

**Dingmans Ferry  
United Methodist Church**

# **THE BRIDGE**

**January & February 2016**

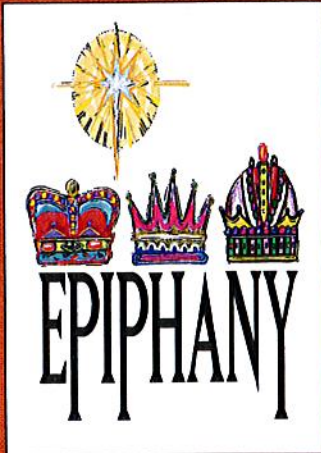
## **Newsletter**



Miller's Mumblings for January 2016.....

DFUMC: Just a Little Church in the Woods? I know your church motto is  
"A Little Church in The Woods",  
but look what your "Little Church in the Woods" did for folks in 2015.

1. Free London Broil Dinners that fed over 1500 people in 2015-mostly seniors.
2. Thirsty Thursday offers a free dinner for families every Thursday evening,
3. 25 Free Thanksgiving Baskets were given away in 2015
4. 27 Free Christmas Baskets were given away in 2015
5. "CLOTHING GIVE AWAY" was offered to people- twice in 2015.
6. Many Free Family Ministries Programs for the community- they are fearsome.
7. Baby Blessing Barn with clothing and diapers available all year.
8. Baby Blessings recently received 19 cribs, plus changing table for distribution.
9. COATS FOR KIDS: 278 Children's Mittens, hats, and gloves for the community.
10. Christmas Angel Tree Gifts: 43 Children & 27 Family Gift Certificates =70 gifts for folks.
11. Christmas Monetary Gifts for our College Students from Pastor's Outreach Fund.
12. The Church is a vehicle for anonymous donors to make gifts.
13. Additional Outreach Ministry Fund Recipients for 2015- Included Thirty one families for personal reasons i.e. electric, water, fuel, doctors etc.
14. Gifts from the United Methodist Women to local organizations.
15. Support of the Food Pantry with actual gifts of food and also toiletries donated by Vacation Bible school children.
16. Investment of our Church in the Red Bird Mission. Gifts offered for scholarships to young people.
17. DFUMC is one of the largest participants in CROP, raising over \$13,000 for local and World Hunger.
18. Shared Ministry Giving for 2015 at 100% asking totaling \$18,000 + to the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference and our ministry in the Conference and the world- designed to serve people and proclaim the Good News.
19. And many other ministries that I may have forgotten. "Not bad for a Little Church in the Woods." From Miller of Mumblings- remembering Matthew 25.



Your Servant, Doug Miller

# Vision Statement

## Our Church Vision Statement:

We foresee a future of individuals, life partners, families & youth in our diverse community, who will need a God-inspired Faith that will help them to live confidently and gratefully; and cope with the traumas, anguish and uncertainties of their rapidly changing world.

We envision a Dingmans Ferry United Methodist CHURCH FAMILY who will *reach out* with Christian compassion, certainty, and a sense of peace, and who will joyfully welcome, mutually embrace, and wholeheartedly support them *as our own*--in a spirit of Christ-like Faith, Hope and Love.

~Adopted By Administrative Council 2015



NOTE: Folder copies of the Vision Statement which provides background & support information & interprets the meaning & purpose of various aspects of the Vision Statement can be borrowed from the church office.



We're looking for Volunteers to bring in goodies for Coffee Hour on Sunday Mornings. You don't have to set up anything, just bring in some goodies to share. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.



# **The Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church**

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**COME JOIN US!**



## **PASTOR'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

**10am - 11:30am**

Meets at the Church – Room 5

Come Join Us!



## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

**7:30pm - 9pm**

Meets at the Church – Room 3

See You There!



