

Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church

THE BRIDGE



September & October 2015



Newsletter

Miller's Mumblings.....

GOD IS LOVE!

Many things are happening this Fall in your church. I am so happy that both The Reverend Dr. Rich Cooper and The Reverend Connie Squire are involved in the ministry of the church. Also Dr. Alden Welch will be joining us on two occasions this fall. Our Lay Servants will be preaching also; they include Art Ridley, Will Joseph, Eileen Guyadeen and Donna Frable. What a great treat having these folks in ministry among us! A complete preaching schedule is included in this newsletter and the Web site (DFUMC.com). Thanks to these wonderful partners in ministry.

Your church will begin the Fall Stewardship Emphasis on September 27th. In between services at 10:30 AM, we will gather at the Prayer Grove to celebrate what has been accomplished in the summer of 2015. Rich and Jerry are planning a "Grove Service." Jerry will share the Prayer Grove progress. A Dedication Service is planned for the summer of 2016.

This year you will be invited to a church home/parsonage for dessert and a time to review the work of the church. Please be open to this invitation. Stewardship Sunday will take place on October 11th at both services. This is a very important Sunday. You will be asked to return your Estimate of Giving Card for 2016 at that time. In between services we will have a Buffet Breakfast, so we hope you will be with us.

As we reach out into the community, we extend the love of Jesus in your name through the London Broil, Thirsty Thursday, Baby Blessings, Outreach Ministries, Clothing Give Away, Family Ministry, Crop Walk, Senior Dinner, Nursing Home Ministries, The United Methodist Women, the Tree of Life Preschool, Kinder-Camp and of course Vacation Bible School.

I have a crushed rose in my meditation Bible. I don't remember the occasion that brought this crushed flower to me. It happened many years ago, but each time I see it I recall that somewhere in my life, something special happened. It must have been wonderful! I suspect that many of us have a special place to store our memories. It is that way with God in our lives. Perhaps last year or many years ago God touched you. Some of you remember, some do not, but somewhere you were moved to be a child of God. God alone knows all about it. The church is a gathering of God's people—remembering that something did happen.

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love belongs to God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God; he who does not love, does not know God, for God is love" ~John 4:7-9

--from the Moffatt Bible. This one chapter is the resting place for my rose.
~Doug Miller of Mumblings



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 6/15



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

# Goodbye Summer!



## September & October Lectionary Readings

9/6 Psalm 125; Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; James 2:10-17; Mark 7:24-37

9/13 Psalm 19; Proverbs 1:20-33; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

9/20 Psalm 1; Proverbs 31:10-31; James 3: 13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

9/27 Psalm 124; Esther 7:1-6, 9-10 & 9:20-22; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

10/4 Psalm 26; Job 1:1 & 2:1-10; Hebrews 1:1-4, & 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-6

10/11 Psalm 22:1-15; Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

10/18 Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45;

10/25 Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22; Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Hebrews 7: 23-28; Mark 10: 46-52

11/1 Psalm 24; Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44



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.

## **SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

|      |                    |       |                  |
|------|--------------------|-------|------------------|
| 9/1  | Dan Locke          | 10/1  | Bill Schmalkuche |
| 9/2  | Delores Kingston   | 10/8  | Kim Mihiel       |
| 9/7  | Linda Rutledge     | 10/16 | Fran Myck        |
| 9/9  | Shane Niper        | 10/21 | Dawn Curley      |
| 9/11 | Ginny Malloy       | 10/30 | Art Birtner      |
| 9/13 | Kathi White        |       |                  |
| 9/13 | Dillan Miller      |       |                  |
| 9/15 | Kristine Van Duzer |       |                  |
| 9/15 | Melissa Joseph     |       |                  |
| 9/21 | Aubrey Vivaldo     |       |                  |
| 9/25 | Kurt Mihiel        |       |                  |
| 9/25 | Scott McGowan      |       |                  |
| 9/25 | Pastor Doug        |       |                  |
| 9/27 | Mariah Curley      |       |                  |
| 9/29 | Priscilla Miller   |       |                  |



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

## **Administrative Board**

The next 2 Ad Board Meetings  
are Scheduled for  
**Monday, Sept. 21st at 6pm**  
**&**  
**Monday, October 19th 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 Home Ministries - Kathi White  
Prayer Chair Director – Linda Davis  
Sunday School Superintendent – Melissa Joseph  
Family Ministry – Teresa Tarquini  
Nursery School Board Chair. – Laura Jewett  
Communications Chairperson – Susan Ridyard

## FINANCE COMMITTEE



The next Finance Meeting is scheduled to meet in the Parsonage  
Monday, October 5th 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 Craige

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The next Trustee Meeting is scheduled to meet in the Parsonage  
Monday, October 5th at 7:30pm.

