

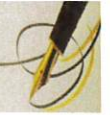


The Dingmans Ferry  
United Methodist Church  
***THE BRIDGE***  
Newsletter

May/June  
2023

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

*From the Pastor's Pen...*



Driving off of I-80, I saw the green light off and the red light on. I thought to myself...Ugh, I should have speeded up. I asked Heejung, sitting behind with Phoebe, "Do you remember that our car started to have a problem right here?" Waiting for the green light, we recalled the time that our car didn't accelerate, and we agreed how thankful we were for the warranty.

When the light turned green, I stepped on the gas pedal, but I couldn't believe that the car did not move again! "You're kidding! Aren't you?" said Heejung....No, I wasn't.

I was surprised that the car started the same problem again at the same spot. And such a surprising experience made me think of our human life with a series of troubles in the same spot. We have repeatedly seen and heard news of people having a same trouble again and again at the same spot, such as sickness, unemployment, poverty, social conflicts, wars, and sin.

As Christians who trust in God, however, we have a greater surprise. It is restoration by the grace of God! Even if our situations do not change, we will have been changed by the restoring work of God! The life restored by God will keep the faith!

The faith that we have in God is the evidence that we are able to find joy, comfort, and peace in relationship with God and God's people, and we are able to bear and share the fruits of the Holy Spirit with people around us.

We will begin the first Sunday of May with the Holy Communion and anointing oil. Let us take these not only as the sign of God's gracious work of restoration, but also as the sign of our determination to keep the faith to produce the fruits of restoration!

Servant of God and God's people,

~Sung



**Season  
of  
Pentecost**





The Old Zimmerman Farm House · Dingmans Ferry PA

## May & June Lectionary Readings

5/7 Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Mother's  
Day

5/14 Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

5/21 Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

Pentecost



5/28 Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104: 24-35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13;  
John 7:37-39

6/4 Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13;  
Matthew 28:16-20

6/ 11 Genesis 12:19; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25;  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Father's  
Day

6/18 Genesis 1-15; Psalm 116:1-2. 12-19; Romans 5:1-8;  
Matthew 9:35-10:8-23

6/25 Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86, 1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11;  
Matthew 10:24-39

7/2 Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42





The Little Church In The Woods Presents



Saturday

May 13<sup>th</sup>

TWO  
GREAT  
EVENTS

11 am - 2 pm



# An Afternoon Tea

Your donation of \$12. per person includes a light luncheon and dessert.  
RSVP by calling the church (570) 828-2288 -Your call will be returned.  
Walk-ins welcome, too!



Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church

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

Call with any questions, 570-828-2288.

9 am - 2 pm

# Mother's Day



Proceeds Support VBS

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# FREE LONDON BROIL BARBECUE

Saturday  
May 20th

4 - 6 PM



This Month's Sponsor:

The Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church

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.

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

Presents.....

# Kinder-Camp

Outdoor Fun Games Crafts Music

Offered to Children • Age 3 through 10

4 WEEKS: JUNE 26th ~ JULY 20th

Monday's, Tuesday's & Thursday's  
9AM - 2:30PM

Description.....

A thematic & educational  
day-camp experience designed  
for young learners.

Janette Kislak, Director

Registration Now Open!  
Full Payment Due by June 1st

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023 FRUITFUL LIFE!



Scan QR code  
to register!

Three Wednesdays!  
June 28th, July 12th and 19th  
9am-12pm at Dingmans Ferry UMC  
115 Myck Rd.  
until it is full or June 20th

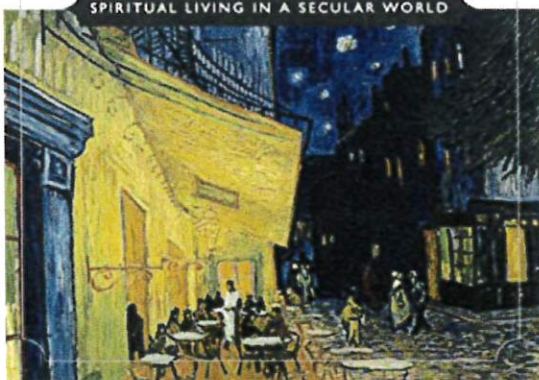


**DFUMC Men's Group  
will meet May 21st  
after the 10am service**



HENRI J. M.  
NOUWEN

Life of the Beloved



DFUMC'S FUTURE  
SMALL GROUP  
LEADERS' MEETING

**MAY 22ND (MON), 2023 6PM**

Things  
are  
Happening!



