



Dunbar United Methodist Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 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 Dee Price-Childers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this day to worship!
But we bring with us heavy burdens which weigh us down
We gather this day to praise God!
But our hearts ache inside us and we feel we can go no further
Come all who are burdened and who feel weighed down. Come to Jesus.
Lord Jesus, take our burdens and heal our spirits. Amen

*OPENING HYMN “ I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord ” UMH#617

CHILDREN’S SERMON Ben Davis

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.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

PRAISE CHORUS “ What a Mighty God We Serve“

SERMON Rev. Lauren Godwin

HOLY COMMUNION UMH#7

Invitation
Prayer of Confession and Pardon
Passing the Peace of Christ
Song of Preparation “Come to Table of Grace”
Offering
Offertory
*Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH#94
*Taking the Bread and Cup
*The Great Thanksgiving
Receiving the Bread and Cup

*CLOSING HYMN “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” TFWS#2036

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lauren Godwin

*POSTLUDE

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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The call to worship was written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, UM Discipleship Ministries (adapted)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dunbar Institute Samaritan Center Food Pantry Focus for September is Saltine Crackers. Donations are collected in the narthex at the Ministry Center.

Today we welcome Rev. Lauren Godwin to share in worship. She is our Nine Rivers Superintendent. Lauren has daughter, Nora, who is in first grade. Please make them feel welcome.

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.

Pastor Nancy is leading a 10-week Study on the Parables of Jesus that meets each Wednesday through November 4. Options are to gather at St. Paul UMC in So Charleston at 11AM or at Dunbar UMC at 6pm.

Men’s Breakfast is on September 12 at 8:30am. All men are welcome.

Dunbar United Methodist Women will be hosting a yard sale and bake sale on Saturday, September 12th, 9-1. A spot on the parking lot will be \$10.00. So, save your treasures and come have some fun. Contact Christy Chambers at 304-543-2386 or the church office at 304-768-4872.

On Sunday, September 13 we will join with our Presbyterian friends for the annual outdoor worship service at 10:45AM. It will be a wonderful time of worship, followed by the potluck luncheon here at DUMC. The speaker will be Sarah Sanderson-Doughty, the Connectional Presbyter for the Presbytery of West Virginia. Bring a chair or blanket for outside. Bring a dish or two to share at the table.

In addition to the offering opportunity for each church, we also invite you to consider bringing your loose change for a special Noisy Offering that will support the efforts of Dunbar Presbyterian to feed our neighbors. We will collect the change in special ‘cans’ so that we make a joyful noise as we give to this project. And remember that paper money just make a different noise.

Fellowship time: If you would like to sign up to bring and serve during fellowship time please sign up on the door outside the office. There are two individuals who have offered to donate money to help with the fellowship time.

Our worship participants next Sunday, September 13, Liturgist: No liturgist needed;
Children’s Sermon: Pastor Nancy; Ushers: John Fisher, Terry Boswell, Keith Southall;
Fellowship Time Host: Outdoor service no fellowship time.
Contact Information for Pastor Nancy White 304-549-0496

DUMC FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Last Week’s Offering Total:
\$4,669
Weekly Offering Goal for Budget: \$4,654
Current Apportionment Payout: \$14,277
Annual Apportioned Amount: \$48,896
Payout Percentage:29%

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am - Low Impact Exercise Class, Gymnasium
Monday – Friday at 12:00pm – women’s exercise group, Gymnasium
Wednesday at 6pm Bible Study in the Library

Scan here
to give
online!



Wednesdays at 7pm - Choir Practice, Sanctuary



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