

Dranesville UMC Newsletter



Come worship with us on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary
Sunday School for all ages at 8:30 a.m.
Fellowship time with refreshments at 9:30 a.m.

February 2020 Calendar at a Glance

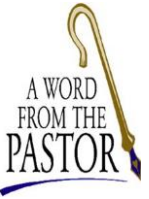
- 1 DUMC Volunteer Day at The Closet
 - 2 College Connection Valentine Packing after worship
 - 5 Caregiver Group – Care Management guest speaker 7:00 pm
 - 9 Bells Ring!
Vision Discussion with brunch (after worship)
Youth Group 3:00 pm
 - 12 Coffee & Conversation Community Social 9:30 -11:30 am
Lunch Bunch (Area wide group) 11:30 am at Katie's Coffee
 - 18 DUMC Volunteer Day at The Closet
 - 23 Even 4 Others Food Collection for LINK
Spiritual Practices Class after worship
Church Council meeting after worship
Youth Group 3:00 pm
 - 25 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:00 pm
 - 26 Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7:00 pm
- Prayer groups meet every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. and at 5:00 p.m.
 - Bible Study is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.

Picture of the Month.....

Looking good "leopard print twins"!

Donna Carlo & Susan Gray





OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP, MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP

As I write this I can hardly believe the month of January is almost over. The new year seems to be racing by. With the month of February we will have special opportunities for worship, mission and fellowship.

At the end of the month, we will have our Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm on February 26. As we do each year, we will have imposition of ashes and celebration of Holy Communion as we officially begin the Season of Lent.

For the first time in a decade or more, we will have a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper to precede Lent. This will be, understandably, Tuesday, February 25, at 6:00 pm. This will replace Wednesday Night Dinner for the month of February. In many Christian traditions, the Season of Lent, a time of prayer and fasting, is preceded by a final feast in which sweets are consumed. The assumption is that many believers abstain from sweets during Lent. Shrove Tuesday is a more tame version of some other celebrations, such as Mardi Gras (meaning "Fat Tuesday") in New Orleans or Carneval in Rio de Janeiro.

On Shrove Tuesday we will gather simply to eat and enjoy one another's company. There will be no charge for the meal; but for those who wish to make a free-will offering, all proceeds will go to pay for shipping costs for the shoe boxes we will pack this year for Operation Christmas Child. This will be a great time to invite family, friends, and neighbors to come to church simply to share a meal.

During the Season of Lent, we will collect a special offering for Operation Christmas Child. The goal is for each person to contribute a minimum of \$1 per day for each day of Lent (40 days, not counting the six Sundays of Lent), over and above your regular offering. The offering will be collected on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Like the Shrove Tuesday offering, the money will go to pay the shipping costs for Operation Christmas Child.

In the past, there has been a talent show in the fall which was a fundraiser to help raise the shipping costs. There won't be a talent show this year for that purpose. Consequently, we are looking to raise funds some other way. In addition, we have not had a Lenten offering focused on missions for several years.

You will be hearing about other special events in February; but I wanted to get the word out in advance about Shrove Tuesday, our special offering for Operation Christmas Child, and our Ash Wednesday Service.

God Bless,
Bill

College Connections will have a packing event this Sunday February 2nd for our Valentine's Day care package. 12 students will receive candy, Chocolate, tea and hot cocoa, Valentines pencils, and the ever popular Starbucks cards to help see them through their mid-term exams. Each student also will receive a personal card centered on Biblical thoughts about love. We pray that they are all thriving.



Dorothy Haney celebrates #97!!
Congratulations! We love you.

Wednesday Night Dinner – Chili & Cornbread



Compliments and big thanks to the chef, Donna Carlo



February Supper Club hosted by The Blivens. Rumor has it, there was great conversation about the hobby of photography (and yet, nobody thought to snap a picture). Food and fellowship were reported to be *fabulous*.



SHROVE TUESDAY

We're having a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 25th at 6:00 p.m.

