



The Christian Progress

Dahlgren United Methodist Church

November 2025

Greetings Dahlgren United Methodist Church family!

Here we are in November! The days are getting shorter, and the temperature is getting cooler. We are looking ahead to Thanksgiving, and to think about what we are personally thankful for.

We just had a Pastor Appreciation lunch where about 30 members of our congregation joined together after the service. And while I am grateful for the appreciation that I received, I want to focus on our wonderful church family. No single person makes our church work. There are dozens of people who contribute every week; both up-front and behind the scenes. I call your attention to 1 Corinthians Chapter 12 (slightly redacted).

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body. But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. But God has put the body together, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it”. So our “Pastor” appreciation lunch is really a cause for our entire church family to rejoice and celebrate!

I am always thankful for my church family. When things get hard for us as individuals, we can draw on the strength of the group. Things that seem impossible for one solitary person can be overcome by actions of a congregation. If I falter, my brothers and sisters are there to pick me up. As it is said in Hebrews 10:24-25: “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching”.

What are you thankful for during this season?

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 October, 2025

	<u>INCOMING</u>	<u>OUTGOING</u>
• General Missions	\$ 630.00	\$
• From the Heart BackPacks	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 1,031.65
• Agape	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
• DUMC Member Assistance	\$ 59.90	\$ 539.90
• DUMC Family Disaster Assistance	\$	\$ 422.04
• Love Thy Neighbor	\$	\$ 144.97
• Red Cup Cambodia Scholarship	\$ 160.00	\$ 276.00
• Navy Family	\$	\$ 392.51
TOTAL	\$ 2,999.90	\$ 3,007.07

A FAMILY MISSION OPPORTUNITY

If you are looking for a way to include you children in a mission project.....HERE IT IS. Every year, DUMC works with King George Social Services to provide the ingredients for a complete Thanksgiving dinner to be donated to families in need across the county. The Short family donates the boxes and a list of suggested food items are made available. DUMC graciously offers upwards of 10+ meals to this ministry. If you have young children this is an excellent way to include them in helping shop for other's needs.

Boxes can contain whatever you feel belongs with a holiday dinner: turkey or ham, potatoes, canned gravy, yams, stuffing, cranberries, canned green beans/corn, rolls/butter, pies and more. Also consider food that could be added to make more meals from the leftovers, such as rice, chicken broth, noodles.

NOTE: TURKEYS SHOULD BE FROZEN BUT NO FROZEN DESSERTS.

Boxes are in the foyer with a sign up sheet attached. Please leave your name and box # on the sign up. Filled boxes, with assigned #'s are to be delivered to Oakland Baptist Church parking lot on Tuesday, 25 November, between the time of 8 a.m-11:00 a.m. Please consider sharing a meal with another family in King George.

Thank you in advance from the Missions Team for sharing your resources and helping provide a blessed holiday for our neighbors in need this Thanksgiving.



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.



A STEWARDSHIP Note

Fall is Here! Check out what's coming!

Our fall stewardship campaign features the following congregants sharing their testimonies in the areas of prayer, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Linda Fowler, Stewardship Chair

11/2 Presence – Hunter Frederick

11/9 Gifts – Carolyn Nelson

11/16 Service - Pastor Rob

11/23 Witness – Steve Boyle

See you in Church!

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.

Poet Moment

WONDER

It's dark tonight, why am I drawn here so late
The sky is lit with millions of stars, twinkling
oh so bright
I wonder where you are out there, as I look up
Are you looking back at me, can you see me
standing here
I am awed and overwhelmed with all you
have created
I want to understand, but that really doesn't
matter
From the tiniest atom, to the tallest and
widest mountain
Your love, thoughtfulness, and creativity in
everything I see
Everything you made has a purpose, a place,
and a plan
I am filled with wonder like a child
I love you my Lord God with all that I am
I drop to my knees and pray
Have mercy on my soul, for I am a sinner
What is that you will have me do.....

Kathryn Hale

Our Call to Serve and the Kingdom of God

Many of you reading this article have answered God's call to serve, and maybe He's nudging you to continue that service and expand into other areas of service, too (I hope that's the case), but how does this relate to the Kingdom of God? When we look at how Jesus spoke of God's Kingdom, it's clear that we are participants in His Kingdom here on earth, right now. We do this by allowing ourselves to be used by God to bring light into the darkness of this world. This light is our loving deeds for others – us sacrificing our comfort, desires, time, and resources for someone else. This is the definition of service that I'm referring to, and there are so many ways to serve.

Julie Grossen, our Worship Committee chair, has announced several times in church recently that she is inviting people to serve as ushers, greeters, liturgists, and even acolytes (this is not just a job for our youth). We just finished "Nominations Season" in the church where the Nominations Committee is tasked with filling the vacant leadership positions of the church and the open positions on our various committees. These are great ways to serve, too. As Missions Team chair, and VBS Director, I'm always interested in recruiting people to help out with VBS in the summer and with our various Missions projects, such as From the Heart, Valor Ranch, Love Thy Neighbor, the Agape Christian Children's Center, Tending the Flock, and support of the food pantry on the base. Lending a hand at our various church events, such as Trunk-or-Treat or Believe in Jesus, is a great way to shine the light of Christ to others, as well. Our purpose in serving others is to glorify God, and to further His Kingdom, one heart at a time. It's impossible to fully predict how your service will impact the people you serve, and also the people who observe your actions.

