

Dingmans Ferry  
United Methodist Church  
**THE BRIDGE**  
JULY & AUGUST 2015  
**Newsletter**



**NEW VISION FOR DFUMC**

At its June meeting, the church Administrative Council approved the five-year **Vision Statement** proposed by the DFUMC Vision Team. The Vision Team, which consisted of 10 members of the church, met nine times during the months January through April. During this time, the Team not only dialogued on themes to be emphasized in the future Vision for our church, but also prayed over their discussions and solicited inputs from the congregation as a whole. Taken into careful consideration were: 1) the perceived strengths and limitations of the church's location, as well as its facilities, programs and ministries 2) the needs of the community served by the church, and the challenges faced in addressing those needs, and most importantly, 3) what the team ultimately concluded was **God's Vision** for our Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church.

The '**Discipleship Vision Statement**' is rendered in three (3) forms, depending on how it is to be used and to whom it is to be interpreted: a full-prose version and two abbreviated, or 'outline' versions. The full-prose version follows:

We foresee a future of individuals, life partners, families and 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.

The abbreviated 'descriptive version' of the Vision Statement is divided into four Vision 'domain' names that each contain three Vision 'focal points':

**Our CHALLENGE:**

Lending pastoral and congregational uplift to those in our midst who are faced with **Traumas, Anguish and Uncertainties** in their lives.

**Our PROMISE:**

Vowing to meet our CHALLENGE through the **outward conveyance** of Christian **Compassion, Certainty, and a Sense of Peace** to others.

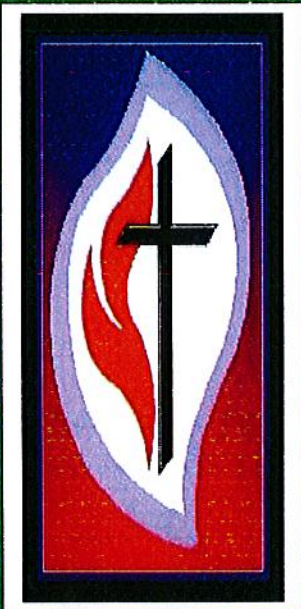
**Our MANDATE:**

Carrying out actions that will consistently help deliver our PROMISE, by **Welcoming, Embracing, and Supporting** new individuals, life partners, and families to our circle of fellowship.

**Our Christ-filled MEANS:**

Seeking God's wisdom, guidance, and support to make our MANDATE a reality, through the **ongoing practice of Faith, Hope, and Love** for others in our midst.

Continued.....





The third abbreviated version of the Vision Statement simply lists the four Vision domain names and twelve Vision focal points for visual emphasis.

Equally as important as the Vision Statement itself is an accompanying folder that provides background and support information, and interprets the meaning and purpose of various aspects of the Vision Statement. Four copies of this interpretive Vision folder will be available in the church office for congregational members and leaders who wish to reference it in the context of some aspect of future church programming. Users are simply asked to sign out the folder and return it to the office in a timely manner.

The Visions Team wishes to stress that **visioning** is a vitally important mandate of any church that seeks to remain at the cutting edge of its ministries. The Dingmans Ferry UMC stands at the brink of some exciting potential for Christian outreach and growth during the next several years and is poised, perfectly, to meet many of the critical physical, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of the community it serves. Perhaps our church can derive needed inspiration for this visioning challenge from the lyrics of the venerable Irish hymn, "**Be Thou My Vision**," by making a slight adaptation from the singular to the plural:

*Be Thou **our** Vision, O Lord of **our** heart;  
Naught be all else to **us**, save that Thou art;  
Thou **our** best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence **our** light.*

**The DFUMC Visions Team**



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Your  
& Info  
FOFYI

Sunday, July 5, 2015

Invocation Service & Celebration For Connie Squire

One Worship Service at 11am

The Deadline to submit articles for the next  
September/October Newsletter is Monday  
August 24, 2015. Please e-mail your  
articles to the Church Office at  
[dfumc@verizon.net](mailto:dfumc@verizon.net)



