



The Christian Progress

Dahlgren United Methodist Church

September 2018

FINDING OUR WAY FORWARD TOGETHER

CONGREGATIONAL VISIONING EVENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd

On September 22 from 9:00 AM to 2:30 AM, the Visioning Team will host a day of "Discovering our Congregational Identity". The planned agenda is:

9:00-9:10	Welcome/Overview of Day/Prayer
9:10-9:20	"Who are we?" (Video)
9:20-9:30	Break into groups
9:30-10:30	Cultural Heritage Scavenger Hunt
10:30-12:30	History Timeline
12:30-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:15	Identifying your Congregation's Core Values
2:15-2:30	Recap/Introduce Event 2/Prayer

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Nursery will be provided for younger children. Lunch will be provided.

CULTURAL HERITAGE: Identity politics is the process by which one group is pitted against another to gain political advantage, rich vs poor, white vs black, privileged vs non-privileged and so on. Within a church, we strive to do exactly the opposite. We bring people of different backgrounds together as one body unified in Jesus. If we are successful, we will have created our own unique DUMC culture. The purpose of the Cultural Heritage exercise is to try to identify those things that make us unique. What do we hold as our DUMC heritage? When a visitor from another church attends worship, what would they notice that is different from other churches? To try to answer these questions we will have a scavenger hunt, looking for artifacts, rituals, terminology, collective behaviors and whatever else we can come up with that will help us understand our culture better. Bring a pencil and your phone to take notes and pictures for a group discussion on who we are.

HISTORY TIMELINE: "New vision will always flow out of the history of the congregation. It is important to understand the flow of history that brought the congregation to its current state." 1

Beginning at 10:30, we will construct a History Time Line for Dahlgren church. From its earliest beginning with 3 members in 1929 and its first worship service in a new building in 1932 to present day, we will look at significant events that shaped who we are as church today. Each of you will be asked to mark on a timeline when you entered the life of Dahlgren UMC and to describe what was happening at the church at that time. Studying all of the input provided, we will reflect on key historical events. Then using this information (on the timeline), we will answer the following questions:

1. What are the distinct chapters in our church history?
2. What positive or negative implications are there for moving into the future?
3. What are most significant themes in the history of the church?



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Identifying Our Core Values: “Values are the commitments that shape the way any organization does its work. If the mission defines what the organization exists to do, values describe the commitments that will be honored in fulfilling that mission. Values can be thought of as the guidelines and boundaries within which the organization will function to accomplish its mission.”²

After a brief break for lunch, we will form groups to discuss our core values. Each group will identify three to five values that are an essential part of the life and work of DUMC. We will then prioritize them by their importance and meaning in the life of our church. We will then use this information to help clarify what is the most important for our congregation.

If you plan to attend, please fill out the insert in the bulletin and leave on the desk in the office. You may also call or email the church office to sign up at office@dahlgrenumc.org or 663-2230.

¹ *Discovering God's Future for Your church*, Lewis Center for Church Leadership | Wesley Theological Seminary | churchleadership.com

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Announcements

NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:30 - 9:30 AM - Contemporary Service
9:45 - 10:45 AM - Sunday School
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Traditional Service



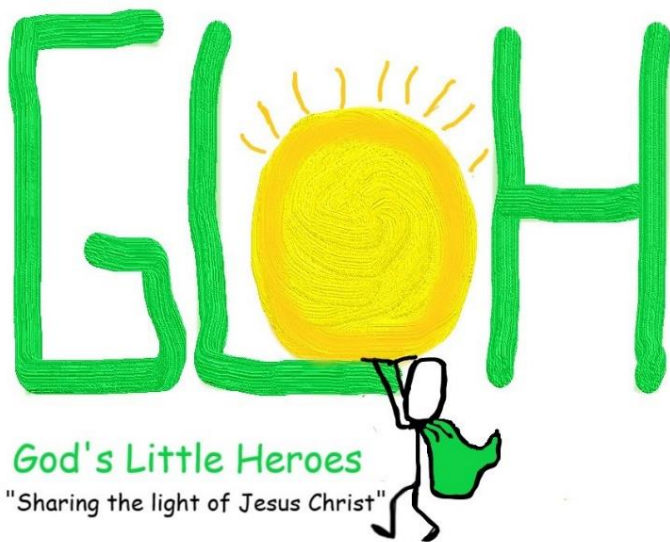
Fellowship opportunities will be available immediately following the first service and preceding the second service. Beverage service will be provided during these times.

