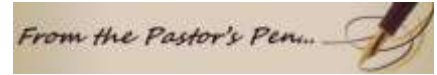




The Dingmans Ferry  
United Methodist Church  
***THE BRIDGE***  
Newsletter

May/  
June  
2026



Greetings!

This year, thanks to the Ridyards, my wife and I joined the Smith-Harker Community Garden on Wilson Hill Road. With great excitement, as soon as the first signs of spring appeared, we set to work—tilling the soil and transplanting various vegetable seedlings. Currently, we find ourselves visiting the garden as often as possible. The cold air during the dark keeps us concerned for the fragile plants. With prayerful hearts, we go to check on them, doing everything in our power as amateur gardeners to ensure they survive the cold.

In the Gospel Mark chapter 4, Jesus tells a parable in which a sower scatters seed on the ground and then does nothing but sleeping and getting up, night and day. Unrealistically, even though he does nothing for the seed, the seed sprouts and grows. Jesus said, “**he does not know how.**” Jesus was not teaching agricultural lesson to the disciples but the mystery of the Kingdom of God.

The mystery of the Kingdom of God that we can find out in this parable is this: in this earth of uncertainty, we do not know how the Kingdom of God is growing, but we know that without the intervention of God, what we do for the Kingdom of God – sowing the seed – may be fruitless.

As we move into the season of Pentecost, this lesson becomes even more vital. All of our church’s mission and ministry, every way of planting the seed, needs the help of God.

In this time of uncertainty, we must remember that while we are called to be faithful stewards of our missions and ministries, it is God who helps our plots to be fruitful.

As we look toward May and June, let us tend to our mission and ministry with the prayerful hearts — doing our part with love, but ultimately trusting that the Holy Spirit who will surely sustain us, grow us, and bring us to a bountiful harvest.

Servant of God and God's people, ~Sung

## **Lectionary Reading of May and June**

### **May 2026**

#### **May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

#### **May 10 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

#### **May 17 – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11**

#### **May 24 – Day of Pentecost**

**Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
John 20:19-23**

#### **May 31 – Trinity Sunday**

**Genesis 1:1—2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20**

### **June 2026**

#### **June 7 – Proper 5**

**Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 33:1-12 Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

#### **June 14 – Proper 6**

**Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7 optional) Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35—10:8**

#### **June 21 – Proper 7**

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

#### **June 28 – Proper 8**

**Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42**

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**May 9, 2026**

**9AM-2PM**

*All Proceeds  
Support Our Free  
Vacation Bible School*

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

*Call with any questions 570-828-2288 or check [www.DFUMC.com](http://www.DFUMC.com)*

**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.

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





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# Upcoming **FREE** **LONDON BROIL** **BARBECUES 4<sup>PM</sup> - 6<sup>PM</sup>**

**Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**In Loving Memory Of  
Jack & Rita O'Brien**

**Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>**



**Donations Gratefully Accept  
For Our Community Outreach!**



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is at 115 Myck Road off Park Road... behind Childs Park.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

**Wildwood Convention Center**  
**May 17 - 19, 2026**

**you can watch livestream at**  
**<https://www.youtube.com/@GNJUMC>**



LET US CELEBRATE

**Confirmation**  
**Sunday**

MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 10AM





**Come to Church Worship Service at 10AM  
and join us downstairs after Children's Time.**

**June 7th is Sunday School recognition day.**

**Let's celebrate together!**

**"Supporting the Baby Blessings Ministry"**

**In May we will collect items to help our Baby Blessings Ministry. The Ministry needs donations of diapers and pull-ups as well as baby lotion, baby wash and wipes. Let's reach out to help mothers and children in our neighborhood.**

**"Helping Our Young Neighbors"**

**This year the Primary School again needs our help with backpacks and school supplies. They need crayons, pencils, glue sticks, folders with pockets, and small hand sanitizers. The guidance counselor has asked that we give backpacks and supplies separately.**

**The staff and clients of Buzz Cutz Haircuts will join us again in this mission outreach. We will need backpacks and supplies by Sunday, August 9 to deliver them to the school in time for distribution. Let's be found faithful in helping our young neighbors.**

**- Elaine Cooper, Mission Committee**



# PENTECOST SUNDAY OUTDOOR SERVICE MAY 24TH 10AM

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR!  
IF IT RAINS,  
WE WILL HAVE INDOOR SERVICE.



# Family Night

May 29<sup>th</sup> (Fri.) 6-9PM

karaoke, jokes, snacks,  
friends, and many more  
Come!!!



