



THE MESSENGER

Davison United Methodist Church

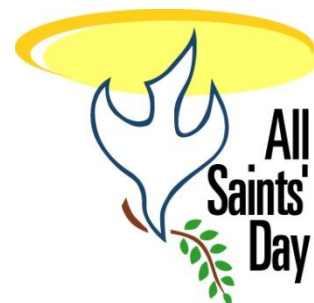
Rev. Debbie Line, Pastor

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November 2011

All Saints Day

On **November 6th** in both services we will celebrate All Saints Day. During this service we will celebrate all those who have gone home to be with the Lord since last November. Our church members who have passed will be honored in our video and with a flower in their honor. Let us rejoice together in their lives that are now complete in Christ.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Thanksgiving Unity Service

November 20th at 6:30p.m. will call us to gather as a community to give thanks unto God. Choirs and bell choirs will make beautiful music and cause our hearts to be blessed. Save the date to join us in supporting each other in our time of true Thanksgiving. We will join together at the Baptist church.

Trustees Announce Churchwide Cleanup

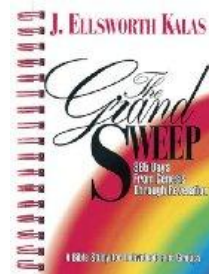
The First DUMC Fall Clean Up Event is scheduled for November 18 and 19 from 8am until 4pm both days. Many hands are needed to get ready for the holiday season. Everyone is busy, but we hope people will take some time to clean up OUR BIG BIG HOUSE! Sticky notes on the white board in the narthex will list the "to do" jobs on them; volunteers will simply take a sticky note and that job. All cleaning supplies and rags provided. Bring gloves if you prefer to wear them. There will be easy jobs, and "other jobs"--- ranging from window cleaning to steam cleaning; painting; parlor kitchen renovation. See Karen Vobach for more information.



Grand Sweep

We continue our journey of reading the Bible in a year. There are two meetings a week to participate in and explore the Bible readings for the week. Pastor Debbie continues to share sermons on Sundays.

- Week 44- Acts 1 -18
- Week 45 - Matthew 18-Mark 9
- Week 46 - Romans 9 – 1 Corinthians 14
- Week 47- 1 Corinthians 15 – Galatians 2
- Week 48- Galatians 3 – Colossians 4



Reminders and Opportunities

Upcoming Events

October 30 – Last Sunday to order your UMM Pasties for those hunting adventures or winter event.

November 4,5 – **United Methodist Men** – make and assemble Pasties for pickup November 6

November 5 – **Hearts Strangely Warmed** – Bethel UMC – Bishop Schnase – registration form in lobby

November 9 - **UMW Book Club** Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Parlor

We will discuss *The Good Pig* by Cy Montgomery

Please bring a box of cereal for donation to the Food Pantry. Info: 810.210.7510 cindymarko@gmail.com

November 13 – **Missions Outreach Swiss Steak Dinner**—following second service

November 16 - **Volunteer at Genesee Food Bank** – rides leave from church 830am Questions: call Marie Frazee

November 18 –**Caring Covenant Group Ministry** – Junction of Hope Restaurant dinner – see details in Messenger

November 18, 19 – **Trustees Work Day** –8am-4pm – watch for postings of help needed

November 27 – after 2nd service – annual **Hanging of the Greens** – see last page for details

December 4 -- **Childrens CHRISTMAS PAGENT 2011**

Swiss Steak Dinner for Heifer International Sunday, November 13, 2011, after 2nd service

Free will donation. Proceeds will go to our Mission Program's annual Heifer Project International Thanksgiving effort. That effort will send live animals to impoverished families around the world and will train the recipients in their care. See more details

For all who work with children, youth and vulnerable persons...Child Protection Training is highly recommended and may even be required for your volunteer position. Enough interest had been shown that another session is being held on Monday November 7

November 7, 2011 at Grand Blanc UMC from 6 P.M. - 9P.M. Address: 515 Bush Ave.

