

Panorama

Des Moines United Methodist Church

We feed all people in body, mind and spirit for the transformation of the world.

Are you ready to "Fall Right" In!?

Small Group Studies coming up!!

Look for the details in the weekly bulletins and registration available soon.

Journey through the psalms.

8-session course

Dr. Denise Dombkowski Hopkins brings the Psalms to life for prayer and worship.

Serious answers to hard questions.

10-session course

Theologians address ten issues that are obstacles to faith for many people both in and outside of the church.

A life worthy of the gospel.

6-session course

Dr. Sondra Wheeler explores how Christians can act faithfully in a complex world.

September Worship schedule:

September 3

Pastor Jan preaching.

Pastor Ray presiding for the Holy Communion.

September 10

Pastor Gloria preaching.

Backpack blessing Sunday.

September 17

Fire Dept. Chaplain preaching.

First Responders Appreciation Sunday.

September 24

Music Ministries Appreciation.

October 1

Pastor Gloria presiding.

World Communion Sunday.

Wear your native dress and celebrate the beauty of diversity.

First Responders' Appreciation

Missions and UMW would like to recognize our local Police and Fire Departments on **Sunday, September 17th**. Thank you stationery will be available in the Olympic Room on September 10th for you to write notes of appreciation to our First Responders. Please bring cookies on the 17th in disposable containers or zip lock bags to add to the baskets which will be distributed on Sunday, September 17th. Teddy Bears for fire victims will be appreciated as well. Thank you, your Mission Team.

Backpacks for Education

As children are getting ready for school, let's help them prepare for success by taking advantage of the "Back to School" sales. Expenses for struggling families add up fast as they try to supply their students with essential learning materials. These include: *both wide ruled and college (narrow) ruled paper packs, Pee Chee folders, crayons (24 crayon box), #2 pencils, ball point pens, rulers, glue sticks/ small Elmer's white school glue, erasers, backpacks very much appreciated.* Thank you to those of you who have already added to the collection box in the Narthex. **United Methodist Women** hope to have all materials collected by **September 10th** for distribution on the 11th. Thank you.



My office computer was transported to my dining room, and this has provided me with temporary office space so that I have been able to work at home. I am grateful for the technology that helps me to get things done from home, where I can also take a break as my body requires it. The first round of chemo treatments has been a challenging experience. But the cards that I have been receiving every day give me the strength I need to fight this cancer battle. Thank you very....VERY MUCH... Your encouraging words heal me every day!

As you know, I've been writing acrostic "CANCER" prayers during my treatments. So I will share a couple of the prayers with you:

"Beauty Decision"

C Creator
A A bundle of hairs
N Negating their scalp attachment
C Cut short or shave?
E Everyone is curious.
R Razor! Bring it out. No more bad hair days!

"Chemo Brain"

C Creator
A A bit overwhelmed
N Now...
C Clarifying the medical bills, benefits, and claims require
E Every cell of my chemo brain to
R Read, respond and record. That simple task is challenging...
See you in church... soon!
Gloria



Program and Music Ministries

Thank you all for your support and conversations as I settled into my work as Director of Program and Music Ministries here at DMUMC. You have been very generous and supportive.

With great support from a handful of our faithful church members and some of our Harvest Group (young adults) we have created draft materials to use as we reach out to our neighbors. I will start knocking on neighborhood doors this month and ask how we can be better neighbors. I am starting with questions to find out how we can give our community what it most needs. In the near future we need to train a team

to help me knock on doors and have conversations.

Inside the walls of our church I am researching way in which we can feed the needs of our own community. What do you need that we are not providing? What location is best for you? What time of the week works best? Do you know of anybody interested in helping me to turn the needs you are defining into actual programs?

Over the summer Terry & I focused on picnics as activities where all members and visitors could attend. As we head into the fall we are defining our next group of activities. Halloween is a natural event for us

to work with, so is Thanksgiving. Do you have any other ideas for an intergenerational event? Please share your ideas with Terry or me.

Our music ministries have restarted their efforts for the fall. Bell Ensemble starts on September 6. Chancel Choir restarts on September 7. Our Harvest Band (young adults) is also restarting their Thursday and Sunday rehearsal schedule. If you know of anybody interested in joining us, please let Martin know at 206-276-3168 or at mfulbert@gmail.com. We have room for more people to share in all three ministries. Thanks be to God!
Martin Culbert 206-276-3168

Caring for Our Congregation

During the last few months I have visited many individuals at Wesley Gardens, Wesley Terrace, Wesley Health Care Center, Judson Park and in private homes to see many who continue to live in their own homes. Invariably, we speak of the church, or ask for blessings for our pastor Rev. Gloria Kymn, or talk of how the church has impacted their lives. And always, the subject of "Family" enters into our conversations! What a bless-

ing it is to talk with others about God's impact on their lives.

