

**Dingmans Ferry
United Methodist Church**

THE BRIDGE

May & June 2015

Newsletter



Miller's Mumbblings.....

Let me share the story of Mark Brian, a young Anglican priest, who lived in Canada. He was not long to live, and he was unaware of his illness, but in a magnificent way Mark finds the meaning of life when he is appointed to a First Nations Parish in British Columbia. The Book by Margaret Craven is titled, "I Heard the Owl Call My Name". In the story she captures for me images for one's call and one's place before God.

Jesus also felt the call from God. Unlike Mark, our Lord was aware that his earthly life would end on a cross in Jerusalem, but he called his followers and continued the path to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

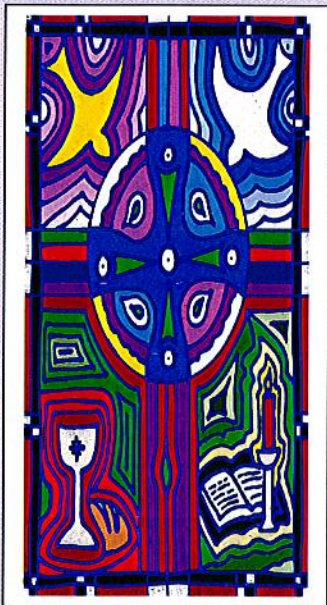
In church on Easter morning, you heard about the celebration in Jerusalem, you affirmed the resurrection and rejoiced in the promise of new life; but did you remember the primary reason Jesus Christ came into the world was to re-engage us in our relationship to God. The proclamation of the KINGDOM OF GOD was primary in the chapters of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Check the gospels! Jesus was preaching to the world about the God's kingdom both present and future. It is all about us! Every time I sing --"Jesus Remember Me" during communion, I must never forget God's mandate to proclaim his kingdom. "Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom". Easter is the resurrection, but proclaiming the Kingdom of God was his call from God.

In Ms. Craven's book, there is a sense that Mark's mission to the "Dzawada Enuxw" culture was very exciting. He became part of their world. However, the "Dzawada" culture and their way of life was dying. Their culture failed to integrate with the outside world.

The message of Jesus is also struggling because it is faced with a culture of "living for now". Our role as the church, despite what happens in our personal lives, is to proclaim the love of God through the ministry of our church. May the world see the kingdom through our lives. The Lord and his message will not die as we celebrate Eastertide. Hopefully we will answer the call to follow. Anticipate God's Incoming Kingdom.

Christ has died! Christ is Risen! Christ will come again!
God bless us all!

Your Servant
~Pastor Doug



The Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church

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COME JOIN US!



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – 7PM



Meets at the Ridley Home
Call church for directions
All are Welcome!

PASTOR'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY 10 - 11:30am

Meets at the Church – Room
Come Join Us!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY 7:30 - 9pm

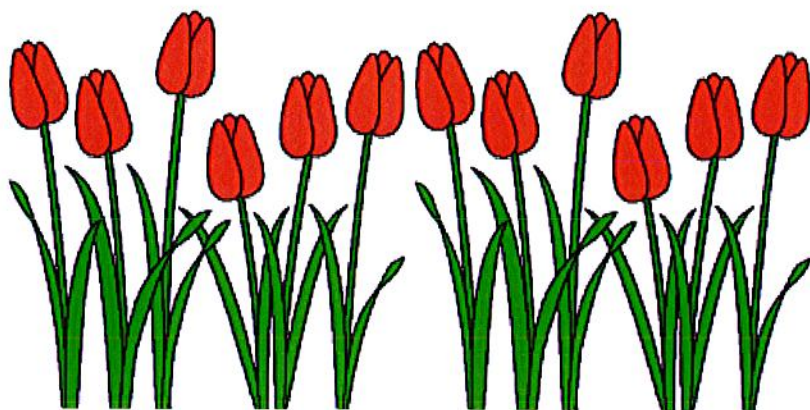


Meets at the Church – Room 3
See You There!

MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE – 6pm

2nd Monday of each Month
Meets In the Sanctuary
Join Us for Prayer & Meditation





May & June Lectionary Readings

5/3 Psalm 22:25-31; Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Mother's Day 5/10 Psalm 98; Acts 10:44-48; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-7

5/17 Psalm 1; Acts 1:157, 21-25; 1 John 5:9-13; John 15:9-17

Pentecost Sunday 5/24 Psalm 104:24-35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27 & 16:4b-15

5/31 Psalm 29; Isaiah 6:1-8; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

6/7 Psalm 138; 1 Samuel 8:4-20; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 30:20-35

6/14 Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34

Father's Day 6/21 Psalm 9:9-20; 1 Samuel 17:32-49; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34