## July & August Lectionary Readings

- 7/5 Psalm 48; 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
- 7/12 Psalm 24; 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
- 7/19 Psalm 89:20-37; 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
- 7/26 Psalm 14; 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21
- 8/2 Psalm 51:1-12; 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
- 8/9 Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51
- 8/16 Psalm 111; 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
- 8/23 Psalm 84; 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69
- 8/30 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Song of Solomon 2:8-13; James 1:17-27;  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



### Summer Reminders.....

**The Monday Night Bible Study & Wednesday Night Bible Study will be on hiatus for the months of July & August due to vacationing members.**

**Both will resume in September as usual.**

**Everyone is invited to please attend the Pastor's Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10am in Room 5 which will continue during the summer months.**

**Monthly Prayers Services:**

**2nd Monday of each Month at 6pm in the Sanctuary.**





# Worship Servants

## Schedule of Worship Leadership

### 9:00 Service

7/5 Eileen Guyadeen  
7/12 Gayla Garren  
7/19 Dave Ridyard  
7/26 Art Ridley  
8/2 Donna Frable  
8/9 Laura Wright  
8/16 Gayla Garren  
8/23 Donna Frable  
8/30 Dave Ridyard  
9/6 Art Ridley

### 11:00 Service

**One Service at 11am**  
Eileen Guyadeen  
Art Birtner  
Annie Craigie  
Carol Birtner  
Connie Squire  
Eileen Guyadeen  
Art Birtner  
Elaine Cooper  
Annie Craigie

## Greeters/Ushers for

### 9:00 Service

7/5 Need Volunteer **One Service at 11am**  
7/12 Marilyn Chasar & Linda Rutledge  
7/19 Gary Stevenson & Sally Pohlman  
7/26 Jim Bois & Anna Curtin  
8/2 Bob & Linda Davis  
8/9 Danny & Linda Rutledge  
8/16 Marilyn Chasar & Rick Vodilko  
8/23 Gary Stevenson & Sally Pohlman  
8/30 Jim Bois & Anna Curtin  
9/6 Linda Rutledge & Rick Vodilko

## Schedule of Eucharistic Ministers

### 9:00 Service

7/5 Caren Shimanski **One Service at 11am**  
7/12 Doris Hnida & Art Ridley  
7/19 Volunteer & Tiffany Miller  
7/26 Tiffany Miller & Kathi White  
8/2 Dave Cowan & Donna Frable  
8/9 Linda Rutledge & Caren Shimanski  
8/16 Doris Hnida & Art Ridley  
8/23 Gayla Garren & Volunteer  
8/30 Linda Rutledge & Caren Shimanski  
9/6 Dave Cowan & Donna Frable

## Greeters/Ushers for

### 11:00 Service

7/5 Need Volunteer **One Service at 11am**  
7/12 John & Philly Viscardo  
7/19 Eileen Guyadeen  
7/26 Tom & Myriam Hahn  
8/2 Mary Balton  
8/9 Frank & Dee Shores  
8/16 Need Volunteer  
8/23 Eileen Guyadeen  
8/30 Tom & Myriam Hahn  
9/6 Mary Balton

### 11:00 Service

7/5 Art Birtner **One Service at 11am**  
7/12 Elaine Cooper  
7/19 Connie Squire  
7/26 Linda Schierloh  
8/2 Art Birtner  
8/9 Elaine Cooper  
8/16 Connie Squire  
8/23 Linda Schierloh  
8/30 Art Birtner  
9/6 Elaine Cooper



**HOLY COMMUNION**

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

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



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

**CLASS OF 2015**



Congratulations  
and Best Wishes!

DVHS  
Colleen Craige  
Troy Odynsky

College  
Dan Balton  
Morgan Leek  
Karli Van Duzer

P.S. Kim Mihiel Graduated  
December 2014

May God Bless You As You  
Journey Into The Future!



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.



## JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

|                      |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 7/3 Dana Rutledge    | 8/1 Stacey Ferdinand     |
| 7/3 Michael Guyadeen | 8/3 Victoria Odynsky     |
| 7/3 Jonelle DiPillo  | 8/4 Jessica Craige       |
| 7/14 Pat Pierson     | 8/7 Pastor Juel Nelson   |
| 7/15 Deb McGowan     | 8/13 Al Frable           |
| 7/16 Lisa Niper      | 8/14 Cody Fahey          |
| 7/18 Irene Luciano   | 8/14 Jane Ridley         |
| 7/20 Dave Cowan Sr.  | 8/15 Philly Viscardo     |
|                      | 8/16 Pastor Robyne Mayer |
|                      | 8/16 Bailey Kislak       |
|                      | 8/16 Ray Costanzo        |
|                      | 8/20 David Jewett        |
|                      | 8/22 Bob Jewett          |
|                      | 8/22 Mary Balton         |
|                      | 8/29 John Garren         |
|                      | 8/31 Bob Brumbaugh       |
|                      | 8/31 Sally Pohlman       |



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

### Administrative Board

The next 2 Ad Board Meetings  
are Scheduled for

**Monday, July 20th at 6pm  
&  
Monday, August 17th at 6pm**



Those serving on Ad Board for 2015 are:

Pastor: Doug Miller

\*Ad. Board Chairperson - Steve Tarquini

Ad. Board Secretary - Lisa Niper

Church Secretary - Linda Rutledge

Lay Member - Connie Squire

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 - Jim Bradley

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 Sup. - 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, July 6th at 6pm & Monday, August 3rd at 6pm

Those Serving on Finance Committee 2015:  
Pastor Doug Miller, Mary Balton, Pat Pierson, Darlene Mihiel, Caren Shimanski,  
Jim Bradley, Holly Bradley, Connie Squire, Susan Ridyard,  
At Large Members: David Ridyard, Gayla Garren, Lisa Niper & Steve Tarquini

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## **VISION COMMITTEE**



Serving on the Vision Committee for 2015 are:  
Pastor Doug Miller, Linda Davis, Mary Balton, Sally Pohlman, George Aber,  
Laura Jewett, Art Birtner, Cindy DeFederico, Linda Schierloh, James Bradley,  
Pat Pierson, Art Ridley & Colleen Craig

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The next 2 Trustee Meetings are scheduled to meet in the Parsonage  
Monday, July 6th at 7:30pm & Monday, August 3rd at 7:30pm.

Those serving as Trustees for 2015 are:  
Steve Tarquini, John Garren, Sally Pohlman, Rob Balton, Wayne Joesph,  
Caren Shimanski, David Ridyard, & James Bradley

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



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.

**The Next SPRC Meeting is scheduled for Aug 10th at 7pm**

Those Serving on SPRC 2015:  
Pastor Doug Miller, Susan Ridyard, Teresa Tarquini, Eileen Guyadeen, Tom Hahn,  
Kathi White, Carol Birtner, Laura Jewett & Linda Schierloh, Tom Bradley



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



**A VOICE FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN**

On May 17 we participated in Bread for the World's 2015 Offering of Letters, "Feed Our Children." We sent 98 letters to our members of Congress speaking up for funding for nutrition programs for children as well as continued work on higher nutrition standards.

Our timing could not have been better. That week a House committee was supposed to begin hearings on these nutrition programs, but with an emphasis on finding abuse and fraud and seeking to make cuts. Our letters, especially with your heartfelt added comments, sent a very different compassionate message. God bless your faithfulness in speaking and acting to help hungry people.

**PACKAGES FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS**

This year we are again planning to encourage our new and returning college students with care packages from their church family. From the end of August through September we will collect small packages of cookies, crackers, noodles, soup, granola, and power bars. Look for a large container in the rear of the sanctuary.

Please contact the church office with new addresses or any changes. Let's work together to show our care and support as our young people further their studies and seek God's direction in their lives.

**PLANS UNDERWAY FOR THE TRI-STATE CROPWALK**



The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Tri-State CROPWALK, scheduled for Sunday, October 18, will start at the Firemen's Pavilion at Airport Park and move through the streets of Port Jervis. This summer we will invite churches and the high school student councils to join us. We will also seek support from area businesses and service organizations for our shirts. Please pray for the CROPWALK team as we plan, invite, and move forward. Plan now to participate.