*Once again, we have lots of people to thank!*

**WOW!! THANK YOU** to all who gave so lovingly to UMCOR Earthquake Relief. Over \$385. was sent in on behalf of DFUMC!

**THANK YOU** to Rich & Elaine Cooper for purchasing the new dessert plates for coffee Hour !!!

**THANK YOU** Elaine Cooper and Olivia Harrington for heading up the Diaper Drive to support our Baby Blessings Ministry!

**THANK YOU** to those who came out to help with the Spring Clothing Giveaway, and to those who supported, too!

**THANK YOU** to all who provided food & drinks for the † Holy Thursday Supper.

**THANK YOU** to Jerry & Danny for preparing the Prayer Grove for Easter Sunrise Service!

**HALLELUJIA! & THANKS** to Eleanor Hutter & all of our Chocolate Easter Egg Makers AND, of course, to all who supported this Spring Fundraiser. \$2,004. was raised for church ministries!!

**THANKS** to our April London Broil staff!! Good Fun & Good Job!

**THANK YOU** Scott Knapp and Elise McGaughran for treating the congregation to delicious fellowship breakfasts on the first Sunday of every month!!

**AND...THANKS** to all of you who continue to sign-up to make our Sunday morning Fellowship Coffee Hours so scrumptious!!

**CONTINUED THANKS** to our Sunday School Teachers and our Tree of Life Staff for sharing their dedication, passion and love with God's children.

# CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS.....



## MAY & JUNE Birthdays

5/3	Elise McGaughran	6/2	Carol Schneider
5/4	Janette Kislak	6/5	Art Hnida
5/5	Eric Kislak	6/6	Linda Davis
5/6	David Cowan Jr.	6/8	Jill Odynsky
5/7	Kathy Chambers	6/11	Brody O'Brien
5/13	Rick Vodilko	6/11	Laura Jewett
5/14	Marrienne Stevens	6/14	Marilee Scroggs
5/15	Avia Kleso *	6/15	Danny Balton
5/22	Jacob Solch	6/20	Mirian Hinds
5/26	Jennifer Stangl	6/24	Felicia Pepe
5/27	Gwen Harrington *	6/28	Caren Shimanski
		6/30	Benjamin Joseph

**May God bless you on your birthday  
and throughout the whole year!**

***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.**

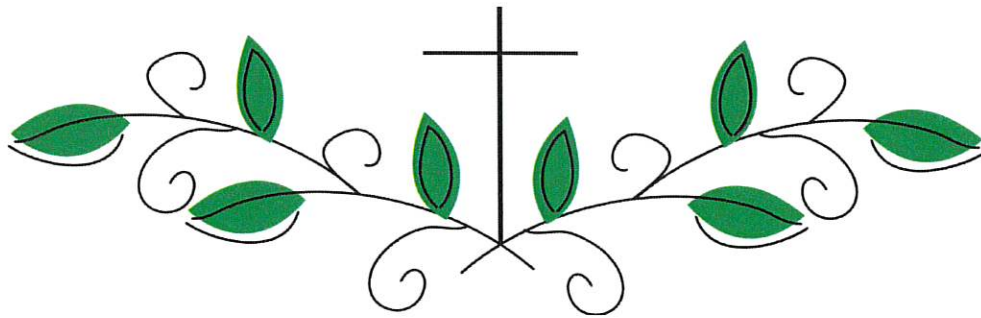
***Clean-up: Many hands make light work!***  
**Please see the sign-up on the table in the sanctuary. Thank you in advance!**