# DFUMC'S YARD SALE

WITH SCRAP METAL  
COLLECTION

**JUNE 6TH (SAT)**

**9AM-2PM**

**NAME YOUR PRICE!**

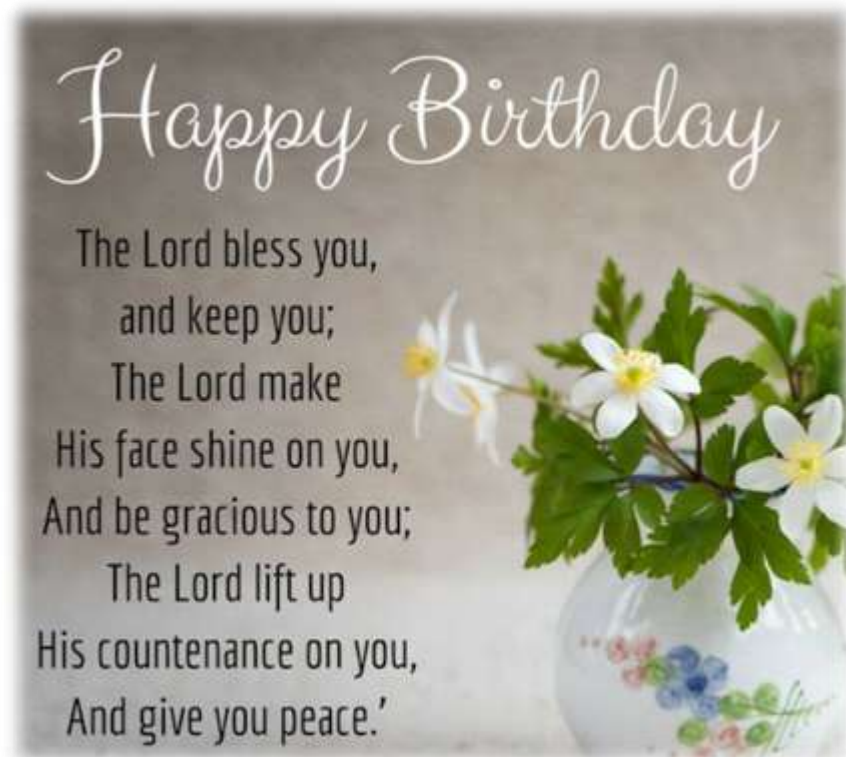
## May and June Birthdays

### May

- 5/3: Pete Knapp
- 5/3: Elise Knapp
- 5/3: Mandy Librizzi
- 5/4: Janette Kislak
- 5/5: Eric Kislak
- 5/6: David Cowan Jr.
- 5/7: Kathy Chambers
- 5/11: Thomas Zologa
- 5/12: Cameron Arnold
- 5/14: Marriane Stevens
- 5/15: Avia Kleso \*
- 5/22: Jacob Solch
- 5/26: Jennifer Stangle
- 5/27: Gwen Harrington \*

### June

- 6/2: Carol Schneider
- 6/5: Art Hnida
- 6/6: Linda Davis
- 6/8: Jill O'Neill
- 6/10 Theo Del Rosario
- 6/11: Laura Jewett
- 6/11: Brody O'Brien
- 6/14: Marilee Scroggs
- 6/15: Danny Balton
- 6/18: Archer Billups\*
- 6/20: Miriam Hinds
- 6/23: Eugene Clyde
- 6/24: Felicia Pepe
- 6/28: Caren Shimanski
- 6/30: Benjamin Joseph



**2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**WAKESBURY'S DINGMANS FERRY UMC**

# **HERO**

## **HOTLINE**

**Called Together  
to Serve God!**

**THREE WEDNESDAYS**

**JUNE 17, 24, & JULY 1**

**9AM-12PM**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER**

**OR VISIT**

**[WWW.DFUMCVBS.WEEBLY.COM](http://WWW.DFUMCVBS.WEEBLY.COM)**







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



We would like to thank all of our volunteers who generously gave their time to make the chocolate Easter eggs. Your hard work and dedication played a big part in making this fundraiser a success.

We are especially grateful for Pastor Sung & Huijeong, Carol Magazino, Artie & Carol Birtner, Mary Balton, Darlene Mihiel, Linda & Danny Rutledge, Donna Fable, Sally & Gary Pohlman, Irene Luciano, and Lou Ann Davis. Thank you for your willingness to serve and support our church!

## **A Warm Welcome to Our New Church Members Ross and Lou Ann Davis!**



Ross and Lou Ann met at a lake in Rockland County, New York, where their families had known each other from West Virginia. Ross has worked as a machinist and later as a service technician for Hobart, repairing industrial kitchen equipment. Lou Ann has held a variety of roles over the years, including positions in retail, banking, accounts payable and receivable, and office management, and she also owned and operated her own daycare business.

Prior to moving to Pennsylvania in January 2026, they lived in Rockland County, New York. They have a son, Ryan, and a daughter-in-law, Suzann, along with three grandsons—Wyatt (12), and twins Owen and Theo (7). They also had a daughter, Marsha, who passed away in September 2019 at the age of 32. Their home is shared with two dogs, Xena (12) and Autumn (5), and a cat, Zatarra (6).