One of the things Jesus compared the Kingdom of God to was a mustard seed: (Mark 4:30-34) Again he said, "What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade." What Jesus meant by using this analogy to a mustard seed is that over time, small things add up to something much bigger than the individual parts, so we should take every opportunity we can to do good and trust that each of these acts furthers God's Kingdom here on earth. In this season of thankfulness and giving, please consider expanding how you serve. I urge you to follow the nudges of the Holy Spirit, despite the fact that they are easy to push aside and difficult to say "yes" to. Remember, these nudges are ultimately a fulfillment of God's will for you and His people. Have a fruitful and blessed Thanksgiving!

-April Getty, Missions Team Chair & VBS Director



From the Agape center this summer, VBS with the kids.



Tending the Flock – helping a church member move



Stocking the shelves at Love Thy Neighbor

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

Teacher – April Getty

Adult (18+) – 9:00 AM Studying the Apostles Creed

Teacher – Michele Watson

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

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.

Below is a chart that outlines their studies through January. If your Tuesday evenings are free, you should pop in at any time for an evening steeped in His word with wonderful friends from around the county.

Parables and Advent Studies

Date	Lesson #	Title	Facilitator
Parables, Putting Jesus Stories's in Their Place			
October 21	1. Wine and Wineskins		Dave
October 25	2. Mustard Seed		Heather
November 4	3. Leaven		Annette
November 11	4. Wicked Tenants		Carolyn
A Child is Born: a Beginner's Guide to Nativity Stories			
November 18	1. Conception and Birth of Isaac and Ishmael		Dave
Thanksgiving Week- No Lesson			
December 2	2. Conception and Birth of Samson		Heather
December 9	3. Conception and Birth of Samuel		Annette
December 16	4. Jesus:Heir to Traditions		Carolyn
Holiday Break			
Parables, Putting Jesus Stories's in Their Place			
January 6	5. Wedding Party		Dave
January 13	6. Workers in the Vineyard		Heather

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SENIOR BREAKFAST

Friday, November 14th

9-10:30 AM

Join us for a morning meal with fellowship and free food. Bring a friend along!

Game Night 11/7

Come share in an evening of clean family fun, food and friends. Bring your favorite table games. 6-8:00pm.



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH and YOUNG ADULTS

- Sundays, 11/2 and 11/16

In the fellowship hall

Teens meet at 4:00 – they are studying Ephesians

Combined dinner 4:45

Young adults meet at 5:45pm – they are studying the Screwtape letters

DUMC HYMN SING

Monday, November 24

5:30pm

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



COMMUNITY ART HUB

Friday November 14, 21

5:30-8:00pm

Meet in the fellowship hall for fellowship among the crafts.



Senior
Breakfast



Trustees Work Day - THANK YOU!!



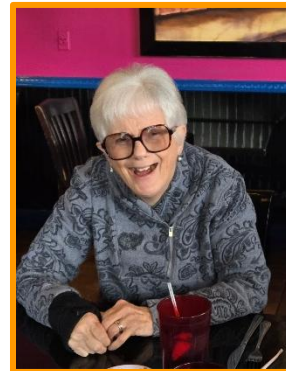


Art Hub





Pastor
Appreciation Luncheon



All Saints Luncheon





Trunk or Treat





November

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

						1 Office Closed
2 Office Closed 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Church Service /Comm 11:15am All Saints Luncheon 11:45am ZOOM SS 4:45pm Teens/5:45pm Young Adult	3 9:00am Monday Morning Prayer (Zoom) 5:30pm Worship Committee 7:00pm SPRC	4 10:00am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Disciple Class 7:00pm Scouts	5 10:00am Prayer Group 5:30pm GLoH 7:00pm Trustees	6 5:15pm Music Practice 6:30pm Guarding Hearts Dinner 7:00pm Finance	7 Church Cleaning Office Closed 8:00am Guarding Hearts Homeschool 6:00pm Game Night	8 Office Closed 5:30pm Women's Potluck Kathryn Carter's home
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FINANCIAL UPDATE

October 2025



GENERAL FUND

Undesignated Giving
\$20,746.86

Expenses
\$15,099.24

Monthly Goal
\$20,470.00

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



WAYS TO DONATE TO DAHLGREN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

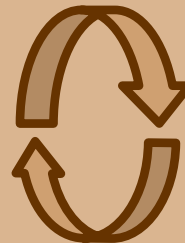
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DUMC
P.O. Box 1797 Dahlgren,
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Place monies/envelopes
directly in the offering box on
the wall by the doors at back of
sanctuary



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.