

# LAMPLIGHTER



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## PEACH FESTIVAL - AUGUST 13, 2011



Betty Schmitt, Chris Tucker, and Barbara Stecher preparing for Jam Day

### LOOKING BACK

by Chris Tucker

The Davidsonville United Methodist Church's Peach Festival will be held this year on Saturday, August 13th from 11:00 until 2:00 rain or shine. Come one, come all. And it does seem like all do come. The festival started out as a small fundraiser and has grown over the last 25 years or so into something beyond imagination! If memory serves correctly, it was the brain child of the membership committee of DUMC to sell a few peach pies, cobbler, preserves, syrup, and peaches with ice cream. Just like now the men grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. The proceeds were to go toward purchasing a van. The different church groups often were renting vans for transportation for the youth and other congregants and they thought it would be much more convenient for the church to own a van. Some of those

membership committee members were Pam Matousek, Pat Weems, Pat Moon, Shirley Mayhew, Sally Grimm, Dorothy Ford Suit, Diane Lambert, and Marylou Booth. It was decided to use Pat Moon's secret recipe for the pies and Dorothy Ford Suit's recipe for the cobbler. Both of them were considered to be good cooks. Dorothy and Sally Grimm were the pie crust makers. Reverend Ernest Twigg was our minister back then. The year was about 1986. Many people came out to help - it took a village to make about 100-plus pies instead of the 250 to 300 pies we hope to make this year.. The hard work did help to unite our people in fellowship just like it still does today. The pies were made in the old fellowship hall and baked in the little old kitchen. Some of the pies were carried over to the oven in the parsonage and baked there. It was usually Shirley Mayhew that ran back and forth to check on the progress of the baking.

The money earned was used to purchase new curtains, carpet and paint for the parsonage. New curtains and new flooring were bought for the downstairs parlor/library. And then money was given to the church in the early years for the building fund. Eventually the pie baking was handled by the Care and Nurture Committee whose first chair was Doris Cummins. Pat Moon was the second chair and Barbara Stecher took over when Pat moved to the eastern shore. The money was later used to outfit the new kitchen when the large addition was added to the church building. Dishes, pots and pans, utensils, linens and the beautiful cabinets as well as the furniture in the new foyer were all purchased with peach festival proceeds. Today much of the money goes to help fund the youth and their chaperones when they spend a week every year working with the Christian Appalachian Service Project.

In the early years we hadn't learned to use pizza pans and parchment paper as drip shields. The peach juice would run over the edges of the pies and drip onto the bottom of the oven. Of course it would burn sending out plumes of smoke. The small exhaust fan on the wall couldn't keep up, so Tom Tucker hung a small box fan from a hook in the outside doorway to vent some of the smoke outside. From outside it almost looked like the building was on fire! What a job it was for Betty Hardesty (now Schmitt), Tom Tucker and Chris Tucker to clean that stove.

Over the years the public found out about our peach pies and we would sell out within 20 minutes often leaving many disgruntled customers. That's the reason pre-order day was started. On the day of the festival people would line up for over an hour before the starting bell. One year a man, under his wife's orders, arrived over 1 1/2 hours early with a lawn chair, a newspaper, and his coffee so that he would be first in line to purchase a pie! Pretty smart!

As the years have passed, more and more has been added to the festival. The men's group has expanded their menu; there are now peach smoothies; Tongues of Fire fires up their grills to cook chicken and barbecue; there are baskets of peaches and freshly sliced peaches for sale; there are vendors selling a wide assortment of useful and lovely items; there is great music provided this year by the Chesapeake Pickers; there are many more picnic tables on the lawn; and because of the crowd we have people to direct parking as well as reserve police to help with traffic control on the highway out front.

It is always a great deal of work and effort on the part of many people. They go home exhausted but feel such a wonderful sense of accomplishment and Christian fellowship.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



As you are reading this, some of the DUMC children are enjoying Bible School held jointly with Holy Family Church, August 1-5 from 5:30 to 8:30. Dinner is included with a pot luck on Friday. They will Meet Up! with Jesus, Look Up! to Jesus, Join Up! with Jesus, Open Up! to Jesus, and Fire Up! for Jesus. They will be exploring Bible stories that will help them understand who Jesus is and why they need him.

