



The Dingmans Ferry  
United Methodist Church  
**THE BRIDGE**  
Newsletter

January /  
February  
2026



Happy New Year!

Political instability, a struggling economy, illnesses, debts, and so on—each of these negative words was written on a piece of paper by individuals in Times Square recently. These papers were torn by their own hands and burned in a bin labeled “Good Riddance Day 2025.” As the smoke rose, the host told the crowd, “...get rid of the past and the negative energy to create the space for the future...”

While I wish it were as simple as burning a piece of paper, I find myself concerned that such events may lead people toward movements like "New Thought" or "New Age." These ideologies suggest that individuals have the power to manipulate supernatural energy through positive thinking or meditation. To be clear: this is not a Christian belief, and it is not what many churches teach.

True peace does not come from our own efforts to clear "energy." Since the greatest event in history—the Incarnation—God's peace has already come to earth in the person of Jesus Christ. By faith in Him our Savior Jesus Christ, we possess this peace even in the midst of political instability, economic hardship, or illness. The peace the world offers is often a temporary escape, like burning paper in a can; but the peace that we talk to the world about is the “peace that passes all understanding.”

As we face the unknowns of 2026, our hope is active because of this peace! It involves trusting in God's guidance rather than our own “positive thinking.” We don't have to manifest our own future; we simply follow the One who already holds the future in His hands.

*The peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7) always!*  
Amen.

Servant of God and God's people,  
Sung

## Lectionary Reading of January and February 2026

### January 2026 Season of Epiphany

Date	Sunday / Special Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
Jan 1	Holy Name / New Year	Num 6:22-27	Psalm 8	Gal 4:4-7	Luke 2:15-21
Jan 4	2nd Sunday after Christmas	Jer 31:7-14	Psalm 147:12-20	Eph 1:3-14	John 1:(1-9), 10-18
Jan 6	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>	Isa 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Eph 3:1-12	Matt 2:1-12
Jan 11	Baptism of the Lord	Isa 42:1-9	Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matt 3:13-17
Jan 18	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	Isa 49:1-7	Psalm 40:1-11	1 Cor 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Jan 25	3rd Sunday after Epiphany	Isa 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1, 4-9	1 Cor 1:10-18	Matt 4:12-23

### February 2026 Epiphany continues into the start of Lent

Date	Sunday / Special Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
Feb 1	4th Sunday after Epiphany	Mic 6:1-8	Psalm 15	1 Cor 1:18-31	Matt 5:1-12
Feb 8	5th Sunday after Epiphany	Isa 58:1-9a	Psalm 112:1-9	1 Cor 2:1-12	Matt 5:13-20
Feb 15	<b>Transfiguration Sunday</b>	Exod 24:12-18	Psalm 2	2 Pet 1:16-21	Matt 17:1-9
Feb 18	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Cor 5:20b-6:10	Matt 6:1-6, 16-21
Feb 22	1st Sunday in Lent	Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Psalm 32	Rom 5:12-19	Matt 4:1-11



