

Dingmans Ferry
United Methodist Church

THE BRIDGE



November & December 2015



Newsletter

Miller's Mumbblings.....

Wow! It is getting cold! Do not be dismayed! The Tree of Life kids are in the playground regardless of the weather. Ms. Janette, Ms. Darlene and Ms. Alicia are "weather tough"!

Just a few words of thanksgiving for The Reverend Connie Squire and The Reverend Dr. Rich Cooper who are part of the Team Ministry at the church. Thank you to our Lay Servants: Eileen Guyadeen, Will Joseph, Donna Frable and Art Ridley who preach at least once in each quarter of the church year. A special thanks to Linda Rutledge who is with me with decisions regarding Outreach Ministry Fund and the daily events in the church.

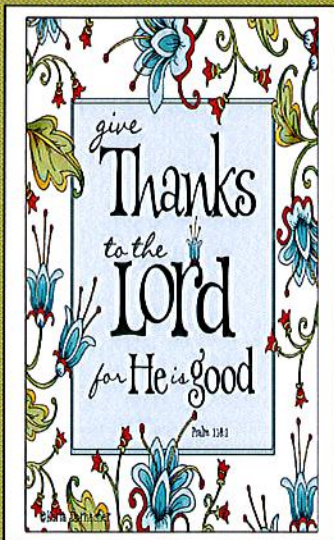
Please give me a moment to share our new Preaching/Worship Schedule. Reverend Squire and Dr. Cooper will preach, once a month at both the 9AM and the 11AM service. Either Dr. Cooper or Reverend Squire will be present to celebrate communion when a Lay Servant is preaching. I will preach twice a month at both the 9AM and the 11AM services. This will be somewhat altered in November because I plan on taking some vacation time. God is good!

Another word about our "Estimate of Giving Cards." Please return your card as soon as possible. It is vital to our planning for 2016. We cannot do "**All Things in Christ**" without you. This would be a good Sunday to do so.

FREE IN ALL WE DO?? Not one dollar of our church budget is used to support the FREE things we do for the community. The London Broil Dinner, through a generous business sponsor or private donation plus love gifts of those who attend, is self-supporting. (Our friends at Whispering Pines will sponsor the November London Broil Dinner). Our (wacky) Family Ministry folks raise their own dollars to support their FREE activities. Our Free Vacation Bible School is supported by a devoted Lay Servant selling Easter chocolate items as well as our Annual Plant Sale. The Baby Blessing Barn is supported by folks in the community. The Red Bird Ministry is self-supporting by RB Alumni and friends each year, plus persons paying their own way.

We support SHARED MINISTRY in our Church Budget. That is our ministry to the Greater NJ Annual Conference (GNJAC) and the world. Please be aware that the gifts from the GNJAC via "SHARED MINISTRY" supported the building of our parsonage. GNJAC also gave us \$100,000 toward the building of Fellowship Hall in 1996- I delivered the check myself when I was the District Superintendent. Rejoice for all things we do in your name and in the name of the Lord. God called each one of us to this church to do the Lord's work. You just have to love it!

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.

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## Blessing of the Grove for Prayer and Meditation



On Sunday, September 27, at 10:30 a.m., the 'Blessing of the Grove' was conducted at the Grove for Prayer and Meditation. Pastor Rich Cooper led some 30 Grove visitants in a brief liturgical presentation, which focused on God's Creation, Christian Scriptures, Prayers of the People, and the Prayer of St. Francis. The visitants were also given an outline that described the purpose and features of the Grove.



The Grove was made possible by the vision and dedication of Jerry Schierloh, his many helpers, and **You**, the generous members of our church who made the blueprints a reality because of your generous donations. Thank you all for such a wonderful addition to our church.

Check out the Grove page on the website for the Recent Developments. It's a link off the Spiritual Menu on the Home page.



