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# THE BEACON

## AUGUST 2016



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### *Devoted Servants, Drawn to Jesus, Dedicated to Making Disciples*

Hi Friends,

We are in, or are coming into, the dog days. Sometimes we call them the dog days of summer, sometimes the dog days of August. The Old Farmer's Almanac specifically identifies the dog days as being from July 3 to August 11 because this corresponds to the ancient heliacal rising (at sunrise) of the Dog Star Sirius. We really cannot put exact dates on the dog days based on a star. After all, every fifty years the stars shift one degree and in 13,000 years Sirius will rise in the winter. Still, that is the origin of the expression because the Romans called their hottest, most humid days the dog days, connecting it with Sirius, the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major, meaning large dog.

July or August or both, it makes no difference to me. The summer is hot and by mid-August I start anticipating the cooler days of autumn. Now, full disclosure, I am more of a winter than a summer person. I will take cold over hot any day. So, forgive me if I look longingly toward the fall.

Still, my temperature bias aside, I do like the expression dog days. Just as I am a winter person, I am also a dog person. They have many characteristics people would do well to emulate. For one thing, they are incredibly faithful. Dogs are not fickle or persnickety. You can depend on them sticking with you in thick or thin. They are good friends – always glad to see you and ready to go with you at a moment's notice. Dogs are forgiving. You do not experience dogs holding grudges or acting standoffish because they felt slighted. They are always prepared to invite you into their good graces. They are open to training and discipline, something Proverbs teaches us we should be. Dogs are also adaptable. Oh, they have their routines and habits, but they will adjust to new situations just so long as they can be with you.

This got me to thinking that maybe we can use the dog days to be more like dogs. How are we with our faithfulness – to God, to family and to those for whom we may have responsibility, to our work, in our church attendance and service and giving? Are we being good friends to others, glad to see them, ready to respond to them? How are we doing with forgiveness? The dog days might be good days to let go of grudges or hurts or bruised feelings and to invite others back into relationship with us. Are we continuing to study the scripture and to pray and to worship, allowing

**Pastor's Article (cont'd)**

God to train us in discipleship and to correct any missteps? Do we keep an open spirit, watching for new opportunities or new ways to serve the Lord and proclaim the gospel?

Summer is a good time for refreshment and recreation – taking a breath and bringing some order into our lives. It also, then, is a good time to realign our lives with the Lord, walking in the ways our savior would have us to work, and being the people God created us to be.

These are the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. These are also the dog days. Let's hear it for the dogs.

- David

## **Don't miss worship in August!**

We continue to have two options for you.

We meet on Sundays at 9:30 am, and throughout August we will be discussing different passages from the gospel of Luke!

We also have casual worship on Wednesday nights at 7 pm (potluck at 6:15 pm) and we'll continue to explore the works of Dr. Seuss.

Wednesday Nights:

- 8/3 - Sneetches - Exploring issues of diversity
- 8/10 - Oh the Places You'll Go -  
Sending our college bound students into the world
- 8/17 - McElligott's Pool - Dreaming big dreams
- 8/24 - The Zax - What happens when no one yields in an argument
- 8/31 - Horton Hatches the Egg - Keeping our promises



**Be sure to look for the MISSION OPPORTUNITY  
on Wednesday, August 10**

**@ the Brethren Service Center (only 8 ½ hours).**

More details on page #8.

**COME MEET DR. BELINDA FORBES -  
MISSIONARY TO NICARAGUA,**

Monday, August 15, 7:00 pm in the Great Hall.

More details on page #8.



**Attention all Confirmands (8th and 9th graders)**

You should receive your information packets the first week of August. If you are interested in confirmation, but do not receive an information packet by August 5, please contact the church office and we will get one sent to you.



***Rally Day is almost here !!***

**Join the DUMC community on Sunday, August 28  
following the morning worship service (10:45)  
in the Great Hall & Dining Hall.**

This is your chance to hear about some of the ministries of our church, sign up to help out various committees and groups, and/or register for Sunday School.