And join us for **Ash Wednesday** worship service on February 26th at 7:00 pm.

What is Planned Giving and Legacy Giving?

We live in a world that focuses not only on passing on material possessions but passing on values and spiritual foundations. All are part of the legacy that you have and the legacy that you will leave behind for future generations.

We believe generosity is the foundation for enduring legacy. It drives us to work together, dream together, and pursue God together. Generosity is the training ground for values, and it begins with family. We all have loved ones and we want to make sure they are protected and provided for. As Christians we value others and want to help and provide for those who are in need. Planned Giving encourages people to do both - it encourages people to leave a legacy.

Planned Gifts come in several types. Some are Current Gifts which would be gifts of cash, real estate, stocks or bonds or personal property. These gifts can go to family, to your church or any group you want to promote. Another type of Planned Giving is Deferred Gifts. These are Gifts left in a Will, or Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Life Insurance or Retirement Assets. The Virginia United Methodist Foundation encourages churches to set up Endowment committees to handle bequests and endowments. The Foundation also encourages churches to share what a "Golden Tithes" would mean to the church. A Golden Tithes would be leaving 10% or whatever to the church in that person's Will.

Planned Giving does not exclude family but rather includes family and anything else a person would like to promote or share with. Planned Giving can allow the donor to make a significant gift and get income from this gift while one is living. The donor may also reap tax benefits while helping the Church. Planned Giving can give a church longevity and provide for upkeep and growth in the future. Legacy Giving allows a donor to give to Scholarships, Mission or a multitude of things that will continue to give forever. Some make gifts that become Endowments and these Endowments may pay out 3% or 4% yearly and continue to grow guaranteeing that a certain "legacy" will be around forever.

Dranesville UMC has established an Endowment Committee to assist members with Planned Giving. The committee also is charged with developing policies on how endowment funds are invested and used. If you have any questions concerning Planned Giving, please contact Beth Hitchings (Finance), Bill Bliven (Trustees), or Pastor Bill. We will put you in touch with the right people to assist you.

Planned Giving is important for the church and for individuals. Churches need to share this information so members can benefit and so that "legacies" can be fulfilled!

Our thanks to Tommy Herndon and the staff of the Virginia UMC Development Company for providing the information for this article.

Caregiver Group: Elder Care Manager Option– Guest Speaker on Feb. 5th

In lieu of a standard Caregiver Support meeting, we have confirmed a guest speaker from ElderTree Care Management for the February 5th meeting.

Eldertree is based out of Ashburn and serves Northern Virginia and Washington D.C. metro areas. You can learn more about them on their website <http://eldertreecare.com/>, preview their services and browse many resources that they post there. (click on the Blog button or see upcoming support group sessions).

Some topics that will be included:

What does a Care Manager do?

Who are Care Managers - what is their education/experience base?

What services are provided?

How much does it usually cost?

What is the process of partnering with a Care Manager?

Time for Q & A

DATE: Wednesday, February 5, 2020

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Dranesville United Methodist Church

1089 Liberty Meeting Court, Herndon, VA 20170

Held in the Fellowship Hall. Park around back in the lot by the church sanctuary.

Please share this opportunity with friends and neighbors who might find this information useful. RSVP appreciated to plan materials. E-mail wendy@dranesvilleumc.org Walk-ins also welcomed.

YOUR VISION. OUR VISION --CREATING A VISION FOR DRANESVILLE CHURCH

Congregational Vision Discussion Session Sunday, Feb. 9th after worship – please attend

One of the hallmarks of a strong church is a clear vision, a sense of direction and goals that are unique to each church. During the first year of our revitalization process, the pastor and church leadership have concluded that Dranesville Church would benefit from having a clearer sense of who we are and what we want our future direction to be. To this end, the church council has agreed to take the lead in a process to create a vision for our church. It should be understood that developing a vision for Dranesville Church is not be confused with discussions at higher levels of the United Methodist Church about theology and organization. Our vision will be for us at the local church level.

