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The Beacon

**The Newsletter of Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church
Our Mission: To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ and to Share His Love**

The Spanish writer and philosopher once famously wrote, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” I would add to that, those who fail to learn their history also miss the opportunity to be enriched by it. For example, have you ever wondered how Methodists came to be? In a society that was becoming increasingly more and more apathetic to religion, how did two brothers, in England, help start a new and powerful Christian movement?

Starting Sunday, June 14th, we will begin a five-week study at 9:00 a.m. that will look at just that. We will learn the history of early Methodism, discussing what went behind the growth of the early movement and some of the struggles and pitfalls it faced. The purpose for exploring this is not simply a history lesson, but because I truly believe that reclaiming some of these early practices of Methodism would be just as effective today as it was over 200 years ago. Whether you have been a lifelong Methodist or are new to the church, I invite you to join us on this journey as we reclaim the Wesleyan spirit of our faith.

Pastor Daniel



June 7th - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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June 14th - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 6:1-12

Sermon Series: Reclaiming the Wesleyan Spirit

Sermon: It Starts at Home

June 21st - 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

Hebrews 10:19-25

Sermon Series: Reclaiming the Wesleyan Spirit

Sermon: A Method to the Madness

June 28th - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Philippians 3:4b-14

Sermon Series: Reclaiming the Wesleyan Spirit

Sermon: Learning to Fail



There will be a new study beginning Sunday, June 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, called “Reclaiming the Wesleyan Spirit”. It will look at the history of the early methodist movement and how it can still teach us today.



- 1 Randy Anderson
- 3 Robin Cardillo
- 8 Erica Neises
- 11 Sidney McDonald
- 12 Emmerson Kennedy
- 15 Wayne Webb
- 17 Karen Harris
- 18 Benson Wiedemer
- 20 Julia Breeden
- James Dellinger
- 26 Hank Hendricks
- Eleanor Hinson
- Kathleen Hudson
- Bill Overbey
- 28 Robert Fiddler, Jr.
- 30 Dan Neises

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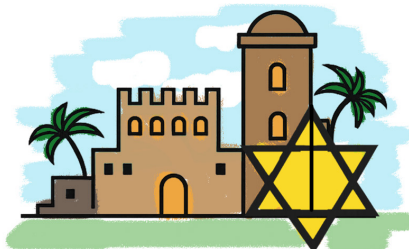
July 12 & 19

August 2, 23 & 30

September 20 & 27

Bible Quiz

King David wanted to build a glorious temple for worshiping God and for housing the ark of the covenant. God, however, did not permit him to build it. Instead, God chose Solomon, David's son, to head up the building program. Why wasn't David allowed the honor of building the temple?



- A. David was getting too old to supervise such an undertaking.
- B. David had been a warrior and had shed blood.
- C. David had stopped taking God seriously.
- D. David's attention was required elsewhere.

Answer: B (1 Chronicles 28:3)



Wee Angels Learning Center

As we close out the school year, we proudly celebrate the amazing progress our preschoolers have made. Throughout the year, children have grown in social-emotional skills, language and literacy, early math, problem-solving, creativity, and independence.

From learning classroom routines to building friendships, practicing letter and number recognition, asking thoughtful questions, and exploring the world through play, our young learners have reached important milestones that reflect a strong and joyful foundation for future learning.

Special shout out to Ms. Tammy and her graduating
Pre-kindergarten Class 2026



Summer has a way of inviting families back to what matters most. With longer evenings, looser schedules, and sunlight that seems to linger a little longer, this season offers a gentle reminder to slow the pace and make room for the moments that shape a home.

In a culture that often pushes families to stay busy, there is something deeply grounding about choosing simple, steady rituals instead—lingering over dinner, talking around the table, and breaking bread with your children without rushing to the next thing.

These ordinary moments may not look impressive from the outside, but they become the foundation of belonging, security, and connection in a child's life. Family rituals do more than fill the calendar; they anchor hearts, create memories, and quietly teach children that home is not only where they are cared for, but where they are truly seen, known, and welcomed.

Colette Lambert
Director



Music Moment

By John Hudson

This month I'm tackling the story behind a much beloved hymn - FAITH OF OUR FATHERS. I feel inclined to say up front that this history is rated "R" because of the facts behind its writing.