- ~ What Bible studies will be offered this year?
- ~ What musical groups can I join?
- ~ What Sunday School classes are available?
- ~ How do I join the Heavenly Hosts?
- ~ Can I be an acolyte?
- ~ Can I help serve communion?
- ~ When do the youth meet and what will they be doing?

**All these questions and more can be answered at Rally Day.**

Help us kick off the year with joy and enthusiasm!

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***Sunday School Kick-Off***

Our annual *Sunday School Kick-Off*  
is in the Dining Hall at 10:45 a.m., on August 28, 2016.

Come and meet your wonderful Sunday School leaders, register for Sunday School and meet the pastoral staff.

**Our first day of Sunday School classes will be September 11.**

We ask for new registration forms each year for every child and youth in order to keep our records accurate and updated.



## Young At Heart Cookout and Pool Party Sunday, Aug. 14, 2016 at 4:00 pm

You are invited for a cookout at our house. We will provide the main dish and paper products. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and your own drinks.

Please call or text us if you plan to attend this Young at Heart gathering.

Looking forward to your attendance and a sunny day!

Lora & Bill Maynard, [301-461-0850](tel:301-461-0850), 25108 Silver Crest Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20882.

*don't forget your swimsuits & towels!*



*join us for a summer celebration!*

## Looking Forward *Young at Heart*

### SEPTEMBER

#### Thurs., September 15:

Tour of Brookside Gardens and Wings of Fancy Butterfly House, Wheaton. Lunch afterwards nearby.



**Contact person: Sharon Walton / 301-253-4860.**

**Saturday, September 24:** Pontoon Ride at Blackhills Park, Clarksburg, with dinner to follow, more info to come.

**Contact person: Kathy Celli / 301-253-9652.**

### OCTOBER

Kingsley School



**October 20:** Tour of Kingsley School house on Clarksburg Road and lunch to follow.

Van transportation to the school house will be provided.

**Contact person: Bernardine Beall / 301-253-2014.**



**What: Women's Half-Day Retreat**

**When: Saturday, November 12**

**Time: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**Where: DUMC Great Hall**

## Prayer Requests

The Intercessory Prayer Group invites you to write any prayer requests on the prayer cards located in the pews.

Prayer cards should then be placed in the prayer box in the Narthex.

All requests will be kept confidential.

Prayer requests may also be made on-line at [www.damascusumc.org](http://www.damascusumc.org).

**Damascus United Methodist Women News**  
**August, 2016**

***Interim REPORT from UMW Project SURVEY***  
**"The Church & People with Disabilities"**



**Positives:**

Completed new walkway and ramp into Annex  
(be careful when grasping the black metal handrails on sunny days).  
Church builders planned with entrances step free and on level.  
No automatic doors like in stores, but Welcome Teams on duty .  
Hearing devices, Braille hymnbook, wheel chair cutout in two pews,  
elevator, guest wheelchair.  
Sunday School provided a "Buddy Program" for last ten years.  
Invited to "stand if able." Large print worship and large print Hymnals.

**Suggested Needs:**

Restroom in Narthex is neither wheelchair nor limited mobility accessible (part of Capital Campaign plans).  
Altar and choir area not step free, therefore need nice brass hand rails for altar step.

If you have any other thoughts or suggestions where action is needed, please contact Bernardine Beall at 301-253-2014.

**Bibles for the Troops Response**

~ \$575 paid for One Hundred Fifteen Bibles for Troops.  
Thank each of you for such a fine outpouring of care and gratitude ! !

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**The Susanna JOY Circle will not meet in the month of August.**

**The WWJD Circle will not meet during August.**

We will resume regular monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month beginning September 15.  
Details of the September meeting will be announced in the next issue of the Beacon.