**CONFIRMATION CLASS  
BEGINS WITH 6 CONFIRMANDS.  
PLEASE PRAY FOR THEIR FAITH JOURNEY  
IN OUR CHURCH.**



**Hey Youth!**  
(Middle School and High School)

**You are invited to  
Dingmans Ferry UMC**

**(115 myck rd)  
every first sunday  
of the month 5-7pm**

**Movies, games, activities, foods,  
stories, friends, and God.**

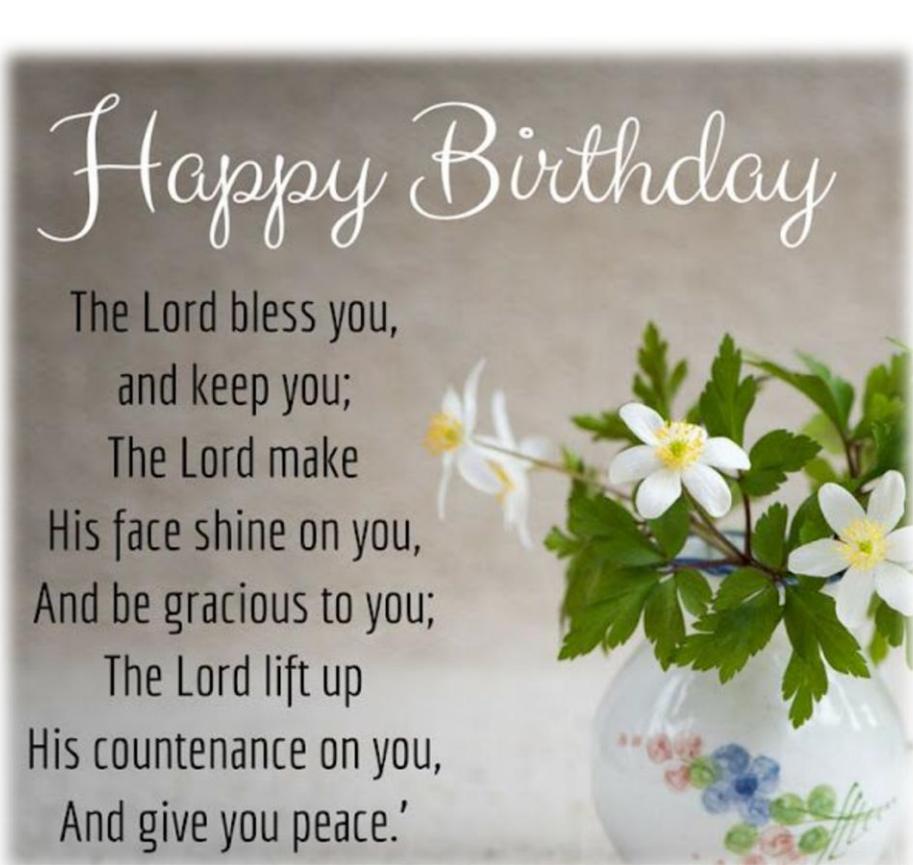
## January and February Birthdays

### January

- 1/5: Hailee Campanile
- 1/5: Susan Dennison
- 1/9: Darlene Mihiel
- 1/10: Caroline Marie Riccardi
- 1/14: Joe Luciano
- 1/15: Pastor Wayne Jones
- 1/20: Allyson Solch
- 1/20: Carol Birtner
- 1/21: Linda Schierloh
- 1/21: Rob Balton
- 1/21: Gary Stevenson
- 1/26: Tess Balton
- 1/29: Rosalie Grace Riccardi

### February

- 2/5: Chris Bradley
- 2/7: Laurie Clyde
- 2/11: Grace Fedorsin
- 2/16: Larry Kautz
- 2/18: Kate Vivaldo
- 2/22: Molly Garerra
- 2/23: Jared Odynsky
- 2/26: Steven Wollman
- 2/27: Colleen Anderson
- 2/28: Hope Blauvelt
- 2/28: Kevin Buckley

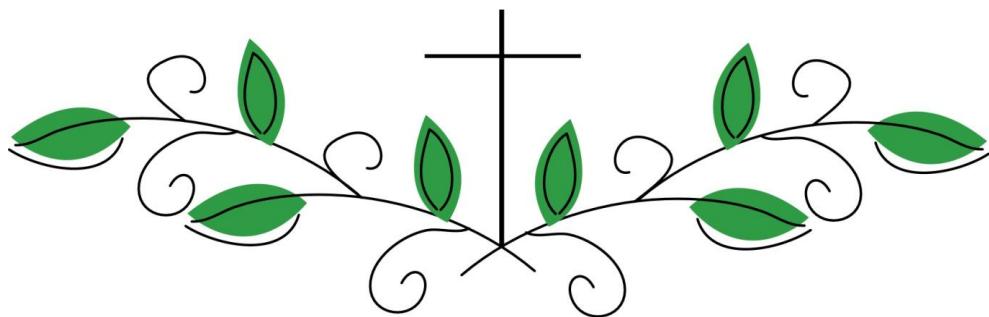




# Servants

### GREETER/USHER SCHEDULE:

1/4 Scott Knapp  
1/11 Linda Rutledge  
1/18 Marilyn Chasar  
1/25 Linda Shierloh  
2/1 Youth Group  
2/8 Carol Magazino  
2/15 Sally Pohlman  
2/22 Carol Birtner