Brian Kelley, Chair of the Protection Team has had enough requests to put on his valuable program. It would be an excellent opportunity for us to take advantage of the close proximity of location. Please RSVP if you are interested in going, to DUMC Christian Education office.

Christian Education is putting together a car pool from the church. For those interested in riding, meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 P.M. Monday evening. Please, seriously consider this experience.

The Witness Work Area (AKA Church Growth) is INVITING volunteers to help at Information Station before and after services to assist those visiting DUMC. As our mission for this year is to Invite - we invite you to join us in making our visitors feel welcomed and informed. Please contact Cindy Marko at (810) 210-7510 or cindymarko@gmail.com or Julie Wing at (810) 247-3455 or Lmjwing99@yahoo.com for further information.

Invite--Equip--Send DUMC Outreach Services are looking for community service events in the local area that our DUMC members and friends can volunteer for. Examples of possible events: clean up graffiti at a local school, or volunteer at a local soup kitchen. We have a committee that is willing to help organize the event. **Please pick up a DUMC Outreach Service Event sheet** on the **Bulletin board** in the Narthex or contact Jeff and Diana Snider at jaad527@chartermi.net or 653-8107.

Job Opportunities DUMC is looking for job opportunities for members of our church, food pantry and clothing clients. We are continuously being asked if we know of job opportunities. If you own a business, or work for a business looking to hire – please list your job opportunity on the Job Sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Our church members in need and clients served by your church greatly appreciate any help they can get.

<u>FINANCE REPORT</u>	<u>thru September end*</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$28,209.08	\$281,637.15
Expense	\$24,085.53	\$281,401.94
Budget	\$28,408.83	\$227267.30
Debt	\$55,141.36 (Parsonage Loan)	
Current Expense Fund (non-designated money in the checkbook) - \$7,926.59		
NOTE: Expenses were less than normal because September apportionments were not paid until 10/01/11		
Gary Ackerman		



How can it possibly be November already? With all that my family has experienced - I feel like I have lost a month and a half of life! I want to thank all of you for being so generous in your prayers, love, and support as I was with Heather during her illness. I have never walked through anything this severe with a loved one's health. Needless to say that this Thanksgiving will feel especially blessed as I thank God - again - for sparing my child's life. As I have listened to all the doctors and read on my own - she survived an almost 50% mortality rate with all she had wrong. God has indeed done a mighty miracle. I cannot wait to see how Heather will be used of the Lord as a result of all this. I know I will never be the same.

As we gather in our different places to give thanks to God - I pray we will all make it more than just a moment to say grace before the turkey! I know the Lions will be playing a BIG game that day - but I urge us all to make this a season of genuine gratitude to our Lord. As we look at the world around us - can we see how genuinely blessed we are? We may not have the ideal life we dreamed about - but overall - with shelter, food, and enough to make it on - all I can say is YAY! When we see our loved ones who mean so much to us - another giant YAY! Most of all, when we think about our relationship with the God through the gift of Jesus Christ and living empowered by the Holy Spirit - well I cannot find the words to express how thankful I am. I would not have made it through this recent past without the strength of God through the prayers of the saints. I had to reach down to my inner core of strength and faith to make it. The day we were told that Heather was dying and they did not know why - I thought I would disintegrate - but somehow, after we stood there in shock - I grabbed the hands of her husband and her father and said, "We have to pray!" The others couldn't and I did not think I could either - but somehow God's Spirit just began to weep and pray in and through me. I do not know what I said - but God knew. So thankful? Oh my yes!!!! And at this moment I echo Saint Paul's words that he penned in Philippians 4:19-20, " And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. Now glory be to God our Father forever and ever. Amen." Can I get an AMEN?!

