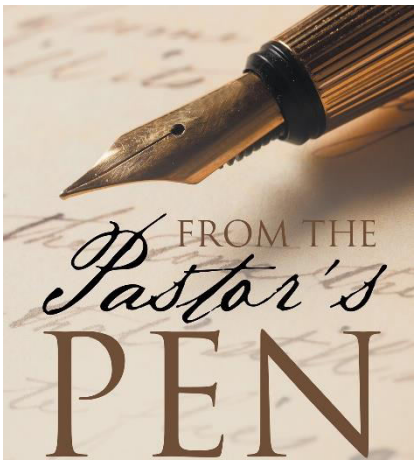


November 2020

For the Church, November is the month of remembering. It starts with the observance of All Saints Day on the first day. This feast day, which may be observed on the first Sunday of the month, is set aside for us to remember those saints who've passed away into the glories of heaven, there to await the resurrection of the body and the Age to Come.

On All Saints Day, we remember the faith of those who've passed away since the last observance. We remember their accomplishments and their hard work. We remember their faithfulness to attend worship and to participate in church activities. We remember the things they taught us and the example they left us.

Years ago, I came across these funny epitaphs, such as, "Here lays Butch; we planted him raw. He was quick on the trigger, but slow on the draw." Or "Tom Smith is dead, and here he lies, Nobody laughs and nobody cries; Where his soul's gone, or how it fares, Nobody knows, and nobody cares."

All of this makes me wonder how I'll be remembered when I pass on to glory. Will I be remembered as a loving husband and father? a faithful and effective pastor? More to the point: How will you be remembered?

~Pastor Mark †

As we begin preparations for the season, we want to remember our shut-ins and home bound members. It has been a crazy year and we are planning to deliver baskets so they know we are thinking of them even if we can't see them in person. Items for baskets include snack size food, pocket tissues, ornaments, lotions or sachets...if you have an idea or a question, contact Mary Adkins @304-695-1269 . Money can also be donated to purchase the supplies to put the baskets/bags together. Let's make this a festive season for them!

ELECTION DAY
BAKE SALE
November 3
in the main parking lot
9am – 6pm
(or until sold out)

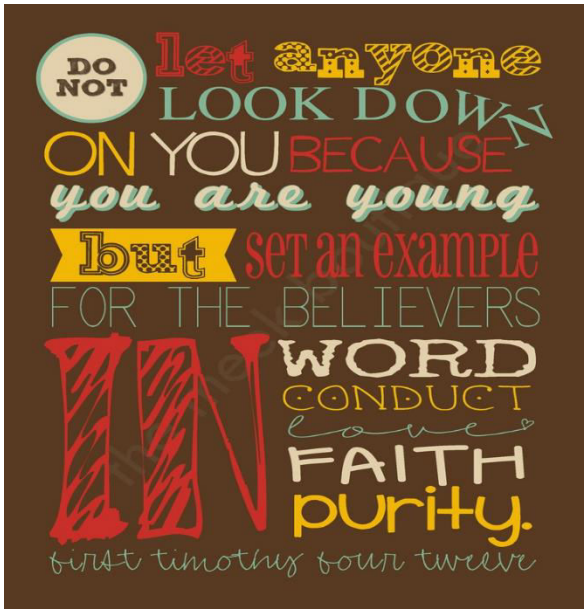
A Letter from a Youth Member

By. Timothy Murphy

As a kid I've always had a love for Sunday school and bible school. It was where I felt the most at home with friends who had the same love for God as I do. The fun adventures and chilling thrills of learning the stories of David and Goliath and Noah and the Ark, made this impatient kid who wasn't a real sit and stay person, love listening to these incredible stories as it showed me how powerful my God really is in my life. As I grew older, I started experiencing life's greatest hits, and in those moments, I had a lot of questions about God and what exactly he was doing in my life. Thankfully, God pushed me towards the Youth Group.

Youth Group, or Youth Ministry, is an age-specific religious ministry of faith groups or other religious organizations. The youth ministry involves and engages the young people who attend their places of worship, or to those who live in their community. To me, being involved in a youth group means, strengthening and expanding your relationship with God in ways you can only imagine. My involvement in Duff Street's Youth Group has shown me an incredible future serving and preaching the word of God in many ways. In 2018, I joined Duff Street's Youth Group and was open to a new world with Christ. In 2019, I took an opportunity to serve as the church drummer in our contemporary worship band, "Followers of Faith," and since then I have enjoyed leading worship, not just through drumming, but also through singing. And best of all, In 2020, I preached my first sermon titled, "Why Me? Why Now?" Being able to attend a church that allows me to give my testimony is truly a real blessing.

