



JANUARY 2020 EDITION

MEET THE DUMC TEAM

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*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation
has come. The old has gone, the new is here!*

2 Corinthians 5:7

A LETTER FROM YOUR LEAD PASTOR



Dear Friends,

Do you anticipate a new beginning with the new year, or in your heart of hearts, do you believe it will be more of the same old, same old?

Sometimes we need a new start, don't we?

A large percentage of Americans begin a new diet at the first of the year, with resolution to do better this year than last. Some of us make it to February before we crash and burn. Others of us stick with it and life changes. The new year is a great time to begin that reading plan (I highly recommend the One Year Bible!) that will fill our minds and hearts with Scripture. Sticking with that one jump starts our spiritual lives. New beginnings can be exciting, and daunting, can't they?

There are things in life that ought to remain constant. Our commitment to holiness of heart and life is one of those things. Growing to be more like Jesus is another. Living with integrity, having what we say and what we do be the same thing, and being true to the moral and ethical convictions laid down for us in Scripture is still another. Staying focused on our Vision as a church is another constant that requires dedication (and re-dedication) to keep at it!

In January, we will start the year with a three-week worship series on "2020 Vision." Then, the last Sunday of January will be a Bring a Friend Sunday, as we reach out to family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and fellow students to invite them to come be part of this loving community and find (or renew) a deep relationship with Jesus. Here's the January overview:

- Jan 5: Holy Communion & "Deeper Intimacy" (Know Christ)
- Jan 12: "Deeper Integrity" (Grow Faith)
- Jan 19: "Deeper Influence" (Go Witness)
- Jan 26: "Good News!" (Bring-a-Friend Sunday)

Let's begin the new year as a church family renewing our commitment to Know Christ, Grow Faith and Go Witness. And let's pray for and invite others to come to Church and come to Jesus! That's one same old, same old I believe bears remaining constant! How about you?

All for Him,
Pastor Mike



A LETTER FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER

Hello Church Family,

A couple positive and quick stewardship updates:

We applied for and received a \$2,000 Community Grant to fight hunger from Wal-Mart this month. It's already deposited to our food truck fund for 2020! We changed our business checking account type and added an interest earning checking account which will offset fees and save our church around \$2,400 per year in bank service charges! LED lighting has been approved, purchased and will be installed in approximately 2 weeks for all building exterior lights to save \$ on energy (we would have been completed sooner but our electrical contractor has been busy). We are also looking to go to LED on parking lot lights in 2020 as budget allows.

Special shout out and HUGE THANK YOU to those helping in our Prayer & Repair efforts! We'd love to see everyone at the next one - 8am – Noon on Saturday January 18th. Men, women and teens are welcome!

I sincerely appreciate everyone's support and suggestions.

Everyone have a wonderful start to the New Year!

Peace and Blessings,

Matt Bowers
Business Manager

AN ENCOURAGEMENT PRIMER

Encouragement is vital and powerful yet amazingly simple. Look kids in the eyes and talk to them on their level. Reach out and touch them gently. Call children by name lovingly—not just when they’re in trouble! Listen carefully and be willing to learn. Accentuate the positive. Be generous with praise. Compliment frequently, sincerely, and in public. Show interest in children’s hobbies. Give credit where credit is due. Give age-appropriate challenges. Ask, “How can I help?” Also work on your own self-worth; you can’t love and encourage others if you feel unloved, unlovable, or discouraged.

Fill ’er Up! Decorate a glass jar and place it in a special spot in your home. Cut patterned papers into strips, giving family members their own pattern. Starting January 1, fill the jar with love notes, Bible verses, quotes, and affirmations for each person. On Valentine’s Day, read the notes as a family. Carry on the tradition at regular intervals all year long to keep everyone’s “encouragement tanks” topped off.

“Acts” of Encouragement Beforehand, brainstorm situations where kids and adults might need encouragement (for example, taking a test, feeling sick, being new to a class or job). Write each one on a slip of paper. Then play Encouragement Charades. The person who picks a slip acts out that situation. The first person to guess it then acts out a way to offer encouragement. (Speaking is allowed for that part!)

Be a Barnabas Form pairs. Give each pair a book. Have one partner walk across a room and back with a book balanced on their head. Have the other partner walk along and offer encouragement. Then change roles. Afterward, ask: “How did it feel to have someone there all the time encouraging you?” Read aloud Acts 11:22-24. Ask: “What types of encouragement did Barnabas offer? What made him such a good encourager? What types of encouragement do you need most? In what ways can you encourage other people?”

God Uses You! Encourage family members by reminding them that God chooses and works through them. Say: “In the Bible, God chooses ordinary people for special tasks. David, a shepherd boy, defeated the giant Goliath and later became king. Mary, a teenage girl, became baby Jesus’ mother. Let’s see how God makes these choices.” Read aloud 1 Samuel 16:7. Ask: “What do you think God cares about? Why do you think God works through average, ordinary people? How does that encourage you to listen to and serve God?”

That’s Encouraging! Say: “Family members are special encouragers to one another, as we see in the Bible. When Mary hears she’s going to have baby Jesus, she visits her cousin Elizabeth.” Read aloud Luke 1:39-45. Ask: “How might Elizabeth have made Mary feel? What is it like when someone encourages you? What kinds of encouragement can we give each other?” Pray, asking God for help to encourage one another—especially family members

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POWERSOURCE

ASK JESUS:

1. To remind you to frequently encourage family members.
2. To bless you through the Bible, prayer, worship, and fellowship.
3. To provide people in your life who serve as encouragers, especially during tough times.



