

## 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 and Graduate Students.*

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

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## Homestretch Awards Night

Join us Wednesday, September 7 from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Dulin Sanctuary to recognize and celebrate Homestretch families who are graduating from the two-year programs as well as current families who have made great strides in job skills, communication, and home living. Dulin Church will present a generous check to support Homestretch. A reception will follow in the Wesley Room.



**HOMESTRETCH**  
*Empowering Families to Rebuild Lives*



Our deepest sympathies are extended to Kathy Rice and family upon the death of her father, Albert McNamara on July 29.

Also, our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Eleanor Ray. Eleanor died in Texas on August 21.

**October 1 - Music Makers**  
**October 2 - 2012 Flower Calendar available**  
**October 2 - Flu Shot Clinic**

# The Friendly Caller

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## We Welcome Claudia Smith as Director of Children's Ministries

Claudia Smith begins a new role in her life beginning September 1 as the Director of Children's Ministries for Dulin Church. Claudia comes with experience in teaching, especially in the areas of Christian education and music. A note from Claudia:



*Hi Dulin Families! I am thrilled to take on the Children's Ministry role at Dulin, and am looking forward to getting to know you all better. I've been so blessed to have had many different experiences working with children over the years: as a Dulin Cooperative Preschool parent, VBS helper, private piano*

*teacher and music teacher to preschoolers through 8th graders. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve Dulin and its children and families, and to share my enthusiasm and passion for God, children, teaching and music in this role!*

## 9/11 Remembrance

There are three opportunities for Dulin disciples to remember 9/11.

- Attend worship on Sunday, 9/11 at 8:30am or 11:00am. This service will feature hymns as well as a special prayer of remembrance.
- We will support Operation Homefront - a non-profit that provides emergency assistance to service members and wounded soldiers.
  - Baby items: bring any new baby items on Sunday, September 11. These items will provide baby showers every month for military mothers-to-be.
  - Gift cards - to help with multiple emergencies to deployed military families.
- The baby items and money for gift cards will be dedicated as part of our 9/11 worship and remembrance.

# Children

## Kids Grades 3-6 News

Kids in grades 3-6 have two opportunities available on Friday, September 9:

### Acolyte Training

Training for new acolytes will be held in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm. If this time is not possible for you, another time can be arranged. Call Marguerite Clossman to make arrangements. Boys and girls 3rd grade through high school are invited to become acolytes at either the 8:30am or 11:00am services.

### Pathways

A fellowship group, kids and parents are invited to the first Pathways of the year, beginning at 6:30pm. Bring a covered dish to share. We will go over the calendar for the year, play some "Minute-to-Win-It" and be done by 8:00pm.

### Summer Reading Celebration

Our Summer Reading Celebration will take place during the Sunday school hour on September 18. Be sure to have recorded all your reading!

# YOUTH

## Youth Kickoff

Youth grades 7-12, begin the fall with their annual kickoff on Sunday, September 18 6:00pm-7:30pm. Parents are invite to attend. We will eat together and plan our fall calendar.

## Jamie Henthorn's Farewell Party

On Sunday, July 31, after a wonderful VBS celebration during worship, we said goodbye to Jamie, Gavin and Dorian Henthorn. The 5th Sunday Potluck gave people a chance to say goodbye while enjoying a delicious lunch and fellowship time. We wish the Henthorns many blessing as they start their new journey in Virginia Beach.



# Adult

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Welcome back! Our fellowships are starting up. Join us!

### Glowing Service Fellowship

Monday, September 12 at 1:00pm in the Multipurpose Room.

### Joshua's Way Fellowship

Monday, Sept. 12 at 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room.

## OTHER FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Craft Group

Join us every Monday at 10:00am in the Annex. We will not be meeting on September 5, but will share a potluck lunch on September 12. The other weeks, pack a lunch and join us.

### 50+ Club

Thursday, Sept. 8. We will meet at Anthonys at 12:30pm. Please sign in the bulletin or contact Audrey Lemon.

### Prayer Ministry

Join us for a time of prayer on Saturday, September 3 at 8:00am in the Wesley Room.

### Christian Education Sunday

On September 18, the ministry of Christian Education will be celebrated. Third graders will receive their Bibles.

# Pieces of News

## Men's Fellowship Group News

We are looking to begin a Men's Fellowship group. Our introductory gathering will be on Saturday, September 17 beginning at 9:00am. All men are invited. We will meet in the Wesley Room, adjacent to the Sanctuary.

## Pastor Dave's Faith Cafe

The Book of Mark - Looking for a Bible study that is short term, uses multi-media and facilitated by Pastor Dave? The Faith Cafe will study the Gospel of Mark beginning September 18 in the Wesley Room, 9:50-10:40am. We will be using a resource for 12 weeks written and produced by Pastor Dave's New Testament professor at Duke Divinity School, Dr. Mickey Efirid. Each participant is asked to purchase a workbook for \$10.

## Coffee Talk Hosts

If you are interested in becoming a Coffee Talk host, now is the time! Beth Smith is our Coffee Talk coordinator and she would love to talk with you. You can host as little as once a year - or as much as you would like. Please contact Beth Smith or call the church office.



# Music News

## Bells and Choir

Bells and Choir Fall Kick-Off takes place with a covered dish dinner at 6:30pm, Thursday, September 8. This is a time for fellowship as we start the fall rehearsal season. New handbell and choir prospects are welcome! The Sanctuary Choir will have a brief rehearsal after dinner. Chancel Ringers will meet at 7:00pm the following Thursday, September 15, for their first rehearsal. Please contact Mary Mateer if you would like more information about participating in Dulin's music ministry.

## Music Makers

A musical experience for K-2nd grade children! We will meet in the choir room from 10:00-10:30am the first Saturday of the month. We'll share interactive musical activities (like action songs, rhythm games, ringing choir chimes) and meet special musical guests. Music Makers will meet October 1, November 5, and December 3. Parents are encouraged to use the sign-up provided in the Sunday bulletin.

## Kids Choir Alert

We're moving to Fridays at 6:00pm! Beginning September 16, Kids Choir - for 3rd-6th graders - will meet 6:00-6:45p.m. on Friday evenings. On Pathways nights we'll end at 6:30. Please use the sign-up in Sunday bulletins to indicate your child's interest in participating.

# SPECIAL SEPTEMBER SUNDAYS

## Presentation by AOSP (Apex Outreach Service Project)

Youth and adults from Dulin who participated in the Apex Outreach Service Project in North Carolina will be featured in worship on September 4. We will also celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

## Recognitions on September 25

Worship on Sunday, September 25 will feature two special recognitions. We will recognize the important ministry of the United Methodist Women. We will also recognize Marge Brescia for 30 years of dedicated service to Dulin as the office receptionist. Marge recently "retired" from this position.

○ give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. *Psalm 105:1-2*

Dulin Church office will be closed Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.