Debby Wasson is teaching the 5th and 6th graders and the group will be going on three field trips. Tuesday will be swimming at the Ducharme's , Wednesday will be to Kris Leigh Assisted Living to do some crafts with the residents, and Thursday they will make 50 bagged lunches for Sarah's House and go to Baskin Robbins for ice cream. Georgia McArdle will be helping Debby and driving the bus. Tim McArdle and Cindy Doney will also be helping.

## COUNCIL NOTES ~

The Council encourages the DUMC faith community to engage in environmentally friendly practices and to share ideas for better practices.

The Church Council met on June 27<sup>th</sup> following the Building Committee meeting and has taken the month of July off from meeting for summer break. The next Council meeting is scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Finance Committee shared thanks for the work of Tommy Tucker, Ray Weems and Ed Kelley who completed the annual audit of church accounts. The responsibility for the church information technology (IT) has been assigned to the Finance Committee. The IT area includes the church website.

Other Ministries and Committees reported business as usual.

The Lay Ministry group is working to identify persons willing to serve in leadership positions for next year. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of these positions if you are asked or see Bob Tomlinson if you have interest in a particular position.

The church website is the greatest single source of detailed information regarding our church and the various ministry activities ([www.DUMC.net](http://www.DUMC.net)).

In His Peace,  
Steve Leonard  
2011 Council Chair



## **An Update on Your Missions Team**

The Missions Team is pleased to report an active calendar. First, there was the successful ASP trip from June 19<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. Nineteen teens and nine adults participated in making several homes warmer, safer and drier in Mingo County, West Virginia. Thanks to all those who made the program possible through the giving of their time, talents and treasure.

While the ASP crew was away the Tongues of Fire Barbeque Ministry Team held its second outdoor, non-festival sale. Despite missing 6 folks away for ASP and several others for other reasons, the sale was a great success. By 2:00 the team had sold out. The next step for the team was to prepare for the “Holy Smoke Barbeque Festival” in Easton, Maryland on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. In addition to competing in the four categories of the barbeque contest, the team also sold barbeque and hopefully “spread the Gospel, one bite at a time”. Next up will be DUMC’s Peach Festival on Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> and the Autumn Jubilation on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. TOF profits are split three ways with 65% going to Missions, 10% as a DUMC tithe, and 25% staying with the team for other church programs (such as the recently funded William Scrimgeour Scholarship) and team equipment.

On July 13<sup>th</sup> the Missions Team met in the Annex. One of the principal topics under discussion was when to send a team to the North Alabama Conference to repair storm damage and whether to send an Early Response Team soon or a Volunteers In Mission team later. A firm decision will be made early in August. Also discussed were local programs to assist one of DUMC’s own, re-roofing projects at the West River Camp, possible participation in Rebuilding Together, and providing dinners several times per year at the Lighthouse Homeless Shelter.

All those with willing hearts and helpful hands are invited to assist with doing the work of the Lord on earth by joining in any of these efforts. For more information contact Blair Smith at 410-798-7236 or at [bbq.pilgrim@verizon.net](mailto:bbq.pilgrim@verizon.net).

submitted by Blair Smith

## **Building Committee**

The June 27, 2011 meeting was opened at 6:30 P.M. with prayer by Steve Leonard. In attendance were Building committee members Roger Vales, Steve Leonard, Betty Schmitt, Bob Tomlinson, Blair Smith, Damon Ostis, Herb Wilson, Jim Hopkins, Ken Fowler, Kyle Durbin, Mo Hawk, Pastor Peck and 10 other DUMC members.

Architects Greg Torchio and Jo Ann Baker were present to offer their “*Proposal for Schematic Design.*” After a brief introduction by Mr. Torchio, Ms. Baker gave a 20 minute overview of the proposal. Following the overview Ms. Baker answered questions on the proposal.

There was much discussion, and the following conclusions were reached.