Those serving as Trustees for 2015 are:

Steve Tarquini, John Garren, Sally Pohlman, Rob Balton, Wayne Joseph,  
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 in the parsonage for  
Sept. 2nd at 6pm & Nov. 9th 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

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## Dingmans Ferry UMC Preaching Schedule

|                                  |                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Sept. 6, 2015                    |                  |                          |
| 9am Service                      | Donna Frable     | Celebrant: Rich Cooper   |
| 11am Service                     | Will Joseph      | Celebrant: Connie Squire |
| Sept. 13, 2015                   |                  |                          |
| 9am Service                      | Alden Welch      | Celebrant: Connie Squire |
| 11am Service                     | Alden Welch      | Celebrant: Connie Squire |
| Sept. 20, 2015                   |                  |                          |
| 9am Service                      | Rich Cooper      |                          |
| 11am Service                     | Doug Miller      |                          |
| Sept. 27, 2015                   |                  |                          |
| 9am service                      | Doug Miller      |                          |
| 11am Service                     | Doug Miller      |                          |
| Oct. 4, 2015                     |                  |                          |
| 9am Service                      | Art Ridley       | Celebrant: Rich Cooper   |
| 11am Service                     | Eileen Gjuyadeen | Celebrant: Connie Squire |
| Oct. 11, 2015                    |                  |                          |
| 9am Service                      | Alden Welch      | Pledge Sunday            |
| 11am Service                     | Alden Welch      | Pledge Sunday            |
| Oct. 18, 2015 (Doug Miller Away) |                  |                          |
| 9am Service                      | Connie Squire    |                          |
| 11am Service                     | Connie Squire    |                          |
| Oct. 25, 2015                    |                  |                          |
| 9am Service                      | Rich Cooper      |                          |
| 11am service                     | Rich Cooper      |                          |
| Nov. 1, 2015                     |                  |                          |
| 9am Service                      | Connie Squire    |                          |
| 11am service                     | Doug Miller      |                          |

## **Reminder.....**



# Worship Servants

## Schedule of Worship Leadership

| <b>9:00 Service</b> | <b>11:00 Service</b> |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 9/6 Art Ridley      | Connie Squire        |
| 9/13 Dave Ridyard   | Elaine Cooper        |
| 9/20 Donna Frable   | Will Joseph          |
| 9/27 Laura Wright   | Eileen or Connie     |
| 10/4 Dave Ridyard   | Will Joseph          |
| 10/11 Art Ridley    | Elaine Cooper        |
| 10/18 Gayla Garren  | Eileen or Connie     |
| 10/25 Donna Frable  | Elaine Cooper        |
| 11/1 Laura Wright   | Eileen or Connie     |

## Schedule of Eucharistic Ministers

| <b>9:00 Service</b>                    |
|----------------------------------------|
| 9/6 Dave Cowan & Donna Frable          |
| 9/13 Linda Rutledge & Caren Shimanski  |
| 9/20 Doris Hnida & Art Ridley          |
| 9/27 Kathi White & Tiffany Miller      |
| 10/4 Gayla Garren & Volunteer          |
| 10/11 Dave Cowan & Donna Frable        |
| 10/18 Linda Rutledge & Caren Shimanski |
| 10/25 Doris Hnida & Art Ridley         |
| 11/1 Kathi White & Tiffany Miller      |

## **11:00 Service**

|       |                 |
|-------|-----------------|
| 9/6   | Elaine Cooper   |
| 9/13  | Linda Schierloh |
| 9/20  | Connie Squire   |
| 9/27  | Elaine Cooper   |
| 10/4  | Linda Schierloh |
| 10/11 | Connie Squire   |
| 10/18 | Elaine Cooper   |
| 10/25 | Linda Schierloh |
| 11/1  | Art Birtner     |