## **MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE**

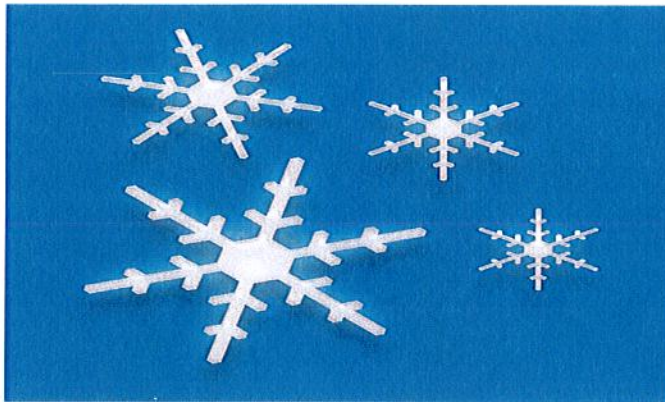
**6pm - 7pm**

2nd Monday of each Month

Meets In the Sanctuary

Join Us for Prayer & Meditation





# January and February Lectionary Readings

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- 1/3 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
- 1/10 Psalm 29; Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
- 1/17 Psalm 36:5-10, Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11
- 1/24 Psalm 19; Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21
- 1/31 Psalm 71:1-6; Jeremiah 1:4-10; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30
- 2/7 Psalm 99; Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43
- 2/10 Psalm 51:1-17; Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
- 2/14 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
- 2/21 Psalm 27; Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35
- 2/28 Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 55:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
- 3/6 Psalm 32; Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
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# January-February 2016 Preaching Schedule

Version Date 1/8/2016. May be subject to change

Date	Time	Sermon or Message from Lay Servants	Celebrant for Communion
		(* indicates Rev. Connie Squire will work with designated Lay Servants)	
<b>January 10, 2016</b>			
Barryville	9:00 AM	Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper	Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper
Dingmans	9:00 AM	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller
Dingmans	11:00 AM	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller
<b>January 17, 2016 (Rev. Connie Squire in Seminary)</b>			
Barryville	9:00 AM	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller
Dingmans	9:00 AM	Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper	Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper
Dingmans	11:00 AM	Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper	Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper
<b>January 24, 2016 (Rev. Connie Squire in Seminary)</b>			
Barryville	9:00 AM	Rev. Alden Welch	Rev. Alden Welch
Dingmans	9:00 AM	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller
Dingmans	11:00 AM	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller
<b>January 31, 2016 (Rev. Connie Squire in Seminary)</b>			
Barryville	9:00 AM	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller
Dingmans	9:00 AM	Will Joseph *	Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper
Dingmans	11:00 AM	Eileen Guyadeen *	Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper
<b>February 7, 2016</b>			
Barryville	9:00 AM	Rev. Connie Squire	Rev. Connie Squire
Dingmans	9:00 AM	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller
Dingmans	11:00 AM	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller
<b>February 10, 2016 Ash Wednesday</b>			
Barryville	5:00pm	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller
Dingmans	7:00 PM	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller	Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper
<b>February 14, 2016</b>			
Barryville	9:00 AM	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller w/Mark Walsh	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller
Dingmans	9:00 AM	Rev. Connie Squire	Rev. Connie Squire
Dingmans	11:00 AM	Rev. Connie Squire	Rev. Connie Squire
<b>February 21, 2016</b>			
Barryville	9:00 AM	Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper	Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper
Dingmans	9:00 AM	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller
Dingmans	11:00 AM	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller
<b>February 28, 2016</b>			
Barryville	9:00 AM	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller	Rev. Dr. Doug Miller
Dingmans	9:00 AM	Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper	Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper
Dingmans	11:00 AM	Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper	Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper

# Worship Servants

## Schedule of Worship Leadership

### 9:00 Service

1/3 Donna Frable  
1/10 Laura Wright  
1/17 Gayla Garren  
1/24 Art Ridley  
1/31 Dave Ridyard  
2/7 Laura Wright  
2/14 Donna Frable  
2/21 Gayla Garren  
2/28 Dave Ridyard  
3/6 Art Ridley

### 11:00 Service

Will Joseph  
Art Birtner  
Elaine Cooper  
Carol Birtner  
Eileen Guyadeen  
Will Joseph  
Art Birtner  
Elaine Cooper  
Carol Birtner  
Eileen Guyadeen

## Greeters/Ushers for

### 9:00 Service

1/3 Linda Rutledge & Rick Vodilko  
1/10 Gary Stevenson & Sally Pholman  
1/17 Marilyn Chasar & Rick Vodilko  
1/24 Jim Bois & Anna Curtin  
1/31 Bob & Linda Davis  
2/7 Danny & Linda Rutledge  
2/14 Gary Stevenson & Sally Pohlman  
2/21 Bob & Linda Davis  
2/28 Marilyn Chasar & Rick Vodilko  
3/6 Jim Bois & Anna Curtin

