



# *The Christian Progress*

*Dahlgren United Methodist Church*

*March 2024*



“God’s Love for the World”

A reminder of God’s love for the world as we observe Lent, a season that calls for us to reflect on the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us be grateful for God’s grace that God has bestowed upon us.



*For God so loved  
the world that he  
gave his one and  
only Son....*

JOHN 3:16, NIV

Peace,  
Pastor George

According to Ephesians 2:8-9 “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.”



**Our Vision:  
Reaching All  
with the Love of  
Christ**

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# Missions

## DUMC Missions Report for February, 2024

|                                    | <u>INCOMING</u>    | <u>OUTGOING</u>    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| • General Missions                 | \$ 350.00          | \$                 |
| • From the Heart Backpack Ministry | \$ 200.00          | \$                 |
| • Valor Ranch                      | \$ 300.00          | \$ 300.00          |
| • Agape                            | \$ 550.50          | \$ 550.50          |
| • Love Thy Neighbor                | \$                 | \$ 499.90          |
| • Oglala Lakota College            | \$ 400.00          | \$ 400.00          |
| • Oglala Sioux Tribal Housing      | \$ 200.00          | \$ 200.00          |
| • Red Cup Cambodia Scholarship     | \$ 120.00          | \$ 120.00          |
| • Navy Family                      | \$ 600.00          | \$                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>\$ 2,720.50</b> | <b>\$ 2,070.40</b> |

### SCRIP PROGRAM CHURCH FUNDRAISER

The SCRIP program continues under the cheerful guidance of Jackie Kunstmann. In January alone, DUMC earned \$136.50 for Missions. Remember, you simply purchase gift cards for Food Lion at a dollar-for-dollar match and DUMC will receive 5% of the amount spent back. **THAT'S FREE MONEY FOR DUMC!** Jackie takes checks for gift card purchases after service the first Sundays of each month, so see her on March 3rd.

### March Mission Giving Opportunities

- 1. Dahlgren Christian Preschool (DCP):** This DUMC ministry offers, in a Christian environment and through Christian teaching, a foundation needed by preschool children for life in general and for their future education. They offer a wide range of creative, academic, and social activities that are age appropriate and provide a complete early childhood curriculum. Local public teachers can always tell when a student came from the DCP program !!!
- 2. Eastern Shore: Agape Christian Children's Community Center:** Located in Horntown, VA, Agape is a quality outreach ministry that reaches out to local children in an area of high risk for abuse, neglect, and school drop-out on the Eastern Shore. It shares education and the love of Christ through its preschool program, before/after school care and several summer programs. DUMC Mission teams have traveled several times to Agape to do repairs and upgrades to this facility.
- 3. Rising Hope Mission Church (Alexandria)** - Rising Hope Mission Church is United Methodist Church in Alexandria. Located an area of with a large population homeless and extreme poverty along the Rt 1 corridor. In addition to worship opportunities and spiritual support available to the needy, the organization offers a Food Pantry, Soup kitchen, a Hope Closet for free clothing, and a Hypothermia Shelter during winter.



Rising Hope Soup Kitchen



Rising Hope Mission Church

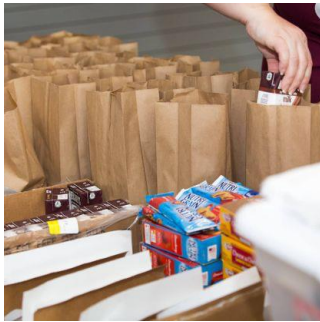


## Help Make the KG Summer Lunch Bunch a Success !!!!!

The Summer Lunch Bunch is a cooperative of local churches that has mobilized each summer for the last eleven years to deliver free lunches to children in rural King George County, VA. The program is administered by a Board of Directors comprised of members from Dahlgren United Methodist Church, Peace Lutheran Church, St John's Episcopal Church, Trinity United Methodist Church and Two River Baptist Church. During the school year, approximately one third of King George elementary aged children receive free or reduced cost meals. When schools close for the summer, those meals also end.