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**LADIES' NIGHT OUT**

**THERE WILL BE NO**  
**Ladies' Night Out in August**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 29**

**Mangia E. Bevi @ 6 pm**  
**8927 Fingerboard Road,**  
**Frederick, MD 21704 (Urbana)**  
**RSVP by Sept. 27**

**THERE WILL BE NO**  
**Ladies' Night Out in October**

**MONDAY, NOV. 14, 2016,**

**Red Robin @ 6 pm**  
**20001 Century Blvd, Germantown, MD 20872**  
**RSVP by Nov. 12**

**CONTACT PASTOR AMANDA**  
**AMANDA.MCMURTREY@DAMASCUSUMC.ORG**  
**Call 301-253-0022 or Text 970-231-5123**



## Interested in joining a Sunday morning Welcome Team?



Have you observed the Welcome Team members on duty at each service? Have you thought that you would like to be a part of one of the teams? If so, please read the brief summary of the various roles and complete the form at the bottom. (There is a greater need for team members at our 11:00 services.)

Welcome Team members (greeters, ushers and host) are asked to arrive 30 minutes before and stay 10 minutes after the service.

**Greeter** - greet people as they arrive and exit the service

**Host** - stand at the Welcome Station to answer questions, provide informational brochures, and distribute welcome gifts to guests

**Usher** - distribute bulletins, collect offering, and 'dismiss' pews during communion

Place the completed bottom half of your form at the Welcome Station, leave it at the church office, or sign up at Rally Day (later in August). Thank you! Questions? Contact the church office OR Robin Cooney (301-882-4165) or [robinscooney@gmail.com](mailto:robinscooney@gmail.com).

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I want to join a Sunday morning Welcome Team!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone contact: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(This contact information will be shared with all Welcome Team volunteers.)

I am committing to join a Welcome Team as: \_\_\_\_\_ Greeter,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Host, and/or  
\_\_\_\_\_ Usher

Service Time: \_\_\_\_\_ 8:15 \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00

I am committing to join a Welcome Team: \_\_\_\_\_ one Sunday a month  
\_\_\_\_\_ two Sundays a month

# Worship Arts News and Events

August 2016 Polly Edmonds Baldrige, Minister of Music and Worship Arts | 240-750-8287 | [redheaders@verizon.net](mailto:redheaders@verizon.net)  
Stephen Kalnoske, Organist

## Calling all Singers, Brass, and Handbell players

### *Let's get a head start on the fall!*

Special music will be shared Sunday, August 21, at the 9:30 am service. The following worship arts ensembles will meet the week of August 14 in preparation for a special hymn service on Sunday, August 21, and for fall worship:



**Charles Wesley Singers (current and alumni)** rehearse Sunday, August 14, from 4 to 6 pm (6th - 12th graders and beyond - robe assignments will be made for the fall for those who can attend)

**Ring of Joy and Youth Bells** - Monday, August 15, at 8 pm

**Chancel Choir** - Wednesday, August 17, at 8 pm after the summer Wednesday night service

### **Summer Choir**

Summer choir continues through August. Simple anthems are shared at the 9:30 am Sunday service weekly by members of the Charles Wesley Singers, Chancel Choir, and all guests and interested participants. Arrive at 9:10 on Sunday mornings and practice in the choir room.

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## **SUMMER CHOIR – FOR ALL AGES**

NO ROBES | NO PROCESSIONAL | NO ONE EXCLUDED

**9:30 am Sunday Service in July and August**

All singers are invited to sing during worship over the summer! Come 20 minutes before services each week for a quick rehearsal to review anthem. The Charles Wesley Singers will sing at Sunday 8:15 am services in June, and Chancel Choir will sing at 11 am services in June. For July and August, both choirs will join to share in the single 9:30 am service – some mornings there will be more than one anthem to feature both groups. This is also an opportunity for children and youth to sing with their parents and other adult friends. Come join us – anthems will be picked from familiar repertoire.

## **Youth Praise Band Summer Rehearsals**

To prepare for leading Sunday School in the Youth Chapel in the fall, the Youth Praise Band will meet on Sunday, August 21, from 2 to 5 pm, and Monday, August 22, from 7 to 9 pm.

