Joyce Meyer” program (about 12 minutes into it). Joyce was talking about “tithing.” To paraphrase her, she implored her listeners to entertain the idea of giving “by grace” instead of giving based on Old Testament “law.”

I believe that is exactly the message Pastor David wants us to embrace and has been describing since his arrival at Duncan Memorial. If we give “by grace” then we stretch ourselves through development of a “generous spirit” to a level that moves us toward ever greater extravagant giving of self, time, prayers, worship, service, witness and deeper discipleship. What could we as a church achieve if this is how we based our giving of our time and talents to Duncan Memorial? In just this past year, we’ve experienced growth in worship attendance, significant numbers of folks have participated in one or more opportunities for study and spiritual growth, service and mission are becoming bigger priorities for us (including sending youth and adult mission teams to Tampa and Ukraine) and recently we have been provided specific ways to pray as a faith family. Our financial generous spirit is evident as we’ve been not only able to meet our operating budget (available on the church web site or via the church office), but we’ve also been able to go the second mile through gracious support of the Annual Conference offering, creating more than 350 Kits for Konference, offering each month to bring canned goods to A.C.E.S., contributing liberally to our Easter offering and to the mission of Society of St. Andrew’s hunger endeavors, supporting our

Ukraine and Florida mission teams, and now reaching new levels of care to Pathways Ministry in Petersburg. As we continue to ask to grow in generosity, God is answering our prayers!

Our 2011 “Duncan Memorial in Mission” generosity/stewardship campaign begins Sunday, September 25 with Reverend Dick Soulen as our guest preacher and continues each week through Sunday, October 23 when we will celebrate our commitments with a catered luncheon.

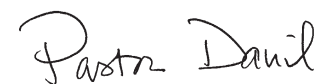
To assist all of us in our journey toward greater generosity of heart and life, a daily devotional guide will be available for personal use (\$6 donation requested). *Practicing Extravagant Generosity*, by Bishop Robert Schnase (author of *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*) provides daily readings and questions for personal reflection.

We also hope to offer on the church web site a format for “blogging” about the various topics covered in the devotional to generate an open discussion where positive energies are shared, and we can together explore ways of capitalizing on this energy. For those who don’t have access to the internet or prefer face-to-face conversations, we anticipate offering a weekly coffee time conversation, too! Stay tuned, and please begin to prayerfully consider your commitments of your time and talents on the journey toward generosity!

Pastor (continued from page 1)

With the arrival of fall, I fervently hope and pray that many of us will notice the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives and will respond to God’s seeking after us by being attentive to our life in Christ and moving beyond membership to discipleship in some simple but significant ways. Warning: if you do this, everything will change, including our lives, priorities, and Duncan Memorial.

Grace and peace,



New Ways of Making Disciples Coming to Duncan Memorial UMC

by Sandra Stanley and Pastor David

cat·e·che·sis (kăt'ĩ-kē'sis), *n*, [Late Latin, < Greek *katakhēsis*, oral instruction, < *katekhein*, to teach by word of mouth] the act of handing on the Word of God intended to inform the faith community and candidates for initiation into the Church about the teachings of Christ, transmitted by the Apostles to the Church. It also involves the lifelong effort of forming people into witnesses to Christ and opening their hearts to the spiritual transformation given by the Holy Spirit.

Catechesis was the process used by the early church to prepare converts for baptism and help them begin the lifelong journey of transformation into the image and likeness of Christ as followers of Jesus. The process included prayer, scripture study, worship, spiritual mentoring and guidance by a fellow Christian, service to the poor, and deep reflection on what needed to die in converts so Christ could be formed more fully in them. Persons seeking initiation into the church had to have sponsors who could vouch for the sincerity and authenticity of their call to follow Christ and the process often took three years or more and sometimes required catechumens to leave jobs considered to be contrary to Christian discipleship (e.g., soldiers, teachers, actors).

In our post-Christian context and culture, more faith communities are embracing a more holistic approach to spiritual formation, especially for youth, young adults, and those new to the Christian faith. More than providing information, the goal is formation and transformation of persons to become more Christ-like and committed to Christ's attitudes and actions.

Inspired by this understanding of how people learn the Way of Christ, we will offer two different ways youth and others new to the Christian faith can participate in confirmation/disciple formation.

Track 1: for 9th graders-adults, will follow a more typical confirmation schedule including an overnight retreat, three extended Sunday morning sessions and a daylong prayer retreat

Track 2: also for 9th graders-adults, will be based on five four-hour sessions, DM 101-505, with these particular emphases:

DM 101 – Introduction to Membership/Discipleship

DM 202 – The Scripture Story

DM 303 – Spiritual Practices

DM 404 – Spiritual Gifts

DM 505 – Thinking and Acting Faithfully

Watch future issues of the *Dove* for more information and if you are a high school youth or older, or an adult wanting to be baptized, contact Pastor David or Sandra Stanley.