They enjoy American history, particularly the Civil War and genealogy, and like spending time outdoors hiking, walking, and hosting barbecues. Lou Ann also enjoys crocheting and sewing.

After moving just down the road from the church, Lou Ann—who was raised Methodist—felt it was a natural place to visit. She walked to the church the first Sunday after the first snowfall, only to find the service was being held online that day. Since then, she has continued to attend regularly, often walking to church when not accompanied by Ross. They have found the congregation to be warm and welcoming and appreciate the church's involvement in the community. Lou Ann also first heard about the church from a receptionist at Davita when they arrived in the area. Her favorite hymn is “Here I Am, Lord.”

Lou Ann credits her grandmother's dedication to her church as a significant influence in shaping the person she is today.

If you see the Davis', be sure to introduce yourself and give them a warm welcome!

# Finance Report for May/June 2025

**Thank you so much for your giving!**

**Total Offering \$ 37580.78**

**Total Income \$ 106825.70**

**Total Expense \$ 111231.03**

**If you can make up the pledge giving you have missed,  
it will be a great help for us to pay the bills below.**

**Bills not paid yet from 2023 \$ 4067.44  
GNJ's Shared Ministry of 2025 \$ 12135.10**

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



# 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 ASAP. 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 \$400. Checks should be made out to "DFUMC" and "London Broil Sponsor" should be noted on the memo line. This year, London Broil begins from May.



*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!**

***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!**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

Ad Board meetings are usually held bi-monthly.  
The next Ad Board Meeting: **May 25th at 7PM**



Ad Board Members 2026

Pastor: Sungduk Kim  
Ad Council Chairperson - Donna Frable  
Ad Council Secretary - Linda Rutledge  
SPRC Chairperson - Carol Magazino  
Lay Leader - Carol Birtner  
Alt. Lay Member - Elise Knapp  
UMW - Jill Mann & Linda Rutledge  
Finance Chairperson - Mary Balton  
Church Treasurer - Susan Dennison

Finance Counters Linda Rutledge / Jill Mann  
Trustee Chairperson - Paul Wojcik  
Worship Chairperson - Scott Knapp  
Organist: Chris Bradley  
Sunday School - Elise Knapp  
Missions Chairperson - Elaine Cooper  
UMM - Seth Natter  
Recording Secretary - David Cowan  
Communications-Jim Bois, Tom Hahn, Linda Rutledge

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**The SPRC Meets the first Sunday of the month at 12:20PM.**

Those serving on the SPRC for 2026 are:

Carol Magazino, Susan Ridyard, Mandy Librizzi, Linda Rutledge, Jill Mann, and Elise Knapp.

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## **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.

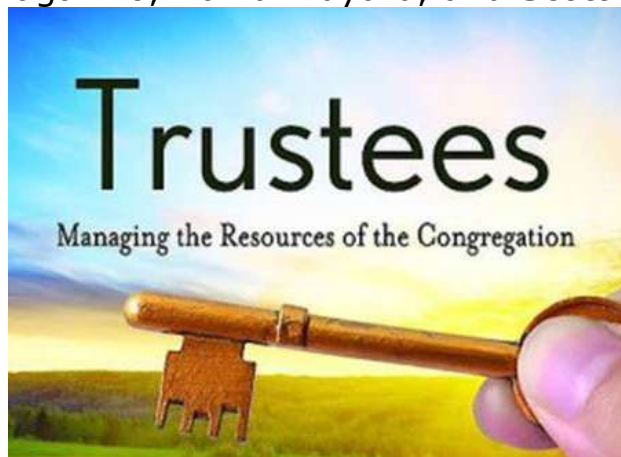
The following persons are serving on the Finance Committee for 2026:

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

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Those serving as Trustees for 2026 are:

Rob Balton, Paul Wocjik, Justin Riccardi, Ed Moraga, John Magazino, David Ridyard, and Scott Knapp.



DINGMANS FERRY

# Baby Blessing PANTRY

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



**DINGMANS FERRY  
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.

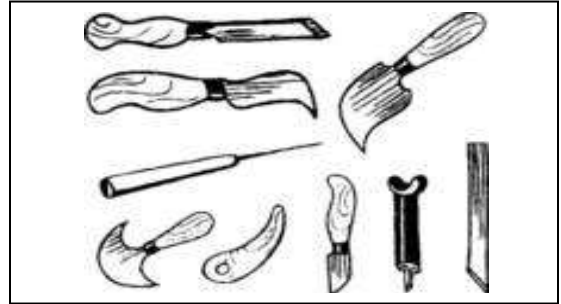
**Our Schedule for  
May and June:**

**Del. Valley Personal Care**  
May 13th (Wed.) 2PM  
June 10th (Wed.) 2PM

**Del. Valley Rehab Center**  
May 6th (Wed.) 2PM  
June 3th (Wed.) 2PM

**Milford Rehab Center**  
May 27st (Wed.) 2PM  
June 17th 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!***

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

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