



Special points of interest:

- Restoration of the Church Annex
- Peach Festival 2009!
- Are They Alike or Different?
- Your Missions Programs and Much Much More!

Volume 14, Issue 3

Aug/Sep 2009

DAVIDSONVILLE UNITED MEHTODIST CHURCH

# LAMPLIGHTER

## Pastor's Thoughts

It is a cloudy summer's day with the heat and humidity of summer and the office phone is ringing for peach pie orders. In the "busy times of fall, winter and spring" we hope summer allows a slower and more restful pace? This summer in Davidsonville Church seems no different than the rest of the year. It is a busy summer with CrossRoads running full time programs, Drama Camp, Vacation Bible Camp, the Peach Festival - it seem summer is racing by like "the rest of the year."

I think growing up, as children and youth, summertime always seemed like "a long weekend of the year." When you could get up when you wanted to, do what you wanted when you wanted. I remembered that it had a "lazy time feeling to it." There have been some discussions about year round public school; I cannot imagine "life without summer." This is the point I have been working towards.

In many ways "summer" translates into biblical language as Jesus' "time a part." A time a part – a different kind of time, place, flow of life, focus of life. It is a time to search for meanings often overrun or overlooked in our regular pace of life. When we misplace or lose our "time a part" our life and faith begins to feel weak and we sense something is missing. Jesus would tell us that we are losing our "God connection – plug in," like plugging an electrical extension cord into a wall outlet and running it out so far that it unplugs.

Many of us associate summer with a time for recreation. I always liked that idea, because recreation is, in "Christian terms," a time for re – creation for, with and by God. To be re - created in God's image and re - connected to God. Our reconnection can happen in so many wonderful ways: with friends, family, on long vacations or day outings, alone in a labyrinth, on the deck in our backyard, boating on the Bay. Part of our re-creation, re-connection, is that God is still Lord of our life and we give thanks for the wonderful blessings that come to us from the Lord. I have spent moments, hours, days and some time a week or more allowing and affirming the re-creative power that God allows us when we say, "Lord here I am! Work with me, renew me, source me, and empower me with your Spirit. Amen." Pastor Jim

Davidsonville United Methodist Church

819 West Central Avenue

Davidsonville, MD 21035

Phone: 410-798-5511

Fax: 410-798-6251

Pastor: Jim Stutler

Lamplighter Published (Usually) Monthly

Editor: Tim McArdle

Support Staff: Pam Matousek (duplication),

Nancy Covington, Terri McKeever, Betty

Hardesty, Nancy Bassford (assembly, mailing)

Web URL: [www.dumc.net](http://www.dumc.net)

## Restoration of the Church Annex Has Begun!!!

Your Church Council has been working on new ways to increase our membership. And the Council decided that restoring the exterior of the Church Annex to its previous appearance was an important step in the process. Bids were solicited from several contractors to do carpentry repairs to the porches, stairs and dormer, repair the stucco and parge the brick foundation where needed, and pressure wash, prime, replace and repair and paint gutters and downspouts, repair cracks as needed and paint the entire building. We also decided to replace the oil tank that was heavily rusted. The contract for most of the work was let to J. F. Meyer Painting & Decorating from Lothian. Mr. Meyer and his company have nearly 30 years of restoration experience.

Faithfully submitted, Bob Wilson

## 2009 Peach Festival

**Rain or Shine, August 8<sup>th</sup> From 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Davidsonville United Methodist Church, 819 Central Ave, Davidsonville, MD (near intersections of Rt. 214 and Rt. 424) will hold its annual PEACH FESTIVAL on AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. (or until sold out—rain or shine). It will feature peach pies, peach jam, peach cobbler, peaches and ice cream, fresh peaches in bags and baskets and peach smoothies. Besides peaches, there will be hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages and beverages sold by the United Methodist men. The “Tongues of Fire” BBQ team will be selling pulled pork, roast beef, pulled chicken and pit-cooked chicken. Sandwiches & platters available. Also serving real lemonade, sweet tea and regular tea.

There will also be Live Music by “Chesapeake Pickers”.

**CRAFTERS INVITED...** Davidsonville United Methodist Church will hold it's annual Peach Festival, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. or until sold out. If you would like to reserve space, Call Chris Tucker, 410-798-1689.



## Note from the DUMC Communications Coordinator

Committee Chairs wanting publicity on sponsored events may use the format below and be sure that you include all pertinent information to advertise your event. Please include 3-4 weeks for lead time. If you want to include a picture, The Capital has advised that we submit pictures that include no more than 3-4 people and identify those in the picture from left to right.

There are several ways to get your press release in the right hands! You may email the completed form (and photo) to Rhonda Ostis: [Rhonda.Ostis@dhs.gov](mailto:Rhonda.Ostis@dhs.gov). Also, you may give it to Rhonda at church, or you can drop it off at the church office. But, please, don't tell Rhonda about an event and expect to see a press release. It is the responsibility of the committee chairs to provide detailed information in order to advertise the event.