Pastor Debbie

Sermons

November 6 th	Lessons in Theology	Romans 5:1-11
November 13 th	How to be the Church	1 Corinthians 12:12-26
November 20 th	An Apostle in Pain	2 Corinthians 12:1-10
November 27 th	Getting the Epistles	Philippians 4:1-13



Advent

On Sunday, November 27th we will begin what the church calls the season of Advent. It is a time of preparation - when we take time to appreciate the gift of the Christ child. We also reflect on our own spiritual journey, knowing that at any moment Christ will come again - are we ready? The color of the season is purples and blues - a sign of reflection and penitence. We will celebrate it with the lighting of the Advent Wreath and a guide for scripture readings. Each Sunday we will reflect on one of these four words: Faith, Peace, Life and Love. May God bless our season of anticipation of the glory of our Lord.



November is Lung Cancer & COPD Awareness Month

Lung cancer and COPD are two of the leading causes of death in the America. Lung cancer is the leading cancer killer in both men and women in the United States. More people die from lung cancer than colon, breast, and prostate cancer together. Watch for a lung cancer handout on the Information Station this month.

COPD is the fourth leading cause of death in the U.S. It affects more than 13 million Americans. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis and is a term used to describe obstruction of airflow which makes it hard to breathe. The flow of air in and out of the lungs is less than it should be so less oxygen gets into the body tissues and it becomes harder to get rid of carbon dioxide which is the waste gas. As the disease gets worse, it is harder to remain active due to shortness of breath. COPD can be prevented and treated.

With chronic bronchitis the lining of the breathing tubes becomes swollen and produces a lot of mucus that gets coughed up. With emphysema the walls of the air sacs in the lungs are broken down and the air spaces get larger and air gets trapped. Some people get both chronic bronchitis and emphysema so now the disease is commonly called COPD.

The major cause of COPD is SMOKING. The poison in the cigarette smoke can weaken the lungs defenses against infections, narrow air passages, cause swelling in air tubes and destroy air sacs. About 80-90% of all COPD is caused by smoking. Pollution in the air and irritating fumes and dust can also cause COPD as can second hand smoke.

Signs and symptoms include constant coughing (smoker's cough), shortness of breath while doing everyday activities, producing a lot of sputum (phlegm, mucus), feeling like you can't breathe or take a deep breath and wheezing.

Treatment is QUIT SMOKING!! Take the medications prescribed by your doctor. These are usually inhalers that can open your airways and keep them from getting swollen. Nebulizers that change liquid medicine into a fine mist that can be inhaled deep into the lungs are also used. Pulmonary rehabilitation teaches you how to exercise, manage your disease and provides support and counseling. On rare occasions, surgery may be recommended.

Early detection of COPD is the key to successful treatment. Even though COPD cannot be reversed, it can be helped by treatment and you can live a longer and better quality life.

Margaret E. Diener RN, FCN Parish Nurse

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN REMEMBRANCE OF LOVED ONES NOVEMBER 1, 2010 TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011

Nicole Avitts	Clinton Bureson	Mildred Green
Wilfred Ross	Marion Howard Snyder, Jr	Leona Terry

MEMORIAL GIFT FUNDS USED FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2010 TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011

KITCHEN FUND

Nicole Avitts Clinton Bureson Mildred Green Leona Terry

LIBRARY BOOKS

Lindley "Link" Campbell

FOOD PANTRY

Nicole Avitts Marion Howard Snyder Jr.

LIGHTS FOR BELL CHOIR STANDS

Virginia Hillock

PRAYERs and THANK-YOUs

Thank You to everyone who extended sympathy to Dean and I and my family in the loss of my Dad, Earl. God sent his love and comfort through your cards, prayers and visits to us in Peck. Thank you to Pastor Debbie for praying with me on that difficult morning of Dad's passing and supporting us at his funeral. I treasure and love our church family!
With love and Christian friendship,

Dean and Ellen Wagester

I am grateful that God has blessed me with a supporting church family.
Thank you, again, for your prayers (they have been answered for 10years), cards, calls, and visits.
Thank you especially Pastor Debbie for being there, and keeping me calm before surgery and for your healing prayers.
Since I could not talk I have really enjoyed reading/re-reading all of the beautiful cards.

With sincere appreciation
God Bless
Sue McCann

FROM: Crossroads District United Methodist Women

TO: Davison United Methodist Women/Church

Thanks to all for hosting the Crossroads District United Methodist Women October 13th.