Come for part or all of the practices - we will meet in Great Hall! New members of the group are invited to come give it a try. Contact Polly Baldrige for additional information!

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## **Calling Everyone interested in BRASS!**

**In the Great Hall every Wednesday, there will be group brass lessons from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm for \$30 per session. The group will be performing in the service on August 21, and will perform a studio recital later that week. For more information, email Ben Constantinides ([bencon09@gmail.com](mailto:bencon09@gmail.com)). This coming Wednesday, group brass lessons will be rescheduled to a later day in the week. Updates will be emailed out and posted.**

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

## **MISSION OPPORTUNITY FOR 8 ½ hours**

August 10 (Wednesday) volunteer Mission service at the Brethren Center, New Windsor: leave DUMC @ 7:30 am. Return by 4:00 pm. Call Carol Yocum @ 301-788-6446 or email: [carolyocum@msn.com](mailto:carolyocum@msn.com). We need a head count as soon as possible!!

## **MEET DR. BELINDA FORBES—MISSIONARY TO NICARAGUA**

Beginning in January 2016, DUMC is helping with the salary support for Dr. Forbes who works as a dentist and public health worker in Nicaragua. Come and meet Dr. Forbes on August 15 (Monday) at 7 pm in the Great Hall. Dessert will be served at 7 pm as we gather and then Dr. Forbes will share some of her ministry and we will be able to ask questions and get to know her better.

## **FAITH CONNECTIONS SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION FOR CHILDREN**

Again this fall community helping organization Faith Connections is collecting school supplies for children in need in our local area. See page #9 for more details on what to donate.



## **OJT - IMT**

You hear a lot these days about on-the-job training or OJT. This is training that is very specific to the job one is going to do. Stephen Ministry offers IMT: in-ministry training. No matter what kind of training you've had before, Stephen Ministry will teach you what you need to know about how to do a good job of caring for others.

All good coaches will tell you that teamwork is important to win a game. All who serve as Stephen Ministers become part of a team that helps people win life's toughest battles. Our victory parties are great. God may have a place for you on our caregiving team!

Is God calling you to find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister? Contact Jan Mullinix, Stephen Leader, at [jmullinix74@yahoo.com](mailto:jmullinix74@yahoo.com) or 301-482-1122.

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## ***Come join the Prayer Shawl Ministry***

**Monday, August 15  
at 12:30 pm / Church Office**

Prayer Shawl Ministry is a creative way to combine the love of knitting and/or crocheting with ministry to people in need of comfort. The shawls we make offer tangible evidence of God's love to each recipient. If you would like to give a prayer shawl to someone whom you know, you can contact one of the pastors, or Cathy Heinbaugh, [cheinbaugh@comcast.net](mailto:cheinbaugh@comcast.net), 301-253-0742, or Jan Mullinix, [jmullinix74@yahoo.com](mailto:jmullinix74@yahoo.com) 301-482-1122.



# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (cont'd)

## Damascus-Clarksburg Area School Supply Drive

Once again Faith Connections will be collecting school supplies to benefit needy students in the local Damascus-Clarksburg schools. Last year, with the generosity of our community, we provided new school supplies and backpacks to 180 students who, without help, may not arrive at school with necessary supplies such as pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks and paper.

We will have collection bins starting the first week of July, in both the Narthex (back of church) and the church office. **The collection will continue through Sunday, August 14.**

Help needy students in our area have a bright start to the new school year by donating new school supplies.

We are collecting:

Backpacks	Lined paper (college and wide ruled)	Safety scissors
Spiral notebooks	Composition books	Pocket folders
Pencils	Pens (blue, black and red)	Dividers (5-7 subject)
Crayons	Glue sticks (not regular glue)	Colored Pencils
Erasers and eraser caps		Markers



Thank you again for your continue support of our community and our school children.

