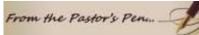


The Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church

THE BRIDGE

Newsletter

September / October 2025



Recently, I had the opportunity to spend some time deep cleaning the carpets in our Sunday School and Tree of Life classrooms. It was quite a task! Hours were spent scrubbing, steaming, and extracting years of accumulated dirt and spills left by countless little feet, lively games, and creative messes. While it was satisfying to watch the murky water being pulled from the fibers, I still wasn't completely satisfied, because I knew I couldn't make the carpets brand new again.

As I worked, a thought kept coming to mind: how much this process parallels our own spiritual lives. We often try our best to "clean up" ourselves. We strive to be better people, to control our tempers, to speak more kindly, to volunteer more, to pray more consistently, and to free ourselves from the dark past. We make New Year's resolutions, set personal goals, and work diligently to remove the "stains" from our behavior and character. Just like the carpets, our efforts seem to make a difference, but no matter how much effort we put, we can never reach every single particle of dirt, every deeply embedded stain in our lives. There's always something left behind—something that only a professional, industrial-grade process can truly remove.

All our human efforts, all our striving and good intentions, can never make us truly, completely clean. We might scrub away the surface dirt, but the deeper stains remain. That's where Jesus comes in. He offers a profound and complete cleansing that goes far beyond anything we could ever achieve on our own.

The Bible tells us in Titus 3:5: "God saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."

It's a beautiful truth. It's not about how hard we scrub, but about accepting the complete purification offered by God. God doesn't just clean the surface; God deeply and completely cleanses us from our sin, pain, and shame. So, as you see our refreshed classroom carpets, let them be a gentle reminder of the deeper, more profound cleansing that only God can provide for our hearts and souls.

Servant of God and God's people, Sung

Lectionary Reading of September and October 2025

September 7
Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

September 14

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm 103:1-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

September 21

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

September 28

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

October 5

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

October 12

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

October 19

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm 96:1-9

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

October 26

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

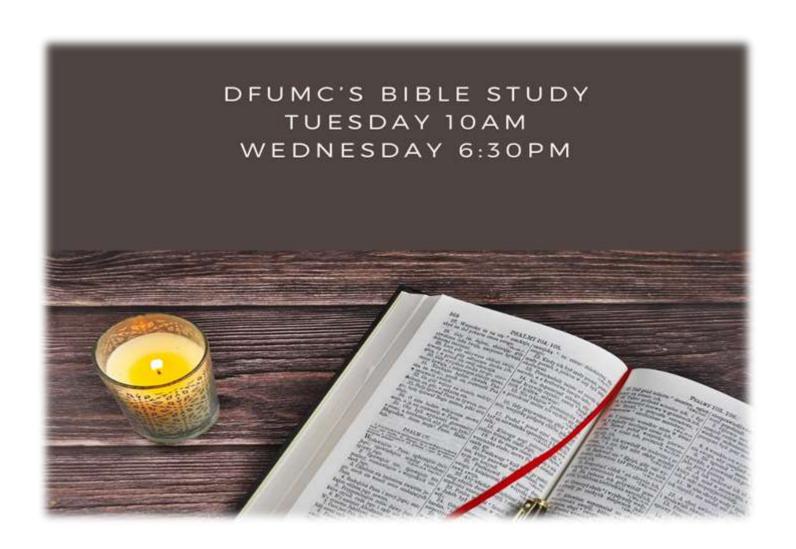
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

If you need daily readings, please visit the link below.

(You can click the link, if you see it on your computer or smart phone)

https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/







London Broil Community Dinner
September 20th & October 18th (Sat) 4-6Pm
All are welcome!
Dingmans Ferry UMC



We are so excited to welcome our children back to Sunday School,
beginning Sunday, September 7th!
Following the children's message in the service,
kids will be invited to a time of learning and fellowship for them.
To help everyone get the most out of their experience,
we have two classes with age-appropriate stories, crafts, and activities.
We are incredibly grateful for our dedicated teachers
and can't wait to see our children grow in faith this year.
God bless them all!

September and October Birthdays

September

- 9/2: Kristen Campanile
- 9/3: Gideon Higgins
- 9/4: Justin Riccardi
- 9/6: Hannah Solch
- 9/6: Malcolm Leo Hartman
- 9/7: Linda Rutledge
- 9/7: Matthew Cielinski
- 9/8: Cecelia Szmetema
- 9/11: Billy Joe Garerra
- 9/12: Ivy Quinlan *
- 9/12: Elaina Staiano
- 9/12: Len Van Orden
- 9/13: Kathi White
- 9/14: Emily Solch*
- 9/15: Madilyn Rose Stevens
- 9/15: Melissa Joseph
- 9/17: Pastor Rich Cooper
- 9/18: Maeve Higgins
- 9/21: Aubrey Vivaldo *
- 9/25: Kurt Mihiel
- 9/25: Scott McGowan
- 9/26: Clare Kim *
- 9/28: Malaki Nellums
- 9/30: Allison Walker