If you have questions, please ask Rhonda!

### DUMC REQUEST FOR PUBLICITY

(check all that apply)

- Church Bulletin     Church Newsletter  
 Print Media (newspaper, local publications, etc.)

Name of Event \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Committee/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number/Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Details \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Rhonda Ostis 3-4 weeks in advance of the event. 410-798-0577  
[Rhonda.Ostis@dhs.gov](mailto:Rhonda.Ostis@dhs.gov)

## Hi Dad—A Story—Anonymous

After living what I felt was a 'decent' life, my time on earth came to the end.

The first thing I remember is sitting on a bench in the waiting room of what I thought to be a court house. The doors opened and I was instructed to come in and have a seat by the defense table..

As I looked around I saw the 'prosecutor.' He was a villainous looking gent who snarled as he stared at me. He definitely was the most evil person I have ever seen.

I sat down and looked to my left and there sat My Attorney, kind and gentle looking man whose appearance seemed so familiar to me, I felt I knew Him. The corner door flew open and there appeared the Judge in full flowing robes.

He commanded an awesome presence as He moved across the room I couldn't take my eyes off Him. As He took His seat behind the bench, He said, 'Let us begin.'

The prosecutor rose and said, 'My name is Satan and I am here to show you why this man belongs in hell.'

He proceeded to tell of lies that I told, things that I stole, and In the past when I cheated others. Satan told of other horrible Perversions that were once in my life and the more he spoke, the further down in my seat I sank.

I was so embarrassed that I couldn't look at anyone, even my own Attorney, as the Devil told of sins that even I had completely forgotten about. As upset as I was at Satan for telling all these things about me, I was equally upset at My Attorney who sat there silently not offering any form of defense at all.

I know I had been guilty of those things, but I had done some good in my life - couldn't that at least equal out part of the harm I'd done? Satan finished with a fury and said, 'This man belongs in hell, he is guilty of all that I have charged and there is not a person who can prove otherwise.'

When it was His turn, My Attorney first asked if He might approach the bench. The Judge allowed this over the strong objection of Satan, and beckoned Him to come forward.

As He got up and started walking, I was able to see Him in His full splendor and majesty. I realized why He seemed so familiar; this was Jesus representing me, my Lord and my Savior. He stopped at the bench and softly said to the Judge, 'Hi, Dad,' and then He turned to address the court.

'Satan was correct in saying that this man had sinned, I won't deny any of these allegations. And, yes, the wages of sin is death, and this man deserves to be punished.'

Jesus took a deep breath and turned to His Father with outstretched arms and

**Hi Dad—Cont'd**

proclaimed, 'However, I died on the cross so that this person might have eternal life and he has accepted Me as his Savior, so he is Mine.' My Lord continued with, 'His name is written in the Book of Life, and no one can snatch him from Me.

Satan still does not understand yet. This man is not to be given justice, but rather mercy.' As Jesus sat down, He quietly paused, looked at His Father and said, 'There is nothing else that needs to be done.'

'I've done it all.' The Judge lifted His mighty hand and slammed the gavel down. The following words bellowed from His lips..

'This man is free. The penalty for him has already been paid in full. 'Case dismissed.' As my Lord led me away, I could hear Satan ranting and raving, 'I won't give up, I will win the next one.' I asked Jesus as He gave me my instructions where to go next, 'Have you ever lost a case?' Christ lovingly smiled and said, 'Everyone that has come to Me and asked Me to represent them has received the same verdict as you, ~Paid In Full~'

'Stop telling God how big your storm is. Instead, tell the storm how big your God is!'

**Treasurer's Report - Ginnie Sunderland, Treasurer**

DUMC Revenue and Expense Summary January 1 – June 30, 2009

	2009	Budget	2008
Gross Revenue			
Including Other Income	\$183,810	\$171,295	\$180,148
Total Expenses	\$172,914	\$171,295	\$193,001
Surplus/Deficit for Year	\$ 10,897	\$0	-\$12,853

**CROSSROADS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

Revenue and Expense Summary January 1 – June 30, 2009

Revenue \$158,020

Notes: Five Year Bonds Due 2012 - \$62,000  
Sinking Fund Balance - \$17,000

Operating Expenses	\$131,627
Operating Income	\$ 26,393
Interest & Bond	
Redemption	\$ 10,550
Net Income	\$ 15,843