# Servants

## GREETER/USHER SCHEDULE:

5/7	Linda Rutledge
5/14	Marilyn Chasar
5/21	Chad Feakins
5/28	Rich Cooper
6/4	Linda Schierloh
6/11	Sally Pohlman
6/18	Carol Birtner
6/25	Scott Knapp
7/2	Linda Rutledge



**Invite** **TODAY**  
**Someone**  
**to Church**  
Family, Friends, Neighbors, Co-workers\*



## ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Ad Board meetings are usually held bi-monthly.  
The next Ad Board Meeting: **June 19th at 6:30PM**



### Ad Board Members 2023

Pastor: Sungduk Kim

Ad Council Chairperson - Donna Frable

Ad Council Secretary - Linda Rutledge

Church Secretary - Linda Rutledge

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 - John Solch

Worship Chairperson - Doris Hnida

Organist: Chris Bradley

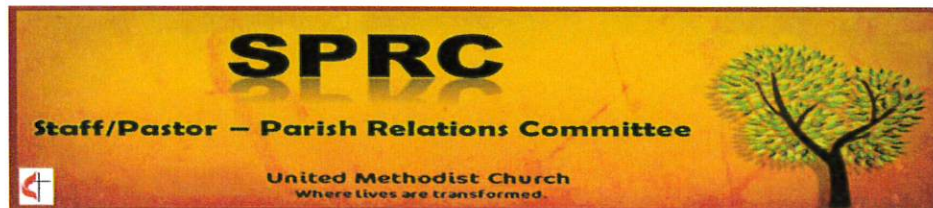
Sunday School - Olivia Harrington

Missions Chairperson - Aly Solch

UMW - Jill Mann & Linda Rutledge

UMM - Seth Natter

Communications-Jim Bois, Tom Hahn, Linda Rutledge



The Next SPRC meeting TBA

Those serving on the SPRC for 2023 are:  
Tom Hahn, Susan Ridyard, Olivia Harrington,  
Carol Magazino, 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 2023:  
Pastor Sung, Carol Birtner, Mary Balton, Donna Frable,  
Susan Dennison, Darlene Mihiel, Dave Cowan



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

Those serving as Trustees for 2022 are:  
Rob Balton, Tom Hickey, Matthew Edgell,  
John Solch, David Ridyard and Seth Natter

Information From Your DFUMC  
Finance Committee.....

## WHAT'S AN SME?

# SME

SME's or "Shared Ministry Expenses" are funds designated to support the worldwide ministries of the United Methodist Church.

There are 7 funds, all of which assist in our goal of bringing people closer to Jesus Christ, making disciples and spreading the love of our Lord.

Every United Methodist Church is billed for these expenses--no different than the other bills we receive such as utilities, fuel, etc. Most church's pay their SME's in full, however, we struggle continually to meet that goal.

Please pray for our ability to meet this expense again in 2023. If you would like to make weekly, quarterly or perhaps a one-time annual donation, you can simply drop it into the offering plate or mail it to the church.

For your convenience you can pick up an envelope from the table in the sanctuary marked "Shared Ministry Expenses".  
P.S. Your church financial record will reflect your donation.



# Church Adopts-a-Bill Opportunities

Here is yet another way that you can support your  
Dingmans Ferry UMC ministries!

Just as our monthly bills at home continue to climb, so have our church's monthly expenses. As you can imagine, it is getting harder to meet these bills. Therefore, if you are able and would like to help, the Finance Committee has provided a list of some of the church's monthly bills. If you would like to make a monthly, quarterly or a one-time annual donation toward any of these bills, you can simply place your check made out to DFUMC with a note on the memo line designating your wish. Drop it into the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to the church.

If you are unable to help pay a bill, any amount is very much appreciated. Even a small amount is helpful!  
P.S. Your church financial record will reflect your donation.