# **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





**Thank you Lord  
for another beautiful day.  
For opening up  
my eyes and ears,  
to see and hear  
the goodness  
you have left here for us.  
Teach me more.** *Edha24*

## **November and December Lectionary Readings**

11/1 Psalm 146; Ruth 1:1-18; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

11/8 Psalm 127; Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

11/15 Psalm 113; 1 Samuel 1:4-20; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

11/22 Psalm 132:1-12; 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

First Sunday  
of Advent

11/29 Psalm 25:1-10; Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Second Sunday  
of Advent

12/6 Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

Third Sunday  
of Advent

12/13 Isaiah 12:2-6; Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

Fourth Sunday  
of Advent

12/20 Luke 1:47-55; Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Christmas  
Eve

12/24 Psalm 96; Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

Christmas  
Day

12/25 Psalm 98; Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14

12/27 Psalm 148; 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

1/3 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12



| November-December Preaching Schedule                    |          |                                                                         |                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Version Date 10/5/2015. 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>November 1, 2015</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    |
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| <b>November 8, 2015 (Pastor Doug on vacation)</b>       |          |                                                                         |                         |
| Barryville                                              | 9:00 AM  | Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper                                                    | Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper    |
| Dingmans                                                | 9:00 AM  | Rev. Connie Squire                                                      | Rev. Connie Squire      |
| Dingmans                                                | 11:00 AM | Rev. Connie Squire                                                      | Rev. Connie Squire      |
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| <b>November 15, 2015 (Pastor Doug on vacation)</b>      |          |                                                                         |                         |
| Barryville                                              | 9:00 AM  | Mark Walsh                                                              | Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper    |
| Dingmans                                                | 9:00 AM  | Rev. Connie Squire                                                      | Rev. Connie Squire      |
| Dingmans                                                | 11:00 AM | Rev. Connie Squire                                                      | Rev. Connie Squire      |
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| <b>November 22, 2015</b>                                |          |                                                                         |                         |
| Barryville                                              | 9:00 AM  | Rev. Dr. Doug Miller                                                    | Rev. Dr. Doug Miller    |
| Dingmans                                                | 9:00 AM  | Eileen Guyadeen *                                                       | Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper    |
| Dingmans                                                | 11:00 AM | Will Joseph *                                                           | Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper    |
| <b>ADVENT</b>                                           |          |                                                                         |                         |
| <b>November 29, 2015</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 w/Eileen Guyadeen for Children's Time              | Rev. Dr. Doug Miller    |
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| <b>December 6, 2015</b>                                 |          |                                                                         |                         |
| Barryville                                              | 9:00 AM  | Rev. Dr. Doug Miller                                                    | Rev. Dr. Doug Miller    |
| Dingmans                                                | 9:00 AM  | Donna Fable                                                             | Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper    |
| Dingmans                                                | 11:00 AM | Donna Fable w/Will Joseph for Children's Time                           | Rev. Connie Squire      |
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| <b>December 13, 2015</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    |
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| <b>December 20, 2015 Christmas Program for Families</b> |          |                                                                         |                         |
| Barryville                                              | 9:00 AM  | Rev. Dr. Doug Miller w/ Kay Lemon for Children's Time                   | Rev. Dr. Doug Miller    |
| Dingmans                                                | 9:00 AM  | Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper                                                    | Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper    |
| Dingmans                                                | 11:00 AM | Rev. Connie Squire                                                      | Rev. Connie Squire      |
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| <b>December 24, 2015 Christmas Eve Services</b>         |          |                                                                         |                         |
| Barryville                                              | 5:00 PM  | Rev. Dr. Doug Miller w/Mark Walsh                                       | Rev. Dr. Doug Miller    |
| Dingmans                                                | 7:30 PM  | Rev. Dr. Miller, Rev. Squire, and Rev. Dr. Cooper                       | Rev. Dr. Doug Miller    |
| Dingmans                                                | 11:00 PM | Rev. Dr. Doug Miller                                                    | Rev. Dr. Doug Miller    |
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| <b>December 27, 2015 (One Service at Dingmans)</b>      |          |                                                                         |                         |
| Barryville                                              | 9:00 AM  | Rev. Dr. Doug Miller                                                    | Rev. Dr. Doug Miller    |
| Dingmans                                                | 10:00AM  | Rev. Connie Squire                                                      | Rev. Connie Squire      |



