

Dunbar United Methodist Church

Ascension Sunday

May 17, 2026

*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

*CALL TO WORSHIP Cathy Tucker, Liturgist

Easter people, in this season of Eastertide, we remember the blessings God gives us—the blessings of Resurrection, salvation, and new life in Christ.

We come to praise God for the blessings of Easter!

We recall the blessings of creation—of clean air and water, of food and shelter, of beauty and awe.

We come to praise God for the blessings of creation!

We share in the blessings of community—of family and friends, of church and home, of help that is given and received.

We come to praise God for the blessings of community!

Easter people, we gather today to remember Christ’s Ascension, when Jesus was taken up into heaven while blessing his disciples, marking not the end but the next chapter of God’s salvific work among us.

We come to bless God with our praise as God continues to bless us with all that we need to live as God’s Resurrection people. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” UMH#302

PSALTER READING Psalm 47

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 24:44-53

SERMON Pastor Jarrod Caltrider

SPECIAL MUSIC Choir Anthem

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY “Easter Doxology” UMH#95

*Let trumpets sound and voices sing!
Let all on earth their praises bring!
For Christ has conquered sin and death
And given life eternal breath. Amen.*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” UMH#154

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dunbar Institute Samaritan Center Food Pantry Focus for May is Spaghetti Sauce. Donations are collected in the narthex at the Ministry Center.

If you'd like to sign up to sponsor altar flowers for 2026, the calendar is posted on the bulletin board by the Administrative Assistant office. Flowers will be \$30 and can be given in honor or memory if you'd like.

There will be a Women's meeting on Thursday, May 21 at 11am. All women are welcome to come join in the fellowship time.

South Charleston High School Baccalaureate will be at Dunbar United Methodist on Thursday, May 21st at 6:00pm.

The choir's preparing a special anthem for Sunday, May 24 and would love for the children and youth of the church to sing with us. We're going to be practicing with the children/youth for 30-45 minutes on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 beginning Wednesday, April 29. Join us!

There will be a surprise retirement reception for Rev. Teresa Markins on May 29, 2026, from 6-8pm at Creekside Golf Course, 400 Royal Birkdale Drive Lavalette, WV 25535. This is a drop-in reception—come any time between 6-8pm. Dessert and refreshments will be served. If you are unable to attend but would like to send a card, please mail to our son's address: Rev. Teresa Markins 3215 Orchard Drive Huntington, WV 25701. We look forward to celebrating Teresa's ministry together.

Immediately after worship on Sunday, May 31 there will be a special Charge Conference to vote on the new salary sheet for Rev. Nancy White.

There will be a covered dish dinner to show our love and appreciation for Pastor Jarrod, Breana and Ella on Sunday, June 7 following church.

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to Pastor Nancy, Roy, and Liam as they prepare for their transition to our congregation. We'd encourage you to send cards of welcome to her at:

Rev. Nancy White
10 Marty Lane
Saint Albans, WV 25177

The altar flowers today are to wish Mike Painter a happy birthday as he begins his last year as a 70-something. Given by Betty Painter

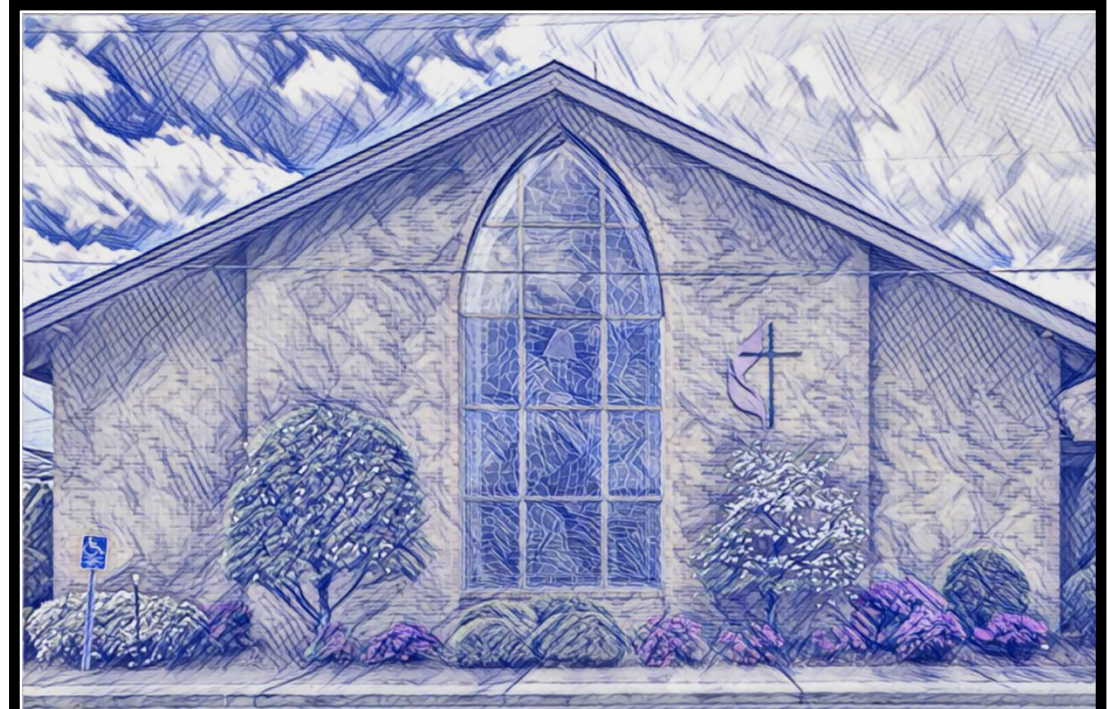
Our worship participants next Sunday, May 24, Liturgist: Ben Davis;
Children's Sermon: Lisa Spradling; Ushers: John Fisher, Lynn Thornton & Keith Southall;
Fellowship Time Host: Bruce & Judy Wilson

DUMC FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT+

Last Week's Offering Total: \$2,826.08
Weekly Offering Goal for Budget: \$4,654
Current Apportionment Payout: \$8,163
Annual Apportioned Amount: \$48,896
Payout Percentage: 17%

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday through Friday at noon - Women's exercise
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am - Low Impact Exercise Class, Gymnasium
Wednesdays at 7pm - Choir Practice, Sanctuary



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