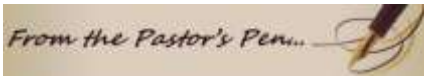
The Dingmans Ferry
United Methodist Church
THE BRIDGE
Newsletter

November / December 2026



Greetings!

When we celebrate Advent and Christmas, we often spend hours searching for unique, newly released gifts to surprise our loved ones. But Christmas is far more than exchanging physical presents or recalling cozy holiday stories and movies. Last year's Advent Bible study material, The Case for Christmas by Lee Strobel, highlights a crucial truth: the Gospels were
recorded within a single generation—just 15 to 40 years after the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ the greatest Christmas Gift. In ancient historiography, a gap of only three to four decades is remarkably brief. Ancient historians and scholars note that it takes at least two to three generations—over a century—for legendary rumors to overtake core historical facts. For example, the earliest surviving biographies of Alexander the Great were written more than 400 years after his death, yet historians consider them reliable.
By contrast, because the New Testament accounts were written while hundreds of eyewitnesses were still alive, there was simply no time or room for mythical fabrication. If these events had been made up, contemporary skeptics and opponents who knew the facts could have easily proven them false. Instead, what we possess in the Gospels is a meticulous, historically grounded report of God entering human history in the flesh.
As we reflect on the historical reality of the Incarnation, let us remember that this truth is fully realized in our lives today! This is not just a cozy piece of history that happened two thousand years ago, but a present and future reality—that we have been changed through Jesus Christ and firmly belong to the Kingdom of God. Unlike trend-fading holiday gifts of this world, Jesus Christ is God's greatest Christmas gift for all of us that remains unchanged. This is the unchanged Gospel that has been passed down through countless generations. As we herald the greatest story ever told, let us remember, share, and pass on the greatest Christmas gift ever given!

Servant of God and God's people,
Sung

Lectionary Reading of November and December 2026

November 1, 2026
Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

November 8, 2026
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 15, 2026
Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 22, 2026
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

November 29, 2026
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

December 6, 2026
Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

December 13, 2026
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 20, 2026
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:46b-55
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

December 24, 2026
Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

December 27, 2026
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 NOVEMBER BIBLE STUDY
JONAH
TUESDAY 10AM
WEDNESDAY 6:30PM



DFUMC'S DECEMBER 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.



CHRISTMAS SEASON

COOKIE WALK

BUY THE HOMEMADE COOKIES

Dec. 12, (Sat) 9am-1pm

at Dingmans Ferry UMC



Join Us For Our DFUMC Women's Joy Circle Christmas Party!

All Women of the Church are Invited!

Where? Linda Rutledge's Home

When? Friday, December 4th at 5:00 PM
(A car pool is planned for those who can't drive at night)

Bring: A $25 Gift for "Gift Exchange"
(If needed, a gift will be provided - Don't let that stop you from attending.)

Anything Else? Sandwiches & beverages will be served.
If you'd like to bring a small dessert or appetizer for the table, that would be nice!

RSVP on the back table in the sanctuary or leave a message for Linda in the church office (570) 828-2288.

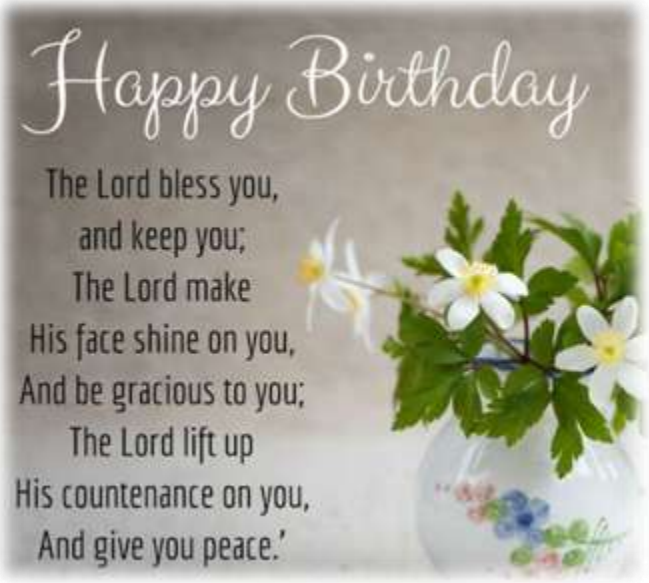
November and December Birthdays

November

- 11/1: Robin Fedorsin (Fahey)
- 11/4: Marc Mannino
- 11/5: Lane Harrington
- 11/5: Kevin Falzon
- 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: Victor Falzon
- 12/30: John Magazino





Servants

GREETER/USHER SCHEDULE:



11/1 Youth Group
11/8 Linda Rutledge
11/15 Carol Magazino
11/22 Carol Birtner
11/29 Marilyn Chasar
12/6 Youth Group
12/13 Linda Shierloh
12/20 Sally Pohlman
12/27 Linda Rutledge



Meet Our New Members: David & Rose Ann Heckman!

