

## The Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church

## THE BRIDGE

Newsletter

July/August 2020

From the Pastor's Pen...

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I remember that when Deborah was born, my wife's face was irradiated with joy, although she must have been really tired after 12 hours of long labor. Even when the baby was crying out loud, the joy on the mother's face didn't disappear. Such a little baby's crying made me nervous without knowing what to do, but my wife's holding the infant in her bosom was the gift of calmness to the little baby and to me.

What I have observed raising three children, is that sometimes babies don't know exactly why they are crying. No matter what they are crying for, however, 'containing' them with love gives them calmness.

Wilfred Bion, a psychoanalyst, who established a theory of containment, explains that containing a person, who is crying out in pain without knowing what to do -like an infant, may help the person to have the ability to become calm and tolerant. Being contained by love, there will be a dynamic interaction between the 'container' and the 'containee,' in which the 'containee' receives the ability from the 'container' to contain his/her own pain with tolerance. (Wilfred Bion, Learning from Experiences, P. 91)

Just like an infant, the whole world is crying out loud without knowing exactly what to do, because what the world has been experiencing in 2020 is unprecedented.

Does the world have anyone who can contain its huge sufferings from COVID-19 and its impacts? Does the world have anyone who can contain its great differences which have caused conflicts, discrimination, and wars among us?

Yes, it does! It is God who can contain all kinds of cries in this world! Because God contains the whole world with love, "He will not let you be suffering more than you can bear. But when you are suffering, God will also give you a way to endure it!!" (1 Corinthians 10:13b.)

Have we not been contained by God's love? Have we not endured our pains in God?

We are the people who have received such ability from God! Now is time for us to go and contain the whole world with love!

Stay safe, healthy, and faithful!

~Servant of God and His Children, Sung





## Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church Reopens on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10AM (One Service) Online Worship Service will also be available at 9am as usual.

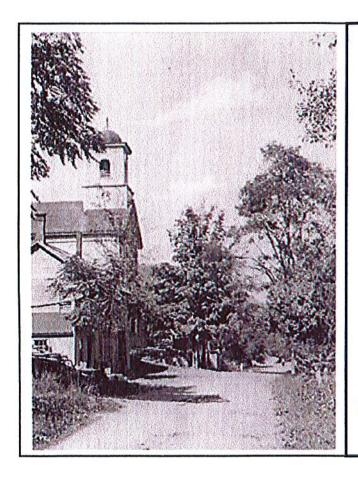
Drive In + Outdoor Service Only (30 minutes long service) Online service will be continued at 10AM

For Drive In, tune AM 810 or dial 1-929-205-6099

For Outdoor Service, bring your own chair and keep distancing!

No bulletins to be handed out. (download and print beforehand from www.dfumc.com)

## CHURCH DIAGRAM Myck Road Parking Lot For Drive In Parking lot for Front lawn Service outdoor service For outdoor service Bring your chair! Distancing required **Prayer Grove** Podium Church



July & August Lectionary Readings

Dingmans Ferry UMC Originally Located on (then dirt road) Route 209



- 7/5 Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
- 7/12 Psalm 119:105-112; Genesis 25:19-34; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23
- 7/19 Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24; Genesis 28:10-19a; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- 7/26 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:15-28; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
- 8/2 Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 32:22-31; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21
- 8/9 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22; Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-23
- 8/16 Psalm 133; Genesis 45:1-15; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28
- 8/23 Psalm 124; Exodus 1:8-2:10; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20
- 8/30 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 3:1-15; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28
- 9/6 Psalm 149; Exodus 12:1-14; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

# PLEASE JOIN BELOW FOR OUR ONLINE GATHERINGS. BIBLE STUDY: TUE. 10AM VIA SKYPE HTTPS://JOIN.SKYPE.COM/DLEZYPXASDB7

PRAYER GATHERING: FRI 8PM VIA FACEBOOK

HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/120892610159



#### ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Ad Board meetings are usually held bi-monthly. The next Ad Board Meeting TBA.