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHURCH PROGRAM

DUMC will be starting an on-going Wednesday night dinner and hour-long church event for children ages 4 -10 years old. The children's program will be accompanied by a young adult beginners survey of the bible class taught by Pastor Tom. Starting Wednesday, Sept. 5th and running through end of May 2019.

5:30-6:00 PM (free dinner)
6:00-7:00 PM (classes)

Please call the church office if you are interested in helping with this NEW and EXCITING Ministry.





GAME NIGHT

Friday, Sept. 14, 2018 from 6 - 8 PM. Plan now to come out for a night of fun and fellowship in a casual setting. A movie room will be set up for ages 10 and under. Even if you aren't a game fan, come, just relax and talk. Snacks are not provided but please feel free to bring something along to share.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA

You are invited to a Women's Fellowship Tea to be held Saturday, September 15th at 2:00 PM in the Social Hall. Please RSVP by Sept 10th so we can plan for food. We can also use volunteers to help with this event. Please contact Diane at snaphappiest@gmail.com or call the church office to RSVP or if you can help.

DAHLGREN & TRINITY UMC MEN'S MEETING

The men of Dahlgren UMC have invited the men from Trinity UMC to a meeting on Thursday, September 20, at 6:00 PM. Steve Boyle, a member of Dahlgren UMC, will present a program on Volunteers in Mission with emphasis on getting attendees to assess their building and repair skills. This will be an opportunity to hear about trips Steve has planned. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Dahlgren UMC. I encourage you to attend if you're interested in this opportunity for service. For questions please call the church office.

Disciple: Under the Tree of Life



UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE is a thirty-two-week study prepared for graduates of BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY. The word *Under* in the title is meant to convey invitation, welcome, sheltering, security, and rest--home at last. The Hebrew version of what Christians call the Old Testament has three divisions: Torah (the first five books of the Bible), the Prophets, and the Writings. The Writings include all the books that are not part of the Torah or the Prophets. UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE concentrates on the writings in the Old Testament – Ruth, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations, and Daniel. New Testament Scriptures include the Gospel of John; 1, 2, and 3 John; James; Jude; and Revelation. Emphasis on the Psalms as Israel's

hymnbook and prayer book leads naturally to an emphasis on worship in the study. Present through the entire study is the sense of living toward completion, toward the climax of the message and the promise, extravagantly pictured in the Revelation. **The Revelation Worship Video** The Revelation Worship Video is a component unique to DISCIPLE: UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE. Worship plays a central role in the book of Revelation. Through video, UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE participants will experience the book of Revelation as worship. The video provides an interactive, sensory experience. Viewers will participate by reading, singing, listening, praying, and lamenting and will be immersed in the words, images, colors, and music that declare triumphantly that the God who is at the beginning is the God who is at the end. This video worship experience proclaims that the book of Revelation is a message to embrace and a hope to anticipate. Disciple IV will begin on Tuesday, Sept 4, 2018 and meets every Tuesday from 6:00 - 8:30 PM in the Social Hall. A light supper will be served. If you have interest in this Study, please call the church office at 663-2230 or email at nelsonjnc65@gmail.com.



The Stafford Food Security Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success! Over 125 people attended and \$1,328.00 was raised through donation for this worthwhile effort! Thank you to all of the Boy Scouts who served and helped do whatever was asked of them. Also, thank you to all who gave of their time, cooking talents, and labor to help those in our local community.

