



The Christian Progress

Dahlgren United Methodist Church

October 2025



Fall is here!

My family always enjoys taking drives as the leaves start turning colors and enjoying the vibrant hues spread along the mountain roads. It is amazing how mother nature can be one of the finest artists as we see the mix of reds and oranges and yellows across our view.

The transition of the leaves is a reminder to us of the changing of the seasons. The enduring heat of summer is leaving and we are moving ahead to a hopefully seasonally comfortable preparation of winter. As the trees drop their leaves to ready themselves for the cold, we then look forward to the buds and flowering that symbolizes the approach of spring and the start of another cycle of the change.

However, even as we watch the weather change, we can all take comfort in the fact that our God is a permanent, steady presence in our lives. As we read in Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ Is the same yesterday and today and forever." The wind and the rain may erode away the soil; people are born and die; but our God in Heaven remains always. He will always be there for us when we maintain our faith with Him.

It is a wonderful source of reassurance to us that no matter whatever else may change, we know that our God's love is ever present, and never failing. As Paul says in Romans 8:38-39, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Let us enter this autumn season with the knowledge that our world may change around us, but the door to the House of God is always open to welcome us in, and that will never change. We who are privileged to worship the Lord know that we not only experience His love while we dwell on Earth, but that our eternal salvation awaits. The children of God experience the unchanging, permanent blessings from our Lord. Let us never forget to show our appreciation for all that God does for us in both our prayers and our actions. "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever." – Psalms 136:1.

Grace and peace to you in Christ,
Pastor Rob



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

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NEWS FROM MISSIONS

Report for September, 2025

	<u>INCOMING</u>	<u>OUTGOING</u>
• General Missions	\$ 280.00	\$
• From the Heart BackPacks	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 1,252.93
• Agape	\$	\$ 200.00
• DUMC Member Assistance	\$ 595.00	\$
• DUMC Family Disaster Assistance	\$	\$ 355.95
• Love Thy Neighbor	\$ 600.00	\$ 624.13
• Oglala Lakota College	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
• Navy Family	\$ 200.00	\$ 376.33
TOTAL	\$ 4,225.00	\$ 3,209.34

Valor Ranch Volunteer Opportunity

Hello,

At Valor Ranch, we believe in the power of community and the call to serve others with compassion and dedication. We envision a future where every hero and their loved ones can find solace, joy, and purpose in a supportive and nurturing environment. However, we cannot do this work alone. We are reaching out to invite your church family to join us in this ministry by helping us recruit team leaders and volunteers who feel called to serve in this meaningful way.

Valor Ranch, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is a sanctuary of healing and rejuvenation, where injured service members, veterans, first responders, and their families discover renewed strength and hope through the transformative power of nature and animal-assisted therapy. We partner with the Soldier Recovery Units (SRUs) at Walter Reed, Fort Belvoir, Fredericksburg and Richmond, veteran homes, first responders, and veterans continuing treatment. We welcome injured servicemen and women, along with their families, to our 120-acre farm in King George, VA. Here, we offer them a respite from medical care and an opportunity to reconnect with their loved ones.

Below is a link to a flyer that highlights our volunteer needs, including the Team Leader openings. Would you be willing to help us by sharing this flyer and spreading the word within your network? Your support can connect us with people who have the heart and skills to make a real difference.

We understand the hurdles that service members, veterans, and their families face after military service, especially when coping with injuries or illnesses. Warriors are never alone on the battlefield, and they shouldn't be alone when they return home. Valor Ranch helps reconnect fellow warriors and provides healing through the great outdoors.

Together, with your help, we can continue to serve those who have sacrificed so much for our country. Thank you for considering our request and for standing with Valor Ranch.

Website: <https://valorranch.us> Facebook: www.facebook.com/valorranch.us/

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Many Blessings,

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Pastor Appreciation Month

About our Pastor:

Rob Getty heard a distinct calling. He would be set apart by the church to represent all the love of our savior Jesus Christ. He is strong, smart and never self-promoting. A master chess player he understands personal integrity and the love needed to lead his church. He feeds his people line upon line, precept upon precept. Guiding us through the pages of God's Word. He finds his daily strength, while working and also preparing for the teaching of The Word of God, his strength comes from the Lord. He believes being an example for his flock is foremost in importance. His love of Our Savior, his generous spirit and his unwavering commitment shines through his eyes.