October

- 10/2: Seth Garerra
- 10/2: Meg Garerra
- 10/2: Phyllis Delaney
- 10/4: Dylan Campanile
- 10/8: Kim Mihiel
- 10/10: Kristen Jones
- 10/12: Nicole Daskus
- 10/14: Tom Hickey
- 10/14: Kelly Macksoud
- 10/16: Fran Myck
- 10/18: Scott Knapp
- 10/21: Kate Garerra
- 10/21: Joseph Arnold
- 10/23: Carleahna Manuel-Seabrooks
- 10/25: Ada Mannino
- 10/30: Art Birtner



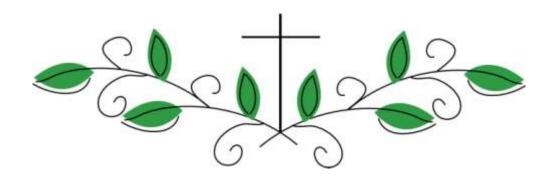




GREETER/USHER SCHEDULE:

9/7 Scott Knapp 9/14 Linda Rutledge 9/21 Marilyn Chasar 9/28 Linda Shierloh 10/5 Carol Magazino 10/12 Sally Pohlman 10/19 Carol Birtner 10/26 Scott Knapp







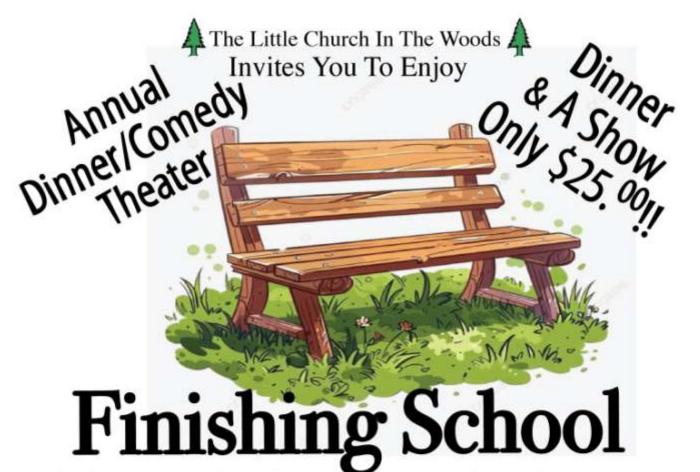
Without your generosity, we can't make it.

Bills not paid yet from 2023 \$ 4,067.44 GNJ's Shared Ministry of 2025 \$ 10,919.00

Would you love to give now? Scan the QR Code.







A Heartwarming Comedy About Life's Second Act
by Elaine Liner

Two Great Nights • Friday & Saturday
September 26th & 27th 7:00 PM

Special Matinee Performance
Saturday Sept. 27th 1:00 PM

Produced by arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company, Inc.

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.

Coffee Hour Help Needed

Set up:

Set up 8-10 tables with 8 chairs.

Food table in middle; plates, napkins, plastic forks.

Cover tables with plastic cloths.

Place mugs on cart.

Prepare coffee urn, coffee pot & tea water, placing them on side table.

Time Commitment: about half an hour before worship.

Food Donations:

Prepare food (baked, nonbaked, whatever)

Plug in coffee, decaf and hot water pots before worship

Set out food as last song begins



Clean-up:

Collect used mugs, dishes,

Wash dishes by using dishwasher

Dry mugs placing them in hall closet.

Sign up on table in back



"A Church in Mission"

We have delivered 56 backpacks and school supplies to the Dingmans-Delaware Primary School. We were joined in this outreach by the staff and clients at Buzz-Cutz. Again, Donna Frable was our contact with the school given her years of service there. God bless your faithful participation that helped this mission outreach happen.

In the fall we will have a special outreach to the food pantry. With rising food prices, more people could be turning to the pantry for help. Watch for a list in the bulletin of items needed at the pantry. May we continue to be a church in mission for our neighbors and a voice for people in need around the world.

Elaine Cooper, Mission Committee



DINGMANS FERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

115 MYCK ROAD

CAR/CRAFT SHOW!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025 10AM-2PM (RAINDATE OCTOBER 11)

FOOD, DRINK & MUSIC



CAR SHOW

Registration fee \$25

early registration by sep 1 \$20
Trophies awarded in
people's choice
oldest car
longest distance travelled
and many more!

CRAFT SHOW

Want to sell some goods?
Rent a 10x10 space
& bring your own table.
Vendor fee \$25
early reservation by sep 1 \$20

Call today 570-828-2288

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 talk to pastor Sung!

<u>Worship Committee:</u> Please fill out the survey on the back table at the sanctuary to be the Greeter, Scripture Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Prayer Leader, etc.

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

<u>Trustee Committee:</u> 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.)

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

<u>Fundraiser and Communication:</u> Assist chairpersons of committees as needed, Prepare and Put Street Signs Out, Help with Event Set-up/Clean-up.

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

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

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. 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 \$450. Checks should be made out to "DFUMC" and "London Broil"

Sponsor" should be noted on the memo line.



