



The Christian Progress

Dahlgren United Methodist Church

January 2025

New Year Greetings

I thank God for God's faithfulness in watching over us as a congregation during 2024 and pray for the same God to lead us through 2025. Happy New Year to all of you and may each one of you experience the joy of God's blessings.



*According to
Lamentations
3:22-23
(NIV)*

*“Because of
the Lord’s
great love we
are not
consumed, for
his
compassions*

never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” My prayer for everyone is to allow the Holy Spirit to lead each and every one to be the hands and feet of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*Peace,
Pastor George*



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

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Link to the Mission River District January newsletter

<https://conta.cc/4fGUr3e>



Missions

Jesus Gifts for December, 2024

• Dahlgren Pre-School	<i>Jesus Gift</i>	\$	575.00
• NC Hurricane Relief	<i>Jesus Gift</i>	\$	1,100.00
• KG Valor Ranch for Veterans	<i>Jesus Gift</i>	\$	655.00

2024 Support Summary Totals

• INCOMING GIVINGS:	\$	37,428.00
• OUTGOING SUPPORT:	\$	40,555.00

2024 Top Outgoing Support Areas

• Love Thy Neighbor	\$	9,900.00
• From the Heart	\$	7,366.00
• Agape Children’s Center	\$	4,305.00
• DUMC Family Assistance	\$	3,638.00
• Oglala Lakota College	\$	3,000.00
• Valor Ranch	\$	2,155.00
• Cambodia Missionary	\$	1,872.00
• UMCOR Hurricane Relief	\$	1,600.00
• Navy Family Assistance	\$	1,513.00
• Oglala Tribal Housing Assistance	\$	1,400.00
• Tree of Life	\$	800.00
• King George Lunch Bunch	\$	700.00
• Dahlgren Christian Preschool	\$	575.00

2024 Christmas Poem

By Patricia Norris



It is that time of year once again
 As we celebrate the birth of our Lord
 The joy in our hearts as we lift our voices
 in awe and wonder
 Knowing it is more than
 the decorated shopping mall
 Or the sparkling Christmas tree
 Or the children’s stockings
 hung on the mantel with care
 It is indeed the birth of that little baby boy
 Who changed the world forever by just being in it
 His love, compassion and forgiveness outshine it all
 And so, I hope you have the merriest of Christmases
 And a blessed and Happy New Year!

Looking ahead to 2025, continue to shine your light in the dark places you encounter, so that others may come to realize how much God truly loves them.

Worship

Worship can be defined as “the reverence or adoration that one shows toward something or someone; holding a person or object in high esteem; or giving a person or an object, a place of importance or honor.”

It is a Biblical mandate that we **Worship God** and **Him** alone. It is an act that is designed to not only bring honor to **Him**, who deserves honor, but also to bring a spirit of obedience and submission to the worshippers.

The role of **Worship** in the Church is to glorify **God** and to give **Him** thanks for **His** blessings. **Worship** is a time when Christians gather together in fellowship to sing, to pray, to offer sacrifices and to be taught the “Word of **God**”. It is a time to be encouraged in faith and to grow spiritually. It can occur in small groups such as Sunday schools, Prayer groups and Bible study groups. But the most visible and more encompassing form of **Worship** is the Sunday Church Service

Worship is essential to Christian Life:

Worship connects us with **God** thru learning more about **Him** and to learn more of **His** ways.

Worship keeps us focused on **God** by keeping the spotlight on **Him** so we humbly accept that it is **His** will, not ours!

Worship feeds our souls by enhancing our spiritual growth and our appreciation of **Him** through prayer, singing and reading the scriptures. It energizes, refreshes and refuels our souls to grow in obedience and intimacy with **Him**.

Worship inspires and encourages us to come together and pray for guidance and strength. It is a way to show, in a gathering, our appreciation for **God’s** blessings in our lives.

Worship readies us for what’s to come when we enter eternity according to **God’s** timing. It is essential that we be in “worship- shape” when it is time to enter **His** Presence

Worship is More than just Checking a Box on Sunday.

Worship is Preparation for the Eternity to Come.





What does a Church Worship Team do?

(Ref: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/worship-committee-leader>)



A Church Worship Team's overall responsibility is to build and maintain a growing and healthy spiritual life in the overall Church and its Sunday Worship experience. A Spiritual Culture that meets and supports the worship goals of the Church Congregation and the surrounding Community.

To better provide spiritual value-added and benefit, a Church Worship Team must be aware of the worship needs and desires of a Congregation. The Team must be sensitive to new worship styles and to congregational traditions. By asking appropriate questions of the Congregation and working with the Pastor, the Church Worship Team must strive to always provide a vibrant Church Worship Experience that will help people of all ages to grow in their spiritual journey to better understanding God, His Love and His Gospel. The Worship Team Goal is for Congregation members to leave a Church Worship Experience feeling Spiritually Up Lifted and Better Equipped for Daily Living as Faithful Disciples.

In addition, a Church Worship Team will also work in areas for:

- Promoting individual, small group and family worship opportunities for spiritual formation outside of Church Services
- Training and supporting worship leaders such as acolytes, scripture readers, ushers, greeters, artists and others to include the required sanctuary protocols and sanctuary etiquette.
- Working with other Church ministry leaders so that worship is celebrated in the whole life and culture of the Congregation and the Community

A Congregation is never static. As it changes and evolves, so does its worship needs and desires. A Pastor and the Church Worship Team must take the responsibility for periodically assessing those needs and suggesting appropriate revisions of liturgy and sanctuary if required. The actions of a Pastor and a Congregation, working together, are most critical in creating dynamic worship in today's world. After all, the word Liturgy means, quite simply..... the "work of the people".

