

# Ministry @ DHUMC

Drexel Hill United Methodist Church

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## Refuge From the Storm

### *Pastor's Message*

*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

*Matthew 6:33*

What difficult news we have been hearing from Puerto Rico, an island that has suffered much and for long. The poet Ann Weems wrote that the stories of the grieving are too painful for salvation to come through self-help. That's a cold observation in a culture that is becoming more isolated and individualistic every day. "Our only hope is to march ourselves to the throne of God and in loud lament cry out the pain that lives in our souls."

*Psalms of Lament*, Weems' exceptional collection of poetry, was published more than a quarter of a century ago, in the wake of her son's murder. Still, her words give voice to the unanswered pain of generations of others in the world. Grief, she said, would not be resolved "until God Himself wipes the tears from our eyes."

What stands out most about Weems' writing is her chutzpah! These days we think of chutzpah as extreme self-confidence or audacity, but in its Yiddish use has an insolent overtone. I learned long ago that its origins were actually in having the temerity to question God. Ann Weems has a brutal honesty and directness in her speech to God.

In one poem, that seems tailor-made for the pandemic, she cries,

*How long will you watch, O God, as we your people live huddled in death?*

In another, she invokes a litany of world-wide injustices, then faults God and pleads with God,

*... is this any way to run a world?  
O Merciful One, let us rest between tragedies!*

There is a formula, a form and order, to lament in the scriptures: there is allowance for tears and rage, petition and redress . . . and yet, also expressions of trust and praise. To be in lament for the world, says the Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann is to engage in a prophetic act of political imagination. In holding fast to our belief that God will act and transform the pain, we dare to dream of God's justice.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus says, "Ask and it will be given to you", as he praises persistence and assures us of God's generosity. Now is the moment to ask on behalf of the suffering world.

Peace,

Russell J. Atkinson

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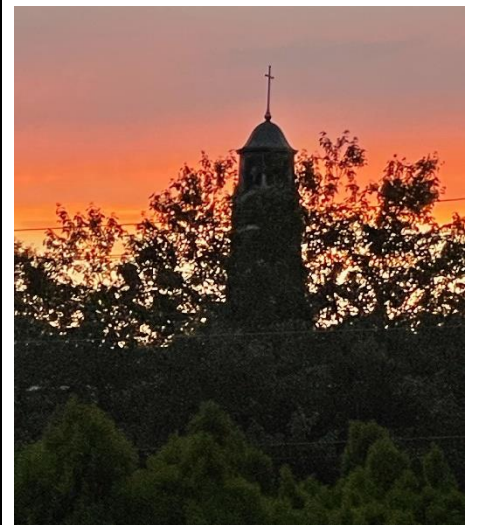
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## **Coffee and Conversation**



We have renewed our coffee, tea and conversation time after church service on Sundays. This is not only an opportunity for refreshment- it is a good time to say hello to visitors and find out a little about them, as well as greeting people you know. Feel free to take your cup outside as well. This all happens at the back of our Sanctuary, where there is ample room to sit or stand and talk. Please do stop by and say hello to someone you would like to get to know better, even if you don't like coffee!

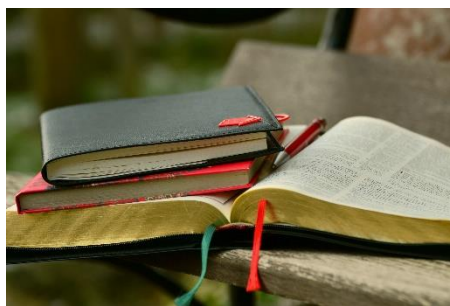
## **Heavy Psalm/Light Exercise Men's Fellowship Hour Returns**

Join us every **Tuesday** 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.



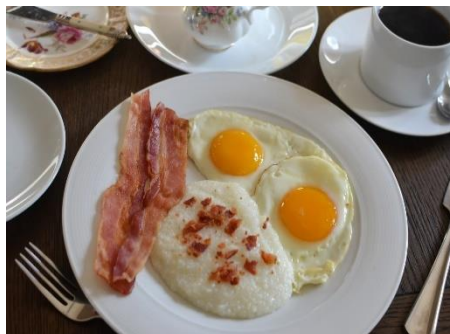
## **Tuesday Morning Faith Bible Study Returns**

Our Bible Study/Faith Formation Class will meet each **Tuesday**, 9:30 to 11 a.m., by ZOOM invitation and is open to everyone. The email invitation will go out a few minutes before the meeting at 9:30 am. Please contact Pastor Atkinson (610-675-7187 or pastor@dhum.org) if you would like to be included on the Zoom invitation.



