

From the Pastor's Desk

March 2020

I was pulling a shift on parking lot duty for Vocalfest when I received a blessing. (Vocalfest is the annual show choir competition sponsored by Robert C. Byrd High School and its show choir, Vocal Intensity.) Bus 73 from Upshur County Schools was leaving for a short time, and the bus driver wanted me to know. The driver also wanted to know if I needed anything on the cold, windy, but sunny day. He suggested coffee, and I accepted his offer of a hot cup of joe.

Some time passed when Bus 73 came back. The bus stopped, and the driver opened the door and handed me the large coffee. He also handed me a plastic bag, saying, "There's a couple of candy bars in there and a bottle of water."

After the bus driver parked the bus, he asked if I needed a bathroom break. As he said, "I know how to tell people where to go," to which we both laughed.

I have no idea why the bus driver showed me kindness. I don't think it had anything to do with me; I suspect he would've showed the same kindness to whomever was the parking attendant. Maybe he's one of those people who show random acts of kindness, to make the world a better place, one act at a time.

His act was inspiring, but also humbling. He was gracious to me, and that more abundantly. He offered me coffee but gave me far more: an example to follow.

I don't know if the bus driver is a Christian, but he sure behaved like one. He acted as a man who'd received God's grace and was determined to extend that grace to anyone, regardless of need. He inspired me to show the same grace to others, and that more abundantly.

~Pastor Mark † ~~~~~

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say,
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so very much,
whatever the part.

Thank you so much for
the kindness shown to
our family at the time of
Mom's death. The dish
garden, family luncheon,
calls & emails are
so appreciated. We
were blessed to be
raised by loving
parents & a great
church family.
Alice Bodenheimer
family
Rocky & Karen

**Stealey and Duff
Street Churches Food
Pantry will be open
on Tuesday, March 3,
10, & 17 at Stealey
United Methodist
Church**

**9:30 a.m.–
1:00 p.m.**



The Food Pantry is moving to Duff Street UM Church
Multiministries Bldg on the first floor.

*The Food Pantry will be closed on March 24 & 31. If you
need food, call Central WV Community Action to see which
other Food Pantry is open. Telephone 304-622-8495*

Plan to Open at our new location:

**Tuesday, April 7, 2020
9:30 am – 1:00 p.m.**

Paperwork will need to be updated. Bring:

Photo ID

Proof of residency if not on ID

Birthdates of all family members



Backpack Program –Come help Wednesday, March 4th &
March 25th at 1:00 p.m. to put together weekend bags for the
students at the North View and Wilsonburg Elementary
Schools. We will be in the newly redesignated Gym area in
the MultiMinistries Building.

Items Needed: Individual serving size fruit, pudding, granola
bars, cookies, Rice Krispie treats, Cheese or Peanut Butter
Crackers, Hot Chocolate, Mac & Cheese, Raman noodles.



**TUESDAY
APRIL 28TH
THROUGH
SATURDAY
MAY 2ND**

It's time for our annual Duff Street Church & Relay for Life Rummage Sale and here are some ways **YOU** can help make this a successful sale.

SAVE YOUR STUFF - donate items from your spring cleaning and decluttering to the sale. Donations can be brought to the church beginning Monday, April 20th. **IF** you need assistance or need to make other arrangements, please contact Mary Adkins @ 304-695-1269 or Lori Show @ 304-677-2157.

PLEASE NOTE: Televisions, adult clothing, computers and other electronics can **NOT** be accepted.

SET UP FOR THE SALE - Due to the opening of the sanctuary, we are able to begin setting up and organizing for the sale the week before the sale begins--Monday, April 20th through Monday, April 27th. This includes help picking up items, moving items, unloading donations, and sorting and pricing items.

WEEK OF THE SALE - We can use help throughout the week working in the kitchen and bake sale, checking out customers, and monitoring rooms. There is a job for everyone. **JUST ASK!**

DONATE MONEY-FOOD-ITEMS FOR KITCHEN AND/OR CONCESSIONS - contact Donna Dolan @ 304-622-1530, Roberta Kennedy @ 304-622-2068, Debby Wanger @ 304-677-8091 or Pat Webster @ 304-695-0712 to see what's needed.

DONATE BAKED GOODS - contact Nancy Fowler @ 304-622-0605

HELP AT CHECKOUT - if you can add or use a calculator and collect money, contact Ireta Kirby @ 304-622-7800.

COMMUNICATE - **SPREAD THE WORD!** Hand out flyers to schools and local businesses and ask them to post them; let your family, friends and co-workers know; post on social media; put a sign up in your yard.

BREAK DOWN & CLEAN UP AFTER THE SALE - Because of our new sanctuary, we have more time to pack up/organize and clean up the multi-ministries building on May 4th, 5th, and 6th.

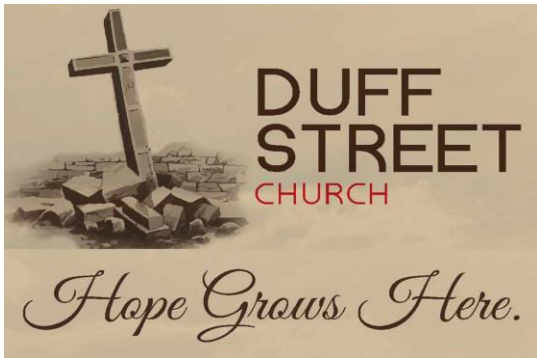


Proceeds from this sale benefit both Duff Street Church and Relay For Life's fight against cancer. Any help you can provide will be much appreciated!