A LETTER FROM YOUR DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR

New Year's Resolutions

Dear Friends, do you ever wish you were closer to God than you are now? Do you ever feel like you are just drifting along in your faith, like a boat in the water with no engine or paddles, just aimlessly floating about? Do you long to go deeper into the presence of God? Well, stop wishing and let's make 2020 the year that we dive into all that God has for us! Let's stop saying, "We are too busy," or "If I can only find the time." We will never not be busy or ever have the time. We must make the time. We must actually put God time into our daily planners and schedule when we will seek Him. If not, it will not happen.

Let us make 2020 the year that we find a clear vision (pun intended) for our personal discipleship. Here at Dayton UMC we have a Discipleship Pathway to help give guidance as to how you can better become a disciple of Jesus Christ. The steps on the Discipleship Pathway include:

- 1) Connecting to Christ Class - This is a class that everyone is encouraged to take. It is a four week class that meets at 9:35 in Room 114 on Sundays. We talk about how to meaningfully study the Bible, pray, fast, and journal. Pastor Eric teaches this class.
- 2) Small Groups - We are not called to be Lone Ranger Christians. We are meant to live our faith together. We need each other to spur one another on in the faith. Everyone is encouraged to be involved in a small group to help them in their faith development. Talk to Pastor Eric about getting plug into a small group that best fits you.
- 3) The Great Banquet - Special retreats where we get away from the distractions of our normal life and intensely focus on our Savior for a few days is an incredible way to grow in our faith. The Great Banquet is a 72 hour retreat that occurs in March and October. Everyone is encouraged to put that in their schedule and to experience God like never before. Talk to Pastor Eric about signing up for one of these weekends.
- 4) Special Events - Throughout the year, Dayton UMC offers special events that can assist you in your faith development. (Some examples are GIC, seminars, guest speakers, etc.) Please look for these extra opportunities and plan on attending.
- 5 - 7) Serving - Part of growing closer to our Savior is beginning to serve others. The Discipleship Pathway recommends that we each find a place to serve 5) At Church, 6) In our Community, 7) and in Missions. There are many opportunities to serve according to your personal gifts, graces, and personality. Please, plan on jumping into service in 2020. If you are unsure of how to get started, please talk to Pastor Eric. He would love to help you find something that works for you.

So, this New Year's, let us resolve to make this the year that we completely surrender to God and to grow deeper in our faith than ever before. Let us stop floating aimlessly and begin a focused plan to make Jesus #1 in our heart and life.

Pastor Eric Schneider



Amazing Church family, please put January 12 on your calendar . We will be having a Starting Point Luncheon right after the 11:00 service that Sunday in the gym. We would love to have the whole church to participate. What is Starting Point? Starting Point has two purposes. 1) It is an opportunity for folks new to Dayton UMC to come, meet the church members and get some basic information about the church. There is a tour offered as well as an opportunity to have a family picture made. 2) It is an opportunity for the church to bond in fellowship. We share a carry-in meal together. Those that attend can give their testimony as to what led them to Dayton UMC and why they have stayed. So, we get to learn more about each other. The newcomers also get to hear our stories and then share their own.

So, please put Starting Point on your 2020 calendar, plan what food you are going to bring, and attend this wonderful fellowship meal. We need you to make it a great day. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Eric at 765-430-0072. Thanks.

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Do you ever wish you could go back and take advantage of opportunities that you missed? I want to tell you about an opportunity that you have before you right now. Our church subscribes to RightNow Media. This is a video library of over 20,000 videos. The videos are Bible Studies, Marriage Enrichment Studies, Men's Studies, Women's Studies, Leadership Training, Kids Videos and more! There is a wealth of discipleship opportunities available to you and it does not cost you a thing. Simply go to our website: www.daytonumc.org. Click on the Receive tab in the menu. Then choose RightNow Media. Simply register and start using. RightNow Media also has an app for your smartphone, so you can use it anywhere. Don't let this opportunity slip by you. Sign up for RightNow Media today. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Eric at 765-430-0072.

NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

TRINITY LIFE MINISTRY

Trinity Life Ministry is looking for servants to help with their family ministry. We need four to five people to help with set up and clean up on three Mondays. The dates are January 13, February 10, and March 9.

We also need a few people to prepare a meal in our church kitchen for the Monday we are serving. An example would be: lasagna, salad, garlic bread and a dessert. The Mission Team will pay for the food. The food can be left in the kitchen, and the set-up team can take it over.

Mission Team Leader Rachel Brandenburg will talk with the people who sign up, so they know exactly what to expect and what the specific responsibilities are. This would be a great opportunity for a small group to serve together!

If you would like to serve in any way with the Trinity Family Life Ministry, please stop by the Information Center in the lobby of the church to sign up.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

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THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed food in October. We were able to donate 79 lbs. to the Food Pantry in Lafayette. Our next collection will be in February. Also, many thanks to our members who worked at the Food Pantry. We served 46 families.

Nancy Pyatt & Rosalie Etter

Thank you so much for your generous donation of winter coats to Dayton Elementary. Many of our students in need will benefit from your kindness and love. Thank you for making Dayton a better, more loving place.

Dayton Elementary School

We are deeply grateful for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes you prayerfully packed and dropped off.
Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse

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