

July 2020

Recently, I finished reading a book of biographies on missionaries, *From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya*, by Ruth Tucker. She tells the stories of the apostle Paul and Boniface, of Elizabeth Elliot and Betty Olsen. One of the entries was about Luis Palau, an evangelist from Latin America.



Shortly after becoming a Christian, Palau felt the urge to serve the Lord through missions. But as he got more involved in missions, he started feeling a gnawing in his soul. In prayer, Palau told the Lord that he was doing all this work for him. But he discovered that the real question wasn't what he could do for the Lord, but what the Lord wanted to do through Palau.



I want to serve the Lord, and I am serving him as a United Methodist pastor. But in my service, I need to be open to what the Lord wants to do through me. The service could be as small as encouraging my neighbor to as large as preaching the Gospel to thousands. Regardless of the degree, what's important is giving glory to God.

How about you? What does the Lord want to do through you?

~Pastor Mark †



News from the Trustees

With our Building Project finally complete, including the landscaping, we have closed out our construction loan and made our first official loan payment. With the current economic situation, we were able to get a lower fixed interest rate than originally planned - 3.2% - and our total principal borrowed came in at \$988,425. Our Promissory Note is based on a 10 year amortization schedule with a final balloon payment. Our plan, though, is to pay it off completely within 10 years by making a monthly payment of \$9,660. This adds approximately \$32,000 extra annually going toward lowering the principal. Any additional monies collected and remaining in the building fund annually will also be paid out to further lower the principal (up to 10% allowed annually) which could result in paying off the loan sooner.

If anyone is interested in reviewing the complete details, they are available in the church office during normal business hours.

June 17, 2020

Dear Pastors and Churches of the Wesleyan District:

As many of you have heard, I was appointed to the Calvary UMC in Ripley in the Little Kanawha District as their new pastor after I left the Superintendency. And many of you also know how sick my husband, Jim, has been. But now he is having more health problems in the last month due to a fall he had about 4 weeks ago. He did not break any bones, but he has severe internal bruises (contusions) that will take months or longer to heal. He is in pain every day. He does not have the energy to take care of himself, so now I am the one who will be his caregiver.

He is now on oxygen 24 hours/day because he has trouble breathing and his lungs are not operating at full capacity. He cannot walk far and he needs someone with him most of the time. I can go to the store to buy groceries or make short trips like that, but he cannot be left alone for more than an hour at a time.

I had every intention of moving to Ripley and serving them as their pastor and Jim was looking forward to the move, too. However, with all that has happened in the last month, all our plans have changed. I have prayed long and hard over this decision, and a couple of weeks ago, God gave me peace in what I must do. I now know that I have to stay home with Jim and take care of him. Our marriage means much to both of us, and I have taken seriously my vows to "love, honor, and cherish...in sickness and in health, for better for worse, until death do us part." I know Jim would do the same for me.

Therefore, after conversation with the Bishop, I am requesting a family leave of absence for 1 year and possibly 2, depending on how Jim's recovery goes. But Jim also is in the last stages of kidney failure, so we are really taking it one day at a time. If the family leave does not work out, then I will retire.

We are now preparing to move into our home in Buckhannon. And I want to thank you all for the gifts you sent me upon leaving as your District Superintendent. The gifts from the churches and some individuals were enough to get new appliances for our kitchen. It seemed God knew what we would need even before we did, and God provided through all of you. Again, thank you so much for the gifts, for the prayers, and for your faithfulness in reaching out to us through this difficult year and especially this last month.

May God richly bless all of you, Pastors, Lay People, and Wesleyan District Churches!

I pray we all get through this covid-19 pandemic and are able to continue being the Church for which Christ died, and in being the Church that lives out his Resurrection Life in this world.

Peace be with you all!

Rev. Mary Ellen Finegan, DS

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

***9:30 a.m.–
1:00 p.m.***



Thank you to everyone for the prayers, the support, the donations of money and food these last few months during the global pandemic of COVID-19. The food pantry has had to adjust how we distribute food and thank you to the volunteers who have helped in this process.

If you know someone who is struggling due to COVID-19 to feed their family, refer them to the Food Pantry. Even if they do not think they will qualify, we are here to help and will offer them a hand up at this difficult time.

Extra precautions and social distancing is observed and we have prebagged food that will help feed their family. New families should:

- bring an ID
- proof of residency if not on ID and
- birthdates of all family members

Have extra vegetables from your garden? – Bring in any extra zucchini, squash, tomatoes, peppers, or greens and we will distribute to families.

Duff Street UM Women Picnic!

We miss seeing you and miss meeting together!