## Greeters/Ushers for

### **9:00 Service**

|       |                                 |
|-------|---------------------------------|
| 9/6   | Linda Rutledge & Rick Vodilko   |
| 9/13  | Bob & Linda Davis               |
| 9/20  | Marilyn Chasar & Linda Rutledge |
| 9/27  | Gary Stevenson & Sally Pohlman  |
| 10/4  | Jim Bois & Anna Curtin          |
| 10/11 | Linda Rutledge & Rick Vodilko   |
| 10/18 | Bob & Linda Davis               |
| 10/25 | Marilyn Chasar Linda Rutledge   |
| 11/1  | Gary Stevenson & Sally Pohlman  |

## Greeters/Ushers for

### **11:00 Service**

|       |                        |
|-------|------------------------|
| 9/6   | Mary Balton            |
| 9/13  | John & Philly Viscardo |
| 9/20  | Eileen Guyadeen        |
| 9/27  | Tom & Myriam Hahn      |
| 10/4  | Frank & Dee Shores     |
| 10/11 | Mary Balton            |
| 10/18 | John & Philly Viscardo |
| 10/25 | Eileen Guyadeen        |
| 11/1  | Tom & Myriam Hahn      |

## THE LORD'S SUPPER



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

|                                  | 9am            | 11am            |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> 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!**

**First day of Regular Sunday school Classes is September 13th!**

**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!**



**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.



**2015 Tri-State CROPWALK Moving Forward**

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Tri-State CROPWALK is scheduled for October 18 with registration beginning at 1:00 at the Firemen's Pavilion in Airport Park and kick-off at 2:00. We will again have 1, 2, or 3 mile loops through the streets of Port Jervis. The Broome Street Band will be on hand to play as we gather and register. Materials will be distributed to church recruiters on September 13. Check out our Tri-State CROPWALK website at [www.crophungerwalk.org/portjervisny](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/portjervisny). The pictures are from our 2014 WALK. Sign up there for online donations.

Sponsor forms will be available beginning Sunday, September 20. Plan now to walk or sponsor a walker. Continue to pray for the CROPWALK that we might grow and help hungry people around the world and in our community.

**Encouragement Packages  
for College Students**



During September we will be collecting snacks to send to our new and returning college students. Small packages of cookies, crackers, health bars, candy, cocoa packages, and soup mixes are all helpful. There will be a container at the rear of the sanctuary for our donations.

In early October the items will be boxed up and sent out with notes of encouragement. Please support this effort to remind the college students of our love and concern.



***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.



### *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**

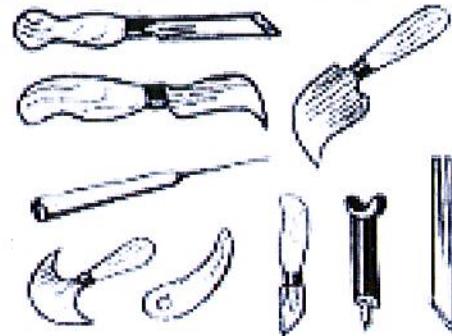
September: 1st, 10th 15th & 29th  
October: 8th, 13th & 27th

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

September: 2nd, 16th & 30th  
October: 14th & 28th

We invite and encourage you to please join us!

If you have any questions?...Call Kathi White 828-1251.



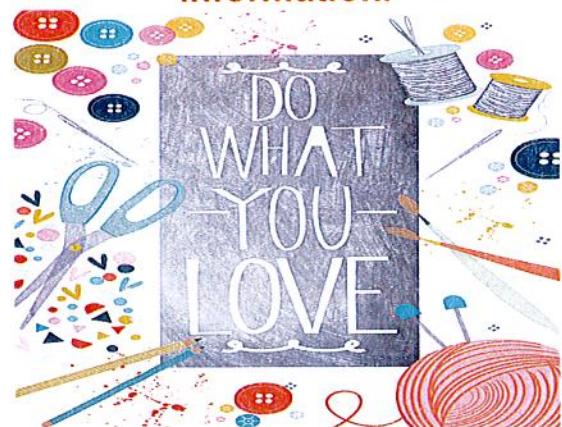
## **WOODCARVERS AND Sewing & Crocheting Etc.**

