

The Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church THE BRIDGE

Newsletter

March/April 2024

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

From the Pastor's Pen...



I pray that all of you had a great start to 2024 and that you will continue to have great months ahead.

Dingmans Ferry UMC started 2024 with your generosity. So, I would love to say, once again, thank you so much for the support you always give to our ministry!

What is generosity? Generosity is the foundation to sustain a life, many lives, all of creation.

Did you know that all creation came out of divine generosity? The psalmist in Psalm 104:10-15 declares, "God makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains. They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. The birds of the air nest by the waters; they sing among the branches. He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work. He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate – bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart."

Did you know that God's generosity continues for us through the Incarnation of Jesus Christ and through his crucifixion and resurrection? The bible declares, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) and "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? "(Romans 8:32)

And did you know that God also wants all of us to be generous? The bible says, "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work... You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." (2 Corinthians 9:8, 11)

We have been sustained on the foundation of God's generosity through creation, incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection. And now, God wants God's children to join God's generous mission!

Easter Sunday is not just a celebration but the participation for us to join the generous life to sustain many lives!

- March 24th Palm Sunday Worship Service † DFUMC Sanctuary 10AM
 - March 28th <u>Ecumenical Holy Thursday Worship Service</u>
 Held at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 5PM
 Potluck Supper follows the Service
 - March 29th <u>Ecumenical Good Friday Worship Service</u> Held at DFUMC at 6PM
 - March 31st Easter Sunrise Service † DFUMC Prayer Grove 7:30AM
- March 31st <u>Easter Sunday Worship Service</u> † DFUMC Sanctuary 10AM <u>Easter Egg Hunt & Fellowship Gathering</u> Follows the 10AM Service

Servant of God and God's people, ~Sung



March & April Lectionary Readings

- 3/3 Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22 Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; 3/10 John 3:14-21 3/17 Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:2-33 Palm 3/24 Isaiah 50:4-9, Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Sunday Mark 11:1-11 3/31 Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Easter Sunday I Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8 4/7 Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; I John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31
 - 4/14 Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; I John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48
 - 4/21 Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; I John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18
 - 4/28 Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; I John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8
 - 5/5 Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98, I John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17





CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

For The Benefit Of Our Community

SATURDAY • MARCH 2nd • 9am - 1Pm SORRY NO EARLY BIRDS

Good . Clean . Used Clothing/Shoes

Mens . Womens . Childrens . Infants

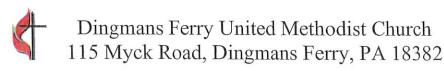
* FREE OF CHARGE *

In the Fellowship Hall

Donations of CLEAN clothes in GOOD condition will be accepted February 25th - March 1st Drop off at the back red doors.



Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church is at 115 Myck Road off Park Road...behind Childs Park Call with Questions (570) 828-2288



HERE THEY COME..... ORDER YOUR HOMEMADE EASTER EGGS



TODAY!

\$10. Dozen \$5. Half Dozen \$1. Each

Choose Your Favorites

- Peanut Butter Milk Chocolate
- Peanut Butter Dark Chocolate
 - Coconut Milk Chocolate
 - Coconut Dark Chocolate

Put Something Special in Your Easter Basket!!

To Place an Order: Use Order Form OR Call Church Office (570) 828-2288 For Online Order Forms Visit: www.dfumc.com

This is a Church Fundraiser.

All Proceeds go to the Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church Ministries.



Reminder....

Daylight Savings
Time Begins on

March 10th

Become the Change!



United Women's Fellowship

Spring Luncheon

All women of the church are invited to a Ladies Luncheon on April 14th.

The Luncheon will follow our Sunday Morning Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign-up to attend and to bring something for the food table.



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(For more information, visit dfumc.com or call 570-828-2288)









Things are Happening!



