



Ministry @ DHUMC

Drexel Hill United Methodist Church

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Go!

Pastor's Message

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

As we enter the season of Pentecost, which covers half the calendar year, we are called by God to consider ways we can be more faithful to the Great Commission Jesus gives his disciples at the end of Matthew's Gospel account. Jesus' Great Commission says, in essence – "Go! Don't hang around here waiting for things to happen and for people to come to *you!* Go! If you want there to be disciples, then go and make them!"

In our professional culture of extreme specialization, it might be humbling to recall that Jesus was a layperson. There was an old established religious tradition when Jesus came on the scene. It had religious specialist priests, scholars, and functionaries. But rather than quietly fill a slot in its bureaucracy, Jesus built a powerful lay movement. Jesus did not garner and guard power for himself. He empowered others instead, ministering in close quarters with his friends with the expectation that they, too, would empower others into ministry.

In more contemporary terms, we could say that Jesus freed his followers so that they, too, could confidently go out and perform miracles in daily life.

We can do the same. In fact, as we recognize the Great Commission as instructions for us, its claim takes on more urgency. But we need to free our time and energy if we really want to feel that Pentecostal fire in our souls. So, we ought to ask ourselves some questions, questions like:

Where are the points at which we could make the ministry of the laity come to life?

What does our budget say about our values? What does the way we use the time of our volunteers—our time—say about our priorities?

What are the needs of our community that this congregation can meet?

How can we connect our faith lives with our work Monday through Friday?

I have been appointed to Drexel Hill United Methodist Church for more than six years now. I have been most impressed and thankful to see the energy and creativity of this congregation in discipleship.

These are only a handful of the dozens of questions I have heard discussed and that we should consider as we redefine the Great Commission for our congregation

and our day moving freely inside and outside that rather curious and not Jesus-like institution of membership.

Because the Church is the Body of Christ - the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus until the end of time - it is not here to simply exist, but it has a purpose which is most high and noble. It is the same purpose as Jesus had for his disciples so long ago: "to transform and restore the world to its original harmony with God," as David Crabtree, a contemporary church historian phrases it. That purpose has many implications, but the most important is this: We are "sent forth," to be here in the building only long enough to determine what it is that we need to do to minister this week in the name of Christ—at our jobs, at the grocery store, or at the theatre. Wherever we are, we are first and foremost free to be the Body of Christ, the voice of Christ, the hands, and the feet of Christ.

That's what being the church is all about. And if at times it feels more like a burden than a liberation, then we are the ones called to make it work the way Jesus had in mind.

So, the final question for today is this: Is that our goal—to make the church more like what Jesus had in mind?

Russell J. Atkinson

Coffee and Conversation



The congregation is invited to visit the table at the back of the Sanctuary to have a hot beverage and perhaps munch on a cookie. There is plenty of room to have socially safe conversations, as we renew friendships and welcome visitors. Should you wish to occasionally help out with the setting up of the coffee station, please contact Jane Todd at 610-306-7501.

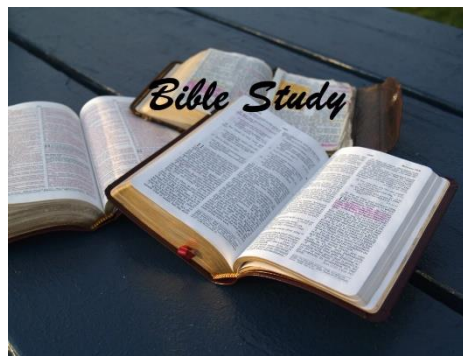
Heavy Psalm/Light Exercise Men's Fellowship Hour

Join us on **Tuesdays** at 11am to 11:50am where we will gather in the Gym to hear a psalm and reflect on it briefly, and then engage in light exercise – walking the neighborhood if the weather is fine, or some activities like stretching in the gym, shooting basketball (no recording devices allowed). Some of you may know of other activities that fit in the realm of light aerobics.