6/28 Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

7/5 Psalm 48; 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13



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

Worship

Servants

Schedule of Worship Leadership

9:00 Service

5/3 Laura Wright
5/10 Donna Frable
5/17 Art Ridley
5/24 Connie Squire
5/31 Dave Ridyard
6/7 Annie Craige
6/14 Gayla Garren
6/21 Donna Frable
6/28 Art Ridley
7/5 Laura Wright

11:00 Service

Art Birtner
Eric Kislak
Annie Craige
Carol Birtner
Eileen Guyadeen
Elaine Cooper
Art Birtner
Eric Kislak
Annie Craige
Carol Birtner

Greeters/Ushers for

9:00 Service

5/3 Marilyn Chasar & Linda Rutledge
5/10 Gary Stevenson & Sally Pohlman
5/17 Jim Bois & Anna Curtin
5/24 Bob & Linda Davis
5/31 Please Call the Church Office to Volunteer
6/7 Marilyn Chasar & Linda Rutledge
6/14 Gary Stevenson & Sally Pohlman
6/21 Jim Bois & Anna Curtin
6/28 Linda Rutledge & Rick Vodilko
7/5 Please Call the Church Office to Volunteer

Schedule of Eucharistic Ministers

9:00 Service

5/3 Doris Hnida & Caren Shimanski
5/10 Linda Rutledge & Kathi White
5/17 Gayla Garren & Tiffany Miller
5/24 Doris Hnida & Art Ridley
5/31 Dave Cowan & Caren Shimanski
6/7 Gayla Garren & Tiffany Miller
6/14 Linda Rutledge & Kathi White
6/21 Doris Hnida & Art Ridley
6/28 Dave Cowan & Donna Frable
7/5 Linda Rutledge & Caren Shimanski

Greeters/Ushers for

11:00 Service

5/3 John & Philly Viscardo
5/10 Eileen Guyadeen
5/17 Tom & Myrian Hahn
5/24 Mary Balton
5/31 Frank & Dee Shores
6/7 John & Philly Viscardo
6/14 Eileen Guyadeen
6/21 Tom & Myrian Hahn
6/28 Mary Balton
7/5 Frank & Dee Shores

11 :00 Service

5/3 Elaine Cooper
5/10 Art Birtner
5/17 Connie Squire
5/24 Linda Schierloh
5/31 Elaine Cooper
6/7 Art Birtner
6/14 Connie Squire
6/21 Linda Schierloh
6/28 Elaine Cooper
7/5 Art Birtner





HOLY COMMUNION

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.

 The Little Church In The Woods Presents 

May / June 2015 Events

Clothing Giveaway

Friday • May 1st • 4PM - 8PM

Saturday • May 2nd • 8AM - 12PM

Good • Clean • Used Clothing **FREE OF CHARGE**

Check WWW.DFUMC.COM For Donation Information

**SORRY NO
EARLY
BIRDS!!**

Thirsty Thursdays 5:55 PM

May 7, 13, 21, 28 and June 4, 11, 18, 25

Are You Busy On Sundays? Please Join us for
a contemporary praise service that includes
a light meal, praise and fellowship for all ages.



Mothers Day Plant Sale

Saturday May 9 from 9am - 2pm

Proceeds Go To
Vacation Bible
School



Free! LONDON BROIL BBQ

Sat. May 16th & Sat. June 20th 5 to 7 PM

Donations Accepted To Support Church Ministries.

A Free Family Community Event Old Fashioned Picnic

Saturday May 30th 12 - 4PM



Hot Dogs, Game S, .
Cake Contest,
Live Music,
Face Painting !

Join the Fun

Check 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 -

MAY & JUNE BIRTHDAYS

5/3	Adista Wightman	6/3	Karli Van Duzer
5/4	Janette Kislak	6/3	Zachary Jewett
5/5	Eric Kislak	6/4	Colton Greene
5/6	David Cowan Jr.	6/5	Art Hnida
5/7	Matt Wright	6/6	Linda Davis
5/13	Rick Vodilko	6/8	Jill Odymsky
5/21	Jane Aber	6/11	Laura Jewett
5/24	Mike Brown	6/15	Danny Balton
5/27	Eric Damstra	6/20	Mirian Hinds
5/29	Alexandra Curley	6/23	Rande Fahey
5/30	Teryn Hafner	6/24	Diane Locke
		6/25	Kiele Miller
		6/30	Benjamin Joseph
		6/30	Sarah Guyadeen



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

Administrative Board

The next 2 Ad Board Meetings
are Scheduled for

**Monday, May 18th 6pm
&
Monday, June 15th 6pm**



Those serving on Ad Board for 2015 are:

Pastor: Doug Miller

*Ad. Board Chairperson

Ad. Board Secretary – Lisa Niper

Church Secretary – Linda Rutledge

Lay Member – Donna Frable

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 Hime 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, May 4th at 7:15pm & Monday, June 1st 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**



**The next Vision Committee Meeting is  
scheduled for May 3rd at 12:30pm**

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 Craige

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The next 2 Trustee Meetings are scheduled to meet in the Parsonage
Monday, May 4th at 6:15pm & Monday, June 1st 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 2 SPRC Meetings are scheduled for May 3rd at 6:30pm & June 8th 6-7:30pm.**

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.*

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"Feeding our Children"

The 2015 Bread for the World's Offering of Letters focuses on the variety of programs that serve as safety nets for the food and nutrition needs of our nation's children. Nearly 16 million children in the United States live in households that struggle to put food on the table. Food provided by nutrition programs like the School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, and WIC, help children perform better in school and get sick less often.