## **Bacon, Toast, and the Heavenly Host Returns**

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 **October 6th**. Hope to see you there!



## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Please join us on **November 4, 2022** from 2 pm to 7 pm to give blood to the local Red Cross bank. You can maximize your blood donation and help more patients if you are an eligible type O, B or A donor. Please consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.



Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [Red CrossBlood.org/Rapid Pass](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: DrexelHillUMC to schedule an appointment.



Russell Atkinson, Pastor

## October Worship Services

### World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2022  
Lamentations 1:1-6  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10  
“Spiritual Doping?”

### Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 2022  
Jeremiah 29:1  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19  
“Believing Matters”

### Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2022  
Jeremiah 21:27-34  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

### Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2022  
Joel 2:23-32  
2 Timothy 4:6-8  
Luke 18:9-14  
“What Causes the Plot to Thicken?”

### Reformation Sunday

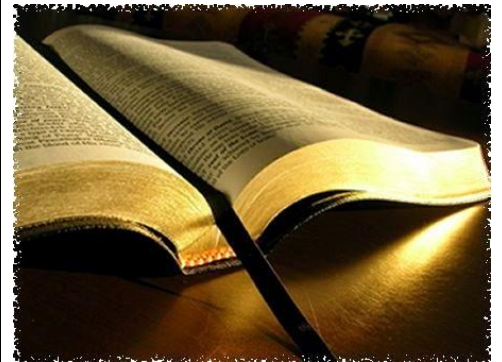
October 30, 2022  
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4  
Luke 19:1-10  
“The Best and the Oldest”

## Columbus Day October 11



## Lay Reader Schedule for October

- 2 Sally Mullin
- 9 Barbara Felton
- 16 Becky Harbison
- 23 Alex Mullin
- 30 Helen Campbell



# October Worship Notes

## What's in a Prayer?

Get ready for a Lord's Prayer rollercoaster in October! Each Sunday in the month we will be praying a different iteration of Christianity's most important prayer. Some will have tiny and subtle differences while others will be an unfamiliar departure.

The "Lord's Prayer", also called the "Our Father" in Roman Catholic circles, or the Pater Noster (same thing, but in Latin), is a central prayer of the Christian faith. Jesus taught his disciples the Lord's Prayer as the way to pray. So, this prayer is just about the most common aspect of Christianity – probably only outdone by the Cross as a Christian identifier.

If you grew up at Drexel Hill United Methodist Church, then you've probably been accustomed to one version of the prayer. If you arrived here from a Reformed, Anabaptist, or Anglican background, you've probably heard the Lord's Prayer phrased just a little bit differently.

Two versions of this prayer are recorded in the Gospels: a longer form within the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew, and a shorter form in the Luke when "one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples'". Regarding the presence of the two versions, some have suggested that both were original, the Matthean version spoken by Jesus early in his ministry in Galilee, and the Lucan version one year later, very likely in Judea.

If all of this is too much for you, take heart! We'll return to our familiar pattern in November.

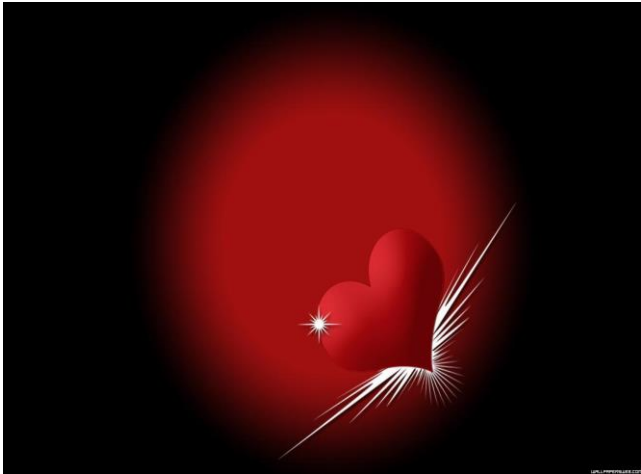
## October 2

The Lord's Prayer from the ritual of the former Methodist Church:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## October 9

Root and Sap version of the Lord's Prayer, by Stephen Best:



The root and sap of our evolving fullness,  
Nudge us forward in our creative potential  
so we may flourish for the common good.  
In each mindful moment, help us recognize that  
we free ourselves from the ghosts of our past  
in the release we grant those who have harmed us.  
Keep us focused on what is right  
make us thirsty for what is just.  
For it is love, that knows the way,  
shows the way, becomes the way,  
to the fulfilment of our eternal call. Amen.

