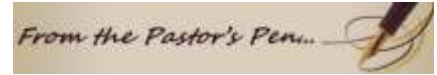




The Dingmans Ferry
United Methodist Church
THE BRIDGE
Newsletter

November /
December
2025



I am writing this with a heart full of gratitude. The common refrain of "thank you" feels wonderfully insufficient for the wave of love and appreciation our family received from you throughout the entire month of October. What you presented as "Pastor's Appreciation Month" became a month-long experience of grace that left my wife, our children, and me truly overwhelmed and deeply humbled.

Your kindness was not confined to a single Sunday. It was a sustained, creative, and incredibly personal expression of love that arrived week after week. This was not a token gesture; it was a deliberate, joyful celebration that swept us up in its warmth. Your thoughtful gifts, your prayers, and your words of encouragement were a blanket of grace.

Your actions throughout October have given us a powerful, tangible illustration of what love looks like when it is lived out. Your generosity has been a mirror, reflecting the immense, almost unbelievable generosity of God. The Apostle John wrote, "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1a).

You, our church family, lavished love upon us. In doing so, you demonstrated the very essence of the Gospel. You showed us the love of God that doesn't wait to be earned but is given freely and abundantly.

As we prepare the Advent season, let us carry the spirit of this past month forward. The love you have shown is not just a gift to us, but a testament of the work God is doing among us. It is the very light we are called to shine in a world yearning for hope.

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your incredible, surprising, and steadfast love. May this Advent season return that love to you a hundredfold, filling your homes with the peace, hope, and joy of the Christ we await together.

Servant of God and God's people,
Sung

Lectionary Reading of November and December 2025

November 2, 2025

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

November 9, 2025

Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 16, 2025

Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12:2-6 (Canticle)
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 23, 2025

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

November 30, 2025

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

December 7, 2025

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

December 14, 2025

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:5-10 (or Luke 1:46b-55)
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

December 21, 2025

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

December 24, 2025

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

December 28, 2025

Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23

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/>

DFUMC'S BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAY 10AM
WEDNESDAY 6:30PM



Hey Youth!
(Middle School and High School)
You are invited to
Dingmans Ferry UMC
(115 myck rd)
every first sunday
of the month 5-7pm
Movies, games, activities, foods,
stories, friends, and God.

November and December Birthdays

November

- 11/1: Robin Fedorsin (Fahey)
- 11/4: Marc Mannino
- 11/5: Lane Harrington
- 11/7: Judy Brunbaugh
- 11/10: William Freeland
- 11/10: Phoebe Kim
- 11/14: Gabrielle Solch
- 11/14: Spencer Joseph
- 11/15: Cindy DeFederico
- 11/18: Cameron Edgell
- 11/19: Troy Odynsky
- 11/19: Juliana Riccardi
- 11/26: Brianna Kislak
- 11/26: John Solch

December

- 12/4: Pastor Michael Kim
- 12/4: Leila Macksoud
- 12/5: Jeremy Paul Riccardi
- 12/10: Bob Davis
- 12/14: Theodore Joshua Hartman
- 12/16: Matthew Edgell
- 12/18: Devyn Jones
- 12/19: Carly Odynsky
- 12/24: Donna Frable
- 12/24: Huijeong Hwang Kim
- 12/25: Jesus of Nazareth
- 12/28: Pastor Connie Squire
- 12/30: John Magazino





A decorative graphic featuring a black cross centered at the top. Below the cross, two symmetrical, stylized green leaves with black outlines and veins are positioned on either side. The leaves are connected by a thin, black, swirling line that forms a horizontal base with elegant curves.



Without your generosity, we can't make it.

GNJ's Shared Ministry of 2025 has been paid all!

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



A STEWARDSHIP & GENEROSITY SERIES *Counterculture*

Our world is full of messages about success, security, and status. We're told to hold tightly, accumulate more, and measure our value by comparison. But what if the way of Christ leads us in a completely different direction?

This November, we launch a three-week series called *Counterculture* — a call to live generously, love deeply, and root our identity not in the world's expectations, but in God's transforming grace.

Rooted in the Wesleyan and United Methodist tradition, this series will challenge us to resist the pressures of consumerism and scarcity-thinking. Instead, we'll explore what it means to be people of compassion, humility, action, and generosity. Each week, we'll look at scripture that highlights how followers of Jesus are invited to live by a different standard — one shaped by God's love, not by cultural norms.

- **Week 1: Who Are You?** Transformed, Not Conformed (Romans 12:1-2)
- **Week 2: Love in Action** Generosity that's visible and concrete (1 John 3:16-18)
- **Week 3: Authentic Loving, Authentic Giving**
Giving flows from knowing who we are (Matthew 22 & Genesis 1)

At the conclusion of the series, you'll be invited to respond by turning in a **Pledge Card for 2026**, as an act of prayerful commitment to live more generously in the year ahead.

We know that giving is about forming our faith and not just about funding a ministry. And we're already seeing powerful ways that our congregation is choosing to live *counterculturally* every day.

