

# ***Panorama***

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

## **All Saints Sunday - November 4**

On November 4th will be our All saints Service during regular service time. We will remember and honor those who are closely connected to our congregation who have died in the past 2 years. Please let Kathy in the office know of people you would like remembered. We will read the list of names and at that time you will be invited to come forward and light a candle for your loved one. There will also be opportunity to bring a picture or a symbol of your loved one to be placed on a table in the chancel. We hope all will come for this very important time in the life of our congregation.

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## **Together WE can – our season of stewardship**

We will begin our season of stewardship October 21 with the next three Sundays each having someone share their understanding of Together We Can and why they give to make that a reality here at Des Moines UMC. Pledge sheets will be given out November 4. Stewardship Sunday will be November 12 as we all ponder in our hearts what God is calling us to do and be. Thankful Sunday will be November 18 when we bring our pledges of money in to be dedicated to God. Afterwards at Fellowship time we will thank you all for your generosity in time and resources by having a special treat – you'll just have to come to see what it is!

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## **Together We Can**

### **Annual Fall Women's Retreat**

November 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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!!

## Joanne's Jottings

What can one person do? More than we think. But we can accomplish so much more when we do things together. The theme for our financial campaign and one we will use throughout the year is "Together We Can". Being a church community, a church family takes all of us. We all have something to contribute no matter what it is: resources, time, skills, prayer, presence at worship. We are poorer if even one person is missing. Together we can be the church that God calls us to be - a caring, supportive, faithful, celebrating, working, and playing community of God's Beloveds. But this takes commitment.

This month we are asking you to take the step of committing yourself and your resources to the work of God through one of God's many churches, Des Moines UMC. We have visions that we are making reality but we can't do it without you - without your presence, your prayers, your gifts, your service and your witness - what we all promised when we joined the church. We need to meet God's gifts with gifts of our own, which are really all from God anyway - no matter how hard we worked for them ourselves.

If we work together, respecting each other in our own endeavors, God promises to Des Moines is that we will grow in spirit and in numbers, in music and worship, in youth and young adult programs, in education, in service to others here and abroad, in having a voice that speaks out for justice, in programs that care for those hurting in our community. My friends, do you believe those promises - that together with God we can? I do. And I respond in the ways that are needed - through time and skills and money.

I will tell you right now that I tithe to this church, that is I give 10% of my income to the work of God through this church. You all know what I make since it is voted on at charge conference so you can figure out what that figure is. My call to you is to do the same. I know there are many different circumstances of the people here. We are a very diverse community. Some are on fixed incomes and the "raises" given don't even cover cost of living. Some have lost their jobs and have no idea where they will find money for their bills. Some are underemployed. For those folks, there are other possible gifts to be made to the church through time and service and whatever one can spare monetarily to support the work of the church - which truly is the transforming of the lives of the people who come through our doors every week, month, year. But many of us are blessed with jobs and resources that help us live comfortably and I am appealing especially to you to find it in your heart and checkbook to tithe to the work of this church. Yes, we need money for lights, salaries, heat, supplies. Those are realities that don't go away. But we don't have these things just to have them. They are the infrastructure that helps us fulfill our main purpose - to be faithful followers of the Way of Jesus and firm believers in God's Promises - to truly touch and transform and guide the lives of the people who make up this wonderful, welcoming congregation.

We can see with the eyes of our heart what God is doing in the world and here at Des Moines UMC. And may that call us to do and be all we can do and be for the bringing in of God's Beloved Community, here at Des Moines UMC, in Des Moines, our country and the world. Together We Can.

## A Letter from Sea-Tac D.S. Rich Lang

To the Saints of the Sea-Tac District,

This year is what the Bishop has called a "Crossover Year". As a denomination we are at a crossroads, a new or renewed starting place, an evolutionary emergence. Like a caterpillar in a chrysalis we are transforming. Decisions are at hand. To cross-over from one place to another is an exhilarating adventure, but is also scary, for some, terrifying. What is known becomes unknown. What was once safe and secure becomes questionable and seemingly without foundation. A Crossover Year requires from Christians a new/renewed commitment to those powerful theological virtues of faith, hope and love.

This autumn I'm inviting you into a new expression of theological and spiritual exploration. I'm calling them Cluster Conferences, which is actually a slightly different form of

the Table Talks we experienced last spring.