**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.



## Community Picnic Thanks - Terasa Tarquini, Family Ministry Chairperson

Approximately 75 people joined us on May 30 for the Community Picnic sponsored by Family Ministry. DFUMC church members and people from the community enjoyed the inspiring music from the Praise Band, the delicious food and cakes and the fun games for the children. The profits from the Spring and Fall Yard Sale are used to fund the Family Ministry events and we also contributed \$170 to General Church budget from donations and the ice cream sales



Together, "many hands make light work," and the Family Ministry Committee would like to thank the many helpers who made this event possible:

- The Setup Crew: Pat Pierson, Steve Tarquini, Will Joseph, Eileen Guyadeen, Gayla and John Garren. Thanks to Chris Bradley who set up the band equipment.
- The Praise Band: The Bradleys (Jim, Holly and Chris), Eileen Guyadeen, Bob Jewett, and John Viscardo
- The Tent and Lemonade Stand: Deb and Scott McGowan
- Our Cake Makers ([see the recipes posted on the website](#)): Carol Birtner, Cara Knieser, Spencer and Will Joseph, Susan Ridyard, and Emily Brundl and JP Sybrandy. Every cake was a winner! Also thanks to Susan Ridyard and Joan Demetry who helped coordinate the judging.
- The Food and Kitchen Help: Holly and Chris Bradley, the Baltons (Mary, Tess, Dan), David Ridyard, Betsy Harris (Baked beans) and all who helped clean up.
- Face Painting and Games: Cara Knieser and Terasa Tarquini
- Photos: Gayla Garren and Deborah Harris. See the photos on the [website](#) under the Members Menu: Photo Gallery.



## July 5, 2015 at 11am: Installation Service for Connie Squire

As of July 1, 2015, Connie Squire will be appointed the Associate Licensed Local Pastor for Dingmans Ferry UMC and Barryville UMC. Connie will be able to perform sacraments such as communion, baptism and weddings for these churches.

Join us on Sunday, July 5 for one combined service at 11am for Connie's installation (there will be no 9am service scheduled that day). Service will be followed by cake and coffee time. Let us join together and celebrate Connie's call!





## Vacation Bible School - July 27-31: Registration Open Now

The 2015 Free Vacation Bible School will be held on **Monday July 27th thru Friday July 31st from 9 am – noon**. This year's theme is: *"Everest: conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power."*

There will be lessons from the Bible, games, crafts, singing, outdoor play, snacks and lots of fun for everyone! The program is designed for children ages 3 and up to kids who are entering 6th grade.

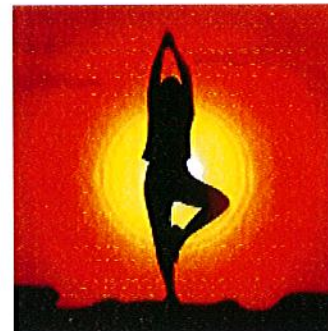
Registration is open now and you can print out the [registration form from the website](#) or pick one up at church. If you can, please pre-register in *advance* so we can plan our materials and activities; however, you can also register the first day.



## Yoga: Wednesday Evenings in July

We are pleased to announce that Laura Wright will be providing Yoga instructions at the church on **Wednesday evenings in July from 5:45pm to 6:45pm**. The course is free, but you can make a donation if you wish to support church outreach programs.

The course dates are July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Bring a yoga mat and water. You can stop in for any session or attend all five sessions if you are able. Please invite your friends and join us in this fun, relaxing program that will melt your stress away!



MOVEMENT  
*ENERGY*  
STRETCHING  
**FITNESS**  
RELAXATION  
HARMONY  
*BODY*  
EXERCISE

## Thirsty Thursdays: Summer Format

We will move Thirsty Thursdays service outside this summer, when possible, and change the format a little, while the Praise Band is taking a well deserved sabbatical. Let Connie Squire know if you are willing to sing, play an instrument, share a short message or lead a sing-a-long. We will have cookouts and roast some marshmallows! Busy Sundays, come join us in this contemporary service and fellowship. We meet on Thursdays at 5:55pm.