The goals of the Church Cooperative are to:

1. Fill the nutritional gap for those students that exists during the summer vacation
2. Enable children to return to school in August in a better position to resume learning.



During the summer, the Lunch Bunch program operates Tuesdays and Thursday between June and July. Volunteers prepare bagged lunches which consist of a sandwich, a drink and other nonperishable items and a free book that the kids can keep. Other volunteers drive these lunches to various locations and deliver meals to the students directly from their vehicles. Flyers are distributed to notify all King George public school students of locations and time of delivery. No registration is necessary. Over a 14 week period in 2023, the Lunch Bunch Program prepared and delivered 1,500 lunches. There were 67 people who volunteered in some capacity to support the program. Lunch Bunch is beginning to spin up for the 2024 Summer Break. The program is currently in need of volunteer support to help assemble and delivery of lunches. With increased food



costs, financial donations are also needed to secure the amounts of required food stocks. Generous donations of your God given gifts of time and treasure will be greatly appreciated.



-Steve Boyle-

### **Senior Youth Group (SYG) Upcoming Plans**

After Easter, the SYG is going to be adding a more structured learning segment. John Short will be leading this portion. The next meeting of the SYG will be at the church on March 17th at 4:30 pm. In addition to the regular food, lesson and socializing, Mr. Short will discuss ideas for the new portion he will be leading.

There will also be planning for the Easter Sunrise Service. Easter weekend will be a busy time for the SYG! On Good Friday, March 29th, starting at 5:30 pm the SYG will be attending the Owl Prowl at Steve and Diane Boyles house. This will start with a pot-luck cook-out of Hot Dogs, Brats, Chips and Desserts. The Boyles will provide the drinks. During the meal, everyone will learn about the three types of owls that are in our area. At 7:00 pm the group will go into the woods with an expert owl caller. Saturday night, March 30th, will be a lock-in starting at 7:00 pm. It will be followed by the Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am on Easter Sunday (March 31st). This service is entirely run by the youth. The SYG is open to youth and young adults from 8th grade through college. **We welcome new participants.**

## Stewardship During Lent

As you know we are in the season of Lent. As United Methodist we spend these 40 days in:

- self-examination  
and repentance

Am I doing what I should be doing? Can I do better?  
In what area do I need to repent?

- prayer

Spend time with God in prayer.  
He is your friend, talk to him like he is.

- fasting

A meal or a day; Jesus went 40 days

- self-denial

Can be food, a purchase, or activity (media)

- reading and meditating on God's Holy Word

Think, IF Jesus was here on earth with us what would we do to show him we love him. We do these things to prepare ourselves for the joy of Jesus' resurrection on Easter.

-Linda Fowler-

## News From Our Dahlgren Christian Preschool

**\*\*Now Registering for 2024-2025\*\***

Registration for alumni begins Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>; General registration begins Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>

4-5 years old

Mon.—Thurs.

8:30am—12:15pm

Tuition: \$270/mo.



3-4 years old

Tues. - Thurs.

8:30am—12:00pm

Tuition: \$200/mo.



This preschool is a ministry of Dahlgren United Methodist Church

# OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN His word!

## Sundays

Traditional worship service 10:00 AM  
Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays, all can partake

### FACEBOOK POST OF OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

We offer a weekly video version of the DUMC Worship Service on our Dahlgren United Methodist Church Facebook page posted after the service. The bulletin is sent out via email each week for you to follow along.

