

## October 2020

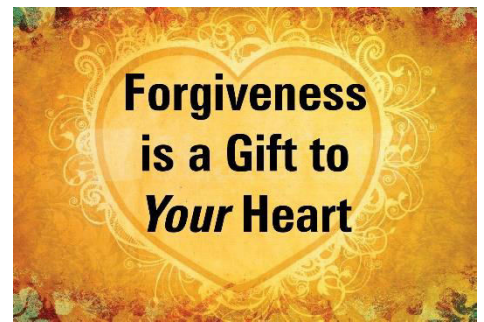
Rabbi Harold Kushner once wrote a story about forgiveness. It's illustrates how unfair forgiveness can be. I first read the story in *Feasting on the Word*. Here's what Rabbi Kushner wrote.

"A woman in my congregation comes to see me. She is a single mother, divorced, working to support herself and her three young

children. She says to me, 'Since my husband walked out on us, every month is a struggle to pay our bills. I have to tell my kids we have no money to go to the movies, while he's living it up with his new wife in another state. How can you tell me to forgive him?'"

"I answer her, 'I'm not asking you to forgive him because what he did was acceptable. It wasn't; it was mean and selfish. I'm asking you to forgive because he doesn't deserve the power to live in your head and turn you into a bitter, angry woman. I'd like to see him out of your life emotionally as completely as he is out of it physically, but you keep holding on to him. You're not hurting him by holding on to that resentment, but you're hurting yourself.'"

Here's my thoughts: An offense can leave deep wounds and unsightly scars. But there comes a point when the offender has moved on, and withholding forgiveness hurts you way more than the offender. Forgiveness seems unfair, and yet it proves better in the end. Let's practice forgiveness as Jesus taught.



~Pastor Mark †



This month the [Children and Youth Ministries at Duff Street Church](#) have a fun filled list of events. In attempt to stay within the governor's guidelines, we have come up with fun and amazing plans to meet. On October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, the church will be having its annual Trunk or Treat followed by a drive-in movie experience where we will watch the new film Scoob. Bring

your costumes and chairs for the event. Also, on October 24<sup>th</sup>, the children and youth will be taking a trip to the Corn Maze at Cove Run farm. We will meet at the church at 11:00am and leave from there. To keep precautionary measures, we would appreciate if you bring a mask and continue to wash and sanitize your hands as we work through this pandemic to continue to grow our relationship with Christ. Thank you for your cooperation and let's continue to serve the Lord. ~Rob



# SCOOB!

October 10th

Trunk or Treat starts at 6:30 pm

Movie Starts at 7:15 pm

Duff Street United Methodist Church Parking Lot



For More Info call

304 624-7951

or

304 669-1529

Bring your chairs, blankets,  
snacks and drinks.



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

***9:30 a.m.–  
1:00 p.m.***



**together  
we can  
solve  
hunger.™**



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 or have never used a food pantry before, we are here to help and will offer them a hand up at this difficult time.

Extra precautions and social distancing are 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

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## **No. Really. Take the Meals!**

Reasons why you should take advantage of the  
FREE school meals being offered:

- It extends your food budget & saves you time prepping lunches
- It's comforting & familiar to your kids to have food from school
- It's confidential & not just for low income people
- You're helping the local food service program stay financially afloat
- You're helping the food program use up food inventory = less waste

USDA is covering the cost for these meals during COVID-19

**You're not taking it away from someone who needs it more**

Take a break from distance learning & come get some meals!

Fridays between 10am - Noon

Nutter Fort Elementary

Mountaineer Middle

Liberty High

Bridgeport Middle

Washington Irving Middle

Lincoln Middle/High

South Harrison Middle/High



**Backpack Program** – The schools are offering food to ALL students each Friday at least until the end of 2020. USDA is covering the cost of these meals during COVID-19. We will resume the Backpack Program when there is a need.

**Food Pantry Needs** -- Cereal, Jelly, Scalloped Potatoes, Stuffing, Cake Mix, Brownie Mix; All-Purpose Cleaner, Dish Soap, Toothpaste, Shampoo.

