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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Immigration Storytelling Roundtable: **September 13,** **9:15 a.m.**

All youth and adults are invited and encouraged to come participate in the Immigration Storytelling Roundtable on Sunday, September 13, from 9:15 - 10:20 a.m. in Great Hall at DAUMC.

New Member Meet-up: **September 20, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.**

Come learn more about our wonderful church, what it means to be a member, meet new folks in our church family, and enjoy some tasty coffee, tea and snacks. Nursery care is available, and we will meet in Great Hall (lower level of DAUMC facility).

WIBL 10th Anniversary Celebration: **September 20**

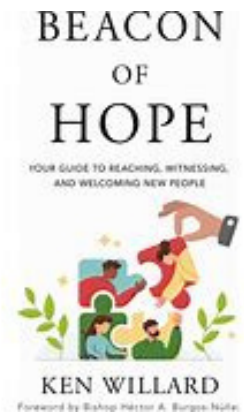
With special testimonies, videos, music and the message brought by Rev. Margaret Ann Jessup, you will want to be a part of this important milestone at both 8:15 and 10:30 Worship. AND exclusive tours of their new facility for our DAUMC family will be available

Be a Beacon of Hope

Through the early fall, Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church will intentionally engage how to empower our ministries by embracing the call to reach out, connect, invite and warmly welcome new people into the life of the church. The spiritual practices of Connection and Hospitality are deeply embedded in our Core Values as a church, and are a source of hope, energy and joy! Join with your DAUMC family as we lean into this season of hospitality, to truly live as "Beacons of Hope." Here's how:

Our pastors and guest preachers will lead us in worship as we pray, celebrate, proclaim, and practice radical hospitality. You won't want to miss a single weekend, whether you participate online or in the sanctuary!

Reading a book is great. Getting together with a small group for discussion, learning and prayer is AWESOME! You are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities to learn and connect. See [page 6](#) for the many Book Groups available to study "Beacon of Hope" together!



DAUMC Rummage Sale Recap

The **2026 Rummage Sale** was a success. The rummage sale leaders would like to say a big "thank you" to the more than 40 people who helped make the rummage sale happen. Whether you helped with planning, advertising, pricing, sorting, cashiering, baking, or any other aspect – we couldn't do it without you!

While we did have a smaller sale than we have had in past years, we still sold a lot of stuff and met our goals of:

- Providing a place for community members to get nice items for cheap prices
- Helping to reduce landfill waste by allowing used items to find new homes
- Connecting with community members that may not otherwise walk through our church doors
- Fostering fellowship among the DAUMC members, friends, and family that spend a lot of time and energy putting on a great event
- Raising money to support the ministries of DAUMC

We also would like to say "thank you" to anyone who shopped at the rummage sale. In total, we raised over \$8,000 which will go towards the ministries of DAUMC. If you would like to be involved in the 2027 Rummage Sale, watch for information next Spring!

Children & Youth Ministry



Picture from Youth
Mission Trip to Mountain
T.O.P. Summer 2026

Youth Group Fall Kick-Off Pool Party

Sunday, September 13, 4:00–7:00 p.m.

ALL youth entering sixth grade through high school are invited, encouraged, welcomed, and wanted to be a part of this overwhelmingly inclusive, fun, service-oriented, faith-growing group. So, PLEASE come to the Pool Party!!! Bring a friend, and let's play, eat, and get to know each other as we kick off the new year of Youth Group! Don't hesitate to contact Lauri Clemmer at lauri.clemmer@gmail.com or through the church office at (217) 546-4631 for more information and directions.

AND, note this **NEW DATE** for the Youth Group Lock-in: Friday, November 6 to Saturday, November 7.

DAUMC Table at Compass for Kids Back-to-School Brunch:

September 19, Erin's Pavilion

Come support Compass for Kids while sharing in a delicious meal, shopping at the Compass Marketplace, hearing exciting Compass updates and success stories, and more.

We have a DAUMC Table and have tickets available for \$45 each. **Reserve your spot(s) at the DAUMC table ASAP through the DAUMC Office, 217-546-4631, daumc@douglasavenue.org.** If we fill-up one table, we will get tickets for a second table so don't be shy!



Children/Youth Bible Sunday!