## Sunday School Classes Available

Children's classes – Nursery – 5<sup>th</sup> grade 8:45 AM

Children 3-10 – Children's worship during 10 AM service

Teacher – April Getty

Adult (18+) – 8:45 AM Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan book study

Teachers – Michele

Watson/April Getty

Adult (18+) – 11:45 AM -Christian Studies Class – Sunday ZOOM meetings weekly

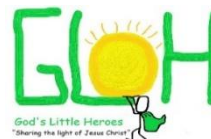
Starting Adam Hamilton's DOUBT Facilitators – Sharon Sanford/Carolyn Short

If interested in attending, email Carolyn Nelson to sign up ([nelsonjnc65@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonjnc65@gmail.com))

## Bible Studies

Wednesday Night Family Bible Classes – Free pizza/5:30-6:00 pm,

Classes PreK-Adult/6-7:00 pm



Men's Group – Tuesdays 10:00 AM - Pastor-led men's bible study and discussion.

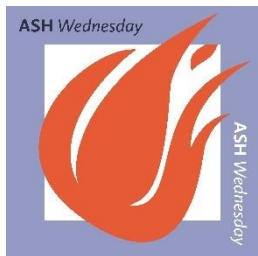
Disciple Group - Tuesdays 7:00 PM - Facilitated by Annette Ashton of Trinity UMC and Carolyn Nelson, we will be finishing the study Invitation to the Old Testament and beginning An Invitation to Genesis. We meet in the fellowship hall.

## DUMC Prayer Groups

MONDAYS – 9:00 AM via ZOOM - Facilitated by Pastor George <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2042724203>

WEDNESDAYS – 10:00 AM - Facilitated by April Getty and meets in the sanctuary. Open to all.

## LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE



Wed. 3/6 – Noon Lenten Service – Rob Getty

Wed. 3/13 – Noon Lenten Service - Pastor Larry Robinson

Wed. 3/20 – Noon Lenten Service – April Getty

Sun. 3/24 - 10:00am **Palm Sunday** Worship Service  
Potluck luncheon directly following

Sun. 3/31 – 6:30am **Sunrise** Service (led by our youth)

- 10:00 am **Easter** Worship Service

Resurrection Egg hunt after service



## UPCOMING EVENTS



*Ladies Tea*

Saturday, March 2  
11:30 a.m. at the church.

This is a spring themed  
event for the ladies of the  
church.

## SENIOR BREAKFAST

Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 – 11:00



## Palm Sunday Luncheon

*After service Sunday 3/24 in the fellowship hall*

Join us for a worship committee sponsored potluck. There will be sign up sheets in the foyer for you to share what you will be bringing.

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

- Sunday, 3/17<sup>th</sup> - Regular meeting 4:30pm at the church
- Friday, 3/29<sup>th</sup> - Owl Prowl/Cookout @ the Boyles 5:30pm
- Saturday, 3/30<sup>th</sup> - Lockin @ the church/prep for Easter sunrise service, starting at 7:00 pm
- Sunday, 3/31<sup>st</sup> – Host Easter sunrise service at 6:30 am