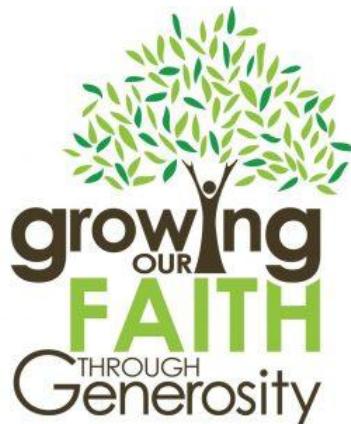


## From the Finance Committee

**Without your generosity, we can't make it.**

**It is not too late to make a pledge for 2026 giving.  
You can fill out the pledge card at the back of the sanctuary  
or you can do it online at [www.dfumcpledge.weebly.com](http://www.dfumcpledge.weebly.com)**

**Would you love to give now? Scan the QR Code.**



*Don't forget!  
"Easter Chocolate Eggs" are coming soon!*



## *Coffee Hour Help Needed*

### ***Set up:***

Set up 8-10 tables with 8 chairs.

Food table in middle; plates, napkins, plastic forks.

Cover tables with plastic cloths.

Place mugs on cart.

Prepare coffee urn, coffee pot & tea water, placing them on side table.

Time Commitment: about half an hour before worship.



### ***Food Donations:***

Prepare food (baked, nonbaked, whatever)

Plug in coffee, decaf and hot water pots before worship

Set out food as last song begins



### ***Clean-up:***

Collect used mugs, dishes,

Wash dishes by using dishwasher

Dry mugs placing them in hall closet.

*Sign up on table in back*

# Ministry Sign-Up



There are lots of opportunities available to serve the ministry of God here in the Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church. Look over the list and see if something appeals to you. If you have any questions, just talk to pastor Sung!

**Worship Committee:** Please fill out the survey on the back table at the sanctuary to be the Greeter, Scripture Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Prayer Leader, etc.

**Music Ministry:** Join the Choir, Offer to play an Instrument for Special Services, Assist with Audio/Video as needed.

**Trustee Committee:** Share in the care and up-keep of the church facilities, Let the church office know if you have special skills in Electrical, Plumbing, carpentry etc. (Your assistance could save the church from hiring someone and incurring a bill.)

**Missions:** Work with others on Baby Blessings Ministry, Bread for the World, Food Pantry Donations, Holiday Angel Tree & Food Distribution, Nursing Home Visits w/Pastor,

**Fundraiser and Communication:** Assist chairpersons of committees as needed, Prepare and Put Street Signs Out, Help with Event Set-up/Clean-up.

**United Women of Faith (UWF):** Please join the women of the church in Ministry Service & Fellowship. They meet 4 times a year. Watch for meeting announcements.

**United Methodist Men (UMM):** The Men of the church are here for Ministry, Service and Fellowship.

# Want to Help?

If you, your business, or perhaps a few of you, would like to sponsor one of our upcoming London Broil Dinners, please contact the church office. The dinners are FREE to the community. Our Flyers, street signs and announcements will feature your names unless you prefer to remain anonymous. The cost for sponsorship is \$450. Checks should be made out to "DFUMC" and "London Broil Sponsor" should be noted on the memo line.