## Nursing Home Ministry Receives Plaque from Belle Reve

The DFUMC Nursing Home Ministry team recently received a plaque from Belle Reve as a certificate of appreciation and thanks for the visits with the residents.

Our Nursing Home Ministry is an important part of the Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church's mission. Several times during each month, we visit in the afternoons with the nursing home residents of Belle Reve and Milford Senior Care for our time of "Hymns and Scriptures." Our visits give us the time to talk to the residents and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.



We invite you to come join us. Our schedule for visits is posted in the church newsletter. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Kathi White at 570-828-1251 or email Kathi at [kathi@ptd.net](mailto:kathi@ptd.net).

## Joy Circle Picnic - August 5 at 5pm

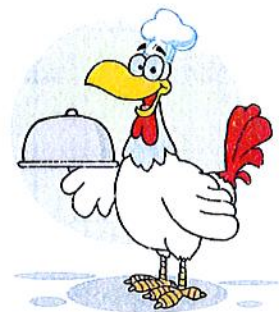
The Joy Circle (our United Methodist Women's group) is having a picnic at the church on **Wednesday, August 5 from 5pm to 7pm**. The picnic will be held indoors if inclement weather. Last year a bear stopped by to check out all the tantalizing smells!



All women of the church are invited and stop by whenever you can come. There will be a sign-up for Potluck at the back of the church closer to the event. Please come join us.

## Chicken BBQ - Saturday, August 22 from 11-3pm.

The annual Chicken BBQ hosted by Men's Fellowship is scheduled for Saturday, August 22 from 11-3pm. The event is held rain or shine and you can eat or pick up an order to go. The costs of the dinner is \$12 and includes one-half of a marinated, barbecued chicken plus corn on the cob, cole slaw, dessert and a beverage.



Volunteers are needed for setup, cooking, desserts, serving, clean-up, etc. Please add your name to the Sign-Up List that will be posted at the back of the church closer to the event date. This is a popular fundraiser and money will be used for the General Church Budget. We need your support to volunteer for the event as well as to come and enjoy the barbecue!



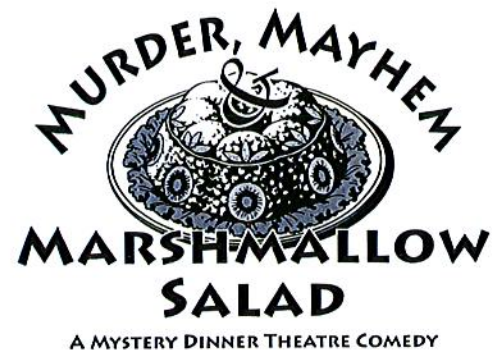
## London Broil Dinners: July 25 and August 15

Our next London Broil community dinners are on **Saturday July 25** (note changed date for this month since the Red Bird trip is scheduled the 3rd Saturday)) and **August 15 from 5pm-7pm**. Helpers are always needed to set up, serve and clean up. A voluntary love donation is taken to support church ministries. The June dinner was sponsored by the Forklift Cafe and Flair Home Center will be sponsoring the July dinner. We appreciate all the support from our sponsors and a special thank you to our church members who help us offer this important community outreach program.



## Mystery Dinner Theater: August 28-29

Our DFUMC Drama Group is busy rehearsing for the annual Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Comedy which will be on **Friday August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** and also on **Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm Matinee and again at 7 pm**.



This year's play is entitled *Murder, Mayhem, and Marshmallow Salad* but don't expect much marshmallow salad because it seems to have come up missing! This scandalous discovery is just the tip of the iceberg. The real deal is Pastor Evan Keel keeling over. Who would do such a thing? Was it drama queen wanna-be Molly Keel? How about the unemployed pastor who would love to find a new church, or someone you would least expect, the no-nonsense Tess? The audience puts on their detective hats to try to solve the case as they dine on a great meal. So many theories and huge laughs along the way!