# Worship Servants

## Schedule of Worship Leadership

### 9:00 Service

11/1 Laura Wright  
 11/8 Donna Frable  
 11/15 Art Ridley  
 11/22 Gayla Garren  
 11/29 Laura Wright  
 12/6 Donna Frable  
 12/13 Gayla Garren  
 12/20 Art Ridley  
 12/27 One Service at 10am Eileen Guyadeen  
 1/3 Donna Frable

### 11:00 Service

Eileen Guyadeen  
 Will Joseph  
 Elaine Cooper  
 Connie Squire  
 Carol Birtner  
 Eileen Guyadeen  
 Will Joseph  
 Elaine Cooper  
 Eileen Guyadeen  
 Will Joseph

## Greeters/Ushers for

### 9:00 Service

11/1 Jim Bois & Anna Curtin  
 11/8 Bob & Linda Davis  
 11/15 Gary Stevenson & Sally Pholman  
 11/22 Marilyn Chasar & Rick Vodilko  
 11/29 Danny & Linda Rutledge  
 12/6 Gary Stevenson & Sally Pohlman  
 12/13 Bob & Linda Davis  
 12/20 Danny & Linda Rutledge  
 12/27 Marilyn Chasar & Rick Vodilko  
 1/3 Jim Bois & Anna Curtin

## Schedule of Eucharistic Ministers

### 9:00 Service

11/1 Kathi White & Tiffany Miller  
 11/8 Dave Cowan & Linda Rutledge  
 11/15 Caren Shimanski & Linda Rutledge  
 11/22 Doris Hnida & Art Ridley  
 11/29 Kathi White & Tiffany Miller  
 12/6 Dave Cowan & Linda Rutledge  
 12/13 Doris Hnida & Caren Shimanski  
 12/20 Kathi White & Linda Rutledge  
 12/27 One Service at 10am  
 1/3 Dave Cowan & Linda Rutledge

## Greeters/Ushers for

### 11:00 Service

11/1 Tom & Myriam Hahn  
 11/8 Art & Carol Birtner  
 11/15 John & Philomena Viscardo  
 11/22 Eileen Guyadeen  
 11/29 Tom & Myriam Hahn  
 12/6 Mary Balton  
 12/13 John & Philly Viscardo  
 12/20 Eileen Guyadeen  
 12/27 One Service 10am  
 1/3 Tom & Myriam Hahn

### 11 :00 Service

11/1 Art Birtner  
 11/8 Elaine Cooper  
 11/15 Linda Schierloh  
 11/22 Eileen Guyadeen  
 11/29 Art Birtner  
 12/6 Elaine Cooper  
 12/13 Linda Schierloh  
 12/20 Eileen Guyadeen  
 12/27 Art Birtner  
 1/3 Eileen Cooper



## 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.



**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**

**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!**

## **Family Fall Fest**

### **A Success!!**

The October 24 Family Fall Fest sponsored by the Family Ministry Committee was another successful event for the community and our church. Thanks to all who setup, handled the kitchen and cooking, did the Trunk & Treat and coordinated all the activities.  
We even made the BRCT 13 News!



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



• **MISSIONS** • **MISSIONS** • **MISSIONS** • **MISSIONS** • **MISSIONS** •

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

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A Blustery CROPWALK

A strong wind did not deter the 122 walkers in the 9th annual Tri-State CROPWALK. Our DFUMC team of 19 walkers was one of the largest. Our team has raised \$1592, and the total on Sunday was \$10,000 with more coming in.

Our team included Kathi White, Carol Schneider, Linda Rutledge, Pam and Rebecca Riddlehoover, Mary and Tess Balton, Will, Melissa, Spencer, and Benjamin Joseph, Steve and Teresa Tarquini with Logan, Landon, Hailey, and Cara, and Rich and Elaine Cooper. Praise God for your faithful participation in walking and sponsoring.

Encouragement Packages
Connecting with our College Students

We sent 13 encouragement packages to our college students. Their notes of appreciation have appeared on Facebook. Because of your generous contributions, each box was packed full by the Sunday School students under the direction of Melissa Joseph. We again had Linda Rutledge's efficient assistance in the office with college addresses. With everyone's help, once again we fulfilled this ministry that was first envisioned by Susan Bradley. With God's help, we will continue to do this in her memory.



