



Letter from the Lead Pastor.....Mike Dominick

Dear Friends,

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A new year begins, and I have a confession to make: I am a man of routines. I take comfort in routines. If I vary my routine in the morning when I get out of bed, I am likely to forget to shave or brush my teeth, because things were not done in the usual order.

Routines can be good, because they help me accomplish things in good order and good time. But God taught me something in my life that I always have to remember. Routines can be deadly.

I grew up in a formal, liturgical Lutheran Church that, in my experience and opinion, had allowed the routine of liturgical worship remove all the life and Spirit from it. In our first worship service, I have to be intentional about **praying the Lord's Prayer, because the routine of it makes it far too easy to simply recite the Lord's Prayer without thinking about what I'm actually praying.** The same thing happens with the saying of grace before meals. **Sometimes I can't even remember if I prayed or not, let alone what I just said to God.** It just became far too routine.

The new year is almost guaranteed to bring some new things into our lives, and into our Church (especially as we pursue the prescriptions for becoming even more alive and vital and winning the next 200 to 400 people to Jesus).

The side of me that is prone to routine is, frankly, very anxious about that. **There's something unnerving about knowing that what is now routine may be replaced with something else as God leads me (and our Church) into the future He has in mind for me (us).**

But there is this other side of me that lives by faith, and that trusts the God who loves me to know what He is doing when He messes with my routines and changes things in my life! This is the God who said to His people (in Isaiah 43:19): *"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."*

I'm praying for God to mess with my (our) routine way of doing faith and church, in order to breathe new life into me (us)! I'm seeking Him with my heart to hear what He has to say about the way I conduct my everyday life, the direction and emphasis of my ministry, and the practices and ministries of Dayton Church. I'm doing so because I have this confidence: God is not done with me (us), and any change He brings will only be for the good of my life, this Church and His Kingdom.

I hope you will join me in enthusiastic prayer! May God do the *new thing* He longs to do in us and among us!

Seeking Him in the new year,
Pastor Mike





Make It-Bake It-Fake It-Take It

On January 27, 2012, the women of Dayton UM Church will gather together in the Shop at 6:30PM for a fabulous raffle/silent auction to benefit the young women of Lebanon, Indiana, **Teen Challenge. The event is sponsored by the M&M Women's Ministry. Ladies, this will be an incredible opportunity to show-case your talents and abilities. As the title suggests, you can either (1)make something (knit, crochet, sew, woodwork, pottery, jewelry etc), (2)bake something (cookies, cakes, breads, canned jellies, pickles etc), (3)fake it by buying or re-gifting (unused Christmas gift) and (4) take home something that you have bid on and won.**

You will be given a ticket for each item you enter (up to 5 items). In addition to entering items to obtain tickets, you may also buy tickets to increase your chances of taking home something that caught your eye. You will simply distribute your tickets in a bag beneath the item for which you want to bid. The more tickets you drop in the bag for any one item, the greater the chance to win that item.

In addition to the raffle and silent auction, many challenging and fun games will be played by all. It will be a night to fellowship with other Christian sisters and take home an item that **piqued your interest. Last year we gave over \$300 to Peter Pereira's Milk Ministry in India and this year our goal for Teen Challenge is at least \$500. Mark your calendars right this minute and plan to join us for a fast-paced, fun-filled Make It-Bake It-Fake It-Take It night to remember!**

Ladies there is a great opportunity to join a group that has great fellowship, good food and a wonderful lesson each month.

This is called Dorcas Circle. This group consists of retired ladies who love to serve by supporting missions in prayer and care.

They meet at the church on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 at the church in the library.

It has been a pleasure to hear the stories the ladies share about their lives and their love of Christ.

Please consider joining this great group, you will not regret it!
Any questions please call Bea Yoder at 296-9090 or me at the church at 296-9590.

Kathy Burris, UMW President



The Bulletin Board

Women's Ministries

January Service Committee:
Kathy Burris, Tennille Darnell, Shana Loft, Priscilla Fossnock, Vicki Millburg, Laura Feller, Sara Row

Sunday, January 29th &
Monday, January 30th
Bring a Friend Weekend

Prayer is the most central activity of all for Christians. F.W. p.84
"I am well aware that we don't get everything we ask for; we have to ask according to God's will. But let us not avoid the truth that we often go without things God wants us to have right now, today, because we fail to ask. Too seldom do we get honest enough to admit, 'Lord I can't handle this alone... I need you.'" F.W. p85
Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire

The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you!