Congress must renew child nutrition programs every five years, and they are up for reauthorization in 2015. Our letters to our members of Congress will urge them to preserve the funding and nutrition standards that have proven effective. In our own Delaware Valley School District, 28% of the children enrolled receive free meals and 3.75% receive reduced price meals. The children right around us need our voice to speak up for protecting and improving nutrition programs.

On Sunday, May 17th, we will have information and a litany focused on the Offering of Letters, and following worship we will have the opportunity to add our voice through our letters. As their constituents, please let our senators and representative know that nutrition for children is a priority. May God find us faithful in speaking and acting for hungry people.



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.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY



You're Welcome to 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 & Scriptures". Our monthly visits give us the pleasure and opportunity to visit and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

COME WITH US!

Our schedule for May & June:

Belle Reve 2pm:

May 14th & 16th

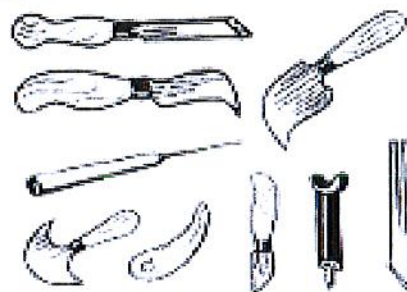
June 11th & 23rd

Milford Sr. Care 2:15pm:

May 13th & 27th

June 10th & 24th

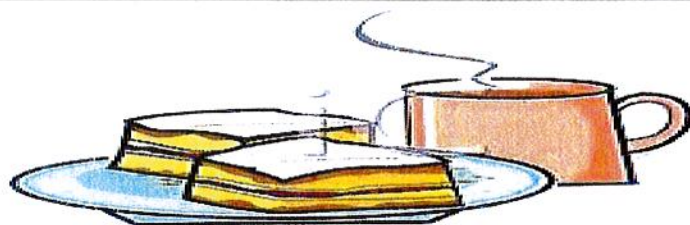
We invite and encourage you to please join us!
If you have any questions?...Call Kathi White 828-1251.



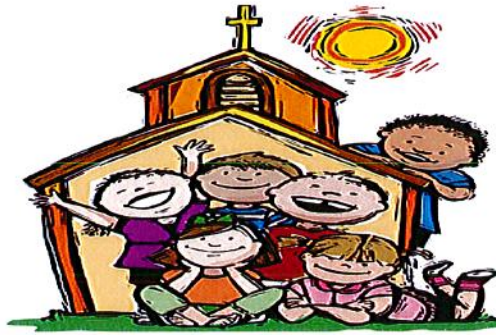
WOODCARVERS

Our woodcarving group meets on Wednesday's from 9am - Noon in the Fellowship Hall. If you've never carved 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 George Aber if you want more information.



Please Sign-up on the Back Table in the Sanctuary To Host Coffee Hour on Sunday Morning.



COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!
Tell Your Friends!

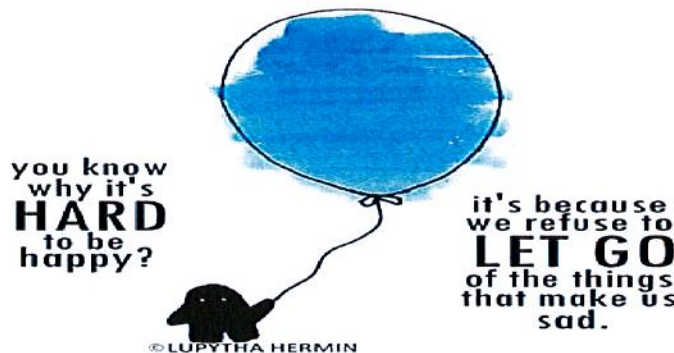
Sunday School
Meets During the 11am Worship Service.
Our Sunday School Superintendent is Melissa Joseph.