Frederick William Faber was raised in an Anglican parsonage in Calverly, Yorkshire, England. He lost his parents when he was young, eventually moving to Oxford University as a young man, coming under the influence

of John Henry Newman, a "great Roman Catholic" who penned the hymn LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT, among others. Growing up Anglican, he entered the Anglican ministry but was troubled. In 1845, he announced to his congregation that he was leaving the Church of England to become a Roman Catholic. For the remainder of his short life, he set out to provide a body of hymns for English Catholics to sing. The most famous one is FAITH OF OUR FATHERS.

Faber wrote this song to remind Catholics of their martyrdom during the reign of King Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth I. During that period, Catholics who said mass, honored their Pope or harbored a Priest were subjected to fines, gallows, gibbets, racks and whips. Often in the middle of the night, practicing Catholics were dragged from their homes to be scourged, fined or seared with glowing irons. The dungeons were choked with victims.

One example was that of Nicholas Owen, who hid endangered Catholics. When discovered, he was dragged to the Tower of London and his arms were fixed to iron rings. There he hung for hours, his body dangling. Weights were added to his feet. On March 2, 1606, his body ripped apart and he passed to his reward. Imagine the suffering for his faith.

It was for these Catholic heroes that FAITH OF OUR FATHERS was written. Today, this hymn reminds us all of the noble sacrifices made by those in every branch of the Christian family who have passed on their faith to us - in spite of dungeon, fire and sword. Even though histories get a little messy, they still resonate with us and we should never shy away from the good, the bad - and the ugly.



Mark Your Calendars!!!
Vacation Bible School
July 13-17, 2026
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Pre-K thru 5th Grade





ASP News

From June 7 to June 13, seven youth and three adults will travel to Scott County, Virginia, to participate in an Appalachian Service Project (ASP). Our group will be hosted by Gate City United Methodist Church. This will be Brody Ellis's fifth consecutive year serving others by helping ensure that someone's home is safe, warm, and dry.

While not all of the youth are from Duncan Memorial, our church has been generous in its financial and spiritual support of this important mission. In past years, our group has helped build and repair decks and porches, construct a handicap ramp, and repair roofs. Although we do not yet know our specific assignments for this year—since it is the first week of the ASP summer season—we anticipate assisting with preparation work that will support other groups as the summer progresses.

ASP impacts both the homeowners we serve and the youth who set aside time from their busy schedules to be the hands and feet of Christ. We remind the youth that they are often an answer to a homeowner's prayers. One especially meaningful moment is when we present a handmade blanket from our church's "Blankets from the Heart" group to the homeowner. This gift serves as a lasting reminder of the care and support from Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church.

As we prepare for this mission, we ask for your prayers for a safe and productive week, as well as your continued financial support.



Pictures are from 2024 & 2025 trips



VBS



2026

Student Registration Form

Student's Name _____

Parent/Family/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Last school grade completed _____

Home Church (if any) _____

Friends of your child at this church _____

Special Needs/Allergies/Medical Information/Other: _____

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS _____

Photo Release: _____ Church/VBS has my permission to use my child's photograph publicly in VBS materials. I understand the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ Date _____

----- (for church use only) -----

Assigned Group: _____

Are family members helping with VBS? _____ If yes, where? _____



I would rather watch grass grow than a car race. However, when my husband turned on the pre-race ceremonies at the Indy 500 this past weekend, I did watch the tribute to Kyle Busch's widow and small children. I hurt for them.

Sepsis is a major medical emergency that flies under the radar most of the time, but it shouldn't. Absolutely anyone can come down with sepsis, and the germs that can bring on the syndrome include bacteria (most prevalent), viruses, fungal infections, even parasites. Our American population is aging, and along with age comes a greater risk of suffering from this malady.

It's complicated. The patient becomes ill, antibiotics may or may not be ordered, and the person tries to "push through" the sickness. He may even feel better after 1-3 days. Then the immune system mounts an attack so intense that it starts injuring the body's own organs and tissues. This causes inflammation in the organs and, consequently, organ failure. The most common signs and symptoms of sepsis may be a high (or a LOW) body temperature, clammy skin, confusion, slurred speech, decreased urine output, severe joint pain, and the patient says they've never felt this bad in their life.

The story on Mr. Busch is that he was diagnosed with pneumonia, and the doctor no doubt told him to "take it easy". This was just before a huge race. Mr. Busch was a fierce competitor (like the rest of the drivers). You can't blame him for trying to ignore the disease. Then he had the onset of sepsis while he was in the simulator, and the 911 call has a textbook case of signs of dreadful illness.

