

PanoramaExpress

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Des Moines United Methodist
Church
22225 9th Avenue South
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A Reconciling Congregation Feeding All People in Body, Mind and Spirit

This Sunday: June 16, 2024
Scripture: Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Sermon: The Grace of the Gospel by: Steve Shamblin-Mullinix



A Word from Pastor Jeff...

Des Moines United Methodist Church has been blessed by the presence of LGBTQIA+ Christians in our community, membership, and leadership. We want to make our support clear.

We believe that God made us each exactly who we are called to be. In this church, we celebrate the full lives of all people, inclusive of all genders, orientations, and expressions. We support the full communion, marriage, and ordination of LGBTQIA+ Christians—it feels so good to finally be able to say that about our denomination!

We know that this is not something that should be taken for granted. Today, we live with the unfortunate reality that the majority of churches in the United States are not affirming of LGBTQIA+ Christians. Even our denomination, the UMC, is still reeling from church disaffiliations after our recent General Conference

FINALLY removed the harmful language from our Book of Discipline. We acknowledge that there is work to do, in both healing and justice. In a time when so many people associate the church with homophobia and transphobia, DMUMC's witness to the love of God for all people must be loud and clear. It is my prayer, especially as we approach Pride Sunday, that we will strive be inclusive, to love, not to judge, to welcome, not reject, to be open to change, not guided by the ways of the past, but looking forward to what will bring greater humanity to the world in the present and the future.

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2024
WATERLAND
PRIDE
WEEKEND
June 22-23

Once again, our Reconciling group, **Love Out Loud**, is partnering with Des Moines Waterland Pride for this year's Pride Weekend.

Join us for Pride Worship on Sunday, June 23rd, followed by the Waterland Pride Festival in the church courtyard and fellowship hall.

Wear your Pride regalia or Pride colors!



The weekly **Pano Express** is our main source of DMUMC communications. If you would like to submit information about your event or ministry to appear in the **Pano** it needs to arrive on the Monday prior to publication.

NOTE: Beginning June 27 –August the PANO EXPRESS will be published bi-weekly.

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I hope each of you will make an effort to join us for Pride Worship and the Waterland Pride Festival next Sunday, June 23.

Blessings!

Pastor Jeff

On another note—last fall I had discussion with our District Superintendent and Church Council about taking a renewal leave. Pastors in the UMC are not only permitted, but encouraged, to take a sabbatical or renewal leave every 5 years in addition to their regular vacation time. In my 15 plus years serving in the UMC, I've never taken mine—but I'm feeling it's time. Everything is o.k., I'm fine, but I am feeling a need to recharge emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

Both the District Superintendent and the Leadership Team (Church Council) have approved me taking this leave **July 1-31**.

During my absence, pastoral care will be handled by Rev. Kathleen O'Connor, a retired elder in the PNW Conference. Kathleen is a resident at Wesley and has worshipped with us for some time.

Preaching will be as follows:

- July 7: Rev. Derek Nakano,
Sea Tac District Superintendent
- July 14: Rev. Paul Oritz and Jemina Marasigan
U Gathering UMC
- July 21: Rev. Derek Nakano
- July 28: Rev. Cruz Edwin Santos,
PNW Conference Director of Hispanic/Latinx
Ministries

Our Office Administrator, Tracey Vargas will be on vacation **July 15-18**. In her absence we will have volunteers in the office a few hours each day to answer phones.

- July 15: Barb Campbell
- July 16: Bev Heunisch
- July 17: Bev Heunisch
- July 18: Diane Collier

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

EVERYONE HAS A PLACE.

HOSPITALITY HOUSE

It's Hospitality House Meal Time! We have the opportunity to prepare meals for the ladies of Hospitality House this month from Tuesday, June 18th through Sunday, June 23rd. Please contact Barbara Campbell at bcampbell65@hotmail.com if you are interested in preparing a meal. Thank you so much!



We are in need of a few more Liturgists and a couple of people to serve as Communion Stewards. If you would be interested in serving, please see Pastor Jeff.



Church Office Hours:

Monday— Thursday 10 am to 2 pm

Emails for the staff:

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**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.