



# THE GOOD NEWS

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## Exciting Times at DPC

### HIGHLIGHTS

Morning Worship

10:15 a.m.

Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

Rev. Jeff Kackley's  
1st Sunday  
Jan. 9

Senior Fellowship  
Jan. 12

Resurrection  
Dance Theatre  
Jan. 13

Oyster Roast  
& Chili Cook-Off  
Feb. 26

Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Super  
Mar. 8

Ash Wednesday  
Service  
Mar. 9

**H**appy New Year! These are exciting times at Dorchester Presbyterian Church. It's a new year and we are continuing our ministry with a new pastor. But we can't forget our past and all we have to be proud of as a church that we can build on in the future. In December espe-

cially, I was so proud to be a part of the Dorchester church family. You outdid yourselves during the Annual Christmas Project serving eleven families with a total of 39 people. The outpouring of generosity was incredible.

The youth were able to raise \$511 for their programs through the Cookie Walk.

We were lead in worship with an eclectic Lessons and Carols Service, including our new intergenerational hand bell choir. We are blessed with so much talent!

I was also quite proud to sit with over 30 members at the presbytery examination of Rev. Jeff Kackley on December 16. I think we set a



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record for most church members present! The meeting was full of a sense of joy and excitement for the future of our church.

Many of us continued the fellowship with lunch after the meeting.

Those who went to the presbytery meeting had a chance to get to know Jeff a bit better. You will surely have your chance to meet and welcome Jeff on January 9 and in the coming weeks. But you also have the chance to get to know him in the pages of this newsletter. Please read Jeff's Faith Journey, Statement of Faith, and Biography. There will be a quiz.

*Dorothy Blackwelder*



## Resurrection Dance Theatre

The Resurrection Dance Theatre will perform at Summerville Presbyterian Church as part of their *Rising from the Rubble* tour on Thursday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. This is a fundraising tour to help in the rebuilding of St. Jo-

seph's Home for Boys in Port au Prince, Haiti that was destroyed in the devastating earthquake on January 12, 2010. Admission is free, but a love offering will be collected.

## Thank you

Dear Dorchester Friends,

Thank you so much for the lunch and the wonderful gifts after worship on Dec. 19. Joan and I were very touched by all the kind expressions from our Dorchester friends.

Over the past year and a half I've experienced more kindnesses than I can remember. The session has done excellent work in providing leadership, the deacons are up and serving, the Gossetts and the choir have enriched our worship, and the C.E. people have done a great job of teaching. I'm grateful as well for a dedicated church staff—Dorothy, Lynn and Joan.

Thank you, each and everyone, and God bless you as Jeff Kackley begins his duties.

With grace and peace,

*Deane*

## Presbyterian Women

It is hard to believe that 2010 is gone. How did it get by so fast? Hope all of you had a very merry Christmas.

Just want to remind you that we will be co-host with the Senior Fellowship for a luncheon for the residents at Presbyterian Village Wednesday January 12 in the fellowship hall at 11:45 a.m. Please bring a cover dish with some extra for our guest. This will not take the place of our regular meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>. We have a lot to do if we plan to have a craft sale, so please join us on the second and fourth Monday nights at 7 p.m. and the second

and fourth Thursday at 10 a.m. We have several things we are working on so I am sure you will find something you will enjoy. The fellowship is great.

We will need to take the Christmas tree down on January 8 at 10 a.m. We would appreciate some tall men or some of the youth group to climb the ladder to remove the ornaments.

All women of the church are invited to join us for our meeting and crafts. Hope to see you there.

*Norma Jamrogowicz*



All women of the church are invited to join the Presbyterian Women's activities.



## Senior Fellowship

The Senior fellowship will hold their January luncheon on Wednesday, January 12th in the Fellowship Hall. The Presbyterian Women and Seniors will host the residents from the Presbyterian Village in Summerville. Please join us at 11:45 and bring a generous dish to share. If you would like to donate money for chicken, please contact Jenny, Sarah, or Norma. Hope to see you then.