The Elected Leadership Training & Annual Conference was a wonderful success with your help.

For your hospitality a gift to missions has been made as we acknowledge your generosity & fellowship.

Thanks for each of you; DUMW, Flossie A. Jankowske, Gary Kramer, Theresa Henderson, Garnet Hickok and the entire food preparation committee. It was the most amazing day, giving thanks and rejoicing !!

Sincerely,

Patty Woodside

Crossroads District UMW

The Caring Covenant Group Thanksgiving Feast and Mission Opportunity Friday, November 18, 6:00 p.m.



Junction of Hope Restaurant 4136 East Peet Road M57 just W of Chesaning

\$12 Great Down Home Cooking

2 meat buffet, potatoes, gravy, hot vegetables, Salad bar, dessert, tax and tip included

Register early - the dining room only seats 50

See **John or Jean Malcomson** to save your seat or call 653-4391

Junction of Hope Restaurant was founded by Linda Diem in 1998 to offer employment opportunities to developmentally impaired adults. Having 12 adult foster care persons in her home, Linda herself saw the need for this opportunity. The restaurant has spawned a garden patch vegetable stand, a turkey farm, a wood craft business, and two adult independent-living housing units. On the burner for the future is a jewelry making business and a commercial kitchen to supply the restaurant with baked goods. All of these are or will be opportunities for the developmentally impaired. Linda is a dynamic speaker and will give us a presentation of the workings of these efforts and volunteer opportunities that are available.

We will take a love offering for the wood craft business for purchase supplies and tools

United Methodist Women

We often hear that Thanksgiving is an under celebrated holiday. As active UMW members we are keenly aware of God's blessings and we express our appreciation to him often. We are thankful for a busy year in mission. November and December are slower months of commitments but our spirit is on- going!

The West Vienna UMW has invited us to **Autumn Tea**. It will be held Saturday November 12 at 5485 W. Wilson Rd. Clio (12 - 2 pm). Sign up on the flyer on the UMW board. All women of the church family are invited.

Davison UMW hosted the District Meeting and Training in October. Our Unit was recognized as a Five Star Unit and we received a gold level certificate for meeting Mission Objectives. This is an honor to receive this recognition!

UMW celebrate 90th birthday within our congregation. If you are aware of anyone reaching this milestone in 2012 please let us know! Call Ellen Wagester 667-4666

Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!!!!!!

Ellen Wagester, President

The approach of Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons presents many opportunities for giving and sharing. **The DUMC Food Pantry** enters a busy season of needs – and needs your help. See below for the details of activities and where many hands are needed – see the sign-up sheets posted in the Narthex. On-call sign-ups are also needed – as we may need to shop for specific last minute needs or to wrap gifts for a family. Ask Rose Emery details! rosieketchum@yahoo.com phone 248-672-2978

Thanksgiving Food Boxes:

November 6 - **grocery bags will be handed out after both services**. Attached will be a list of daily necessary items that we would like to provide to our families beside the food boxes (shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dishsoap). We are also looking for 50 to 60 each 10-12 lb turkeys for our family food boxes. Please bring back the bags and turkeys by November 20. Keep us in mind while you are grocery shopping!

November 20 - sort and fill the supplement bags between services. **(many hands – 1 hour)**

November - 21 - food truck delivery at DUMC **(many hands – 1 hour)**

November 22 - Distribution day at DUMC for our Thanksgiving families **(one hour, half day, or all day)**

Adopt a Family program:

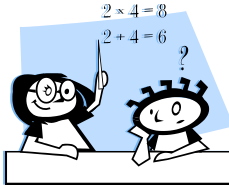
Family adoptions will be before and after both services on Nov 13, Nov 20, and Nov 27.

Dec 11 - presents are due back at DUMC fellowship hall (far end)

Dec 11 - sort and inventory family bags between services **(many hands - one hour between services)**

Dev 14 - food truck delivery at DUMC

Dec 15 - Distribution day at DUMC for our Christmas families **(one hour, half day, or all day)**



Thanks to all who signed up to be
2011 Junior Church Volunteers!!!
Thanks for your service to our Kids.