- The committee is supportive of the proposal
- Phase I budget to include soft cost is 1.5 million dollars. Ms. Baker stated it was likely that not all of the items discussed in her overview could be included for 1.5 million.
- Plan for sprinkling the new addition and design the system to be large enough to support all future sprinkling requirements.

At the end of the meeting Ken Fowler and Damon Ostis proposed a different design which would expand the Old Sanctuary and New Fellowship Hall and install classrooms under the expanded New Fellowship Hall. Roger asked them to prepare a proposal and present it to the committee at its August meeting.

## **Audit of Church Financial Reports**

The financial reports of the Davidsonville United Methodist Church and its affiliated organizations for the calendar year 2010 have been subjected to an investigation and an authentication by the appointed Audit Committee and have been found to represent fairly the operations and fiscal status for the referenced period. Balances of financial assets reported on associated organizations Balance Sheets for the period ending 31 December 2010 have been reconciled to reports of the affiliated financial instructions.

**Tommy Tucker, Audit Committee Chairperson - June 27, 2011**

**Special thanks to the Church Audit Committee, Tommy Tucker, Ray Weems, and Ed Kelley for all their time and effort spent auditing all the church’s financial reports. Their efforts saved the church over \$2,500.**

Submitted by Roger Vales

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Thought For The Day!

There is a story of a pastor who got up one Sunday morning and announced to her congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

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## SPRING FLING FASHION FOLLIES

The United Methodist Women presented a unique fashion show on June 5 as a way of having fun and fellowship with all the women of the church. After sampling refreshments of finger foods and desserts, the ladies took their seats. They had been told that the fashions were the work of "a new designer trying to get started in the area." Our own UMW members modeled lovely business, casual, and dressy outfits, but the outfits soon morphed into the "follies" part of the show. It took a few minutes for the audience to catch on to what was happening such as a print dress made out of newspaper and a checked dress with bank checks all over it. There was a tea length skirt (with tea bags) and top with plunging neckline (toilet plunger). Also included were baby doll pajamas (with dolls) and even a lovely wraparound dress made of flower- embossed toilet paper. There were many other unique outfits and Esther Peck played the runway music. It was suggested that the UMW might take the show on the road to nursing homes as an outreach project.



Dot Wood models her fashion show outfit of a combed cotton blouse with a knife-pleated skirt and a bracelet to complement it.

(photo by Lisa Niemann)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 7-** Rev Peck will be giving the message. Pastor Lisa will be away. The 8:30 service will be held indoors in the sanctuary.

**August 11-** Dot's pie crust making crew is working in Kitchen

**August 12** – The Big Pie making and prep day

**August 13** – The Peach Festival

**August 21** – Church picnic at the Johnson's home 2 p.m. -6p.m.

**September 11** – Both services will conduct special remembrances for "9/11".

**September 18** - Promotion Sunday and opening of Sunday School

**September 24** – The Autumn Festival 10-3 p.m.

**September 25** - Recognition of Sunday School Teachers

### ***"Autumn Jubilation & BBQ Festival"*** **Saturday, September 24, 2011 10 – 3 p.m.**

\* BBQ Sale by DUMC's Tongues of Fire- Pulled pork, roast beef, pulled chicken and pit-cooked chicken. Sandwiches and platters available. Apple Cider, sweet tea and regular tea.

\* UMM serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and Italian sausage. Boardwalk chips and drinks

\*Desserts from the fall "fruit of choice"

\* Bake Table of fall fruits- such as apple & pumpkin

\* Children activities provided by DUMC youth

\* Free Music - Big Band Caliente  
Chesapeake Pickers

\* Crafters / Vendors



## FROM THE YOUTH ROOM- KINGFEST REVIEW

Grace and Peace,

Goldie and our gang made it back safely from Kingsfest in the pouring rain, praise the Lord! For those that haven't heard, Kingsfest turned out to be an absolutely incredible experience that will be remembered by all of us for a long time, from the fun rides, to the pouring rain, to the phenomenal performances, to the inspiring testimonies, our mini-vacation was nothing short of life-changing.