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.



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

November: 12th & 24th
December: 10th & 22nd

Milford Sr. Care 2pm

November: 11th & 25th
December: 9th & 23rd

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

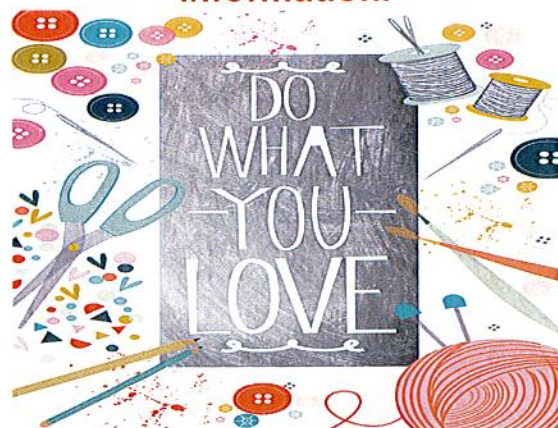


WOODCARVERS *AND* Sewing & Crocheting Etc.

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.



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1	Robin Fahey	12/1	Kirsten Niper
11/3	Clarissa DeFederico	12/3	Eric Miller
11/5	Laura Wright	12/4	Pastor Michael Kim
11/7	Judy Brumbaugh	12/10	Bob Davis
11/7	Marie Schmalkuche	12/19	Carly Odynsky
11/9	Kyle Jewett	12/22	Blace Hotalen
11/11	Kraig Van Duzer	12/24	Donna Frable
11/14	Spencer Joseph	12/24	Dalton Van Der Sluys
11/15	Cindy DeFederico	12/25	Jesus of Nazareth
11/19	Troy Odynsky	12/28	Connie Squire
11/26	Brianna Kislak		



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

Administrative Board

The next Ad Board Meeting
is scheduled for..

Monday, Nov. 16th 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 –

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 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, November 2nd & December 7th 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

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 Craige



The next 2 Trustee Meetings are scheduled to meet in the Parsonage
Monday, November 2nd & December 7th at 7:30pm.

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

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.

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

Communications Committee Update - Susan Ridyard, Chairperson

"There is always something happening at DFUMC" and the Communication Committee works hard to get the word out about our church and our amazing events. Every month, I send press releases to 15 publications and online calendars, post flyers on 18 community bulletin boards, post on 5 Facebook sites, create event flipcharts for signboards and work to keep the website updated. Behind the scenes, there are many people who help me make this all happen. I like to thank the following for all their hard work:

- ☐ Rob Balton for creating and copying colorful flyers, bulletins and postcards each and every month, and changing our Facebook photo weekly.
- ☐ Linda Rutledge for creating the bi-monthly newsletter and all the many copies of graphics needed for the signboards and flyers.
- ☐ Chris Bradley for picking up and posting the 3 event plastic signboards we have around the area. This is an almost weekly job for Chris to get our events advertised early.
- ☐ Caren Shimanski for keeping the sign outside the church updated with event info to this point. This has proved a weekly task and we decided that sign will just include a Welcome to the Church and our website, since we have the other signboards and flyers. This saves Caren climbing up snow banks this winter.
- ☐ Pat Pierson who helps deliver the monthly flyers when I am out of town.
- ☐ Gayla Garren and Eileen Guyadeen who provide me with event photos
- ☐ And our tireless Webmaster, Jim Bois who receives almost daily emails from me regarding updates to our website based on events, seasonal changes or new developments.

If you like to help out in any way with Communications or have a suggestion for us, please contact me at susanridyard@gmail.com.

A Successful Afternoon Tea

The Afternoon Tea hosted by Joy Circle on October 3, was a success despite the cold, rainy weather. The decorations and tea sets, the photo booth and of course the delicious scones, tea sandwiches and desserts made this a special event.

Approximately \$600 was raised from this fundraiser and the money is used to support Joy Circle's service projects at DFUMC and local ministries.