*Sarah Wickersham, Jenny Ticknor, and Norma Jamrogowicz*

## Jeff Kackley “Statement of Faith”

I believe in the one, living, true, triune God. I believe God is one, because I know of no other, to be living and true! I believe God is triune, as seen in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

I believe God is loving and just and compassionate. I believe God is creating and renewing and refreshing!

I believe God created you and me, and all that there is, both seen and unseen! I believe that all of creation is indeed; a gift for us to share!

I believe God chooses us, and calls us, to be good stewards of all that God has given us.

I believe God wants us to live in civility and community.

I believe we all have trouble living up to our calling. We fall short. We are not what we should be, - the world is not as it should be. We realize this, and we are convicted of our sin. We are guilty. - From sin, there is no escape. It is a deep, dark, consuming pit. It's wages are death.

I believe that God loves and cares for us so much, that He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ to be our Savior from sin and death. Jesus is the Emmanuel, “God with us!” Jesus is the Lord of lords and the King of kings!

In Jesus, we see both, what God is like, and what we as humans are called to be. Jesus is the Messiah, the fulfillment of Scripture, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end, the Word made flesh.

I believe that in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus, we are offered, and find, life anew. It is a good life, the high life, it is life-everlasting, - eternal life, life lived now, today, life lived in the future!

In fact, I am so convinced of this, that I don't believe anything can separate us from the love and the life, that we find in Christ Jesus, our Lord!

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Jesus is the only Way that I know. I know of no other Truth. There is no other Life, or Way to live.

I believe these things, because the Holy Spirit is at work in my life. This is a gift from God, - the presence of God!

I believe the Holy Spirit is at work in all of our lives, even in those who may or may not be aware of God's presence. The Holy Spirit is at work in the world. The Spirit moves where it wills. There is no capturing or quenching the Spirit of God; - I cannot grasp it. I certainly cannot explain it.

All that I can really do is be myself, and proclaim what I believe, and do the best that I can, to bring this conviction, this faith, this assurance of things hoped for, this belief in things unseen, - alive and visible, for all of the world to see.

I believe that as Christians, this is our common calling. To be the Body of Christ in the World.

I realize that the Church is not as it (perhaps) should be. But, now we only see dimly, one day we will see face to face, one day we will know, even as we are already known. - - - I look forward to that day; but for now, I will accept the signs and seals of God's grace. I will honor the Reformed tradition, and uphold my Presbyterian heritage. I will try to live by the Word of God. I will live and work with my brothers and sisters in Christ for a world that is new. I will share the Good News, the Gospel, that all may see and know the joy and grace that I have found!

*Jeff Kackley*

# December Highlights



**Advent Festival  
Christmas Pageant**



**Annual Christmas Project  
Gift Sorting**



**Annual Christmas Project  
Gift Sorting**





## Jeff Kackley “Biography”

I was born on 10-23-70 in Winchester, Virginia, which means (as my Birthday cards have attested) that I am now, officially, “over the hill.”

I grew up with my parents and my younger sister of two years, in Berryville, Virginia, where most of my family of origin still resides. My grandparents, as well as most of my aunts, uncles, and cousins, all lived near by, so we were always very close.

When I was in the eighth grade, my parents bought a 315 acre farm, and I fell in love with farming. I have always had a love and respect for nature, but I especially like to see things grow.

In high school, I was voted the class clown. I was smart, and took “Honors” classes, but never really lived up to my potential. I didn’t play any sports, because I was the smallest kid in school for a long time. And, while I was popular (I guess), I never really had much of a social life, mainly because I didn’t drink, and I was afraid of girls. So, I worked hard at home, and became involved in my Agriculture classes - through the FFA (Future Farmers of America). I also got involved in the school plays, and was often stereotyped as the comic relief.

