

## Caring Ministry

Please consider sending a card or making a phone call to help celebrate someone's special day. If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact Laura in the church office to update our records.

***Birthdays and anniversaries are now listed on the calendar insert.***

## Prayer

For Our Shut-Ins

For Our College and Graduate Students

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## Get Ready!! It's Coming!!

Thanksgiving, buying all those gifts, the traffic, long lines. Have you had enough? Take it easy by preparing for the busyness of the season. Get some relief by attending our prayer/healing service on Wednesday, December 1 beginning at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. Through prayer, silence, and song we will discover the healing power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

## New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31. Start the new year with a fresh outlook and a sense of joy and peace. Join us for a service of prayer, silent reflection and song at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.



## Still Need Your Help

The Angel Tree and Mitten Line still need your help! Take an angel, buy the gifts and return to the Angel Tree by December 12. The Angel Tree supports Homestretch families. The Mitten Line will be accepting donations until December 12. Dulin Crafters will be selling items to go on the Mitten Line on December 5. The money raised will be used to buy more hats, gloves, mittens and scarves. The items from the Mitten Line will be donated to Grace Ministries.

## 2011 Summer School Trips to CRC

African Programs UMVIM Committee is accepting applications for the 2011 Summer School mission teams to the Child Rescue Centre in Bo, Sierra Leone. Two teams will travel mid-July to mid-August 2011. Each team will deliver a summer school enrichment program at the CRC for approximately 2 weeks. Teachers are encouraged to apply, but all with a heart for Christ and service are welcomed. Other projects will include IT/computers, finance, and light construction. Go to <http://bit.ly/9k1QrD> to submit your application or contact Administrators at [africanprograms@helpingchildrenworldwide.org](mailto:africanprograms@helpingchildrenworldwide.org) for more information.

# The Friendly Caller

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## Advent Worship at Dulin

The season of Advent awakens our anticipation of the future. It prepares us for the nativity of Jesus and also stirs expectations of what God might do in our future. The four Sundays of Advent worship will

focus on the message of the prophet Isaiah. These readings express Israel's hope for God's future activity in our lives.

### November 28 - Isaiah 2:1-5

Hope for the future contrasts with present conditions in our lives.

### December 5 - Isaiah 11:1-10

A vision of peace.

### December 12 - Isaiah 35:1-10

The impact of divine presence in our lives and the world.

### December 19 - Isaiah 7:10-17

God becomes present in the flesh: Jesus!!

## Christmastide Worship

**Sunday, December 26** - Worship at 8:30 and 11:00am. There is no Sunday School this day. There will be brunch items at Coffee Talk between services.

## Looking Toward Christmas

Dulin's music ministry will present a program of Advent and Christmas music on Sunday, December 5, at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary. Choir, handbells, ensembles, and soloists will take listeners on a musical journey beginning with the words of the Old Testament prophets and concluding with the birth of Jesus Christ. Come and enjoy this musical gift prepared by our music ministry as together we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth.

## Living Nativity

This year, the Living Nativity has a new soundtrack. Come see Christ's birth reenacted by our youth to a soundtrack highlighting our youth's musical talent. There will also be live animals to pet and cocoa and refreshments served after each performance. Performances are on December 10 at 7:00 and 8:00pm on the front lawn. Everyone (neighbors, co-workers, out of town guests) is invited.

# Children

## Nativity Figurines

Every year, children in our Sunday School classes are given a piece of nativity scene. These figurines will be given out on December 5 in Sunday School classes. Be sure to be there to complete your collection.

## Pathways

Dulin's Pathways Fellowship is a group for anyone in the 3rd to 6th grade. We usually share a meal and have an evening activity. The intention of our group is to create relationships between our church's children outside of the realm of the Sunday School class. **Friday, December 10**, Pathways will meet for a meal and decorate the upstairs doors for Christmas. We'll meet at 6:30pm and finish up at 8:00pm, just in time for the Living Nativity.