On Friday, around 5:00 PM, we experienced a torrential downpour that consequently delayed the concert. During the storm, it was decided that we, as a full group, would stay together. Essentially, this delay pushed the concert performance times back by almost an hour and a half. As a result, the final headline band, Chris Tomlin, did not begin his performance until the time we had initially planned on leaving. After a discussion amongst the adults on the trip, we decided it was a better idea to stick it out and see the headliner that we had been waiting for, and that we had paid for, as opposed to just giving up and heading out. However, all this being said, I cannot think of anything that is more powerful than the true reason we decided to stay at this concert...

There was some understood skepticism concerning the music on the first day, as these bands are performing music in popular youth genres, but singing about Jesus and Grace and Faith. While, for some, this can be totally awesome, for those who have never experienced this before, it can be a little startling or confusing. Luckily, some of the bands on Thursday, such as Hawk Nelson, are seriously talented bands and were putting on great performances. Still, it's hard to compete with the attractions of one of the best Amusement Parks on the east coast. It wasn't until Skillet, with their amazing music, inspirational message, fireworks, pyrotechnics, and floating, rising, spinning, flaming platforms for every musician in the band that every one's interest was truly peaked. As a result, this band has some new fans in our youth group, and there were a number of T-shirts and CDs purchased.

However, Friday was the really special day, and something I will never forget. It turns out, the rain might have been a blessing in disguise, as all the rides were closed as a result, and it forced our group to congregate together in the Christian Festival area. During this time, I saw the "mandatory two performances" required of each of our youth turn into three, and then four, and then even five concerts for some. As Tenth Avenue North was performing "This Is Where The Healing Begins," singing "let it fall down," and "open the gates of heaven..." over and over again, rain began falling in buckets from the sky, almost as if God was listening to the music and responding appropriately. Singing along in the pouring rain, completely drenched, was a spiritually cleansing experience that can't be described...but it only got better. After a delay of

over an hour, Newsboys took the stage, and next thing I know, our group is all standing together on a hill, dancing, clapping, and singing-along, probably more than any other group there, and most of our youth had never even heard this band before! Needless to say, Kingfest recognized that Davidsonville UMC Youth had entered the arena! We moved down for better seats (we REALLY got incredible seats), and enjoyed the rest of the concert, specifically when their drummer's platform raised into the air, tilted sideways at a completely ninety degree angle, and then spun at rapid speed while we were treated to an incredible drum solo. Meanwhile, Danielle, Casey, and myself might have gone a little nuts singing along to the anthems of our high school years, "Shine," "Breakfast Song," and "Jesus Freak!" Then...a real "God moment happened..."

Chris Tomlin took the stage, an hour late as previously mentioned, and the majority of our group demanded that we stay to see him. Keep in mind, this is not was not the hard rock band, this was not the pop punk band, and this was not the hip hop performer. This was the face of Christian Contemporary Praise and Worship music that our youth were demanding to watch. Needless to say, Danielle, Casey, and I, didn't need much persuasion in the matter. As Chris Tomlin began singing songs like, "Forever," "Holy Is The Lord," "Sing, Sing, Sing," "I Will Rise," and "How Great Is Our God," our entire group of 16 people, in a tight section in the concert seats, taking up two rows, began singing along to every word. And when we weren't singing, our hands were in the air in praise, worship, and prayer. Next thing I know, every one's arms were around each other in Christian love and fellowship, and we were swaying and singing the words to his new song, "I Lift My Hands." I'll be the first to admit that I was spiritually, physically, and emotionally moved by this experienced, and raindrops weren't the only drops falling down my face. It is something that can't be purchased, can't be forced, has to be experienced to understand, and might only come around once in a lifetime, for myself, and for each and every one of our youth, and that's the real reason we stayed late. If everyone from our group in that concert that night got even a tenth of what I brought out of that event, every second was worth it. We were soaking wet, some of us were getting cold, it was dark, it was still raining, our cell phones weren't working anymore. There was no more ability to worry about how we looked, what other people thought of us, and what was going on in the rest of the world. All inhibitions were lost, and we were able to experience genuine fellowship and the true heart of worship, and I praise God for that!