Pastor: Sungduk Kim

Ad Council Chairperson - Donna Frable Ad Council Secretary - Lisa Niper Church Secretary - Linda Rutledge Lay Leader - Carol Birtner Alt. Lay Member - Linda Schierloh

SPRC Chairperson - Karen Van Duzer Finance Chairperson - Mary Balton Church Treasurer - Darlene Mihiel

Recording Secretary - David Cowan Finance Counters - Bob & Judy Brumbaugh

Trustee Chairperson - John Solch ...... Worship Chairperson - Linda Schierloh Music: Elaine Cooper & Organist: Chris Bradley Sunday School Superintendent - Jill Odynsky Membership/Outreach - Melody Higgins Nurture Chairperson - Linda Davis Missions Chairperson - Deb McGowan UMW - Beth Callen UMM - Anthony Houston

Communications: Linda Rutledge, Jim Bois,

& Tom Hahn



**Next SPRC Meeting** TBA

Those serving on the SPRC for 2020 are: Karen Van Duzer, Tom Hahn, Jennifer Calabria, Anthony Houston, and Carol Birtner

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**



The following persons are serving on the Finance Committee for 2020: Pastor Kim, Carol Birtner, Mary Balton, Donna Frable, Darlene Mihiel, Dave Cowan

Meetings follow the 11am Service - Dates & Times TBA.

P.S. For your information, the Church's Year-to-Date Summery Report is posted on the back of the Sunday Bulletin.



Trustee Meetings are held bi-monthly. The next Trustee meeting is TBA

Those serving as Trustees for 2020 are: Karen Van Duzer, Jerry Schierloh, Rob Balton, Eric Laux, Tom Hickey, John Solch, Tom Zochak and Seth Natter



## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS......

### July & August Birthdays

7/3	Michael Guyadeen	8/1
7/3	Dana Rutledge	8/3
7/7	Riley Callen	8/7
7/8	Susan Ridyard	8/8
7/10	Emma Garerra	8/10
7/10	Richard Carroll	8/10
7/14	Pat Pierson	8/13
7/15	Deb McGowan	8/13
7/16	Lisa Niper	8/14
7/18	Irene Luciano	8/14
7/20	Dave Cowan Sr.	8/16
7/21	Sean Harrington	8/16
7/23	Steve Wollman Sr.	8/17
7/25	Joan Dawson	8/18
7/25	Pastor Sungduk Kim	8/20
		8/22
		8/22

8/1	Stacey Ferdnand
8/3	Victoria Odynsky
8/7	Pastor Juel Nelson
	Trenton Queen
	Elaine Cooper
8/10	Evelyn Kim
8/13	Al Frable
8/13	Davyd Jones
8/14	Cody Fahey
8/14	
8/16	
8/16	Bailey Kislak
8/17	Adelaide Vivaldo
8/18	Tom Zoschak
8/20	David Jewett
8/22	Bob Jewett
8/22	Mary Balton
8/28	Kathleen Carroll
8/28	Tara Queen
8/29	John Garren
8/29	Savannah Wollman
8/31	Bob Brumbaugh

8/31 Sally Pohlman

May God Bless
you on your
Birthday and
throughout the
whole year!
Happy Birthday
America



## A Prayer

O Loving Creator, your image is planted in each of us. Grant that we may find a way to live in unity, discovering joy within our individual differences. May we learn to honor and share our unique identities and diverse communities.

There is much work to be done. Help us take a risk for your love's sake today, knowing that we are always safe in you. Lord in your goodness, hear our prayer which we ask in Jesus name. Amen.

## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

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



#### "Supporting Our College Students During the Pandemic"

This year, we are again planning to encourage our new and returning college students with care packages from their church family. We are attempting to do this even in this time of Pandemic. We are hopeful that by this summer we will be worshipping in the sanctuary and able to bring our donated items. From the end of August through September we will collect small packages of crackers, cookies, noodles, soup, granola, and power bars.

Look for a large container in the rear of the sanctuary for drop off. Please contact the church office with new addresses, changes, or information about whether your son or daughter will be on campus or at home. Let's work together to show our care and support as our young people further their studies and seek God's direction in their lives.