## August Birthdays

- 1 Patricia Cain
- 3 Jamie Hopkins
- 3 Bob Tomlinson
- 3 Justin Wood
- 4 Arvin Noel
- 5 Hayley Cohen
- 5 Austin Fowler
- 5 Arthur Smith
- 6 Dennis Gott
- 6 Louise Wiggins
- 8 Jo Anne Allman
- 8 Sharon Bence
- 8 Jerry Reynoldson
- 8 Glenn Turkett
- 9 Betty Beatty
- 10 Diane Pounsberry
- 10 Joseph Wiggins
- 10 Joy Wood
- 11 Benjamin Ward
- 14 Malcolm Haywood
- 14 Linda Noel
- 18 William Sunderland
- 19 Oscar Grimes
- 22 William Scrimgeour
- 23 Grace Wilson/Angevine
- 25 Arielle Hall
- 25 Diane Sprecher
- 27 Ashley Groenevelt
- 31 Janet Long
- 31 Maynard Wratchford



## September Birthdays

- 6 Don Gibbin
- 6 Melissa Webster
- 6 Stacie Svolos
- 7 Greg Scruggs
- 8 Elizabeth Angevine
- 9 Delma Miller
- 11 James Antrim
- 12 Katlin Carr
- 13 Lynda Hall
- 14 Julia Hardesty
- 16 Karen Hirakawa
- 17 John Campbell
- 19 Mary Snyder
- 19 Sharon Loss
- 21 Carlos Gross
- 21 Taylor Seymour
- 22 Jim Hopkins
- 23 Barbara O'Donnell
- 23 Donna Carruth
- 24 Carly Dickerson
- 25 Thomas Hawk
- 27 Susan Harris
- 28 Danielle Matousek
- 28 Jeff Drummond
- 28 Steven Wasserman
- 28 Susan Kidwell
- 29 Luke Borchelt
- 29 Mildred Crutchley
- 29 Pamela Matousek

## Sunday School Calendar/Events 2009 Year

Education meeting is August 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Teachers and aide meeting August 30th at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor

Promotion Sunday and attendance pins September 13th in the New Fellowship Hall

Dates / Events are subject to change

## Connie's Corner

Dear Christian Friends,

Once upon a time in a land far, far away (just kidding; -) I was a member of a congregation who had a summer camp for kids called Camp Can Do. Hmmm, thought I, we could all benefit from a little Camp Can Do! Too often we forget all the things we can do or excuse ourselves because of the things we just can't do. So, I think we need to organize a plan of action focused on the power of what you can do when you set your mind to it. Just because I can't do what I can do the way I used to doesn't mean I can't do what I can do the way I'm going to. Use your gifts. Use your power. You CAN do it! I know I can, and I know you can because we're not alone. God is right there by our side, and what a friend we have in Jesus! Yes, He does work in mysterious ways.

Peace and love,                      Connie



## Newsletter Information—From the Editor

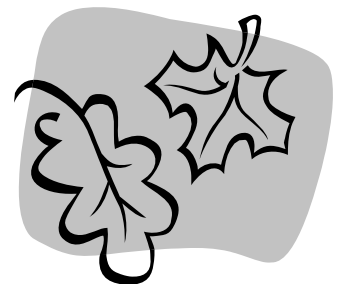
The newsletter currently tries to print six issues a year (Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/Jun, Jul/Aug, Sep/Oct, Nov/Dec). Please submit all information to Tim McArdle on or before the first of each primary month. You may do so by email to (webmaster@dumc.net), by phone (410-218-0074), or, of course, in person at church. **Please** try to provide all articles in a workable electronic format (MS Word, Excel, etc.).

Remember all issues of the newsletter that go live are posted to the DUMC website on production day (www.dumc.net .. News -> Lamplighter). You may also elect to receive these via email if you so desire—notify the webmaster (webmaster@dumc.net) or the office (office@dumc.net) if you'd prefer to save a tree and only receive electronic copies of the Lamplighter!

Also we have a section of the website (News -> Articles) for member submission of general interest articles (involving the church or faith). Feel free to submit these any time.

## Fall Flower Ministry

Flower ministry will begin in the Fall. Watch for the sign up board and donate altar flowers in memory of, in honor of, for the joy of. Say happy birthday, I love you, I'm proud of you, thank you. Be thinking about who you would like to honor and what week you would like to sponsor - limited number of Sundays available!



## CHOIR CORNER

**Marsha Goldsmith – Director of Music**



Our first ever “**Singspiration Sunday**” was a memorable service. I am grateful to the participating musicians for volunteering so cheerfully throughout the year. Their talents enhance worship at DUMC. Beyond talent, their music impacts not only their own lives, but the worship experience of everyone in attendance. A very important purpose of the service was to communicate with the congregation the deeper thoughts and beliefs of our musicians. We were able to share with you how music brings each of us closer to Christ and the DUMC family.

**Performance Camp** culminated with the show “Jack and the Beanstalk.” Forty-three campers spent a week learning instrumental music with Danielle Durbin-Spaeth, dancing with Molly Kirkup, singing with Marsha Goldsmith, creating art with Angela Barkdoll, and acting with Kyle Durbin. It was a week full of activity and fun. The final show on Friday played to an enthusiastic and very friendly standing-room-only audience!