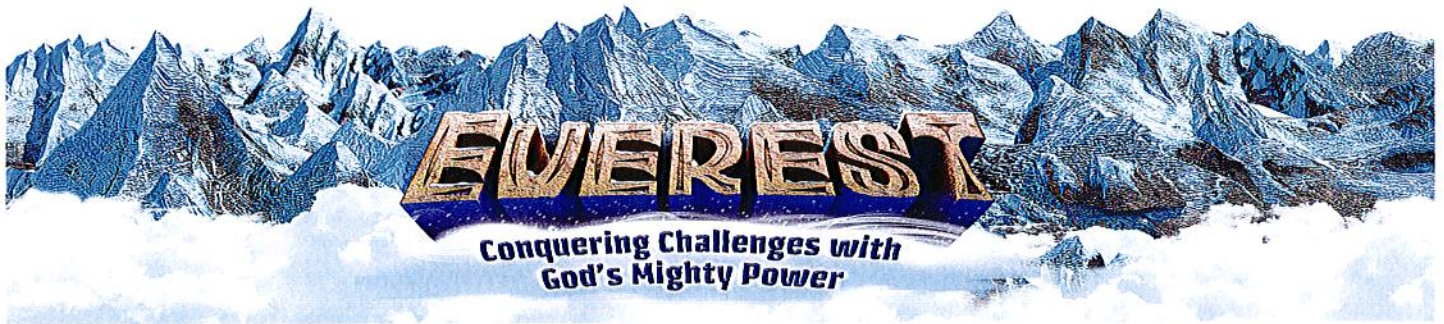
The tickets are \$20 and dinner includes the entree, salad, beverage and dessert. **The Ticket Order form is on the website and also at the back of the church.** Be sure to order your tickets now as the evening performances have been selling out in the past few years. This is a major fundraiser for the church, so please invite your friends and come out for this fun event.

If questions, please call Pat, our play director at 570-828-9725 or call the church office at 570-828-2288 between 9 am – noon Monday through Friday.

## Update on Clearances for Volunteers - Susan Ridyard, SPRC Chairperson

On June 10, 2015, Governor Wolf announced that the PA Clearances for Child Abuse and PA Criminal History Check will be FREE for volunteers starting **July 25, 2015**, and reduced to \$8 each for employees and contractors. Therefore, we have moved our deadline for clearances for DFUMC volunteers working with children to **September 1, 2015** so that our volunteers can get their PA clearance fees waived. The FBI Clearance must still be paid separately, but this is only required for volunteers who have not been a PA resident continually the last 10 years. The required date for DFUMC Staff to complete all three clearances is still **July 1, 2015**.





Fellow DFUMCer's,

First off, I want to thank everyone for their ongoing help and support of DFUMC's Vacation Bible School programming. Planning is coming together, and we are all looking forward to another successful year! It is such a fantastic opportunity to reach out to young families in our community and introduce them to our church and God.

There are a few things that we need this year, and wanted to reach out to you, our church family, to see if you could assist. Most of all, we need your prayers. But we could also use:

Volunteers: Monday morning, we are very busy with registration. We are in need of a few people to help with this process. All you need is to know how to smile, read and write☺ If you could spare about 45 minutes on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, from about 8:30am to 9:15am, you would be doing an enormous service. I don't like to assign VBS staff to this assignment, because they are needed elsewhere during this time.

Things that we can borrow: Our VBS theme this year is MT. Everest. For decorating purposes, we would like to borrow a few items to make our church really inviting and fun, without adding to our costs. Please label items with your name so we can return them safely to you.

Camping and hiking gear, (ie lanterns, hiking boots, rope, sleeping bags, canteens, snow shoes, hats etc.) • Wooden crate boxes • Big stuffed bear • Cotton batting or stuffing • White Christmas lights • Large potted plants

Things we can keep that you may have laying around (or you could start collecting):  
Toilet paper tubes • Paper towel tubes • Gallon milk jugs • Newspaper • Gray, black, white, and blue paint • Big paintbrushes • Dish towels, towels, or socks • Water bottles

Donations can be left in Room 4 after June 1<sup>st</sup>.  
YOU = AWESOME; ME = GRATEFUL.... THANKS AGAIN!

