



Davis Street

"A Church For All People"

OUR VISION

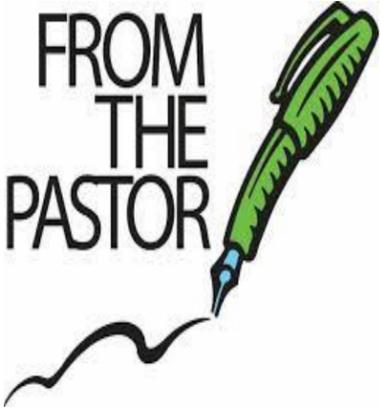
"As the body of Christ, we seek to fulfill God's commands to love Him with all our hearts, and to love one another as He loves us."

OUR MISSION

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

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FROM
THE
PASTOR



Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Possibly the most conspicuous trend in American religion in recent years has been the increasing percentage of adults who are "nones"— people who don't identify with a religious group. They're the ones who, when taking a survey on religious preference, would check "none of the above."

The recent CNN news article stated that for the first time, the "nones" have topped a survey of Americans' religious identity. On another article by Pew Research Center, 70% of the "nones" comprised the millennials born between 1981-1996 and they are from various of racial and ethnic groups, people with different levels of education and income.

Right here in Burlington, there are many "nones" who are either not going to church or not connected with church at all. They are our families, relatives, co-workers, friends and neighbors. And so, how can we (as Davis Street) come up with new ways to make disciples of Jesus Christ, be the church that reaches out to people who don't like church at all? How do we make disciples of Jesus Christ where people are more likely to spend their Sunday mornings at Walmart than a tall steeple? Let me offer three practical ways...

First: Connect People via Social Media

More than 93% of the "nones" are either connected with cellphones and social media today. Let's get the word out there about Davis Street! We have a new and excellent church website. Tell our friends that our 10:55am Sunday Worship Service is now on Facebook Live. Show them our new church website (davisunited.org) and all the exciting things that are happening at Davis Street.

Second: Build Relationships

The "nones" are looking for relationships. We got to offer radical hospitality and authentic relationships to them. Invite friends and neighbors to your home, dine with them, share your faith story and meet them where they are. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, relationships will be fostered and for all you know it, they will look for a church to belong. From here, invite them to attend our Sunday worship service and connect them with small group opportunities.

Third: Embark on New Territories

We are such a risk-averse culture as a church. Unless we experiment widely to see what works and doesn't work we are dead in the water!" We got to be creative, innovative, not afraid to fail and willing to embark on new territories. The 8:30am Missional Community is continually growing not just numerically but growing deeper with worship and discipleship components. This year, we launched "The Caring People" Single Moms Ministry and implemented exciting and innovative Youth Ministry. This summer, we're gonna offer Arts & Music Academy and a Youth Diversion Program. We're also gonna start "Fresh Expressions Church" at Burlington Beer Works and plant the seeds for the birthing of the Celebrate Recovery Program. Indeed, we are the Easter people! And just like Mary Magdalene, John, Peter and the first witnesses of the Resurrection story, may we have the passion, courage and excitement to go back to our communities, reach out to the "nones" and to all people about the Risen Savior!

Pastor Edgar

YOUTH UPDATE MAY 2019

The Spring session is a busy time for our youth and young adult ministries. As many of you know, parenting is not a solo sport, neither is teen ministry. Our church is a family; therefore, I often encourage our young adult leaders to reach out to someone a few years ahead of them and to learn from them! For those of you a few years older (or many years older) I ask you, our congregation, to think about reaching out to our young adult leaders and our teenage students. *We need your help to make a difference in the lives of our students.*

Colleges and University's

In April we took one of our senior students, Tatiana Crisp, to tour the campus of East Carolina University where she will be attending classes in the fall. Tatiana has already earned over \$11,000 in scholarships and awards and she hopes to soon have all of her college expenses and her entire tuition covered for the first year of school.

In May we will be taking entire youth group to tour the campus and gardens of Duke University where we will be viewing the spring bloom and visiting the gothic cathedral.