#### "New Leadership Addresses a Hunger Crisis"

At the end of June Rev. David Beckmann will retire as president of Bread for the World and the Alliance to End Hunger after nearly 30 years of leadership. In a farewell letter in the latest newsletter, he expresses his gratitude to Bread for the World members and active churches. "Together, we have had a significant impact on U.S public policies that are important to people struggling with hunger."

The board of directors has elected Rev. Eugene Cho as the new president. He was the founder of One Day's Wage, a grassroots movement of people, stories, and actions to alleviate global poverty. Also, he and his wife started Quest Church in Seattle, Washington and served as senior pastor for 18 years.

The global pandemic has created a hunger crisis. The World Food Program estimates that extreme hunger will nearly double this year.

I encourage you to visit **bread.org/COVID-19** for information and a sample letter to Congress. Bread for the World is also urging Congress to increase SNAP benefits by 15% to help hungry families in our country during this pandemic.

We are separated, but we can still use our voices as God's people to speak up for hungry people and live out the compassion of God.

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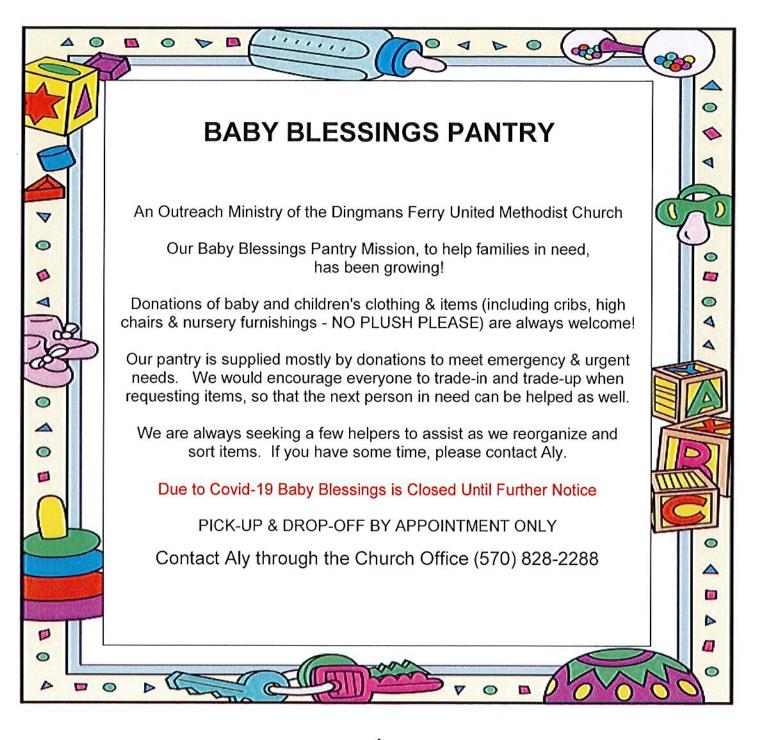


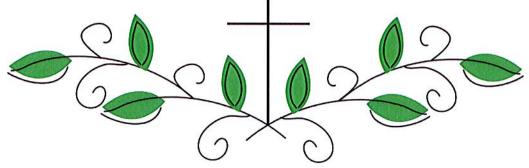
Pastor Sung uses the church **Outreach Fund** at his discretion to help folks in the community with all kinds of emergencies including, electricity, heat, medical and etc.

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 and envelope and mark it "Outreach" and we will be sure to deposit it into the

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.





## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**



# HOW TO EARN BOX TOPS MAKES IT EASY.

No more clipping. No more sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone. <u>Download</u> the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply <u>scan your store receipts</u> to find participating products. The <u>app will automatically credit your school's Box Tops earnings online</u>.

Redeem anywhere, anytime within 14 days of purchase.

Twice a year, your school will receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever it needs!

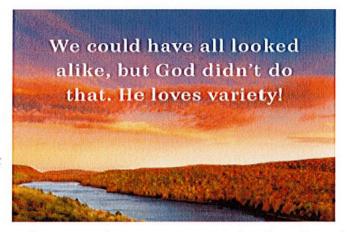
A Complete List of Participating Products
Can be Found Posted on the Church's Downstairs Bulletin Board
OR call the church Office & Linda can help you.