These Cluster Conferences are an attempt to have civil, open, serious conversation about the mission of the United Methodist Church. The "cluster" will consist of three or four churches in a geographical area. There will be three movements to the Cluster Conference.

1.) We'll set the table with a teaching and conversation about stages of faith. This will ground our spiritual focus.

2.) We'll open up the table with a conversational Biblical study about the actual content of Jesus' teachings. What was it that led the Powers to kill the historical Jesus? And what was it about that death that continues to offer new life today?

3.) The main course will be a conversation about The Way Forward and the future of our own District. In therapy

there is always the presenting issue. For example, one goes to a counselor because one is suffering. But once in therapy what is uncovered is that the presenting issue (the particular form of my suffering) is an expression of deeper issues. Similarly, my own assumption is that the presenting issue of sexuality, is not the summation of our real, deeper issues as United Methodists. I'm hoping we can have conversation about deeper issues like identity, purpose, and lifestyle.

Gathering in clusters with other churches allows us to get out of our bubble a bit. We can hear other voices, and engage with other members of Christ's Body. This, I think, is healthy and certainly necessary at this time.

Rich Lang, SeaTac Missional District Superintendent

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### Cluster Conference

Our cluster meeting is Nov. 12 at 7pm at Kent UMC. Our cluster consists of Kent, Des Moines, Cornerstone, and Fairwood. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend. We will provide rides for people who need them. Contact Kathy in the office if you'd like a ride.

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### Sock it to Homelessness

Comfort tired feet. Lift weary spirits. Give someone hope. It's sock time again at Operation Nightwatch. We are collecting new white socks for

men in the Narthex. Our goal is to collect 20,000 pairs of socks to give to our homeless friends by mid November. What a difference a new

pair of socks can make to someone with wet feet, struggling to survive day by day! Thank you, United Methodist Women

## Finance - November 2018

“Together We Can” is the theme for this year’s Finance campaign. Each of us determines what we can give knowing the church like our own home requires money to pay the bills. Beginning October 21 and continuing through November 18 representatives from the Finance team will be in the Fireside Room after church service to answer and discuss any questions or suggestions you have about church finances. The budget will be built in December after we learn how much is pledged and from the information submitted by the various committees.

We all have different family situations for giving and every gift is valuable and equal to God. As you are giving thought about your financial gift for next year, there are two vehicles depending upon your situation that you might consider. One is if you have appreciated securities the shares can be transferred to the church and the full value of the shares less a service fee are given to the church and you can deduct the entire value as a charitable gift. A second approach if you are over 70 and have an IRA, a portion can be directly sent to the church from the institution and the full amount is tax deductible. Written procedures for both situations are available in the office and are simple to do.

We are also looking for pictures of church events and activities for a presentation in November and ask that you send the picture electronically (jpeg) to Kathy at [Kathy@desmoinesumc.org](mailto:Kathy@desmoinesumc.org).

The financial income and expenses from September year to date are as follows:

Total Current Expenses	\$270,885.21
Total Current Income	\$267,049.57
Current Balance	-\$3,835.64

Thank you for your continued giving and financial support.

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### Important tax note about charitable contributions

*RE: IRA Charitable Contribution* For those over the age of 70-1/2, Congress has made permanent the opportunity to make a charitable gift from an IRA plan directly to **Des Moines United Methodist Church** as an outright gift. The check must be made out directly to the church by the broker or bank holding the IRA.

One can transfer up to \$100,000 per year to charitable causes. This can satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution or be an additional contribution to the church.

Your IRA transfer to the church generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction for you, but comes right off of page 1 of your tax return. If

you are making this in 2018 and want it to count toward your 2019 pledge, you need to have your banker designate that on the instruction line. The intent of this contribution is to pass on to DMUMC your contribution by taking it as a direct transfer to DMUMC.

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### Des Moines Area Food Bank (DMAFB)

More help is needed for the holidays to distribute food to the clients. Consider volunteering these dates of distribution:

Thanksgiving - November 19, 20, and 21st. (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

Christmas - December 19, 20 and 21st. (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

## Community Movie Night

Join the fun and fellowship on Friday, Nov. 2 at 7:00 pm downstairs in room 110. We will be viewing *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* "This documentary paints a portrait of the philosophy and work of cardigan-wearing children's entertainer Fred Rogers, star

of the popular show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." A former minister, Mister Rogers creatively communicated themes of empathy and acceptance using a colorful cast of puppets and friends for more than 30 years. Along with archival footage, Rogers'

contemporaries and castmates reflect on his legacy. Good snacks, great fellowship, 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

A big 'Thank You' to Joan Zatloukal, Cyndi Appelhof, Cheryl Forbes, Marilyn Hoff and Terry and Jane Stephenson and the DMUMC Youth for the dinners they prepared for the ladies of Hospitality House the week of October 16 through 21.