-Missy Joseph and the VBS Staff



## *A Devotional...*

### God Takes The Summer Off.....

Scripture Reading:

*Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

*~ Hebrews 10:23-25(NRSV)*



At the beginning of my first summer as a pastor, Louise Vandergrift, the only senior adult in our tiny congregation in Tennessee brought me a little article that she had clipped out of a magazine decades before. I never forgot the point of the article, so years later I called "Mrs. Louise" and asked her to fax it to me. I share it today with the hope that it sticks in your heart and mind the same way that it has in mine over the past 17 years.

*"We are sorry to inform you that God will not be available during the summer beginning June 1st. He feels He deserves some time off, so He has canceled His normal duties for the summer.*

*He has agreed to send the sun and rain occasionally when He happens to be in town, but so far as answering prayers for the needs of your family, please don't count on Him.*

*God has let church leaders know that they should not plan any outreach efforts or mission trips during the summer—or at least if they do, they will have to do it without Him because He plans to be gone a lot to see relatives, baseball games and the lake. God has expressed the opinion that we should find someone else to take His place.*

*Then we reminded Him of His promise, "Surely I will be with you always," but He said He didn't realize when He said it that it meant going two or three years without a break. He expressed His sincere regret and hopes that it will not cause anyone any inconvenience.*


*God may be contacted anytime after September 1st at which time He hopes to get back into the routine. "Please defer all requests until then," He requested.*

*Aren't you glad God doesn't take the summer off? As we approach summer, make it your determination to bring yourself and your family to God's House on Sunday. He'll be waiting for us to worship Him."*

(Taken from Internet - Anonymous Writer)



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July 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Wood Carvers 9am-Noon Free Yoga Class 5:45-6:45pm	2 Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm	3	4 Independence Day
5 Installation Sunday One Service At 11am	6 Finance Mtg. 6pm A.A. - 7:30-9pm Trustee Mtg. 7:30pm	7 Tuesday Bible Study Room 5 - 10am Play Practice 7:30-9pm	8 Wood Carvers 9am-Noon Free Yoga Class 5:45-6:45pm	9 Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm	10	11 Red Bird Mission Trip (Through 7/18)
12 VanJahnke Baptism 11am Service	13 Prayer Svc. 6pm Sanctuary A.A. - 7:30-9pm	14 Tuesday Bible Study Room 5 - 10am Play Practice 7:30-9pm	15 Wood Carvers 9am-Noon Free Yoga Class 5:45-6:45pm	16 Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm	17	18 Red Bird Mission Trip (Returns today)
19	20 Ad Board Mtg. 6pm A.A. - 7:30-9pm	21 Tuesday Bible Study Room 5 - 10am Play Practice 7:30-9pm	22 Wood Carvers 9am-Noon Free Yoga Class 5:45-6:45pm	23 Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm Last day of Kinder-Camp	24	25 London Broil 5pm - 7pm (4th Sat. This month only)
26	27 A.A. - 7:30-9pm VBS Begins 9am - Noon	28 Tuesday Bible Study Room 5 - 10am VBS 9am - Noon Play Practice 7:30-9pm	29 Wood Carvers 9am-Noon VBS 9am - Noon Last Yoga Class 5:45-6:45pm	30 Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm VBS 9am - Noon	31 Last Day of VBS	



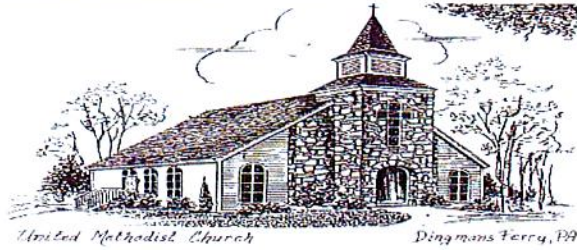
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