After high school, I attended Virginia Tech, where I got a degree in Agriculture Education. I loved college, and I took advantage of my new found freedom, - definitely getting my money’s worth! Thankfully, I never really got too crazy, and the one thing that I did right, was attend church. I also managed to pay my way through college working for Food Lion as a meat cutter, and graduated basically, debt free.

My senior year, I started to date my wife, Mimi. Mimi and I were friends throughout middle school and high school. She was attending Elon College, and then one summer, her eyes were opened, and she just couldn’t let me go! (I’ll probably get in trouble for

that one!)

We dated for a year, and were engaged for a year, and then we were married in 1993. That’s almost 18 years, and I love her more now, than ever! (Hopefully, that will help me get back out of trouble!)

We moved to Clarksville, Virginia right out of college, and we both taught in middle schools for eight years. She was a P.E. teacher and the Girl’s Basketball Coach, and I taught Agriculture.

As an Agriculture teacher, I had it made. My program had over a \$20,000 budget, and at school I had ten acres of forest, a classroom, a computer lab, a shop, a greenhouse, and a garden area. I coached state and national winning teams and individuals in everything from public speaking and parliamentary procedure to agricultural mechanics, ecology, and forestry.

During our time in Clarksville, we quickly saw our dreams coming true. We purchased our first home (on the lake), and owned a 57 acre farm with an acre stocked pond, and two flowing streams.

We were both very happy with our jobs, church family, and lives in general, and after five years, our son, Duncan (12) was born. It was also around this time, that I began to feel a call to do something different. I explored the possibility of teaching Agriculture on a different level, and of even becoming a principal, but I realized those were not my callings. I traveled to Haiti to an Agriculture School on a Presbytery Mission Trip, and I became very active in our congregation, all of which, eventually led to my call to Seminary.

We sold our house and farm, and just about everything else we owned, and we moved to Atlanta, where I attended Columbia Theological Seminary, and my wife worked as a middle school Language Arts teacher. Seminary was not what I expected, but I loved it, and

it was one of the best (and hardest) experiences of my life! We made many friends, and I learned a lot! During that time, my two daughters were born, Virginia (8), and Locke (7). It was also in Seminary, that I realized my calling as a pastor.

The 200 member congregation that I have served in Pulaski, Virginia, for the past seven years has been wonderful! They are hard-working, caring, honest, open, and loving. They are very mission-oriented, with a Pre-school, and a Soup Kitchen that feeds between 100-200 people a day, lunch, M-F, as well as housing a Free Health Clinic and an Emergency Assistance Agency.

In my time there, I helped them to heal from a split that occurred, when the previous pastor was asked to leave. We also had a generational shift, from mainly older members, to a more balanced group with young families and babies. We worked well together, and we will miss one another, but my work here has come to an end, and I sense a strong call to your congregation!

I am especially excited to be working with a slightly larger congregation, as well as, with an Associate Pastor. I am excited by your history as a new church development, and for your potential for additional growth. I like the look, lay-out, and feel of your buildings and campus - (a forty-acre wildlife preserve, Wow!). I appreciate your hands-on approach to ministry, and I look forward to being able to work beside you. I am looking forward to ministering to an overall, younger congregation. My family and I love the Summerville area, and we have great friends already living here! You have a great PNC, that has done a great job! - And if they are anything like the rest of y’all, then this is going to be a great match, and a great place to serve, for hopefully, a long time!

## Thank You

With a new year beginning, new elders and deacons will be ordained and installed. We want to be sure to thank those who are rotating off after faithfully serving for the past three years.

### Session Members - Class of 2010

**Julie Burchette**, chair of the Fellowship Committee, also serving as chair of the former Witness and Congregation Care Committee

**Jack Judson**, chair of the Property Committee

**Connor Richardson**, youth representative, serving on the Youth Ministry Committee

**Doug Richardson**, chair of the Personnel Committee, also serving on the Outreach and Fundraising Committees

**Brenda Sutton**, chair of the Christian Education Committee, also serving on the Fundraising Committee

**Kathy Worthington**, clerk of session, also serving on the Fundraising Committee. We are grateful that Kathy has agreed to stay on as clerk for another year to help ease the transition for Jeff.

