



The Dingmans Ferry
United Methodist Church
THE BRIDGE
Newsletter

September/
October
2024

From the Pastor's Pen... 

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

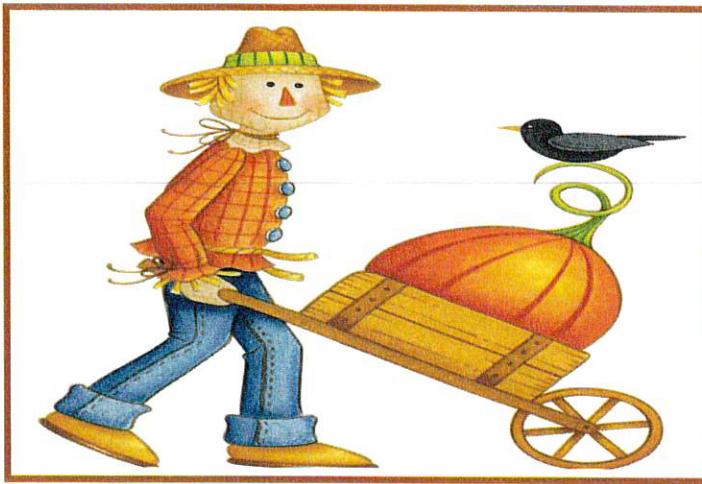
How was your summer? As for me, summer is about spiritual discipline. If you joined the Sunday services during the summer, you may remember the sermon series, Spiritual Discipline, of which the main point was that we should be able to live the prophetic life by constant spiritual practices.

Then, what about autumn? I understand that it's the season when our spiritual discipline should bear and share fruits. Bearing and sharing fruits is a way of prophetic life, isn't it? So, what kind of fruits are you bearing? And how and with whom would you share them? In order to answer those questions, we may have to rely on wisdom.

For this reason, with the help of the United Methodist Church Discipleship Ministries, I am planning another sermon series, from September 1st to 29th, Uncommon Wisdom: Time of Singing, Time of Justice, Time of Leading, and Time to Do. Even if I may not tell you practical ways in this sermon series, I hope you can find out a way that the Wisdom tells you to do. And we will move on to Stewardship Sundays in which we will ponder how much God calls us to give to the church and participate in the church's missions and ministries.

Before entering into the season of wisdom, let us keep it in mind that the wisdom of God may tell us to do something surprising or something beyond our expectations for the greater good for us!

Servant of God and God's people, ~Sung



September & October Lectionary Readings

9/1 Song 2:8-13; Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9 (UMH 795) , James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21- 23

9/8 Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalms 125 (UMH 846); James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

9/15 Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalms 19 (UMH 750) ; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

9/22 Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalms 1 (UMH 738); James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

9/29 Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Psalms 124 (UMH 846); James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

10/6 Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalms 26 (UMH 756); Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

10/13 Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalms 22:1-15 (UMH 752); Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

10/20 Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35c (UMH 826); Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

10/27 Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalms 34:1-8 (19-22) (UMH 769); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52



**DFUMC BIBLE STUDY
TUE. 10AM & WED. 6:30PM**

Gospel Matthew

at pastor's office

**Dingmans Ferry UMC
115 Myck Road**

Hey Youth!

(Middle School & High School Students)

Starting Again in September!!!!



**you are invited to
Dingmans Ferry UMC
(115 Myck Road)**



**every first Sunday of the month 5-6:30PM
movies, games, activities, food, stories, friends, & God!**

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



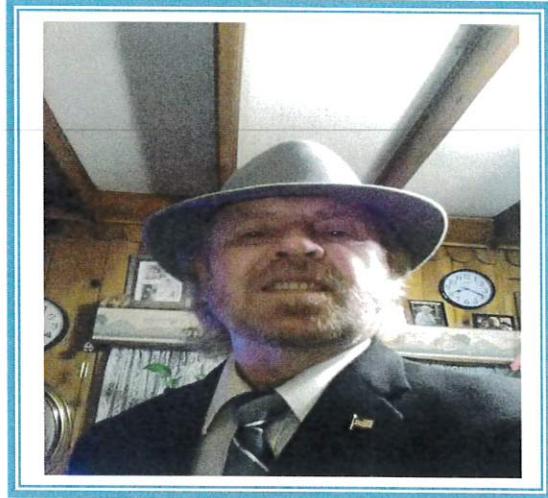
We invite you to share your prayer concerns and joys with us.