Sunday, September 27, 8:15 & 10:30 Worship

Learning and growing in faith through individual and group Bible reading, study and prayer is an important way that we love and follow Jesus. *And we LOVE to give Bibles to people of all ages at Douglas Avenue UMC! On Bible Sunday, we will give a Bible to all children in grades 3 through 5, and youth (6th – 12th grade) that have not yet received one.*



Please sign-up now to receive Bibles: <https://forms.gle/cz4xjUbLT6Vt8gNS6>. If you have questions, reach out to Lauri Clemmer, or our Pastors in the DAUMC Office, 217-546-4631.



Souper Sunday Chili/Soup Cook-Off on October 18

Back by popular demand, the DAUMC Youth Group invites YOU to the Souper Sunday Chili & Soup Cook-Off Supper on Sunday, October 18 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of Douglas Avenue UMC. Your entry includes a tasting of each chili/soup and voting, one bowl of chili/soup of your choice (while supplies last), along with chili/soup fixings, dessert and drink. All proceeds benefit the DAUMC Youth Mission Trip to Mountain TOP. Mark your calendar now, invite your friends and family, and come enjoy a great meal with this fun DAUMC tradition. Watch for more details about entry price, optional entrees, and prizes for the cook-off!

Chili/Soup Entries for Cook-Off

It's time to start plotting and planning your most fabulous and delicious chili or soup to enter in the Souper Sunday Chili & Soup Cook-Off Supper! Your participation and gift of chili/soup will support the DAUMC Youth Group Mission Trip to Mountain TOP. Participants provide at least 1 gallon of chili or soup, and registration will be available in late September.

Announcements & Celebrations

New DAUMC Website is LIVE!

If you haven't seen our new website, head over there now to get familiar with the new layout and features—all still housed at: www.douglasavenue.org!

Our staff & team have been working closely this summer to update and design our new website, so that we can easily and accessibly share more about our events, ministries, programming, and ways to give generously.

Please reach out to the DAUMC Office, 217-546-4631 or daumc@douglasavenue.org, if you have any questions!



United
Women
in Faith

Memorial Service

**Sunday, September 20,
4:30 p.m.**

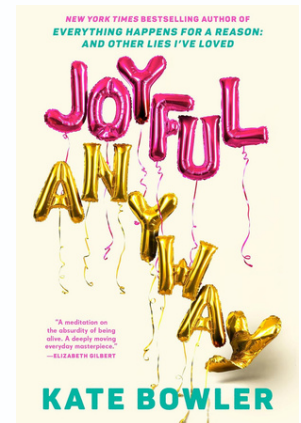
The United Women in Faith will be hosting a Memorial Service on **Sunday, September 20th at 4:30pm in Great Hall**. Our unit has experienced a loss of women who were an example of faith and great works: Sara Ratterree, Helen Landreth, Rosemarie Stoelting, and Ruth Hoefs. This will allow healing for those on Earth, while our friends are dancing in Heaven. We will start with a service and have dinner around 5:30. Everyone is invited to attend.

Field Notes Group – The Universal Christ

The Field Notes Group will continue reading and discussing Richard Rohr's *The Universal Christ*, picking up with Part 2 of the book. We will begin meeting in the downstairs round room as well! Join us for discussion, community, and service together. **Contact: Cindy Arnold,**
cindymarnold@gmail.com

Sunday Morning Book Club reading “Joyful, Anyway”

Sunday Morning Book Club is now reading “Joyful Anyway” by Kate Bowler. Jerry Seinfeld is quoted saying “Joyful, Anyway is colorful and layered, unafraid of the occasional gut-punch of raw feeling and vulnerability—much like Kate Bowler herself. She suffers no fools, especially the toxic optimists.” Sunday Morning Book Club meets every Sunday morning in Rm. 102, Education Wing. **Contact Justine Dion at jedion8@gmail.com for more information.**



Cookie Walk Baking Days

Mark your calendars for the 36th annual DAUMC Cookie Walk. This year's Cookie Walk will take place on **Saturday, December 12 from 8:00 am til noon in Great Hall**. The DAUMC cookie walk is known for having a wide variety of cookies, candy, and other holiday treats.

In order to prepare for this big event, we will be having two baking days this fall. On **Sunday, October 11** and **Sunday, October 25 from 1-4pm** we will be baking cut-out sugar cookies in the church kitchen. We want to make as many cookies as we can! Anyone who wants to help bake is welcome to attend. All ingredients will be provided. The cookies will go in the freezer until the cookie walk.

