

Panorama

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



Night of Hymns! **September 29, 7:00 PM.**

Our very own Harvest Group will be leading a night of traditional hymns in a modern style. You are encouraged to attend. Bus transport from Wesley is available. This event is free.



Saltwater Music Series presents:
Echoes of the Great War
 Saturday, October 27th, 2018 - 7pm
 Des Moines United Methodist Church

In observance of the hundredth anniversary of the armistice of the First World War, the Saltwater Music Series shares music written by composers from opposing sides of the terrible conflict. **Kerry Bollinger Blanton** (viola), **Justin Henderlight** (oboe), **Liz Frazer** (soprano), and **Steven Luksan** (piano) will present music written in the decades surrounding the war by composers from both the Allied and Central powers side-by-side. The program will include music by Vaughan Williams (England), Bartók (Hungary), Brahms (Germany), Respighi (Italy), Saint-Saëns (France), along with American WWI propaganda songs.

As always, admission is FREE. Donations will be accepted to support a great charitable cause! Transportation will be available from Wesley Homes.

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Joanne's Jottings

And the Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.

That's the way Eugene Peterson puts it in *The Message*. And I like that idea—that God becomes flesh in the person of Jesus and moves into the neighborhood—as close as that—not just into the world. We are an incarnational religion. Every Christmas we talk about Emmanuel – God-with-us. But sometimes we forget about that the rest of the year. We need to celebrate Emmanuel every day of the year. Not just because the Word has moved into our neighborhood but because we are also called upon to embody our faith and our God right here and now. It helps us to put into practice our claims about the world now that the Word has become flesh and moved in with us. John Wesley was a practical theologian, which meant that theology – doctrines – were meant to be lived out – to be embodied by all of us, every day and everywhere we go.

This whole thing with incarnation and bodies was brought home to me as I was in the shower room at the athletic club after my swim. Trying not to look too weird or creepy, I was looking around at all the wonderful variety of bodies there were in that shower room and locker room— young and fit ones, middle aged and bulging ones like me, older sagging ones, round, slim, tall, short, tattoos in interesting places, women with mastectomies, well endowed women and some not so much. And the wonderful thing was there was no self-consciousness about it. We are who we are. We've all been swimming or working out to keep healthy. There are no looks or comments of judgment. There is no attempt to hide our nakedness. There we were for God and the world (at least the world of women in a locker room at the athletic club)—to see. And I marveled.

I remember being on mission trips with teenaged girls only a few years back and they wore their bathing suits into the shower and dressed behind towels—sometimes very awkwardly. And I was sad about that. Somehow they had, at this early age, become ashamed of their bodies. The adult women were not like that. We finally developed a different shower schedule than the girls so they wouldn't be offended by the fact that we were showering in our all together. We were of a generation that had to take gang showers after gym at school with the gym teacher sitting there at the shower entrance checking us off as we came out to be sure we were wet. A number of us had been on sports teams and had lost any kind of modesty in that locker room atmosphere. What does this slightly riské reflection have to do with the incarnation? We need to reclaim our pride in our embodiment of God. We need not to be in swim suits in the shower, ashamed or embarrassed by our being the incarnation of God in the world. As it says in II Timothy 2:15: Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by God, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth. You see it doesn't matter what we look like as this embodiment—all our actions should be a reflection of our God. And the wonder is that God can shine through our firm, bulging, sagging selves. The world needs a variety of embodiment of God. One type, one model does not fit all. You may be able to touch people I never can. I will really date my-self and ask if you can remember the old Alka Seltzer commercial whose tag line was —No matter what shape your stomach is - and had pictures of many different bellies coming across the screen. No matter what shape we are in God can shine out of us, God can live in and through us. Our theology doesn't have to be perfect or terribly well developed. Our prayer life may need some work. And I haven't quite got into all of Wesley's Means of Grace—fasting by precept and example seems to have escaped me. But still, God has come and moved into the neighborhood—not just in Jesus or the Spirit but through and in us. We are all of God some people may ever know.

So, be bold, be strong, go out there in the neighborhood and embody our loving, transformational God proudly and without shame. No matter your physical or spiritual shape, God needs you to go out and embody God. Yes indeed, we are an incarnational religion and thanks be to God for that miracle and reality.