Did You Know...
The church has a library with many good selections for spiritual growth?



The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

Ministry Spotlight



"Evangelism Committee"
The purpose of the Evangelism Committee is to encourage, train, and equip the congregation of DUMC to be able to share their faith with the unchurched. The committee also plans outreach events at the church and in the community that aim to help the unchurched connect with our congregation and with Christ. The ultimate aim of the efforts of this committee is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

My House Shall Be Called a House of Prayer.....

Come out and watch the video message by Jim Cymbala (author of, "Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire") It was given in Indianapolis by Jim and is called "My House shall be called a House of Prayer".

My House Shall Be Called A House of Prayer has become one of Pastor Cymbala's most memorable messages on the importance and power of prayer.

Pastor Cymbala preached this message at the Praise Gathering in Indianapolis in 1994. Today it still speaks and exhorts people everywhere to "First of all, pray".

The message is powerful! Prayer is crucial to our health both in our body and as The Body of Christ. Please join us January 8th, at 6:30pm, in conference room A.

Resolving to Change the Way We Think.....Pastor Eric Schneider

I am so thankful to be a part of a church family that has a culture of evangelism. Our church does so good at so many things, but that does not mean that we can't improve. I wanted to take a moment here at the beginning of a new year to give some suggestions about how we think about things.

1. All of us are missionaries - Each one of us encounters people that only we can reach. We all live, work, and play in different places. So, if the people around us are going to hear the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we must be the ones to share our faith with them and take the effort to invite them to church. We should pray for God to open our eyes to opportunities that present themselves for us to share our faith.
2. All of us are greeters - We have a wonderful group of volunteers who give of their time to greet us as we come into the church. However, we must not leave the greeting to them. I encourage us all to look around as we sit down in the sanctuary. Don't focus on talking to our friends. Instead, introduce yourselves to people you don't recognize. If you ever see someone who looks confused, offer to help them. Do all you can to make our guests feel comfortable.
3. We are all servants - No one expects our guests to jump in and immediately sign up to serve in Children's Ministry. However, if we have been attending Dayton UMC for a while and we are not serving in any way, something is wrong. Part of growing in our walk with the Lord is serving. Do we need to be fed? Of course. However, in addition to being fed, spiritual maturity means serving that others might be fed.
4. It is not about you - We all love our great church and take ownership of it. However, if we want to reach the unchurched, we have to realize that it is not about our comfort, but the comfort of others. We need to thank God that others were willing to make us comfortable when we first came to DUMC and now realize it is our turn to help others feel comfortable. How can we do this? It might mean parking in the back of the church, so that there is room in the front lot for guests. It might mean embracing change that is aimed to reach the unchurched, even if you personally don't like it. It might mean everything that I have mentioned in this article.

My friends, I love you and I love our church. As we begin this new year, I pray that you will resolve to begin thinking about how God wants to use you to make more disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. May God richly bless you in this new year. - Pastor Eric

Our Faithful Servants

First Service	Nursery NB-18 mo Room 6	Preschool Room 13 & 14
Jan 1	Sandy Guinn	Martha Graves
Jan 8	Sheri Mellady & girls	Martha Graves
Jan 15	Sarah & Tim Row	Martha Graves
Jan 22	Martha Graves	Martha Graves
Jan 29	Martha Graves	Martha Graves



	Coordinators	
Nursery & Toddler 1	Sarah Null	296-4525
Toddler 2		
Sunbeams	LeeAnn Williams	538-3558
K-6	Jim Hiestand	296-3155