**Vacation Bible Camp** took place in Rome this year with our final performance in front of the coliseum, no less! Music was an important part of the activity rotation. Kudos go out to the music assistants who made the week thoroughly enjoyable – Andrew Webber, Mo Hawk, Amanda Fuhrmann, Linsey Turkett (DUMC) and Emily (Holy Family). Our church community is blessed with wonderful youth who cheerfully volunteer to help with a multitude of events. They were terrific models of Christianity for the campers.

### **Coming opportunities to serve through music...**

If you would like to join our recorder group, contact Marsha Goldsmith (msgoldsmith99@hotmail.com or 410-598-2342 cell phone). We rehearse during the 10:00 hour on Sunday mornings, in the choir room. There are available slots to provide special music at worship services on Sunday mornings. Again, contact Marsha.

Choir rehearsals will resume Thursday evening, August 27.

6:00 Hand bells

7:00 Chancel Choir

8:15 Praise Band

Children’s Choir will resume Sunday mornings beginning August 30.

## Heaven—Lee Matousek

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED?  
What is Heaven really going to be like?  
What will we look like?  
What will we do?  
Won't Heaven get boring after a while?

Here is what Jesus promised...

**1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 2In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.**

John 14:1-3

On September 16th we will resume our Wednesday night Bible Study with a series on Heaven. Based on the Randy Alcorn book we will delve into what scriptures tell us about the eternal home for believers.

"If you've always thought of Heaven as a realm of disembodied spirits, clouds, and eternal harp strumming, you're in for a wonderful surprise."

Following our last study of how things on "this earth" are going to end, let's now take a look at what the "new earth" will be like. This study will take us through the theology of Heaven, many of the questions all of us have about Heaven and most importantly, how we should live today in light of what we will learn.

I would encourage you to invite neighbors and friends to join us in this study.

Lee Matousek, Lay Leader

## Your DUMC Missions Programs

DUMC Missions Committee's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, VIM, ASP, ERT (Emergency Response Team), "Little Drops", "Red Bird Mission", "Habitat for Humanity", and un-named local efforts. For any one having questions about this outreach ministry, feel free to contact any of the committee members: Tricia Moeslein, Barb Stecher, Bob Bence, Rusty Lamar, Damon Ostis or myself.

At its June meeting the committee authorized the transfer of \$1000 towards the effort to rehab the Office Annex (parsonage) and \$2500 to serve as a deposit for next year's ASP trip. Currently the Missions Program has a balance of about \$11,432. This

## Your DUMC Missions Programs-Cont'd

does not yet have the ASP deposit subtracted. It does, however, reflect the cost of the new 7 x 14 tandem-wheeled trailer parked near the Annex. While being used at present to store supplies for TOF, it will soon be configured to store the equipment and supplies needed by VIM, ESP and other outreach programs. The "Tongues of Fire" (TOF) bbq team, which acts as the principal fundraiser for Missions, anticipates adding another \$3000 to the balance before year's end.

DUMC's Missions teams are active this summer. VIM is represented by Debbie Wasson's teaching mission to Lithuania in August. The Committee has authorized funds for supplies she may need. With the hurricane season underway both ERT and VIM want to be ready. On Sat., July 25th 13 members of DUMC's family received certification as early responders following the taking of a 6 hour course, bringing the total trained to 15. These ERT personnel are the folks who'll be called to provide relief following a disaster. Your trained ERT members are Cindy Borchelt, Donna Carruth, Bob & Dixie Doyle, Tom Hawk, Rusty & Sue Lamar, Damon Ostis, Adam Schmitt, Beth Sellers, Blair & Joann Smith, Barb Stecher, and Jim & Cathie Stutler. If needed, they'll be deployed for no more than 5 days at the site of a disaster. Following their return, VIM takes over to begin the process of rebuilding. The VIM program doesn't require training and welcomes all adults to participate regardless of their skill levels. Some 23 current attendees at DUMC have participated in VIM trips.

Cynthia Howie's "Little Drops" program is a welcome addition to Missions outreach at DUMC. This effort supports a combination orphanage for senior citizens, school and home for the mentally unstable in Paranipathur, India. She and her family plan a trip to hand deliver funds in December. Cynthia's raised more than \$34,000 over a 4-year period with every penny being used for the program. She pays all her own expenses. If wishing to help, make a check out to DUMC and then write "Little Drops" in the memo area.

The 30 member strong Tongues of Fire team has three more "Q's" this season, two of which are the Peach Festival on August 8th and the Autumn Jubilation and BBQ Fest on September 26th. Of particular interest will be the latter in which an Appalachian Craft show by UMC's Red Bird Mission will be featured. The 3rd "gig" will be to provide pulled pork for 1st Presbyterian Church in Annapolis on August 30th. Profits from that sale will be earmarked to provide bench repairs in the Green Cathedral.