### Board of Deacons – Class of 2010

**Terry Joyce**, serving as deacon for the Yellow Team

### Good Shepherd School Board


**Bob Semle**, GSS board chairman

### Historians/ Scrapbookers Needed

We have many folders of DPC pictures and would like to get them labeled, organized, and put into photo albums. Please let Dorothy know if you are interested in helping.

### Flowers

The 2011 sign-up sheet for flowers is now posted in the narthex. You may place flowers in memory or honor of someone, in celebration of a special occasion, or to the Glory of God. Please consider placing flowers in the sanctuary. If you have questions, please contact Debibie Sessoms at (843) 860-1967.



**Dinner on the Town**  
Jan. 2

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**Game Night**  
Jan. 9

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**Mystery Mission Trip**  
Jan. 14-17

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**Parents' Night**  
Jan. 23

## January Birthdays

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Marsha Price	3	Jessica Bowers	11	Rainey Bernhardt	26
Lauren Crump	3	Denise Swasty	12	Randi Wells	26
Justyn Lodge	3	Michelle Graves	13	Marshall Hogon	27
Collis Boyd	6	Lindsay Stark	14	Diane Lodge	27
Richard King	6	Kelly Howard	20	Jan Goin	28
Ellen Styles	8	Alexandra Hansen	21	John Lee	30
Kelsey Balliet	9	MariAlice Jones	22	Mike Monnet	30
Samuel Price	10	Penn Bernhardt	25	Julie Burchette	31



*Sincere birthday wishes from your church family.*

## Jeff Kackley's "Faith Journey"

I grew up attending a small, family-sized, United Methodist church in Berryville, Virginia. My family and I were there almost every Sunday, and I still have the perfect attendance pins to prove it!

From the time that I was in middle school up through college, the matriarch of that congregation, would grab me and give me a hug each Sunday after church, and say, "This is going to be the next pastor that comes out of this church." - - - She, of course was right, but little did she know, that I would become Presbyterian!

She and others in that congregation, seemed to recognize gifts in me that I did not see at the time. I recall my pastor taking me out for lunch, when I was a senior in high school, to ask me if I had ever considered being a pastor, to which I responded, "Maybe after I become an Agriculture Teacher."

I attended Virginia Tech and majored in Agriculture Education. Like many college students, this was a time of spiritual growth and overall maturity. While I was there, I ventured beyond the Methodist church and started to attend a non-denominational church, because (in my opinion) the girls were prettier!

My senior year of college, I started to date my now, wife, (Mimi) of 17 years, and after graduation we moved to Clarksville, Virginia, where we both served as middle school teachers for eight years. She had grown up Episcopalian, so we decided to try out all of the churches in town, where we fell in love with the congregation of the Presbyterian Church, even though neither of us had ever been in one before!

Over time, I became an elder and very active in the congregation. We purchased a farm, had a house on the lake, and experienced the birth of our son (Duncan). We had everything we could have ever wanted, yet after about five years, I started to sense that God might be calling me to do something else other than teach Agriculture. And, after a series of trials and tribulations, and blessings, I realized I was called to Columbia Seminary.

Initially, I felt my call to seminary to also be a call to be a missionary. With my teaching and agriculture back-

ground, as well as, for my interest in working with third world countries, it only made sense! But, my wife never sensed such a call!! - - - Maybe it will still happen!?

While in seminary, I also had the opportunity to travel to 10 different countries, where I saw people already doing what I wanted to do, only they already knew the language and customs. I also did two summer internships with a large congregation in Anderson, SC, and with a small new church development in Manteo, NC. It was through these experiences along with the rest of my seminary education (and the birth of my two daughters), that I realized that God was calling me to a different mission field, a place where I already knew the language and customs.