Faith is not meant to be lived alone. This is why God has called us to be in community. We take your prayer request very seriously and will pray with and for you. Requests can be announced in church or kept private.

Where do you find joys in the midst of this crisis?

Where do you see God at work during this time?

If you have any prayer concerns and/or joys that you would like Pastor Sung to lift up during Sunday Worship Service, please submit them by noon on Friday so they can be included in Sunday's service.



We have had quite a few additions to our church family lately!

Meet Tom Zologa!

Tom officially became a member of our church on April 21st 2024. Tom is a semi-retired contractor who moved here to Dingmans Ferry 25 years ago, while his wife, who passed away in October 2020, was a mail carrier and delivered mail to our church often. That is how they found their way to DFUMC and became involved in many of our events such as the London Broil Dinners.

He's a cat lover who enjoys gardening, vintage cars, and playing the guitar. (Maybe we can convince him to play a song with Pastor Sung during one of our Sunday services!)

Tom sweetly described his wife as the "one" who changed his life and said he will always love her for that. When asked what question he would like to ask God, he said he would like reassurance that he will see her again one day in heaven, where he knows she is watching over him!

Be sure to stop by and say hello!

Things are Happening!



BIG THANK YOU to Steve Wollman for organizing another fun-filled Church Camp-out! Despite the rain, the families all had a great time and the kids made some very special memories together!

THANK YOU to our Men's group & Chicken Barbeque Staff for not only making delicious food but for making it a wonderful and welcoming event for our whole community to enjoy. Thank you to those who donated items or volunteered to help make this event successful. We appreciate all of your help and couldn't do it without you!

THANK YOU SO MUCH to Aly for all of her and her volunteers (Heejung, Gabi, Hannah, Gina, Jane, Debra, Olivia, Nicole, and Kate) for their hard work and dedication that led to another outstanding clothing give away! We collected so much stuff this year we had 160 bags left over that went on to help more families in need.

SPECIAL THANKS TO Billy Freeland for fixing our playground gate to ensure the safety of our Preschool kids this coming year!

THANK YOU TO David Ridyard for bringing in a plumber and donating the service costs to our church to fix our boy's restroom toilets before the start of the school year!

THANKS A LOT to those who participated in our mission project by donating backpacks and school supplies for our communities Primary and Elementary school students! We collected 49 backpacks with the help of Buzz Cutz Salon and Spa and all of you amazing folks in our church! Thanks Elaine for providing us with amazing opportunities to give back!

MANY THANKS to all of you who continue to sign-up to make our Sunday morning Fellowship Coffee Hours so delicious!!

THANK YOU to John Magazino for taking charge creating our monthly family nights and all of those who come out to have a BLAST with us!!!

CONTINUED THANKS to our Preschool Staff and our Sunday School Volunteers for sharing their dedication, passion and love with God's children.

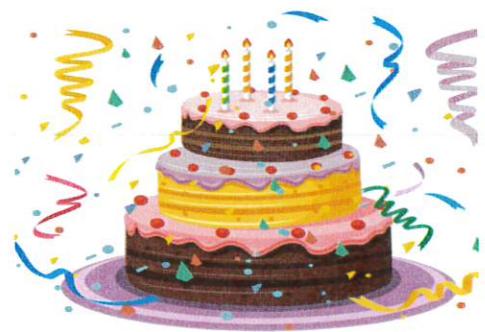
Thanks to our Lord for blessing us to have the ability to do everything in His name --and to have fun doing it!

September & October Birthdays

9/2	Kristen Campanile	9/25	Scott McGowan
9/6	Hannah Solch	9/26	Clare Kim
9/7	Linda Rutledge	9/28	Malaki Nellums
9/7	Matthew Cielinski	9/30	Aliison Walker
9/8	Cecelia Szmetema	10/2	Seth Garerra
9/11	Billy Joe Garerra	10/2	Meg Garerra
9/12	Ivy Quinlan	10/4	Dylan Campanile
9/12	Len Van Orden	10/8	Kim Mihiel
9/13	Kathi White	10/10	Kristen Jones
9/14	Emily Solch	10/12	Nicole Daskus
9/15	Melissa Joseph	10/14	Tom Hickey
9/17	Pastor Rich Cooper	10/16	Fran Myck
9/21	Aubrey Vivaldo	10/18	Scott Knapp
9/25	Kurt Mihiel	10/21	Kate Garerra

10/25 Ada Mannino
10/30 Art Birtner

May God warm your heart and grant peace upon you, not only on your birthday but everyday of your life!