If God is calling you to help out with any of these ministries, please contact me at 410-798-7236 or at [bbq.pilgrim@verizon.net](mailto:bbq.pilgrim@verizon.net). Until I hear from you..."let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." 1 John 3: 18

Blair Smith, Missions Coordinator

## Dates To Remember...

Remember to check the interactive calendar at [www.dumc.net](http://www.dumc.net) for the most up to the minute schedules, events, and special announcements for Davidsonville United Methodist Church!

## DUMC Music Programs

### *Youth/Adult Music Programs*

<b>Name of Group</b>	<b>Rehearsals</b>	<b>Person in Charge</b>
Children's Choir Kindergarten - grade 5	Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM choir room	Marsha Goldsmith
DEEP - Youth Praise Band Grade 5 - adult	Monday evenings at 5:30 PM new fellowship hall	Kyle Durbin
Side-by-Side Orchestra Grade 5 - adult	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:00 AM sanctuary	Dave Rice
"J 4 J" (Jazz For Jesus) Grade 5 - adult	Alternate Sundays at noon new fellowship hall - next rehearsal Sept. 21	Marsha Goldsmith
String Group Grade 9 - adult	Alternate Sundays at noon choir room - next rehearsal Sept. 14	Marsha Goldsmith
Praise Band Grade 9 - adult	Thursday evenings at 8:15 PM new fellowship hall	Pam Matousek Marsha Goldsmith
Chancel Choir Grade 9 - adult	Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM choir room	Marsha Goldsmith
Hand bells Grade 9 - adult	Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM choir room	Marsha Goldsmith

**Questions?** Contact our Director of Music - Marsha Goldsmith  
[msgoldsmith99@hotmail.com](mailto:msgoldsmith99@hotmail.com) (cell 410-598-2342)

## Youth News

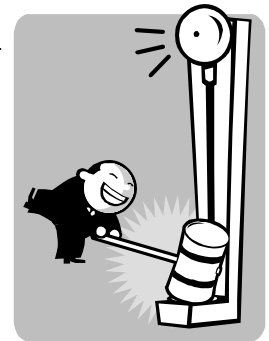
Remember DUMC MYF exists: **To build relationships with one another as we grow in our relationship with Jesus. To reach out to unbelieving friends through fun activities and service projects and. To plant seeds that have the potential to make an eternal difference in their lives.**

Romans 1:16 – I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for the Salvation of everyone who believes.

All are welcome to be a part of the youth group if you are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older. For more info call Steve Wasserman at 410-721-7320 or email [sr\\_wasserman@yahoo.com](mailto:sr_wasserman@yahoo.com).

**Upcoming Special Events!** We continue to meet each Monday night from 7-9 at my home and have been very blessed to have Kyle D leading a great b-study on 1st and 2nd Samuel! We have an amazing group of young adults, high schoolers, middle schoolers + adults as well!! 7-8 is b-ball, pool, soccer, just hangin out + pizza and snacks followed by bible study from 8-9.

We look forward to meeting on Sunday's for youth group at Southdown pool in Edgewater beginning the Sun. after memorial weekend and throughout the summer months! We will cookout and swim and play volleyball etc. and friends are always welcome!



## Church Council Notes

The Church Council continues to focus on the five topical themes which are COMMUNICATION, EVANGELISM, COMMUNITY, ALL AGES and FACILITIES. The Planning Council has specifically addressed the first two in depth which are Communication and Evangelism. The Council will be working on the others at future meetings. We're an active church and we need to make an effort to keep the lines of communication open.

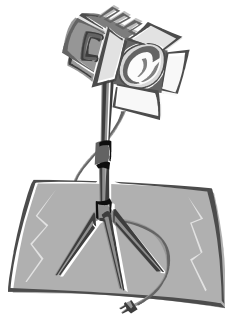
Good communication keeps members up to date with what is going on and helps to avoid space conflicts. Please let Pam (church secretary) know about meetings, events and other happenings so they can be placed on the church calendar. The Council encourages positive open communication and invites anyone interested to attend Council meetings. We recognize DUMC to be a family of faith with an emphasis on serving others as we serve together. Members are asked to get involved and to connect with ministry teams at DUMC. The ministries of DUMC will look to spread the WORD and bring others into our faith family.

In His Peace, Steve Leonard, 2009 Council Chair

## Meet The Tomlinsons— Member Spotlight

“Jacque and I have been married for 43 wonderful years. She is active with the Sunshine Committee and she and Joy Wood spend a lot of time visiting the sick and shut-in’s of our Church. I was president of the Methodist Men for 6 great years and considered myself fortunate to have had this position. I have also been serving as vice-chairman of the Church Council for the past 5 years. DUMC is one of the best things that has ever happened to the two of us in our lifetime. We are closer to this bunch at our Church than we are to most of our families. We consider this Church an extension of our family and enjoy the entire bunch. We are also active with the Davidsonville Ruritan where I serve as the Vice-president currently and will be President next year. It gives us the opportunity to reach out to more people in a charitable way. It seems that we always have something going on and are happy to do what ever is necessary to further our Church. We are blessed to have been accepted. We love our Church.”