5 Talent Academy

Thursday, October 6, 10:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.
Oak Grove United Methodist Church
472 North Battlefield Boulevard, Chesapeake

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

United Methodist Men

Spaghetti Feast to Support Pathways Ministry

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

by Pastor David Hindman

Duncan Memorial has been a supporter of Pathways Ministry in Petersburg for years, and they need our support now more than ever. As a result of congressional budget cuts, Pathways Ministry's signature

program, YouthBuild, lost \$700,000 in federal funding.

Co-director Dwala Ferrell has set the goal of raising these lost funds between now and February 1, and we are being challenged to raise \$10,000 as a faith community. On Sunday, September 25, following

the 11:00 a.m. service, our United Methodist Men will host a Spaghetti Feast to support Pathways. A variety of baked spaghetti casseroles will be on the menu along with salad, bread, dessert and beverages. Tickets are available for the meal by making a donation of any size (large or small); tickets will be available through mid-September.

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

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

United Methodist Women

by Sharon Morgan, UMW President

During the summer UMW has participated in several missions:

- provided dinner and lunches for CARITAS,
- donated to our youth for their missions,
- donated to UMVIM in honor of Julie Keane, Megan Keane and Susan Whitt,
- donated funds for Harvest of Hope to can corn,
- provided morning and afternoon snacks for the children and youth of our Music Camp.

We will return to our normal schedule with our next meeting, a general meeting, on Monday, September 19. All women are welcome. Please bring a salad to share. The program will be from the UMW program book about pledges.

Duncan Memorial Book Discussion Group

by Betty Perkinson

The Duncan Memorial Book Discussion Group took a break over the summer, but we're back together on Sunday, September 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the parlor. The September selection is *Mudhouse Sabbath: An Invitation to the Life of Spiritual Disciplines* by Lauren F. Winner. *Mudhouse Sabbath*

tells of the writer's discovery after converting from Orthodox Judaism to Christianity in college, that many of the traditions and spiritual practices of Judaism also enriched her Christian faith.

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

third Sunday at 5:00 p.m. from September to May. If you enjoy a good read and like to hear what others think about the book, please join the discussions in September and October! If you have questions about the book group or suggestions for books for the group to read this year, please contact Betty Perkinson at 798-1111 or eperkinson@aol.com.

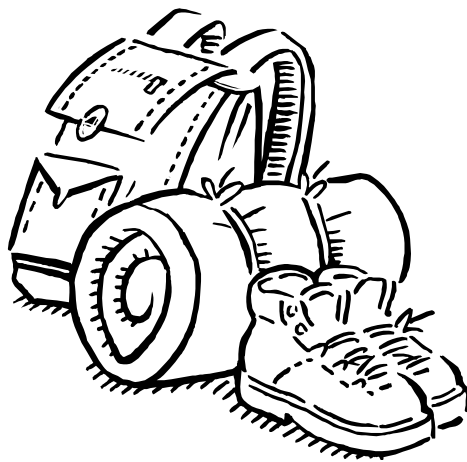
Missions Opportunities

Pathways Work Project, Saturday, September 10

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

Adult Volunteers Needed for Kids Work Camp

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



SoSA – Harvest of Hope Intergenerational Events

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

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

More information and applications are 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.
- **September and October Communion Offering** will support the work of the **YouthBuild** program at **Pathways**.
- **November Communion Offering** will support the work of **Stop Hunger Now**.
- Next Mission Team meeting will be October 11.

Volunteers Are Needed ...

- Panera Bread pickup, Friday nights, contact Shearer Luck at SRehabs@aol.com to help.
- BINGO – second Tuesday, Ashland Convalescent Center, contact Stephanie Nixon at prayermtg@aol.com. Small-size toiletries and snack-size crackers and chips items are needed as prizes.
- We provide supper for Hanover Interfaith Free Clinic staff on several Wednesdays during the year. We provide sandwiches, fruit, dessert and drinks to the clinic about 5:30 p.m. Contact Jean Williams at 752-2444 or glennwg@aol.com to volunteer or for more information.



Stephen Ministry Supports the Work of NAMI

by Alane Herbert, Stephen Minister

Duncan Memorial's Stephen ministers are supporting the work of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). NAMI is the nation's largest nonprofit, grass-roots mental health organization dedicated to providing support, education, and advocacy for individuals and families affected by mental illness.



TEAM DMUMC is walking again!