Our vision will build on who we are today, but at the same time, the process of developing our vision should allow us to consider new possibilities. Our vision will guide our future programs and activities, enabling us to be more focused and committed. It should enable us to be better stewards of our precious human and financial resources, and it should help us to communicate to others who we are. Having a vision will complement and strengthen our revitalization process.

The principal input to development our vision will be the thoughts and interests of the DUMC congregation. **This input will be gathered through facilitated discussion groups which will take place after worship on February 9th.** It is important that everyone's thoughts are included, so please set aside this date and time.



Community Coffee and Conversation - Wednesday, February 12, 2020

When: Thursday, December 12 at 9:30-11:30 am (Drop-in for any amount of time)

Where: Dranesville UMC Fellowship Hall

Open to all members and community. A casual get-together to meet or catch up with neighbors and friends. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

For those who like to keep your hands busy, bring your knitting, coloring project or other activity along. And for heavens sake, bring along a friend! **Note:** we're trying Wednesday this month (rather than Thursday)



Our next Even 4 Others collection will be on Sunday, February 23rd. Non-perishable food items, toiletries, cleaning supplies and baby items can be placed in the donation box across from the church office any time.

LINK, Inc. exists to provide emergency food and financial assistance to people in need in Herndon/Sterling and Ashburn.

New Supper Clubs/ Tables for 8 Now Forming

Do you enjoy meeting new people or would like to get better acquainted with people you worship with on a regular basis? Joining a Supper Club will give you that opportunity. The goal for the Supper Club group will be to meet at least 3 times between March and August. The gathering can be at someone's house or at a restaurant. If it is at someone's home, the host or hostess usually prepares the main dish and the other participants bring either an appetizer, salad/vegetable, or dessert.

There are no hard or fast rules on how this is to be done. The goal is to have fun, enjoy good fellowship, and break bread with other DUMC attendees. This is also a great opportunity to invite a friend or relative to come with you to meet the people you spend time with on Sunday mornings in a less formal way. If you would like to sign-up, see Candi Heinzman or put your contact information on the clipboard in the Fellowship Hall.

Please sign up by February 16th. I will notify participants with group information by the end of February. Any questions, contact Candi Heinzman at candiheinzman@yahoo.com



HOSPITALITY – Do the DUMC shake! *(handshake)*

As a reminder, we do our best to follow “THE 3 - 10 RULE”

Welcoming the stranger is a way in which we show love for neighbor. It is an integral part of our offering to God. With that in mind, each Sunday after worship, please be mindful of “The 3 - 10 Rule,” which is as follows:

For the first three minutes following worship, speak to everyone within ten feet of you in the sanctuary. This includes those who attend regularly, persons you haven't seen in a while, and (especially) guests.

Youth Mental Health First Aid – March 28, 2020

DUMC will be hosting a Youth Mental Health First Aid Workshop on Saturday, March 28th. This will be an 8 hour training designed for parents, school staff, church workers, coaches, Scout leaders, etc. who interact with young people ages 12 - 25.

The program gives community members key skills to help a young person who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The first aid is given until appropriate professional treatment is received.

Developing mental health problems covered:

- *Depression
- *Anxiety
- *Traumatic events
- *Substance abuse
- *Risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents

Mental health crises covered:

- *Suicidal thoughts and behaviors
- *Non-suicidal self-injury
- *Panic attacks
- *Aggressive behavior
- *Effects from substance and alcohol use

If you are interested in attending this class please see Candi Heinzman. We are opening this up first to DUMC attendees. We will be reaching out to other community members by the end of January, so please don't delay if you are interested in attending. Questions or registration can also be sent to candiheinzman@yahoo.com. Only 25 participants can attend, so we are counting on you to attend if you sign up. The cost of the class is usually \$25.00, but the fee has been waved for all houses of worship through a partnership with Healthy Minds. We will be serving a light breakfast, lunch, and snacks so a donation of \$5.00 would be appreciated to defer the cost of the food and drink. The Wellness, Health Promotion, & Prevention staff of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Service Board will be conducting the training. This training could possibly save a life!