### **October 16**

Traditional Anglican Lord's Prayer that would have been familiar to John Wesley:

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **October 23**

The Lord's Prayer, an ecumenical text:

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

### **October 30**

The Lord's Prayer from the ritual of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

# News Around Our Community



## Thank you Note

**Fran Roberts:**

*It warms my heart to know I'm not forgotten at church. Thank you for the beautiful flowers and your prayers.*

## Crafters & Fellowship Meetup

The crafters are back putting their needles to work making a variety of items. In the past, the group has focused on making prayer shawls, lap robes, and baby blankets for members of our congregation. In September the group was able to donate items to the Nationalities Service Center for refugees with chronic pain. Anyone is welcome to join the group for a few hours of fellowship on the third Thursday of the month. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, someone will be glad to get you started. If you have a craft you would like to share, please come to the Bohn Parlor on **October 20th** at 1:00 p.m.



## Gardening Volunteers Needed



The words of the third chapter of Ecclesiastes are familiar to all and come to mind during various circumstances. At this time of year, we recall the following verses: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to plant and a time to uproot."

The grounds around our church have been cared for during the spring and summer months. Now is the time to prepare the beds for winter's coming. A few plants may need to be uprooted; others will be left for the wildlife to use for shelter and for food. Please plan to join us on Monday, **October 10th**, 9:00 a.m., for a final hour or so as we wrap up our 2022 time in the garden.

# Nursery School News



Nursery School started on Tuesday, September 13 and we have had a good start! Jennifer Ryan is teaching our 4 day, four year old class. Denise McCarthy is her temporary aide. Adrienne Burwell is teaching our 3 day, three year old class. Vera Gana is her aide. The four-day class is full with 13 children. The three-day class has 8 students. We are still hoping to fill some spots in our three-day class. The children are making new friends and learning the classroom routine. In September we had "Red Day". The children wore red, brought in a red show 'n tell items, and painted apples.

In October, we will be making many Halloween crafts and listening to Halloween books and music. We are looking forward to our Halloween Parade on **October 27**. Weather permitting, we plan to have the parade in the courtyard again this year.

We are still in need of a teacher's aide for our four-day class. If you know of someone interested, please have them contact the school.



**Celebrate World  
Teacher's Day!  
October 5th**

# DHUMC Response to Gun Violence



**Pastor Atkinson leads the rededication of the Black Prayer Chapel.**

In response to the nation's gun violence crisis, a small group of DHUMC congregants began meeting after service early this summer. The group is addressing what our response to this gripping problem should be. This article summarizes some of the actions going forward and encourages everyone's involvement.

September steps forward also included the rededication of the Black Prayer Chapel at the end of the month. We will meet at a determined time in October to review our efforts to date and to focus on next steps. Those who have not been involved yet are encouraged to simply join in this important effort. Many thanks go out to the committee including:

Keith Chase, Barb O'Connell, Jim and Carol Hatten, Sandy Dell'Arciprete, Barbara Felton, Jane Todd and Carol Martsolf.



**Members of the DHUMC partipate in the rededication of the Black Prayer Chapel.**



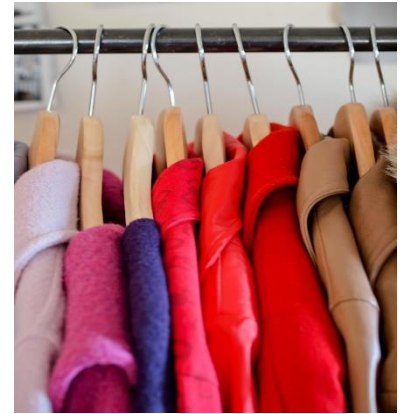


# Outreach Committee News

## Fall Outreach Events:

### COATS AND BLANKET COLLECTION

It's October and the days are getting shorter and cooler and winter will soon be here. It is time for our annual coat and blanket drive. As usual, the new coats and blankets will be given to The Life Center at 63rd and Market Street. The collection will end on Sunday, **October 23rd** with a special blessing of our donations. Thank you for providing warmth to the homeless in our community. Please drop off your donations on Sunday morning or on Friday mornings in the church office.



### CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR PEOPLE IN PRISON



This October will also be reaching out to those in prison. In a recent issue of New Spirit Digest, the following article was issued:

"Can you imagine being separated from your family and friends at Christmas? Those who are in prison suffer this isolation and other deprivations on a daily basis, but at Christmas, those losses can be particularly

difficult. Through the EPA Conference's Christmas Cards for People in Prison program, you can help those who are imprisoned know of God's love for them."

Last year DHUMC donated cards to prisoners for their personal use. This year we have the opportunity to write a message on a card to them. During the month of October, cards will be available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please take a moment to write an encouraging note, sign your first name only, and place the card in the basket. Fill free to fill out one or more cards each week in October. Completed cards will be delivered to the Conference Prison Ministry Team by **November 2nd**.

Thank you for taking part in these worthy works of mercy.

# A Time for Celebration?

## Please take our survey...

The book *A History of the Drexel Hill United Methodist Church* states that “Sunday, October 28, 1923, was a big day!” Indeed it was. That was the day the cornerstone was laid for the building now known as McBurney Chapel. One year later, on October 25, 1924, the new church building was dedicated.



As the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of DHUMC’s presence in Drexel Hill approaches, it’s time to start thinking about what, if anything, we might do to celebrate these special occasions. Our Administrative Council had a few preliminary discussions and quickly realized that such an important issue cannot be decided by a few people in a few weeks. Instead, long-term planning by the entire congregation seems more necessary and appropriate. Consequently, the Administrative Council is asking that you take a few minutes to consider and then answer the following questions:

1. Do you feel that the anniversaries of the cornerstone laying and dedication of McBurney Chapel are events to be celebrated?  
\_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

If your answer to the first question is *yes*, then what do you think that celebration should involve? Special guests? Music programs? Community-centered activities? The possibilities are endless and exciting!

2. What suggestions do you have for how to celebrate 100 years of Drexel Hill United Methodist Church?

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Your answers to these questions can be emailed to the church office at [office@dhum.org](mailto:office@dhum.org) or hand written and either placed in the box on the table at the back of the church or mailed to the church at Drexel Hill United Methodist Church, 600 Burmont Road, Drexel Hill, PA 19026. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Upper Darby Food Bank



We are getting many new families and pre-covid families coming back because of the high food prices and food stamps don't go as far. The Broomall Food Bank has closed and we don't know where those people will go but their volunteers are going to shop for us and pick up food donations for us at the Edgemont Giant and Panera which will be a big help. 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.

## Passing of the Plates Resumes

For the first time since the pandemic, the passing of the plates resumed on **September 25<sup>th</sup>**. Since its beginning, Methodists have passed the plate during services in order for people to give their tithes and gifts. Following the collection, the offerings were brought to the alter to be dedicated to God's Ministry.



Charles Webb and John Neigh pass the plates to the congregation.

# Happy Birthdays in October!



Here are a few birthdays to celebrate in the month of October! 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](mailto:Janedt@verizon.net).

10/14 Alex Mullin  
331 N. Lehigh Circle  
Swarthmore, PA 19081  
[acmullin@gmail.com](mailto:acmullin@gmail.com)

10/21 Yvette Benson  
38-7 Revere Road  
Drexel Hill, PA 19026  
[yvetteben11@verizon.net](mailto:yvetteben11@verizon.net)

10/28 Rev. Nancy Hawes  
2230 Dermond Avenue  
Upper Darby, PA 19082  
610-853-3726

## In Memoriam

Pat Matthews, one of our former members, passed away on August 29, 2022. Pat and Audrey were active members of the church, participating in many activities and serving on several committees. If you would like to reach out to Audrey, her address is:

Audrey Brown  
5225 Wilson Lane Apt. 229  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

## 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  
Community Outreach  
Hand out lunch on the Parkway  
Helping in the Sunday school  
Addressing Gun Violence  
Maintenance of the building Gardening  
Prepare after-church refreshments

### Contact:

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# Drexel Hill United Methodist Church Calendar

## October 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 World Communion Sunday	3	4 *Bible Study *Men's Fellowship	5 World Teacher's Dau	6 Bacon, Toast and Heavenly Host Breakfast	7	8
9 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	10 Columbus Day 9am Gardeners Needed	11 *Bible Study *Men's Fellowship	12	13	14	15
16 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	17	18 *Bible Study *Men's Fellowship	19	20 1pm Crafters & Fellowship Meeting	21	22
23 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	24	25 *Bible Study *Men's Fellowship	26	27 Halloween Parade at Nursery	28	29
30 Reformation Sunday	31 Halloween	1	2	3	4	5