We HOPE in August we will be able to have our planned picnic! The Maple Shelter at the Clarksburg Nutter Fort Park is reserved for Wednesday, August 12th so mark your calendar!



We will continue to monitor the CDC and State guidelines and make plans.



Duff Street UM Women has a Facebook Page! Check out the Facebook page for inspiration, prayers and UMW news!

Our Vision:
Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.

fulfilling our committments to Christ & His Church



through our presence:

June 7 th	@8:45 - 32	@11 - 17	streaming	56
June 14 th	@8:45 - 54	@11 - 46	streaming	96
June 21 st	@8:45 - 32	@11 - 28	streaming	57
June 28 th	@8:45	@11	streaming	

through our service to others:

with hospitals and nursing homes closed to visitors – if you have an immediate prayer concern you can call the church office at 304-624-7951, email us at duffstreet@gmail.com, send it via our website at <http://www.duffstreetchurch.org/need-prayer.html> or call the Telephone Prayer Chain: Wayne & MaryAnn Moore – 304-623-3155 or 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 and awaiting results and also recovering!

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: Kay Connor, Connie, Don Davis, Linda Greynolds, Aaron Harris, Parke & Pam Leggett, Duane Molina, Bonnie Phinney, Ann Pinti, Eleanor Rishel, Sara



through our gifts: May 2020

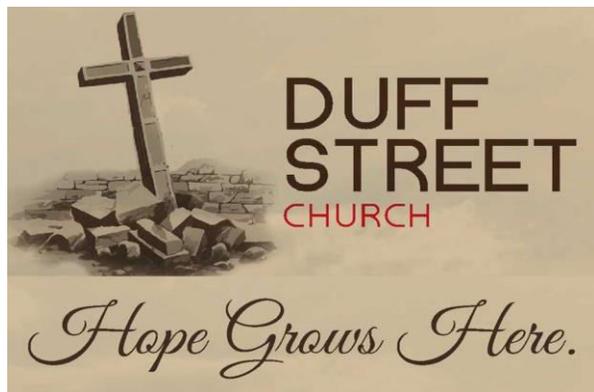
General Fund

Income	\$24,634.63
Imp/Reno Fund	1,604.44
<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>24,634.63</u>
Difference	0

Building Fund

Income	\$11,207.71
Loan Disbursement	0
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2,298.59</u>
Building Fund Balance	\$8,909.12

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
11:00am - Traditional Service
& E-Service via YouTube
6:00pm - Youth Group via FaceBook
- Mondays:** 10:30am - Guided Prayer Time
via FaceBook Live
5:00pm - TOPS (MMB)
- Tuesdays:** 9:30am-1pm - Food Pantry (MMB)
- Wednesdays:** 7:00pm - Bible Study
Adults & Youth via FaceBook Live

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

The Church Office will be closed Monday, July 6th, in observance of Independence Day

Trustees will meet July 13th @ 5:30pm



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.



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ANNIVERSARY



Rose Carr ~ 2
Anne Alkire ~ 4
Abigail Cain ~ 4
Emily Murphy ~ 4
Mick Crim ~ 5
Karen Brand ~ 6
Adam Hill ~ 6
Rickie Holmes ~ 6
Tom Rohrbough ~ 6
Jetta Baker ~ 7
Aiden Murphy ~ 7
Crystal Goodwin ~ 10
Nellie Daugherty ~ 12
Ron Gilmore ~ 12
Eric Hall ~ 12
Pat Gore ~ 13
Mickey Nardella ~ 13
Chris Johnson ~ 15
Charles Pratt ~ 17
Hunter McKinney ~ 21
Sarah Glover ~ 22
Emily Fowler ~ 25
George Seyfert ~ 25
Courtney Glover ~ 26
Eric Brand ~ 30
Aurora Huntermark ~ 30
Gerardo Montero ~ 31

*Ed & Roberta Kennedy * 6*
*Todd & Lauren (Kirby) Chambers * 11*
*Steve & Carol Taylor * 11*
*Cody & Mariah Gilmore * 19*
*Bill & Michelle Underwood * 22*
*John & Shirley Orr * 31*

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Kari Smith & Kayla Radcliff, Nursery

Sunday's @Duff Street

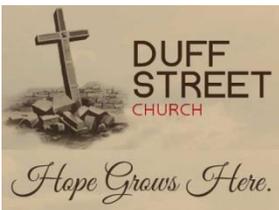
7:45 am Breakfast

8:45 am Contemporary Service

*10 am Sunday School
for ALL ages*

11 am Traditional Worship

6 pm – Youth Group



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