After graduation, I accepted a call to First Presbyterian Church in Pulaski, Virginia, where I have served for over seven years as a solo pastor!

My call to Pulaski has been a great one, and I have learned so much! Like my call from teaching to seminary, my call to leave Pulaski is one that I have resisted for some time, but it is now clear, that I have been called to serve Dorchester Presbyterian Church!

My family and I are looking forward to the new things that God will do in our life, as well as, within the Dorchester congregation, the Summerville Community, and throughout the Presbytery and PCUSA!





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# THE GOOD NEWS

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### DORCHESTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



Rev. Jeff Kackley, *Pastor*

Rev. Dorothy Blackwelder, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Richard Cushman, *Pastor Emeritus*

Kevin & Jennifer Gossett, *Music Directors*

Angie Krouse and Connie Judson, *Organists*

Karene Feltner, *Bookkeeper*

Lynn Miksche, *Church Administrator*

Joan Farrell, *Director, Good Shepherd School*

Amy Plexico & Angela Laffin, *Sunday Nursery  
& Child Care-givers*

## SUNDAY MORNING

**Worship: 10:15 a.m.**

**Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.**

### DORCHESTER SESSION

#### Elders

Class of 2011: Robin Bowers  
Alex Hansen  
Don Harmon  
Harry Johnson  
Peter Jones  
Shirley Monnet

Class of 2012: Collis Boyd  
Teddy Marcot  
Brandon Page  
Tony Savage  
Randi Wells

Class of 2013: Jan Goin  
Kelly Howard  
Mike Lesko  
Ramona Smith  
Ben Stark

Clerk of Session: Kathy Worthington

#### Board of Deacons

Class of 2011 Don Graves  
Jim Mallory

Class of 2012 Margaret Jones  
Joan Semle  
Pam Stewart

Class of 2013 Mary Lee  
Anne Peterson  
Bill Rooney

### DORCHESTER LEADERS

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Kelly Howard  
Randi Wells

FELLOWSHIP: Shirley Monnet  
Ramona Smith

FINANCE: Peter Jones

#### GOOD SHEPHERD

SCHOOL: Mike Lesko

MISSION: Robin Bowers  
Tony Savage

OUTREACH: Collis Boyd

PERSONNEL: Shirley Monnet  
Doug Richardson  
Brandon Page  
Jan Goin

#### PRESBYTERIAN

WOMEN: Norma Jamrogowicz

PROPERTY: Don Harmon  
Harry Johnson  
Ben Stark

#### SENIOR

FELLOWSHIP: Jenny Ticknor  
Sarah Wickersham

WORSHIP: Teddy Marcot

# THOSE WHO SERVE

## January 2011

### ELDER OF THE MONTH

Peter Jones

### COMMUNION SERVERS

January 2

Peter Jones

Doodle Simpson

Harvey Simpson

Margaret Jones

### NEWCOMER HOSTS

January 2

Sue & Collis Boyd

January 9

Pam & Kirk Stewart

January 16

Linda & Bob Veline

January 23

Ann & Tony Savage

January 30

Randi & Steve Wells

### GREETERS

January 2

Bob & Joan Semle

January 9

Tony & Ann Savage

January 16

John & Mary Lee

January 23

Don & Barb Alexander

January 30

Jim & Pam Brice

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

January 2

Linda Marks

Donnelly Family

January 9

Sue Nelson

Barb & Abby Alexander

January 16

Anne Peterson

Diane Barber

January 23

Judy Ulmer

Robin Bowers

January 30

Angie Houston

Sara Gamble

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

January 2

Georgia DuPree

Taylor Feltner

January 9

Kylie Page

Joan Semle

January 16

Pam Brice

Anne Vido

January 23

Michelle Graves

Taylor Floyd

January 30

Diane Lodge

Austin Richardson