*thank you*

-DFUMC Mission Committee



Welcome  
To Our  
Church

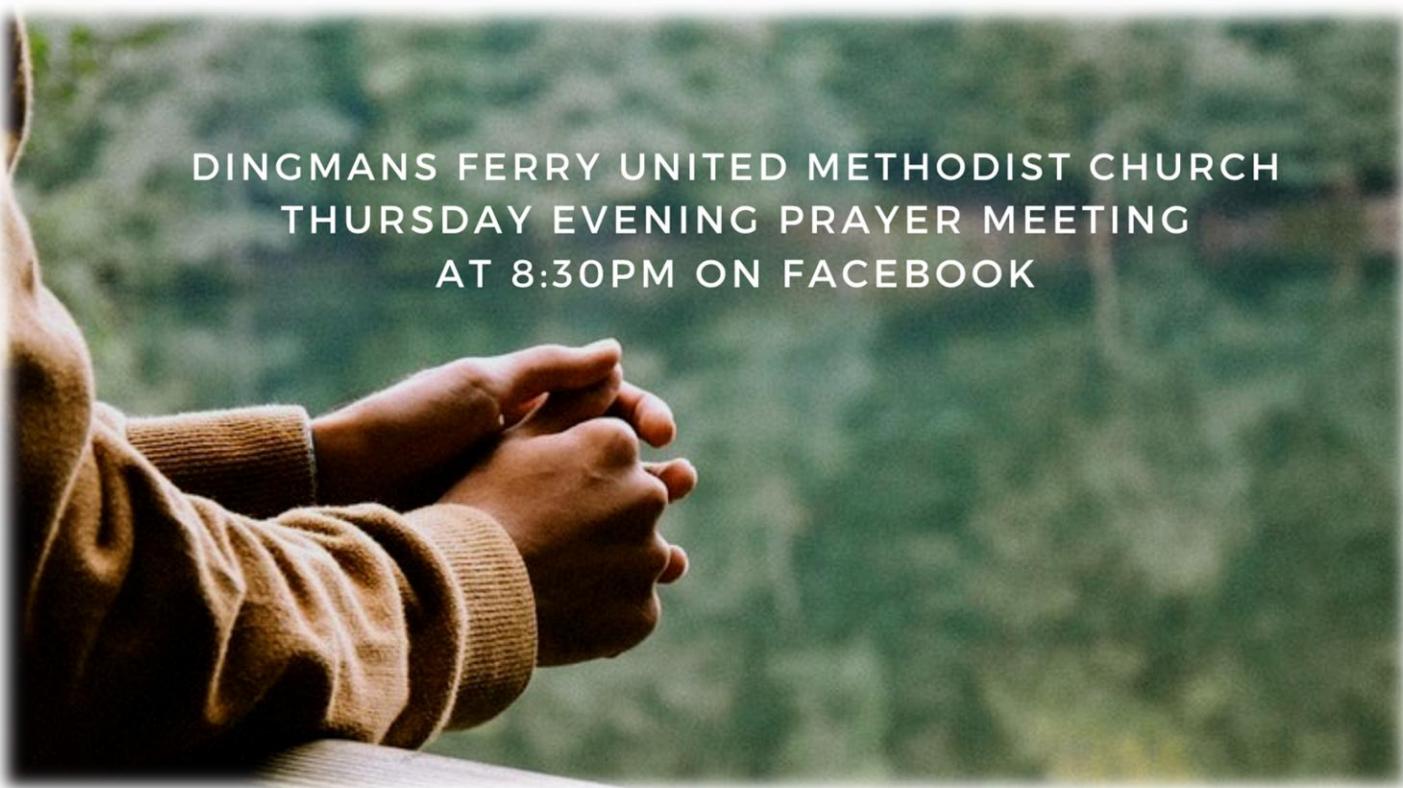
Welcome  
New  
Members

*Join the Church  
Family!*

Please see/contact  
Pastor Sung or call the  
church office if you  
would like to become  
a member.  
(570) 828-2288

Call the Church Office or See Pastor Sung TODAY!

DINGMANS FERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETING  
AT 8:30PM ON FACEBOOK



### **ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

Ad Board meetings are usually held bi-monthly.  
The next Ad Board Meeting: **November 24th at 7PM**



**BOARD MEETING**

#### **Ad Board Members 2025**

Pastor: Sungduk Kim  
Ad Council Chairperson - Donna Frable  
Ad Council Secretary – Linda Rutledge  
SPRC Chairperson – Carol Magazino  
Lay Leader - Carol Birtner  
Alt. Lay Member – Elise Knapp  
UMW - Jill Mann & Linda Rutledge  
Finance Chairperson - Mary Balton  
Church Treasurer – Susan Dennison

Finance Counters - Linda Rutledge/Jill Mann  
Trustee Chairperson - Paul Wojcik  
Worship Chairperson – Scott Knapp  
Organist: Chris Bradley  
Sunday School - Olivia Harrington  
Missions Chairperson - Elaine Cooper  
UMM - Seth Natter  
Recording Secretary – David Cowan  
Communications-Jim Bois, Tom Hahn, Linda Rutledge



**The SPRC Meets every second Tuesday 11:30AM.**

Those serving on the SPRC for 2026 are:  
Carol Magazino, Susan Ridyard, Linda Rutledge, Jill Mann,  
Mandy Librizzi, and Elise Knapp