This event was made possible by our Afternoon Tea Chairperson, Karen Van Duzer (who not only planned and coordinated the event, but made all the tasty scones!) and her helpers who worked tirelessly to make this an enjoyable day. Her wonderful crew of helpers included: Park and Pat Pierson, Caren Shimanski, Mary and Tess Balton, Karli Van Duzer, and Gayla Garren, Connie Squire and Beth Callen (Photo Booth Display: photos, props and decorations). Thanks to all of you for your hard work, and of course, a special thank you to all our church members who came and brought friends and family, and those who supplied the makings for the tea sandwiches.

Calling All Bakers!

We need your help to make cookies for the December 5 Cookie Walk. Cookies of all kinds and shapes gratefully accepted. Sign up on the Signup sheet so we know who is baking what. Profits go to support the DFUMC General Budget so we all benefit from successful sales.


Drop off your cookies on **Thursday Dec 3 in the pm**. Please be sure to label the cookie name and include your name on the container.

And be sure to come to the Giant Cookie Walk. This year's event will be chaired by Eileen Rowe. Contact Eileen at erowe1251@gmail.com if you can volunteer to help.

The Little Church In The Woods Announces

The World Renowned
**Mix'n'Match
COOKIE
WALK**

Assorted
Varieties
Only
\$8/pound



Saturday Dec. 5th
From 9^{AM} To 2^{PM}

Over 50 varieties of homemade cookies.
Our elves do all the baking...
you just walk around and fill a bag with the ones you like!!

Join the Fun at the December 6 Holiday Social

The Family Ministry Team is planning another fun free Holiday Social this year that will be held from **12pm-3pm on Sunday, December 6.**

The Live Nativity will start right after the 11am service concludes and you want to be there early to see the animals. Afterwards, we will go downstairs for activities and a light lunch. Children can make a Christmas Ornament and you can also design a Christmas card for the Nursing Home Ministries to give out. Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming to visit so be sure to get your photo taken.

This event is open to the community so your chance to be an "Ambassador" for DFUMC and meet families to invite into our church. Please contact Terasa Tarquini at terasatarquini@yahoo.com if you can help with an activity, food, set-up, meet and greet, clean-up, etc.

The Family Ministry Free community events are made possible by the Name Your Own Price Yard Sale that is held in the Spring and the Fall. Profits from the Yard Sale are used to fund the events, and contributions are also given by Family Ministry to support other projects in the church.

FREE The Little Church In The Woods Presents A FREE

**Family
Holiday Social**

Sunday Dec. 6th
From 12^{PM} To 3^{PM}

Live Nativity Scene
Around 12 Noon
Immediately After the 11:00 AM Service

Everything is FREE!!
Please come join us to
kick off the Holiday season with fun and fellowship!

*Christmas Carol Sing-a-long *Make an ornament to take home
*Make a card for local Nursing Home Residents.
*We will be serving a light lunch of soup and salad
as well as cookies and cocoa!

**Santa and Mrs. Claus Are Coming
To Have Their Picture Taken With You!**

If you are able to donate, please consider bringing a
pair of mittens, gloves or a hat for families in our area
that are in need of warm winter attire.

Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church
is on Myck Road off of Park Road... behind Childs Park.
Call with any questions. 570-828-2288 or check WWW.DFUMC.COM

THE STORY OF BABY BLESSINGS PANTRY

Gayla Garren, Missions Chairperson



Almost two years ago, I was impacted by the response to one of our semi-annual Clothing Giveaways. I saw a few hundred people flowing through our doors searching for help in the way of clothing for their families, especially their children.

As we packed up after the event; I saved some baby and children's clothing, in the event of an emergency. It didn't take long for an emergency to arise and a grandmother who had gotten unexpected custody contacted me asking for help. Soon after, another grandparent custody issue, and then a devastating local fire where the family fled in pajamas and lost everything they owned.

Apparently, our Clothing Giveaway had grown overnight into a new and expanded ministry. I was soon granted access to an unused closet at church, and Baby Blessings Pantry became an official ministry at DFUMC. Running totally on donations, we stocked clothing, diapers, wipes, baby items and equipment and sometimes baby food and formula.