Community Movie Night - October 5

Join the fun and fellowship on Friday, Oct. 5 at 7:00 pm downstairs in room 110. We will be viewing *Same Kind of Different as Me* (2017 PG-13). International art dealer Ron Hall must befriend a dangerous

homeless man in order to save his struggling marriage to his wife, a woman whose dreams will lead all three of them on the journey of their lives. Great fellowship, good snacks, laughter and maybe a tear or two are

all to be had at Movie Night. Invite your family and friends!



Halloween Trick or Treat Event October 31 - Fellowship Hall



We will be tagging along with the Destination Des Moines Trick or Treat trail on Wednesday, Oct. 31 from 3:00-6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will set up Trick or Treat

tables and have some games for the kids to play as well. We would love for you to join us. We need people to host the tables and games. If you would like to wear a costume that would be great but it is not necessary to participate, and we have a few things to use to dress up a little if you would

like to. Let Terry Stephenson know if you would like to help and we could use some candy and treats to hand out as well. You can bring them on Sundays or drop them off in the office.

Hospitality House

Two members of our church, Cyndi Appelhof and myself walked at the 'Hospitality House Walk for the Women Fundraiser' on Saturday September 15th at the Burien Town Center. Dogs, kids and adults completed the 3 mile walk around Burien and

over \$22,000 dollars were raised! Thank you to all of you who sponsored us and donated to Hospitality House from our church! We thank you for your support of the women of Hospitality House!

Our church's turn to make meals for Hospitality House is

for the week of Tuesday, October 16th through Sunday, October 21st. Please consider making a meal. Sign ups are available in the Olympic Room or contact me. Barbara Campbell, Church Meal Coordinator to Hospitality House.

Yum...Chocolate... Satisfy your appetite and help Missions

On October 21st the Missions Team will have fair trade chocolate available for purchase in the Narthex. Proceeds benefit UMCOR and our church's purchase of green energy. Thank you.

Finance - October 2018

The theme for the fall pledge drive is “Together We Can” and our focus is on what we do, can do and how our financial and time contributions make a difference in our church, community, and the world. Our first speaker will be October 21.

This is a call to everyone in the church involved in an activity, committee, meeting, etc. to take a picture of your group (preferable by your phone or definitely digital) and send to Kathy Hogg who will be adding it to a picture video we plan to show. Just send the picture as a jpg file and use the subject “Finance picture project”. We need your pictures no later than Nov. 1 to visually show the activities and involvement of our church family

August Financial Status

Current Year to Date Income \$233,013.31

Current Year to Date Expenses 238,615.07

Current Balance (\$5,601.76)

Thank you for your continued support of your gifts and pledges.

Joan Zatloukal, Chair
Finance Committee

Des Moines Area Food Bank (DMAFB)

Note: Statistics for August are not available at the time of this report.

- In July 2018, a total of 121,699 pounds of food was available for distribution.
- While numbers for senior adult clients continue to increase, overall numbers of clients visiting the food bank seem to be decreasing in most other categories. For July 2018, the number of families decreased to 671 from 718 in July 2017.
- Food Lifeline will be picking up food donations from Costco and distributing them to local food banks instead of local food banks picking up items directly from Costco.
- DMAFB is working with South King County Food Coalition and Public Health in a Sodium Reduction Project. With an emphasis on behavioral economics, the food bank is taking advantage of some funding to purchase display equipment to help people make healthier choices. Items with less sodium and sugar are being offered.

There is still a need for volunteer drivers, driver assistants, food sorters and food line distributors. Contact Kris or Barb if you are interested. 206 878-2660.

Barbara Campbell, Church Representative to DMAFB



Together We Can Annual Fall Women's Retreat

November 16th-18th, 2018

Mark your calendars, women of the church! Our annual gathering at Lake Retreat out by Ravensdale is happening again this year with a wonderful group of women coming together for a time of retreat, having fun, and growing in our connections with other women of the church. Questions: contact Marcia Campbell at 360-951-5875 or by email: macoly_70@msn.com. This retreat is intended for all women of the church 21 years and older. Single day registrations are an option if overnight doesn't work for you. Come join the fun!!

UMW October Meeting Schedule



UMW BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, October 2nd, 1pm, at the church in the Olympic Room.

EUNICE ALLEN GROUP: Monday, October 8th, from 2 - 3:30pm at Wesley Gardens in the Music Room.

SHARE AND CARE: Tuesday, October 9th, 11:30pm at Wesley Terrace for lunch.

COFFEE TEA AND THEE: Saturday, October 13th, 9am, at the Tuscany Restaurant.