The Stephen Ministry is supporting the NAMI Virginia Walk this year. Last year we raised over \$1750.00. Join us to break the stigma of mental illness. The walk is October 8. The NAMI Virginia mission is to provide support, education, and advocacy for individuals and families in Virginia affected by mental illness. Join our team or donate by going to our team webpage www.nami.org/namiwalks11/VIR/teamdmumc or contact Alane Herbert, 798-4811, or Connie Moores, 519-4650.

NAMI Basics Class

This is NAMI's signature education program for parents and other caregivers of children and adolescents living mental illnesses.

What is NAMI Basics?

NAMI Basics is a free 6-week educational course for parents and other family caregivers of children and adolescents living with mental illness. This course is taught by trained teachers who are also parents/caregivers of individuals who developed the symptoms of mental illness prior to the age of 13.

When: Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning September 20.

Where: Weinstein Jewish Community Center, 5403 Monument Avenue, Richmond

To Register: Participants must register. Contact Alane Herbert at 804-314-5526 or namiva@aol.org or Jesselle at 804-550-0696.

Family-to-Family Education Program

Free 12-week course for family caregivers of individuals with mental illness

You are not alone. The course provides insight into, and resolution of, the profound concerns experienced by families, close relatives and friends as they strive to cope with the realities of serious mental illness. Caregivers not only learn a wide range of information about serious mental illness, they also learn to understand how living with these conditions affects their loved one. The class follows a structured format, in a confidential setting, covering issues frequently faced by families dealing with mental illness. Research, advocacy, medication and coping skills are all discussed.

Classes will be taught Monday evenings, beginning September 12, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at McGuire Veterans Administration Medical Center, 1201 Broad Rock Boulevard, Richmond. Registration is required. For more information, contact Lu Clark (lulusc@comcast.net or 804-247-2431) or Maribeth Pettigrew (maribeth52@hotmail.com or 804-490-8893).

A Message from Our Staff-Parish Relations Team

by Ron Lefever and Kelly Jones,
Staff-Parish Relations Team
Co-Coordinator

As was communicated recently via email and announcements at each worship service on August 21, we report to you that the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) of our faith family is reviewing all paid staff positions at Duncan Memorial UMC. As a part of this review, the full-time Youth, Young Adult and College Ministries staff position held by Dawne Vronek has been divided into two part-time positions, one totally dedicated to youth ministry (20 hours per week) and the other to young adult and college ministries.

Because of her need for full-time employment, Dawne Vronek has submitted her resignation to the SPRC. Due to the difficult economic circumstances in which we live, SPRC provided Dawne with a generous support package in this time of transition. Love gifts given in appreciation for the work Dawne has done during her years of service to the youth and young adult ministries are also welcome. Members can write a check to Duncan Memorial and put "For Dawne" on the memo line.

Youth ministry will continue to be a high priority for our congregation. SPRC is absolutely committed to finding the very best person to build on the strong foundation we have. We are blessed with exceptionally strong

youth on our Youth Council. This is a great group of kids. Although we truly do recognize how hard this will be for them, we really believe that their commitment to their youth group and their continued desire to grow in their faith will allow them to help us find a leader that will continue to grow this ministry.

An added blessing is that we have been able to secure the interim services of two people well known to this congregation to care for the emotional and spiritual needs of our youth during this transition, and maintain our youth ministry until the position can be filled on a permanent basis. Rev. Kendra Swager and R-MC Bailey



Scholar Devon Maust (Devon interned at our church in January) have agreed to provide staff support for our youth ministry, effective immediately. You can find their contact phone and email information on page 5.

We feel fortunate that our current senior pastor, following 20+ years of campus ministry at The College of William and Mary, has extensive experience (and a great passion for) working with students and young adults. Therefore, his job description will be re-configured to include significant attention to this aspect of our congregation's commitment to the R-MC community and our young adults.

While we work through this difficult transition we ask for your continued prayers for Dawne, for the SPRC, for the young members of our faith community and for our entire church as we all continually strive to be faithful disciples of Christ.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

