

## 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.

**Birthday and anniversary information is available by contacting the church office or on the calendars available at the Welcome Center**

## Prayer

**Please continue to pray for our Shut-Ins and College Students.**

A complete listing can be found in the Sunday bulletin or by contacting the church office.

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*We have several opportunities to celebrate the season of joy!*



**The Angel Tree** will be in the Sanctuary beginning November 27. This benefits Homestretch families.

**The Mitten Line** for hats, mittens and scarves will be located in the Wesley Room beginning November 27. The Dulin Craft group will also be there selling hats to put on the line.

**Poinsettia** sign ups begin November 27.

**Living Nativity** Performances are December 2 at 7:00pm and 8:00pm on the front lawn. Come see Christ's birth reenacted by our youth to a sound track highlighting our youth's musical talent. There will also be live animals to pet and cocoa and refreshments served after each performance. Everyone (neighbors, co-workers, out of town guests) is invited.

**Christmas Offering** You will receive a Christmas letter and envelope in the mail for the Christmas offering.

### SEASON OF JOY DECEMBER PREVIEW

December 4 - Nativity figurines given out in Sunday School  
December 11 - Christmas/Epiphany Card available  
December 11 - Choir Concert 4:00pm  
December 18 - Children's Christmas Play 10:00am  
December 18 - Christmas Caroling 4:30pm  
December 24 - Christmas Eve Services 5:00pm & 8:00pm  
December 25 - Christmas Day Service 10:00am  
December 31 - Taize New Year's Eve Service 7:00pm  
January 1 - New Year's Day Service 10:00am

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## Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon

Join us for the annual Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon on Saturday, November 19. This is the final year of the walk. Next year, smaller walks featuring individual ministries will be held.

We will meet at the East Falls Church Metro at 8:00am and start the walk at 9:00am. Dulin is sponsoring two ministries this year: L'Arche and Homestretch. Please sign up on the Help the Homeless Walkathon website AND in the bulletin. We have 50 free registrations, first come-first serve. Others will need to pay the registrations fee. Online registration directions are:

1. Go to [helpthehomelessdc.org](http://helpthehomelessdc.org)
2. Click "Register to Walk" in the center of the home page.
3. In the first box, click "Search for Team."
4. Select "Search for Team" and type 'Dulin' in the search box.
5. Click "Join Team" in the gray bar above the team name.
6. Select adult or youth, enter discount code "duunmech" and click "Next Step."
7. Select New or Returning Walker and click "Next Step".
8. Fill out or verify contact information, including a user name and password, and click "next step."
9. Agree to waiver and click "next step."
10. Fill out payment information and confirm.



## Hearts and Hammers

Thanks to everyone who supported the Hearts and Hammers project on October 15.

# Children

## Pathways

Our fellowship group for 3rd-6th graders meets the second Friday of the month, from 6:30-8:00pm, in the Multipurpose Room. We share a meal, followed by a devotional time and activity. All 3rd-6th graders are welcome! Join us on:

**Saturday, November 19** - A little different than our normal schedule! Please meet us at the East Falls Church Metro at 8:00am and walk in the Help the Homeless Walkathon with our Dulin family to raise money for the homeless in our community. (see detail on front page of newsletter.) Be sure to register!

**December 2** - Decorate doors in the church for advent, then enjoy the Living Nativity as a group.

## Music Makers

We will meet Saturday, November 5, at 10:00am in the Choir Room. Karl Kalbaugh, our special guest musician, will share his love of music through a unique instrument: didgeridoo. Children in K-2nd grade are encouraged to come for this fun, interactive, musical event. Please sign up in the bulletin or online. Matt Hardy will be the guest musician at the December 3 Music Makers.

## Christmas Play: A Star is Born

What does hip-hop, gospel and lots of fun have to do with our Christmas Play?!! All Kindergarten through 6th graders are invited to come find out and be a part of this year's pageant: **A Star is Born!** Our first rehearsal will be Saturday, November 5 from 10:30am-12:00pm in the Children's Chapel. Parents are asked to stay for the first 20 minutes of this rehearsal for a quick overview of the rehearsals and performance details, and to receive materials, (ie - CD, lyrics, costume info, etc).