Our Facebook page "BABY BLESSINGS PANTRY" connected us to people giving away outgrown clothes and things, and offered to help others in need. We also joined forces with Bushkill Baby Pantry, Safe Haven, Calling All Angels, and Tri-State Pregnancy to trade, redistribute and share our donations. And now, we are part of a network of organizations that work together to help parents provide necessities for their children.

We outgrew our allotted closet immediately, and I began collecting items at my house. My garage became my baby storeroom, often to my husband's dismay, as there was no room for the car. I am no longer surprised to come home and find bags of baby clothes and strollers and high chairs in my driveway as people drop off donations.

Thankfully, by the grace of God, our Baby Blessings Pantry took a giant step forward this summer with the expansion of the closet and the addition of a shed. Although at the moment, the closet is in the final construction stage, the shed is filling up. We have accumulated bassinets, bouncers, strollers and more! **Donations of diapers is always appreciated.**

Unfortunately, sometimes the unexpected donations left at church have caused concern for some, and I ask for your patience and understanding. These are not just donations, but answers to someone's prayer...that may not as yet been prayed.



BABY BLESSINGS PANTRY

is an outreach ministry of the Dingmans Ferry
United Methodist Church.

Our purpose is to collect and distribute, to those in need or crisis situations, any and all baby and children's items including (but not limited to) diapers, wipes, food and formula, clean clothing for infants and children, baby equipment (cribs, strollers, etc.), toys (BUT NO PLUSH), etc.

We are **NOT** able to take drop-side cribs, outdated car seats or any items on a recall list.

We do not accept adult clothing.

Visit our website www.dfumc.com

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**PLEASE CONTACT GAYLA GARREN WITH
QUESTIONS OR NEEDS.**

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Special thank you to Judy Brumbaugh for making activity bags
for use by young children during the church services.

They are greatly appreciated!

~The Worship Committee

Also.....

BIG THANK YOU to the Joseph Family for sprucing up the
gardens in the front of the church!

It looks soooooo nice!

~Your Church Family

PLEASE DON'T FORGET.....



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.

A Devotional...

Read: Galatians 6:1-10



*"Whatever a man sows,
that he will also reap." —Galatians 6:7*

One autumn afternoon I drove past a field where a farmer had parked some massive machinery by the side of the road. A yellow caution sign read: "Harvest in Progress." As I glanced over at the field, I knew instantly what the farmer had planted several months ago—tiny kernels of corn. I knew this because he was preparing to drive his harvesting equipment through acres of mature cornstalks.

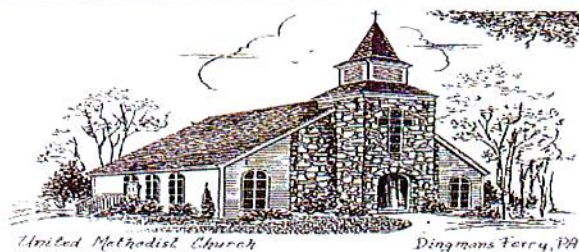
While it may seem obvious that planting corn leads to harvesting corn, we sometimes deny the relationship between sowing and reaping in our spiritual lives. The apostle Paul wrote, "Do not be deceived . . . ; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" (Gal. 6:7). Living to please our flesh yields corruption in the form of wanting what isn't ours, self-centeredness, and even substance abuse (5:19-21). Walking with the Spirit produces peace, kindness, and self-control (5:22-23). By God's grace, we can choose to "sow to the Spirit" and reap eternal life (6:8).

Suppose Jesus declared today "harvest day" in our lives, and He asked us to gather up the yield of our everyday choices over the past year. What would we have to show Him?

*Things of the world often pull at my heart,
But, Lord, help me see the end from the start;
Open my eyes to where my life's going,
What I will reap from all I've been sowing. —K. DeHaan*

**The seeds we sow today determine the kind of fruit
we'll reap tomorrow.**

~Taken from Our Daily Bread October 2012



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