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The Story

From The Pastor

The foundational prayer book for the church is the Psalms. The Psalms are an excellent beginning point for anyone seeking to learn how to pray and it is an excellent aid for those who have been praying their entire lives. As old as these psalms may be, they still deal with the same questions, issues, and struggles we go through today. There is a recent translation of the Bible called "The Message" by Eugene Peterson which brings the language of the old texts to new life. I commend his translation of the Psalms to you as a way of strengthening your prayer life. Read one or a portion of one as you start each day and let it sink into your consciousness and in so doing you will soon find your life patterned by prayer. Here is a portion of Psalm 119 to help get you started:

"You're blessed when you stay on course, walking steadily on the road revealed by Yahweh.
You're blessed when you follow his directions, doing your best to find him.
That's right—you don't go off on your own; you walk straight along the road he set.
You, Yahweh, prescribed the right way to live; now you expect us to live it.
Oh, that my steps might be steady, keeping the course you set; then I'd never have any regrets in comparing my life with your counsel.
I thank you for speaking straight from your heart; I learn the pattern of your righteous ways.
I am going to do what you tell me to do; don't ever walk off and leave me.....
Be blessed, Yahweh; train me in your ways of wise living.
I'll transfer to my lips all the counsel that comes from your mouth;
I delight far more in what you tell me about living than in gathering riches.
I ponder every morsel of wisdom from you. I attentively watch how you've done it.
I relish everything you've told me of life.
I won't forget a word of it."

Amen

Peace,
Rex

Numbers To Remember: 26 and 100

by Laura Green and Jean Wynn

Most DHUMC members will recognize that 100 is how many years old we are this year, and know that on some Sunday in September we're celebrating that anniversary in a big way. Preparations have been taking place for months.



Celebrating 100 Years:
Lynn Watson-Powers and Jean Wynn make early preparations for the Centennial Homecoming Celebration

It will be our first big Homecoming since 1976. Homecoming – hmm. We're guessing that at least **26** of our members have never been to a church homecoming. How can you help?

There are lots of things that will happen at the last minute – preparing the luncheon, rehearsing the special music, recognizing returning members . . . Ah, yes, the **returning members!** Will there be more than **26**, or less than **26**?

Here's where we can't wait 'til the last minute. We need **you**, and need you **now**. Can you spend **26** minutes in the next two weeks going through your address books, e-mail contact lists and old church directories, to help us create a truly impressive list of people for whom DHUMC still holds special memories? Folks both from far-away states and from the neighborhood will soon receive a **SAVE THE DATE** notice, using information you provide. Jean Hilyard, our office manager, will take your information, as will Laura Green or Jean Wynn. The beginning of the list is on the bulletin board. Check it to see who's missing!

One more thing: be a cheerleader - Remind yourself, and perhaps one other person, at least once each week: **SEPTEMBER 26!** That's the big day, and we're doing it up in a big way.

Russia Musical Ministry

A few years ago, DHUMC members raised money for the music ministry of a Methodist Church in Russia. The money was sent not too long ago, and the group that received the gift sent us the letter below. Thank you to all who made this gift possible. They are very thankful for the guitars.

Natalia Shulgina says, "I want to express my personal gratitude to our entire community. Two guitars might seem "small" on the US scale of things, but it is a "huge" blessing that will be shared not in a single local congregation in Moscow, but between two Moscow districts and the work of the Theological Seminary."



Dear Friends from Druid Hills UMC!

Thank you so much for your generous gift to our UMC in Eurasia! After prayer, God directed me to the next decision.

I gifted one guitar to our Seminary and another guitar to the Youth Ministry in our two Moscow districts. They have never had their own guitars so they had to borrow the instrument from other churches. But now I'm sending to you their gratitude and joy.

In one of the photos you see our Bishop Hans Vaxby and President of our UM Theological Seminary Sergei Nikolaev playing the guitars.

The other photo is me and two of the guitars a day before presenting the gifts. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Lena Kim



Clean Floors!

We recently had our kitchen and unisex bathroom floors deep cleaned. The Welcoming Team thanks Mario Clark (our custodian) and Jean Hilyard (office manager) for spending time organizing and cleaning prior to the floor cleaning. Thank you to the church members who spent time cleaning the kitchen last year as well. Even with the deep cleaning, some of those ground in stains were not able to be removed. However, we can feel better knowing that it truly was cleaned and sanitized!