As we prepare our hearts for this important season, take a moment to reflect: Where is God calling *you* to live differently? Where might generosity be your own countercultural act of faith?

We look forward to walking this journey together — in worship, in community, and in bold, Spirit-led generosity.

Gifts for Baby Blessings

This Advent we will have the opportunity to support our Baby Blessings ministry. Some of the items needed are diapers (all sizes), pull-ups (all sizes), baby lotion, wipes, and baby wash. **We will bring our gifts for Baby Blessings and place them under the tree in the sanctuary.** As we choose gifts for our families and friends, let us also think of the mothers and children around us who need our gifts.

- Elaine Cooper, Mission Committee

Help Families Celebrate Thanksgiving!

We are collecting items to create Thanksgiving meal packages for families in need. Your generosity can help bring joy to a family's table.

We are collecting the following items:

- ☐ Frozen Turkeys (or \$25 grocery gift cards)
- ☐ Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes
- ☐ Box of Stuffing Mix
- ☐ Jar or Can of Turkey Gravy
- ☐ Can of Cranberry Sauce
- ☐ Canned Green Beans
- ☐ Canned Corn
- ☐ Can of Sweet Potatoes
- ☐ Can of Cream of Mushroom Soup
- ☐ Container of Crispy Fried Onions
- ☐ Can of Pumpkin Purée
- ☐ Can of Evaporated Milk
- ☐ Box of Pie Crust Mix



Please bring your donations to by Nov. 23rd, Sunday Morning

Thank you for sharing your blessings!

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

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!

Worship Committee: 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.

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 and Communication: Assist chairpersons of committees 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.

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.



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!

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

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Ad Board meetings are usually held bi-monthly.
The next Ad Board Meeting: **November 24th 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

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.

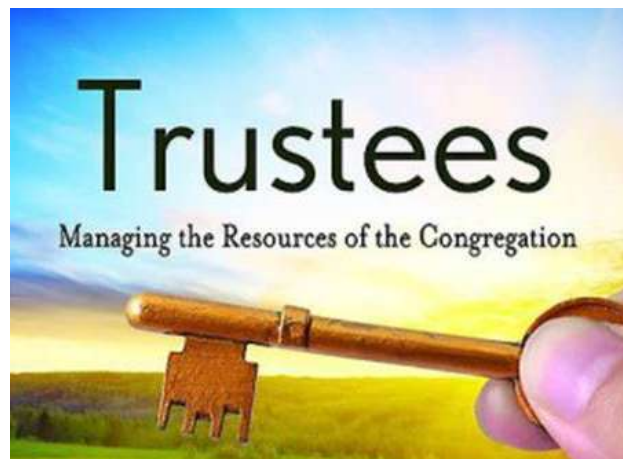


FINANCE COMMITTEE

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.



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





CHRISTMAS SEASON

COOKIE WALK

BUY THE HOMEMADE COOKIES

Dec. 6th (Sat) 9am-1pm

at Dingmans Ferry UMC

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

NOV. 30, SIGNS AND TIMES

DEC. 7, SIGNS AND PREPARATION

DEC. 14, SIGNS AND ASSURANCE

DEC. 21, SIGNS AND FAITHFULNESS

DEC. 24, SIGNS AND GLORY



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES 4, 7, AND 11PM

DINGMANS FERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Christmas Hymn Singing Sunday!

**with the Holy Trinity
Lutheran Congregation**

DEC. 28TH 10AM



115 MYCK ROAD

DINGMANS FERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

YOU ARE INVITED TO

FAMILY WINTER FUN NIGHT

after

HOLIDAYS

JANUARY 3 (SAT.) FROM 3PM

@ DINGMANS FERRY UMC
115 MYCK RD.

GAMES, CRAFTS, MOVIES
SLEDDING (IF SNOWED)
FOR ALL KIDS AND ADULTS



DINGMANS FERRY

Baby Blessing PANTRY

Opens Second Sunday 11am
of each month!
Come & pick baby's essentials

BABY
BLESSING
PANTRY

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
for more info. call 570-828-2288



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

Nov. 12th (Wed.) 2PM

Dec. 10th (Wed.) 2PM

Del. Valley Rehab Center

Nov. 5th (Wed.) 2PM

Dec. 3rd (Wed.) 2PM

Milford Rehab Center

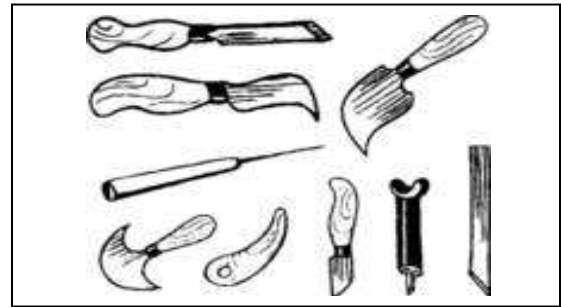
Nov. 19th (Wed.) 2PM

Dec. 17th (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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OR

See Our Church App:

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

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