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At-A-Glance

Davidson United Methodist Church



A Deeper Step

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My name is Dianne Lawhorn and I am the new Associate Pastor of Education and Family Ministries here at DUMC! One of the things that I have enjoyed doing in my time here is meeting with the Adult Faith Formation groups. I have made it my goal to meet with every group during my first three months of service. It has been a pleasure to get to know you better as you share about your lives—your work, family, and church involvement. It has been exciting to hear about your hopes and dreams for our ministry and what we need to do in order to take our next steps. It has also been a joy to share about my faith journey, call to ministry, and the path that has brought me here to serve among you.

One of the groups that I met with recently sent a few questions for me to consider prior to meeting with them. They asked me what experience had the most significant impact on my spiritual life. This was a great question that reminded me of where my spiritual journey began; it began in my home. What was most important to my parents was pursuing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

They really practiced their faith! Not a day went by that I didn't see my mom kneeling in prayer in our living room or my dad reading his bible at the kitchen table. This modeled for me that faith was not only about church attendance and service, but about a growing relationship with Jesus that we take deeper steps into every day. They modeled for me that ministry flows out of this relationship, it is the fruit of the Spirit's work within us! This provided me with a foundation that not only set the course for my life, but my ministry.

Growing up, I sought out many ways to pursue this relationship. I was hungry to learn and grow, and to allow the Spirit to mold and shape me into the character of Christ. This is what inspired me to share my faith with others in such a way that they might pursue that same relationship! This has been my heart for ministry from the very beginning. I am sure that it was part of my parent's hopes and dreams for me. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to share in this pursuit with you here at DUMC.

It is my hope that we can offer our congregation many opportunities to learn, grow, and to take our next steps into a deeper relationship with Christ. It is my prayer that this will be a relationship that is not only fulfilling, but transformative. May God bless us in this shared journey together!

All In Guatemala!

Update

BERTA SPENCER

Covid-19 is a global pandemic. Everyone knows that. But it is easy to forget our brothers and sisters who live in the mountains of Guatemala. This "calamity," as they call it, is worse there in many ways. On March 17, the day after our team came home, the Guatemalan government closed the airports and issued an immediate stay at home order for the whole country. All businesses were closed; transportation stopped; and travel to neighboring towns was prohibited. ALL Guatemalans are still required to wear masks anytime they are out of their homes or face a very steep fine.

Most of these people live on a very day-to-day basis and had no opportunity or ability to stock up as we did. All tourism, a major factor of their income, was halted immediately. Most of the families lost at least a part, if not all, of their earnings, with no opportunity to resume their crafts and trade. Many of them had no food and were facing starvation. Pieces of white cloth hung from doorways to show that the residents were in dire need.



DUMC September Collection

During the month of September we will be collecting Compleat Hormel Meals for Bags of Hope. You may drop off meals in the black containers located outside the Church Office entrance.



In light of this, All In Guatemala! made a very quick pivot to address the current needs. Our coordinators and their families have been filling their pickup trucks with bags of dried corn and beans and taking them out to those in need. So far, we have distributed baskets of food to over 10,000 people!

Realizing that the only hope for relief is the next crop of corn and that fertilizer for this year's crop was a necessity, our microfinance program has made loans for more than 30,000 lbs. of fertilizer.

We have been amazed that our Guatemalan families still see the urgency of pure water and clean air. Even in these dire straits, they continue to strive to pay their portions and we continue to build stoves and supply water filters for all who participate.

There are many people right here at home who are hurting as a result of Covid-19 and there are many ways you and I can help them. However, our sisters and brother in Guatemala need our help, too. There will be no governmental support for them. If you feel led to help us be the Hands and Feet of Christ, donations can be sent to: All In Guatemala! P.O. Box 923, Davidson, NC 28036.

Please include our Guatemalan brother and sisters in your prayers.

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

PRAYER LIST

Names remain on this list for two issues, unless otherwise requested. To add your name or that of a friend or loved one, contact Sherry Carpenter at scarpenter@davidsonumc.org or 704-892-8277

Mason Acacian
Joe Banks
Kim Browning
Alex Dahan
Judy Feigl
Cheryl and Shawn Greenwood
Devin Kiser
Caroline McMahon
Carole and Woody Naman
Linda Turner
Ashleigh Whaley
Alice Younts
Emmaline Younts

Sympathy to

The Carroll family in the death of Don's niece
The VanHecke family in the death of Evelyn's mother
The Wally family in the death of Mittie's brother
The Baggett family in the death of Sue's son
The Billig family in the death of Keri's grandfather
The Denny family in the death of Jim's mother
The Warren-Hemstreet family in the death of Donna's father
The Baker family in the death of Kelly's mother
The Reinstadtler family in the death of Alec's brother

September Classes to Build Your Faith and Keep You Connected

The Critical Journey Responding to God's Deeper Invitations

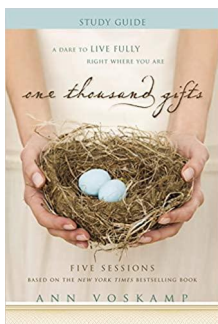
Join us on a free virtual exploration presented by Rev. Ashley Thomas and Ann Starrette over seven weekly, one-hour zoom sessions from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Sessions will meet Tuesdays, September 22 - November 3.