## through our presence:

Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup>	@8:45 - 34	@11 - 17	streaming - 98
Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	@8:45 - 40	@11 - 20	streaming - 113
Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup>	@8:45 - 54	@11 - 19	streaming - 101
Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup>	@8:45 - 43	@11 - 19	streaming - 80



## 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](mailto: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:** Jared Hammitt, Sgt. J R Hinkle, Matt Hoalcraft, Amanda Landers, Int'l Security Guard Stephen Lindsey, Sgts. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Nate & Bryanna Moccia, Kiersten Posey, 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, Family of Edward Allen, AJ, Barbara, Becky, Billy, Brian, Carolyn, Cindy, DeeDee, Dennis, Duane, Jim & MaryEllen Finegan, Gary, Gene, Hadeline, Jody, Lisa, Lori, Mary, MaryBeth, Michael, Michelle, Robert Mick Family, Patricia, Randy, Robert, Sharon, Steven, Family of Rick Todd, Tom, Winnie, and all the teachers, students and support personnel that have returned to school

Prayers also for Don & Patty Davis and Melvin & Edna Osborne as they're adjusting to life at an assisted living facility, Harmony at White Oaks.

Scan below to donate through our website



## through our gifts:

**August 2020**

### **General Fund**

Income	\$22,901.07
<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>22,505.31</u>
Difference	\$ 395.76

### **Building Fund**

Income	\$10,944.30
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>9,660.00</u>
Difference	\$ 1,284.30

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

# FALL 2020 VIRTUAL LAY MINISTRY ACADEMY

October 12 – 23, 2020

## Wesleyan District



*Courses being offered:*

### **Intro to Lay Ministry Basic Course**

This course is for persons discerning a call to proclaim the presence and power of God through serving in their local churches.

**Intended participants:** Anybody who is serving in any capacity in their local church or wants a better understanding of United Methodism or as a pre-requisite course for certification as a Lay Servant, Lay Speaker or Lay Minister.

### **Advanced CLS/CLM Courses:**

#### **\*NEW\* Storytelling**

Participants in the course will learn what constitutes a good story, discover storytelling styles, learn the techniques of effective storytelling, and practice creating stories from their experiences.

**Intended audience:** This course is open to any Certified Lay Servant or Certified Lay Minister who is working on recertification.

#### **Rediscovering Your Spiritual Gifts**

This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st-century church.

**Intended audience:** Any Certified Lay Minister or Certified Lay Servant.

#### **\*NEW\* Lay Pastoral Caregiving**

This course offers insights into the life span and the dynamics of contemporary life to help church leaders reach out with God's love and care to others.

**Intended audience:** This course is open to any Certified Lay Servant or Certified Lay Minister who is working on recertification.

**"Your life may be the only Bible some people ever read."**

During most of 2020, we may have temporarily exchanged pulpits with iPads, sanctuaries with living rooms and kitchens, added words like "Zoom" and "virtual" and "fluid" to our daily vocabulary, but the work of our clergy and laity has remained the same – to serve God while serving others and to be a spiritual breath of fresh air in in our communities to help transform the world.

In a world of turmoil, we have moved forward, continued to meet and worship in new ways, and been a stable, consistent place of sanctuary for everyone.

Adapting is what we do, and this fall's Academy is no exception. We will be reaching out in new ways, via Zoom, and creating a learning environment that still allows our connectional nature to shine through. It is important that we be together, in whatever "together" turns out to be! Amen?

I look forward to our time together. More details to follow, and if you ever have any questions, please contact the District office at 304-472-1095, or let me know.

Blessings,  
Jim Minutelli, CLM  
Director of Lay Ministry  
Wesleyan District  
304-629-9398  
minutellij@gmail.com

## Leading Worship

This course focuses on the ministry of the lay servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship.

**Intended audience:** This course is open to any Certified Lay Servant or Certified Lay Minister who is working on recertification.

