



Davis Street

"A Church For All People"

OUR VISION

"As the body of Christ, we seek to fulfill God's commands to love Him with all our hearts, and to love one another as He loves us."

OUR MISSION

"To reach out and connect with all people, making disciples of Jesus Christ."

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Warm New Year Greetings! As we begin 2019, I invite Davis Street UMC for an exciting fresh start or a new beginning in terms of re-committing of our lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and championing these three important aspects in our life together.

Focus on the Mission of God

The church is not about us! Rather, the church is about the mission of God to redeem a broken and a hurting world. Our driving force is to participate in God's action to the community and beyond. *"Where do we see God at work in and around Davis Street UMC and how do we participate to what God is already doing in our community?"* We are called to focus on the mission of God (mission-centric) to the community as embodied in our church mission statement: *"To reach out and connect with all people, making disciples of Jesus Christ."*

Embrace Disruptive Innovation

In the 18th century, John Wesley sought to renew the Church of England through disruptive spiritual practices and sacramental experience in churches. These new practices and experiences took place in bands (most often four people of the same gender and similar spiritual maturity), classes (12 or so people of mixed gender and spiritual maturity) and societies (40 or more people who came together to interpret Scripture, sing hymns, pray and share testimonies). All of these groups were often led by laity. And they proved to be disruptive innovation, as Methodism ultimately separated from Anglicanism in Great Britain and in the United States.

Therefore, disruptive innovation is critical for Davis Street UMC to accomplish its mission in the 21st century. We need to shift our default mindsets beyond the stereotypical congregation to envision new ways of gathering as God's people. We must explore the many ways in which this disruptive innovation can be a force for renewal, a sign of the Spirit's fresh wind blowing to offer revival and renewal for the church.

Be the Church for All People

When we focus on the mission of God and embrace disruptive innovations, we become more and more of "a church for all people". This means that we are becoming more and more of an inclusive community where all people are received with hospitality, find hope, experience God's Divine economy of abundance, and are transformed through Jesus Christ. We give our love and offer the saving, healing love of Jesus Christ to everyone, no matter who they are or what they have done.

As we serve in partnership with Sustainable Alamance and other community-based ministries, we are tangibly demonstrating God's love in practical and meaningful ways. We build trust by forming relationships of mutuality and accompaniment. We send the message that God cares deeply about who we are and is intimately involved with our daily struggles and victories.

As we look forward for this New Year, please join with me in praying together: *"Lord, as the New Year begins, we humbly come to You and ask for Your blessings. Thank you for Your mission and plans You have for us in this New Year. We pray that Your miracles will continue to break forth everyday at Davis Street and may we not be an obstacle along the way. We pray this in the strong Name of Jesus. Amen."*

Pastor Edgar

It's Here! The Caring People Ministry for Single Moms Begins January 10 at Davis Street



Thanks for continuing to pray for the January 10 launch of The Caring People ministry to single moms at Davis Street United Methodist Church! Group meetings will be held every Thursday, from 6-7:30 p.m. throughout the year except during public school vacation days, in the Conference Room. A meal is included with the weekly meeting, plus babysitting for single moms with children under age 14.

If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact Jane Brannock. First of all, we appreciate your prayer support as we seek God's wisdom and guidance in launching this new ministry. Financial donations to Davis Street UMC designated for The Caring People Ministry for Single Moms are also welcome. We will need some help with meals, substitute class teachers and babysitters, publicity, fundraising, and also ideas for the two or three "field trip" events we plan during the year for the single moms and their kids.

If you know of a single mom who might be interested in the group, please email jbrannock@nccumc.org or nancyk.cardwell@gmail.com with her name and contact information. More info on the program may be found at www.thecaringpeople.org. Our Bible study/care group marks the 43rd group started worldwide, utilizing The Caring People program, and we're the first group in the fifth state.

Brochures, fliers and business card-size invitations may be found in Hebrews area of the church foyer, if you'd like to help us get the word out. Please see Jane Brannock for more materials. Thanks for your enthusiastic and prayerful support. We're so excited to meet the new faces around the table and to see what God has in store for us with The Caring People outreach ministry.

Davis Street Family,



Our past year was full of big events for our teens. The Pilgrimage retreat, our monthly socials, the Fall discipleship lunch table challenge, the Youth and Young Adult Sunday, and a host of different Bible study series and teachings were among the list of exciting moments for our students. 2019 promises to be even bigger as we reach out to our local community and begin to expand our expression of hospitality to all the schools and locales of Burlington!