The first session will offer a brief exploration of the six/seven stages of the spiritual journey. The following weeks will explore each of the stages. To register, contact Nancy Bellamy at jin63@bellsouth.net to indicate your interest, ask questions, and receive your Zoom invitation link. All are welcome! No book purchase is necessary.



Sisters Bible Study

This is a long running group that has met on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. We encourage women of all ages to join in order to gain meaningful discussions on material chosen and led by the group. We encourage attendance even if participants can not give full attention to the study.

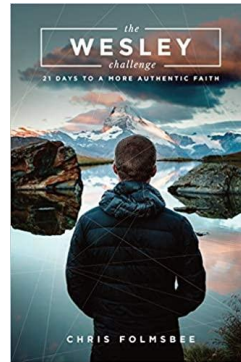


Sisters Bible Study has chosen to do the study "One Thousand Gifts" by Ann Voskamp. How do we find joy in the midst of deadlines, debt, drama, and daily duties? This will be a five-session, video based study in which participants can take on a life changing discipline of journaling God's gifts. At this time they are scheduled to be held online through Zoom September 2 - October 7 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact: Jennifer Sherrill at jsherrill01@gmail.com or Cathy Barkley at cathybarkley@bellsouth.net. Register on the [website](#) under Registrations.

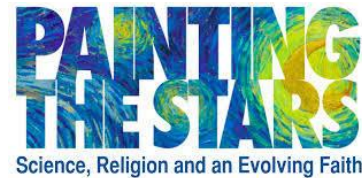
Starting Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. join Pastor Brad on Zoom for a Bible Study. No prep work needed! We will read and discuss Scripture together starting with The Book of James. Register on the [website](#) under Registrations.

The Wesley Challenge

This class will be offered online Monday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. for four weeks beginning September 14. Kristy Temple and Jon Boyce will co-lead. The Wesley Challenge is about going beyond words to develop the spiritual habits, practices, and actions that can lead toward a thriving Christian life.



Using the twenty-one questions developed by John and Charles Wesley, you'll be challenged to work with one question a day for twenty-one days. For each question you'll receive a few practical ideas to help you develop a healthy, sustainable rhythm of faithful Christian living. Register on the [website](#) under Registrations.



The Navigators Sunday School class is offering an online course based on a curriculum called "Painting the Stars - Science, Religion, and Evolving Faith." Starting on September 13, this is a seven-week study on Sunday mornings at 9:35 a.m. facilitated by Doug Martin and Dawn Hewitt. It consists of a short video followed by discussion. There are optional readings prior to each class. "Painting the Stars" celebrates the communion of science and faith. It explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality and features over a dozen leading theologians and progressive thinkers. Participants may attend as many of the sessions as they desire. To join the Navigators via Zoom register on the [website](#) under Registrations.



Ways to Serve in the Community

As students and parents in our church and community return to school this fall, we would like to make you aware of two local organizations with opportunities for you to serve. In Davidson, Ada Jenkins Center has several opportunities to help students. Opportunities include: After School Classroom Tutor (in-person & virtual), Day Program Classroom Assistant (in-person), and ESL Pal (virtual). You can learn more and sign up [here](#). Complete the application on this page and Ada Jenkins will follow up with you.

In Cornelius, Neighborhood Care Center will have a tutoring program for grades K - 5 children in the Smithville community. If you are interested in this opportunity you can sign up for an information session [here](#). Both of these organizations are following health guidance as they implement these programs. If you sign up to serve with these groups, please share that you are serving with Rev. Brad Hinton by emailing him at bhinton@davidsonumc.org



Other Things to Note....



Would you like to receive a Daily Devotion from Pastor Shane in your email each morning? Daily Devotions are also posted each morning on the DUMC Facebook page. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact Karen Payne at [kpayne@davidsonumc.org](mailto:kpayne@ davidsonumc.org).

WE
miss
YOU

It has been a long five months and the staff of DUMC have missed seeing all of YOU! We would love to receive pictures of you and your family to include in a video segment to be played during a livestream service. Don't panic - it does not need to be a professional or formal family portrait! Send us a fun picture of what you did over the summer or what you have been doing during the pandemic. Please submit pictures by September 4 to Karen Payne at [kpayne@davidsonumc.org](mailto:kpayne@ davidsonumc.org).



Come and leave a prayer on the Prayer Cross! We have installed a cross covered with chicken wire in front of the Dale House on our Main Campus. We have everything you need to leave a prayer. There is a labeled box on the front deck of the Dale House containing wired tags, sharpies, and hand sanitizer. The instructions are on top of the box. You may sign your prayer or be anonymous. As we all know we must: Socially distance, use hand sanitizer, wear a mask.

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