	<i>Thank You for your service.</i>
10/9/2011	<i>Peggy McCurdy</i>
10/16/2011	<i>Tracy Gilpin</i>
10/23/2011	<i>Jon & Amy Stavros</i>
10/30/2011	<i>Karen Vobach</i>
g11/6/2011	<i>Peggy McCurdy</i>
11/13/2011	<i>Barb Coughlin</i>
11/20/2011A	<i>Tracy Gilpin</i>
11/27/2011	<i>Julie Wing</i>
12/4/2011	<i>Jon & Amy Stavros</i>
12/11/2011	<i>Peggy McCurdy</i>
12/18/2011	<i>Karyn & Chad Konkol</i>
12/25/2011	<u><i>NO JR Church or Sunday School</i></u>
1/1/2012	<i>No Jr. Church or Sunday School Happy New Year!</i>
1/8/2012	

We are pleased to share a photograph of the young student we support with your help.

Through the collection of your returned bottle slips we support financially, Abia Makhauta in the World Vision Project of Lesotho, Africa. This year while we were collecting pop bottles and cans we helped provide socks, notebook, pen and paper. We continue to support Abia, and ask that instead of cans and bottles you'll turn in returned bottle slips to the container in the Narthex.

Our goal for 2012 is to continue with our mission project with your support. Please help us provide vulnerable children with the simple tools for their school needs. Currently we are assisting with one child, imagine what we could do together.

***Ms Patty Woodside, Christian Education
Mr. Vern Leach, Sunday School grades 4-6
Ms. Pam Fyke, Sunday School grades 4-6***



Heifer Project

October through January, 2012.

Once again, Ark Banks will be available from one of the Mission Outreach members. Coins and bills are welcome, and donations of checks or cash may be made to Davison United Methodist Church noting on your check "Heifer Project".



\$25,000, **Gift of Transformation.** With this gift you help make it possible for Heifer to reach an even greater number of families with the gifts of livestock and training in sustainable farming.



\$10,000, **Women in Livestock Development (WiLD).** This gift for the women of the developing world will help them overcome education, gender and cultural barriers to emerge as successful leaders in their communities.



\$5,000, The **Heifer Gift Ark** travels the world, providing families across the globe with the gifts of livestock they need to pull themselves out of poverty.

\$500, **Heifers** provide hungry families with a steady source of milk to drink or sell, and a calf to pass on to the next family.



\$250, A **Water Buffalo** is really three gifts in one – tangy milk to drink, draft power to help plow a field and organic fertilizer to help improve crop yields.



\$150, **Llamas** and their cousins the **Alpaca** provide soft wool to families living in high altitude climates, so they can make sweaters, hats and gloves.



\$120, **Goats** give families rich, nutritious milk and can thrive in many of the harshest climates where Heifer works.

\$120, The gift of **Sheep** means wool to make warm clothing, or sell for extra income.



\$120, **Pigs** are easy to care for, and because they take up very little space they make a perfect gift for a farmer with a modest piece of land.



\$60, **Trees** help restore land devastated by mudslides and other natural disasters – and their delicious fruit gives families a healthy boost to their diet.

\$60, **Rabbit** wool is soft and warm – and because they multiply so quickly, the gift of rabbits can soon be passed on to another family.



\$30, **Honeybees** are easy to care for and take up little space – plus their delicious honey can be sold at market helping to increase a family's income.



\$20, A single **Hen** can lay hundreds of eggs each year – each is another lifesaving gift for a hungry child.



\$20, **Ducks & Geese** are easy to care for and provide a hungry family with nutritious, protein-packed eggs to eat and to sell at market.



\$10, The **Share of a Sheep, Goat, Pig, Rabbit or Trees** can help provide a family with the foundation they need to begin improving their family's income and nutrition.

Making a gift by credit or debit card? It's safe and simple!
Call (888) 5-HUNGER, (888) 548-6437 or visit www.heifer.org/faith and make your gift today!