Bob Tomlinson



## Meet Barbara Wilson — Member Spotlight

Barbara Wilson, Worship Committee Chair and Altar Guild leader (great ministry – looking for members!) has been a member of DUMC for 10 years. Barbara is also a member of Tongues of Fire, DUMC’s BBQ ministry, and United Methodist Women. She met husband Mike while attending Miami University (Ohio). Married in 1969 while Mike was in Naval flight training, the next 26 years of Navy life were spent covering both coasts of the USA. 17 moves, two children and four grandchildren later Annapolis Landing in Riva is home.

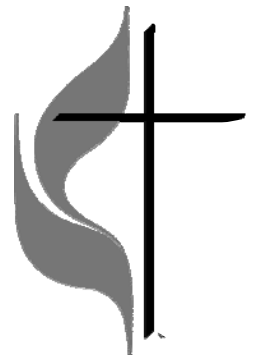
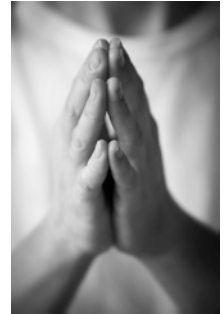
Assisting in Children’s Dentistry and Orthodontics were a movable 20+ year vocation. Now, after returning to school, Barbara is hoping to become involved in the architecture/interior design fields, though professional student is always an option.

Those Navy years presented many worship opportunities, but there is no place like “home”. Barbara is grateful to have found that home at DUMC.

## Please Pray For These Friends

Danielle Baird  
 Paul Bassford  
 Betty Beatty  
 Millie Crutchley  
 Steve DeMoreland  
 Dorothy Eaton  
 Nellie Ela  
 Ellie Entzian  
 Jean Ford  
 The family of Maxine George  
 Dale Gray  
 Anita Gray  
 Family of Tommy Grow  
 Julia Hardesty  
 Virginia Howells

Geneva Leitch  
 Betty Mobra  
 Joan Schultz  
 Kacia Smouse  
 Family of Ruby Surber  
 Edgar Wayson  
 Gregg Wayson  
 Irving & Joy Wood  
 Haidi Zeich  
 Our College Students  
 Our Overseas Troops



\*\*Please remember in your prayers those friends and family that are mentioned in church each Sunday

## Strawberry Festival—Successful Despite Having to Pick In The Rain!

We succeeded in making nearly \$2300. The money will be used for bagged lunches for the homeless that we will do at Christmas time and the initial fees for ASP in 2010. I would like to give thanks to all the youth and adults alike that helped pick berries, make pies etc, and run the Festival. Extra kudos to Jim and Tim Hopkins for continuing to donate 200 pounds of berries even in a less than great season, Susan Lamar for making all the jam, and assisting me in anyway needed Friday and Saturday, Dot Wood for running the bake table and of course baking lots of the goodies, and Kathy Grow for overseeing all the crafters.



May the sun shine a bit more next year and your continued support, be ever present!  
 Debby Wasson

## Vacation Bible Camp 2009—Rome Comes to DUMC!

Fun in the sun and in Paul's Underground Church (The Cave) was enjoyed by all. Once again we did VBC with Holy Family Catholic Church and on the last night Father Barr's gave special thanks for DUMC hosting it for the last 8 years. Holy Family will have their addition completed this fall, so it will be at their church next summer with lots of room! As usual Terri Williams did a fantastic job coordinating the food and she was really grateful that we ate outside on the picnic tables, as it made her job easier. Marsha Goldsmith and her helpers had all the children singing like cherubs.



Nancy Covington eagerly energized the children with fun P.E. activities. She has only been doing this for 38 years! Bob and Sharon Bence once again did an outstanding job coming up with various crafts for all the ages and running them so smoothly. Special thanks to Mo Hawk for taking over as Paul when Ben Lorenz of Holy Family got sick. I hope you all come out next year and join the fun at Holy Family!! Debby Wasson

## Shirts—Showing Your Colors by Ray Weems

Like many of you, I purchased DUMC shirts in past years and I wore them at Church events or when attending a Christian gathering. I notice that a great many in our congregation wear them on Sunday at our worship service, and that's fine.

However, I have starting wearing mine, not on Sunday, but sometimes during the rest of the week...to play golf, to go shopping, or to social events with others, not members of our Church. The response I have been getting is heart-warming. People notice the shirt, and most comment on it, always favorably. It's a great conversation starter, and allows me to tell about our Church, answer questions they may have, and sometimes evangelize. It allows me to invite them to our events and to our worship service. I don't flaunt it...I just wear it and wait for someone to mention it. I also seem to behave myself when I wear it...no whining, no cursing, nothing discourteous...so wearing it in public has a personal benefit also.