The love for his family is clearly evident! He shines when April, Brian and Alex are present. His family love is unwavering. His love for us all is a noble task!

This is our pastor, Rob.

Thank you, Rob, for your strength and spiritual maturity. Thank you for loving Jesus and us!

*****Join us to welcome Rob and celebrate his efforts:*****

On October 26th, the church is invited to a luncheon at Don Eladio's Cantina immediately following the church service. Everyone will be ordering from the menu and paying for their own meals. Cake will be provided. The restaurant requires a head count, so please RSVP using the sign-up list in the atrium or by contacting the office.



ART NIGHT AT DUMC WAS A SUCCESS!

The Community Art Hub is such a wonderful success that our host, Cheryl Leonard is going to continue hosting crafting nights here at DUMC. The meetings will be on Friday nights at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall and are open to all and anyone who would like to fellowship over a craft. **Our October meeting dates are:**

Friday, October 10th – pencil art

Friday, October 17th – oil pastels

Friday, October 24th – quilling pumpkins



Guarding Hearts Homeschool Group

The Guarding Hearts Homeschool Group meets at DUMC twice a month. The 26 September gathering was a busy one with 125 students. The church was a beehive of activity: new drivers were being taught about traffic stop etiquette by King George Deputy Sheriffs; making "Bread of Life" and watching it rise; solving puzzles; and learning the life cycle of apple trees. Everything is tied back to God.

Many thanks to Vel Burgess for starting this program and helping for so many years.

A STEWARDSHIP Note

Fall is Here! Check out what's coming!

Fall is when DUMC focuses on Stewardship. Each Sunday starting October 26th and ending November 23rd a person from our congregation will speak on one aspect of stewardship. Please plan to attend each Sunday and support your fellow members. You will be blessed to hear their testimonies in the areas of prayer, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Linda Fowler, Stewardship Chair

10/26 Prayer – Jim Ramsbotham

11/2 Presence – Hunter Frederick

11/9 Gifts – Carolyn Nelson

11/16 Service - Pastor Rob

11/23 Witness – Steve Boyle

See you in Church!



Come help stock the shelves at *Love Thy Neighbor* community food pantry!

Stocking the pantry and organizing donations happens each week on **Thursdays**
11am—2 pm

& Fridays 11am— 2 pm

Love Thy Neighbor is located on Kings Hwy
in the old King George Journal offices:
10250 Kings Highway
King George, VA 22485

Just show up ready to work! If you have questions, contact the Missions Team Chair, April Getty, at april@gettyfamily.com.



Needed

This tender heart is so easily bruised
It yearns for comfort and hope
This heart aches to feel worthy
Never again to hunger or want
For love and joy to fill it completely
Why do I wander so far away
For I am lost without Him
What is it I need or looking for
I look towards the sky and whisper
"What is it?"
I sit quietly looking at my hands
Realizing that I am holding them
A small smile crosses my face
All I need is to pray, all I ever will
need.....

– Kathryn Hale



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 Studying the Apostles Creed

Adult (18+) – 11:30 AM -Christian Studies Class – Sunday ZOOM meetings studying “James, & 2 Peter, 1,2,3 John, Jude” in the Immersion Bible Study Series

Teacher – April Getty

Teacher – Michele Watson

Facilitators – Carolyn Nelson/Carolyn Short

Bible Studies

Men's Group Tuesdays 10:00 AM - 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 have started back up and are studying the 5th season of The Chosen.

Prayer Meetings

MONDAYS 9:00 AM via ZOOM - Start your week with prayer from your own home!! 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.

Opportunities to Serve in God's House

If you have been looking for a way to plug in with your service, please consider some of the following areas. An * displays serving during the worship service. If you see something you may be interested in, please contact the church office for more information (540-663-2230). Training is available for all positions/areas, if needed.

Church Facebook Page

Are you into Facebook? We need people willing to update the Church Facebook Page. This would involve coming up with post about events that have happened or that are planned to happen.

