

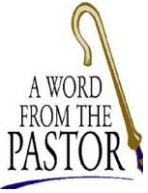
# Dranesville UMC Newsletter



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.

## November 2019 Calendar at a Glance

- 3 Communion Sunday  
"Disciples Path" Class 7:00 pm
  - 6 Caregiver Group: Special Presentation "Legal Matters for Seniors" 7:00 pm
  - 9 LINK Food Collection at North Point Giant 9:30 am - 1:30 pm  
DUMC Volunteer Day at The Closet  
Herndon Handbell Celebration at Trinity Presbyterian 6:00 pm
  - 10 Youth Group 3:00 pm  
"Disciples Path" Class 7:00 pm
  - 13 Lunch Bunch at Sterling IHOP (area wide group) 11:30 am
  - 14 Community Coffee in the Fellowship Hall 9:30 am
  - 16 Operation Christmas Child Packing Party 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
  - 17 *Bells Ring!* Communion Sunday  
Operation Christmas Child Benefit Talent Show 5:00 pm
  - 24 Spiritual Practices Class after worship  
Youth Group 3:00 pm  
"Disciples Path" Class 7:00 pm
  - 26 DUMC Volunteer Day at The Closet
  - 28 Happy Thanksgiving! Church office closed
  - 30 *Hanging of the Greens!* 9:00 am
- **Prayer groups meet every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. and at 5:00 p.m.**
  - **Bible Study is held on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday at 2:30 p.m.**
  - *No evening prayer group on Nov. 19 and no Bible Study class on Nov. 19 and 21*



## A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

As I write this, it is Wednesday, October 30. A number of us are still unwinding from a very busy three or four days. The amount of work that so many people did made me proud and happy to be the pastor of this congregation.

For those who don't know, we held "I Love My Church Day" on Saturday, October 26. Some two dozen folks showed up to carry out all kinds of tasks to spruce up the building and perform some minor repairs. Some of our efforts were focused on preparing for a funeral on Monday, October 28.

Of course, on Sunday, we held our morning worship and Sunday school. Immediately after worship, decorating for the funeral reception began in earnest. The ladies of the congregation transformed the fellowship hall into a very welcoming space. Throughout the day, some of these same women, along with several others, were cooking and baking food for the reception.

We had a class on spiritual practices after worship which had seven participants. That was followed by an introductory meeting of a small group to discuss the framework for a business plan to help us set some of our fundraising, spending, maintenance and mission priorities. On Sunday evening, we had the first session of "A Disciple's Path," a six-week course built around various practices which can help us grow stronger in our faith. The participants were several of the key players in the activities earlier in the day.

Monday was a very full day, starting around 9:30 am, when the first flowers were delivered for Denny Hylton's funeral, which was held at 2:00 pm. By late morning, some of the many ladies who would help with set up, serving, and cleanup for the reception began arriving and assumed their duties. Many of them worked nonstop until around 6:00 pm, when the cleanup was completed.

By the time the family started to arrive around 12:30 pm, everything was as it should be. I believe the funeral service and the reception provided good opportunities for everyone to remember and celebrate Denny's life, share stories with friends and relatives, and relax with plenty of good food and drink. The reception crew adapted very well to the large crowd to ensure everyone had plenty to eat and drink.

Tuesday morning, we were at it bright and early (Actually, it's not bright at 6:30 am, when we gather for our weekly morning prayer group.). It was then time to look ahead to details for the next Sunday's worship. At 5:00 pm, the evening prayer group met. The day ended with Bible study from 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Quite a few of the participants in the various activities had spent substantial portions of four consecutive days at the church in worship, study and service to others.

After Bible study Tuesday evening, Candi and I were discussing the events of the previous four or five days. We marveled at how much had been done in that short time. We agreed that this congregation has a large percentage of members who are dedicated, who work very hard together and, once they say they will do something or be somewhere, they do what they promise. Many congregations are not so fortunate. Many of their members either don't offer to serve or fail to carry out what they say they will do.

We are in the middle of a challenging congregational revitalization project. Our success will depend on many people doing their share (and then some). Given what I have experienced in the past 9-10 months of this process, I have no doubt we will be successful.

To all of you who serve so faithfully, THANK YOU. It is a privilege to serve with you.

God Bless, Bill

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### ***Pictures of the Month***

#### ***Dorothy Haney - #1 Nats fan!***

After cheering her Nats to victory, Dorothy returned home after a stay at Dulles Rehab. She likes getting mail. Drop her a line anytime: Mrs. Dorothy Haney, 1540 Youngs Point Place, Herndon, VA 20170



#### ***Dinner for 8 – Congregational Connection***



One of the “Dinner for 8” groups met at Cantina D'Italia restaurant in Herndon. The group included: Janet Sansalone, Jane Connor, Bill and Carol Owens, Skip and Kathy Banks, and Ed and Laurie Barr. Food and conversation got high reviews! (five stars)

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## Trustees Report - I Love My Church Day Recap

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the hard-working group that came to help on I Love My Church day! With 23 volunteers we got lots of things done.