Youth Group



Chili Luncheon



# Senior Breakfast





Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| <p>3</p> <p>Church opens @ 8:30AM</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>8:45am SS</p> <p>10:00am Trad Serv/Communion (no cc)</p> <p>11:45am Christian Stud ZOOM SS</p> <p>1:00pm Memorial Service Lowell Moore</p> | <p>4</p> <p>9:00am</p> <p>Monday</p> <p>Morning</p> <p>Prayer (Zoom)</p>                            | <p>5</p> <p>10:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>7:00pm</p> <p>Disciple Class</p> <p>7:00pm Scouts</p>   | <p>6</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Group</p> <p>12:00pm Lenten Service and Luncheon</p> <p>5:30pm GLoH Family Bible Study</p> <p>7:00pm Trustees</p> <p>7:30pm Mission Team</p> | <p>7</p> <p>5:15pm Band Practice</p> <p>6:00pm Choir</p> <p>7:00pm Finance</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Church Cleaning</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>9:00am Guarding Hearts Homeschool</p>           | <p>9</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p>                                   |
| <p>10</p> <p>Church opens @ 8:30AM</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>8:45am SS</p> <p>10:00am Trad Service/CC</p> <p>11:45am Christian Stud ZOOM SS</p>  | <p>11</p> <p>9:00am</p> <p>Monday</p> <p>Morning</p> <p>Prayer (Zoom)</p>                           | <p>12</p> <p>10:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>5:30pm</p> <p>Worship Committee</p> <p>7:00pm</p> <p>Disciple Class</p> <p>7:00pm Scouts</p> | <p>13</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Group</p> <p>12:00pm Lenten Service and Luncheon</p> <p>5:30pm GLoH Family Bible Study</p> <p>7:00pm Church Council</p>                     | <p>14</p> <p>5:15pm Band Practice</p> <p>6:00pm Choir</p>                      | <p>15</p> <p>Church Cleaning</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>9:00am Senior Breakfast</p>                    | <p>16</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p>                                  |
| <p>17</p> <p>Church opens @ 8:30AM</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>8:45am SS</p> <p>10:00am Trad Service/CC</p> <p>11:45am Christian Stud ZOOM SS</p> <p>4:30pm Youth Group</p>                              | <p>18</p> <p>9:00am</p> <p>Monday</p> <p>Morning</p> <p>Prayer (Zoom)</p>                           | <p>19</p> <p>10:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>7:00pm</p> <p>Disciple Class</p> <p>7:00pm Scouts</p>  | <p>20</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Group</p> <p>12:00pm Lenten Service and Luncheon</p> <p>5:30pm GLoH Family Bible Study</p> <p>7:00pm DCP Board</p>                          | <p>21</p> <p>5:15pm Band Practice</p> <p>6:00pm Choir</p>                      | <p>22</p> <p>Church Cleaning</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>9:00am Guarding Hearts Homeschool</p>          | <p>23</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p>                                  |
| <p>24</p> <p>Church opens @ 8:30AM</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>8:45am SS</p> <p>10:00am Trad Service/CC</p> <p>11:30am Palm Sunday Luncheon</p> <p>11:45am Christian Stud ZOOM SS</p>                    | <p>25</p> <p>9:00am</p> <p>Monday</p> <p>Morning</p> <p>Prayer (Zoom)</p> <p>7:00pm</p> <p>SPRC</p> | <p>26</p> <p>10:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>7:00pm</p> <p>Disciple Class</p> <p>7:00pm Scouts</p>  | <p>27</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Group</p> <p>5:30pm GLoH Family Bible Study</p>   | <p>28</p> <p>5:15pm Band Practice</p> <p>6:00pm Choir</p>                      | <p>29</p> <p>Church Cleaning</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>7:00pm</p> <p>5:30pm Youth Group Owl Prowl</p> | <p>30</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>7:00pm Senior High Lockin</p> |
| <p>31</p> <p>Church opens @ 8:30AM</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>6:30am Sunrise Easter Service</p> <p>8:45am SS</p> <p>10:00am Trad Service/CC</p> <p>11:45am Christian Stud ZOOM SS</p>                   |   |  |   |  |  |  |



# **FINANCIAL UPDATE February 2024**



## **GENERAL FUND**

**Undesignated  
Giving  
\$16,097.62**

**Expenses  
(apprts not paid)  
\$16,327.20**

**General Fund  
Monthly Goal:  
\$27,673.08**



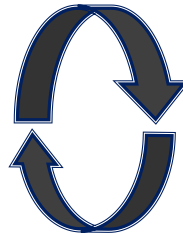
## **WAYS TO DONATE TO DAHLGREN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



Mail to P.O. Box 1797 Dahlgren,  
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box at back of sanctuary



DUMC Website ([dahlgrenumc.org](http://dahlgrenumc.org))  
click on "Donate"



Donor arranged through  
personal on-line banking

**Please continue to support your church. For those not attending in person, online giving options are linked to the church website. You may also drop it in the box at back of the Sanctuary in person or mail it to the church office at P.O. Box 1797, Dahlgren, VA 22448.**