ONCE MORE....THANK YOU

To My Dear DFUMC Brothers and Sisters,

I just can't thank you enough for throwing me such a memorable retirement party! I loved the decorations, the food, the cakes, your kind words, and all the VERY generous gifts!! That was one heck of a party and I still can't believe it was for me!! You are AWESOME and I love each and every one of you! You have always been so supportive, kind, and generous to me during these many years. It has been a pleasure and honor for me to serve you and our ministry here in Dingmans Ferry.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am surely blessed! Love, Linda, DFUMC Church Secretary *Toot-a-loo!*

BIG THANK YOU to all the chocolate "Egg Makers" who diligently worked for days turning out wonderful confections for our Easter Fundraiser. Special thanks to Eleanor Hutter who organized everything, and to all of you who supported and continue to support by purchasing our yummy Chocolate Easter Eggs!! Our Volunteers: Sally & Gary, Carol & John, Rob & Mary, Artie & Carol, Hope, Jill, Donna, Danny, Karen, Phyllis, Huijeong, Darlene, Irene & Marilyn.

THANK YOU Danny Rutledge for dismantling/disposing of the old piano.

THANKS to Hope Blauvelt for helping Linda to make the Blood Drive fun & successful.

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

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

March and April Birthdays

		4/1	April Cielinski	
3/7	Judy Smith	4/3	Danny Rutledge	HAPPY
3/8	David Ridyard	4/6	Layla Daskus	DIDTINAY
3/9	Olivia Harrington	4/7	Greyson Shelton	BIRTHDAY
3/11	Karl Van Duzer	4/8	Donna Lewin	TO SERVICE OF
3/13	Benjamin Arnold	4/8	Norah Stangl	
3/16	Abigail Arnold	4/11	Michael Campanile	Jr.
3/18	Gayla Garren	4/13	Michael Campanile	
3/19	Joanna Garerra	4/15	Doris Hnida	W 0 101
3/19	Seth Natter	4/20	Faith Joseph	May God Bless
3/26	Kamren Jones	4/22	Barrie Smith	You on Your
3/27	Karen Van Duzer	4/26	Deborah Kim	Birthday and
3/28	Jill Mann	4/28	Jerry Schierloh	Throughout
and the second second	Carol Magazino	4/28	Caroline Woska	the Whole
3/30	Tom Bradley			Year!

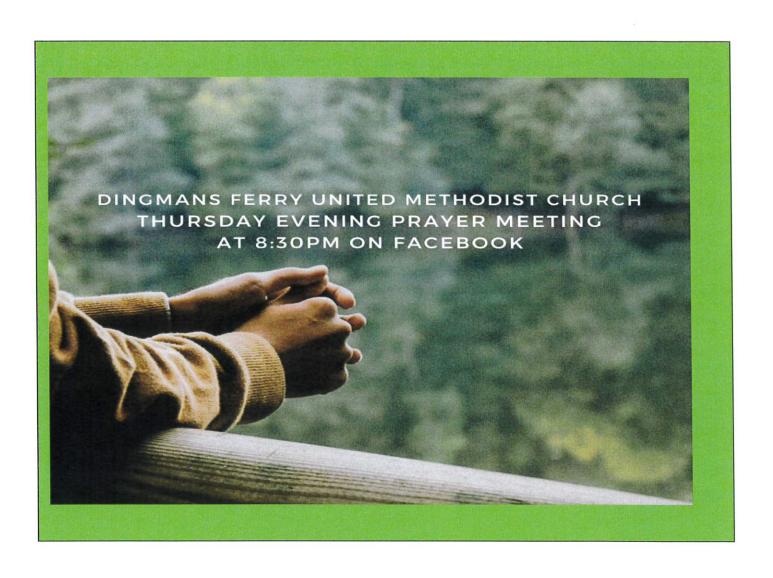
PLEASE SIGN -UP



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!







Friday March 15th 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
ONLY \$20 Per Person*
Dinner Includes: Fish Filet, French Fries, Cole Slaw
Green Beans, Applesauce, Dessert and a Beverage

Kids12/Under only \$10. 5/under FREE!!

For Advance Tickets Call: 570-828-2288 Leave a Message.