If it weren't for my incredible Youth Group leading me into being a true disciple in Christ, I don't know where I would be. The young generation in the church has truly become a blessing from God. If you look out in the world today, you might see teens and young adults home on their iPhones, playing games and posting tweets about their daily adventures. However, if you look close enough, you can see a generation that loves worshiping our Heavenly Father. Just the other day, I saw on Instagram a group of young Christians gathered together in a field in the middle of a terrible pandemic, distancing and worshiping God. It's truly incredible to see how God is leading my generation.



I strongly encourage any young Christian reading this letter, who is looking to strengthen their relationship with God, to join a Youth Group. Its ministry is a great way to discuss Scripture and to see what God is doing in your young life. And most importantly, it surrounds you with incredible people who are just like you, looking to expand their relationship with God and to spend little moments of the day in the presence of our Savior.

Stealey and Duff Street Churches Food Pantry is open on Tuesday in the MultiMinistries Bldg.

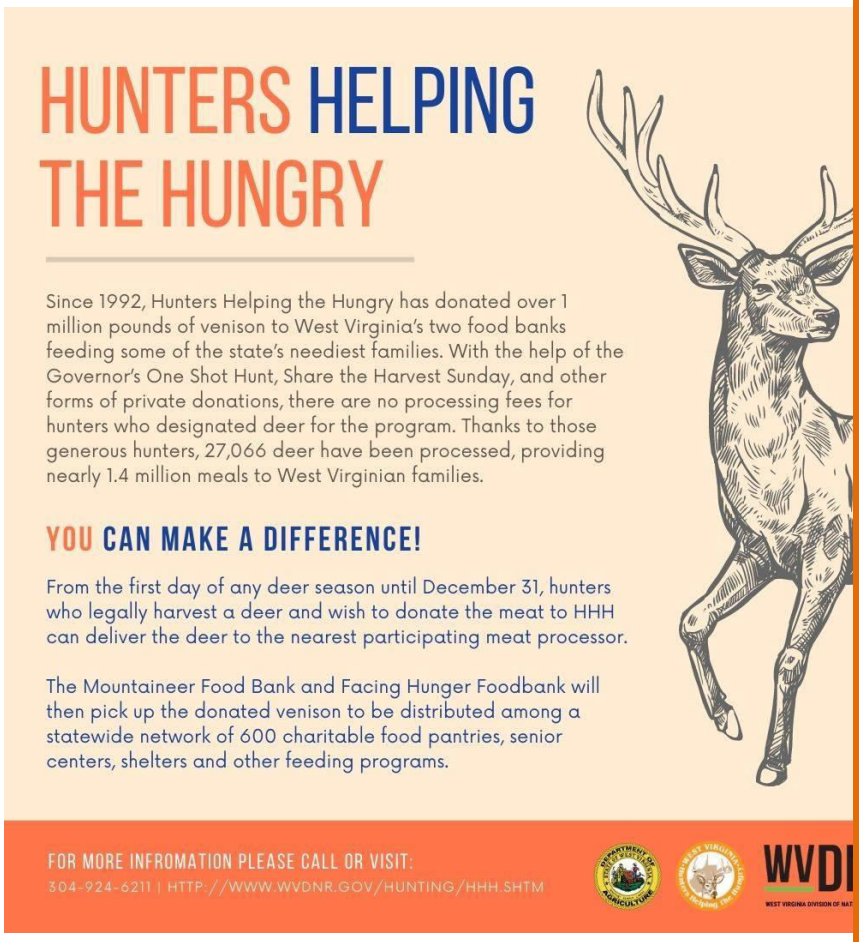
204 Baker Avenue
9:30 a.m.–
1:00 p.m.

Food Pantry will be closed November 3rd

Food Pantry Thanksgiving needs

The food pantry will provide some meals for families for Thanksgiving. Can use turkeys, boxed stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, fresh potatoes, onions, carrots, gravy mix, frozen pumpkin pies & Kool Whip to complete the meals.

Are you a Deer Hunter? Our Food Pantry has benefited from this program.