## Schedule of Eucharistic Ministers

### 9:00 Service

1/3 Linda Rutledge & Volunteer  
1/10 Caren Shimanski & Linda Rutledge  
1/17 Doris Hnida & Art Ridley  
1/24 Kathi White & Tiffany Miller  
1/31 Dave Cowan & Linda Rutledge  
2/7 Caren Shimanski & Linda Rutledge  
2/14 Doris Hnida & Art Ridley  
2/21 Kathi White & Tiffany Miller  
2/28 Dave Cowan & Linda Rutledge  
3/6 Caren Shimanski & Linda Rutledge

## Greeters/Ushers for

### 11:00 Service

1/3 Tom & Myriam Hahn  
1/10 Eileen Guyadeen  
1/17 John & Philomena Viscardo  
1/24 Guy & Beth Sappah  
1/31 Mary Balton  
2/7 Tom & Myriam Hahn  
2/14 Eileen Guyadeen  
2/21 John & Philly Viscardo  
2/28 Guy & Beth Sappah  
3/6 Mary Balton

### 11:00 Service

1/3 Elaine Cooper  
1/10 Linda Schierloh  
1/17 Eileen Guyadeen  
1/24 Art Birtner  
1/31 Elaine Cooper  
2/7 Linda Schierloh  
2/14 Eileen Guyadeen  
2/21 Art Birtner  
2/28 Elaine Cooper  
3/6 Linda Schierloh



## Eucharistic Ministry (Communion Set up & Clean-up)

	<u>9am</u>	<u>11am</u>
1st Sunday of Month:	Donna Frable	The Birtner's
2nd Sunday of Month:	The Davis'	Volunteer
3rd Sunday of Month:	The Garren's	Darlene Mihiel
4th Sunday of Month:	Kathi White	The Schierloh's
5th Sunday of Month:	Linda Rutledge	Volunteer



Copies of This List Can be Found in the Church Office.



**COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!**  
**Tell Your Friends!**

**Sunday School**  
**Meets During the 11am Worship Service.**  
**Our Sunday School Superintendent is Melissa Joseph.**

**Teachers for the 2015 - 2016 year:**

**Pre-K through 6th Grade: Miss Jill, Miss Philly & Miss Pam**  
**Grade 7 through 12: Miss Missy**

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**Don't forget.....**

**A Nursery is available for infants & toddlers during the 11am Service!**  
**There's an intercom to the Sanctuary available in the Nursery, too!**



**Remember to Invite Your**  
**Friends & Neighbors to**  
**Church & Sunday School!**

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*O Lord, give us eyes to see, hearts to love, and hands to serve those in need. Amen.*

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### **Souper Bowl of Caring 2016**

Teams for game day, February 7, 2016, are yet to be decided, but youth across the country are planning for the *Souper Bowl of Caring* on that day. It was the vision of one youth group in South Carolina to motivate people to help hungry people on Super Bowl Sunday. The Souper Bowl of Caring has reached every state. Each school or church supports a charity in their area and reports the results. Last year 6,674 participating groups reported a total of \$8,050,084. On February 7th some of our youth will be at the door as we leave worship to receive our \$1.00 donations for the Outreach Fund. We will also have a special collection of food items for the Local Food Pantry. Watch the bulletin for a list of needed items. Please join this effort to help hungry people in our community.



### **Final Report for Tri-State CROPWALK 2015**

The results of the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Tri-State CROPWALK are in. The 122 walkers represented 16 groups and raised \$13,015.00. One quarter of that amount will come back to the area and support eight food pantries. We will also support the vital ministries of Church World Service. In our nine years we have raised \$110, 438.

Our church continues to give faithful support in walking and sponsoring. Caren Shimanski and Rich Cooper also serve on the organizing committee. Pray for our CROPWALK that we will go forward and remain a symbol of the faithfulness of God's people and the compassion of God.



### **On Going Ministry.....**

Pastor Doug uses the Outreach Fund at his discretion to help folks in the community with all kinds of emergencies including, electricity, medical and etc.

The Pastor's Outreach is only made possible by our donations. If you would like to make a donation to the Outreach Fund, please place a check (made out to DFUMC) or cash into an envelope and mark it "Outreach" and we will be sure to deposit it into the Outreach account.

Please donate as you are able, not just at the holidays, but throughout the year.

P.S. Your church financial record will reflect your donation.