Blessings,  
Jill Ochs, Faith Connections, Inc.

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## Harwood House Thrift Shop News!

We just want to thank everyone who came out on Damascus Days for our sale! It was a great success!

If you have a Facebook account, then check out the Thrift Shop's Special Sales every Saturday on the **Everything Damascus** page. Along with the special sales with up to 50% off on advertised items, there will also be notifications on special items we have for sale such as full sets of china, collectible items, crystal, etc. ! While in Facebook just search on **Everything Damascus** and subscribe to the site and you'll be able to see our announcements!

Also, mark your calendars for August 27 when we will be having a half price sale on everything in the shop! Don't miss it!!

Please Note: Due to the lack of space, we will no longer be accepting large furniture (e.g. coffee tables, kitchen tables, etc.), but if you have an item you have a question about, please call the Thrift Shop beforehand. You can reach us at 301-253-0025, 11:00am-2:30pm, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

✿ **Thrift Shop** ✿

## Youth Info

**Sunday, August 28 @ 5 pm**  
**Pavilion/Dining Hall**

### **YOUTH FALL KICK-OFF EVENT**

**BIG, HUGE, GARGANTAN**

**things are going to happen this year in the Youth Ministry at DUMC.**  
**DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN????**  
**COME TO THE KICKOFF PARTY AND FIND OUT.**



Everyone is welcome including parents to enjoy an evening of fun. We will be talking about the upcoming year's schedule and signing up to help out. Dinner will be provided. Event will be held in pavilion and outside at Damascus UMC, weather permitting.

## Announcements



### **You can make a difference in our community!**

Damascus HELP needs volunteers (over age 18 due to insurance restrictions) to help in various capacities. HELP is a non-profit organization that provides emergency assistance to those needy individuals in the 20871(Clarksburg), 20872(Damascus), and 20882 (Gaithersburg and Laytonsville- north of Brink Rd.) zip codes.

Officers of the Day are needed to work from home (once a month) to answer calls from clients. We are also in need of food drivers to deliver food, client drivers to take individuals to appointments, and volunteers to help with transporting furniture to clients in need. Our furniture committee is also seeking persons or organizations with a truck or SUV to help assist with furniture moving. Financial caseworkers are also needed to help individuals with the utility companies. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please call 301-253-4100 or e-mail [dh20872@aol.com](mailto:dh20872@aol.com) or [www.damascushelp.org](http://www.damascushelp.org) for more information.

**NOTE: Damascus HELP Furniture Committee is in need of a crib, car seat and Pack-and-play, full bed set and one full size mattress. Contact Rita directly if you can help at [dh20872@aol.com](mailto:dh20872@aol.com) or 301-253-4100.**

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## **GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE**

The DUMC Blood Drive is  
**Thursday, August 25 from 1:00 - 6:30 pm**  
in the church Dining Hall

Our third Blood Drive of the year is about to take place for 2016. So please check your calendars and **sign up**. While walk-ins are always welcome, those with appointments will have less waiting time.



**Please call 1-800-733-2767 or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code: Damascus UMC MD to schedule your life-saving donation!**

Thank you to all who have participated in the blood drives at DUMC in the past. We have a terrific community of donors and volunteers!

Volunteers are also needed to help prepare for the blood drive. **Please contact Cathy Heinbaugh 301-253-0742 or [cheinbaugh@comcast.net](mailto:cheinbaugh@comcast.net) if you are able to help.** Thank you for helping us save lives ! !

## Announcements (cont'd)

### *Save the Date . . .*

Friendship United Methodist Church  
**Annual B-B-Q, Bake Sale, and Yard Sale**

for Saturday, August 13 at 11:30 am until ? ? ?

Please mark your calendar and Save the Date !



**BBQ Ribs: \$15**

**Fried Chicken: \$13**

Sides: Potatoe salad, green beans, cole slaw, baked beans,  
macaroni & cheese, applesauce, roll & butter.

Dinner include 3 sides and a drink.