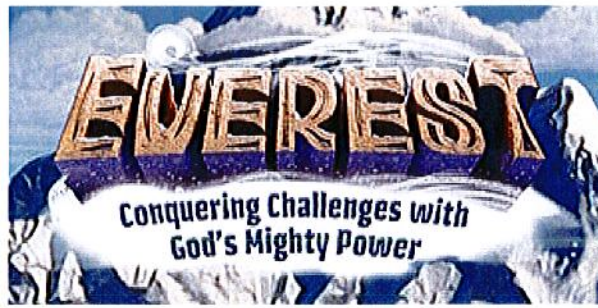
Teachers for the 2014 - 2015 year:

Pre-K through 2nd Grade: Miss Jill & Miss Missy
3rd through 6th Grade: Miss Philly & Miss Pam
Grade 7 through 12: Will Joseph

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!

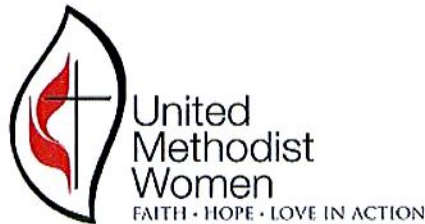




VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

There will be a VBS meeting on Sunday, May 17th following the 11am Worship Service in Room 5 for all of those volunteers who intend on serving in this ministry.

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The United Methodist Women of the Dingmans Ferry are excited to offer one \$100. scholarship or two \$50. scholarships to a candidate or candidates seeking to further his or her formal education or spiritual growth. Please help yourself to the information letter found on the back table in the sanctuary or call the church office at (570) 828-2288.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS JUNE 1, 2015

## UMW INVITATION.....

All women of the church & friends are invited to please join the United Methodist Women for a Lunch/Meeting at Mt. Haven Restaurant on Sunday, May 31st at 12:15pm.

Please sign-up on the back table in the sanctuary or call the church office so we can have a reservation head count.  
(P.S. Everyone pays their own way.)



## **Easter Egg Hunt A Big Community Draw!**

Over 120 people came to the Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Family Ministry, on April 4. Pike County Courier sent a photographer to cover the event and Terasa Tarquini, Family Ministry Chairperson, was interviewed on the local news!

This event was a success due to all the work of the Family Ministry team and the many volunteers who stuffed and hid the eggs, made food, did activities and helped set up and clean-up. Special thanks also goes to The Easter Bunny (AKA Cara Knieser) who delighted the children and patiently posed for pictures.



## **Easter Egg and Candy Sales**

Once again, we had successful sales of the homemade Easter Eggs and Easter Candy. The Easter Egg crew, led by Caren Shimanski made 6,600 eggs and used 100 pounds of dark chocolate and 75 pounds of milk chocolate! To date, approximately \$3,400 in profits have been made and some eggs are still available. The proceeds from the Easter Egg sale go to the general church fund and helps us pay the bills!



The Easter Egg volunteers this year included: Caren Shimanski, Judy and Bob Brumbaugh, Linda and Bob Davis, Lisa Niper, Tiffany Miller, Eleanor Hutter, David Ridyard, Irene Luciano, Darlene Mihiel, and Pat and Park Pierson.

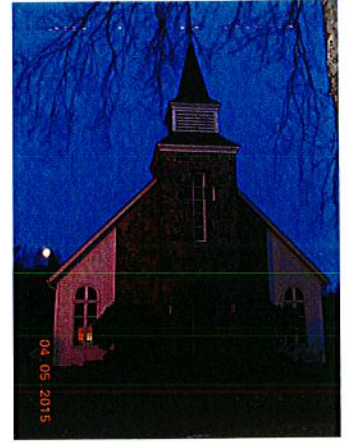
Another big fundraiser at Easter Time is the Homemade Easter Candy that Eileen Guyadeen makes as a donation to the church. This year, Eileen raised over \$2,000 making and selling the candy to church members, at Arnolds and Forklift and at the Easter Egg Hunt! She used 170 pounds of milk chocolate, 50 pounds of dark chocolate and 20 pounds of white chocolate to make many bunnies, marshmallow eggs and chocolate covered pretzels and Oreos. Proceeds from the candy sale are used to support VBS and church ministries.





## Easter Services Thank You

We had a great turnout for the three Easter services and Pancake Breakfast. Will Joseph led the Sunrise Service and the moon behind the church prior to daybreak was an amazing sight. Pastor Rich led the 9am service and Pastor Doug led the 11am one. We rejoice in the resurrection of the Lord! Special thanks to Gayla and John Garren who organized the breakfast and all those who helped with the church decorations, breakfast and services. We are blessed with so many people who walk with Christ and are willing to do whatever it takes to share those blessings with others.



## Spring Clothing Giveaway: May 1 -2

The Clothing Giveaway, in the Spring and Fall, is an important outreach ministry of our church and helps many members in our community. Volunteers are needed prior to the event to sort donations and then during the event, to greet and assist guests. Even an hour of your time can make a big difference!



If you are doing spring cleaning of your closets and wish to donate, please follow the Donations Guidelines listed below. All donations must be clean and in good condition.