PLEASE SIGN -UP



We're always looking for volunteers to bring in goodies for our Fellowship Coffee Hour that is held after the 10AM Worship Service in Fellowship Hall.

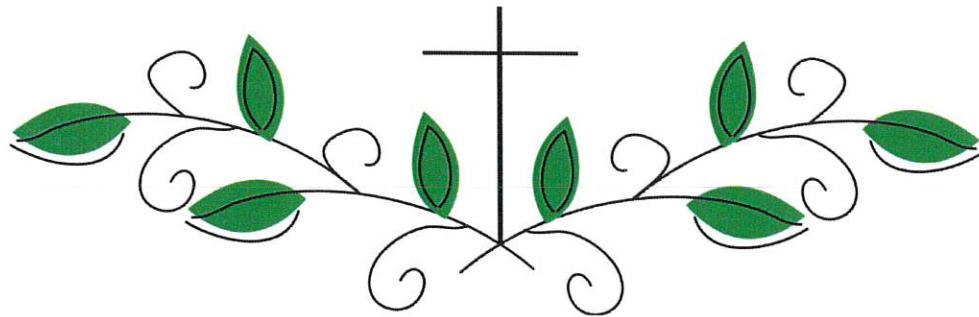
You don't have to set anything up, just bring your goodies to share.

Clean-up: Many hands make light work!
Please see the sign-up on the table in the sanctuary. Thank you in advance!

WORSHIP Servants

GREETER/USHER SCHEDULE:

9/8 Linda Rutledge
9/15 Marilyn Chasar
9/22 Chad Feakins
9/29 Rich Cooper
10/6 Linda Schierloh
10/13 Carol Magazino
10/20 Sally Pohlman
10/27 Carol Birtner
11/3 Scott Knapp



Friends • Family • Neighbors • Co-workers



ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

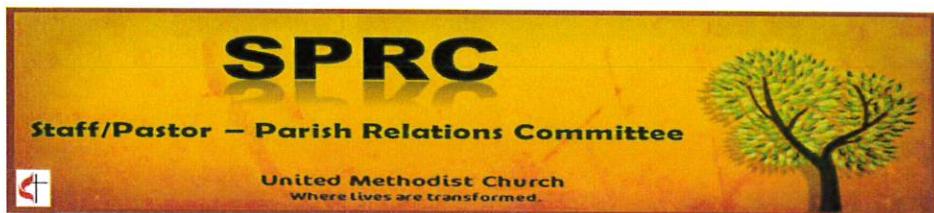
Ad Board meetings are usually held bi-monthly.
The next Ad Board Meeting: **Tuesday September 30th at 7PM**



Ad Board Members 2024

Pastor: Sungduk Kim
Ad Council Chairperson - Donna Frable
Ad Council Secretary – Linda Rutledge
Church Secretary – Destiny Freeland
Lay Leader - Carol Birtner
Alt. Lay Member – Linda Schierloh
SPRC Chairperson – Carol Magazino
Finance Chairperson - Mary Balton
Church Treasurer – Susan Dennison & Darlene Mihiel
Recording Secretary – David Cowan

Finance Counters - Gary Stevenson/Sally Pohlman
Trustee Chairperson - Scott Knapp
Worship Chairperson – Destiny & Nicole
Organist: Chris Bradley
Sunday School - Olivia Harrington
Missions Chairperson - Aly Solch
UMW - Jill Mann & Linda Rutledge
UMM - Seth Natter
Communications-Jim Bois, Tom Hahn, Linda Rutledge



The Next SPRC Meeting will be held Sunday October 13th

Those serving on the SPRC for 2024 are:
Carol Magazino, Susan Ridyard, Olivia Harrington,
Jill Mann, Sally Pohlman, and Carol Birtner.



FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

The following persons are serving on the Finance Committee for 2024:

Pastor Sung, Carol Birtner, Mary Balton, Donna Frable,
Susan Dennison, Darlene Mihiel, and Dave Cowan.



Trustee Meetings are held every first Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be **Sunday September 1st** after fellowship.

Those serving as Trustees for 2024 are:
Rob Balton, Seth Natter, Matthew Edgell,
John Magazino, David Ridyard, Billy Freeland, and Scott Knapp.



