



This Sunday: March 31, 2024,
Scripture: Mark 16:1-8
Sermon: The Two Questions of Easter

by: Rev. Jeff Shamblin-Mullinix, Pastor



A Word from Pastor Jeff...

RESURRECTION is more than just death returning to life. Resurrection is the catalyst of transformation that brings renewal, growth, and hope to replace stagnation, decline, and despair. But where does this hope come from?

The psalmist writes *"I lift my eyes up to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth"*.

From nearly anywhere in Des Moines, even in our narthex, our eyes are drawn upward toward the heavens by the majestic Olympic mountains that rise high above the sound. There are times I'm driving that I cannot help but notice Mount Rainier standing out against the rest of the landscape. It's jagged peaks pierce the sky like nature's own cathedral. It is a symphony of steep and snowcapped ridges amidst a canvas of clouds and cyan.

This mountain standing high above the city rises as a testament to the mysteries of a God who transcends our understanding, yet is so present, so close, and so intimate.

As we celebrate Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us look to these mountains as a constant reminder of the unwavering hope and strength that God provides. Just as the mountains stand resolute, enduring the test of time, so does God's love and compassion for each one of us.

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Easter OFFERING

As a reminder, our Easter Offering this year will be for the Riverton UMC Migrant Shelter.

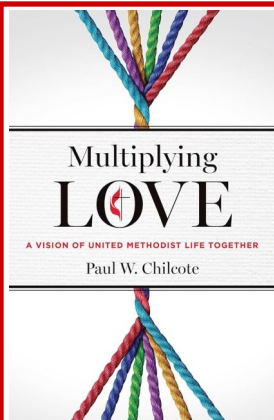
Their mission is centered around providing shelter, food, and community support to those who require it. As more asylum-seekers and refugees have come to our region, they have expanded their services to better serve our new neighbors.

Riverton UMC offers a variety of Migrant Support Services to assist migrants in need. However, without funding for this initiative, meeting the growing demand is challenging.



In addition, beginning Easter Sunday, we will begin a month long blanket drive to benefit both Riverton UMC Migrant Shelter and our own Essential's

Bank. **New or gently used (CLEAN) blankets** may be placed in the box in the Narthex.



SPRING BOOK STUDY

Join us beginning, Sunday, April 14, following the worship service (approx. 11:15 a.m.) for our Spring Book Study, *Multiplying Love* by Paul Chilcote. David Mack will be leading the study in the Wesley Room.

Our United Methodist churches yearn to embrace love more completely because God first loved us. Our “faith” (including doctrine) is important; Christian “hope” (including renewal) is important; “love” of God and neighbor is more important. *Multiplying Love* underscores what matters most and stands in contrast to divisive misreading of essential Methodist teachings. Chilcote helps us embrace anew the Wesleyan vision of love of Jesus as central to what we believe and how we live.

You can sign-up on the bulletin board across from the church office. Books are \$12. However, if you cannot afford a book, please contact the church office. We will see that you get one.

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When we find ourselves in times of stagnation, decline, or despair, let us remember to lift our eyes towards the heavens, seeking God's guidance and drawing inspiration from the beauty and majesty of God's creation. But beyond seeking the hope from a distant mountain peak, to seek God in the Holy Spirit that dwells within us, even closer than we can imagine.

Christ did not come to shower power to the powerful, but to be made in human form that he might know us as intimately as we know ourselves. So let us believe in the risen Christ so that we may experience the transformative power of resurrection, renewal, growth, and hope.

As we gather together during this Easter season, may the powerful image of the mountain inspire us to stand strong in our faith and remind us that, with God's help, we can overcome any challenge we face. Let us embrace the message of resurrection, serve our community, and support each other in our quest for spiritual growth.

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Pastor Jeff



Memorial Garden Bricks

This is the time of the year when we take orders for engraved bricks to be placed in the church's Memorial Garden. They can acknowledge

families, honor someone special, or be in memory of a loved one.

Orders will be collected from now and throughout the month of April. Order forms can be found on the welcome desk as you enter the church, or by contacting Beverly Heunisch at tombev@comcast.net. Bricks are a suggested minimum donation of \$50.00.

CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS



Tracey's office hours are changing beginning Monday April 1st. She will be in the church office from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday. If something is needed outside those times just let us know!

Church Office Hours:

Monday— Thursday 10 am to 2 pm

Emails for the staff:

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Tracey Vargas: office@desmoinesumc.org

Karen: av@desmoinesumc.org

**In case of after hours emergency, you may reach Pastor Jeff at the parsonage: (206) 651-7481.*

He typically observes Friday and Saturday as days off.

VALPARAISO

A New Chamber Opera

The Saltwater Music Series is proud to present a performance of a brand new opera from the creative team of Steven Luksan (composer) and Judy Ramey (author).

Valparaiso is a chamber opera set in a retirement home that explores the humor and pain, the love and loss, of four residents as they navigate the changes and challenges of advancing age. No matter where you are in life's journey, the stories of these characters will resonate with you. Performed by an accomplished cast of professional opera singers, this event is a unique chance to see a new opera in a beautiful performance space.

Starring:

Nerys Jones, mezzo soprano
Charles Robert Stephens, baritone
Glenn Guhr, baritone
Karen Early Evans, soprano
Steven Luksan, piano

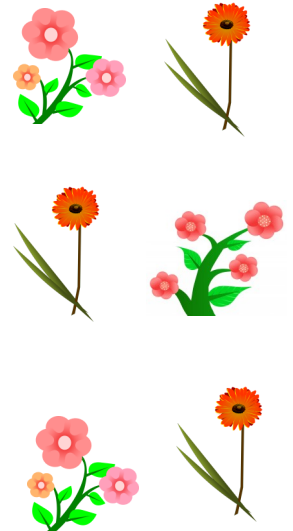
Saturday, April 13, 2024 — 7:30pm
Des Moines United Methodist Church
22225 9th Ave S, Des Moines, WA
FREE Admission
(Donations gladly accepted)



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For more information, visit www.SaltwaterMusicSeries.com

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Heidi Urquhart	April 1
Jaymi McGuyer	April 2
Joan Zatloukal	April 4
Marilyn Elliott	April 7
Carol Malcom	April 7
Lloyd Whisman	April 9
Grant Knechtel	April 12
Amy Tuipulotu	April 12
Rebecca Stone	April 14
Stella Hislop	April 18
Karen Sillifant	April 18
Kris Van Gasken	April 20
Jenny Mannard	April 24



We served meals to the ladies of Hospitality House from March 19th to March 24. Many thanks to Cyndi Appelhoff, Tom & Cheryl Forbes, Rosemarie Schulz & Barbara Campbell, Lindsay Smith Mora, and Joan Zatloukal for the meals lovingly prepared and delivered. Our next opportunity to make meals will be from June 25 -30th.

Several of us from DMUMC attended the Hospitality House Spring Fling Dinner and Auction fundraiser on March 23rd. It was a fun and very successful evening as the event brought in over \$60,000! Many thanks to Judy and Steve Mannard, Jim Downey, Janalie Rieger and Barbara Michalson for donating items for the auction.

Spring Bazaar

April 20, 2024
10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Vendors Welcome – Reserve space
Call: (206)878-8301

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