Seating is Limited but Walk-ins are Welcome.

Take-Out Available!

A Joint Fundraiser For DFUMC & The DF Lions Club

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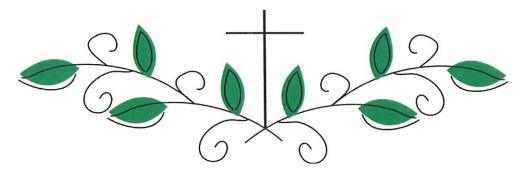
115 Myck Road Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328



GREETER/USHER SCHEDULE:

Linda Rutledge
Marilyn Chasar
Chad Feakins
Rich Cooper
Linda Schierloh
Carol Magazino
Sally Pohlman
Carol Birtner
Scott Knapp
Linda Rutledge







Friends · Family · Neighbors · Co-workers

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Ad Board meetings are usually held bi-monthly. The next Ad Board Meeting: **March 18th 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 TBA

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



FINANCE COMMITTEE

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PLACE YOUR 2024 PLEDGE CARDS INTO THE OFFERING PLATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. OUR CHURCH BUDGET IS BASED ON YOUR PLEDGE.

The following persons are serving on the Finance Committee for 2024:
Pastor Sung, Carol Birtner, Mary Balton, Donna Frable,
Susan Dennison, Darlene Mihiel, Dave Cowan



Trustee Meetings are held bi-monthly.

The next Trustee TBA

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

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

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



Our Voice Needed Again

The farm bill is our nation's most important national food system legislation. The last session of Congress failed to vote on the farm bill which must be reauthorized. Bread for the World is taking the unprecedented step of asking churches to write to our members of Congress about the farm bill again.

In our country 41 million persons, mothers, children, and seniors, rely on SNAP. In 2022, \$2.6 billion from the Food for Peace program helped women and children in 31 countries. These vital programs need funding.

Bread for the World is asking churches to speak up early in the year because Congress is expected to take up the farm bill soon. Our Offering of Letters will be on March 17 after worship. Once again we can be a voice for hungry people and act on our faith.

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Souper Bowl of Caring 2024

In our Souper Bowl of Caring this year, we collected \$225 for the Pastor's Outreach Fund and gave multiple items to the food pantry. Many of the items will help them in their "paper drive" this month. Praise God for your participation and your faithfulness.



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 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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Please Join Us!

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

March 27th and April 24th

Delaware Valley Personal Care Center 2PM

March 13th and April 10th

Milford Rehab 2PM

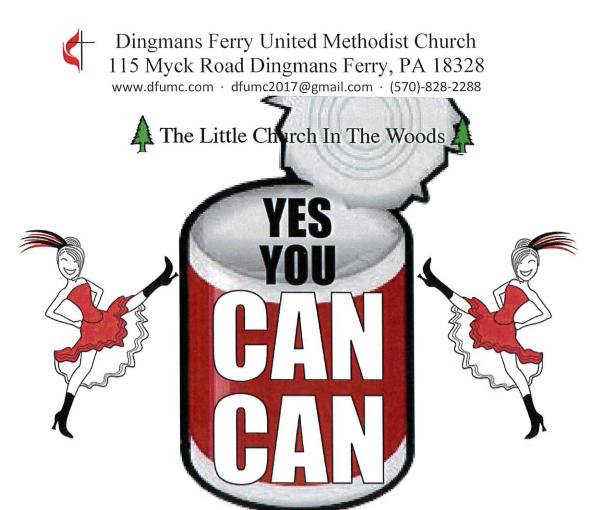
March 20th and April 17th

At this time <u>only vaccinated people</u> are allowed into the Senior Care Centers. (Masks are required.)

We invite and encourage you to please join us!

If you have any questions....

Call/See Pastor Sung (570) 828-2288.