Please let **Justine Dion** know if you are planning to attend the baking days, so we can plan accordingly. **Email jedion8@gmail.com or call/text 309-840-3652.**

More details about how to get involved with the cookie walk will be announced in November. All proceeds from the cookie walk help to support local missions.

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Update from the Health & Safety Task Force

In the past year the Health and Safety Task Force worked to address various issues designed to keep church members and visitors to our facility safe and secure. To this end, three outdoor video cameras have been installed, in addition to the eight cameras installed in 2025.

The Task Force also established two “safety resource areas.” The first is located between the office and the round room on the main floor where the AED is located. A second cabinet has been installed and will contain a first aid kit, Narcan, stop the bleed kits, flashlight, a hand cranked weather radio, and other items as needed. A second AED and first aid cabinet is located on the wall between the doors to the Great Hall and the hallway to the kitchen on the lower level of the church. Fire extinguishers were added next to these cabinets to complete the “safety resource areas.”

The Task Force is developing diagrams that will include emergency evacuation routes, storm shelter areas, and the location of the safety resource areas. The diagrams will be placed in offices, classrooms, and other public areas. The Task Force can also schedule CPR, defibrillator and basic First Aid training for staff and church members interested in acquiring these skills.

Finally, the Task Force developed a comprehensive church safety plan that addresses a variety of safety issues. A copy of the plan is in the church office.

–Randy Burge

Upcoming United Women of Faith Meetings:

Interested in joining? United Women in Faith is a powerful, fearless force of women driven by God’s love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children, and youth, we act for justice and transform communities. DAUMC has had a strong tradition of faith, mission, and action with United Women in Faith. Join us for missions, devotions, and sisterhood! **For more information, contact Jill Gordon at jill.gordon16@gmail.com or 217-494-9450.**

Note from the Administrative Council:

Hallelujah! Our DAUMC leaders and committies have continued their hard work of following God’s leading in our church community, neighborhood, and city. For several years, we have been following the plan set out by our Strategic Planning Committee in 2023. This fall we will update that plan to take us further into the future and God’s adventures in both our Douglas Avenue neighborhood and the Sherman/North Springfield neighborhoods!

–Cindy Arnold, Ad Council Chair

Chancel Choir Returns: Thursday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir is set to begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 10 at 6:30pm! All are welcome to join us in this fun ensemble! The choir sings twice a month at the 10:30am Sunday service, and we provide a variety of musical styles to enhance the service. We practice every Thursday from 6:30-7:30pm. Please consider joining us if you like to sing! **If you have any questions, please contact Bekah Philbrick at oboe00@yahoo.com or 217-415-3023.**

“Faith and Faithfulness” Zephyr Class, September 2026

Starting **Sunday, September 6**, the Zephyr Class will begin a new *Adult Bible Studies* series, called “Faith and Faithfulness.” In Unit 1, we will focus on “faithful living” with guiding scriptures from the Book of Hebrews. If you are interested in joining, there are extra books available! Contact the DAUMC Office to learn more.

Interested in sharing Special Music?

Anyone that would like to provide special music (instrumental and/or vocal), we would love to have you! Please reach out to Bekah if interested in this opportunity to set up a date. (oboe00@yahoo.com OR 217-415-3023)

Announcements & Celebrations

A Message from the Trustees:

Dear Congregation,

I would like to thank you for the trust you have placed in the Trustees as stewards for the maintenance and upkeep of this beautiful church. That being said, DAUMC is an older building now that has multiple projects to be considered. Over the last year, you may have noticed that we have been especially busy with many planned (and unplanned) improvements and repairs in the church. We'd like to present a comprehensive list of the projects we have completed in the last year.

We started the fiscal year by updating the key registry and assigning or retrieving keys as needed. Unfortunately, our main kitchen refrigerator broke and had to be replaced. The overhead fan for the balcony stopped working and was replaced in September. It was discovered that the front sign for our church had electrical issues and had to be retrofitted with new lighting. Subsequently, the sign had to be serviced a second time when the LEDs failed. We have older heating and cooling systems and while they are serviced regularly, they have had part failures several times and needed emergency repairs.

We successfully replaced carpet in the nursery, Children's ministry office, and several carpet squares that had stains on them. The Trustees worked with the Health and Safety subcommittee, and at their recommendation, we added 3 additional security cameras and several pieces of safety equipment for the facility.