## A Devotional.....

## God Hates Prejudice, and We Should, Too

By Rick Warren - Evangelical Christian Preacher and author of "The Purpose Driven Life"

"The LORD our God does not tolerate perverted justice, partiality, or the taking of bribes." ~2 Chronicles 19:7 (NLT)



Our nation is desperate for healing on the topic of race. We're in a mess, and the Church can't be silent.

The Body of Christ has to talk about it, even though it's uncomfortable.

We can't ignore racism because, quite simply, God hates it. If God hates racial prejudice, then we should, too.

Why does God hate racial prejudice?

### Racial prejudice questions God's creation.

God could have made us all the same. We could have all looked alike, but God didn't do that. He loves variety!

### Racial prejudice is a sign of ignorance.

When we demonstrate prejudice, we show the world we don't know what we're talking about. We're revealing our foolishness.

The Bible says, "Anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them" ~1 John 2:11 NIV.

The Bible says if I hate someone just because that person is different, I'm in the dark — and blind. That's a pretty serious accusation from God.

### Racial prejudice disobeys the Great Commandment.

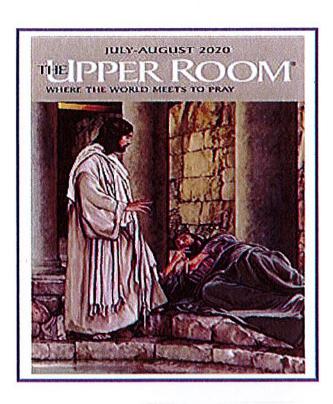
Paul says, "The entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other" ~Galatians 5:14-15 NIV.

If you display a racist attitude, you're disobeying the plain truth of this Scripture. We can't make judgments about another person based on outward appearance and truly love him or her as a brother or sister.

### Racial prejudice is a serious sin.

Prejudice makes God mad. The Bible says, "If you treat people according to their outward appearance, you are guilty of sin, and the Law condemns you as a lawbreaker" ~James 2:9 TEV. Racism is a problem of sin, not skin. One day we'll give an account for that sin before God. The important thing to remember as we search our hearts for prejudice and bigotry is that, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" ~1 John 1:9 NIV.

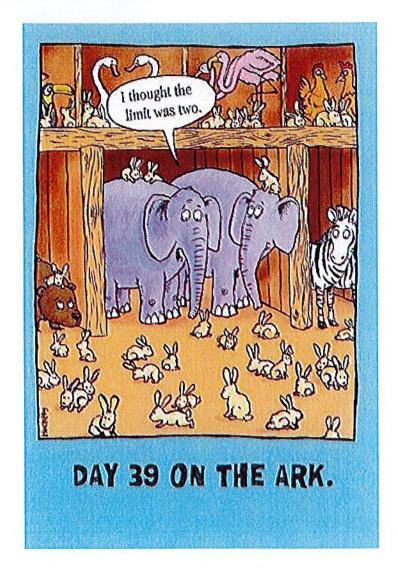
We will only eliminate prejudice as each one of our hearts is transformed by the love of God. He is willing and able to change us.



#### YOU SHOULD KNOW .....

You are welcome to drive by & pick up the July/August Upper Room publication which can be found in the plastic bin outside the front door of the church. Please use gloves when you are doing so.

You can also find the Upper Room Daily Devotionals on line at www.upperroom.org





## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 12571

## FOOD FOR FAMILIES & FRIENDS PROGRAM

## TAKE OUT DINNERS



## MUST CALL IN



## FOR RESERVATIONS

Sun., July 5 1:30-3:00

ROAST PORK DINNER



Sun., July 12 1:30-3:00

SAUSAGE & PASTA DINNER

ST. ANN'S PARKING LOT



### PLEASE CALL

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St. Ann's 570-832-4275

Angelo- 570-775-2755

Frank -347-446-9636 or text



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