NEW INTERIM CHOIR DIRECTOR

Meet our new Interim Choir Director Rebekah Tremaglio – Rebekah has a BA in music from Andrews University and in the past, has conducted the children's choir at her church, as well as music leadership for many years. She has sung with many choirs over the years, including Masterworks, and the Fredericksburg Community Chorus. She also has a degree in English and Education and taught high school English for five years before staying home with her three children who are ages 13, 9, and 4. You will see Rebekah on Sept. 9th. We send you a warm welcome to DUMC!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The purpose of our Spotlight Board is to learn more about the members and guests of the DUMC Family. Please take a moment to check out the bulletin board in the hallway for our featured person of the week. Let the office know if you'd be willing to be in our Spotlight!



FOOD CHEST

DUMC is making great progress toward our goal of 3,000 lbs. for the King George Social Services Food Chest. Donated food is brought to the food chest in the atrium and taken to KGSS regularly. Please ensure your donations have not expired or food has not been opened or compromised. It must be disposed of if this occurs.



CAMBODIAN STREET CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Thanks to your generous giving, \$2506.00 was sent to support Cambodian Street Children's Ministry, the wonderful work done by Clara Biswas, our General Board of Global Ministries covenant missionary. In August, Clara concluded her US visit and has returned to her passion of protecting street children and sharing with them Christ's love. *"Clara Biswas expresses her love for people every time she walks into the poorest communities of Phnom Penh. She directs the Street Children Ministry and Community Outreach as a missionary in Cambodia. For 17 years, she has been building community and working with children and families in Cambodia. Her quest to provide spiritual grounding, education, and health care can sometimes be challenging, especially when city officials decide to move the community she's been serving."*¹ *"More than minimizing the negative effects of poverty, keeping children well fed and off the streets in Cambodia protects them from abuse and gives them opportunities for hope. This is just a part of the **Street Children Ministry** (#14921A), which serves kids living in orphanages or in poor areas in four communities in Cambodia. The Street Children Ministry works to offer better nutrition, education and Christian guidance to children who are susceptible to malnutrition and injustice. The ministry strives to develop activities that enhance the children's lives today and give them opportunities for the future. "We are offering them a future through education."*²

MISSION TEAM FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR/ FAITH IN ACTION

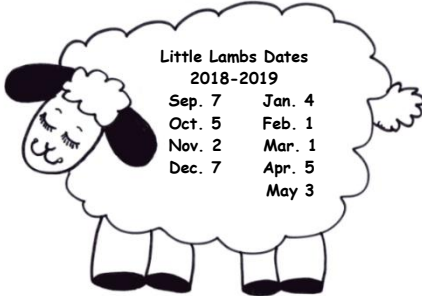
DUMC partners with **Faith in Action Benevolence Fund** of King George Church of God. Faith in Action works with individuals on a case by case basis. Interviews are conducted to assess the financial needs. They provide resources, budget plans, and limited financial assistance to help stabilize transition, and ultimately improve the individual's situation. Likewise, they address the emotional and spiritual needs that are often brought on by these circumstances through prayer and counseling. Faith in action has recently started working with **the Love Thy Neighbor Community Center** at a new location in the former Classy Décor Building. Love Thy Neighbor has been operating since 2012 and meets the third Sunday of Each Month providing meals and use of the Food Bank from 2:00-5:00 PM. The Financial support DUMC gives to Faith in Action directly helps those in need right here in our community.

¹ <https://www.umcmmission.org/Learn-About-Us/News-and-Stories/2018/July/0702building-a-network-for-life-and-love>

² **Emily Snell**, November-December 2013 issue of *Interpreter*, www.interpretermagazine.org.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Gospel Project starting September 2nd will meet at 9:45 AM in Room 14 (DCP Room on the left in the Atrium) will take a chronological, Christ-centered journey through the storyline of Scripture. Participants will encounter God's plan of redemption in Scripture. This study is a three-year cycle, starting at the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth. It covers the fall of man, the story of Abraham, and God's plan to bless the whole world through one broken family. From this family would come the One to restore the goodness of creation and provide for the salvation of the world. Leaders are Heather Kiser and Tom Boucher. Plan to join this interesting learning opportunity!