I write this to encourage you to do likewise. Wear your DUMC shirt occasionally during the week as well as on Sunday. Show your pride in your Christian and Methodist identity and don't be shy about witnessing to those you come in contact with each day. I also wear my blue MYF tee shirt often during the summer and get a similar response. It says on the back, "Davidsonville UMYF for Christ". I believe our adults are "for Christ" also.

## 2009 Scholarship Winners!

### Funded by the Methodist Men

Andrew Harris	Albert and Irving Wood Scholarship
Amanda Fuhrmann	Rev. Paul Cummins Memorial Scholarship
Linsey Turkett	Oscar Fay Grimes Scholarship
Kathleen Webber	Lawrence Vernon Leitch Memorial Scholarship

### Funded by the Tongues of Fire BBQ Ministry

Casey Bowers	William Scrimgeour Scholarship
--------------	--------------------------------

### Funded by Care and Nurture

Kristal Kleintank	Maxine George Memorial Scholarship
Emily Purcell	Gwelda Price and Betty Gilbertson Scholarship

## Alike or Different? By Ed Kelley

Here we are. Jody and I have returned safely from an extensive motor trip. God was our co-pilot. We saw many splendid sights provided by God and other enjoyable sights fashioned by man. Our thoughts and conversations are filled with observations and experiences gained in almost three weeks of traveling.

Several experiences involved happy people taking in the activities of the day as employees and other people were traveling as we were. Some experiences were with road hogs or aggressive drivers. An experience not totally unexpected was driving on highways with the posted speed limit of 75 MPH. When I set the cruise control at 80 MPH it became apparent that other drivers had similar reading problems. Many drivers passed me at a speed well above mine.

The focus in these few words is the church services we attended. In our 44 years together, we have handled 2 separate religions and not had any giant strain. Neither of us is a stranger to the other's church. Our experience with 2 religions in the household is not one of tolerance. Our experience is one of participation, respect and sharing. In our recent travels, we visited relatives and friends in 4 different homes. On two occasions, we attended church with our hosts. Guess what? Neither church was Methodist or Catholic. They were Episcopal and Lutheran. Are they alike or different? **Yes!**

At Davidsonville United Methodist Church, we have an abundance of blessings.

## Alike or Different-cont'd

Our minister has a way to mix, blend and serve many groups within the congregation. He delivers a Sunday message that recharges my spiritual battery in simple, direct terms based on the Bible. He administers and leads the congregation in business matters and somewhat worldly parts of our life in a manner based on a solid foundation taken from God's word. We have a physical facility that is comfortable and meeting present day needs – most of the time. Leadership in many levels of the church manages today's needs prudently and is looking to the requirements of the church of tomorrow so it will be ready when tomorrow arrives. Indeed, I have listed a very limited number of the blessings enjoyed by DUMC. In a moment, you will see why I included this paragraph.

In past travels, I have frequently gone to church. Seldom did I have the opportunity to be introduced to the clergy, some of the leaders and many members of the church. This time Jody and I were taken by the hand and became part of the church for an hour or so following the service. We learned through the announcements in the service, the extensive write up in the bulletins and through conversations over a cup of tea and some pastries. Yes, it was more than one pastry.

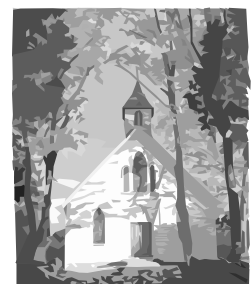
What was different? The order of worship, the hymns, the style of the buildings and their age are some of the differences. I could fill the page with the differences. They are not important.

What was alike? At Davidsonville UMC the Love of God, radiates in the voice, in the eyes and the way many members participate in life. Life at church and in life when in the secular world. DUMC members are witnesses for Christ.

At the churches we visited, the Spirit of God's Love was present. Yes, it was extended to us, maybe because our hosts introduced us. Nevertheless, observing the programs the church organized and carried on in the community at large, not just in the church, gave us the feeling of the Love of God was real and at work. We had good messages from the pulpit. The strongest message came from learning about the service the congregations provided to prisons, homes for the disadvantaged, youth programs, Bible teachings and more. The outreach was similar to DUMC. The leadership in the congregations was strong and witnessed for Christ in the same way DUMC does.

The message from God is one we carry with us- Love from God for others. This Love from God was evident in many of the parishioners we meet. This is alike. God's Love in Anne Arundel County, In Elmhurst, Illinois and Spearfish, South Dakota is the same. The difference may be in the openness of the receiver.

God loves us the same, regardless of where we are.



## 2008 DUMC Audit of All Funds

### Thank You!

To Tommy Tucker, Ray Weems and Caroline Scruggs for auditing the Church's 2009 General Fund financial records. Their generous donation of time and talents saved the church over \$2500 in audit fees.