We had Anything Goes remove several large or difficult to dispose of items, such as the stadium seating in the balcony, the flower refrigerator behind the stage, the kitchenette in the chapel, and the vanity in room 101. We also worked with Abby Bussey, and we replaced the sound system for the sanctuary. The main parking lot potholes have been patched. With WIBL relocating across the street, Temple Israel needed a temporary worship space and office. They are sharing classrooms 101 and 102 until their new facility is ready for them in the fall.

Ongoing projects include:

- Repainting Great Hall and the foyer around Great Hall as well as the bottom part of the ramp
- Working with Green View for landscaping and cleanup of the grounds
- Getting the correct insurance for the church
- Replacing the projector in the sanctuary with television screens
- Replacing Evacuation lights
- Updating the Building Use Agreement
- Connecting the new vanities for the Chapel and Room 101 to the plumbing system
- Find and install a new cabinet for the MicroPantry
- MASCO hours of operation and assigned duties
- Purchase a new stove for the kitchen

If you have any questions or concerns about the church buildings or projects the Trustees are working on, please feel free to reach out to anyone on the Board of Trustees. Current members include: Tricia Kulmacz, Allie Samaniego, Ed Sims, Dave Chesko, Jill Gordon, and Mark Schmidt. The Trustees meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00 P.M., usually on Zoom. All are welcome to attend the meetings.

Blessings to you all, Allison Samaniego

P.S. If YOU or anyone you know are interested in keeping the church standing firmly on its foundation with a solid roof overhead; or want to have a say in what brands of equipment we purchase for the church...the Trustees are looking for new members!

Ministry & Events

Beacon of Hope Book Groups**Online Book Study – Thursdays, Sept 3-24**

Join Curtis Brown and DS Sara Isbell in reading and discussing "Beacon of Hope: Your Guide to Reaching, Witnessing, and Welcoming New People" by Ken Willard. Sara and Curtis will invite participants into a lively online conversation as they draw on their different experiences as pastors and church leaders. Join in the discussion on Thursdays, September 3-24 at 4:00 p.m. with folks throughout the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. Register here: <https://igrc-reg.brapp.com/BeaconofHopeBookDiscussion>

Tuesday Morning Bible Study – Tuesdays, beginning Sept 8

Or join in lively discussion and prayer with Tuesday Morning Bible Study, meeting at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Please contact Kiernan in the DAUMC Office for the Zoom Link, daumc@douglasavenue.org, 217-546-4631.

"Beacon of Hope" Live – Mondays, Sept 21, 28 & Oct 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Or meet-up with Pastor Meredith and Pastor Squire for these three sessions of lively discussion, prayer and snacks. We're going to meet at Pease's at Bunn Gourmet, 2941 Plaza Dr., Springfield.

Let us know you'll be joining in with an RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/qdAZW2VWf9jgrtVXA>.

**New Member Meet-Up
Sunday, September 20, 9:15-10:15**

Are you interested in becoming a member of Douglas Avenue UMC? Come learn more about our wonderful church, what it means to be a member, meet new folks in our church family, and enjoy some tasty coffee, tea and snacks. Nursery care is available, and we will meet in Great Hall (lower level of DAUMC facility). Please RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/XXdebT1Dg1HuP1RM7>. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Meredith, revmeredithmbrown@gmail.com, or Kiernan in the DAUMC Office, 217-546-4631.

**Mark Your Calendars:
Hanging of the Greens
Tuesday, December 1**

Join us for a Potluck Pizza Party while we decorate the church for the Christmas season!

**All-Ages Fall Fun Day @ Pumpkin Creek Farms
Saturday, October 3**

Everyone is invited for an All-Ages Pumpkin Patch Play Date at Pumpkin Creek Farms, Sherman, IL on Saturday, October 3, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.! At Pumpkin Creek Farms, you can make your own candles, climb up the haystack mountain, get lost in the corn maze, play in the crazy corn bin, and MORE!! Activity wristbands will be provided for all kids. Please join us for Apple Cider donuts, Food, & Fun! More to come soon...

**Central District Church Conference
Sunday, October 26, 4:30 p.m.**

The Central District Church Conference is officially called and set for Sunday, October 26 at 4:30 p.m. at Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church! We will be joined by several other United Methodist Churches in our area, and members of DAUMC are welcome to attend and vote. At this Church Conference, we will approve Pastor Meredith's and Pastor Squire's compensation for 2027 (which will be approved in advance by the DAUMC Staff Parish Relations Committee and Finance Committee) and vote to continue our Lay Servant Leader, Cindy Arnold. These votes need to be overseen by our District Superintendent, Rev. Jessica Baldyga. Nursery care will be provided along with our famous DAUMC hospitality!