David and Rose Ann met while working together and have been married for many years. Before settling in Hawley, where they have called home for the past six years, they lived in several Pennsylvania communities as well as Corning, New York. Both have spent time working in the pharmaceutical industry. Their family includes children, grandchildren, and plenty of beloved pets! They are both animal lovers and enjoy having a variety of furry and feathered friends around. David enjoys collecting coins, while Rose Ann has a green thumb and loves caring for plants. When it comes to favorites, they both enjoy pizza. David's favorite place is Bainbridge, New York, while Rose Ann says her favorite place in the world is simply home with her husband. Her favorite song is "Let It Be" by The Beatles, and she can't help but dance when ABBA's "Dancing Queen" comes on!

Their journey to Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church began when Rose Ann researched churches near Hemlock Farms, trusting that God would lead her to the right place. DFUMC was the third church she visited, and she found the fellowship she was looking for. David was introduced to the church through Rose Ann and remembers his first impression being the strong sense of community. Both appreciate the welcoming, family atmosphere and fellowship that make our church special. David's favorite worship song is "On Eagle's Wings," while Rose Ann's is "The Old Rugged Cross." Looking ahead, they hope to see continued growth, greater involvement, and more opportunities for fellowship and connection within our church family. They are grateful to be part of the DFUMC community! If you see David and Rose Ann, please be sure to say hello and introduce yourself!



Stewardship Sundays
Nov. 8, 15, and 22

Gift Givers

Nov. 8	Stewardship, not Ownership
Nov. 15	Transformational Giving
Nov. 22	Together, not Alone

Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church

Finance Report for September/October 2026

Thank you so much for your giving!

Total Offering $12,514.18

Total Income $41,500.95

Total Expense $39,059.15

Bills not paid yet from 2023 $4,067.44
GNJ's Shared Ministry of 2026 $5,200.78

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

growing OUR FAITH THROUGH Generosity



As we enter this season of gratitude, I am continually thankful for the warmth, worship, and fellowship we experience together at Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church. Every person who walks through our doors brings a unique blessing to our church community.

This November, our congregation is embarking on a special three-week journey called the Stewardship Sunday Series, taking place on November 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Grounded in key biblical principles from The Giver and the Gift, these three weeks will offer an opportunity to explore what it means to participate in God's work of transformation and generosity. Together, we will examine:

November 8 – Stewardship, Not Ownership
Discovering the freedom and joy of recognizing that all we have is a gift from God.

November 15 – Transformational Giving
Seeing how our financial support is far more than administrative funding—it is a spiritual discipline.

November 22 – Together, Not Alone
Experiencing the beauty of community, knowing that each contribution is to accomplish God's work.

Making a formal pledge serves as a personal spiritual commitment between you and God, while helping our church leadership plan responsibly for our ministries, outreach, and facility in 2027.

I encourage you to pray over the next few weeks about taking this step of faith.
On Sunday, **November 22nd**, during our worship service, our whole church family will gather to bring our pledge cards forward together in an act of thanksgiving and hope.

Thank you for being part of our church family. I look forward to sharing these meaningful Sundays with you as we grow together in faith and purpose.

Grace and Peace,

Sung

“Supporting Baby Blessings”

During the weeks of Advent, we will support our Baby Blessings ministry. The following items are needed: diapers and pull-ups in all sizes, baby wash, baby lotion, and wipes. Please put the items under the tree in the sanctuary. Let’s share God's compassion with mothers and children in our neighborhood.

Thanksgiving Baskets



Collection:

Once again, our church will be collecting donations of Turkeys and Gift Cards of $25. or more to be given out to families in need for both Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets.

As you know, we cannot do this without generous donations from our parishioners and friends in the community.

Drop-Off....

Please call the church office weekday mornings to make arrangements (570) 828-2288. Kayle/Pastor will be happy to meet you at the front door of the church when you drop off your turkey/gift card.

Gift cards can also be placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mailed to the church.