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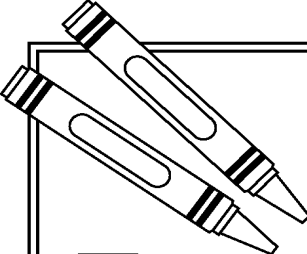
November Birthdays

- 1 – Leo Olney
- 3 – Kayla Harris
- 3 – Avery Jones
- 3 – Matthew Tucker
- 4 – Paul MacDonald
- 5 – Ellyn Ackerman
- 5 – David Eldred
- 7 – Deana Hunter
- 7 – Craig Meyer
- 8 – Ted Dipzinski
- 8 – Julie Hester
- 9 – Angela Mathews
- 9 – Sophia Perrault
- 10 – Marty Cook
- 10 – David Horton
- 11 – Cayla McDowell
- 13 – Betty Dipzinski
- 14 – Barbara Amble
- 14 – Dolly Light
- 16 – Eileen Starr
- 17 – Amy Edmonds
- 19 – Susan Ross
- 19 – Delores Carlson
- 20 – Becky Turkovics
- 21 – James McKittrick
- 22 – Koree Kenyon
- 23 – Morgan Ananich
- 23 – Tim Diener
- 24 – Marjorie Davis
- 25 – Olivia Herbert
- 25 – Robert Stiehl
- 26 – Jacqueline Marvin
- 27 – George Guernsey
- 27 – Dan Isham
- 27 – Jeffrey Stevens
- 28 – Dian Becker
- 28 – Sue Urmanic
- 29 – Lawrence McArthur
- 29 – Shelby Price
- 29 – Lowell Penrose
- 30 – Guy Cleveland
- 30 – Paris Dipzinski



Are you celebrating a birthday in 2012?

Of course, you are! The first DUMC Birthday Bash is coming soon, so mark your calendar for Saturday, January 21, 2012. Watch for more details in next month's Messenger. Don't miss out on the fun!



Just for KIDS

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Jesus knew that people would starve without physical bread to eat and water to drink. But he also knew they would die spiritually if they weren't fed by him.

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV) and write the Bible verse on the dashes.

JOHN 6:35

WORD LIST

am and be believes
bread comes I in
he hungry go He
life me me never
to never the of will
who will thirsty who

t e l r s u v w a m x y z a b t h e i
j k l m b r e a d n p o f q r l i f e
d H e e f g h i w h o j k l m n p q r
b c d f c o m e s g h i j t o k l m e
n w i l l o p q r s t u n e v e r w
z y z b c a g o b c d e f g h i j k l
m h u n g r y n a n d o p q r s t u v
w x y z a b c d e f g h i j h e k l m
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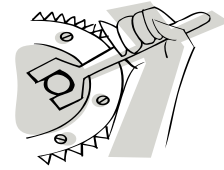
Answer: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV

NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:30 Grand Sweep 1 Ruth 6 Prayer Group 6:30 –8:30 Youth 7 Lydia	2 10 Prayer Shawls 5:30 Bells 6 UMM; Unicycles 6-9 GS Ldr. (ND) 6:30 Praise 7:30 Choir	3 9:30 Naomi 6:30 Grand Sweep	4 6 Unicycles 6 UMM pasty prep	5 6 AM UMM Pasty bake 10 Prayer Group 9:30—3 'Hearts' at Flint, Bethel UMC
All Saints Sunday Communion End Daylight Saving 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday school 11 Worship; Jr. Church	7 1:00 Nurture	8 Election Day 9:30 Priscilla 10:30 Grand Sweep 6 Prayer Group 6:30 Cub Scouts (B) 7 Finance	9 10 Staff; Prayer Shawls 5:30 Bells 6 Unicycles; Bk Club 6:30 Praise 7:30 Choir	10 6:30 Grand Sweep	11 Veteran's Day GS (KV) FH Rock-a-thon 6 Unicycles	12 10 Prayer Group
13 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday school 11 Worship; Jr. Church	14	15 10:30 Grand Sweep 12—Exec. NO UMW UNIT 6 Prayer Group 6:30 Witness (L); Cub Scouts (B)	16 Food Bank 10 Prayer Shawls 5:30 Bells 6 Unicycles 6:30 Praise 7:30 Choir	17 6:30 Grand Sweep	18 6 Unicycles	19 10 Prayer Group Emmaus 4th Day Gathering Redford
20 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday school; HH 11 Worship; Jr. Church Hanging of Greens; Sort 'n Pack 6:30 Community Service Baptist Church	21 Food Truck Delivery	22 10:30 Grand Sweep Thanx Boxes Distrib. 6 Prayer Group 6:30 Cub Scouts (B)	23 10 Staff; Prayer Shawls 5:30 Bells 6 Unicycles 6:30 Praise 7:30 Choir	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 6 Unicycles	26 10 Prayer Group
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Your Church Works