-John Wise, Director of Youth Ministry

Jan 5th from 5:00 to 8:00pm - "Larger Than Life Game Night,"

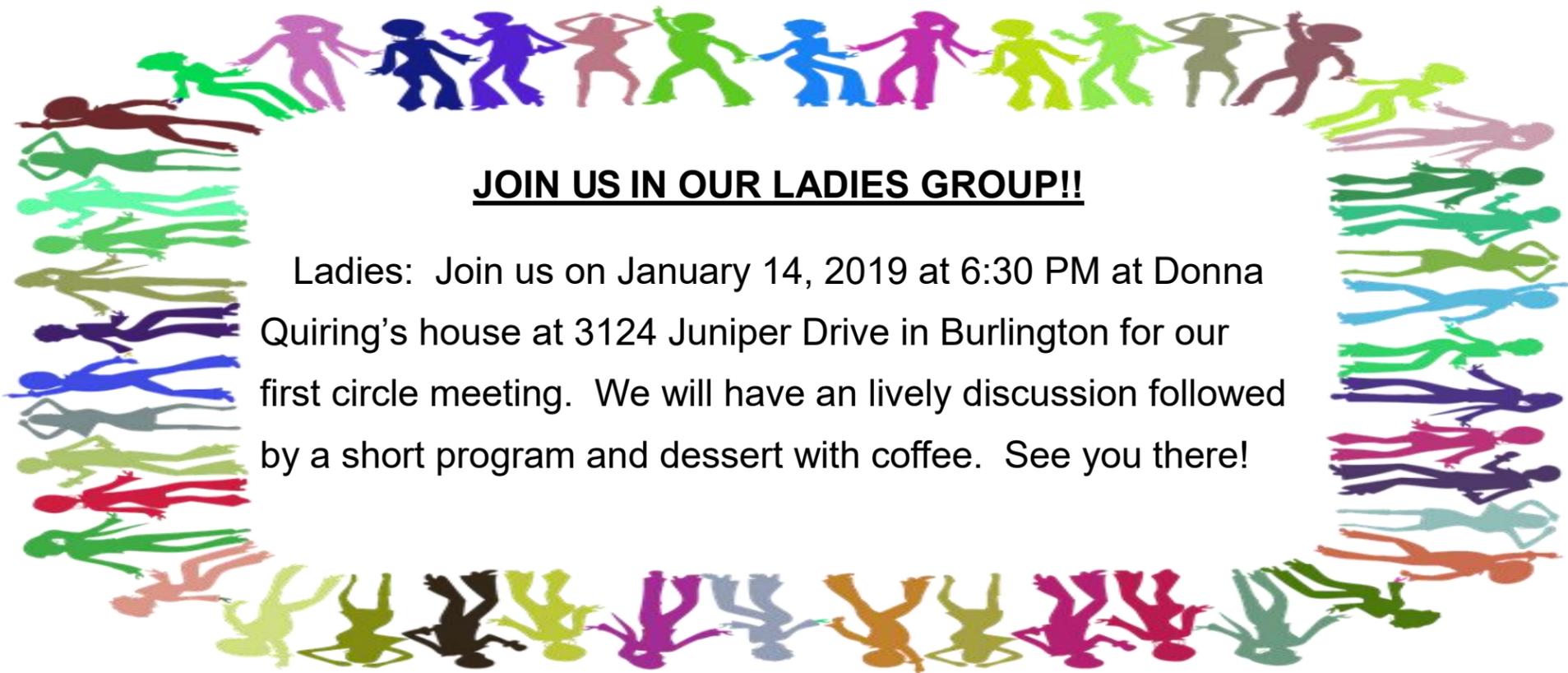
Invite a friend to our monthly Saturday youth social! Come and experience your favorite video and board games in real life, but larger!

Every Sunday from 5:00-7:00pm UNITED Youth meetings

This month we will be going through a Bible series entitled: "Change: a study on prayer."

JOIN US IN OUR LADIES GROUP!!

Ladies: Join us on January 14, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Donna Quiring's house at 3124 Juniper Drive in Burlington for our first circle meeting. We will have an lively discussion followed by a short program and dessert with coffee. See you there!



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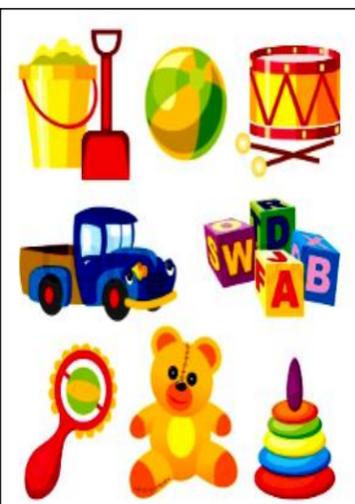
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRAYER MINISTRY:

Happy New Year, Praise GOD !!

Let's keep our lines open to God in prayers of praise for all He has done for us. Also, let's ask for His help in keeping the 'evil one' away by giving us unity and peace in the coming year.

If Christians spent as much time praying as they do grumbling, they would soon have nothing to grumble about. (Anonymous)



NURSERY NEWS

The renovation of our nursery is about complete. We have our "big items" ordered and some are here, but we still need some new toys & books. If you would like to help, visit the candy cane tree in the parlor, select an envelope, enclose your donation and put it in the offering plate or drop it by the church office. We also have a registry at Target if you would like to purchase an item. We will be having the nursery dedication on January 6 after the 10:55 a.m. service.

HAPPY
New Year

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us...
PSALM 90:17a

Find your United Methodist family on Facebook

There are many ways to connect with fellow church members. Now thanks to social media we can be part of a huge community of United Methodists on Facebook. Come and see us.

<https://www.facebook.com/Davis-Street-United-Methodist-Church>

www.davisstreet.umchurches.org

ATTENTION - Our newsletter can be viewed on the DSUMC website. Invite visitors who "Surf the Net" to learn more of the opportunities that Davis Street UMC offers.