# Souper Bowl of Caring February 7

## Food Pantry Needs

powdered milk

cereal

pasta

rice

soups

tuna



macaroni & cheese dinners

peanut butter

jelly

paper towels

toilet paper

soap

toothpaste

baby food



**CHRISTIAN SHOPPING:  
BUY ONE - GIVE ONE**



## Ministry

*Please Join Us!*

During the month we get together with the nursing home residents of Belle Reve and Milford Senior Care for our time of "Hymns & Scripture". Our monthly visits give us the great honor and opportunity to visit and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

Our Schedule for  
September & October:

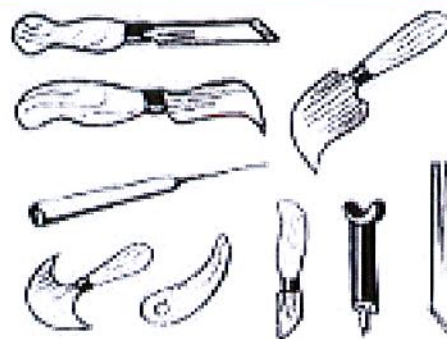
### **Belle Reve 2pm**

January: 5th, 14th & 19th  
February: 2nd, 11th & 16th

### **Milford Sr. Care 2pm**

January: 6th & 20th  
February: 3rd & 17th

We invite and encourage you to  
please join us!  
If you have any questions?...Call  
Kathi White 828-1251.

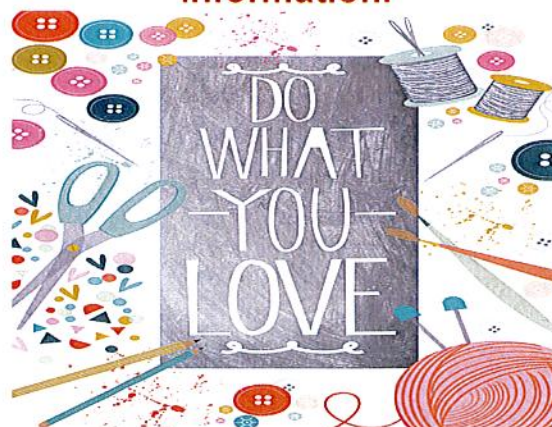


## WOODCARVERS *AND* Sewing & Crocheting Etc.

Our Woodcarving & Sewing  
group meets on Wednesday's  
from 9am – Noon in the  
Fellowship Hall.

If you've never done either  
before, don't let that stop you!  
We can teach you enough to  
get you started.

**Come & join us!! It's lots of fun!**  
Talk to Gary Stevenson or  
Carol Birtner if you want more  
information.



## January and February Birthdays

|                        |                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1/2 Annie Craige       | 2/1 Roy Van Der Sluys        |
| 1/9 Darlene Mihiel     | 2/5 Chris Bradley            |
| 1/15 Pastor Wayne      | 2/17 Joe Odynsky             |
| 1/20 Carol Birtner     | 2/18 Rosa Johnson            |
| 1/21 Gary Stevenson    | 2/18 Kate Vivaldo (Rutledge) |
| 1/21 Rob Balton        | 2/23 Jared Odynsky           |
| 1/21 Will Joseph       | 2/26 Keegan Craige           |
| 1/21 Linda Schierloh   |                              |
| 1/23 Kelvin Guyadeen   |                              |
| 1/26 Tess Balton       |                              |
| 1/28 Eileen Guyadeen   |                              |
| 1/28 Victoria Guyadeen |                              |



**God Bless All of You  
on Your Birthday and  
Throughout the Year!**

## Administrative Board

The next Ad Board Meeting  
is scheduled for..

**Monday, January 18th at 6pm  
&  
February 15th at 6pm**



Those serving on Administrative Board for 2016 are:

Pastor: Doug Miller

\*Ad. Board Chairperson (Intrim) - Dave Ridyard

Ad. Board Secretary - Lisa Niper

Church Secretary - Linda Rutledge

Lay Member -

Reserve Member - Holly Bradley

Lay Leader - Holly Bradley

SPRC Chairperson - Susan Ridyard

Finance Chairperson - Mary Balton

Church Treasurer - Darlene Mihiel

Recording Secretary - Caren Shimanski

Finance Counters - Bob & Judy Brumbaugh

Trustee Chairperson - Steve Tarquini

Worship Committee Chairperson - Linda Schierloh

Organist: Adista Wightman

Membership/Evangelism - Linda Schierloh

Missions Chairperson - Gayla Garren

Nursing Home Ministries - Kathi White

Prayer Chair Director - Linda Davis

Sunday School Superintendent - Melissa Joseph

Family Ministry - Teresa Tarquini

Nursery School Board Chair. - Laura Jewett

Communications Chairperson - Susan Ridyard

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**



The next 2 Finance Meetings are scheduled to meet in the Parsonage  
Monday, January 4th and February 1st at 6pm.