Dingmans Ferry UMC
115 Myck Road
Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328

Christmas Food Baskets



Senior Citizen Holiday Gift Baskets



Donations of the following items are being collected to fill Holiday Gift Bags for Nursing Home residents.
Drop off box is located at the front door of the Church now through Dec.5th. All Items MUST be new & packaged.

- Lotion
- Gloves
- Hats
- Warm socks
- Lip balm
- Stamps
- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Note Cards
- Note Paper

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!



ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Ad Board meetings are usually held bi-monthly.
The next Ad Board Meeting: **November 30th 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 – Linda Rutledge
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 – RoseAnn Heckman
Organist: Chris Bradley
Sunday School - Mandy Librizzi
Missions Chairperson - Elaine Cooper
UMM - Seth Natter
Recording Secretary – David Cowan
Communications-Jim Bois, Tom Hahn, Linda Rutledge

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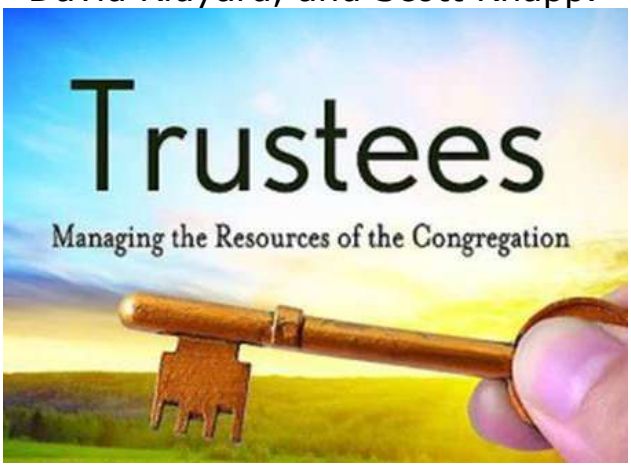
Those serving on the SPRC for 2026 are:
Carol Magazino, Susan Ridyard, Linda Rutledge, Jill Mann,
Sally Pohlman, and Mandy Librizzi.

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.

Those serving as Trustees for 2026 are:
Rob Balton, Paul Wocjik, Justin Riccardi, Ed Moraga, John Magazino, David Ridyard, and Scott Knapp.





ADVENT SERMON SERIES

NOV. 29, RESTORE US
DEC. 6, SPEAK PEACE TO US



DEC. 13, WITH SHOUTS
DEC. 20, FAITHFULNESS AS FIRM
DEC. 24, SIGNS AND GLORY

RESTORE US, *O God*


CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
4PM (CHILDREN'S MESSAGE)
7PM (WITH LIVESTREAM)
DINGMANS FERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH


Christmas
Hymn Singing
Sunday!
at the Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
DEC. 27, 10AM
115 MYCK ROAD
DINGMANS FERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH


DINGMANS FERRY
Baby Blessing PANTRY
Opens Second Sunday 11am of each month!
Come & pick baby's essentials
BABY BLESSING PANTRY
DINGMANS FERRY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
for more info. call 570-828-2288

ministering TO Seniors

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".

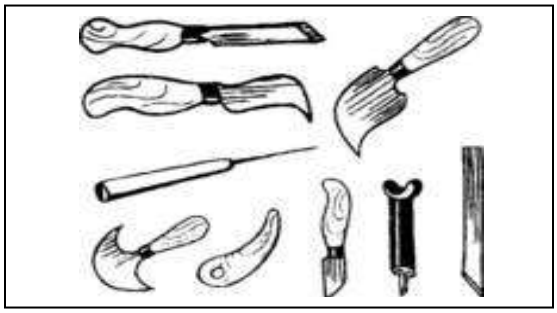
Our monthly visits give us the great honor and opportunity to visit and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

Our Schedule for
November and December:

Del. Valley Personal Care
Nov. 11th (Wed.) 2PM
Dec. 9th (Wed.) 2PM

Del. Valley Rehab Center
Nov. 4th (Wed.) 2PM
Dec. 2nd (Wed.) 2PM

Milford Rehab Center
Nov. 18th (Wed.) 2PM
Dec. 16th (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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In Person & Online Worship Services † Sunday School
Vacation Bible School † Preschool † Kinder-Camp
Bible Study † Prayer Meeting † Baby Blessings Pantry
Mission/Outreach Projects † Men's/Women's Missions
For More Information Check Us Out On the Web
www.dfumc.com • We're on Facebook too!

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

Scan QR Code →