



# The Beacon

## October 2024

*The Newsletter of Duncan Memorial  
United Methodist Church*

*Our Mission: To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ and Share His Love*

October may be known for Fall Festivals, Pumpkin Spice, and candy, but did you know that there are also wonderful traditions and history found in the church during this important month? For starters, there are ties between Halloween celebrations and our All Saints day (feel free to ask me more about this, I am a bit of a history nerd.) Maybe lesser known, especially for Protestants, is that the beginning of the month celebrates the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Protestants don't often celebrate feast days of saints unless it involves heart shaped candy or leprechauns (St. Valentines & St. Patrick's), but I would argue this day is one worth recognizing.

St. Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant born at the turn of the 13th century. He became disillusioned with his life of wealth and privilege, literally stripping off his wealthy clothes and taking a simple cloak from the bishop to live a life of poverty. Francis is known for many things including his care for the poor and sick, however this month he is particularly celebrated as the patron saint of animals. This is because Francis saw every animal as a beloved creature of God and was known to even preach to the birds.

I have a particular affinity for St. Francis. Both of our kids' nursery had a woodland theme, including pictures and statues of St. Francis himself, always depicted with animals at his feet and on his shoulders. It is probably no wonder where my kids get there love for nature from.

On October 6th at 2 PM, in the spirit of St. Francis, we will have a blessing of the animals on the front lawn of the church. This is an opportunity for us to not only acknowledge and recognize our pets as loved creatures of God, but to actually participate in Worship with them. I invite you to bring you pet, and invite your neighbors and friends to do the same as we celebrate the work of God's creation.

Rev. Daniel Wray

## Scripture and Sermon Titles for October

### October 6th-World Communion Sunday-Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

*The Devil Went Down to Uz*

### October 13th -Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23: 2-9, 16-17

*Where is God?*

### October 20th- Laity Sunday-Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

*Scriptures and Sermon will be chosen by Chris Shipe who will be preaching this day.*

### October 27th -Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

*Who Do You Think You Are?*



We love getting to connect with our community at our monthly community meals. This month Berryville Presbyterian held the meal and served up a delicious dinner. Our own Duncan Memorial singers brought some beautiful entertainment to the meal with a few musical pieces. We hope you'll join us next month for a free meal and community connection!



A stirring hymn that has spirited us constantly into action over the years has been **STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS**. The following is a true story of its origin.

A great city-wide revival swept across Philadelphia in 1858, called "the work of God in Philadelphia". A powerful minister that participated was 29-year old Episcopalian, Dudley Tyng, who was known for his bold and uncompromising style.

In addition to pastoring his own church, Dudley began holding noonday services at the downtown YMCA. Great crowds came to hear his dynamic messages. On March 30, 1858, over 5,000 men gathered for a noon service to hear Rev. Tyng preach from the text "ye that are men, go and serve the Lord". Over 1,000 committed their lives to Christ. At one point, the preacher exclaimed; *"I must tell my Master's errand, and I would rather that this right arm were amputated at the trunk than that I should come short of my duty to you in delivering God's message"*.

In a chilling fulfillment of Tyng's commitment, the very next week he visited the country and watched the operation of a corn threshing machine in a barn. Tyng accidentally caught his loose sleeve between the cogs; his arm was lacerated severely with the main artery severed and the median nerve injured. As a result of the shock and a great loss of blood, the Rev. Dudley Tyng died.

On his death bed, when asked by a group of sorrowing friends and ministers for a final statement, he feebly whispered, "let us all stand up for Jesus". The next Sunday, Tyng's close friend and fellow pastor, Rev. George Duffield, preached his morning sermon as a tribute to his friend. He closed the sermon by reading a poem that he had just finished writing, inspired by the dying words of his esteemed friend:

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the Cross;  
lift high His royal banner - it must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry until vict'ry, his Army shall He lead  
'til every foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed!*

And another powerful hymn was born which still moves us to action to this day.



The Trustee Board has recently been made aware of more frequent incidences of water being left running in the kitchen bathroom sink. No reasonable explanation has been found for this issue.

Therefore, the Trustees have approved the locking of the kitchen bathroom door to protect and control water/sewer costs and prevent water damage should

flooding occur.

Utilization of the kitchen bathroom will be determined by the type and size of the activities occurring in the fellowship hall and access will be available if the activity warrants bathroom use.