**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.**

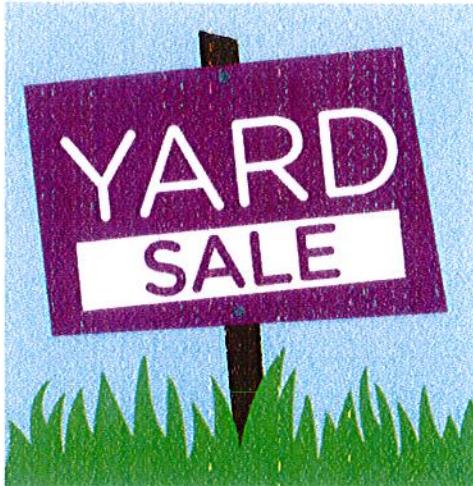




The Little Church In The Woods



# **DONATIONS NEEDED**



**\* TOYS \* HOUSEHOLD GOODS \***  
**\* FURNITURE \***  
**In Good Condition**

**Call Terasa 570-994-6390  
To Arrange Drop Off  
Starting Sept. 5th**

**"Name Your Own Price" Yard Sale  
Saturday September 12th 9am - 3pm**

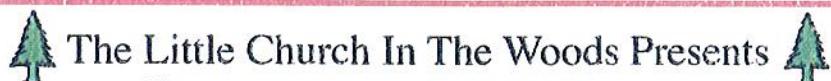
**A Family Ministry Fund Raiser**



**Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church**

is at 115 Myck Road off Park Road... behind Childs Park.

Call with any questions, 570-828-2288 or check out [WWW.DFUMC.COM](http://WWW.DFUMC.COM)



## September 2015 Events

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

### Thirsty Thursdays 5:55 PM

September 3, 10, 17, 24

Are You Busy On Sundays? Please Join Us!

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



### "Name Your Own Price" Yard Sale

Saturday Sept. 12th 9am - 3pm



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A Family  
Ministry  
Fund-raiser

### Free! LONDON BROIL BBQ

Saturday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 5 to 7PM

Donations Accepted To Support Church Ministries.

Dinner is sponsored by DENIM OR LACE



The "Unveiling" Of

**The Grove**  
For Prayer & Meditation

September 27th at 10:30 AM

(Between 9 AM and the 11 AM Services)

Welcome our Prayer Grove into the life  
of our Church and the Community!

### Clothing Giveaway

Friday • Sept 25th • 4PM - 8PM

Saturday • Sept 26th • 8AM - 12PM

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

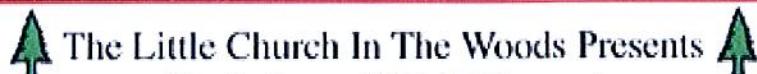
SORRY NO EARLY BIRDS!!

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October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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For a casual contemporary service that includes  
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### An Afternoon Tea Saturday October 3rd

Served Continuously from 11:30am to 2:30pm

Luncheon Served: Tea, Scones, Finger Sandwiches, Desserts

The cost is \$12. Reservations Suggested (but not required)



### American Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE

October 10th 9am - 1pm



### Free! LONDON BROIL BBQ

Saturday Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 12 to 2PM\*

\*PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE TO LUNCHEON HOURS!!

Sat, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>

9AM - 3PM

DFUMC Church Group  
Trunk Or Treat

Wear Your COSTUME!!

Yummy Food Bake Sale  
Local Vendors



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## VBS Conquers Again!

We held another successful Vacation Bible School (VBS) in July and over 75 children attended. This year's theme was *"Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power"* and the children participated in the Bible Stories, crafts, games and activities that were planned for the week. Our thanks to Missy Joseph, our VBS director and our team of dedicated volunteers for hosting such an action packed, fun filled week.