Disciple's Path class – Tuesday evening class forming

Another Disciple's path class will soon be formed. Just a couple more people are needed to form a Tuesday evening class. Materials will be on display in the Fellowship Hall each week, before and after the service, for those who might be interested in knowing more about the class. Questions: contact Linda Strahan at strahans@cox.net.

Mark Your Calendar: April 4 – I love my church day!

MISSION UPDATE

THE CLOSET

DUMC's upcoming dates at The Closet are:

February 1 (Sat)

February 18 (Tue)

However you can volunteer 8-5 Monday - Saturday. As long as you sign-in , DUMC gets credit.

Giving Back to the Community: When you donate, volunteer and shop at The Closet, you help us to help the local community. In 2019 The Closet provided almost \$105,000 in clothing, shoes and essential household goods at no cost to the needy, donated over \$113,000 to local charities, and provided \$30,000 in scholarships. The Closet also delivers its excess goods to communities in the Shenandoah Valley, where they are distributed free of charge to those who need a helping hand. So remember, when you donate, volunteer and shop at The Closet you are part of the support to the community.

Inclement Weather Policy: Winter is here, and there are times when the weather may be too bad for The Closet's staff, volunteers and customers to safely travel to The Closet. You can check directly with The Closet (703-437-7652), where a recorded phone message will tell you if The Closet is closed.

Rear Addition Construction: To improve your Closet experience, we are building a rear addition and making the store's rear entrance handicap accessible. Construction is expected to begin in early February. When construction begins, for some period of time, the construction will affect the parking lot and rear building entrances. Potential impacts include:

- * The parking lot will be closed to all shoppers and volunteers. Please park on the street or in municipal lots. Find municipal parking lot locations, using tools such as <https://www.parkopedia.com/>
- * Both rear entrances (to the store and to the work areas) will be closed. Please use the front (Station Street) entrance.
- * The Closet will continue to accept donations at a different location. Details are still being worked out, and will be put on the website when they are final.





**ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M.**

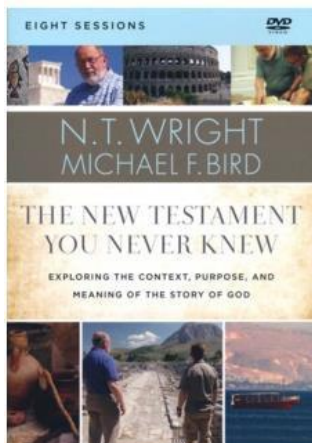
The Gleaners Sunday School Class

Studying the The Gospel Collection. This video series is the first-ever word-for-word adaptation of the gospels using the original narrative as its script.

Please join us in the Library at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Hitchings dghitchings@verizon.net

Open Door Class: The New Testament You Never Knew continues...

Open Door Sunday School *The New Testament You Never Knew*



Through reading the New Testament we continually discover that God indeed keeps his promises, but those promises don't always look like what people expected. Especially when it comes to Jesus. This series will help you understand the New Testament you never knew.

Join us in the choir room at 8:30 on Sundays for this eight week series starting in January!

Middle School and High School aged Sunday School - classes are held in the youth rooms.

Current Study: "Following Jesus – Steps to a Passionate Faith" - First produced by Ginghamburg United Methodist Church, this 12-session study is perfect for groups just beginning their faith walk or for anyone looking for a deeper foundation. *Following Jesus* leads students to rediscover Jesus, grow in the spirit and learn to live in faith and in service to the church, community and world.

Children's Sunday School Class: Please join our class at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday as we are learning to use God's most glorious gift to us--the Bible! (Bibles are provided)

DEVOTIONAL & INSPIRATIONAL READINGS AVAILABLE

Devotional and inspirational readings are available on the book shelves in the main hallway (next to the Fellowship Hall and next to Pastor's office). Please feel free to take, read, and return so that others may borrow them.