Tuesday Morning Faith Bible Study

The last Bible Study/Faith Formation Class before we brake for Summer will meet at the Apple Walnut Café in Broomall on **June 7th** at 9:30am. Please contact Pastor Atkinson (610-675-7187 or pastor@dhum.org) if you will be attending this special meeting. The Apple Walnut Café is located at 2924 West Chester Pike in Broomall - (610) 353-1384.



Bacon, Toast, and the Heavenly Host

If you've got an appetite for the Word of God and a good breakfast, come on out to the Perkins Restaurant, 706 N. Lansdowne Avenue in Drexel Hill (just a short hop from the high school) the first Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is **June 2, 2022**. Hope to see you there!



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Blood Drive!

Blood Drive at DHUMC

There will be a Blood Drive on **Monday, June 27, 2022** at Drexel Hill United Methodist Church in the Rainbow Room. Time will be 2:00pm until 7:00pm. Please call 1-800 – RED CROSS or visit Red Cross Blood.org and enter: DrexelHillUMC to schedule an appointment. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting: RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Russell Atkinson, Pastor

June Worship Services

Pentecost

June 5, 2022

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-27

“The Spirit of Truth”

Peace with Justice Sunday

June 12, 2022

Psalm 8

John 16:12-15

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2022

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Luke 8:26-39

“Naked and Unafraid”

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

June 26, 2022

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Luke 9:51-62

“Absolutes and Negotiables”



Lay Reader Schedule for June

- 5 Barbara Felton
- 12 Becky Harbison
- 19 Alex Mulin
- 26 Cindy Carper



Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine



We are excited to announce that we are partnering with St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Philadelphia to collect medical supplies for Ukraine. The collection will go from now until **Sunday, June 12th**. Below is a list of needed items from the church. The items can be dropped off at the church office on Friday mornings from 10 AM to noon or be brought to the service on Sunday morning. Please provide what you can. We appreciate your participation.

Items Requested by Territorial Defenders and by Citizens – all will be shipped to Ukraine:

- Non-prescription medicine
- Socks
- Thermal underwear
- Tourniquets and Israeli Compression Bandages
- Tactical sunglasses
- Knee pads and Elbow pads
- Filari Baseball Camouflage caps
- Tactical backpacks
- Binoculars
- Portable power banks UBS wall charger
- DiHines adaptive. Fast charger Type c Android phone charger
- Water Purification Tablets – Portable Aqua water purification



Most of the requested items are available on Amazon. If you have any problems or questions, you can contact Helen Campbell at 610-308-1041 by text or phone. We are sure most of the items would also be available at Walmart and Target.

Money donations are also appreciated. The checks can be made out to St. Vladimir Ukrainian Church in the memo put Aid to Ukraine.

All items can be dropped off at the church office on Friday between 10:00 and noon and at the service on Sunday. You can also contact Helen about getting the items to the Church.

On Sunday, June 12th, we will have a special prayer service with The Saint Mary Magdalene Community who meets at our church and who are also participating in this project. The Service will be in the gym after their service and before our regular service at which time we will bless the items and have a little service of prayer and song.

News Around Our Community

Gardening Volunteers Needed in June

Gardeners are needed to weed and possibly water on **June 13th**. The hours put in the past two months have paid off and the next few months should see easier maintenance. Help is needed from 9:30-11:00 am or from 6:30-8:00 pm.



Crafters & Fellowship Meetup



NOTE: Date Change: Thursday, June 16th. Knitting needles, darning needles, crochet needles. If you have any of these or any other type of handcraft that you enjoy, plan to come to the Bohn Parlor. Not into handwork? Then come for the cookies and tea that will accompany the lively fellowship. One person may be knitting a prayer shawl while another may be crocheting

a baby blanket. Others may be working on the day's Wordle puzzle. Some will come to chat, others to listen, but all are welcome. *We will take a break in July and August and resume in September on the third Thursday of the month.*

A Thank You from the Davie Family



We want to thank you all for not only a beautiful service during Alessio's Baptism but making everyone feel so welcomed and loved! You all put many smiles on everyone's faces. We truly had a beautiful day and could not be happier we choose to have it with such a caring community. We thank you for the kind, generous gifts that were given that day. We are beyond blessed and thankful! We watched Sunday's service through the email and it was a great service! Thank you all so much! It means the world to us.