by Lisa Davis

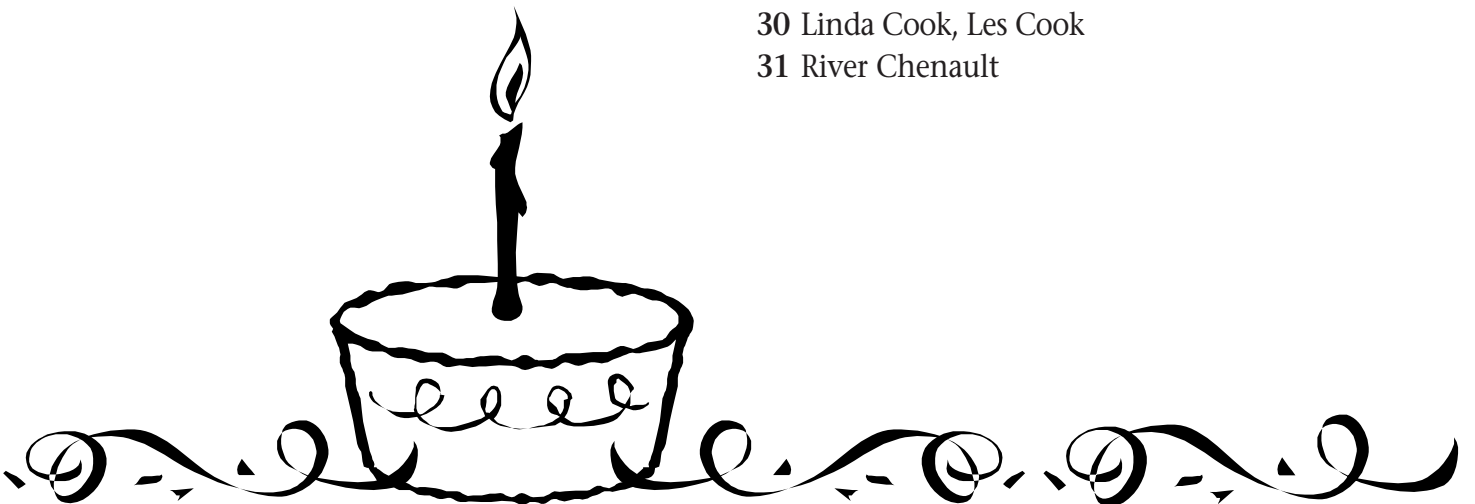
Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Thursday, September 1 and September 15, at 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. both days. All wishing to learn to knit or share in this ministry are welcome. Regular gatherings happen the first and third Thursday of each month. For more information, contact Lisa Davis at hinderlisa@aol.com or 615-2802.

September Birthdays

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

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



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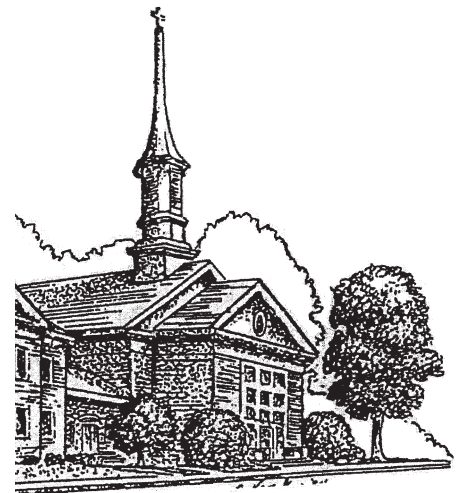
Copies of the complete 2011 lay leadership list are available in the church office.

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The Dove Dates and Deadlines

The Dove is published monthly February-June and August-December. Deadline for materials is the second Monday of the month prior to publication. Articles for the October issue must be submitted by **Monday, September 12**. E-mail articles to newsletter@duncanmemorialumc.org.



Change Service Requested

Music Ministry Notes

by Teena Chinn, Director of Music

Music Camp, August 1-5, was a big success. Many thanks to the 12 adult and youth helpers who made the event possible. We had 22 campers from age 3 through 13. They had a lot of fun as they worked hard learning the musical, "Simon Says: The Rockin' Trial of Simon Peter." The performance they gave was simply awesome! Duncan Memorial's got talent!

All of the Music Ministry ensembles will resume rehearsals this month and will begin preparing to share their musical offerings in worship services. Below is a list of each group and the date on which rehearsals will resume.

Sarah's Sisters, the new ensemble for mature ladies, will meet in the choir room every other Thursday at 11:00 a.m. beginning

September 15. Anyone who wishes can join together for lunch at Estes Hall after the rehearsal. This choir will sing at the 11:00 a.m. service approximately once a month.

Chancel Choir rehearsals continue on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. in the choir room. We need more voices in this group. It doesn't matter if you read music or not. If you love to sing, please give Chancel Choir a try.

Manna Band will continue to rehearse each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please contact Teena Chinn if you play an instrument or sing and are interested in joining this ensemble.

Duncan Memorial Ringers will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, September 13, at 6:00 p.m. in

the choir room. **We need more ringers.** It is not necessary to know how to read music to join this group.

Youth Choir rehearsals will resume on Sunday, September 11, at 5:00 p.m. in the choir room. The group will be working on a musical production that will be an awesome experience for the youth as well as being a fundraising opportunity.

M'n'M will have its first meeting of the fall on Wednesday, September 21, at 3:45 p.m. in room 12. All children K-5 are welcome for this time of Missions 'n' Music.

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