(This is a short article on the men and women who take great pride in every “physical” attribute of our beautiful facility. Please read and understand the many hats our Trustee’s wear in order to bring you and your family the comfort and safety that our church provides. Chairperson Karen Vobach offered up this long list of important needs, must-dos and visions for the future. BB)

By Discipline – our Trustees responsibilities include:

- Oversee, maintain, and supervise all local church property; including an annual inspection and inventory of all church property, including the parsonage.
- Report annually to the charge conference on the state of the church's property, equipment, investments, and resources.
- Receive and administer all gifts made to the congregation; make certain that all trust funds of the congregation are invested properly. Develop guidelines for receiving and managing wills, trusts, bequests, and other investments given to the church.
- Ensure that the articles of incorporation of the congregation are kept up-to-date, if applicable.
- Be responsible, *in conjunction with the pastor*, for all use of the church buildings and grounds.
- Maintain adequate insurance coverage on all church property and develop appropriate risk management policies.
- Submit to the committee on finance the annual budget requests for insurance, property maintenance and improvement, and new property purchases.
- Be accountable to charge conference and to the church council.

This year the Trustees have made repairs to the parking lot; tiled the education level; helped renovate the youth room; furnished the narthex with a couch, tables and chairs; had a coffee cart and information desk built; furnished the parlor with couches; tables; chairs and dining chairs; had the orange panels painted; cleaned and painted the underside of the third street entrance; drywalled the showcase and hung a new flat screen TV; hung a new TV in the nursery; had the circle drive repaired; the sidewalk repaired and the curb reduced to aid in walking from the parking lot to the church.

The committee is currently working on the rental unit bathroom and kitchen which both need complete renovation. We are considering selling the unit and using the funds for the DUMC kitchen renovation project. In the past several years we have dealt with numerous conflicts between the upper and lower tenants, police calls and misuse of the basement area by teenagers (smoking/drinking alcohol, etc.)

The Trustee have recently received approval from the Finance committee to go ahead with Phase II of the Parlor renovation which will include a built-in cabinet area at the west wall, an entertainment center with cabinets at the east wall and complete renovation of the kitchen, with new stove and microwave. We hope to complete this by Christmas.

We are working with an architect to get plans together for the kitchen/fellowship hall remodel. we need several opinions from groups that use the kitchen as to the best possible configuration. many items need research -- IE dishwashers, stoves, vent systems, cupboards, flooring, etc.

We are looking at options for renovating the narthex level bathrooms.

These are just a few of the many decisions that the Trustees must deal with – utilizing their skills and wisdom. If you can help – with the maintenance, new projects, and sometimes just problem-solving of our BIG BIG HOUSE, let Karen V. or one of the trustees know of your interest – there is no shortage of projects. BB

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We need your help!!!

Sunday November 27th directly after Second Service will be the DUMC Annual **Hanging of the Greens**. We will be decorating the entire church for the Advent Season. This is a monumental task and we need your help.

There will be many tasks of every ability level so please come and join us in preparing. If you have any questions please see Karla Perrault.

Many hands make light work and we would love to have your help!!!!