Atrium Monitor Slideshow

The slideshow on the monitor in the atrium is updated weekly. Volunteering could be a little as updating the weekly information (meetings etc.) when other editor(s) are out of town to full updates. It is easy and training is available.

*Service Videos

The service is filmed each Sunday and posted to YouTube and Facebook. Channel your inner Spielberg and volunteer! Positions available as substitutes or as a regular part of the rotation. This does require some time after the service ends to edit and upload the video.

*PowerPoint

The items projected during the service use PowerPoint and someone needs to “flip” the slides during the service. Positions available as substitutes or as a regular part of the rotation.

*Soundboard

Substitutes are needed to man the soundboard when the usual primary and alternate are not available. This involves having an ear for the sound levels of the different voices and instruments.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SENIOR BREAKFAST

Friday, October 17th

9-10:30 AM

Join us for a morning of friends, fellowship and free food. Bring a friend along!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH and YOUNG ADULTS

- Sundays, 10/5 and 10/19

In the fellowship hall

Teens meet at 4:00

Combined dinner 4:45

Young adults meet at 5:45pm

COMMUNITY ART HUB

Friday October 10, 17, 24

5:30-8:00pm

Meet in the fellowship hall for fellowship among the crafts.

Pastor Appreciation

Luncheon 10/26

After service at Don Eladio's restaurant. All welcome, individual meal pay.

DUMC HYMN SING

Monday, October 27

5:30pm

Join us in the sanctuary for a traditional, informal hymn sing. Let's lift our praises in song!

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31ST 5-8:00 pm

A DUMC, fun filled, safe, community outreach

****WE WILL NEED
VOLUNTEERS TO
HELP OUT!****

- Hot dog/chip dinners for everyone
 - Games to play
- Decorated vehicles for handing out candy

Sign up sheets in the foyer for:

- Bringing a decorated vehicle
- Donating candy to be given out
- Donations of food
- Friends to help support the event that night



****Announcement****

Our upcoming **Charge Conference** is on **Wednesday, October 22nd** at Colonial Beach UMC at 7:00 p.m.



From the Heart Packing Event

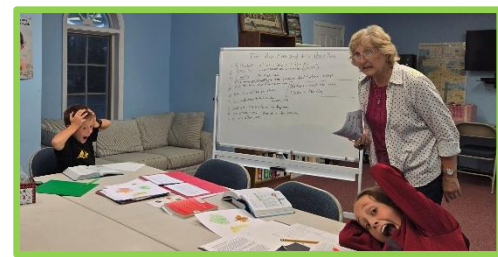


Guarding Hearts
homeschool representatives
donating to DUMC for our
support over the last year





Senior Breakfast



GLoH





Youth and Young Adults Picnic





Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			1 10:00am Prayer Group 5:30pm GLoH 7:00pm Trustees	2 5:15pm Music Practice 7:00pm Finance	3 Church Cleaning Office Closed	4 Office Closed
5 Office Closed 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Church Service /Comm 11:45am ZOOM SS 4:45pm Teens/Young Adult	6 9:00am Monday Morning Prayer (Zoom) 5:30pm Worship Committee 7:00pm SPRC	7 10:00am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Disciple Class 7:00pm Scouts	8 10:00am Prayer Group 5:30pm GLoH 7:15pm Church Council	9 5:15pm Music Practice	10 Church Cleaning Office Closed 5:30pm Art Hub	11 Office Closed
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FINANCIAL UPDATE

September 2025



GENERAL FUND

Undesignated Giving
\$15,920.11

Expenses
\$12,936.69

Monthly Goal
\$20,470.00

****These amounts do not reflect gifts given for missions, mortgages or any other designated funds.**

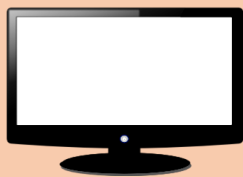


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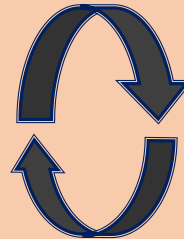
Send via mail to
DUMC
P.O. Box 1797 Dahlgren,
VA 22448



Place monies/envelopes directly
in the offering box on the wall by
the doors at back of sanctuary



DUMC Website
(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.