Rachel, Greg and Alessio Davie

Wear Red on Pentecost

On the Christian calendar, Pentecost is the great climax to the cycle that began with Ash Wednesday (back on March 2nd this year). The day marks the birthday of the church, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the commissioning power of our ministries.

This year Pentecost falls on **June 5th**. Flame red is the liturgical color of the day. In order to celebrate the occasion visually we need an abundance of red. A red dress, tie, scarf, hat, or tee-shirt would add to the brilliance of the day. Please make your wardrobe provisions accordingly.



Pentecost Picnic

Join us on **June 5th**, after our Pentecost worship service for a picnic on the church patio. Bring a salad or dessert to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and drinks will be provided. The grill will also be available for anyone wanting to fix another barbecue cuisine. In case of inclement weather, our Pentecost celebration will take place in Rainbow Room.

Nursery School News

We are currently having a “Summer Jamboree” which started in May and **ends June 17th**. This is an extension of nursery school for those interested. Registration is still ongoing for the 2022-2023 school year. Please share with friends and family that we have available spaces for 3- and 4-year-olds. We will be regularly checking email and phone messages over the summer and will be available for school tours.



Upper Darby Food Cupboard

Although Giant is no longer donating to the food cupboard, they are requiring us to go through Philabundance, which is not an option for us. But we still have enough food to distribute to the local community and are fortunate to have a number of generous benefactors and are using these funds to purchase food from Acme and Aldi. We are still

supported by Panera and Wawa as well. No one in our area, Upper Darby Township, Milbourne, Havertown and parts of Lansdowne should go hungry. Please spread the word that we're here at 7766 Wayne Avenue, Bethel Baptist Church, from 10 am to 12 noon, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sons of the Revolution Award

The Sons of the American Revolution Heroism Certificate and Medal was awarded in May to the first responders who helped save the lives of those who survived the DHUMC Helicopter crash site on January 11th.

A Heroism Commendation and Medal recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger – or acts which involve great personal courage and risk to the recipient. It is intended primarily for acts by civilians, not in uniform, but does not exclude police, firemen, EMS and SAR members. The presentation took place at Drexel Hill United Methodist Church.

Those in attendance were Tina Hamilton, Emma Gray and Jewel Single, along with Larry Magdy (2nd Vice Present, SAR) and William Baker (Philadelphia Continental Chapter of SAR). Thanks to the Sons of the Revolution for this recognition!



William Baker, Jewel Single and Larry Magdy.



Tina Hamilton, Larry Magdy and Emma Gray



Get Involved!

Worship is a blessing. Our Drexel Hill United Methodist Church is so much more! Are you looking for a way to serve through our congregation? Here is a list you might consider:

Activity:

Delivering altar flowers
Helping with communion Ushering
Singing in the choir
Community Outreach
Hand out lunch on the Parkway
Helping in the Sunday school
Addressing Gun Violence
Maintenance of the building Gardening
Media/digital/newsletter
Prepare after-church refreshments

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Please contact Pastor Atkinson at 610.259.2104 and he will get you in touch with a leader in your area of interest.

Happy Birthdays in June!



Summer is Here and here are a few birthdays to celebrate in the month of June! Please consider getting in touch with the following church members by regular mail or email to help them celebrate their special days. Let us know if your birthday is missing from our list by calling the church office or emailing Janedt@verizon.net.

6/15 - Rev. Nancy Haigh Ross
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Drexel Hill United Methodist Church Calendar

June 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
				Bacon. Toast. Heavenly Host		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Pentecost Service & Picnic		Bible Study Men's Fellowship				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Peace with Justice Sunday	Gardening Time	Bible Study Men's Fellowship		Crafters Meet up		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Father's Day 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost		Summer is here! Bible Study Men Fellowship				
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	Red Cross Blood Drive	Bible Study Men's Fellowship				