The sanctuary practically sparkles,

The fence along the parking lot near the sanctuary has been cleared of vines and undergrowth,

The outside hoses have a new winter home,

The old wing entrance door to the lower level has a fresh new coat of paint,

The kitchen food storage areas cleaned,

The grass growing in the sanctuary gutter was removed

Myriad other items tackled

We love our DUMC church family! The Trustees

## Lay Leader News: Neighborhood Seminary...*Reaching out to you*

Hi all! I am participating in a UMC initiative in Northern Virginia entitled "Neighborhood Seminary." It is a two-year program of workshops, reading, small groups and ACTION (my use of capitals!) focused on how our church's can better reach out to the needs of the community. My commitment involves developing an outreach plan for Dranesville. My efforts certainly will align with the church's Shift training and ongoing efforts within the congregation.

At this point, I would love to hear from you and will be asking for a few minutes of your time on Sunday mornings or whenever it is convenient for you to discuss. Some questions to consider: Of Dranesville's mission/outreach efforts, which one do you feel most connected to? Why?

Could we do more with that mission/ministry? Is there an outreach area (children literacy, senior community groups, for example) which you think Dranesville could ably fill?

How do you see our mission/outreach efforts fulfilling our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ?

Thanks for your consideration. I look forward to talking with you.

Beth Hitchings

Lay Leader

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# COMING UP IN NOVEMBER 2019

**November 6th Caregiver Group 7:00 pm**

**November 9<sup>th</sup> Food Drive at North Point Giant 9:30 – 1:30**

Help collect food in front of North Point Giant for an hour shift. This is so easy – smile and greet customers. Handout shopping flyer that lists what is needed by LINK. Collect food from donors as they exit and place in the cart, then give a hearty thank you! There will be a few Scouts to help. Call in to the church office to sign up or see the sign-up genius sent by e-mail.

**November 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Handbell Concert at Trinity Presbyterian**

Some of the DUMC handbell ringers will be participating in this wonderful evening of music. Free and open to all. Trinity is located at 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, VA.

**November 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation**

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.

**Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Operation Christmas Child Packing**

Come lend a hand for any amount of time. See following page for more details.

**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm The Greatest DUMC Talent Show in the DUMC sanctuary**

**November 24th Spiritual Practices Class following worship**

Would you like to learn some practices which may help you go deeper in your faith? These practices include, among others, different ways to pray to match your circumstances. The pastor will hold classes in the sanctuary after worship on the **last** Sunday of every month; whether there are four or five Sundays in the month. Classes will run about 20-30 minutes.

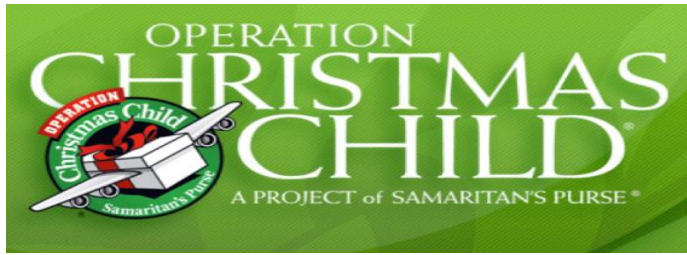
The goal is that each person who attends will learn some new practices and be given the opportunity during the period of instruction to practice them for themselves. No prior experience or preparation is necessary. No need to sign up ahead of time. Simply show up with a willingness to learn. Next session is November 24th following worship.

**November 24<sup>th</sup> College Connection – Next Mailing**

After a successful first mailing, College Connections will be doing their annual Christmas cookie distribution to Students the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Tins will be packed after the service on Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>. Please bring 1 to 3 cookies per student, for a total of 14 students this time.

If you know of a student with food allergies, please let me know. [Strahans@cox.net](mailto:Strahans@cox.net)



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS  
CHILD IS ALMOST HERE!**

***Please join us at Dranesville UMC for a Packing Party***

- ◆ Saturday, November 16, 2018
- ◆ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (any amount of time appreciated)
- ◆ Dranesville UMC: 1089 Liberty Meeting Ct., Herndon, 20170
- ◆ Lunch will be served afterwards

Please invite friends and family to help out with this important mission. This qualifies for school service hours for students.

\*\*Donations to cover postage are greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse. *Come lend a hand to this important mission of our church.*

***And don't miss ...***

**THE GREATEST DUMC TALENT SHOW to benefit Operation Christmas Child (OCC)  
on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

Free will offering will be collected. Every dollar \$ goes directly for OCC shoebox postage!!  
*Bring family and friends for an evening of fun and talent surprises!!!!*

**DUMC YOUTH REPORT**

The youth group got together on Oct. 20 and turned 1.5 bushels of apples into 48+ pints of cinnamon and plain applesauce. This past Sunday, we handed it out to the congregation as a 'thank you,' for all of the support and love they give to our youth group throughout the year. We really do appreciate the blessings from our church family! If you did not get one, please ask Karen Rizzo, there are some left over. Also, when you finish the applesauce, the youth group will collect the empty jars and lids back at the church. We hope you enjoy it!