The First Sunday Of Every Month Is FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

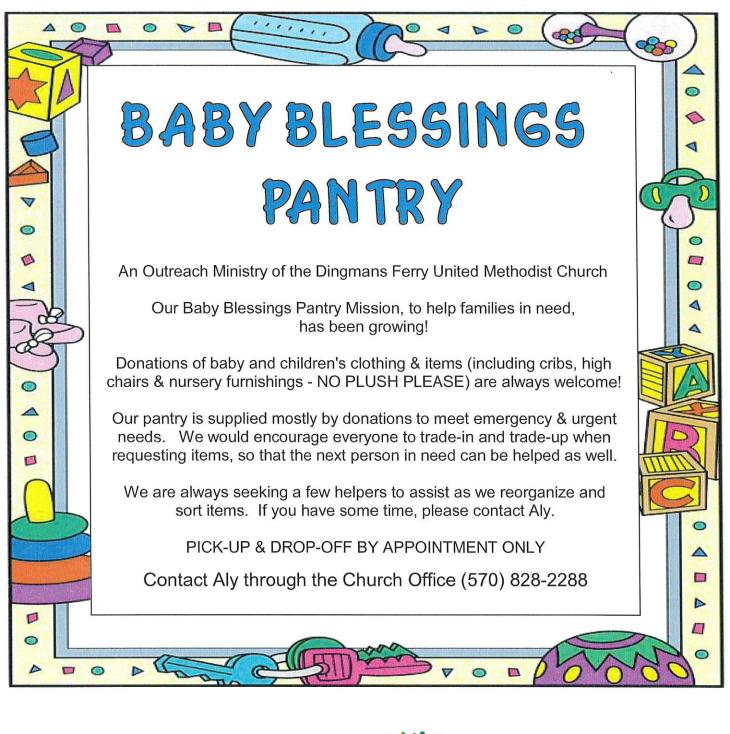
There will be a box on the altar for your donations of: Canned Goods: Soups, Vegetables, Beans, Tuna Fish, etc. Jarred Food: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mayo, Mustard, etc.

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!





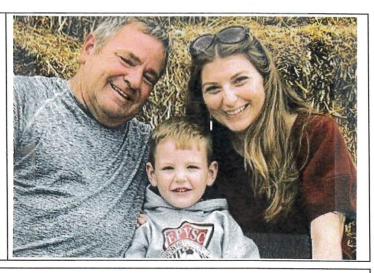
FREE LONDON BROIL BARBECUE Saturday April 20th Join Us!

Our Playground Is Available For Kids Of All Ages To Play

Donations Gladly Accepted For Our Baby Blessings Ministry

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Meet the Freeland Family....

William and Destiny Freeland have been members of our little church in the woods since August of 2023.

The two met through family friends and have lived in Dingmans Ferry for 3 years.

Destiny has a wonderful little boy, Archer, who is a member of our Sunday School and our Tree of Life Preschool. Bill has 3 grown boys and 5 grandchildren. They have 2 German shepherds and 2 calico cats.

They were motivated to visit our church to give Archer a Christian foundation and found us to be a "small, unique, church that is like a second home and where we all care for one another; and where no one is left out or untouched by the love of God."

When not at work as a Construction Supervisor/Operating Engineer, Bill can be found hiking, hunting, or riding his motorcycle.

Destiny was recently employed as a Direct Care Worker for Aveanna Healthcare and is currently attending college working toward her bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration.

The Freeland's share a love of exploring historical or abandoned places, and enjoying adventures through cities. A game they call "Design a Day" begins by choosing an area to explore, then they spend all day finding things to do without any specific plan. Sometimes they play a game where they exit their driveway and someone will say "left" or "right" or "straight" and they keep saying a direction until someone says "stop!" then they get out and explore wherever they end up. ---It's sounds like a lot of fun!

Destiny's favorite song is "Rocky" Raccoon" but anything by the Beatles will get her up dancing. Bill likes "Mountain Jam" by the Allman Brothers and will most likely not be dancing in front of anyone—so don't ask him.

You can usually find them on Sunday morning sitting in the last pew, so stop by and say hello next Sunday!



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

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

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