Performance - Sunday, December 18 at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall

Rehearsals - Saturdays 10:30am - 12:00pm

Nov. 5 & Dec. 10 in the Children's Chapel

Dec. 10 & 17 in the Fellowship Hall

Parents - be on the lookout for more details via email and mail soon. Please contact Claudia Smith at [children@dulinchurch.org](mailto:children@dulinchurch.org) with any questions.



Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Ruth Harris who died on September 29, 2011. Ruth was a member of Dulin Church for many years before moving to Florida.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. *Psalm 34:1-3*

# Adult

## United Methodist Women

### Glowing Service Fellowship

Monday, November 7 at 1:00pm in the Multipurpose Room.

### Joshua's Way Fellowship

Monday, November 7 at 7:30pm in the Multipurpose Room.

## Methodist Men's Fellowship

We gather in the Wesley Room.

All men are invited to join us.

Tuesday, November 15, 7:00-8:00pm.

Share a Thanksgiving tradition in your family.

Tuesday, December 13, 7:00-8:00pm.

Share a Christmas tradition in your family.

## Craft Group

The Craft group will not be meeting the months of November and December. See you again in January.

## 50+ Club

Thursday, November 10. Restaurant still to be decided. Watch the bulletins for more information. Please sign up in the bulletin or contact Audrey Lemon.

## Prayer Ministry

Join us for a time of prayer on Saturday, November 5 at 8:00am in the Wesley Room.

## Ad Council

The next Ad Council meeting is Wednesday, November 2 at 7:30pm. We will meet in the Multipurpose Room.

## Charge Conference

The Dulin Charge Conference will take place in the Wesley Room on Saturday, November 19 at 1:30pm.

# Pieces of News

## Blessing of the Bears

The blessing of the Salvation Army bears will be Sunday, November 13. Please return your bears before that day. You may bring to the UMW Unit meeting on Saturday, November 5 or to church on Sunday, November 6.

## Christmas Poinsettias

We will start taking orders for our Christmas poinsettias on Sunday, November 27. More information about the price will be available in the bulletin soon.

## Dulin Craft Group

The craft group will be at the Annandale UMC Craft Bazaar on Saturday, November 5 from 10:00am-3:00pm, selling items to raise money for the homeless shelter. All Dulin disciples are invited to come out and support the crafters and get some Christmas shopping done early! Annandale UMC is located at 6935 Columbia Pike.

## Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday is November 20. You will be receiving a ministry card of support for Dulin Church in the mail.

## New Office Hours

Dulin Church will have new office hours effective November 1. The new hours are 8:30am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday.

## Fall Back

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 5!

# YOUTH

November's focus will be the Living Nativity.

Nov. 6: Dinner and Living Nativity Rehearsal (Roles): 6:00-7:30pm

Nov. 13: Dinner and Living Nativity Rehearsal (Costumes): 6:00-7:30pm

Nov. 19: Help the Homeless Walk: 9:00am-12:00pm

Nov. 20: Dinner and Living Nativity Rehearsal: 6:00-7:30pm

Nov. 27: Dinner and Living Nativity Rehearsal

Last one before the big show date: 6:00-7:30pm

Dec. 2: Living Nativity, & Lock In

Those in the nativity meet in the library at 5:30pm, for pizza, rehearsal and dress. Shows are at 7:00pm and 8:00pm. Lock-in will start at 10:00pm. All 7th-12th grade youth are most welcome (regardless of Living Nativity participation) - you may bring up to 2 friends. Please bring a snack to share. RSVP with Shelly by November 27 - please include if you plan to bring a friend or two!



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

Our Fall Unit Meeting is scheduled for November 5 at 11:00am. Christopher Fay, the executive director of Homestretch, and a Homestretch client will be joining us. Chris will be sharing with us what Homestretch does, how they do it and how we can be involved. A fabulous lunch including lasagna and salad will be served. All women are encouraged to attend.

Dulin Church office will be closed Friday, November 11 for Veteran's Day and Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25 for Thanksgiving.