## Children's Christmas Play

This year our Christmas musical is *Aaron, the Allergic Shepherd*. Aaron is a new shepherd who has just discovered that he is allergic to sheep! Meanwhile, a miracle is about to happen up the street in a local stable. The play will be performed during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, December 19 in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone 3 years through 6th grade is welcome to be part of our production. Practices will likely be on Saturday mornings. Let Jamie know as soon as possible if you'd like to be part of it so that she can get you a listening CD.

# YOUTH

We will have two events this December:

**December 5 - Ice Skating and Broom Hockey.** We'll join the Arlington District for a night of broom hockey. We leave from church at 4:30pm and return at 7:30pm. The cost is \$10 and the event will be at Fairfax Ice Arena. Food will cost extra. RSVP to Jamie by December 1.

**December 10 - The Living Nativity and Lock-in.** Those in the nativity meet here at 5:30pm to rehearse and dress. Shows at 7:00pm and 8:00pm. We will clean up and the lock-in will start at 10:00pm. All those 7th-12th grade are invited. You can bring up to 2 friends. Please bring a snack to share. You can come to the lock-in even if you can't make the nativity.

# Adult

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

*Joshua's Way Fellowship* - Monday, December 6 at 7:00pm at Haandi, Falls Church. Contact Amy Henderson for details.

*Glowing Service Fellowship* - Monday, December 6 at 12:00pm at Italian Cafe.

## OTHER FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*Craft Group* - Our next meeting is January 10 at 10:00am in the Annex.

*Nimble Fingers* - We will not be meeting in December. Our next meeting is Friday, January 7 at 10:00am in the Library.

*50+ Club* - Thursday, December 9 at 1:00pm at Bob Evans. Please sign up! If you would like to carpool, meet at the church at 12:30pm.

*Prayer Ministry* - Saturday, December 4 at 8:00am. Join for a quiet time of prayer and reflection in preparation for the holiday season.

## Office Closed

The office will be closed on December 27 and January 3 for the holidays.

# Pieces of News

## 2011 Offering Envelopes

2011 offering envelopes will be available for you to pick up in the Wesley Room during the month of December.

## Christmas Special Offering

Dulin families will receive in the mail mid-December the annual Christmas letter and offering envelope to support specific ministries.

## Christmas-Epiphany Card

Send holiday greetings to Dulin families by signing the Dulin greeting card located at the Welcome Center beginning Sunday, December 12. You are asked to place in the box the equivalent in cash of what you would normally pay for cards and stamps. This card will be featured in the February newsletter.

## Christmas Gift for Pastor and Staff

Share the love of Christmas. Each year we provide our Pastor and staff with a monetary Christmas gift as a thank you for their ministry to us. You may give your gift to Chapman Taylor or Walter Hylton. Checks may be sent to Chapman Taylor, 228 Buxton Rd. Falls Church, VA 22046. Please make your check payable to Chapman Taylor.

## Poinsettias

Order forms are now available. You may order through the bulletin or online.



## Friday, December 24

We will have two worship services, 5:00pm & 8:00pm. The 5:00pm service is a family service. The 8:00pm is more traditional with Lessons and Carols. Special music, communion, and candlelighting are part of both services. Commonwealth Brass will be featured beginning at 7:45pm.

# Christmas Caroling

All Dulin families are invited to come out caroling with us. Meet at the church on Sunday, December 12 upstairs in the choir room at 4:30pm. We will sing to our neighbors and local parishioners and return to the church for some pizza and hot chocolate. This is a family event. So, come out as a group! Adults, children, and youth are all welcome.

# Children's Christmas Play

All Dulin Disciples are invited to attend the children's annual Christmas play. This year we will be enacting *Aaron, the Allergic Shepherd* about a shepherd who is allergic to sheep but learns on the holiest night that Christ accepts us just as we are. The play will be performed on Sunday, December 19 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no Sunday School that morning. We hope to see you there!

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel." *Isaiah 7:14*

*A very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year to all from the staff at Dulin Church.*