Little Lambs Bible Story & Art Time

This is a "parent & me" style group for ages 0-5 years that meets once a month at Dahlgren United Methodist Church from 10 AM – 12 Noon on the first Friday of the month. We read a Bible story, have a snack, do art projects related to the story, and allow for some fun playtime for the kids while the adults have a chance to chat. This program is free of charge and you may call the church office for more information at 663-2230 or email dumclittlelambs@yahoo.com.

Please bring a friend, too!

DAHLGREN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Meets every other Sunday at the parsonage from 4:00 -5:30 PM

September dates: Sept. 9 & 23

All Junior & Senior High students are welcome!



CHARGE CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2018

OCTOBER 28, 2018 AT WRIGHT'S CHAPEL UMC 2:30 - 4:00PM

Bible Study and Fellowship Opportunities

Weekly Offerings

Monday Morning Prayer - Meets Monday mornings from 7:00-7:30 AM. Start your week off right!

Tuesday Men's Bible Study - Meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM upstairs at the church.

Thursday Prayer Meeting - Meets on Thursdays at 11:30 AM in the sanctuary.

Thursday Bible Study - Meets at 2:15 PM in the Belle House.

Children's Offerings

Elementary Sunday School - (Pre-K -5th grade) classes will begin at 9:45 AM and Children's Church occurs during the 11:00 AM service. We lead children to experience God through Bible study lessons, positive peer relations, prayer, fun Christian activities, and Christian music so they may come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior!

Middle School & High School - (6th -12th) classes will begin at 9:45 AM. We lead our Youth to experience God through Bible study lessons, positive peer relations, prayer, and other activities so they may come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior!

Adult Sunday School Offerings

Faith Builders meets in the small alcove to the left at back of Social Hall at 9:45 AM with a Bible study and discussion format.

The **Seekers** Sunday School Class is an adult Bible study discussion class using the Uniform Series International Bible Lessons.

Come seek and learn through this thoughtful and rewarding Bible study series. Meets at 9:45 AM at the Belle House.

The Christian Studies Sunday School (CSSS) Meets at 9:45 AM in room The back left of the Sanctuary.

"Swedish" Bible Study is a spirit-lead way of studying the Bible. Meets at 9:45 AM in the Pastor's Office.

The Gospel Project – Meets at 9:45 AM in Room 14 (Door to the left in the Atrium).

Minding Health Matters: Caring for God's Temple

It is September and the back to school schedule is easing into a routine. Thoughts are turning to cleaning after a lazy summer. Despite fighting that urge, stores aren't helping by sprouting holiday displays-- not just Halloween, but Thanksgiving and --HORRORS --Christmas! - and it is still 90 degrees outside!

When the cleaning bug bites there are a few cleaners we don't want to mix in our "zest" to do a thorough job. When one will do, don't use two. Playing chemist can threaten your life. Chlorine bleach and Ammonia are common household cleaners that should never be mixed. Their combination creates toxic chloramine vapors that can burn eyes, throat and lungs, with possible permanent damage. It can also explode. Read the labels on your hand dish soap BEFORE you add bleach to dish water during times of colds or flu.



Bleach and Rubbing Alcohol are found in most homes. Mixing them creates chloroform, hydrochloric acid and other chemicals-- depending on proportions, etc. These can hinder breathing, cause you to pass out, and cause chemical burns and possible damage to nervous system, eyes, liver and kidneys. The mixture can contribute to cancer and lead to other diseases.

Bleach and Vinegar--or any other household acid-- even lemon juice- creates Chlorine Gas. (Think WWI trenches.) Chlorine attacks the skin, mucous membranes, eyes, throat and lungs. [Don't mix bleach with toilet bowl cleaners.] This, too, can be deadly.

Hydrogen Peroxide and Vinegar are found in most every home and have recently been touted as "natural cleaning products". Each --separately-- has good cleaning properties. Combining them creates peracetic acid which is corrosive with the potential to not only cause irritation to eyes and nose, but also chemical burns.