Bake Goods Sale (cakes, cookies, brownies, pies, etc.)

P.S. To reserve a yard sale table, contact Betty Spencer at 301-831-5732.  
Cost of tables is \$15. Yard Sale & Bake Sale will begin as early as 9:00 am.



### **Our Learning Center has a Need**

#### *Out of my mind.....*

Hello all, This is Marlin from down at the Learning Academy in the upstairs of the Youth Chapel, aka the tutoring center. The tutoring center is self-sustaining and receives no funding from the church. Other than the operating expenses and salaries, we have a Scholarship Fund I am making my once-a-year appeal for donations to that Scholarship Fund. This fund covers the cost of tutoring for students whose families cannot pay. We have averaged at least two students at all times since we opened 11-1/2 years ago.

About two years ago, all donations stopped and the fund ran down to \$ 0.00. We pledged, however, to never turn away a student for lack of funds. In this two-year period, there has been six students tutored. At the risk of going too serious on you all, I had to work for free for six months last year to allow these students to be tutored. Simply, I pay for the scholarship kids out of my pocket so we do not have to turn anyone away.

I am asking for some donations so that this situation does not come back for the second half of the current year. All donations are totally tax deductible. Please make checks to the Learning Academy Scholarship Fund. They can be put into Ms. Debbie Benson's mailbox in the church office, or the collection plate. Debbie will eventually get them.

Thank you for your consideration. I know money is tight, but the scholarship kids that come to us are on the edge of disaster. They need academic help and the school systems around here are not equipped to deal with the remediation necessary to save these young folks. For some, it could mean the difference between going to college or going to jail. I have stories and facts to back that up !!!

Please consider helping with these young folks.

Thank You,

Marlin Heckindorn

Director, Knowledge Points Learning Academy

## Vacation Bible School 2016

Vacation Bible School was the week of July 25-29. It was a wonderful experience for 115 children, 58 youth helpers, and 40 adults. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it possible!

We were blessed to have 28 children from our community attend VBS “on scholarship,” meaning they could not afford the \$30/child requested donation. So, we would appreciate your help to offset the costs of VBS. Please give what you can. Checks can be made to DUMC with “VBS” in the memo line. Thank you so much for your prayers, support, and generosity. God bless you!

Love in Christ,  
Cathy Scarbrough

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### ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

**Congratulations to Ted & Esther Samakouris** on the arrival of their 10<sup>th</sup> great-grandchild, Theodore David Lambooy, on July 21 in Indiana. He was two weeks early and only weighed 5 lbs.-13 oz. Parents are David & Brianna Lambooy.

**Pray for those who have recently lost loved ones:** family of the **Gary & Leslie Broadwater** with the loss of Leslie’s father, Ronald Wilson; **Brian & Joan Hartle** with the loss of Brian’s father, Paul Hartle, and brother-in-law, Keith Strang; and **Lorraine Root’s** family; **Pray for the Brad & Helen West family** with the passing of **Pam Compton**. A memorial service will be held here at DUMC on Saturday, August 27.

**Pray for those receiving medical care, going through tests, facing surgery or in recovery:** **Pennie Adams** (Cochlear implant), **Benjamin Bautista** (developmental concerns), **Catherine Cramer**, (Randy Anderson’s sister with pregnancy complications), **David Bellefleur** (Hank’s brother recovering from motorcycle accident), **Casey and Brandi Berry** with severe cases of Lyme disease, **Helen Boyer**, **Mary Burton** (heart issues), **Ann Cochran**, **Patty Crane** (Cheryl Minekime’s cousin with medical issues), **Joyce Dooley** (Carol Taylor’s mom), **Pat Duvall**, **Linda Evans**, **Larry Froeberg** (Karen Taylor’s father recovering from complications from back surgery), **April Fry** (Diane Fry’s daughter-in-law with M.S.), **Diane Fry** (having complications from her hand surgery recovery), **Marianne Goldup**, **Patsy Kressig** (Judy’s mom), **Miel Linthicum**, **Jeanette Long**, **Daniel Lorenzo** (Angie Thompson’s brother with heart failure), **Tom Mielke** (Marilyn Kinsey’s son-in-law with M.S.), **Teresa Morella** (recovering from back surgery), **Nancy Nickerson** (recovering from neck/back surgery), **Neal Pardini** (leg vascular problems), **Carole Sacco** (Gina Wilson’s sister-in-law) liver disease and candidate for a transplant, **Jane Snapp** (recuperating from a broken shoulder), **Karen Turner** (Kathy Jones’ niece with Lupus) and **Roy Wood** (Kim Briglia’s brother-in-law) in rehab after a serious car accident.

