

# *Panorama*

**Des Moines United Methodist Church**  
**We feed all people in body, mind and spirit for the**  
**transformation of the world.**



Dear Friends in Christ,

Advent is upon us, the weeks of preparation for the coming of the babe of the manger, (and for his return in Glory). Our worship services will focus on the traditional scripture lessons of the season. My devotional reading for the season always impacts my preaching. For those of you who like the printed page, I would suggest you might join me in reading, *Celebrating Abundance* by Walter Brueggemann. Alexandra Kuykendall's *Loving my Actual Christmas* has provided for me a look into being present in the current season in my current world. My working theme for the season is *Norman Rockwell does not live here anymore*.

**Advent Devotionals.** If your preference is to have a screen time devotional, I would suggest two of my favorites: Richard Rohr is my first read each and every morning. <https://cac.org/sign-up/>. Goshen college does student written devotions for Advent and Lent that I have found to be a good read from the perspective of college students (they make me hopeful for the future). <https://www.goshen.edu/devotions/subscribe/>

Our **Advent Wreath** will take a bit of a different flavor this year. Four people have accepted the challenge to share their Christmas season thoughts on *Loving my Actual Christmas*. I am very much looking forward to their reflections.

**Advent Education Time** will be led by Martin. This will be a time of sharing, storytelling, sermon reflection, and scripture reading.

**Christmas Eve.** We will be having morning worship at the regular 9:30 am time and evening services at both 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm.

Rev. David Van Heyningen

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# Seeking Norman Rockwell

Seeking Norman Rockwell is a group discussion in the Wesley Room after service on Sundays during Advent. The group will be lead by Martin Culbert. It will be a time of sharing, storytelling, sermon reflection and scripture reading. Join us at 10:30 am beginning December 2nd.

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## Children's Christmas Fun Day Scheduled

Save the Date! Children's Christmas Fun Day is Saturday, December 2 from 10:00am-1:00pm downstairs in Fellowship

Hall. It is a day of fun, crafts, games, story time, movie and lunch as we learn all about God's love in the Christmas story of

Jesus' birth. Invite your family and friends to this fun activity. Free for all children ages 4-10.

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## 50+ Singles Christmas Luncheon Set



Come one, come all. The 50+ Singles group has set the date for their Christmas Luncheon. It will be held on Saturday, December 2nd at 12:00 pm at Tuscany at Des

Moines Creek. If you are interested, please contact Gwen Patton at (206)870-8500 to RSVP.

## The Arts Celebrated at DMUMC



### Boeing Employees Choir - Christmas Concert

Boeing Employees Choir returns to our sanctuary for a Christmas Concert December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. A free will offering will be taken to benefit our Choir Robe Fund. Invite your friends for an inspirational beginning to your Christmas season.



### Saltwater Music Series presents: "Pipes and Strings"

Saturday, January 20, 2017 - 7pm  
in the Sanctuary at Des Moines United Methodist Church

Join us for a celebration of music that showcases Des Moines UMC's mighty organ and the church's brand-new piano! Composer and pianist **Steven Luksan** will present works for solo keyboard representative of various musical styles of the last 400 years, from Baroque, to Classical, to Modern, including new compositions written just for this concert! Special guest **Justin Henderlight** (oboe and composer) will also perform a new composition scored for oboe and organ.

Admission to the concert is FREE, with a suggested donation of \$10 to support a great charitable cause (more details to come!). Transportation will be provided from Wesley Homes.



## Money is for Ministry November Finance Report

Our generous giving this year has supported all of our ministries so far and I am confident this support will continue for the rest of the year. Also, several of you provided so much

money for the new baby grand piano that there was enough to also help purchase the Smart TVs for the sanctuary. Now the Pledges for 2018 are arriving to support our expanding ministries. Bless all of you for your support!

Larry Malcom, Financial Committee Chairperson

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## Program and Music Ministries Report

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you David V. for the kind words in worship last month. It was an honor to help this wonderful congregation transition over the summer and I look forward to serving that role again as God's plan is made clear to us in the next month.