### **Church**

Electric \$350.  
Fuel \$752.  
Phone/Internet \$150.  
Trash \$513  
Copier Lease \$300.  
Copier Supplies \$75.  
Snowplow/Lawn Maint. \$400.  
Janitorial/Paper Supplies \$300.  
Pest Control \$110.  
Property Insurance \$430.

### **Parsonage**

Electric \$300.  
Fuel \$375.  
Cable \$71.

### **Pastor Support**

Clergy Retirement \$650.  
Pastor's Pension \$150.  
Voucher Expense \$100.  
Health Insurance \$1,700

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

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



## A Voice for Hungry People

The Farm Bill impacts hungry people here and around the world. This year the Farm Bill needs to be reauthorized by the end of September. Nearly three-fourths of the bill's funding supports nutrition programs in our country and abroad. The Farm Bill affects funding for international programs such as Food for Peace and domestic programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

On May 7th we will participate in Bread for the World's 2023 Offering of Letters which centers on improvements in the Farm Bill to reduce hunger. Our members of Congress need to know we care about helping hungry people. Letters will be ready to sign during Fellowship Coffee Hour for all who wish to participate,

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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 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.

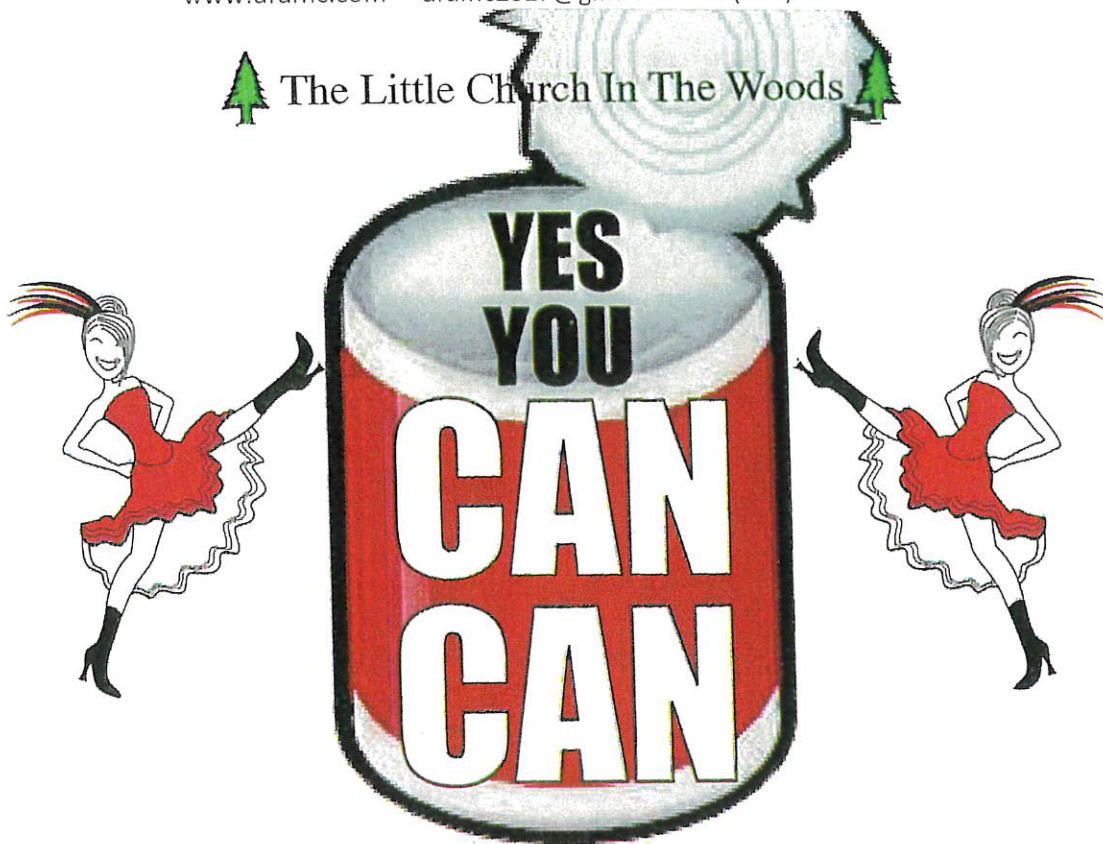




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## **The First Sunday Of Every Month Is FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY**