To keep your certificate current as a Lay Servant or Lay Speaker, an advanced course is needed every three years; Every two years for a Certified Lay Minister.

**How will our Virtual Academy work?** We will be scheduling all courses between the two week period from October 12<sup>th</sup> – October 23<sup>rd</sup> with four two-hour class sessions and two hours of work off-line.

All meetings will be held via Zoom and email, and I think you will find Zoom a very easy-to-navigate tool if you have never used it before. If you need a quick tutorial on using Zoom, please go to <http://wesleyandistrictumc.org/2020/04/13/zoom-for-beginners-video-a-great-tool-for-our-churches/>

Once courses are completed, a certificate will be mailed to the participant!

We hope to “see” you for our Fall 2020 Virtual Lay Ministry Academy!!!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

PASTOR \_\_\_\_\_

Are you taking this class for Lay Speaker Certification? \_\_\_\_\_

CHOICE OF COURSE: (Choose One)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Intro to Lay Ministry (Basic)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Storytelling**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Spiritual Gifts**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Lay Pastoral Caregiving**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Leading Worship**

Check here if you have already paid for your course \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this registration form and return it with your payment no later than **October 5, 2020** to:

**Wesleyan District**

**P. O. Box 230**

**Buckhannon, WV 26201**

Make check payable to: **Wesleyan District**

The cost for the Lay Servant Ministry Training is \$30.00, which includes the materials and books.



**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 in Parking Lot
- 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**



- October 3 - 11am-3pm Drive thru Sloppy Joe Sale  
 October 4 - World Communion Sunday  
 October 10 - 6:30pm - Trunk or Treat (upper lot)  
 - 7:15pm - Movie Night (main lot)  
 October 12 - 5:30pm - Staff Parish Meeting (Zoom)  
 5:30pm - Trustees (in-person & Zoom)  
 6:30pm - Finance (in-person & Zoom)  
 7:15pm - Council (in-person & Zoom)  
 October 18 - 4:00pm - Charge Conference  
 October 24 - 11:00am - Children-Youth Trip to the  
 Corn Maze @Cove Run Farm

**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.**

- Tim Fowler 2  
 Branden Hammitt 2  
 Margie Dean 4  
 Tyler Spear 4  
 Linda Kirby Greynolds 5  
 George McIntyre 5  
 John Orr 5  
 Gayle Lesure 6  
 Laura Lowther 6  
 Wayne Moore 7  
 Kei-leeonna Arnett 8  
 Jeanie Crim 10  
 Amy Goodwin Mercer 10  
 Stewart Kirby 10  
 Sharon Norman 10  
 Pam Kane 11  
 Carol Swaney 11  
 Steve Taylor 11  
 Doris McIntyre 13  
 Jim Dean 17  
 Matt Eakle 17  
 Branden Swaney 17  
 Lillian Nardella 19  
 Eliza Smith Allam 21  
 Jordan Hammitt 22  
 Ann Kirby 22  
 Larry Smith 24  
 Roberta Kennedy 25  
 Jess McIntyre 26  
 Kerry Dean 27  
 Mikki McMichael 28  
 Gabe Murphy 29  
 Ken Wilhelm 30  
 Bradley Nutter 30  
 Olivia Lowther 31  
 Carolyn Norris 31



Jim & Margie Dean ~ 14  
 Michael & Diana Crim ~ 21

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Candace Walker, Music Director

Alex Hoskinson, Contemporary Worship Leader

Winnie Smith, VIP Music Leader

Jim Fleming, Custodian

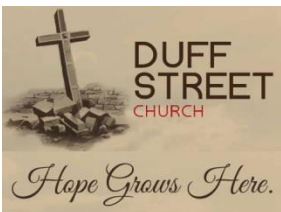
Kari Smith & Kayla Radcliff, Nursery

## **Sunday's @Duff Street**

*8:45 am Contemporary Service  
in person & YouTube*

*11 am Traditional Worship  
in.person & YouTube*

*6 pm – Youth Group*



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