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

“Helping Families as the School Year Begins”

On Monday, August 12, we delivered backpacks and school supplies to the Dingmans/Delaware Primary School. We had collected 20 backpacks, and the staff and clients of Buzz Cutz had collected 29 and lots of supplies. We are thankful for their willingness to make this a community project. We again were assisted by Donna Frable's connection and contact with the school. God bless your faithful participation that makes all of this possible.

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**“Farm Bill Update”**

We have written to our members of Congress about the Farm Bill in May of 2023 and in March of 2024. The Farm Bill contains important programs to help hungry people here (ex. SNAP) and around the world (ex. Food for Peace). During a state level Bread for the World zoom meeting, we learned that the House has passed its version of the Farm Bill, but the Senate is not expected to take up the Bill before the election. Stay tuned!



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Pastor Sung uses the church **Outreach Fund** at his discretion to help folks in the community with all kinds of emergencies including, electricity, heat, medical etc.



**MISSIONS
& OUTREACH**
KINDNESS. GOODNESS. FAITHFULNESS.

The Pastor's Outreach is **only** made possible by our monetary 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.

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## WORLD **FOOD** DAY



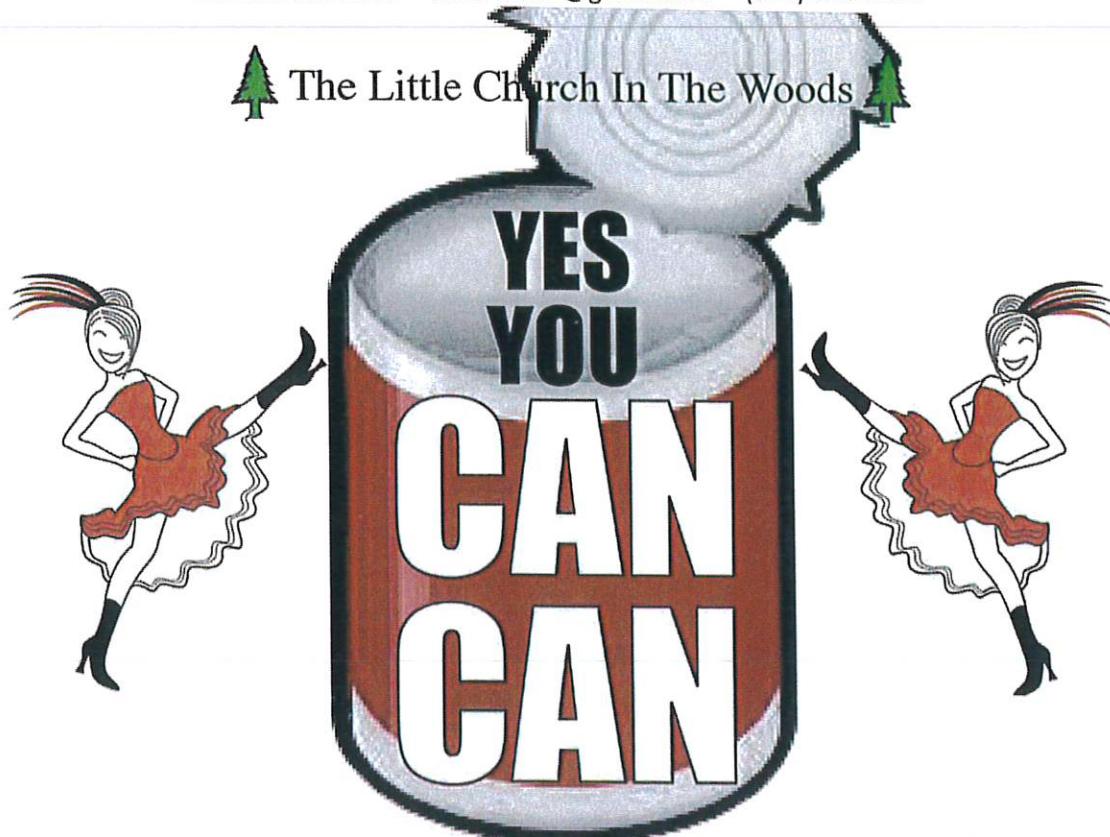
### **“Celebrating World Food Day”**

World Food Day, October 16, 2024, commemorates the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945. The theme for this year is “Right to foods for better life and a better future.” One way communities can observe World Food Day is by holding a food drive. For the Sundays in October, we will focus on bringing food items or paper products for the food pantry. Watch for a list of needed items in the bulletin. Together let’s see what we can do for hungry people in our neighborhood.