Those Serving on Finance Committee 2016:  
Pastor Doug Miller, Mary Balton, Pat Pierson, Darlene Mihiel, Caren Shimanski,  
Steve Tarquini, Connie Squire, Susan Ridyard,  
At Large Members: David Ridyard, Gayla Garren, Lisa Niper & Jim Bradley

## **VISION COMMITTEE**



Serving on the Vision Committee for 2016 are  
Pastor Doug Miller, Linda Davis, Mary Balton, Sally Pohlman, George Aber,  
Laura Jewett, Art Birtner, Cindy DeFederico, Linda & Jerry Schierloh, James Bradley,  
Pat Pierson, Art Ridley & Colleen Craige



The next 2 Trustee Meetings are scheduled to meet in the Parsonage  
Monday, January 4th & February 1st at 7:30pm.

Those serving as Trustees for 2016 are:  
Steve Tarquini, John Garren, Rob Balton,  
Caren Shimanski, David Ridyard, Jerry Schierloh & James Bradley

## **Staff/Pastor Relations Committee (SPRC)**



The next SPRC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8th at 7pm in the parsonage.

Chairperson, Susan Ridyard, would like the congregation to know that if you have a concern or  
suggestion regarding the church staff, please see/contact her.

Those Serving on SPRC 2016:  
Pastor Doug Miller, Susan Ridyard, Teresa Tarquini, Eileen Guyadeen,  
Tom Hahn, Carol Birtner, Laura Jewett & Linda Schierloh

**Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church  
2016 Budget Summary**

|                          |                 |                            |                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Pastor Salary</b>     | <b>\$25,000</b> | <b>Church Payroll</b>      | <b>27,024.20</b>  |
| <b>Business expenses</b> | <b>5,000</b>    | <b>Includes:</b>           |                   |
| <b>Cell phone</b>        | <b>600</b>      | <b>Director of Liturgy</b> |                   |
| <b>Home phone</b>        | <b>600</b>      | <b>Secretary</b>           |                   |
| <b>Associate Pastor</b>  |                 | <b>Sexton</b>              |                   |
| <b>Salary</b>            | <b>4,000</b>    | <b>Music</b>               |                   |
| <b>Business expenses</b> | <b>1,300</b>    | <b>Treasurer</b>           |                   |
| <b>Electric church</b>   | <b>3,000</b>    | <b>Payroll taxes</b>       | <b>3,000</b>      |
| <b>Parsonage</b>         | <b>2,000</b>    | <b>Supplies</b>            |                   |
| <b>Church phone and</b>  |                 | <b>Church</b>              | <b>1,300</b>      |
| <b>Internet</b>          | <b>2,700</b>    | <b>Office</b>              | <b>7,000</b>      |
| <b>Fuel (propane)</b>    |                 | <b>Postage</b>             | <b>500</b>        |
| <b>Church</b>            | <b>5,000</b>    | <b>Sunday School</b>       | <b>500</b>        |
| <b>Parsonage</b>         | <b>2,500</b>    | <b>Advertising</b>         | <b>800</b>        |
| <b>Maintenance</b>       |                 | <b>Kitchen/bathroom</b>    | <b>2,500</b>      |
| <b>Church</b>            | <b>8,000</b>    | <b>Confirmation</b>        | <b>200</b>        |
| <b>Parsonage</b>         | <b>2,000</b>    | <b>Total budget</b>        | <b>150,224.20</b> |
| <b>Snow plowing</b>      | <b>3,000</b>    |                            |                   |
| <b>Garbage disposal</b>  | <b>2,700</b>    |                            |                   |