**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!**

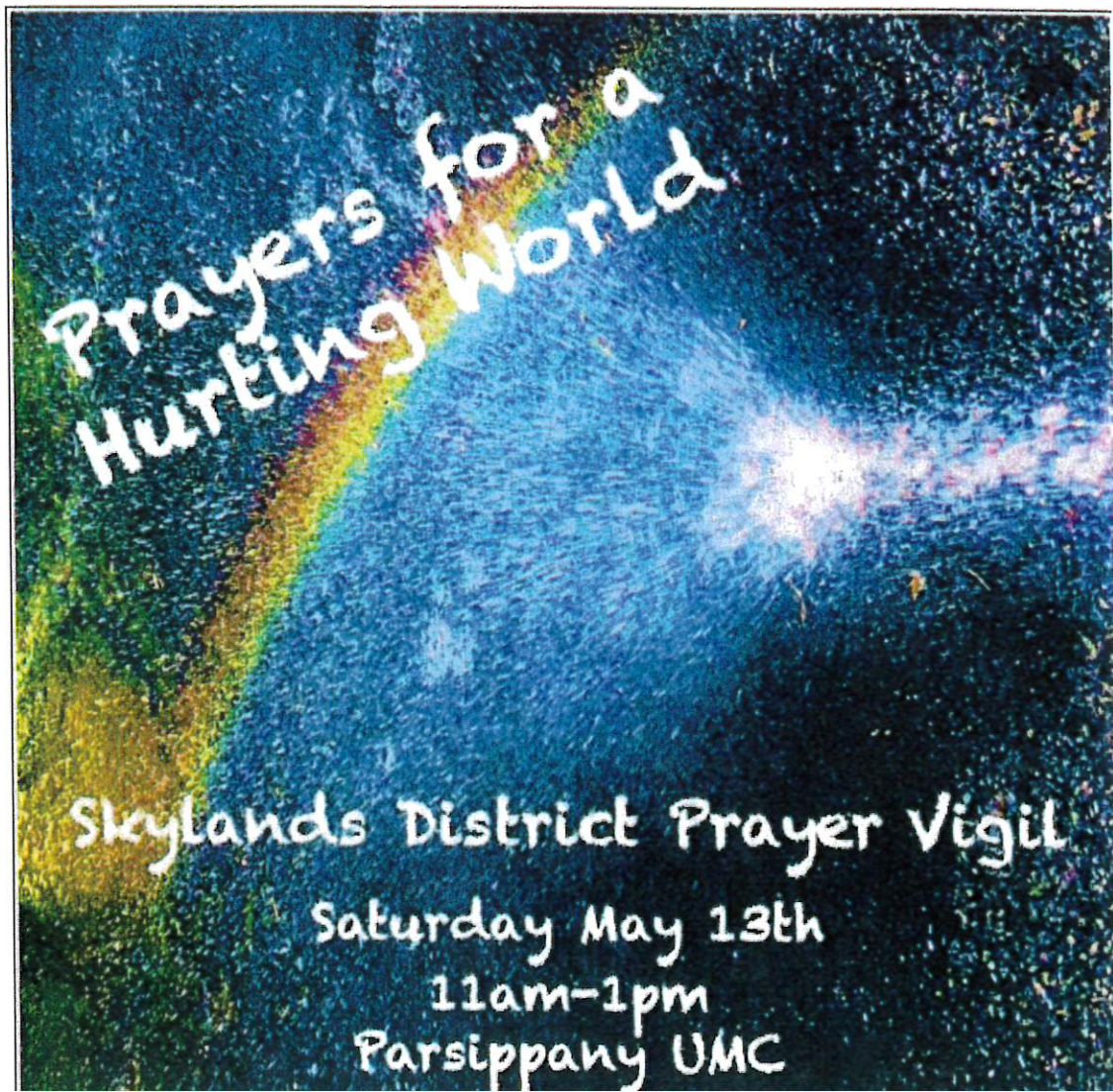


## Welcome New Members

*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!**



Prayers for a  
Hurting World

Skylands District Prayer Vigil

Saturday May 13th

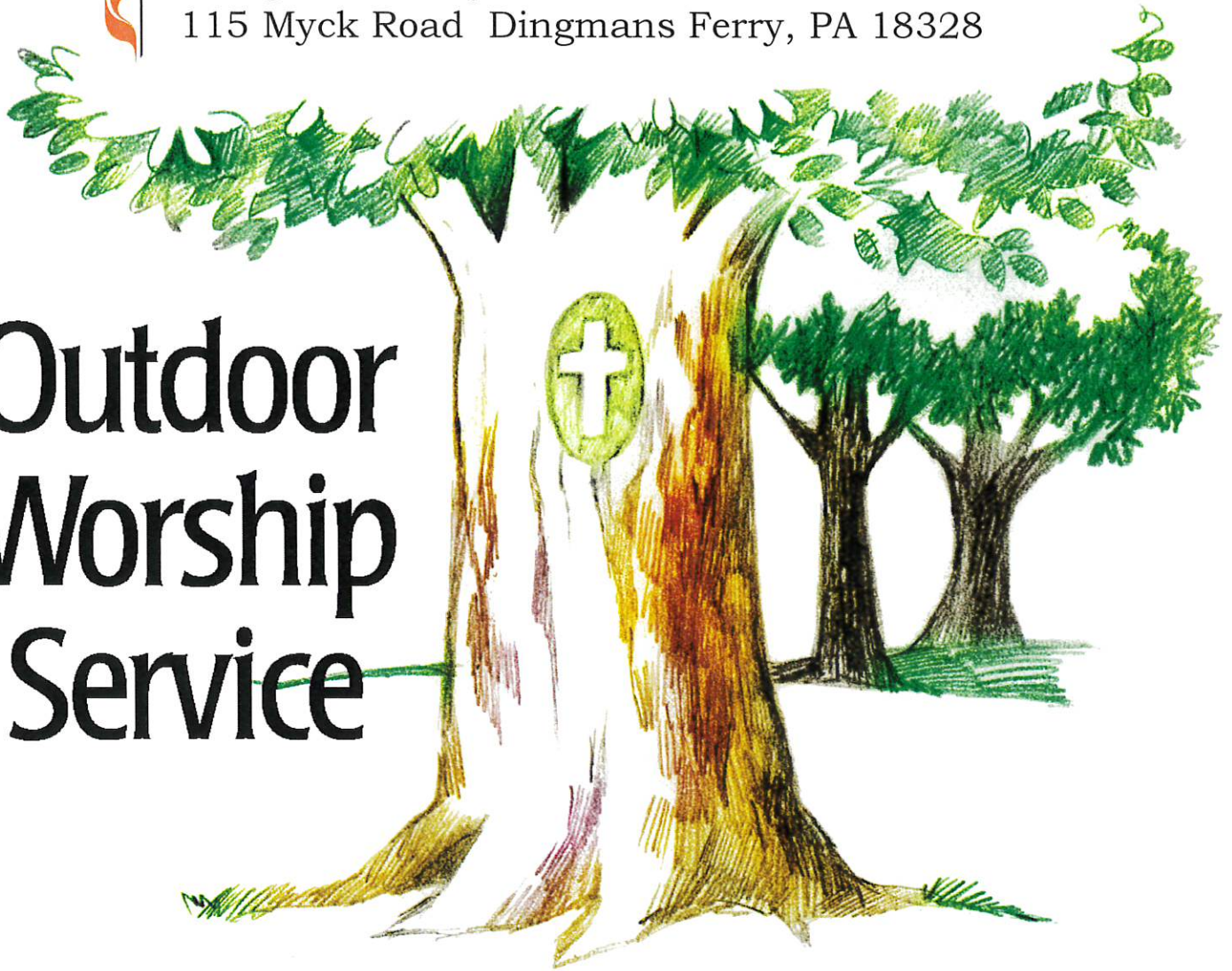
11am-1pm

Parsippany UMC



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# Outdoor Worship Service



**Join Us!**

**June 25th • 10AM**

**Bring: Lawn Chair/Blanket**

# 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. **NEXT MEETING: MAY 21ST**



## EMMAUS MOMENTS \*

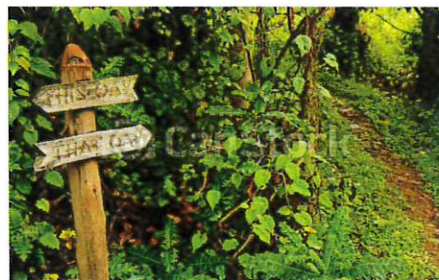
### *Turning Points of Trust and Faith*

*J. Schierloh*

*April 23, 2023*

*Walk the Walk*, Talk the Talk, and share a Broken-Breaded Meal  