Many thanks to Jim and Joanne Partch, who bring beautiful roses to the church, which are then arranged in vases by either Janalie Rieger or Barb Michalson. These are delivered to those unable to get out and enjoy God's beautiful nature, and these bouquets certainly bring the love of God from fellow parishioners to those unable to get out.

Many words of appreciation are expressed by the receivers and everyone comments on the wonderful aroma of these roses from our own Wesley Gardens. Thank you, thank you to these behind-the-scenes angels and to all who take part in the visits. It truly does take a village! Pastor Jan



Youth mission trip to Puerto Rico.

We all had an amazing experience on our trip to Puerto Rico. We really felt (and needed) the prayers as we began our travel. A medical emergency on board our first flight necessitated an unexpected landing in Billings, MT. We missed our connecting flight to Puerto Rico, which meant we were unable to pick up our rental vehicle until the next day. American Airlines gave us food and taxi vouchers and a room in a nice hotel. That made the 24 hour

travel experience a little better. We then picked up our van and traveled to the center of the island and enjoyed a lively worship service at a local church. It was an excellent way to begin our week in Cayay. We met the staff and fellow servants at the retreat center and enjoyed exploring the local area. Monday morning we met our residents and began working on their homes. We painted, did small repair works and enjoyed fellowship with the residents and fellow servants on our teams. It was very hot and humid so we were happy to have many hands to do the work. On our free day we ex-

plored the rain forest and the beach. Puerto Rico is such a beautiful tropical place! We then returned to the homes and finished up our work and presented gifts and pictures to the residents. They welcomed these with tears in their eyes. What a moment that was! This was an unforgettable experience and we cannot adequately thank all who supported us in prayer and funding. The opportunity to see God's beauty in people and place along with the chance to grow in faith and Spirit was life changing! We, Jennifer, Emma, Jenny, Beth, Jane and Terry, offer our humble thanks and gratitude. Look for pictures of the trip on the Youth bulletin board in the near future. Terry Stephenson

Cultural Diversity

“Leaders of diversity-oriented churches must practice and preach what they believe about diversity in keeping with the mission of Christ. The culturally intelligent leader is able to suspend personal judgments that lead to evaluation of other cultures (according to preconception that one’s own culture is superior, prejudice and bias), thereby understanding and motivating people from diverse social groups towards organizational goals.” (Dr. A Brian Leander)

“The rise of a new cultural racial trauma hasn't just materialized because Trump is President. This has been brewing for decades and Christianity, that is, a very distorted but popular version of Christianity, is part of the cur-

rent outbreak of hatred and (perverted) self-righteousness. (Rev. Rich Lang, D.S.) I believe that our mission, *Des Moines United Methodist Church Feeds All People In Body, Mind and Spirit*, is practiced daily by the members of our congregation, our staff and our leaders. Are we not thankful that our inclusion awareness is demonstrated on each Sunday in the worship service, where our attendees are becoming more diverse, and by the group of ethnically diverse young people who contribute to our service by music, leadership and operation of our media? Give thanks for Pastor Gloria’s initiative.

I draw attention to our welcoming statement: *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. This simple statement reinforces our mission and perhaps should appear in each Sunday bulletin. Our nation is facing a troubling time, as self-righteous factions confront each other, restoring to violence in attempts to impose their preconceptions on others. Pray for a return to civilized debate and consideration of each other’s point of view.

Let us continue to maintain a place of conciliation and comfort in our hearts, in our sanctuary and in our relationships with others. Jim Downey, SPPR Chair

Hospitality House Update

The Walk for the Women Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, September 16th at 9:30am. It will be held in conjunction with the Burien Wellness Fair at the Burien Town Center next to the Burien Library. Walkers are welcome to join the walk and sponsors are needed for the walkers to show our support for the women of Hospitality House. Walk brochures and sign-ups will be available in the narthex before and after services for the next few Sundays. Hope you join us. Barbara Campbell

Next Hospitality House Meal Preparation Date -Tuesday, September 19 through Sunday, September 24.

Foodbank Update

- Food distributed in July 2017 - 111,050 pounds
- In July, the food bank served 718 families and 449 seniors.
- In July, the food bank served 23,889 lunches and snacks at 27 sites in the area.
- There is a need for a Tuesday morning driver to pick up food at Northwest Harvest from 8:30 to 9:30am and no lifting is required.
- Additional drivers and volunteers for the distribution line are needed.

Please contact Kris or Barb at 206 878-2660 if you are interested in volunteering.