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

2024 has been a good year at DUMC. As a church family we have:

- grown in faith through worship
- increased our Biblical knowledge through Sunday School, Bible Studies, and GloH
- supported one another in prayer through worship and prayer groups
- provided for each other in sickness, death, and times of struggles by providing prayers, meals, transportation and cards of encouragement
- Cared for our Church building and property through workdays
- Provided money, physical labor, and prayers for our community and the world through our apportionments and giving to missions

Now let's look forward to 2025. What is needed for DUMC to continue with meaningful worship and be the beacon of hope to our community?

- **First**, Seek God's guidance. Commit to daily prayer which glorifies God and seeks His guidance. A springboard could be The Upper Room Daily Devotion found at <https://www.upperroom.org/>

- **Next - Volunteer** in the area that God nudges you.

-Join the Choir - Become a Greeter, Usher, Scripture reader, Acolyte, Audio/Video team

-Sunday School teacher or facilitator - Help with GLoH (Wednesday evening program)

-Join one of our committees (listed in your Church Directory).

There is no limit on the number of committee members, so volunteer on any committee where God is leading you. If you don't have a Church Directory contact the church office. Let's continue to live out our mission statement of:

The mission of Dahlgren United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ, by sharing the Good

News and love of Jesus Christ with people in our community and throughout the world.

Go....Be blessed and be a blessing. Go....Make things happen!

Linda Fowler – Stewardship Chair



OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN His word!

Sunday Service

Worship - 10:00 AM

1st Sunday/month Communion (open to all)

Children's worship during 10 AM service

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 – 5th grade 9:00 AM**

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

Adult (18+) – 9:00 AM Book Study – Calvin Vs. Wesley

Adult (18+) – 11:30 AM -Christian Studies Class – Sunday ZOOM meetings studying The Gospel of John

by John Barclay

Teacher – April Getty

Teacher – Michele Watson

Facilitators – Carolyn Nelson/Carolyn Short

Bible Studies

Men's Group Tuesdays 10:00 AM - Pastor-led men's bible study and discussion. Come for biblical Christian education, warm fellowship, and fresh coffee.

Disciple Group Tuesdays 7:00 PM - This class meets in person in the church fellowship hall and is facilitated by Annette Ashton and Dave Loudin from Trinity UMC and Carolyn Nelson and Heather Kiser from DUMC. They are studying **Invitation to John** (a short-time Disciple book) . There are folks from around the county and the state attending this class. Please call the church office for the zoom link.

GLoH – Wednesday night family bible study – Classes for children PreK-8th grade and an adult class that is studying the book Relying On the Holy Spirit by Charles Stanley.

Prayer Groups

MONDAYS 9:00 AM via ZOOM - Start your week with prayer!! Facilitated by Pastor George. Please call the church office for the ZOOM link information.

WEDNESDAYS 10:00 AM - Meet with Jesus mid-week. Prayer group meets in the church sanctuary and is facilitated by April Getty.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SENIOR BREAKFAST

Friday, January 17th

9:00-10:30am



Plan to stay after service and join us in the fellowship hall for a soup luncheon. If you would like to bring a soup to share, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer.

ALL CHURCH SOUP LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 26th

Plan to stay after service and join us in the fellowship hall for a soup luncheon. If you would like to bring a soup to share, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer.



YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT MEETINGS

Sunday, January 12TH and 19TH

Teens meet 4:00-4:45pm

Combined dinner with young adults 4:45-5:45pm

Young adults meet 5:45-6:45pm

All youth and young adults are invited to attend and we encourage you to bring a friend along. Games, bible lesson, dinner and some planned events throughout the year off campus.

THANK YOU BURGESS HAULING AND EXCAVATING

We send our thanks out to Burgess Hauling and Excavating for scraping the recent snow from the church parking lot. In particular we want to thank Dahlgren Christian Preschool alumni, Blue Burgess WHO did the actual scraping.

Also, thank you again to our trustees who come down in foul weather to ensure the sidewalks are salted and cleared to the best of their ability.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Three beautiful reminders of how our sanctuary gets transformed each month.
Thank you ladies!





January

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

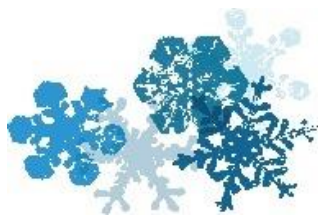
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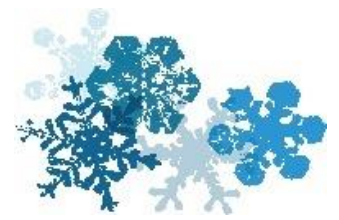
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FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 2024



GENERAL FUND

Undesignated Giving
\$26,704.05

Expenses
\$22,666.05

General Fund Monthly Goal:
\$20,444.20



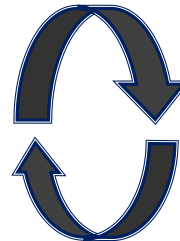
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22448 or directly in
offering box at back
of sanctuary



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



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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.