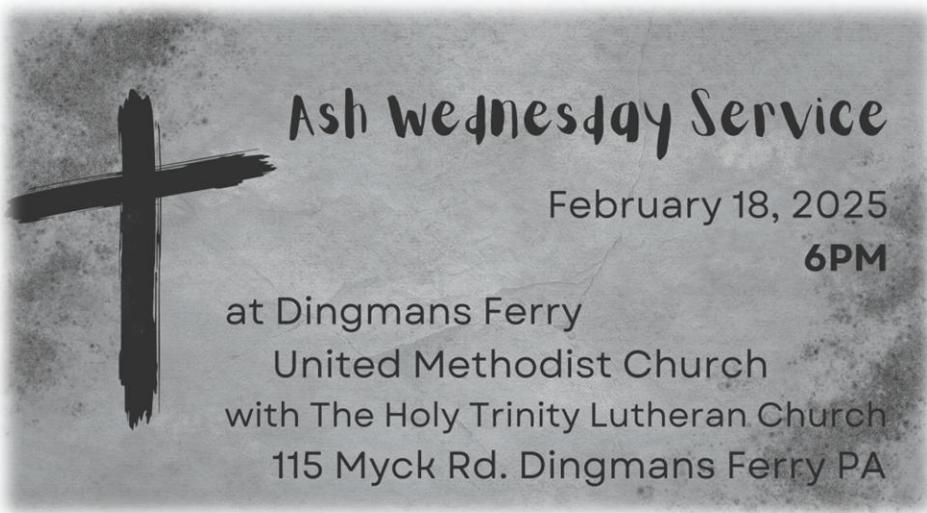
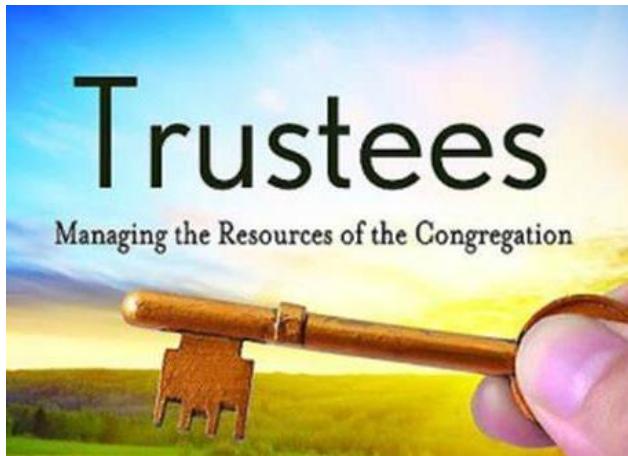


## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Our talents, possessions, and time are all gifts from God. Our offerings and gifts are our return to God through DFUMC. Your weekly and monthly offerings are our most important source of funds to support our ministries and missions.

The following persons are serving on the Finance Committee for 2026:  
Pastor Sung, Mary Balton, Donna Frable, Carol Magazino, Carol Birtner  
Susan Dennison, and Dave Cowan.

Those serving as Trustees for 2026 are:  
Scott Knapp, David Ridyard, Rob Balton, Paul Wojcik,  
Justin Riccardi, John Magazino, Keith Bush, and Ed Moraga.



### “Souper Bowl of Caring”

On February 8, 2026 we will again participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring. In 1990 a Presbyterian youth group envisioned getting people to do something about hunger on the day of the Super Bowl. That first year they joined with 22 churches in their area and raised about \$5000. In the years since, churches and some schools in every state have raised over \$170 million in cash and food items which help agencies in each community.

In January we will have the opportunity to bring food items for the food pantry. Watch for a list of items needed in the bulletin. On February 8, we will collect dollars in the soup pot for the Pastor’s Outreach Fund. Let’s help keep alive the vision of that youth group.

### “Acting With Persistence and Hope”

In a recent newsletter, Bread for the World described the effects on hungry people around the world caused by the actions of our government. USAID and global food programs around the world have been closed. The Lancet has projected that the severe cuts to USAID could cause more than 14 million deaths by 2030, including more than 4.5 million children under the age of five.

But Bread members have responded. Through the first half of the year, Bread members sent 85,000 letters/emails to Congress and held more than 530 meetings with congressional offices. Bread and others helped ensure that WIC was fully funded. In international aid, they helped get funding for Food for Peace and Feed the Future. Global nutrition was funded at \$168 million, a slight increase from last year.