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# **The First Sunday Of Every Month Is FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY**

**There will be a box on the altar for your donations of:**

**Canned Goods: Soups, Vegetables, Beans, Tuna Fish, etc.**

**Jarred Food: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mayo, Mustard, etc.**

**Boxed Food: Cereal, Pasta, Hot Cereal, Mac & Cheese, etc.**

**Paper Products: Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Tissues, etc.**

**Personal Products: Toothpaste, Shampoo, Band Aids, etc.**

**You Can Leave Donations At The Back Of The Church 7 Days A Week**

**Because People Aren't Only Hungry At  
Christmas & Thanksgiving!**



# Confirmation

# Classes

*Confirmation is a sacred day of commitment and celebration in the life of an individual and the church. Confirmation is not a sacrament in the United Methodist Church, but it is an important step in our spiritual journeys.*

**Confirmation classes are being offered to youth who are presently in grades 6 through 12 [Every Sunday until November 17th](#). (Sunday classes and may include occasional field trips.)**

**Please see Pastor Sung TODAY if you plan on being a part of this year's confirmation class.**



Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church  
115 Myck Road Dingmans Ferry PA, 18238

# Outdoor Worship Service



**Join us as we bless our Sunday School and Preschool. Let us  
pray the students and teachers have a great school year ahead!**

**September 8 - 10:00AM**

**Bring: Lawn Chair / Blanket**



JOIN US FOR  
**Sunday School**

Hope you all had a nice  
summer vacation!

Our 2024-2025  
**Regular Sunday School For kids**  
**Begins again on September 8th!**

Come to Church Worship Service  
at 10AM and join us downstairs  
after Children's Time.

***See You There!!***

The Little Church In The Woods Presents A

# FREE LONDON BROIL BARBECUE

Saturday  
Sept. 21st

4 - 6 PM  
Join Us!



Our Playground Is Available  
For Kids Of All Ages To Play

Donations Gladly Accepted For Our  
Baby Blessings Ministry



Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church  
is at 115 Myck Road off Park Road... behind Childs Park.



## UPCOMING GROVE MINISTRY SESSION

On Sunday, September 15, following Coffee Hour, a culminating Ministry Session will take place in the Church's **Grove for Prayer and Meditation**.

The Theme of the session will be **Christian Love**, and the Theme will be given emphasis through participant engagement in various activities relating to the following features of the Grove:

- First Corinthians 13 Garden**
- Symbols-of-Our-Faith Alcove**
- Daily Discipleship Prayer Circle**
- Portals -of-Faith**
- Baptismal Fount-of-Faith**
- Christian Life-Journey-of-Faith Pathway**
- Old Growth / New Birth Grove-of-Life**

The approximate time of the Session will be **11:45-1:00**.

Participants are encouraged to bring a light lunch which they can eat during Coffee Hour. They are also encouraged to bring lawn chairs, although benches in the Grove may also be used for seating.

The Session will be overseen by Jerry Schierloh, who is culminating his tenth year of Grove programming, but will also include several other individuals and teams who will be taking over management of the Grove next year.

As always, we anticipate an animated and interactive involvement and sharing of Christian thoughts and perceptions among the participants.

In the event of inclement weather, the Session will be postponed until a later date (*probably the following Sunday*).