- For the Spring Clothing Giveaway, we will begin accepting donations **April 25 at the Youth Yard Sale and up to April 30**. During the week, donations may be dropped off in Fellowship Hall **after 3pm** on the Donation Tables provided. Please do not drop off earlier as Preschool is in session and we have limited storage space prior to the event to store the donations.
- Please use **separate** bags to pack the different clothing as indicated below for women, men, infants, boys, girls and teens. Be sure to label the bag with the appropriate clothing type. ***If you presort, we will save DAYS of work at set up time and bags are easier to lift.*** Please separate into categories as listed:
  - ☐ infants in month sizes (boy/girl)
  - ☐ children's (boy/girl)
  - ☐ women's tops, pants, dresses/skirts
  - ☐ shoes/boots/slippers
  - ☐ toddler in T sizes (boy/girl)
  - ☐ teens (boy/girl)
  - ☐ men's shirts, pants, other clothes
  - ☐ linens
- Baby items must be clean, complete (no broken/missing parts) and not on any recall lists. We do **not** accept drop side cribs, expired car seats or any recalled items. Larger items **cannot** be dropped off without prior approval. Contact Gayla 570-807-9858 or email [gaylagarren@yahoo.com](mailto:gaylagarren@yahoo.com) if you have larger items to donate.



## Mother's Day Weekend Plant Sale - May 9

The annual plant sale for Mothers Day weekend will be held rain or shine on **Saturday, May 9 from 9am-2pm**. Various hanging baskets, bedding plants and vegetables will be available to brighten up your garden. Proceeds benefit Vacation Bible School (VBS) and the church appreciates your support.



## Kinder-Camp - June 22-July 23

Kinder-Camp is our fun summer program that is open to the community. This is a thematic and educational day-camp program offered to children ages 3 through 10 years old and is scheduled for 5 weeks from **June 22 through July 23 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays**. You can sign up for specific weeks or the entire five weeks. The Price is \$80 per week or a discounted price of \$300 for all five weeks. Our Free [Vacation Bible School](#) follows from July 27-31, so that's 6 weeks of fun for your children this summer!

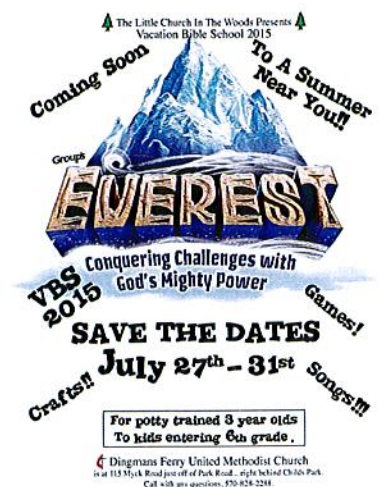


Kinder-Camp Registration forms will be available at the Tree of Life Preschool, the website and through the church office (570-828-2288). Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. There is a \$25 non-refundable Registration Fee per child at sign-up to reserve the space. Payment in full is due **June 8**, and the registration fee will be deducted from the balance. Questions: Email Janette Kislak, Director at [treeoflifepreschool15@yahoo.com](mailto:treeoflifepreschool15@yahoo.com).

## Vacation Bible School (VBS) - July 27 - 31

The 2015 Free Vacation Bible School at the Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church 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 have finished 5th grade. Please contact Missy Joseph if you have questions or wish to volunteer. [mimijoseph@outlook.com](mailto:mimijoseph@outlook.com)



Registration will open in June. If you can, please pre-register in advance so we can plan our materials and activities; however, you can also register the first day.



## Family Ministry Event: May 30 Old Fashioned Community Picnic

Come join the fun at the **Old Fashioned Community Picnic on Saturday, May 30 from 12-4pm**. The picnic is a Family Ministry event and open to church members and the community, so be sure to invite your friends and neighbors.



Family Ministry events have been attracting many young families from the community, but it's important that our own church members also participate to meet and make connections with these guests. Our hope is that new families will come to visit at a church service after experiencing the friendliness and programs that DFUMC has to offer. But we need the help of **You**, our church member to help guests feel welcomed.

The Community Picnic will be a perfect time for you to join in at a Family Ministry event. We are providing hot dogs, side salads and lemonade/ice tea to drink. There will be live music from our talented church members, face painting and games/activities so it will be a fun time for all ages! There will be a **Cake Contest** with prizes awarded for decoration and taste! We know that DFUMC have the best bakers around, so this is your chance to shine! Bakers will submit a form that day with their entry, listing contact info and ingredients.

Volunteers will be needed to work the grill, set up and clean-up. To volunteer, please contact Terasa Tarquini (570) 994-6390, Family Ministry Events Chairperson.

