

Dunbar United Methodist Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

*Our Mission at Dunbar United Methodist Church is to:
Reach the World for Christ; Preach the Word of God;
Teach the Way of Discipleship. Our vision is to be a Church that is
Christ-centered, Spirit-led, and utterly consumed by the mission of God.*

Bolded print is intended to be read aloud by all
* signifies that all are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit

PRELUDE	Sharon Cline, Organist
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Pastor Jarrod Caltrider
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP	“Welcome” Gary Wooten, Pianist
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Letha Goode, Liturgist
Over the course of our lives, we look into the eyes of thousands upon thousands of faces— The faces of friends, the faces of strangers. Faces filled with joy, faces filled with sorrow. Some of those faces belong to loved ones as we’ve watched the months and the years add up, bringing with them the marks of a life well-lived. Some of those faces belong to strangers on the street, each carrying a lifetime’s worth of hopes, dreams, heartache, and pain. In every face- friend and stranger, ally and enemy- is the image of God in which all of us are created. Bearing the fingerprint of a Creator who has fashioned us in the likeness of a loving, gracious, and merciful God. Some of those faces are more vivid, memorable, and lasting than others, the faces of those whose lives, legacies, and faith have left a lasting mark upon us. Today we give God thanks for these faces of our faith and the many ways they have awakened in us a love of God and our neighbor as we seek to be faithful in our living and in our loving.	
*OPENING HYMN	”Open the Eyes of My Heart” W&S #3008
PSALTER READING	Psalms 79:1-9
CHILDREN’S SERMON	Dee Price Childers

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*GOSPEL READING	Luke 2:21-38
SERMON	“Faces of Our Faith: Anna” Pastor Jarrod
SPECIAL MUSIC	Choral Anthem
INVITATION FOR OFFERING	
OFFERTORY	
*DOXOLOGY	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH#94
*OFFERTORY PRAYER	
*CLOSING HYMN	“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” UMH#206
*BENEDICTION	

Worship Notes: “UMH” denotes the navy The United Methodist Hymnal located in each pew.
“TFWS” denotes the black supplemental hymnal “The Faith We Sing”; “W&S” denotes the green supplemental hymnal “Worship & Song”
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dunbar Institute Samaritan Center Food Pantry Focus for September is Jiffy Cornbread Mix. Donations are collected in the narthex at the Ministry Center.

If you’d like to sign up to sponsor altar flowers for 2025, the calendar is posted on the bulletin board by the Administrative Assistant office. Flowers will be \$25 and can be given in honor or memory if you’d like.

Women’s Fellowship are collecting the following items for Foster Parenting Advocates of West Virginia: Child size duffel/tote bags, toiletries like shampoo, bath soap, combs & hairbrushes, toothpaste/toothbrushes, all sizes baby diapers, special need for baby bed/twin bed and mattress.

Archery has resumed on Sunday Evenings registration at 5:00p.m and Classes at 5:30p.m. Archery is open to all children and youth from 2nd grade through 12th grade. Archers from last spring are encouraged to invite their friends to join us.

Backpack Blessings are selling Rada Cutlery. Please see Missy in the church office to see the catalog. You can also go to the link: <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=8822040.7806efc>

This morning’s altar flowers are given by Kenny & Cathy Tucker in honor of our Wedding Anniversary on September 18, 2025.

Proverbs 31: 8-9 “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.”

The WV Conference “Justice and Advocacy” Committee works on various social justice issues, such as food insecurity, public school funding, responsible gun laws, etc. A goal of the Committee is to have J&A groups in the local churches. Elizabeth Memorial UMC in Charleston has just started such a group that is currently focusing on responding to the water crisis caused by flooding in Southern WV. They would like to join forces with us and other churches. For those interested in forming a J&A group at DUMC, we are planning a pot-luck dinner meeting with Elizabeth Memorial on November 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. (location to be determined). Please contact Dee Price Childers or Pastor Jarrod if interested!

There will be a Finance Committee meeting this Tuesday, September 23 at 6:30pm. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

The Heart+Hand Hike for Hunger will be Sunday, October 5. Mark your calendars and plan to be there for the hike and to celebrate H+H’s 60th anniversary that afternoon. Visit their website to find out more and to register to walk.

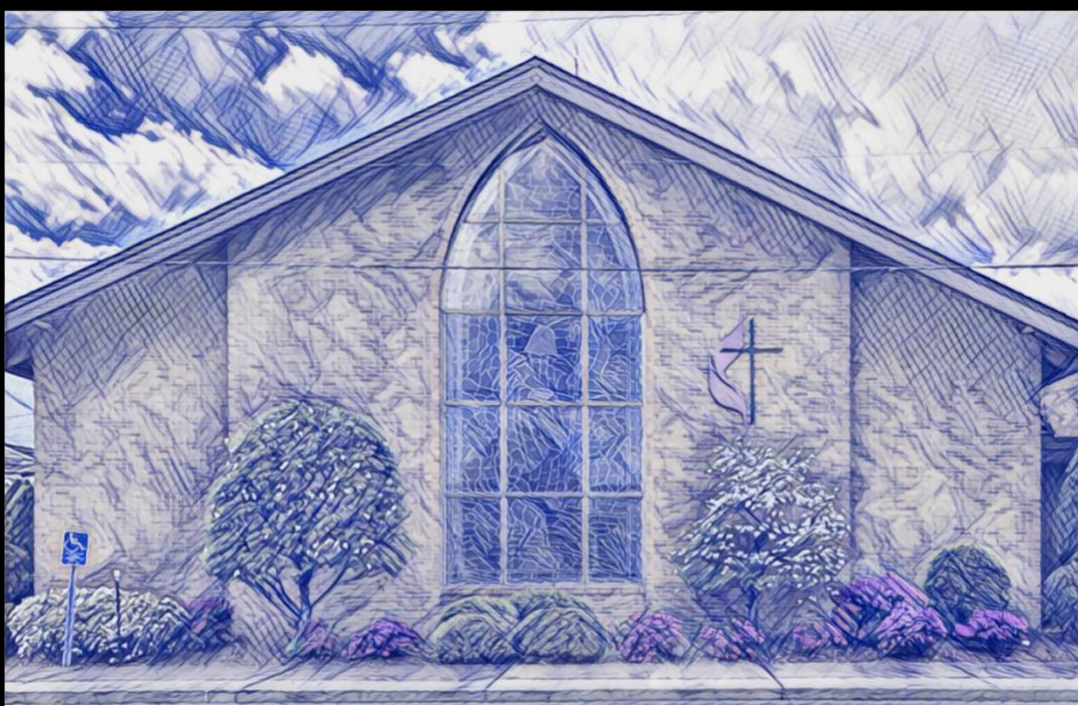
World Communion Sunday is Sunday, October 5! We’ll be celebrating communion with Dunbar First Baptist and Dunbar First Presbyterian at the playground/park on 15th Street, right next to First Presbyterian. Our worship service will begin with communion at 10:45am and then we’ll make our way inside for the rest of worship.

Our worship participants next Sunday, September 28, Liturgist: Evie Bibbee, Children’s Sermon: Helen Southall; Ushers: Brian Childers, Lynn Thornton, Bill Reid; Fellowship Time Hosts: Terry Boswell

DUMC FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Last Week’s Offering Total: \$17,923.26
Weekly Offering Goal for Budget: \$5,237
Current Apportionment Payout: \$20,080.13
Annual Apportioned Amount: \$57,840
Payout Percentage: 35%

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