Sunday School	Nursery NB-18 mo Room 6	Preschool & Kindergarten Room 13 & 14	Early Elementary Grades 1 & 2 Room J	Middle Elementary Grades 3, 4 & 5 Room A
Jan 1	Martha Graves	Camille Ummel Linda Teller Maraya Phillips	Rebecca Conner & Mindy Stader-Team 1 Kori Perdue-Team 2	Susie & Tommy Null- Team 1 Vicki & Al Millburg- Team 2
Jan 8	Martha Graves	Camille Ummel Linda Teller Maraya Phillips	Rebecca Conner & Mindy Stader-Team 1 Kori Perdue-Team 2	Susie & Tommy Null- Team 1 Vicki & Al Millburg- Team 2
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Second Service	Nursery NB-18 mo Room 6	Toddler 1 18 mo-2 1/2 yrs Room 12	Toddler 2 2 1/2-4 yrs Room 13 & 14	Sunbeams 4-5 yrs Room 8	Jr. Church Grades K-2nd Polka Dot Room	Jr. Church Grades 3rd-5th The Shop
Jan 1	Lisa Unkel Amy Willoughby Lindsey Starr	Wendie Vanette Kay Moore	Linda Hancock Ashley Conner	Don & Julie Wallace	Lori & Chris Brandon	Al & Deb Baldwin Sub- Denise Hiestand
Jan 8	Deb Beck Julie Null	Chris & Sara Huffer	MaryAnn Downan Chrisy Wickes Maraya Phillips	Shawnda & Layne Lumley	Todd & Jill Adams	Al & Deb Baldwin Sub- Denise Hiestand
Jan 15	Elizabeth Golden Sarah Null	Chrisy Wickes Jenn Tilley Holly Unkel	Susan Overdorf Lisa Hosier Victoria Heltzel	Clint & LeeAnn Williams	Julie & Travis Null alternating with Brook Roberts	Al & Deb Baldwin Sub- Denise Hiestand
Jan 22	Janet Hall Bridget Winger Angela N	Colleen Moore	Renee Dexter Emily Brandon	Erin Perdue	Lynn Heltzel	Al & Deb Baldwin Sub- Denise Hiestand
Jan 29		Camille Ummel	Mariah Robinson Lena Dispennett	Clint & LeeAnn Williams	Theresa Cornell	Al & Deb Baldwin Sub- Denise Hiestand

Renewal Services.....

Everyone clear your calendar for Sunday, February 19 - Wednesday, Feb. 22. Dayton UMC will be hosting Rev. Frank Beard for our spiritual renewal services. Rev. Beard will speak at our regular services on Sunday the 19th and then each evening at 6:30 PM. Rev. Beard is a gifted speaker and the District Superintendent in the Indiana Conference of the UMC. Please plan on attending and allow the Lord to speak to your heart through Rev. Beard.

Thank You.....Church Family

Tim & Sarah Row

Thank you to our church family for the prayers and cards following Tim's dad's death. A special thank you to Pastor Earl & Louise for making the trip to Ohio to attend the viewing. Also, thank you very much for the Bibles given in his name.

Pat Storm (Tippecanoe Tornados Boys Basketball Coordinator)

We appreciate you allowing us to use your gym for our basketball program. Your facility helps us to get our fall season started and greatly helps our financial situation as we provide a basketball program for homeschoolers.

Pastors Mike, Deke, Austin, Earl, Eric, Kathy, Jim

The pastors and their families thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful, generous cards, gifts, and goodies you gave to us this past Christmas. We can feel your love for us, and we thank you for the privilege of serving and being a part of DUMC.



A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in ideas about God.

God is like... BAYER ASPIRIN He works miracles

God is like... A FORD He's got a better idea

God is like... COKE He's the real thing

God is like... HALLMARK CARDS He cares enough to send His very best

God is like... TIDE He gets the stains out others leave behind

God is like... GENERAL ELECTRIC He brings good things to life

God is like... WAL-MART He has everything

God is like... ALKA-SELTZER Try Him, you'll like Him

God is like... SCOTCH TAPE You can't see Him, but you know He's there

God is like... DELTA He's ready when you are

God is like... ALLSTATE You're in good hands with Him

God is like... VO-5 Hair Spray He holds through all kinds of weather

God is like... DIAL SOAP Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

God is like... The U.S. POST OFFICE, Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination

God is like... CHEVROLET, the heart beat of America

God is like... MAXWELL HOUSE Good to the very last drop

God is like... BOUNTY He is the quicker picker upper, Can handle the tough jobs, And He won't fall apart on you

birthdays

Chris	Brandon	01-Jan	Ashton	Coppock	11-Jan	Raymond	Leibenguth	18-Jan
Marilyn	Gray	01-Jan	Bernie	Harlan	11-Jan	Cindi	Cullom	20-Jan
Barb	Walls	03-Jan	Brenda	Dickerson	11-Jan	Deb	Baldwin	21-Jan
Brett	Winger	03-Jan	Carolyn	Hefner	11-Jan	Aurora	Tilley	22-Jan
Larry	Nydegger	03-Jan	Dustin	Hill	11-Jan	Jon	Gallipo	22-Jan
Randy	Walls	03-Jan	Ashlee	Feller	12-Jan	Dawn	Rathburn	23-Jan
Deb	Beck	04-Jan	Mark	Rathburn	12-Jan	Jim	Cullom	23-Jan
Pam	Anderson	04-Jan	Bryon	Dispennett	13-Jan	Mark	Iwaoka	23-Jan
Colleen	Colgrove	06-Jan	Tom	Null	13-Jan	Tyler	Jones	24-Jan
Kenneth	Smith	06-Jan	Matt	Roberts	14-Jan	Tracy	Mavity	25-Jan
Cheyenne	Ummel	07-Jan	Dane	Yoder	15-Jan	Cliff	Newton	26-Jan
Gracen	Perdue	07-Jan	Darleen	Barbour	15-Jan	Holly	Unkel	26-Jan
Penny	Locks	07-Jan	Jerri	Pearson	15-Jan	Megan	Fleming	27-Jan
Christian	O'Connor	08-Jan	Tenley	Blankenship	15-Jan	Joan	Drzewiecki	28-Jan
Lowell	Damron	09-Jan	Kennedy	Golden	16-Jan	Linda	Loy	28-Jan
Mason	Roberts	09-Jan	Gary	Strup	17-Jan	Angie	Byers	30-Jan
Aaron	Byers	10-Jan	Michelle	Hanenburg	17-Jan	Adam	Stump	31-Jan
Cody	Dauby	10-Jan	Vanessa	Heltzel	17-Jan	Julie	Hamilton	31-Jan
Jim	Gilkey	10-Jan	Larry	Stetler	18-Jan	Lincoln	Perdue	31-Jan
Sheryl	Hinton	10-Jan	Mark	Loft	18-Jan	MacKenzie	Russo	31-Jan

December

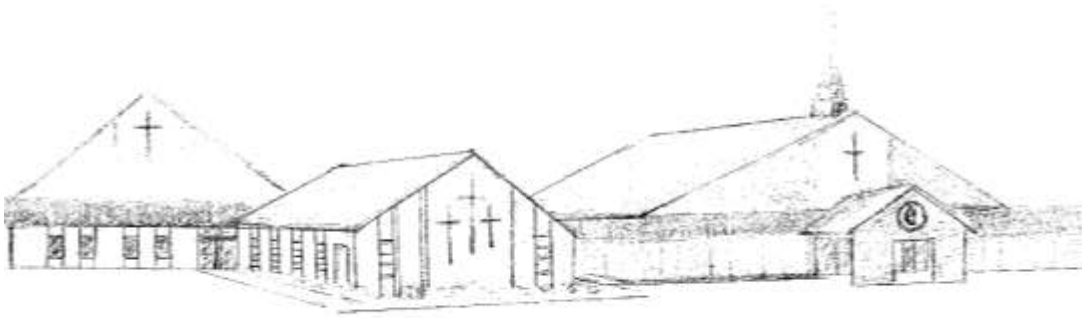
Leo & Joan Drzewiecki	January 1
Jack & Linda Rolan	January 3
Dale & Nancy Hickman	January 12
Verlyn & Lisa Fast	January 14
Tom & Lynn Heltzel	January 18



<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Sunday First Service Jim Newton, Gary Strup, Joe Mellady, Don Hankins	Sunday First Service Dede Duley Audrey Duley
Sunday Second Service Duane Adams, Ned Dickerson, Dale Crum, Brett Winger, Scott Overdorf, Tim & Kim Hannenburg, Allen Millburg	Sunday Second Service Tom Phelps, Peggy Garren, Brian & Angie Shockney, Roger & Cara Knochel, Carrie Creger
Monday Evening Steve Ratcliff	

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to Everyday Life*



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship Service (Formal)
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School For All Ages
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Casual)
Monday 6:30 p.m. Worship Service (Casual)

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