I pray that when we re-enter worship on Sunday morning, we can bring that same attitude into the pews of Davidsonville UMC, where there is no need to pay attention to anything else but our awesome Lord. The fellowship is felt all around, and there is no doubt to the movement of Christian love throughout the space. Moreover, God has all of our attention, all of our focus, all of our minds, and all of our hearts. If you could have seen our humble group of 16 (and this is one of the only times I will ever call our Youth Group humble!) joining in fellowship and praise, nothing else would be needed to want to have that sensation of "when the music fades, and all is stripped away, and we simply come." I encourage us all to let go of our inhibitions on Sunday mornings, even if that means singing praise songs when we'd rather sing hymns, or hymns when we'd rather sing praise songs. Our youth are now living proof that you don't need to know the music to feel the spirit moving a congregation, just the right attitude and an open heart. We are blessed to have the Youth Group that we have at Davidsonville UMC, just as they are blessed to have you all as a family, congregation, and church. Amen.

By Kyle Durbin

## A TESTIMONY

By Kyle Durbin

Pastor Lisa and I thought it was best to include this article in the Newsletter so that our entire congregation could be informed of my situation...

Though many have already been informed, I felt it was necessary that our entire family here at Davidsonville UMC be informed of the unfortunate incident I was recently involved in. After returning from the ASP trip with the youth from the church, a number of my friends were getting together for some social time and I took the time to join them. After having a few drinks, I assisted one of my friends, who was working at the Sushi Bar in Annapolis, with closing up for the evening so that I might drink some water. I thought (incorrectly) that enough time had passed from the time that I had taken my last drink and the time that I left to drive home. On the way home, a vehicle cut in front of the car I was driving and I was unable to avoid a rear-end collision. While I was honest and respectful with the police, and passed a sobriety test, a breathalyzer revealed I was slightly above the legal blood-alcohol level for the state of MD, and I was arrested. Over the next twelve hours, I suffered the embarrassment and humiliation of handcuffs, jail cells, police cruisers, and full shackles. I cannot possibly explain the fear, anxiety, and genuine terror I experienced as the countless questions poured through my head.

Immediately I began the painful process of informing those most affected by my regrettable actions, working closely with Pastor Lisa as well as Steve Leonard of Church Council and Damon Ostis of Youth Council. One by one, I informed my parents, the church staff, the parents of the youth, and what was absolutely the most difficult, every individual youth of our church. I do have a desire that our youth can learn from my unfortunate mistake, so that, in a society that sometimes glorifies living on the edge, our youth will never have to face the consequences I will endure for years to come. This action, in no way, represents the person I claim to be or the person I desire to be, and I can assure you all that I am completely committed to taking any and every step possible to resolve this situation and grow from this incident. Now almost a month removed from the incident, I have had much time to reflect on the situation, and for the most part, my full and honest feelings were recently shared during the sermon at our July Healing Service. I cannot explain the overwhelming support I have received from my family here at Davidsonville UMC. Our church has truly been an unwavering personification of unconditional love and the grace of Jesus Christ. With every person I have spoken with, I have taken one step further in the healing process of reconciliation. Though justice requires I face the consequences of my actions, the Lord has offered me an opportunity for resurrection in my faith, restoration of my lifestyle, as well as reassurance of my vocation, and I intend to commit myself wholeheartedly to living the life God has intended for me. While it is unfortunate my call story now involves handcuffs and police cruisers, it is a story I will embrace, as I have experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in my life and dwelling inside of me, strengthening me and pushing me forward every second of the day. I tremendously appreciate all the prayers and assistance that has been offered to me through this valley of my life and I know that through the grace of God, and with some help from my family at DUMC, I have begun a climb that has rejuvenated my spirit, helped me recognize my true passion for my calling, and instilled in me, a genuine happiness I don't remember ever experiencing. You may notice terrific changes in me, you may not, but I can guarantee that I have been transformed by the healing power of God, and am fully dedicated to living a life that glorifies our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