**Pray for those who have been diagnosed with cancer** including **Patty Benson** (Doug’s wife), **Mike Bowman** (Roz Bowman’s son), **Ann Boyer** (Kevin’s mom), **Sue Bradley**, **Steve Capkovits** (Ruth Harward’s cousin), **Karen Caroscio** (Stephanie Vara Carter’s mother-in-law), **Mickey Cochran**, **Tammy Lee Cosman** (Don & Rita’s sister-in-law), **Lauren Dunham**, **JP Feuillet**, **Kathy Geehreg**, **Dawn Helton** (Marge Taylor’s daughter), **Rick Henderson** (Ken’s brother), **Willa Kackley** (Judy Benedict’s aunt), **Leroy** (friend of the Malley’s going thru kidney cancer treatment), **Dave Lingrell**, **Hazel MacKenzie** (radiation treatments), **Tanner Matney**, **Christopher Matovich** (Gerry Pardini’s nephew) **Frances Richards** (Rev. Beth Richards’ sister), **Greg Sacco** (Gina Wilson’s brother), and **Tim Sanner** (Dan Krotz’s uncle).

**Continue to pray for all who serve in the military:** The following are stationed in the United States: **John Clayton** – Army (Cathy Heinbaugh’s brother), **Thomas LaMaster** – Navy (Ted & Esther Samakouris’ grandson), **Gregory Lee** – Army (Cara Hardick Lee’s husband), **Benjamin J. Saunders** – Navy (son of Connie Ross), **Alex Sauter** – Marines (son of Todd & Kelly), and **Kossi (Alfred) Setodji** –Army (son of Philip and Mary Davi Avudutu).

## Office Information

### PLEASE NOTE:

*All are new e-mail addresses  
effective immediately.*

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## Check in at DUMC every Sunday

Every day our Facebook friends post check-ins at restaurants and events. Why don't more check in at church? Let's change that and show everyone that we are as excited to attend DUMC as we are to eat at a new restaurant or see a new show! Before you silence your phone for church, update your status with a check-in at DUMC. You can add a comment or photo after the service. It would be fun to see how many of us participate. Maybe our other friends will be intrigued enough to attend as well.

Don't forget to like the DUMC page on Facebook!



## Administrative Meetings For August, 2016

- August 3 Office Staff Meeting  
10:00 am in the Annex/CR
- August 5 First Thursday Ministries Meeting  
7:00 pm in the **Sanctuary**  
▶ Trustees Meeting to follow  
in the **Great Hall/back**  
▶ Christian Formation Committee to  
Follow in the **Library**
- August 11 SPPRC Meeting  
7:00 pm in the Annex/CR
- TBD Administrative Board Meeting  
7:00 pm in the **Dining Hall/back**

## Office Hours

The office is open Monday - Thursday, 8:00 am - 6:00 p.m. On Friday, we open at 8:00 a.m., sometimes close for lunch (approx. an hour) and occasionally close for the day at 4:00 p.m. Additionally,

Pastor David is off on Fridays.

Pastor Amanda is off on Tuesdays.

Jane Webb is off on Mondays.

Linda Stastny is off on Tuesdays.

Please keep this in mind when waiting for a response to e-mail or phone messages. Thank you.

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