I am proud of our successes this fall. Due to your generosity and faithful contributions, there is a new piano in the sanctuary. We have a new electronic presentation system coming as I write this note. In addition,

the Property Improvement Fund has blessed our choir with new chairs that are comfortable enough for an hour of sitting. Our young adult Harvest Band is now supporting our worship every month and leading a time of music, fellowship, and prayer on the last Thursday of each month. The Faith Studies group continues to explore A Life Worthy of the Gospels each week and another small group has helped David focus his sermons on topics relevant to our congregation. There have been many

successes.

After my Sunday study group is finished, I will be knocking on doors in our neighborhood inviting people to come and worship on Christmas Eve. You are invited to join me in either or both of these activities.

There are many needs and opportunities coming in the next few months. I hope you'll continue to bless our body of Christ here at Des Moines UMC. Love in Christ, Martin

## Community Movie Night - January 5

Join the fun and fellowship on Friday, January 5 at 7:00pm downstairs in room 110. We will be viewing *The Young Messiah* (PG-13). At the age of 7, Jesus Bar-Joseph lives with his family in Alexandria, Egypt, where they have fled to avoid a massacre of children by King Herod of Israel. Jesus knows that his parents Joseph

and Mary have secrets they are keeping from him, secrets about his birth and about traits that make him very different from other boys. His parents, however, believe him too young to grasp the truth of his miraculous birth and purpose. Learning that the murderous Herod is dead, they set out to return to their home of Naza-

areth in Israel, unaware that Herod's namesake son is, like his father, determined to see the boy Jesus dead. Great fellowship, good snacks, laughter and maybe a tear or two are all to be had at Movie Night. Invite your family and friends.

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## Hospitality House Update

Thank you to all who donated their time to make meals for the women of Hospitality House in 2017; The Stephens and the DMUMC Youth, The Mannards and the DMUMC Youth, Kristie Brame, Marilyn Hoff, Dan Fooks, Cheryl Forbes, Cyndi Appelhof, Joan Zatloukal, and Barbara Campbell. Those 20 or so meals that you lovingly prepared for 10 women each time is most appreciated and

such an important part in making it possible for Hospitality House to help approximately 80 women each year! Thank you to all who donated to or attended the two major fundraising events to allow Hospitality House meet the operating budget for the year and thank you for your gifts, whether in cash or in-kind, that you provided to Hospitality House. \$850 was donated to Hospitality House through the

church in 2017, which does not include money donated directly to Hospitality House. Thank you so much!

### Upcoming Dates:

First 2018 Meal Preparation Week - Tuesday, January 16 through Sunday, January 21.

Spring Fling and Auction and Dinner - Saturday, March 3, 2018

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## Des Moines Area Food Bank Update

Christmas bags will be distributed to the clients on Wednesday, December 20 through Friday, December 22 from 9am to Noon. Please let Kris or Barb know if you would like to work on any of these days.

Thank you to all from DMUMC who worked at the

Des Moines Area Food Bank in 2017, whether driving to stores and picking up food or lifting, sorting, organizing and distributing food or welcoming clients to the food bank. Members of DMUMC donated a total of \$7174 to the Des Moines Area Food Bank in 2017 and donated a total

of 323 pounds of foods. Many thanks for all of your hard work and giving hearts!!

## December UMW Schedule.



UMW BOARD MEETING: December Board Meeting has been cancelled.  
UMW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Saturday, December 9th, 12pm, at the church in the Olympic Room.  
COFFEE TEA AND THEE: Saturday, December 9th, 9am, at the Des Moines Creek Restaurant.  
EUNICE ALLEN GROUP: Monday, December 11th, from 2 - 3:30pm at Wesley Gardens in the Music Room.  
SHARE AND CARE: Will not be meeting in December.  
QUILTERS: Tuesday, December 12th at the church in Room 232.