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**Youth Group Schedule Fall 2019**

Nov. 10

Nov. 24

Dec. 1 – Kids Konnection shopping at  
Target

Dec. 15 - Christmas party at Rizzos

## MISSION UPDATE

### Apple Gleaning – Mission Matters

We had five gleaners head out to Marker Miller Orchard on October 19th to glean apples for the Society of Saint Andrew. As usual, many, many apples were collected for donation to food banks in the Shenandoah. Great work!



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## THE CLOSET

### DUMC's November Volunteer Dates at The Closet are:

Saturday, November 9  
Tuesday, November 26

### Everything Christmas Sale

The Closet's annual Everything Christmas Sale is Friday, November 8th, 3-7pm and Saturday, November 9th 8:30 a.m. until noon at the First Baptist Church of Herndon (681 Elden St., Herndon). Get a head start on decorating and choosing unique gifts and help your community! You'll find everything from artificial trees to cookie cutters and food tins. Many are one-of-a-kind items!

**Remember** - by shopping at The Closet not only do you find great merchandise and bargain prices, you are also helping The Closet give back to the community. As a faith-based nonprofit thrift shop, The Closet annually gives away approximately \$100,000 in clothing and necessities to social service agency-referred clients. In addition, The Closet has donated more than \$3 million to the community in the form of grants and scholarships since 1974.

## ***The Closet – cont.***

### **Camera Sale**

On the same dates and times as the Everything Christmas Sale, The Closet will be holding a camera sale, also at the First Baptist Church of Herndon. The main focus of this sale will be film cameras and vintage photographic equipment, and a few digital cameras. More info can be found at: <http://theclosetofgreaterherndon.org/tremendous-camera-collection/>

### **Giving Back to the Community**

This past month we were thankful to provide grants to the following local non-profit organizations working to make the greater Fairfax/Loudoun community a better place:

Cornerstones, Fellowship Square, Herndon-Reston FISH  
Herndon Woman's Club in support of Wreaths Across America  
Meridians Recovery, Mobile Hope Loudoun  
South Lakes High School Parent Teacher Student Association Food Pantry

### **Open on Veterans Day**

The Closet will be open our normal hours on Veterans Day, Monday November 11th, and we thank all veterans for their service to our country.

### **Closed on Thanksgiving Day**

The Closet will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 28<sup>nd</sup> to allow our staff to enjoy Thanksgiving with their families. We'll be open normal hours on Friday November 29<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Looking Ahead.....**

### **“Legal Matters for Seniors” - Special Guest Speaker: December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

In lieu of our standard Caregiver Group meeting, we will have Mr. Ed Zetlin, Attorney at Law specializing in Elder legal matters join us to share information about important legal considerations that need to be addressed for aging/ill individuals and their families or caregivers. Mr. Zetlin has been practicing law since 1986 and is a regular contributor to the Golden Gazette newsletter.

Topics will include wills, probate, advance directives, power of attorney, navigating trusts, IRS, benefits and more. Please bring questions for an open discussion.

This is intended to be a community presentation so please feel free to invite along any family, friends or neighbors that might find this information useful.

**Kids Konnection Christmas Gifts:** Teri Mullen, with Kids Konnection, will have the names and requests to us around November 10th. There will be 30 kids. We will want to have all gifts back to the church in early December. Diane Merrill is our coordinator. Please contact her with any questions: [dimerrill@gmail.com](mailto:dimerrill@gmail.com)





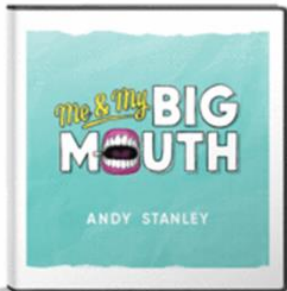
**ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES  
BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M.**

**The Gleaners Sunday School**

Psalms: Examining the 10 types of Psalms, why they were written, and how they were used. It teaches us how to use the Psalms as guides for writing and praying our own psalms for the glory of God. 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](mailto:dghitchings@verizon.net)

**Open Door Adult Sunday School - New Study begins November 10**

**Open Door Sunday School  
Me & My Big Mouth – Andy Stanley**



Open mouth . . . insert foot. Don't we all wish we could avoid that scenario? Our words can get us into all kinds of trouble. But maybe we can learn to keep our big mouths in check.

Join us in the choir room at 8:30 for this four week series starting November 10<sup>th</sup>!

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

**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)

**Thank You and Blessings**

Thank you to so many who offered up service in the month of October – from “I Love My Church” day and the Even 4 Others food collection to apple gleaning and supporting the reception for the funeral.

*May the angels protect you...  
may the sadness forget you...  
may goodness surround you...  
and may God always bless you...*