with one who's **Stranger**, whom you meet along some Random Road,  
and you may find, as witness to your strangely Lightened Load  
of Worries and Remorse, a **Savior** in your midst revealed!

*Emmaus* can be any walking Destination's Place,  
where, suddenly, through conversation, Words conveyed,  
a Resurrected Ray of Light's revealed, with Fears allayed,  
as if you'd seen, with Certitude, the **Savior's** Actual Face!

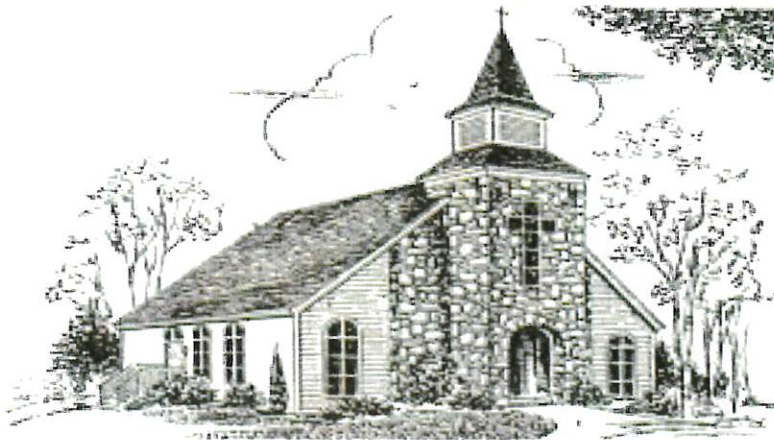


*A Walk* that may, at first, seem 'Nowhere' bound  
may introduce you to some Soul with whom you Break some Bread.  
But, on the Journey that seemed pointless, there, instead,  
the Hope you thought you'd lost was, suddenly,  
a *Turning Point* upon that Pathway Found!

*The Resurrected Christ* chose only to reveal  
His mortal Countenance to just a Chosen Few.  
But His intention is, *Eternally*, to Bless, Imbue  
His Boundless Love toward **All** on Paths or Roads of Life  
where Trust in Him will *Never, Ever, be concealed!*

\* This verse was wrought from an Inspirational Sermon Message titled, '*The Turning Point,*'  
by Pastor Sungduk Kim, at Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church on April 23, 2023.





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Bible Study † Prayer Meeting † Baby Blessings Pantry  
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**[www.dfumc.com](http://www.dfumc.com)**

**We're on Facebook too!**

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

Online donation/giving is also available

See Our Church App

<https://easytithe.ministryone.com/landing/VWLE>