As I write this note, we are experiencing a heat wave. In summer, we tend to visit with friends and family, enjoy long evenings and early mornings, and renew old relationships and experience new memories. I hope you'll have time to relax this summer and be renewed. In a few weeks, I will be gathering at a wonderful retreat center outside of Philadelphia with some clergy friends for a time of spiritual growth as well as friendship and fellowship. As I prepare for this retreat, one of my friends has challenged each member of our group to try something that will enrich our spiritual journey that is completely new to us. So for the last few weeks I have been practicing an exercise of walking meditation. Now this new practice also allows me to take my remaining twelve and a half year old dog, Niebuhr, for a walk as well as spend more time with him while trying a new form of meditation.

Thich Nhat Hahn, a Vietnamese Buddhist priest, has written a book entitled A Guide to Walking Meditation. In a chapter called "Going Without Arriving", he writes, "In our daily lives, we usually feel pressured to move ahead. We have to hurry. We seldom ask ourselves where it is that we must hurry to. When you practice walking meditation, you go for a stroll. You have no purpose or direction in time or space. The purpose of walking meditation is walking meditation itself. Going is important, not arriving... Each step is life; each step is peace and joy. That is why we don't have to hurry. That is why we slow down... we are not being drawn by a goal. Thus we smile while we are walking.

Christianity celebrates *sabbath* coming from this spirit; our bodies and spirits need time and space and need rest and need to be refreshed. This summer I encourage you to find a cool morning or evening, pick a favorite place to walk and open yourself to God's spirit. As you put one foot in front of the other, be aware of God's presence in nature, in your life and in the people around you. May each step bring you new life, peace and joy.

Be God's, Pastor Lisa

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU - OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS

By Rita Siprak-Weill

This year we had seven young adults going through Confirmation Classes. I volunteered to interview each of the kids in the group so that the membership could become more familiar with each of them. I am so impressed with the kids in this year's class. This interview process has been a great experience for me. I got to meet these wonderful kids and learn a bit about them. They are an excellent example of today's youth, outgoing, intelligent, involved and clearly reflect the morals and social graces of the parents that raised them. Their parents can clearly feel great pride in the job that they did because the kids are clearly a blessing to their families and to our church.

Benjamin Luke Borchelt – Is currently attending the Annapolis Area Christian School and is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He has approximately 80 kids in his class at school. He plans to stay at AACCS and next year will move over to their new campus when he starts 9<sup>th</sup> grade. His favorite subject this year is history and the least favorite is Language Arts. Luke sings in the school choir, and was accepted to All State Junior Chorus this year. Occasionally he joins in with the Praise Band at the 8:30 service here at DUMC. Obviously he loves music and says “music fills me.” At this point in time he plans to attend college out of state hopefully in a Division 1 school.

Luke is athletic and his favorite sport at school is basketball, though he also plays lacrosse. Luke’s parents, Cindy and Ben, own a 28 foot powerboat and Luke enjoys wakeboarding on the South River in the summertime when he’s not swimming in his pool or hanging out at the community beach. He shares his home with Will, who is the family cat. He has a lot of family in the area and says someone is always stopping in to visit or they are going over to a relative’s house.

When asked to describe himself Luke says “I’m outgoing, intelligent, likes to have good discussions, athletic, has a good sense of humor and finds the humor in any situation.” His favorite color is red and mint chocolate chip is his weakness when it comes to ice cream. Unfortunately, this summer he won’t be able to attend ASP but instead will be going to a basketball camp and a number of basketball tournaments with his travel team. He’s attended the West River Methodist camp in the past and is looking forward to a sailing camp there this summer.

Kaileigh Ducharme – attends the South River High School and is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. She has about 600 kids in her class. She’ll be staying at South River for the rest of high school and is in the STEM program. STEM is a magnet program in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math and Kaileigh really enjoys Chemistry and Biology. When she heads off to college she’s interested in continuing her studies in those two areas. She says she doesn’t really have just one favorite class but enjoys her chemistry, physics, and biology classes this year. Her least favorite subject is Computer Science. She says programming is just not her thing.