It is our honor to host this Church Conference, and we are looking for volunteers to help with hospitality including greeters, ushers, snack providers, set-up and clean-up. Please let us know how you can help here: <https://forms.gle/yKh9kUSD3BTfCSrc7>.

Questions? Please contact our pastors in the DAUMC office. Thank you!

Trunk or Treat**Saturday, October 31, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

DAUMC's annual fall community outreach event is a Trunk or Treat Celebration set for Saturday, October 31 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Decorated car/van/truck trunks and tables will provide lots of candy, fun, and a DAUMC treat bag. This is a well-loved community event where we are able to celebrate and have fun with our neighbors, so mark your calendar now so you don't miss it!



DAUMC Fall Events Calendar

September 2026

- **September 5:** Men's Group Breakfast
- **September 6:** Strategic Planning Ad Council 2.0 (Great Hall)
- **September 10:** WIBL Fall Festival (Be Lovely Boutique)
- **September 11:** PB&J Sandwich Making (Great Hall)
- **September 13:** Youth Group Kick-off Fall Swim Party (Clemmer's House)
- **September 14:** UWF Unit Meeting (Round Room)
- **September 17:** Dubois Club Compass Resumes
- **September 19:** Compass for Kids Back to School Brunch (Erin's Pavilion)
- **September 20:** WIBL Celebration & Blessing (during/after Worship) & UWF Event (Great Hall)
- **September 27:** Bible Sunday!

October 2026

- **October 3:** Men's Group Breakfast (Parkway Cafe) & All Ages Fall Fun Day (Pumpkin Creek Farm)
- **October 9:** PB&J Sandwich Making (Great Hall)
- **October 10:** Beacon of Hope Workshop (Sanctuary)
- **October 11:** Youth Group Lock-In (DAUMC)
- **October 18:** UWF Unit Meeting - Baked Potato Bar (Round Room) & Chili / Soup Cook-off Youth Fundraiser (Great Hall)
- **October 25:** DAUMC Hosts Central District Charge Conference
- **October 31:** Community Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot of DAUMC)

November 2026

- **November 1:** All Saints Day Celebration
- **November 7:** Men's Group Breakfast (Parkway Cafe)
- **November 15:** UWF Unit Meeting (Round Room)
- **November 26 & 27:** DAUMC Office Closed

December 2026

- **December 1:** Hanging of the Greens (DAUMC)
- **December 5:** Men's Group Breakfast (Parkway Cafe)
- **December 11:** PB&J Sandwich Making (Great Hall)
- **December 12:** Cookie Walk
- **December 21:** Longest Night Service
- **December 24:** Christmas Eve Services (4:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.)
- **December 25:** *Merry Christmas!*

Sunday Morning Worship

- 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Nursery Care available, 8:00 - 11:45 a.m.
- Wiggler/Crawler space (with livestream) is open for all worship services
- Online Worship livestreamed on Facebook and available on YouTube later in the day and forever after!

Sunday Morning Groups for All Ages

- **9:15 a.m. Fuel-UP!** Snacks & Beverages available in the Great Hall

For Children & Youth

- 9:30 a.m. KidConnection Sunday School (Rm. 104) Snack, craft, games, and music.
- 9:30 a.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Group (Rm. 201) Donuts, discussion, games, study, and prayer.
- 10:30 a.m. KidVenture Sunday School, begin in worship, head out after Small Talk, back to worship

For Adults

- 9:15 a.m. Zephyr Class (Rm. 101/Zoom) Using *Adult Bible Studies Fall 2026*
- 9:30 a.m. Field Notes (Round Room) *Reading The Universal Christ Pt. 2 by Richard Rohr*
- 9:30 a.m. CrossConnections (Wiggler/Crawler) Conversation/reflection on the Sunday Scripture
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Book Club (Rm. 102) *Reading Joyful, Anyway by Kate Bowler*
- 9:30 a.m. Spiritual Seekers Class (Shepherd Hall)



DAUMC During the Week

- Play/Pray Group, Wed @ 9:30 a.m. (DAUMC) Playtime for littles, devotional/conversation/support for adults
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m. (online)
- Coffee Hour With Women of Power, Wed @ 9:15 a.m. (online)
- Men's Group Breakfast, 1st Sat @ 7:30 a.m. (local restaurant)
- Vital Conversations on Race, 4th Mon @ 6:30p.m. (online)