Whenever a women is ac-

cepted into Hospitality House for shelter and services, they receive a warm and cozy pair of pajamas as a welcoming gift. Beginning in November, we will once again collect new pajamas and slippers for the women of Hospitality House. Please select pajamas size medium to extra

large as well as similar slipper sizes and place in the Hospitality House donation box in the coat closet if you would like to participate. At the end of November or first part of December these items will be delivered to Hospitality House.



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

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## Halloween Trick or Treat event

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.



## Children's Christmas Fun Day Scheduled

The Children's Christmas Fun Day will be Saturday, Dec. 8 from 10:00-1:00. We will create crafts, play games, and enjoy story time, a movie and lunch as we learn about God's love for us in the birth of Jesus. It is a free event for all kids ages 4-10. Look for invitation cards in the Narthex in the near future. Be sure to let your family and friends know about it.

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## 50+ Seniors Christmas Party

50+ Singles Christmas Luncheon set for December 8th at noon. It will be held at Anthony's in Des Moines. Please RSVP to Gwen Patton at 206-870-8500. Space is limited.

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## Making Spirits Bright UMW Christmas Luncheon on December



All women are invited to the UMW Christmas luncheon on December 1st at noon in the Olympic Room. The program will center around personal safety and fire prevention. Please bring a teddy bear for our First Responders to give to fire survivors and a salad to share. *Join in the Teddy Bears' Picnic!*

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## UMW - November Meeting Schedule



UMW BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, November 6th, 1pm, at the church in the Olympic Room.  
EUNICE ALLEN GROUP: Monday, November 12th, from 2 - 3:30pm at Wesley Gardens in the Music Room.  
SHARE AND CARE: Tuesday, November 13th, 11:30pm at Wesley Terrace for lunch.  
COFFEE TEA AND THEE: Saturday, November 10th, 9am, at the Tuscany Restaurant.  
QUILTERS: Tuesday, November 13th and 27th, at the church in Room #232.  
~ UMW wishes to extend a special THANK YOU to all who supplied cookies and treats for our Memorial services!

# November

## Sundays:

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

## 04-All Saints Day

## Mondays:

Food Bank open 9:00 am - 11:45 am  
05-Worship Team 7:00 pm  
12-Cluster Conference 7:00 pm  
12-Panorama Deadline  
19-Church Council 7:00 pm  
26-Trustees 7:00 pm

## Tuesdays:

Handy Persons 8:30 am  
AA, Al-anon 7:00 pm  
06-UMW Executive 1:00 pm  
13&27- Quilters 9:30 am  
13-Finance Team 7:00 pm  
20-Community Dinner 5:00 pm

## Wednesdays:

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

## Thursday

Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

## Fridays:

Food Bank open 9:00 am - 11:45 am  
02-Movie Night 7:00 pm  
16-Women's Retreat

## Saturday

17-Women's Retreat

# November Birthdays

02 - Clare Elizabeth  
03 - Oliver Rancapero  
03 - Jes Mannard  
06 - Barb Weeks  
11 - Margaret Downey  
12 - Rosita Oliveros  
12 - Jim Stone  
14 - Jean Cheney  
14 - Beverly Heunisch  
14 - Marji Tuell  
15 - Louise Black  
17 - Jim Partch  
22 - Beverly Loeffler  
22 - David Peterson  
26 - Sue Vincent  
27 - Susan Stone  
28 - Anna Burdine  
28 - Jeri Hein  
29 - Terry Stephenson

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If we have missed your birthday, please let the church office know so that we can list it next year.9

## Let's Pray for:

June Hendrickson	Mary Weseman	Jan Rowe
Jim Thuirer	Justin Howard	Emi Somekawa
Velna Steiner	Charles Clemans	Rob Hogg
Margaret Van Gasken	Ray Neal	Eldon Davis
Helen Elicker	Jane Judge	Jim Langston
Lloyd Whisman	Carol Malcom	Jan Rowe

... 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 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.