Fundraising and Dinners

On May 19th at 12:30pm, immediately following the Heritage Sunday worship service, the youth program will be hosting another luncheon fundraiser in the fellowship hall. We invite you to eat with us, support the youth, and hear about opportunities for intergenerational ministry and outreach to the millennial generation.



Youth Lessons - May 2019

Every family feuds. Whether the latest feud is about curfews, chores, harsh words, someone's attitude, or someone else's questionable choices, everyone knows what it's like to experience conflict with a family member. Although some families may have more struggles or conflict than others, every family can learn how to fight more fairly. In the month of May we will be doing a 4-week series where we will challenge our students to let their relationship with God transform their relationships with their family members as they seek to be more patient, forgive more often, be more honoring, and show love more freely.

JOIN OUR LADIES GROUP!!

Ladies: Join us on May 13, 2019 for Donna Quiring's Ladies Group at Donna's house at 6:30 pm. Come and enjoy yourself and bring a female friend with you. Further information will be in the weekly bulletin. Join us!



BIRTHDAY BASH MAY 2nd

The new ministry for adults 55+ will kick off May 2 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall with a Birthday party and lunch to celebrate everyone's birthday. Come enjoy lunch, get to know each other better, and enjoy cake! During our time together, we will also share more of our plans for the coming months.

For more information, see Cynthia Walker, Pat Sykes, or Jane Brannock

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Bible Study start again on Tues, May 7 at 10:30 in the Conference Room. We will be reading the book of Mark so bring your Bibles! All are welcome.

Questions to Vicki Ambrose (980) 307-9321

*Thank
you*

Thank you, Davis St. Church Family, for your care and concern shown to Norma and me during her hospital stay and her funeral service. Also, a special thanks to Mike Skyes for his prayers and his comforting spirit. The cards, messages, phone calls, food and especially all your prayers meant more than you will ever know.

Vernon Moore

Thank you so much for the amazing food in our time of sorrow. Your outpouring of support for our family was much appreciated! Mom would have been so honored and proud of her church family for taking care of us this way.

The Family of Nancy Thompson



MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY, MAY 27

DSUMC observes Memorial Day as a paid holiday for the Church Office. The office will be closed on 5/27/19. The church staff is grateful for this opportunity honor our country in this manner.

UPDATE ON JERRI RIVENBARK

Address for Jerri: Commonwealth Senior Live @ Stratford House, Memory Care Unit, 1111 Main Street Danville, Va. 24541 Home's main#(434) 799-2266 (Jerri does not have a phone) if you want to call ahead before visiting Jerri. Kathy Pickeral (daughter) phone cell (434) 251-5688 – if no answer, please leave a message. She will call back, if anyone wants to call her for updates. Kathy says that Jerri seems to be adjusting well and the home has a lot of programs/activities for them to participate in to try to keep their minds active as much as possible.

UNITED METHODIST MEN



The DSUMM will meet Tuesday evening, May 21st at South Bound Sandwich Works (<http://www.southboundsandwich.com/>) in the Correct Time Plaza, 3328 S. Church Street. Order your food at 6:30 for fellowship, with program content beginning at 7 pm.

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President, DSUMM

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRAYER MINISTRY:

Let us take time this very day to rethink our priorities and how prayer fits in. Make some new resolves. Try some new ventures with God. Set a time. Set a place. Choose a portion of Scripture to guide you. Don't be ruled by the press of busy days. We all need mid-course corrections. Make this a day of turning to prayer -- for the glory of GOD and for the fullness of your joy.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH (3/25/19—4/16/19)



Memorials for Norma Moore were given by:

Anne McDowell	Janet Isley
Melda James	Al & Gay Trotter
Virginia Hargrove	Nancy Stephens

Memorials for Richard Davis were given by:

Anne McDowell	Roger & Diane Setzer
Janet Isley	Thomas & Sue Newsome
Max & Eliz Rose	

Memorials for Nancy Thompson were given by:

Janet Isley	Jim & Johnsie Faircloth
Holt & Kay Davis	Virginia Hargrove
Harmony Class	James Mullins

Memorials for Bernice Webster were given by:

James Mullins

Memorials for Carolyn Allred were given by:

James Mullins

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.davisunited.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.