## Pediatric CPR & First Aid Course

**June 6, 2015 - 8:30-5:30pm at**

**Delaware Ambulance Corps**



DFUMC is sponsoring a Heartsaver Pediatric CPR & First Aid Course that will be open to our Tree of Life (TOL) Preschool teachers, volunteers, and also to community members as space permits. The course will be taught **Saturday, June 6 from 8:30am-5:00pm at the Delaware Township Volunteer Ambulance Corps**. This is a certified AHA course that meets regulatory requirements, with hands on practice, an optional written test, and an AHA completion card. The cost is \$65 per person and payment is due by **May 15, 2015** to reserve your space. Please contact Susan Boyd-Ridyard, SPRC Chairperson, (susanridyard@gmail.com) for the registration form to enroll in this course. Space is limited to 12 learners to ensure adequate practice time, so please register now!



## SPRC Update: PA Background Checks Requirements

As part of the UMC Safe Sanctuary Policy, clearances (background checks) and training are required every 3 years for **all church staff and volunteers** who work with children.

**Who needs child abuse clearances?**

In addition, recent new PA legislation Act 153 (December, 2014) has made this issue even more critical as clearances for **employees and volunteers** who have contact with children must be completed every 3 years and must be submitted through the state sponsored agencies for clearances. Clearances that expire prior to 2015 are not acceptable. The deadline for updated clearances is **July 1, 2015**. The rules for mandatory reporting of suspected abuse have also changed and staff should be trained on the new procedures. More information may be found at <http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/>.

**All Church and Preschool Staff Members** having responsibility or any contact with children must obtain the following **three PA clearances by July 1, 2015**. GNJUMC or other clearances are not acceptable.

- a) Report of criminal history from the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) \$10; <https://epatch.state.pa.us/>
- b) Child Abuse History Clearance from the Department of Human Services (Child Abuse) \$10 ; [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis) and
- c) FBI - Fingerprint based federal criminal history - complete in person and submitted through 3M Cogent- \$27.50 - [https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index\\_dpwnNew.htm](https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index_dpwnNew.htm)

**Adult Volunteers** that are responsible for the welfare of a child or having direct contact with children will also need the following updated PA clearances by **July 1, 2015**. At DFUMC, this includes Sunday School Teachers, Vacation Bible School Teachers, Preschool Volunteers, Nursery Volunteers, Choir Directors, etc. In addition, volunteers must sign a waiver saying they are volunteers and are not paid for services. GNJUMC or other clearances are not acceptable. **Unpaid helpers who are under the age of 18, do not need clearances.**

- a) Report of criminal history from the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) \$10; <https://epatch.state.pa.us/>
- b) Child Abuse History Clearance from the Department of Human Services (Child Abuse) \$10 ; [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis) and also you may need the FBI Clearance (see below)
- c) If you have not been a PA resident **continuously** since 2005, you also need to have the FBI - Fingerprint based federal criminal history complete in person and submitted through 3M Cogent- \$27.50 - You need to make an appointment for this. [https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index\\_dpwnNew.htm](https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index_dpwnNew.htm)



SPRC has discussed the requirements with the Ad Board and Finance Committee and has communicated the requirements and reimbursement steps to church staff and volunteers who work with children. The first two clearances are on online and can be paid for by credit card. Staff (and also volunteers who don't meet the 10 year PA residency requirement) must make an appointment to go in person for the FBI fingerprinting. Locations are in Shohola, Stroudsburg and Honesdale. Staff and volunteers will submit a copy of the approved clearances, the receipts and the Reimbursement form and these will be kept in the personnel or volunteer files.

### **Training for Mandated Reporting and Safe Sanctuary**

In addition, there is training required for staff and volunteers who work with children:

1. **Online Training: Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse: Mandated and Permissive Reporting in Pennsylvania Free Online Training.**

This is a free online course that explains your role as a Mandated Reporter and provides valuable information. Anyone with direct contact with children through their employment or volunteer work is a Mandated Reporter. This course is 1-2 hours long and you can stop it and continue at any time. The course link is:

[https://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu/webapps/portal/execute/tabs/tabAction?tab\\_tab\\_group\\_id=\\_2\\_1](https://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu/webapps/portal/execute/tabs/tabAction?tab_tab_group_id=_2_1)

2. **Safe Sanctuary Overview Training Session**

These will be 30 minute training sessions scheduled May and June to review the DFUMC Safe Sanctuary Policy and discuss mandated and permissive reporting requirements. These training sessions will be held between church services and also at other scheduled times. Check the website and church bulletin for dates and times. Attendance will be recorded at each session. At the training session, you will receive a copy of the Safe Sanctuary Policy and sign the form agreeing to follow the policy. This form will also be part of your Personnel or Volunteer File, in addition to the Clearances and other related documents.


At first glance, these new requirements may seem to be overwhelming, but in light of recent child abuse scandals, we all need to do our part in protecting Pennsylvania's children from abuse and neglect. All PA schools, churches, community organizations that work with children (i.e., Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, 4H, etc.) are also having to comply with the new PA regulations, so many of our volunteers may already have the required clearances and training completed.