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### UMW Christmas Luncheon.

The United Methodist Women's Christmas Luncheon will occur on Saturday, December 9th. Chasity Jones from <i>Faith Action Network</i> will fill us in on what we can do to	advocate for justice for women and children, solidarity with neighboring faith communities, economic and climate justice. Our own Harvest Choir will join us in song. Come and fill the stockings on the Grant of	Encouragement Tree to assist our youth as they graduate from high school. All are invited and asked to bring a salad if able. We are hoping to provide transportation and childcare.
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### Sock It To Homelessness - Operation Nightwatch

Comfort tired feet - Lift weary spirits - Give someone hope. UMW is collecting men's new white athletic socks for our homeless friends and neighbors. Please add to the collection bin in the	Narthex starting Sunday, November 26th. We wish to replace nasty wet socks with dry comfortable socks to help our brothers and sisters stay warm and dry. Nightwatch has a goal of collecting 20,000	pairs of socks in the next six months. Your help will spread the love of Jesus Christ to those who are hurting. Thank you, your UMW Team
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## December

### Sundays:

Worship and Children's Sunday School	9:30 am
Faith Studies - Adult Study	10:45 am
Finding Norman Rockwell	10:45 am
Harvest Group	11:30 am
Junior/ Senior High Youth Group	6:30 pm
24 - Christmas Eve Service	7:00 pm
24 - Christmas Eve Service	11:00 pm

### Mondays:

Food Bank open	9:00 am - 11:45 am
04-Finance Team	7:00 pm
11-Charge Conference	7:00 pm
25-Christmas - Church Office Closed	

### Tuesdays:

Handy Persons	8:30 am
AA, Al-anon	7:00 pm
21- Community Dinner	5:00 pm

### Wednesdays:

Food Bank open	9:00 am - 11:45 am
Hand Bell Rehearsal	6:30 pm

### Thursday

Harvest Group	3:30 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
21-Contemporary Worship	4:00 pm

### Fridays:

Food Bank open	9:00 am - 11:45 am
01-Movie Night	7:00 pm

### Saturdays:

02 - 50+ Singles Christmas Luncheon	12:00 pm
Memorial Service - Don Cone	2:00 pm
09 - UMW Christmas Tea	12:00 pm
Boeing Employees Choir	7:00 pm

## December Birthdays

02 - Rahel Corkern
04 - Franklin Herrick
05 - Gwen Knechtel
06 - Cyndi Appelfhof
07 - Margaret Van Gasken
09 - Susan Hislop Zenny Stone
10 - Gwen Patton
13 - Cliff Isaman
15 - Carol Dameron
17 - Connie Midgett
21 - Ryan Douglass Mick Michalson
24 - Kyra Sutherland
26 - Marilyn Hoff
27 - Ruth Brenneman

If we have missed your birthday, please let the church office know so that we can list it

### Staff:

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### Let's Pray for:

The Family of Don Cone on his death.	
Marian Towle	June & Alvin Thornton
June Hendrickson	Mary Weseman
Bill Garvin	Betty Beeman
Jack Hendrickson	Jack Kniskern
Jim Thuirer	Velna Steiner
Rob Hogg	Don Collier

Gwen Whyte
Gloria Kymn
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... And all our Friends and Church Family in Health Centers

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If you have questions regarding any of the articles, please free to contact the church office at (206)878-8301 or email [Kathy@desmoinesumc.org](mailto:Kathy@desmoinesumc.org).

**Church office hours:**

Monday - Friday 9:30 - 3:00

As a community of faith, Des Moines United Methodist Church welcomes each person who comes here to seek and worship God. As a Reconciling Congregation, we invite everyone to full participation.

**Safe Sanctuaries**

*DMUMC is a safe sanctuary church . . .*

To ensure our congregation is a place of safety, trust, and compassion, we practice Safe Sanctuaries which includes background checks of staff and adult volunteers, preventative education, and proper response to disclosures of abuse.