- The Welcome Team

Prayer List Psalm 17:1

*Hear, O Lord, my righteous plea;
listen to my cry. Give ear to my prayer.*

Virginia Austin
Shelby Bacon
Lee Bode, Erin Drake's aunt
John DeLuca
Richard Ezell, Dana Ezell Rabon's father
Wesley Fulton
Tricia Green and family
Molly Griffin
Amanda Hogg
David Jones
Betty Jones
April Meade
Jim Parrish, Joan Cain's nephew
Mildred Parrish, Joan Cain's mother
Jean Rhodes, Laura Green's mother
Leroy Sitton
Darryl Smith
Frank Smith
Emmett, Wendy, and Quinn Stalling
Jennafer Thompson, Pam Kinnaird's sister
Wayne Williams
Dennis Woodfin

This month DHUMC welcomes Emily McNeill, a student of New York's Union Theological Seminary as its first intern from the Beatitudes Society. For two months, Emily will model how one can engage with contemporary society on all the thorniest issues. For more information, see the May edition of THE STORY.

United Methodist Women:

A Force That Makes A Difference!

by Mary Lynn Merkle

Women and missions have a long and rich history in the United Methodist Church. In 1869, long before women had any clergy or laity equity in the church, the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was formed to meet the needs of women and children. Eight women in Boston gathered and sent two women missionaries to India.

Names changed through the years—The Ladies Aid Societies, Wesleyan Service Guild, Women's Society of Christian Service, and in 1972 United Methodist Women. Whatever the name, the women continued to support missions—at home and abroad through their gifts and their prayers.

Today's purpose is: To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

We currently have three circles: (1) Agape meets the second Tuesday of each month with a meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Quillian Room and lunch together at noon. (2) Teresa Circle meets the third Tuesday evening of each month in the homes of circle members.

(3) Esther Circle meets on the fourth Saturday morning of each month. All three circles have open membership and would certainly welcome new participants.

Our Unit here at Druid Hills UMC is working hard to fulfill our purpose through "engaging in activities that foster growth in the Christian faith, mission education, and Christian social involvement." (UM Book of Discipline, 2000) In 2009 we received pledges and gifts of about \$3,000. Because we adhere to the principle of the "empty treasury,"—that is, we spend all of our income each year—we gave away \$2900. Our gifts included \$1800 to mission at the District and Conference levels plus the United Methodist Children's Home, Murphy-Harpst Home, Global Health, and Wesley Community Centers.

United Methodist Women are Dreamers! They dream great dreams for our church family, for a peaceful and just nation for all of our people and for all the people of the world. United Methodist Women are Workers! We have programs to help us understand the needs, and then we give our gifts, our talents and especially our prayers so those needs might be closer to being met.

UMW has a strong link to a rich past of dedicated women. It is a powerful force in the present locally, nationally and globally. As it continues into the future, the strength and power of a fellowship of women doing God's work will surely make a difference.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CIRCLE LEADERS:

- Teresa Circle: Jean Wynn 404-378-0195
- Agape Circle: Judie Wing 404-875-1124
- Esther Circle: Camille Vaughan 770-452-7262

Teresa Circle

All women of the church are invited on June 15 at 7:00 p.m. to a discussion on immigration led by Mary Lynn Merkle. She will also review the book "*They Take our Jobs!": and 20 Other Myths about Immigration*, as well as serve as hostess for the meeting. Mary Lynn's address is 1651 Executive Park Lane, Atlanta 30329.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Staff Meeting 11:15am (B)	2 Violin lessons 2pm (W) Weight Watchers 6pm (Q) Women's AA 8pm (Q)	3 Violin Lessons 3pm (Q)	4 Violin Lessons 2pm (Q) Alanon 7:30pm (Q)	5 Food Pantry 11am (FH)
6 Sunday School Classes 9:45am Worship 11am Youth Group 5pm (Y) Lectionary Study 6:30pm	7 Trustees Mtg 6:30pm (MTS)	8 UMW Agape Circle 11am (Q) UMW Agape Lunch 12pm (FH)	9 Violin lessons 2pm (W) Weight Watchers 6pm (Q) NO CHURCH SUPPER Women's AA 8pm (Q)	10 Violin Lessons 3pm (Q)	11 Violin Lessons 2pm (Q) Alanon 7:30pm (Q)	12 Food Pantry 11am (FH)
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B=Blue Room	FH = Fellowship Hall	L=Library	MTS=Room next to office	Q = Quillian Room	W = WORECO Room	Y = Youth Room