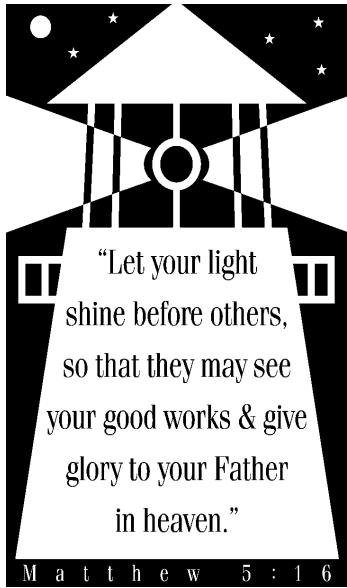


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Resumes
Friday, March 26th @ 6:30 p.m.
Join us for root-beer floats,
popcorn, and family fun!



Join us Friday morning's at 7 a.m.
for a Men's interfaith Bible Study
in the Fellowship Hall.



Sunday, March 21st 9 a.m.– 6 p.m. at
DUMC in back parking lot.

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Pastor's Message

Your Cloud By Day - Your Fire By Night

How do *you* get guidance today? How does God guide *you*? How does God lead *you* when you find yourself in a transition or when you're under pressure to make a difficult decision? David, the shepherd king of Israel, was no stranger to transitions. Perhaps more than anyone else in Scripture, he knew what it meant to be in the arid and dry land— sometimes because of his own sin and other times because of the sin of others. David needed clear and direct guidance often. Yet, his confidence in the promises of the Lord remained iron clad as he declared in Psalm 119:105, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

In the wilderness for 40 years, when Israel needed guidance, they looked up and there it was. A cloud by day and a pillar of fire at night. What a sight that must have been. Today, we find ourselves needing similar guidance. The pillar of fire gave the Israelites light during the night so they could see, it was the “lamp” to light their path. Every day, for 40 years, the Lord provided manna and gave them protection and peaceful sleep by night. Don't we need the same? At all times and in every way the Israelites were sustained and maintained by God, so much so that their clothes and shoes never wore out... for 40 years! We will find ourselves in many similar deserted situations as well, but where will we turn? Will we seek God?

It's often been said that our lives are lived on two fronts: physical and spiritual. You cannot engage one without it affecting the other. David understood this concept as he wrote, “You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever” (Ps. 16:11). During transitions, don't make the mistake of turning away from the Lord for answers. God has promised that if we meditate on His Word, He will open our eyes to wonderful things therein (Ps 119:18). For Israel, the transition from Egypt would test them beyond their wildest dreams. The barren wasteland was so depleted and so cursed that nobody dare live there. Nobody would dare cross it. Yet that's where God demonstrated His power and desire to lead them.

Maybe you're looking at a desert and all you see is dry land. No rain has come. Maybe you're staring at darkness and it's not what you anticipated. Remember that God is in the transitions; He will lead you through the difficult passage to the promises of His Word. “*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will not fear...your rod and your staff will comfort me*” (Ps 23:4).

Grace and Peace,
Brother Mike

The next monthly mail out for the Lightshine will be March 24th
please get any events or news to office by 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 23rd.



All Youth Events will require masks to be worn and social distance will be maintained. If you need more information on any Youth Event please contact Jimmy Barnes at 334-655-1470 dalraidaumcyouth@gmail.com or visit Facebook

SAVED WITH AMAZING GRACE

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.
-Ephesians 2:8-9

Bible Study on:
Galatians – Ephesians – Philippians – Colossians

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Sundays at 11:00am

The Escape

Basketball
Games
Food
Worship

He has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.
- 2 Peter 1:4 -

Friday Nights at 7:00pm

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“Address the Mess” - Going deeper in our Lenten series

- Part 1**
- 1. How do you usually respond to other people’s messes? Do you go into fix mode, listen mode, or judgement mode?
 - 2. “If you can see your mess, you can see God. To recognize one is to acknowledge the other.” Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?
 - 3. Read Romans 3: 23-24. How do these verses challenge the way you think about your relationship with God? In what ways are they comforting?
- Part 2**
- 1. Why are we tempted to treat God like AAA– wanting him to show up when there’s a mess and pick up the pieces of our lives, and then leave until we need him for the next mess?
 - 2. Read Matthew 7: 24-27. What would it look like to hear Jesus’ words and put them into practice in your own life?
- Part 3**
- 1. “Jesus loves the messes of the world and loves us too much to leave us that way.” Is it difficult to believe that Jesus loves you , messes and all? Why or why not?
 - 2. Read Philippians 1: 3-11. What might it look like for your love to “abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight”? What do you think it requires to pursue that kind of faith?

Linda Kent-1st
Blanch Wilson-4th
Jean Pegram-4th
Mike Whitaker-4th
Jane Hitchcock-5th
Flora Snow-8th
Marcia Morrione-9th
Clara Armstrong-17th
Jean Rogers-19th
Kathy Whitehurst-20th
John Gaines-20th

Upcoming Dalraida UMC projects

- 1.) Due to the wear and tear of the carpets over time, we are currently working towards raising enough funds to be able to replace carpeting in the sanctuary, first floor hall and Sunday school rooms, as well as the offices and library. You can help keep Dalraida UMC beautiful and appealing by partnering with us in this effort.
- 2.) Increasing security with cameras that cover the rear, side, and basement entrances.
- 3.) Leveling the Annex and Annex garage while installing a new carport for the bus and storage.
- 4.) A church-wide cleanup day for our property hedges.
- 5.) The start of our after school program.

Our goal is to make Dalraida UMC a church that visitors would want to attend

Prayer Requests

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Thank you notes

Thank you Dalraida family and friends for all the cards, calls and your thoughts and prayers. I have had both co-vid vaccinations and doing well. I miss seeing everyone, love and prayers to each of you!
Sara Gross

Thank you all for your prayers, calls, texts, and cards in the recent passing of my Father. All your prayers of support for my family and I during this time were felt and greatly appreciated. The Dalraida UMC Family has always been known for its love and support and my experience was no different. You each are truly loved and appreciated. Thank you for always being there! May God continue to Bless each of you!
Keith Warren



Enrich your intimacy with God through prayerful meditation of the following selection of Psalms throughout this season of Lent:

February 21st: Psalm 25
February 28th: Psalm 22
March 7th: Psalm 19
March 14th: Psalm 107
March 21st: Psalm 51

Holy Week-Daily Readings
March 28th: (palm Sunday): Psalm 118
March 29th: Psalm 36
March 30th: Psalm 71
March 31st: Psalm 70
April 1st (Maundy Thursday): Psalm 116
April 2nd (Good Friday): Psalm 22
April 3rd (Holy Saturday): Psalm 33
April 4th (Easter Sunday): Psalm 103