# Treehouse PLAYGROUP

at DFUMC

115 Myck Road, Dingmans Ferry, in the Fellowship Hall (use rear entrance)

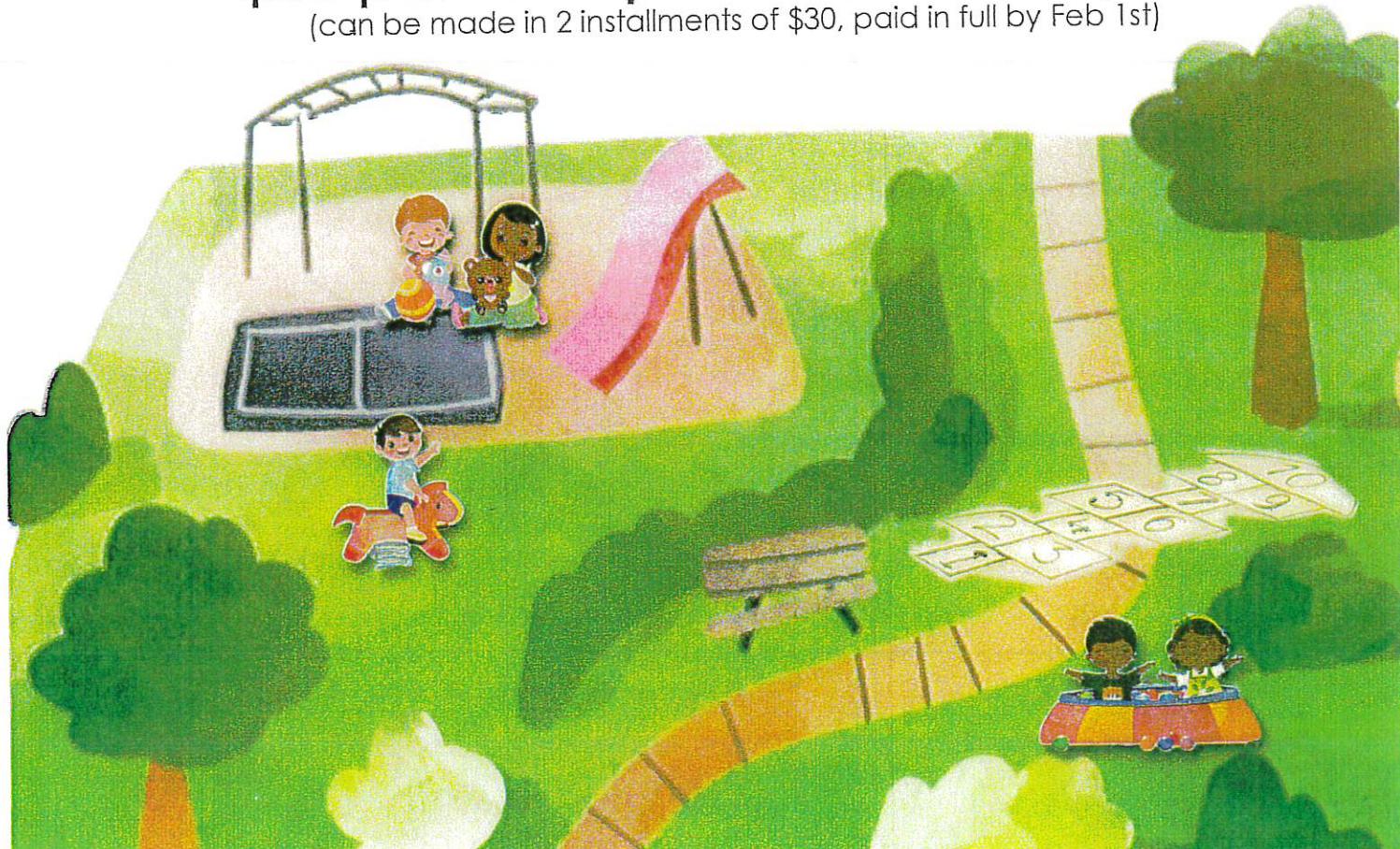
Friday's starting October 4th  
through the end of the school year.

Includes: guardian/child playtime while socially  
interacting with other families, craft & snack

12:30pm - 2pm / ages: 0-5

**\$60 per family for the school year**

(can be made in 2 installments of \$30, paid in full by Feb 1st)





*Presents...* 

## **FREE Family Night at DFUMC**

**Friday September 27th**

**6pm-9pm**



### **OPEN MIC & KARAOKE**

*let your inner star shine...*

**Bring your voice. Bring your instruments.  
Bring your Jokes. Bring your stories.**

**All Are Welcome**

**\*Beverages & snacks provided\***



Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church is at 115  
Myck Road off of Park Road...behind Child's Park