If you know of a family in need, please refer them to the Stealey and Duff Street UM Churches Food Pantry!

fulfilling our commitments to Christ & His Church

through our presence:

Oct. 4th @8:45 - 37 @11 - 15 streaming - 108
Oct. 11th @8:45 - 37 @11 - 15 streaming - 105
Oct. 18th @8:45 - 39 @11 - 23 streaming - 104
Oct. 25th @8:45 - 45 @11 - 24 streaming - 43

through our service to others:

with hospitals and nursing homes limiting visitors – if you have an immediate prayer concern you can :

- call the church office at 304-624-7951 Monday thru Thursday, 9am to 3pm
- email us at duffstreet@gmail.com anytime
- send it via our website at http://www.duffstreetchurch.org/need-prayer.html
- call the Telephone Prayer Chain: Wayne & MaryAnn Moore – 304-623-3155
- contact Pastor Mark on his cell phone – 304-380-2002.

through our prayers: ✝♥

for our First Responders and Medical Personnel on the front lines of the COVID-19 Pandemic as well as those being tested, awaiting results and also recovering!

for our military: *Ken Bingham, Jared Hammitt, Sgt. J R Hinkle, Matt Hoalcraft, Amanda Landers, Int'l Security Guard Stephen Lindsey, Sgts. 1st Class Nate & Bryanna Moccia, Mstr. Sgt. James Queen, Pfc. Zachary Shields and Pfc. Owen Smith*

for our shut-ins: Chuck Arnett, Rose Carr, Ron Channel, Mary Cunningham, Lois Glass, Marlene Glover, Martha Hammitt, Robbie Hood, Elaine LeBenne, Charles Pratt, Jean Stalnaker and Helen Stutler

for healing: *Adam, Allie & Nathan, April, Barbara, Jeff & Betsy, Billy, Chauncey, Chuck, Deshilla, Dick, Greg, Holly, Jack, Jennifer, Jim, John, Julie, Kay, Kim, Larry, Linda, Lisa, Lois, Lori, Mary Ann, McCammon Family, Michael, Mikki & Baby Gus, Randy, Rob, Scott, Sharon, Shawn, Susy, Terri and Tom*

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through our gifts: *September 2020*

General Fund		Building Fund	
Income	$17,901.86	Income	$15,728.91
Expenses:	21,810.22	Expenses	9,660.00
Difference	($ 3,908.36)	Difference	$ 6,068.91

2020 Budget - $303,958 Monthly - $25,330

Duff Street Calendar of Events
office hours: Mon-Thur 9am-3pm

Sundays: 8:45am – Contemporary Service
& E-Service via YouTube
9:45-10:45 Sunday School
for Youth & Children
11:00am – Traditional Service
& E-Service via YouTube
6:00pm – Youth Group

Mondays: 10:30am – Guided Prayer Time
In-person & on FaceBook Live
5:00pm – TOPS (MMB)

Tuesdays: 9:30am-1pm - Food Pantry (MMB)

Wednesdays: 7:00pm – Adult Bible Study
Via FaceBook Live

Thursdays: 6:00pm – Scouts

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

November 1 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
All Saints Sunday
November 3 - Election Day
Bake Sale in the Parking Lot
November 21 - Youth Fall Workshop
November 26 – Happy Thanksgiving
Church Office Closed
November 29 – United Methodist Student Day

There are no other in-person activities currently scheduled. We will continue to follow the guidelines of our Bishop, the Governor and the CDC in keeping our congregation safe.

Pat Webster ~ 2
Michelle Shinn ~ 4
Elizabeth Carder ~ 6
Tammy Fazio ~ 8
Rhonda Franklin ~ 8
Jesse Spear ~ 11
Gordy Cain ~ 12
Sheila Harrison ~ 13
Monica Scott ~ 13
Harper Seagraves ~ 12
Michael Crim ~ 16
Michael McGowan ~ 16
Kevin Brand ~ 19
Ricky Cox ~ 19
Timothy Fowler ~ 20
Rick Holmes ~ 21
Mitchell Keesee ~ 21
Cheryl Wilson ~ 21
Angelia Davis ~ 26
Lois Glass ~ 27
Nathan Hood ~ 27
Anne Alkire ~ 28
Kayla Radcliff ~ 29
Susan Dennison ~ 30

12th - Warren & Lynette Green

25th - Gerardo & Yvonne Montero

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Kari Smith & Kayla Radcliff, Nursery

Sunday's @Duff Street

8:45 am Contemporary Service in person & YouTube

11 am Traditional Worship in.person & YouTube

6 pm – Youth Group

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