August Finance Report



Jim Downey announced that the email account for electronic giving has been established and now the electronic giving procedure will be updated so that the congregation can

use this procedure, if they wish. The total M&O income for July exceeded expenses by \$4,020.35, reducing the annual deficit to \$4,450.61. The Stewardship Drive theme is: Those who till the land will have plenty of bread. The Stewardship

Drive Solicitation Sundays will begin on October 22nd and end with the Pledge Giving Dedication on November 19th. Larry Malcom, Financial Committee Chairperson

Fun and Fellowship at the UMW Luncheon

A good time was had by all at the United Methodist Women's August 8th luncheon in Stanton Hall at Wesley Gardens. Approximately 40 women and Handypersons with their spouses enjoyed good food and fellowship. Thank you to all who brought delicious salads and those who supplied plates, napkins, tablecloths, and eating

utensils. We appreciate the centerpieces made by Janalie and all the thought and effort to make our luncheon successful. The Program Resources table helped us to see UMW in action, as Betty Lyons explained our reading program and gave recognition to our active readers. It's hard to keep up with Cyndi Appelhof as she

continually sets reading records. Highlighting the afternoon, the Encores, directed by Leslie Lehnhof, showered us with toe tapping show-tunes and festive choral music. Choristers joined us for dessert on the patio as we admired the lovely rose garden.



September UMW Schedule.

UMW BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, September 5th, 1pm, at the church in the Olympic Room.

EUNICE ALLEN GROUP: Monday, September 11th, from 2 - 3:30pm at Wesley Gardens in the Music Room.

SHARE AND CARE: Tuesday, September 12th, 11:30pm at Wesley Terrace for lunch.

COFFEE TEA AND THEE: Saturday, September 9th, 9am, at the Des Moines Creek Restaurant.

QUILTERS: The second and the fourth Tuesdays of the month at the church in Room #232.

Seattle District UMW Annual Meeting on September 16th, 8am, at St Peter's UMC.

Totally Awesome Mission U 2017

I would like to extend a special thank you to UMW for helping to sponsor my first experience at Mission U. The wealth of information on **Creation Theology** and Jurisdictions blew me away. This was a totally awesome experience. Transporting 3 US2 Missionaries was eye opening as well. Chasity Jones of **Faith Action Network** from Tennessee, Audra Hudson of **Tacoma Community House**, and Janjay Innis, living in Atlanta and a presenter on **Covenant Relationships**, gave me new perspectives on the UMC at work in the world today. *US 2's are similar to Americorps workers, but represent the United Methodist Church.*

Lyda Barr kept us singing during Vespers at dawn and dusk. We listened to an Appalachian woman play hammered dulcimer as we learned about the impact of mining and about Redbird Mission. The work of Bishop Jack Tuell and Marji in getting a resolution passed to apologize for the treatment of Native Americans on the Trail of Tears was mentioned by Bishop Mary Ann Swenson. Her great-great grandmother was forced to leave her home in the largest mass genocide in American history. Gratefully, Marilyn Hoff

Community Movie Night - September 1.

On Friday, September 1 at 7:00 pm downstairs in room 110, we will be viewing *The Lady in the Van* (PG-13). *The Lady in the Van* tells the true story of Alan Bennett's strained friendship with Miss Mary Shepherd, an eccentric homeless woman whom Bennett befriended in the 1970s before allowing her temporarily to

park her Bedford van in the driveway of his Camden home. She stayed there for 15 years. As the story develops Bennett learns that Miss Shepherd is really Margaret Fairchild (died 1989), a former gifted pupil of the pianist Alfred Cortot. She had played Chopin in a promenade concert, tried to become a nun, was committed to an insti-

tution by her brother, escaped, had an accident when her van was hit by a motorcyclist for which she believed herself to blame, and thereafter lived in fear of arrest. Invite your family and friends to Movie Night. Join the fun and fellowship with great snacks too!

September

Sundays:

Worship and Children's Sunday School	9:30 am
Links to Faith - Adult Study	10:30 am
Harvest Group	10:30 am
Junior/ Senior High Youth Group	6:30 pm

Mondays:

Food Bank open	9:00 am - 11:45 am
04 - Labor Day - Church office closed	
11 - Finance Team	7:00 pm
18 - Staff Retreat	
Church Council	7:00 pm
25- Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm

Tuesdays:

Handy Persons	8:30 am
AA, Al-anon	7:00 pm
05 - UMW Executive Team	1:00 pm
19- 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

Fridays:

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

September Birthdays

01 - Maxine Anderson
Aila Corkern
Hannah Ziegler
03 - Rosalee Mohney
04 - Josephine Rancapero
11 - Mairin Corkern
12 - Behailu Corkern
13 - Dorothy Barlow
14 - Wayne Griffen
15 - Jim Tooley
16 - Larry Malcom
18 - Paul Piguat
19 - Anne Tooley
22 - David Davenport
Phyllis Mossman
23 - Helen DeVaux
Judy Mannard
27 - Bob Elicker
29 - Dom Oliveros Jr.
30 - Stacy Sheridan

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

Let's Pray for:

Marian Towle	June & Alvin Thornton	Gwen Whyte
June Hendrickson	Mary Weseman	Gloria Kymn
Gladys Davis	Jim Stapleton	Bill Garvin
Jack Hendrickson	Don Cone	John Summerour
Emi Beckwith	Jim Thuirer	Lloyd Whisman
... And all our Friends and Church Family in Health Centers		

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Monday - Friday 9:30 - 3:00

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