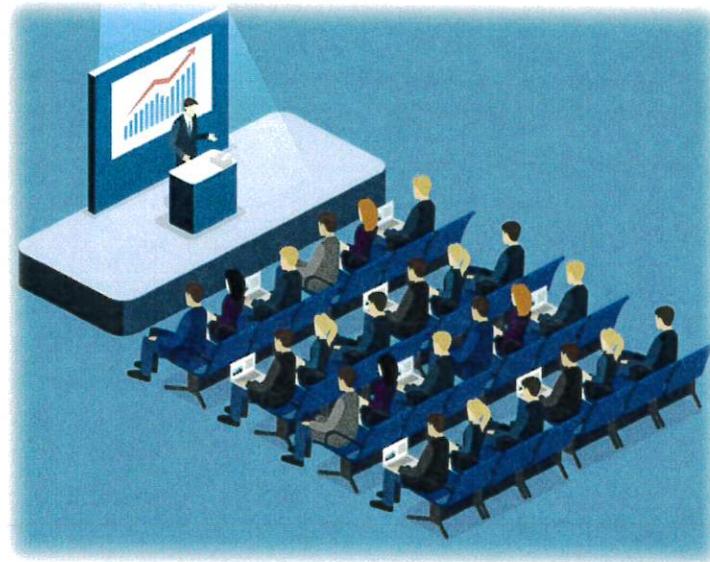
## Annual Church Conference

October 5, 2024 at 11:00 AM

at

Sparta United Methodist Church  
71 S Sparta Ave, Sparta NJ 07871

Presiding Elder: Ellen Bechtold





Give from  
the heart.

**Donate blood and  
help save lives.**



**Community Blood Drive**  
**Dingmans Ferry**  
**United Methodist Church**

Community Hall  
115 Myck Road  
Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328

**Saturday October 5, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Dingmans to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Scan to be directed to  
RapidPass®

**Share your heart! Come give in Feb. for a \$20  
Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See [rcblood.org/heart](http://rcblood.org/heart)**



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an appointment.

Annual  
Dinner  
Theater

The Little Church In The Woods  
Invites You To Witness

Dinner  
& A Show  
Only \$25.00!!

Dinner Menu...

Coming Soon!!!

# The War of The Worlds

A Modern Retelling Of H.G. Wells' Masterpiece

by Flip Kobler and Cindy Marcus

Two Great Nights • Friday & Saturday

October 25th & 26th 7:00 PM

Special Matinee Performance

Saturday Oct. 26th 1:00 PM

Produced by arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company

Get your tickets early...last year's shows sold out fast!



Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church

is on Myck Road off Park Road... behind Childs Park.

Call to order tickets or with any questions, 570-828-2288

## Want to Help?

If you, your business, or perhaps a few of you, would like to sponsor one of our upcoming London Broil Dinners, please contact the church office ASAP. The dinners are FREE to the community. Our Flyers, street signs and announcements will feature your names unless you prefer to remain anonymous. The cost for sponsorship is \$400. Checks should be made out to "DFUMC" and "London Broil Sponsor" should be noted on the memo line.



*thank you*

-DFUMC Mission Committee



Welcome  
New  
Members

*Join the Church  
Family!*

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

Call the Church Office or See Pastor Sung TODAY!



***Please Join Us!***

We are currently serving 3 of our area Senior Care Centers with  
a monthly Hymns and Scripture Ministry!

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

**Here are the dates that are scheduled  
for the up-coming months:**

**Delaware Valley Rehab Center 2PM**  
September 18th & October 16th

**Delaware Valley Personal Care Center 2PM**  
September 25th & October 23rd

**Milford Rehab 2PM**  
September 11th & October 9th

Masks are optional but strongly encouraged.  
We invite and encourage you to please join us!  
If you have any questions....  
Call/See Pastor Sung (570) 828-2288.

Stewardship Sundays

# *Living Gratitude*

- Nov. 3      Gratitude**
- Nov. 10     Generosity**
- Nov. 17     Prayer**
- Nov. 24     Calling**