Currently she plays on the JV Soccer and softball teams at South River and plans to try out again next year. She really enjoys playing the piano and says most of the time she doesn’t even mind practicing. The family has two pets, a bird inherited from a family friend called Rosa and Brewster, their dog who is 3 years old. She says she enjoys listening to all kinds of music but says she’s not a very good singer but joins in on the hymns at the 8:30 service anyways but sings quietly.

Kaileigh says she’ “outgoing and talkative, smart, gets good grades and is adventurous so she likes to try new things.” She will be attending ASP again this year (it’s her second year) and loves the youth she’s met at the church. Besides ASP she will be attending a music camp this summer that offers dancing and hand bells (looks like we may have a potential new member of the hand bell choir.) Her favorite color is bright yellow and she loves chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream with mint chocolate chip being a close runner up.

Christi Ducharme – is in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade at South River High School and has about 640 kids in her grade. Christi is also in the STEM program and is interested in the medical field or math. She mentioned that she really enjoys cost estimating. Her favorite subjects are math and environmental services and says her least favorite is human geography and American history. This past year Christi was on the soccer team and varsity softball team. Next year she plans to pick up golf as well. She often joins her mom Courtney when she jogs and they will be competing in a 10k this June. This year she was excited to get into the National Honor Society.

Christi says “she likes to be active, talks a lot, doesn’t normally feel awkward in social situations, and has an interesting personality.” This summer she will be attending ASP for the third time, and volunteering at a Learn Spanish Camp (she’s taking Spanish 3 this year at school.) The family has a pool in the backyard and she’s looking forward to getting that open for the season. Her favorite colors are black and white and favorite ice cream is chocolate. She says Rosa the family bird doesn’t really like any of them and was 25 years old when they inherited her. She enjoys listening to music and especially likes smooth jazz. Christi also takes piano lessons but says she doesn’t enjoy it quite as much as her sister does.

Kennady Mosely – is currently 15 years old and is a freshman (9<sup>th</sup> grade) at South River High School. She and her family are new to the area, having moved up here from Dallas, TX in the summer of 2010. Her dad has a position with Homeland Security so they’ve moved around a lot. This has been one of her favorite moves. She has a younger brother, Mason, who’s in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. She has two dogs, Harley (Shih-Tzu) and Murphy (schnauzer) which are her responsibility and she says she really does take care of them. She likes to play softball and hopes to make the team next year when she tries out. She recently took up long distance running and reached a new goal of 5 miles a day. Quite often she runs with the Ducharme girls since they live in the same neighborhood. Her favorite subject at school is English, she loves to read (mostly mystery murders) and wants to be either an author, a publisher or pediatrician as a career path. Her least favorite class is math but she’s still getting good grades in it, she just has to work harder for them. She will be inducted into the National Honor Society for Music and performs in the Choralaires at South River HS.

This year Kennady is attending ASP for the first time and is really excited about the experience. She helped out at the West River roofing project and really enjoyed the hands on training. She and her family attend the 8:30 service and recently became new members of the Church. She also participates in the Praise Band and Cornerstone Theatre where she loves to act. Her favorite thing after reading is the Youth Group which has introduced her to the many new friends she’s made since moving here. This summer she’ll be visiting her grandmother back in Dallas (who she considers her best friend) and the classmates that she left behind. Her best vacation so far was a family vacation to Daulphin Island, AL. because she got to visit with all her relatives.

Kennady’s favorite color is aqua blue and her favorite ice cream flavor is Cookies N’ Cream. We talked about gardening and she confessed that she loves to eat all her vegetables except maybe celery. When I asked her to describe herself she said she’s nice to everyone, sometimes too nice and was raised with the philosophy to “kill them with kindness”. Recently she started taking piano lessons with Bob Waddell and she’s really enjoying them.