QUILTERS: Tuesdays, October 9th and 23rd, at the church in Room #232.

UMW Pacific Northwest Conference Annual Meeting, October 12-13, 2018, Vancouver First UMC, Vancouver, WA. Keynote Speaker: Kenya Roberts.

Food Bank

In an effort to bring more visibility to the Food Bank and the donations needed we will have a basket out in the entryway for you to deposit your donations for both the food

bank and the weekend backpacks of food sent home with kids on Friday and brought back again on Monday. We will then carry them up with our morning Thanksgiving.

Please remember the folks who need us to feed their body and in turn their soul. Look for list of needed and desired items on the table in the entryway or in the next newsletter.

Memorial Services

Barbara Just's service will be October 19 at 2:30pm in Logan Hall, Gardens, Wesley Homes. *Chris Michalson's* memorial service will be here at DMUMC on October 13 at 1 pm. All are welcome.

Connie Midgett's service will be here on October 20 at 2pm. All are welcome.



World Wide Communion Sunday

October 7 is World Wide Communion Sunday where we consciously worship with all our brother and sister Christians around the world. We will decorate the sanctuary to reflect this and would like you also to help us in this. Please wear some sort of ethnic garb or accessory, that represents your heritage, to church that Sunday so we can recognize the diversity we have right here in DMUMC - who knows, you might just see me in my kilt.

Blessing of the Animals

Spruce up your pets for the Blessing of the Animals at DMUMC October 14 in the sanctuary during the service. Any pets are welcome (but I'm a bit squeamish about snakes). If your pet isn't ready for prime time you can bring a picture of your beloved pet. If your pet

has crossed the Rainbow Bridge you can bring a picture of that beloved one and we will bless them all. The dogs will be on one side and the cats on the other and the rest of the animals can go wherever they like. There will be bowls of water and treats for the fur people as

well as bags in case of accident. You can bring pets in a kennel or container as well.



Reforming Now

We are part of the Reconciling Ministries Network both nationally and regionally and locally. The past few years the local group has not been very active and we are bringing it to new life. To that end we are sponsoring a fundraiser for the PNW RMN October 7, at 5pm at First UMC, Seattle called "Reconciling Now!: A

Re-formation of the PNW RMN". We will have entertainment, discussions on The Way Forward, and just great fellowship as we also kick off this new iteration of the PNW RMN. The cost is \$25 and you can register on line or email Joanne Carlson Brown (nomatterwhat3@comcast.net) and say you'd like to come

and you can pay at the door (cash or checks only). Also look for notices on Facebook. Any questions contact Joanne. We'll also see if we can arrange rides that day.

October

Sundays:

Worship and Children's Sunday School	9:30 am
Children's Music Time	10:30 am
Faith Studies - Adult Study	10:45 am
Junior/ Senior High Youth Group	6:30 pm

Mondays:

Food Bank open	9:00 am - 11:45 am
08-Finance Team	7:00 pm
15-Panorama Deadline	
22-Trustees	7:00 pm

Tuesdays:

Handy Persons	8:30 am
AA, Al-anon	7:00 pm
02-UMW Executive	1:00 pm
9 & 23 - Quilters	9:30 am
16-Community Dinner	5:00 pm

Wednesdays:

Food Bank open	9:00 am - 11:45 am
Handbell Choir	6:30 pm
31-Halloween Trick or Treat	3:00 pm

Thursday

Chancel Choir	7:00 pm
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Fridays:

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

Saturdays:

13 - Memorial Service - Chris Michalson	1:00 pm
20 - Memorial Service - Connie Midgett	2:00 pm
27 - Saltwater Music Series	7:00 pm

October Birthdays

02 - Cheryl Peterson
03 - Kelsey Durst
09 - Jeanne Serrill
10 - Leona Oliveros
12 - Karen Biggers
13 - Bill Castner
16 - Mary Gruber
17 - Molly Cone
20 - Larry Luksan
23 - Laura Corkern Kramer Stephenson
29 - Everett Rightmire
30 - Julie Lilly
31 - Ruth Frederick

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

Let's Pray for:

The family of Harry Orris on his death.

June Hendrickson Mary Weseman

Jim Thuirer Sidney Raines

Velna Steiner Charles Clemans

Margaret Van Gasken Ray Neal

Helen Elicker Emi Somekawa

Jan Rowe

Justin Howard

Rob Hogg

Eldon Davis

... And all our Friends and Church Family in Health Centers

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Church office hours:

Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

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.