**DFUMC Tree of Life Preschool Budget 2016**

|                             |               |                           |                  |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Capitol improvements</b> | <b>3,000</b>  | <b>Payroll</b>            | <b>38,277.97</b> |
| <b>New lighting loan</b>    | <b>5,300</b>  | <b>Supplies</b>           | <b>750</b>       |
| <b>Playground</b>           | <b>5,100</b>  | <b>Payroll taxes</b>      | <b>2,800</b>     |
| <b>Conference Expenses</b>  |               | <b>Total</b>              | <b>41,827.97</b> |
| <b>Shared Ministries</b>    | <b>22,000</b> |                           |                  |
| <b>Property Ins.</b>        | <b>3,100</b>  | <b>Kindercamp payroll</b> | <b>2900.00</b>   |
| <b>Workers Comp</b>         | <b>1,500</b>  | <b>Supplies</b>           | <b>300.00</b>    |
|                             |               | <b>Payroll taxes</b>      | <b>400.00</b>    |
|                             |               | <b>Total</b>              | <b>3600.00</b>   |

## **Giant Cookie Walk a Success!**

Our 2015 Giant Cookie Walk was a big success. We made \$1,183 and almost sold out of cookies! The proceeds from the Cookie Walk go to meet the expenses of the church budget so everyone's support is appreciated. This fundraiser is so successful because of the dedication and talents of our many bakers who contributed their time and money to make over the many varieties of delicious homemade cookies.



Many thanks go to our Eileen Rowe (our Cookie Walk Chairperson), Beth Callen, Tiffany Miller, Mary Balton, Karen Van Duzer and Linda Rutledge. And special thanks also go to all the church members who supported the sale by buying cookies!

## **Family Ministry Holiday Social Draws a Crowd**

Over 60 people attended the Family Ministry Holiday Social Event on December 6th that was open to the community. Families had fun making ornaments, caroling, seeing the Live Nativity play, and visiting Santa and Mrs. Claus (AKA John and Gayla Garren). Thanks to all the church members who helped to make this a successful event. The Sunday school children put on a nativity skit, directed by Will and Missy Joseph and Amy Leek brought live animals to the set. Steve Tarquini and Mary Balton were on kitchen duty handing out bowls of hot soup, Tess Balton took pictures of kids visiting the Santas; Hailey, Emily, and Molly supervised the painting of an ornament craft; Eileen and Michael Guyadeen helped set up tables.

## **Baby Blessings News**

Our COATS FOR KIDS event is over and I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped or supported in any way. Our final coat collection count was 278! There were coats arriving all day. In addition, every child got a hat and gloves, many got boots. There was also clothing available and toys. Our excess coats have been offered throughout the community. Our day was exhausting and exciting. We are blessed to be able to minister to our community and share the joy of Christmas and the warmth of His love, as well as coats. Thank you and Happy New Year, Gayla Garren and crew



## **Thanks to all our Dinner Helpers**

We also hosted a Senior Citizens Dinner in November and over 90 seniors attended. Special thanks to Caren Shimanski, Pat Pierson and all those many helpers who cooked the food, served the dinner and cleaned up. Our November and December London Broil dinners also served our community. Thanks to Mary Balton, Eileen Guyadeen for coordinating these, John Garren our grill master and the many helpers who come each month for this community outreach.



## Family Ministry: Winter Festival - February 14

The next Family Ministry event will be a **Winter Festival on February 14 from 12-2pm**. This free event is open to the community and will include Scout Sunday, Sledding (weather permitting), Indoor Activities, Soup, Cocoa and Cake. Invite your friends and come join the fun!

## Soup Bowl Sunday: February 14 from 10am-2pm

Back by popular demand is the Soup Bowl Sunday! This is a soup sale on **Sunday, February 14th** after each service. There will be a variety of homemade soup available so you can stock up for the cold winter months ahead. The prices are \$4 a pint or \$6 a quart. In past years, we've raised approximately \$400 from the Soup Sale. This year, soup will also be on the menu for the Free Family Winter Festival that is scheduled after the 11am service, so we need lots of soup - both to sell and serve.

We are looking for additional soup makers to make the famous **DFUMC Cheesy Potato Soup**. The recipe is below and will also be on the back table at the back of church with the signup sheet by the end of January. Please help us make this year's Soup Bowl Sunday a big success!