Morgan Barkdoll is currently 14 and attends the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Central Middle School. Freshman year he will be attending South River High School and will be in the STEM program. He has two younger sisters, Allie who is 11 and Julianne who is 9. He has lived in Edgewater his whole life and the family has two dogs and a cat. In his free time he plays sports with his friends or plays video games. He says he doesn't watch much TV so he didn't really have a favorite show. His favorite book genre is science fiction and he listens to all kinds of music. He does like action movies and recently saw the latest Fast & Furious movie. I mentioned that I just saw the latest Pirates of the Caribbean and that was on his list to see this summer also.

His favorite subject at school this year was Social Studies and so far his least favorite is science but that was because he wasn't very interested in the module they were currently finishing up on the tectonic plates. He plays baseball for an area team and hopes to try out for the high school team next year. Currently he plays third base and pitches. This summer he will be attending a STEM summer camp in Finance and is looking forward to that. So far his best vacation was a family trip to Jamaica for his aunt and uncle's wedding, the beaches were beautiful and it was a large resort with lots to do.

Morgan's favorite color is blue and he gets vanilla ice cream when he has a chance. When asked to describe himself he said that he's kind and pretty quiet unless he's really into what he's doing. When asked whether he's quiet with his friends he assured me that he wasn't. He's enjoying the Confirmation class and says that he knew what the bible was saying in words but that Pastor Lisa and Kyle were really explaining the meaning behind the words which has been eye opening.

Demi Heider and Amelia Williams were not available for interviews.



The class was confirmed on June 5, 2011 and helped to lead the Sunday Services.

(Photo by Lisa Niemann)



## Connie's Corner

Dear Christian Friends,  
 Years ago, before joining this church, the words on the Message Board once read, "Enjoy the scenery along the detour." I wonder how many of us stop to think about scenery when the detour adds so much time to the trip! Nevertheless, I just knew that this message was personally directed at me to remind me not to lose sight of where I was going. It wasn't long after that I decided to transfer to the DUMC church family.

Before moving to Maryland I'd spent most of my life on a road from somewhere going somewhere else. Most of the time, I didn't even know where I was going. I think it was Seneca who said, "If you don't know to which port you sail, no wind is a good one." So I found myself on many detours and enjoyed a great deal of scenery! Remember to take time to enjoy the scenery, but never forget that wherever you go, there you are. Go with God.

Peace and Love, Connie

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## Happy Birthdays

### August Birthdays

- 1 Patricia Cain
- 3 Jamie Hopkins
- 3 Bob Tomlinson
- 3 Justin Wood
- 4 Arvin Noel
- 5 Haley Cohen
- 5 Austin Fowler
- 5 Artie Smith
- 8 Jo Allman
- 8 Sharon Bence
- 8 Chris Maskaleris
- 8 Glenn Turkett
- 9 Betty Beatty
- 10 Joy Wood
- 11 Kelsey Duswalt
- 11 Benjamin Ward
- 14 Linda Noel
- 19 Elizabeth Atkins
- 19 Oscar Grimes
- 22 Bill Scrimgeour
- 25 Arielle Hall
- 25 Diane Sprecher
- 27 Ashley Schultz
- 31 Janet Long
- 31 Maynard Wratchford

### September Birthdays

- 5 Allison Arslanian
- 6 Don Gibbon
- 6 Stacie Svolos
- 6 Melissa Webster
- 7 Greg Scruggs
- 9 Delma Miller
- 12 Lewis Atkins
- 13 Steve Alexander
- 13 Lynda Hall
- 16 Karen Hirakawa
- 16 Linda King
- 17 John Campbell
- 17 Dot Wood
- 19 Sharon Loss
- 19 Mary Snyder
- 21 Carl Gross
- 22 Ed Hopkins
- 23 Barbara O'Donnell
- 24 Carly Dickerson
- 25 Mo Hawk
- 28 Susan Kidwell
- 29 Luke Borchelt
- 29 Millie Crutchley
- 29 Pam Matousek



## DUMC Prayer Warriors

Prayers are requested for:

- Norma Ingram
- Norma Carpenter
- Dale and Anita Gray
- Virginia Howells
- Geneva Leitch
- Edgar Wayson
- Greg Wayson
- June and Bill Scrimgeour
- Jean Ford