It is vital to recognize the signs of impending sepsis and get professional help for your loved one. Every hour counts. What the emergency room staff will do is to start I.V. fluids and broad-spectrum (meaning they kill a huge variety of germs) antibiotics, while they culture blood, urine, wound drainage, sputum, etc. They can tweak the antibiotics later on. I can't emphasize enough how important this is, especially if your loved one also has heart disease, diabetes, COPD or is elderly.

I grieve greatly for Mr. Busch. (Jim Henson, who created the Muppets, also died young of pneumonia). The summer is coming. We will be around a lot more germs and disease. Please educate yourselves and your family members. Jesus wants us to care for each other.

Judy Melton



I Am the Bible

I am the Bible, God’s wonderful library.
I am always — and above all — the truth.

To the weary pilgrim, I am a strong staff.

To those who sit in darkness, I am glorious light.

To those who stumble beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet rest.

To those who have lost their way, I am a safe guide.

To those who are sick in sin, I offer healing, strength and forgiveness.

To the discouraged, I bring a glad message of hope.

To those distressed and tossed by the storms of life, I am an anchor, sure and steadfast.

To all who search for salvation, I reveal the Savior of the world.

I am the Bible.



Spend time with God this summer

Puzzle!

A Father's Love

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father’s name. Then write the corresponding letter on the lines to complete the Bible verse below.

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| Shem, Ham & Japheth = M | John the Baptist = N |
| Solomon = O | Jacob & Esau = A |
| Jonathan = I | Cain, Abel & Seth = O |
| Jesus = C | Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, |
| Rachel & Leah = S | Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad, |
| Isaac & Ishmael = P | Naphtali, Asher & Dinah = S |

- God: "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." _____
- Adam: God gave him another son because the older killed the younger. _____
- Noah: His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth. _____
- Abraham: God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descend from these two sons. _____
- Isaac: His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. _____
- Laban: He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger was very beautiful. Both married Jacob. _____
- Jacob: Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter. _____
- Saul: His son was David's best friend. _____
- David: He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple. _____
- Zechariah: His son, a cousin of Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance. _____

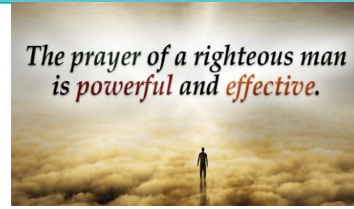
As a father has _____
on his children, so the LORD has
_____ on those who
fear him. *Psalm 103:13, NIV*



Answers: compassion

Prayers OF THE CHURCH

*The prayer of a righteous man
is powerful and effective.*



In the Military	Our Members	Family & Friends
Richard Harris	Bob Aycock	John Allen
Dylan Murphy	Linda Burcham	John Wesley Allen
John Peffer	Jessica Clotzman	Katie Barsi
Triston Timbrook	Mike Clotzman	Art Beamer
Jared Tinsman	Joy Fiddler	Fred Carter
Tyler Tinsman	Cheyenne Fowler	Kenny Chamblin
	Jean Hinson	Wanda Dunn
Shut-ins	Jeanne Hudson	Dianna Fogel
*Audrey Hudson	Len Lawson	Lisa Gheen
*Alice Mansfield	Erin McDonald	Phil Goode
*Cindy Morin	Robyn McGrath	Gary, Hugh & Caleb Hughes
	Kaia Meyer	Faith Kinney
*Nursing home or Assisted Living home	Dan Neises	Janet Moore
	Debra Neises	Stephanie Moore
Families Grieving	Adam Owens	Toni O'Conner
Family of Katherine Kenning	James Preston (JP) Puryear	Lisa Perkins
	Nancy Tinsman	Drew Pinilla
	Ellen Wilcox	Randy Reno
	Tim Wilcox	Jeff Rosenberry
	Debbie Zimmerman	Gina Sutherlin
		Easton Tavenner
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Reflecting the Father's Name

Renowned actor Sidney Poitier once said, "I decided in my life that I would do nothing that did not reflect positively on my father's life." For those blessed with a father they admire and respect, such a decision can be deeply shaping. How might it influence the way you set priorities, live with integrity, or serve as a positive example to the you people watching your life?

For all of us — children of the only perfect Father — may this be our prayer and intention:

God, while earthly fathers are a blend of strength and flaws, you give yourself to us as our heavenly Father, wholly loving, kind and deeply invested in our good. Help me seek to reflect positively on you. May my life spread your love, kindness and care far and wide, and may others see you in me. Amen.