### **Cheesy Potato Soup (Golden Potato Soup)**

Serves 6-8

- |                                                 |                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • 3 cups potatoes, finely chopped (peeled)      | • 1 teaspoon parsley flakes        |
| • 1 cup water                                   | • 1/2 teaspoon salt                |
| • 1 cup chicken stock (water & a bouillon cube) | • dash of pepper                   |
| • 1/2 cup celery, sliced                        | • 2 tablespoons flour              |
| • 1/4 cup onion, chopped                        | • 1-1/2 cups milk                  |
| • 1/2 cup carrots, sliced                       | • 1/2 pound Velveeta cheese, cubed |

- In a large saucepan or stockpot over medium heat, combine potatoes, water, stock, celery, onions, carrots, parsley, salt and pepper.
- Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered for 1 hour, until vegetables are tender. Stirring occasionally.
- In small bowl gradually add milk to the flour until well blended.
- Add flour/milk mixture to the pot and cook until thickened, about 15 minutes, stirring often.
- Add cheese and stir until melted, the soup will thicken even more.

 The Little Church In The Woods Presents   
**January and February 2016 Events**

Check [www.dfumc.com](http://www.dfumc.com) for the latest news!

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**Thirsty Thursdays 5:55 PM**

Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

Are You Busy On Sundays? Please Join Us!

It's a casual contemporary service that includes  
a light meal, praise, music and fellowship for all ages.



**Free! LONDON BROIL BBQ**

**CANCELED**

~~Sat. January 16<sup>th</sup>~~

Sat. February 20<sup>th</sup>

12 to 2PM

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**Winter Family Festival**

12 to 2PM

**Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>**

SLEDS & SOUPS & SCOUTS

The 11am Service Is SCOUT SUNDAY

Afterward There Will Be Sledding & A Bonfire\*

Indoor Fun & Games, Soup/Salad, Cocoa & Cake - All For Free!



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**SOUP BOWL SUNDAY**

A Variety Of Home Made Soups and Chili For Sale

Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup> • 10am - 2pm

Take some home after sledding or freeze some for later!!

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**Ash Wednesday Service** February 10<sup>th</sup> 7pm

**Prayer & Meditation** Mondays in Lent 6pm

February 15, 22, 29 March 7, 14, 21



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\*Weather Permitting - Check [www.dfumc.com](http://www.dfumc.com) for news!

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is on Myck Road off Park Road... behind Childs Park. Call with any questions, 570-828-2288.

## *A Devotional...*

Read the Scripture: Job 42:16-17

*After this Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. And so he died, old and full of years ~Job 42:16-17*



The book of Job ends on a note of contentment and peace. Job was probably about seventy when the book opens, so he is an old man. What a picture of peace, a contented man. God had greatly blessed him.

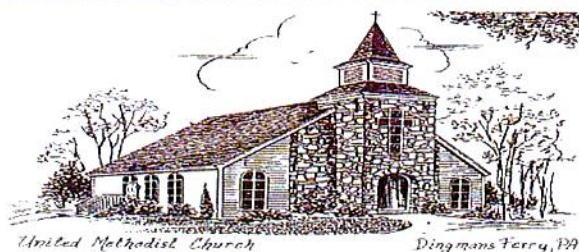
Before us stretches a new year, a new beginning. The old is past, put away forever. God invites us always to forget about all the distrust and fears, all the anxieties of the past, all the resentments we have been holding against others, all the grudges, all the criticisms--to put them away and begin again.

The question that hovers over us as we close this book (and I feel it deeply in my own heart) is, On what basis am I going to live in this new year? Will it be on the old basis of it-all-depends-on-me, do-it-yourself goodness before God, trying my best to be pleasing to God and meaning it with all my heart but never realizing the depths of evil with which I have to deal? Or will I accept the gift of God that is waiting for me every day, fresh from His hand, a gift of forgiveness, of righteousness already mine, of a relationship in which He is my dear Father and I am his cherished, beloved child.

Will it be on that basis? If it is, this will be a year in which my life will be characterized by peace, fragrance, and beauty. And so will yours. Or, if we insist on living it on the same old basis, we will find ourselves like these friends of Job, arousing the anger and the wrath of God. Though He is patient and merciful, our only escape will be to repent of our evil and rest upon the righteousness of our perfect substitute and return to God for the blessing that He is waiting to give. That is the choice before us, every one of us. How are we going to live in this new year?

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for this new year that lies before me. I choose You. I choose to depend on You, trust You, and accept from Your hand all that You would give me.

**Life Application:** Before us stretches a new year, a new beginning. The old is past, put away forever. On which one of the two basis are we going to live in this new year?



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Followers of Christ By Our Attitudes  
and Our Actions.