## Joy Circle Picnic

We had food, fellowship and fun at the Joy Circle Picnic on August 5. Thanks to all our cooks for a delicious Pot Luck meal. Joy Circle is a United Methodist Women's Group at our church and we do service and mission projects for the church and the community. Our next meeting is **Sunday, September 20 at 10:15** between services to plan the fall events which includes the Oct 4 Afternoon Tea Fundraiser, the Senior Citizens Dinner (Nov 7), the Giant Cookie Walk Dec 5 (bakers needed!) and our Christmas Party and Gift Exchange on Dec 12. Come join Joy Circle and share your talents!



## Afternoon Tea Fundraiser: October 3

The Joy Circle annual Afternoon Tea Fundraiser is scheduled **Saturday, October 3** with a continuous serving from **11:30 am – 2:30 pm**. A lovely luncheon of delicious scones, an assortment of finger sandwiches and tasty desserts will be served. Come anytime and relax over a pot of comforting tea and enjoy great food and fellowship with friends. The cost is \$12 per person. Reservations are suggested but not required. Please invite your friends and neighbors and help support this important fundraiser. Proceeds are used by Joy Circle to support church needs, as well as missions and community outreach projects.



## Name Your Price Yard Sale: Sept 12 Family Ministry Fundraiser

Be sure to stop by on **Saturday, September 12 from 9-3pm** for the *Name Your Price Yard Sale*. This fundraiser is used to raise funds to host the Family Ministry events throughout the year. Donations of items in good condition can be dropped off *after September 5*. Yard Sale donations must be in a clean, sellable condition and drop off times and location can be arranged by calling Terasa Tarquini (570) 994-6390. We will NOT accept electronics (TVs, Computers, Printers, etc.), mattresses, couches or stuffed animals. Please do not drop off any donations at the church without prior permission.



## Clothing Giveaway - Sept 25 from 4-8pm (Fri) and Sep 26 from 8-12pm (Sat)

Our Fall Clothing Giveaway is scheduled **September 25 and 26**, and as always, your help is appreciated for this important community outreach program. Volunteers are needed the week prior to the event to sort clothes and also during the event to greet our visitors and serve as DFUMC ambassadors. Please contact Gayla Garren if you can help out.



Donations are also needed. Please see the donations guidelines below to help make this year's Clothing Giveaway a successful event.

- Clothing donations only please. Clothes must be in good condition and individually bagged and labeled by type (men's women's, girls, boys, toddler, infant). This makes the bags easier to handle and also cuts down the many hours in sorting and organizing.
- Donations accepted beginning **September 19**. Drop off at the back of the church after 4 on weekdays. No drop off earlier than September 18 as we do not have the storage space.
- Larger items cannot be dropped off without prior approval. Contact Gayla at 570-807-9858 or send an email to [gaylagarren@yahoo.com](mailto:gaylagarren@yahoo.com) if you have larger items to donate.

## Family Ministry: Fall Fest October 24

Be sure to join us on Saturday, October 24 for a fun-filled day at the Family Ministry Fall Family Fest.



The event is from 9am-3pm and includes food, activities, bake table, face painting, vendors and Trunk & Treat sponsored by various DFUMC groups. Contact Terasa Tarquini, Family Ministry Chairperson if you can help out that day.

*A Devotional...*

# ***Believe***

This was written by an 8-year-old named Danny Dutton, who lives in Chula Vista , CA .

He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment, to 'explain God.'

'I wonder if any of us could have done as well ?'

## **EXPLANATION OF GOD:**

'One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.'

'God's second most important job is listening to prayers An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.'

'God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.'

'Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista . At least there aren't any who come to our church.'

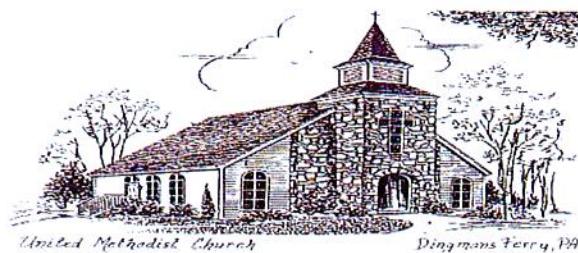
'Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK' And God did not let Jesus stay in the grave, but raised him from the dead

'His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God . Like a secretary, only more important.' 'You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.'

'You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!'

Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.'

'If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.' 'But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And...that's why I believe in God.'



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