Please contact Susan Boyd-Ridyard, SPRC Chairperson, ([susanridyard@gmail.com](mailto:susanridyard@gmail.com)) if you have any questions about the requirements.



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## May 2015

| Sunday                                                                              | Monday                                                                                           | Tuesday                                                                                                            | Wednesday                                                                                     | Thursday                                                      | Friday                                     | Saturday                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|  |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                               |                                                               | <b>1</b><br>Clothing Giveaway<br>4pm - 8pm | <b>2</b><br>Clothing Giveaway<br>8am - 12pm      |
| <b>3</b>                                                                            | <b>4</b><br>Finance Mtg. 6pm<br>Ridley Bible Study 7pm<br>A.A. - 7:30-9pm<br>Trustee Mtg. 7:30pm | <b>5</b><br>Tuesday Bible Study<br>Room 5 - 10am<br>Praise Band Practice<br>6-8pm - Sanctuary                      | <b>6</b><br>Wood Carvers<br>9am-Noon<br>Bible Study 7:30-9pm                                  | <b>7</b><br>Thirsty Thursday<br>5:55-7pm                      | <b>8</b>                                   | <b>9</b> Mother's Day<br>Plant Sale<br>9am - 2pm |
| <b>10</b><br>Mother's Day                                                           | <b>11</b> Prayer Svc. 6pm<br>SPRC Mtg. 6pm<br>Ridley Bible Study 7pm<br>A.A. - 7:30-9pm          | <b>12</b><br>Bible Study 10am<br>BSA Leader Mtg 7:30pm<br>Praise Band Practice<br>6-8pm - Sanctuary                | <b>13</b> Wood Carvers<br>9am-Noon<br>Nursing Home Ministry<br>2:15PM<br>Bible Study 7:30-9pm | <b>14</b><br>Nursing Home 2pm<br>Thirsty Thursday<br>5:55-7pm | <b>15</b>                                  | <b>16</b><br>London Broil<br>5pm - 7pm           |
| <b>17</b> VBS Mtg.<br>Follows 11 am Svc.<br>Bread For the World Offering Letters    | <b>18</b><br>Ad Board Mtg. 6pm<br>Ridley Bible Study 7pm<br>A.A. - 7:30-9pm                      | <b>19</b><br>Tuesday Bible Study<br>Room 5 - 10am<br>Praise Band Practice<br>6-8pm - Sanctuary                     | <b>20</b><br>Wood Carvers<br>9am-Noon<br>Bible Study 7:30-9pm                                 | <b>21</b><br>Thirsty Thursday<br>5:55-7pm                     | <b>22</b>                                  | <b>23</b>                                        |
| <b>24</b><br>Allen/Boiten<br>Wedding 1pm                                            | <b>25</b><br>Ridley Bible Study 7pm<br>A.A. - 7:30-9pm                                           | <b>26</b><br>Nursing Home 2pm<br>Tuesday Bible Study<br>Room 5 - 10am<br>Praise Band Practice<br>6-8pm - Sanctuary | <b>27</b> Wood Carvers<br>9am-Noon<br>Nursing Home Ministry<br>2:15PM<br>Bible Study 7:30-9pm | <b>28</b><br>Thirsty Thursday<br>5:55-7pm                     | <b>29</b>                                  | <b>30</b><br>Community Picnic<br>Noon - 4pm      |
| <b>31</b><br>UMW<br>Lunch/Meeting<br>At Mt. Haven                                   |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                               |                                                               |                                            |                                                  |