Also, to Russ Smith and Ginnie Sunderland for preparing the detail and enabling a smooth and orderly audit process.

In addition, to the General Fund audit the financial records of the United Methodist Men, Women and Youth were audited by Russ Smith and Roger Vales. Generally speaking, we found the systems and procedures in place to be adequate for the purpose.

### Building Committee Report

On April 19th the Building Committee held its first 2009 meeting. New members were introduced and copies of the 1996 Lee-Warner Master Building Plan, the 2006 Church Conference Report and Building God's Way founder, Dan Cook's letter to the committee were discussed. Each document has a difference point of view on how the church should proceed. A plan was laid out to develop a new Master Building Plan that incorporated the findings of the three documents as well as the future ministries of our church. The plan consisted of dividing the Committee into four Ministry Work Teams.

1. **Administration, Kitchen, Storage, Parking & Fellowship: Chair/Bob Tomlinson**, Herb Wilson, Irving Wood, Betty Hardesty, Tommy Tucker
  2. **Worship & Music/Drama: Chair/Blair Smith**, Chuck Moeslein, Cindy Borchelt, Doris Cummins, Bill Scrimgeour, Karen Hirakawa, Kyle Durbin
  3. **Youth Ministry: Chair/Ken Fowler**, Damon Ostis, Tom Roh, Mo Hawk, Steve Leonard, Ken Baird
- Education & Child Care: Chair/Bob Wilson**, Lynda Hall, Jim Hopkins, Roger Vales

A work plan was developed for each committee to follow which consisted of:

- ♥ Reviewing the 1996 Master Plan, the 2006 BLDG Committee Report, and BGW founder, Dan Cook's letter. [http://www.bgwservices.com/portfolio/signature\\_buildings.htm](http://www.bgwservices.com/portfolio/signature_buildings.htm)
- ♥ Invite all church members to participate in any or all of the work teams.
- ♥ Contact the church's ministry committee member responsible for the above ministry areas. (Worship - Music - Drama - Education - Child Care - Pastor - Youth Minister - Church Secretary).
- ♥ Visit other churches and discuss with them how their facilities are utilized and, after the fact, what changes would they like to have made.

## Building Committee Report-Cont'd

- ♥ Develop Needs and Nice to Haves (Now, in 10 Years, in 20 Years). Be specific: on size and prioritize findings.
- ♥ The full committee will meet again in early August and integrate the "Needs and Desires" of each committee into one finding.
- ♥ Present the findings at a church meeting. Listen to feedback and adjust the findings if necessary.
- ♥ Ask the Administrative Council to authorize expenditure of funds to hire a firm to develop a new Master Building Plan and a Preliminary Design for the next Phase of construction.
- ♥ The committee works with a design team to design a building to meet the needs established by the committee.
- ♥ Develop a financial plan based on the preliminary design.

## When Jesus Calls On Me—A Poem by Paul Cummins

When Jesus calls, and gentle falls  
 His voice upon my ear,  
 And on my soul His hand lays hold,  
 Compelling me to hear;  
 When He who reigns o'er sea and plains  
 Makes claim to reign o'er me,  
 What shall I do? What shall I say?  
 What will my answer be?  
 Shall I refuse  
 His way to choose  
 When Jesus calls on me?

When Jesus calls, and hidden walls  
 Around my heart give way,  
 And all the sin that lurks within  
 Lies open to the day,  
 Shall I resist, and still insist  
 That life remain the same?  
 Or shall I say, "I will obey,  
 And leave behind my shame?"  
 What will I choose  
 To gain or lose  
 When Jesus calls my name?

## When Jesus Calls On Me? - A Poem by Paul Cummins—cont'd

When Jesus calls, and round me falls  
 The veil of certain death,  
 And from my heart all life departs,  
 And from my lips all breath:  
 When all alone beneath the throne  
 Of God I reap my store,  
 Will endless night, or blessed light  
 Be mind forevermore?  
 The choice was made,  
 The course was laid,  
 When Jesus called before.

### Lamplighter Puzzle Zone

Bible Scramble: Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage. Solution below upside down—no peeking!!!

NDA EH OOLKED PU, NDA WSA EHT RIHC NME TSNIGCA TRIHE TSIGF TONI EHT  
 YUTSRREA. NDA EH WSA SOLA A TRNIECA RPOO WWOID TSNIGCA NI TTRIHHE  
 WTO TSMIE. NDA EH SIDA, FO A UTTRH I YSA UTON YUO, TTHA TSIH RPOO WWOID  
 THHA TSCA NI ROME TNHA YTHE LLA: ROF LLA TSHEE VHEA FO TRIHE UNNED-  
 CBAA TSCA NI UTON EHT SRONIGFFE FO OGD: UTB EHS FO RHE YURPNE THHA  
 TSCA NI LLA EHT VNLIIG TTHA EHS HDA.



*And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had. Luke 21:1-4*