For additional information, you may contact any Relay For Life member or the church office @ 304-624-7951



fulfilling our committments to Christ & His Church



through our presence:

	Worship		Sunday School	God's Big Backyard
	8:45	11:00		
February 2 nd	92	65	33	14
February 9 th	109	94	12 +	
February 16 th	120	62	30	12
February 23 rd	81	73	33	11



- March 1st - Megan & Riley
- March 8th - Chloe & Ethan
- March 15th - Bryce & Grant
- March 22nd - Lily & Johnnie
- March 29th - Carson & Caleb

through our service to others:

Hospitality: *Jim Harris*

Ushers: 8:45 - Bob Fowler & Jerry Paugh

Communion Servers:

8:45 - Jim, Katy, Mick & Jeanie Crim

11:00 - Linda Murphy, Pam Peet, Don & Patty Davis

Lay Hospital Visitation & Prayer Chain:

Wayne & MaryAnn Moore - 304-623-3155

The vision of Duff Street United Methodist Church is as a community of HOPE that LOVES GOD, LOVES OTHERS and SERVES THE WORLD.

through our prayers:

for our military: *Jeremy Glass, Jared Hammitt, Sgt. J R Hinkle, Matt Hoalcraft, Amanda Landers, Int'l Security Guard Stephen Lindsey, Sgts. 1st Class Nate & Bryanna Moccia, Kiersten Posey, Mstr. Sgt. James Queen and Pvt. Zachary Shields*

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*

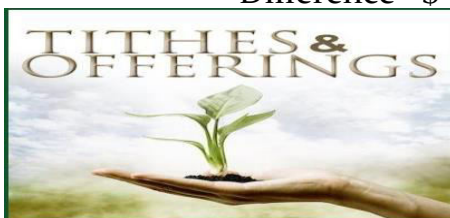
for healing: *Betty, Rod Carpenter, Christine Davenport, Joe Davenport, David, Dawn, Tina Dodd, Eddie, Frankie, Christen Halpenny, Jerry Halpenny, Bernice Hammond, Lucille Hollandsworth, Bryan Hudkins, Don Hufford, Jeff, Justin, Kim, Laura, Danny & Linda Marshall, Jim Maul, Meredith, Marjorie Miles, Tenley Miller, Chip Myers, Betty Jean Pursley, Rev. Rita Robinson, Dr. Joe Shaver, Jesse Spear, Tasha, Cheryl Wilson*

through our gifts:

General Fund Income \$29,526.09
Expenses: 20,645.93
 Difference \$ 8,860.16

January 2020

Building Fund Income \$ 10,770.50
 Loan Disbursements \$200,701.34
Expenses \$202,660.30
 Building Fund Balance \$8,811.58



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

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

- Sundays:** 7:45am - Breakfast
 8:45am - Contemporary Service
 9:45am - God's Big Back Yard
 10:00am - Sunday School
 11:00am - Traditional Worship
 6:00pm - Youth Group
- Mondays:** 10:00am - PrePRAYer Fellowship
 10:30am - Guided Prayer Time
 5:00pm - TOPS
- Tuesdays:** 9:30am-Food Pantry@StealeyUMC
 4:30pm - VIP Practice
 6:30pm - Men's Group
 7:00pm - UMW-Parish Bible Study
- Wednesdays:** 7:00am - Prayer Breakfast
 6:00pm - Chancel Choir Practice
 7:00pm - Bible Study - Adults & Youth
- Thursdays:** noon - Eat, Study, Pray Group
 6:00pm - Scouts

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS



- 1 COMMUNION SUNDAY
 5:00pm - Building Team Meeting
- 7 9:00am - Scouts Pinewood Derby
- 8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
- 9 5:30pm - Staff Parish Relations Committee
 Trustees
 6:30pm - Finance Team
 7:15pm - Church Council
- 10 1:30pm - Alpha Christa Circle Meeting
- 11 6:00pm - Friends of God Meet
- 15 10:00am - NEW SANCTUARY DEDICATION
 11:30am - Celebration Dinner
 5:00pm - Community Meal
- 22 UMCOR SUNDAY
- 25 1:00pm - Backpack Assembly
- 27 7:00pm - Scout Lock-in



- Alexis Kirby 1*
Deshilla Rohrbough 2
Emily Glover 3
Addison Grace Nutter 3
Maryann Schell 6
David Webster 6
Carol Norris 8
Susan Freeman 9
Bryanna McKinney 9
Dustin Stanley 10
Vickie Wagner 10
Greg Goodwin 11
Bill Lance 12
Cliff Schell 12
David Webster, Sr. 12
Michael McGahan 13
Lois Gilmore 19
Ethan Smith 19
Diane Williams 19
Margaret Moore 20
Shirley Orr 21
Connie Forinash 23
John Kirby 25
Jimmy Kirby 25
Helen Stutler 25
David Allman 26
Jim Crim 26
Liam Stevens 26
Tre Roach 27
Karen Staton 27
Mark Goodwin 31
Tim Smith 31



- Jordan & Tara Swiger 10**
Doug & Lori Knight 29
Chris & Crystal Johnson 31

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Candace Walker, Music Director

Alex Hoskinson, Contemporary Worship Leader

Winnie Smith, VIP Music Leader

Jim Fleming, Custodian

Kari Smith & Kayla Radcliff, Nursery

Sunday's @Duff Street

7:45am Breakfast

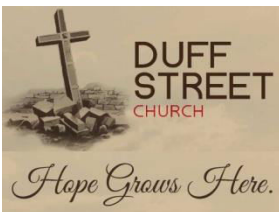
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9:45am God's Big Back Yard

10am Sunday School

11am Traditional Worship

6pm - Youth Group



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