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## June 2015

| Sunday                                              | Monday                                                                                           | Tuesday                                                                                                     | Wednesday                                                                                  | Thursday                                                   | Friday                                | Saturday                                        |
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|                                                     | <b>1</b><br>Finance Mtg. 6pm<br>Ridley Bible Study 7pm<br>A.A. - 7:30-9pm<br>Trustee Mtg. 7:30pm | <b>2</b><br>Tuesday Bible Study Room 5 - 10am<br>Praise Band Practice 6-8pm -Sanctuary                      | <b>3</b><br>Wood Carvers 9am-Noon<br>Bible Study 7:30-9pm                                  | <b>4</b><br>Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm                      | <b>5</b>                              | <b>6</b>                                        |
| <b>7</b>                                            | <b>8</b><br>Prayer Svc. 6pm<br>SPRC Mtg. 6pm<br>Ridley Bible Study 7pm<br>A.A. - 7:30-9pm        | <b>9</b><br>Bible Study 10am<br>BSA Leader Mtg 7:30pm<br>Praise Band Practice 6-8pm -Sanctuary              | <b>10</b><br>Wood Carvers 9am-Noon<br>Nursing Home Ministry 2:15PM<br>Bible Study 7:30-9pm | <b>11</b><br>Nursing Home 2pm<br>Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm | <b>12</b><br>Preschool Graduation 6pm | <b>13</b><br>Outside Group Using Church All Day |
| <b>14</b><br>Roadside Clean-up Follows 11am Service | <b>15</b><br>Ad Board Mtg. 6pm<br>Ridley Bible Study 7pm<br>A.A. - 7:30-9pm                      | <b>16</b><br>Tuesday Bible Study Room 5 - 10am<br>Praise Band Practice 6-8pm -Sanctuary                     | <b>17</b><br>Wood Carvers 9am-Noon<br>Bible Study 7:30-9pm                                 | <b>18</b><br>Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm                     | <b>19</b>                             | <b>20</b><br>London Broil 5pm - 7pm             |
| <b>21</b><br>Father's Day                           | <b>22</b><br>Kinder-Camp Begins Today<br>Ridley Bible Study 7pm<br>A.A. - 7:30-9pm               | <b>23</b><br>Nursing Home 2pm<br>Tuesday Bible Study Room 5 - 10am<br>Praise Band Practice 6-8pm -Sanctuary | <b>24</b><br>Wood Carvers 9am-Noon<br>Nursing Home Ministry 2:15PM<br>Bible Study 7:30-9pm | <b>25</b><br>Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm                     | <b>26</b>                             | <b>27</b><br>Christopher/ Zelosko Wedding 1pm   |
| <b>28</b>                                           | <b>29</b><br>Ridley Bible Study 7pm<br>A.A. - 7:30-9pm                                           | <b>30</b><br>Tuesday Bible Study Room 5 - 10am<br>Praise Band Practice 6-8pm -Sanctuary                     |                                                                                            |                                                            |                                       |                                                 |





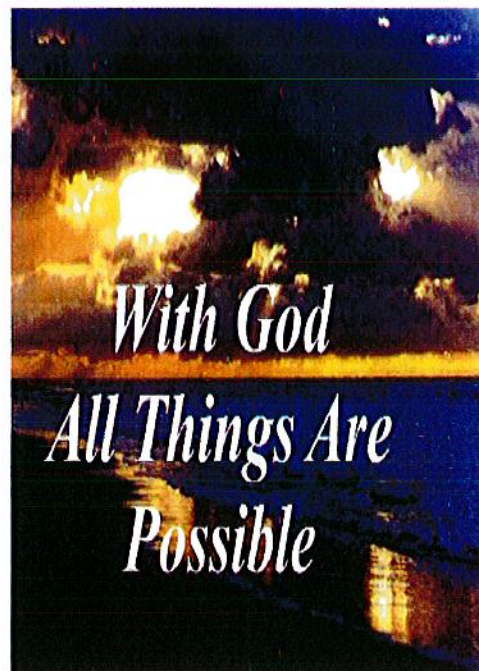
## *A Devotional...*

### **I Just Can't Do It!**

*For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.*

*Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.*

**~1 Corinthians 1:25-29**



"I just can't do it." Have you ever spoken those words when faced with a task that seems too great? I have! Perhaps you've been offered a promotion at work, but are afraid you're not skilled enough. You may have been asked to teach a Sunday School class, but fear you don't know the Bible well enough. God may have put it on your heart to write a book, but the voice that clamors for your attention says that you'll fail. Often the thing that God lays out for us to do is bigger than we are.

### **Our Weakness Reveals God's Strength**

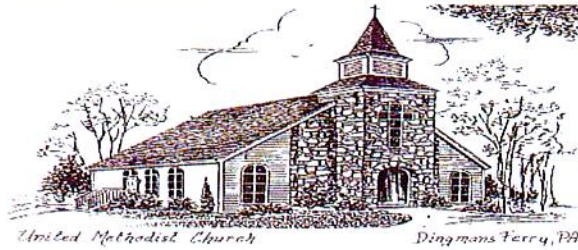
The good news is, it isn't at all about our goodness, strength, or wisdom. In fact, the opposite is true. God chooses those who are inadequate in and of themselves so that the ultimate glory goes to him. You see, when we serve out of our weakness and God's strength, it is obvious to everyone that the power of the Holy Spirit and not the strength or wisdom of man has accomplished great things.

### **Dependence on God**

Each day as you go about your business, acknowledge that *you* can't do it, but *God* can.

Put your dependence completely on God for his strength, wisdom and goodness - not your own. Throw yourself into the arms of Jesus and ask him to carry you as you do the work he has called you to do. As you begin to see success, don't forget that it is God who strengthens you, provides the ability for you to do the work, gives you favor, and opens doors. It isn't about you, but about the God who deserves all the honor and glory. He is the One who should be acknowledged in the midst of "your" success.

*(Taken from A Light Reflection Daily Devotional 2015)*



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