Also, longtime Bread member, Rick Steves, has offered to support Bread by matching gifts made by December 31 up to \$500,000. Yes, this is a tough environment, but we can respond in faith and speak up for hungry people.

- Elaine Cooper, Mission Committee Chair



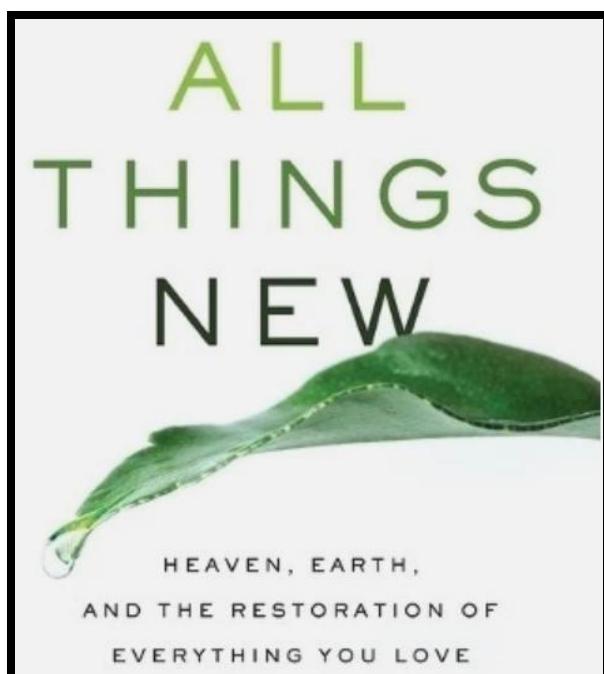
## **A Warm Welcome to Our New Church Secretary, Kayle Edgell!**

We are thrilled to announce that Kayle Edgell has joined our staff as the new Church Secretary!

We are so blessed to have her on the team. She lives locally with her husband, Matthew, and their two sons, Axel and Cameron. When you see her, please take a moment to introduce yourself and give her a warm welcome!

**Kayle's Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Welcome to the family, Kayle!



## **The New Year Bible Study**

Tuesday 10AM and Wednesday 6:30PM

From January 20th - February 11th

DINGMANS FERRY

# Baby Blessing PANTRY

Opens Second Sunday 11am  
of each month!  
Come & pick baby's essentials



DINGMANS FERRY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
for more info. call 570-828-2288



### *Please Join Us!*

During the month we get together with the nursing home residents of DV Personal Care, DV Rehab, and Milford Rehab Center for our time of "Hymns and Scripture".

Our monthly visits give us the great honor and opportunity to visit and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

#### **Our Schedule for July and August:**

##### **Del. Valley Personal Care**

Jan. 14th (Wed.) 2PM  
Feb. 11th (Wed.) 2PM

##### **Del. Valley Rehab Center**

Jan. 7th (Wed.) 2PM  
Feb. 4th (Wed.) 2PM

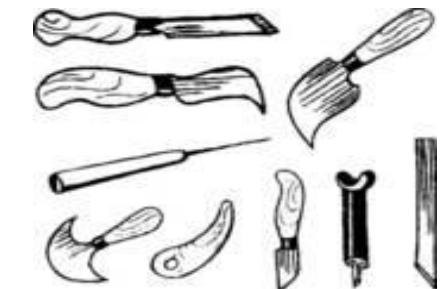
##### **Milford Rehab Center**

Jan. 21st (Wed.) 2PM  
Feb. 18th (Wed.) 2PM

We invite and encourage you to

please join us!

If you have any questions....  
Talk to Jill Mann



## **WOODCARVERS & Sewing, Crocheting & Etc.**

Our Woodcarving, Sewing & Etc. group meets on Wednesday's from 10AM to 12:30PM at Art and Carol Birtner's home. 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 Carol Birtner if you want more information.





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**In Person & Online Worship Services † Sunday School  
Vacation Bible School † Preschool † Kinder-Camp  
Bible Study † Prayer Meeting † Baby Blessings Pantry  
Mission/Outreach Projects † Men's/Women's Missions  
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www.dfumc.com • We're on Facebook too!**

***Don't miss our Sunday Worship Service at 10AM!***

For Online Donation/Giving: Visit our Website DFUMC.Com  
OR

See Our Church App:  
<https://easytithe.ministryone.com/landing/VWLE>

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