Generosity

Your financial giving supports the ministries and missions of Douglas Avenue UMC. Thank you for all the ways you give! Online giving is available at douglasavenue.org or this QR code:



DAUMC Staff & Ministry Leaders

Rev. Meredith Manning Brown – Lead Pastor

Rev. Squire D. Prince – Associate Pastor

Abigail Bussey – Worship Technology Director

Lauri Clemmer – Children & Youth Ministry Director

Bekah Philbrick – Music Director

Heather Southwell – Handbell Director

Janet Schmidt - Organist/Accompanist

Leia Philbrick – Childcare Coordinator

Kiernan Steiner – Office Administrator

DAUMC Office Hours:

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Questions?

daumc@douglasavenue.org



Connect and Serve in the Neighborhood!

MicroPantry • Local Schools • Voter Registration/Mobilization

We love our neighbors and neighborhood, and DAUMC seeks to be an excellent community partner, supporting health, wholeness, justice and connection in this place. Your Mission Committee is working on building even deeper relationships with our neighbors and community partners. Here are just a few ways you can be a part:

MicroPantry Update & September Challenge

The DAUMC MicroPantry is truly a neighborhood hub, with a bunch of community members placing food and items in the MicroPantry every day, and a bunch of community members taking what they need every day! Your DAUMC Mission Committee organizes our church family to back-it-up with a regular placement of items as well. With the continuing rise in food costs, our MicroPantry continues to see an increase in use, and we continue to ask folks what they most need. So, the Mission Committee is proud to present the "September MicroPantry Challenge" (drumroll, please.....):

A Plethora of Peanut Butter & A Mountain of Mac-n-Cheese CUPS (the cups that only need water and go directly in the microwave)

The challenge is issued, and you know what to do: bring in your donations of peanut butter and mac-n-cheese CUPS, or any non-perishable food items. You can place them in the boxes at the facility entrances on Sunday, or during the week during office hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.), or during your meetings and rehearsals. You can also make a financial donation, and our thrifty DAUMC shoppers will make that donation go a loooooong way. Just put "MicroPantry" on your giving envelope, or in the memo of your check, or choose MicroPantry when donating online. Thank you for your faithful support in donating items and money!



Support Dubois Club Compass

Dubois Club Compass was the very first program of Compass for Kids when it was founded 12 years ago by Molly Berendt-Grogan and DAUMC. We encourage you to read the full article about Dubois Club Compass to learn more about how you can volunteer and support this life-changing ministry. Reserve a ticket at the DAUMC table for the Compass Back-to-School Brunch on September 19 (see article). Please pray especially for our Dubois Club Compass in the new school year: the children and families, Michael Natty (site director), the volunteers, and all of the Compass for Kids Staff.

Local Schools & Cleaning/Hygiene Items

We have long-time relationships with Dubois and Graham Elementary Schools, and Grant Middle School. As the school year ramps up, we are connecting right now with their new FACE Coordinators (Family and Community Engagement). We invite you to pray for our schools: teachers, staff, administration, students, and families; and, we invite you to donate items that we know they need at the beginning of the school year, in the classrooms and for individual students: tissue boxes, cleaning wipes (like Clorox), baby wipes, hand sanitizer, and DEODORANT. Place these in the boxes at the facility entrances, and watch for more information coming soon about connecting with our local schools!

It's Time for Voter Registration, Education and Mobilization!

DAUMC is a member organization of Faith Coalition for the Common Good (FCCG) - a coalition of faith communities, community organizations, and individuals working together to promote racial equity, civic engagement, a fair economy, and participatory decision-making.

Through the determination, resilience, and collective power of Springfield community members, leaders, and member organizations, the Springfield Safe Homes Petition Drive resulted in getting the referendum question of landlord licensing, registration, and inspections on the November 2026 ballot. Springfield residents can express their opinion on policies designed to promote safe, healthy housing throughout our community. Hallelujah!

Now it is time to build a powerful, people-centered movement to educate, engage, and mobilize community members to head to the polls in November! DAUMC will serve as a hub in our neighborhood for these efforts over the next two months - voter registration, canvassing, phone banking, etc. - and YOU can be a part of this people-power movement. Please let us know your interest here - <https://forms.gle/z212rBHH9xMzMZr69>

2026 DAUMC Summer Highlights