-DFUMC Mission Committee



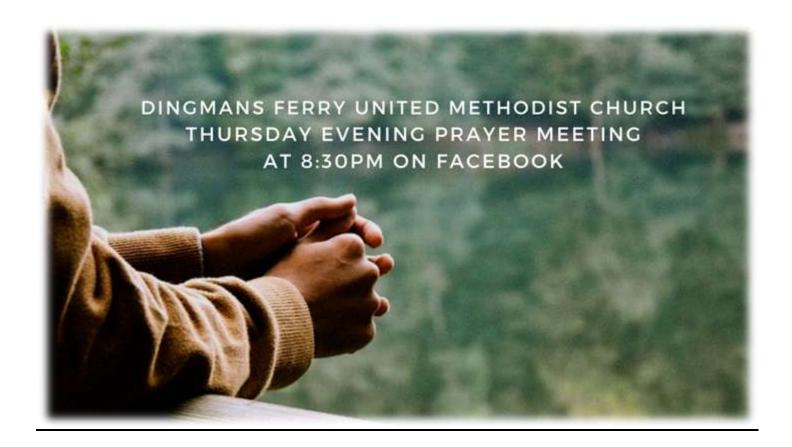
Welcome New Members

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!



ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Ad Board meetings are usually held bi-monthly. The next Ad Board Meeting: **September 29th at 7PM**



Ad Board Members 2025

Pastor: Sungduk Kim
Ad Council Chairperson - Donna Frable
Ad Council Secretary - Linda Rutledge
SPRC Chairperson - Carol Magazino
Lay Leader - Carol Birtner
Alt. Lay Member - Linda Schierloh
UMW - Jill Mann & Linda Rutledge

UMW - Jill Mann & Linda Rutledge Finance Chairperson - Mary Balton Church Treasurer - Susan Dennison Finance Counters - Gary Stevenson/Sally Pohlman Trustee Chairperson - Scott Knapp / Paul Wojcik Worship Chairperson - Destiny & Nicole

Organist: Chris Bradley

Sunday School - Olivia Harrington Missions Chairperson - Elaine Cooper

UMM - Seth Natter

Recording Secretary – David Cowan

Communications-Jim Bois, Tom Hahn, Linda Rutledge



The SPRC Meets every second Tuesday 11:30AM.

Those serving on the SPRC for 2025 are: Carol Magazino, Susan Ridyard, Linda Rutledge, Jill Mann, Sally Pohlman, and Carol Birtner.

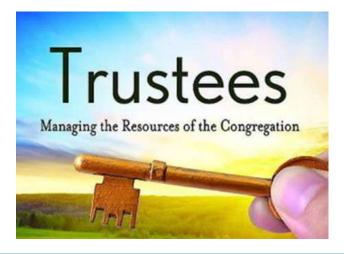


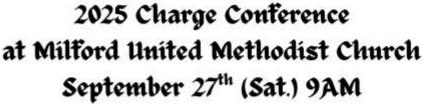
FINANCE COMMITTEE

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 2025: Pastor Sung, Mary Balton, Donna Frable, Carol Magazino, Carol Birtner Susan Dennison, and Dave Cowan.

Those serving as Trustees for 2025 are:
Rob Balton, Paul Wojcik, Seth Natter,
John Magazino, David Ridyard, Billy Freeland, and Scott Knapp.





The charge conference is the basic governing body of United Methodist local church, meeting at least once per year, directing the work of the church, giving general oversight to the church council, reviewing and evaluating the mission and ministry of the church, setting salaries for the pastor and staff, electing the members of the church council, and recommending candidates for ordained ministry.





We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who made our Chicken BBQ such a wonderful success!
A very special thank you goes to the family of Abram "Bud" DeVries, a faithful supporter for many years.
In loving memory of Bud,
100% of the financial support was given to us. We are grateful for this beautiful tribute.

Pictured by Lori and Paul

2025 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

St. Vincent Catholic Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church

Nov. 23 (Sun) 6PM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church







Please Join Us!

During the month we get together with the nursing home residents of DV Personal Care, DV Rehab, and Milford Rehab Center for our time of "Hymns and Scripture".

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

Our Schedule for July and August:

Del. Valley Personal Care

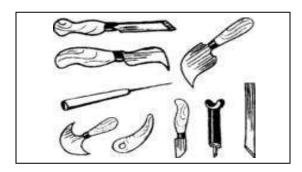
Sep. 10th (Wed.) 2PM Oct. 8th (Wed.) 2PM

Del. Valley Rehab Center

Sep. 3rd (Wed.) 2PM Oct. 1st (Wed.) 2PM

Milford Rehab Center

Sep. 17th (Wed.) 2PM
Oct. 15th (Wed.) 2PM
We invite and encourage you to
please join us!
If you have any questions....
Talk to Jill Mann



WOODCARVERS

&

Sewing, Crocheting & Etc.

Our Woodcarving, Sewing & Etc. group meets on Wednesday's from 10AM to 12:30PM at Art and Carol Birtner's home. 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 Carol Birtner if you want more information.









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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

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