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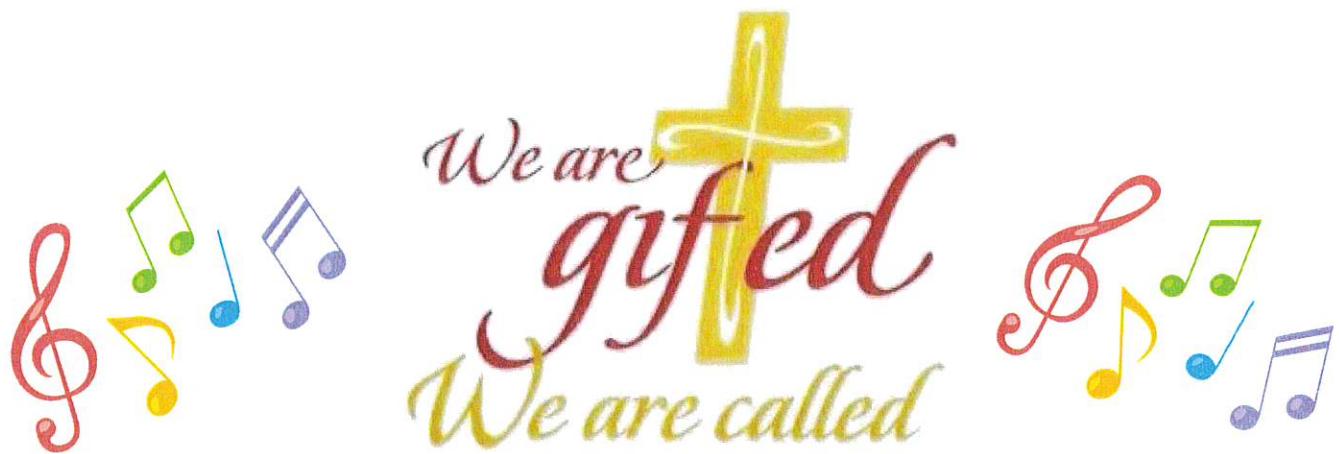


## HELP US STAY A FLOAT!

|                                |             |                                  |
|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Year to date Income            | \$103485.41 | Year to date offering \$35595.75 |
| Year to date Expenses Paid     | \$99532.86  |                                  |
| Year to date Expenses NOT Paid | \$ 3889.14  |                                  |
| 2023 Expenses NOT Paid         | \$ 6,536.16 | Billables to GNJAC 2023          |

### MONTHLY ADOPT A BILLS

|                  | Name     | Amount |
|------------------|----------|--------|
| ELECTRIC         | \$330.00 |        |
| PHONE/INTERNET   | \$165.00 |        |
| FUEL             | \$436.00 |        |
| GARBAGE          | \$515.00 |        |
| COPIER LEASE     | \$330.00 |        |
| SNOWPLOWING      | \$400.00 |        |
| CLEANING/KITCHEN |          |        |
| SUPPLIES         | \$400.00 |        |
| CHURCH SUPPLIES  | \$200.00 |        |
| PEST CONTROL     | \$100.00 |        |
| PROPERTY INS.    | \$570.00 |        |



We're looking for some volunteers.....  
If you'd like to share your musical talent  
(instrumental or voice) to enhance our  
Sunday Morning Worship Service,  
please see Pastor Sung or call the  
church office ASAP. (570) 828-2288

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Music is the art of  
the prophets and  
the gift of God.

Martin Luther

# Ministry Sign-Up



There are lots of opportunities available to serve the ministry of God here in the Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church.

Look over the list and see if something appeals to you.

If you have any questions, just ask Linda in the church office and she can direct you to the person you should speak to.

Worship Committee: Greeter/Usher, Read Scripture, Assist with Sanctuary Decorations for Holidays, Coffee Hour Set-up.

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

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

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

Fundraiser Committee: Assist chairperson as needed, Prepare and Put Street Signs Out, Help with Event Set-up/Clean-up.

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

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

# BABY BLESSINGS PANTRY

An Outreach Ministry of the Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church

Our Baby Blessings Pantry Mission, to help families in need,  
has been growing!

Donations of baby and children's clothing & items (including cribs, high chairs & nursery furnishings - NO PLUSH PLEASE) are always welcome!

Our pantry is supplied mostly by donations to meet emergency & urgent needs. We would encourage everyone to trade-in and trade-up when requesting items, so that the next person in need can be helped as well.

We are always seeking a few helpers to assist as we reorganize and sort items. If you have some time, please contact Aly.

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Contact Aly through the Church Office (570) 828-2288





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**Rev. Sungduk Kim, Pastor**



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**In Person & Online Worship Services † Sunday School  
Vacation Bible School † Preschool † Kinder-Camp  
Bible Study † Prayer Meeting † Baby Blessings Pantry  
Mission/Outreach Projects † Men's/Women's Missions  
For More Information Check Us Out On the Web  
[www.dfumc.com](http://www.dfumc.com) • We're on Facebook too!**

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

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

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

Scan QR Code →



*"The Church is not a cultural organization but the family of Jesus."*

*- Pope Francis*