{I must confess I came close to trying this until I looked it up.}

Baking soda and Vinegar cancel each other out --base and acid = water. So, save your money! You can add baking soda during the wash cycle to sweeten your laundry, and vinegar to the rinse cycle to decrease soap residue. Notice NOT the same part of the cycle!

An Acid and an Alkaline drain cleaner. This mixture can not only create high HEAT, it can also be EXPLOSIVE. Not a pretty thought--all that sludge dripping off the walls and ceiling.

Two different brands of the same type cleaning product can have different compounds that don't get along.

Be a purist. Stick to ONE.

If, when cleaning -- or at any time -- you have an unusual reaction to substances, get everyone out of the house; call your doctor, 911 or poison control. It is better to be extremely embarrassed than a little bit dead.

If the cleaning bug catches you, don't be a mix-ologist! Do read labels. Be a purist. Don't let cleaning endanger your health and home. That's taking good care of God's temple.

Poison Control 1-800-222-1222

Brought to you by your Parish Nurse

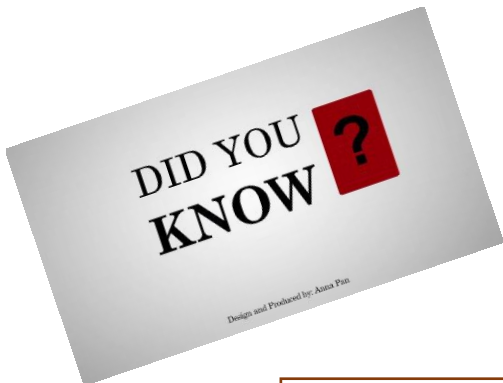
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SEPTEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Offices Closed 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Cleaning 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Praise Band Practice
2 Offices Closed 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship & Hymnal Dedication 4:00-5:30 PM Youth Fellowship	3 OFFICES CLOSED 	4 10:00 AM Men's Group 1:00 PM Care Cards 6:00-8:80 PM Disciple IV 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	5 5:30-7:00 PM GLoH Program 7:00 PM Trustees 7:00 PM Mission Team	6 11:30 AM Prayer Group 2:15 PM – Bible Study at Belle House 6:00 PM – Choir Practice 7:00 PM Nominations Team	7 Offices Closed 8:00 AM -12 Noon Sheep's Pen Open 10:00 AM –12:00 PM Little Lambs Story & Art Time	8 Offices Closed 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Cleaning 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Praise Band Practice 5:00-9:00 PM Mars Hill @ KG YMCA
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September	Greeter & Usher 8:30AM	Greeter 11:00AM	Usher 11:00AM	Liturgist 11:00AM	FLOWERS
2	Janice Shelton	Maggie McDaniel	Rod & Cathy Cutright	Carolyn Short	Communion
9	Janice Shelton	Denise Ramsbotham	Larry & Susan Bartyczak	Denise Ramsbotham	Kathy Phillips
16	Janice Shelton	Michele Robinson	Larry & Jan Leonhardt	Dillan Suon	Josh Sanford
23	Janice Shelton	Pam Engel	Kerry & Alex Dachos	Kerry Dachos	
30	Janice Shelton	Kerry Dachos	Pam Engel & Denise Ramsbotham	Audrey Hanger	





Have you noticed? Our church library has been completely refurbished with lots of new books on many topics for all ages. Thank you, Kathy Walseman for your hard work, and sharing your time and talent on this project!


August General Fund Giving Total: \$23,658.28
 General Fund Monthly Goal: **\$29,294.00**
****These amounts do not reflect gifts given for missions, mortgages or any other designated funds.**

**Financial
Update
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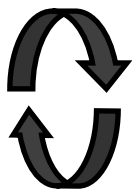
WAYS TO DONATE TO DAHLGREN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Collection box to the right of the Sanctuary entrance



DUMC Website (dahlgrenumc.org) click on "Donate"



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