Additionally, there have been more frequent incidences of church doors being left unlocked and unsecured for periods of time which may include overnight. This concern is currently being evaluated to find a workable solution. We ask the cooperation of everyone using the church building to insure that all church doors are locked and secured when leaving the building.

The Trustees appreciate the many multiple activities and events, whether they be church ministries or community related which take place at our church. The care and security of church property is of utmost importance and the responsibility of the trustee board. We ask the assistance of everyone to insure our church property is protected and secure.



The family of Nancy Hetzel is so grateful for all the support during her illness, for her services, and in the time since. The sanctuary was such a joyful setting. The fellowship meal was delicious and so appreciated. We felt surrounded by your love and caring spirit.

Pat Smith Johnson  
on behalf of Glen Hetzel and Nancy's children and their families



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God loves your pets too, so join us Oct 6th and bring those four footed, eight footed or no footed members of your family for a short service of praise and prayer. Mark your calendars now!

October 6th at 2 PM  
Duncan Memorial UMC, Front Lawn

# Blessing of the Animals



**Duncan hosted the food bank for September. Thanks to everyone who helped.**



- Oct 1 Bryce Anderson
- Oct 2 Renee Konopa
- Oct 3 Linda Burcham
- Oct 8 William Meyer
- Oct 10 Beverly Goode  
Rebekah McDonald
- Oct.14 Margie Cristian
- Oct 16 Celia Duncan
- Oct 17 Thomas Burton  
Bryce Cowsill
- Oct.20 Cinnamon Owens  
Kay Sell
- Oct 21 Leah Long  
Sara Mitchell  
David Wiedemer
- Oct 22 Letty Mallery
- Oct 23 Tom Owens
- Oct 25 Shirley Biagetti
- Oct 26 John Mallery
- Oct 27 Ed Gibson



The United Methodist Men and the Duncan Methodist Women will have a breakfast meeting on Saturday, October 5th @ 9:00 a.m.

They will then split-up for their business meetings.



**Duncan Memorial UMC**  
**Sunday October 27, 2023**  
**5:00-6:30 p.m.**

Please consider helping with our annual Trunk or Treat. This is a fun outreach event that attracts families from all across Clarke County! You can help by decorating your trunk and handing out candy. If you can hand out candy, please have your car at Duncan by 4:30 on Oct 29th. To sign up, or if you have any questions, reach out to Sheryl Reid 540-955-3446.





| In the Military                       | Our Members              | Family & Friends        |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Richard Harris                        | Linda Burcham            | John Allen              |
| John Peffer                           | Leona Cain               | John Wesley Allen       |
| Triston Timbrook                      | Karen Harris             | Katie Barsi             |
| Jared Tinsman                         | Jean Hinson              | Art Beamer              |
| Jessica Young                         | Jeanne Hudson            | Sherry Burton           |
|                                       | Debra Neises             | Charles "Larrie" Dillow |
|                                       | Jack Tinsman             | Wanda Dunn              |
|                                       | Tim Wilcox               | Ava Kilmer              |
|                                       |                          | Faith Kinney            |
| <b>Shut-ins</b>                       |                          | Toni O'Conner           |
| George Dellinger                      |                          | Donna Patterson         |
| *Audrey Hudson                        |                          | Lisa Perkins            |
| *Sam Legard                           | <b>Families Grieving</b> | Drew Pinilla            |
| *Cindy Morin                          |                          | Larry Rosenberry        |
| *Marilyn Olsen                        |                          | Gina Sutherland         |
|                                       |                          | Easton Tavenner         |
| *Nursing home or Assisted-living home |                          | Pat Wince               |

Please be in prayer for our church, our employees, our community, our state, our nation and one another. In times of peril, God's people have spent time in prayer and fasting to seek divine favor for healing.

**Our Website:**

**[www.dmumc.org](http://www.dmumc.org)**



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### **Pastors Appreciate Your Prayers**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, an observance that some clergy don't publicize. It's an ideal time to thank pastors for their dedication to God's people and the ministry. A written note, a card or even a free meal is a nice gesture of appreciation. But if you were to ask pastors what they'd like or what they need, most would probably reply, "Pray for me."

That's what the apostle Paul requested throughout his letters. To the church at Rome, he urged, "Join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

As you appreciate and encourage your pastors, remember them in your prayers. Then let them know you're doing so!