

Denver United Methodist Church

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Monthly Newsletter

December 2015

It was amazing to witness the 50 care packages sent to students and those serving in the military. It was also amazing how our congregation returned well over 500 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. I know other groups and many of you individually have given to charities and helped people in need. It's the season of giving. Giving at Christmas is closely tied to how the wise men arrived with gifts for a king. Giving is part of discipleship. The closer we get to our Savior, the more we realize it is all His after all. I am looking forward to the Cantata this Sunday and all the Christmas music!

Rev. Jeff Johnsen

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Christmas Cantata

**Sunday,
December 6th**

at our 8:15 a.m.
and 10:30 a.m.
services

Come worship and
hear the beautiful
melodies of the
holiday season.

Early Christmas Eve Service

**Wednesday,
December 16th**

at 7:00 p.m.

Join us in supporting
our K - 5th grade kids
as they perform the
Children's Christmas
Musical, "The Tree Lot
Christmas," led by
Elizabeth Lackey.

Thank You, Teri & Addie

**Sunday,
December 20th**

after the 10:30 a.m.
service in FLC 204

Stop in to say
good-bye to Teri
Shelton as she retires
after 9 years on the
DUMC Staff, and to
Addie Carson,
Business Manager, as
she leaves to return to
her father's business,
Jerry P. Lackey
Appraisal Service, Inc.



Christmas Eve Services

**Thursday,
December 24th**

at 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.,
and 11:00 p.m.

Holy Communion
will be offered at the
11:00 p.m. service.
Come together in
worship and
celebration of our
Savior's birth.

Stewardship Update

As the last weeks of the year are upon the church, we need your help. The ministry budget for 2015 is \$1,122,990, and the income through December 3rd is \$865,224.

For the last several years, we have challenged the congregation to give a 10% tithe of what you spend at Christmas as a gift to the church.

Contact Jan Kuklo at finance@denverumc.org with questions.

SPRC Update

The SPRC is pleased to announce the addition of Adam Rose as Director of Worship Arts. He will join the DUMC staff at the first of the year.

Adam will be blessing us with special music at Christmas Eve.

Congregational News

Welcome to DUMC

November 29th - We welcomed **Debra Lewis** by transfer from Pearl Baptist in Iron Station, NC & **Tim Keener** by Profession of Faith.

Prayers Needed

Joe Carr
Jerry Caruso
Eileen Ellis
Rose Hammel
Earline Koch
Kent Laney
Bobby Little
Floyd & Lois Musclow
Jackie Price
Wanda Reynolds
Larry Rogers
Dot Sherrill
Buddy Stasney
Ed Stelling

Sympathy

To **Patti Haley** on the death of her father, Jesse Ingram Ledbetter, who passed away on November 5th. To **Bill Cline** on the death of his father, Bill Cline, Sr., who passed away on November 9th. To **Darrell Wolfe** on the death of his brother, Frank Wolfe, who passed away on November 21st. To **Frances Herche** on the death of her son-in-law, George Walker, who passed away on November 22nd. To **Peggy Barnard** on the death of her brother, Wayne Hannel, who passed away on November 25th.

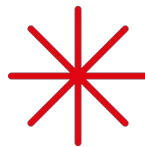
Congratulations

To Shane & Jan Jones on the birth of their granddaughter, Mireille Ann, born on November 12th. She weighed 6 lbs., 5 oz., and measured 19 inches long. (Parents are **Darrell** and **Sandy Jones**). To **Brian & Karen Miller** and **Steve & Linda Stephenson** on the birth of their grandchildren. To **Aaron & Rene Estep** on the birth of their daughter, Audrey Eleanor "Ellie" Estep, born November 17th. Ellie weighed 7 lbs. 8.1 oz. and is 19 inches long. To **Chris & Cindy Blanton** on the birth of their daughter, Savannah Mae Blanton, born November 17th. Savannah weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and is 20½ inches long.

Thank you to Teri Shelton and everyone who brought in and helped pack school supplies, snacks, and homemade goodies to send off in our College/Military Youth Care Packages. We shipped 50 boxes out this week!

Congratulations to Bobby & Frances Howard on their upcoming 62nd wedding anniversary. They were the second couple to be married by Rev. Bill Rock, at Denver United Methodist Church on December 12, 1953. They attend the Upper Room Sunday School Class and have been members here for over 80 years.

If you have a scheduled surgery and would like a pastoral visit before surgery, please call the church office at 704.483.1601.



Thanks to all of you who posted your dreams in the Sanctuary. We counted a total of 212 dreams.

Special Thanks

Many thanks to Wendi Popoff, Debbie Smith, Tina Moore, and all who helped with Operation Christmas Child. We broke last year's DUMC record with a total of 576 boxes, and 3,238 boxes were sent to the relay center.

Big thank you to Faye Helton, Hannah Whittington, and others for helping with our Thanksgiving Meal. We had a great night of fellowship with over 200 in attendance.

Much appreciation to all who helped cook, bake, coordinate, and deliver Thanksgiving Day meals to those who would otherwise not have one. You brought a warm plate and smiles to so many faces!

Special thanks from Susan Nickel (Helping Hands) and DUMC to everyone that donated items for the 100 stockings for Lincoln County children. Your generosity will be the gift that keeps on giving.

Women's Ministry

MOPS/MOMSnext

Moms with children 0-12 years are welcome to join us the 2nd Monday or Tuesday of each month as we discuss issues related to being a mom.

Our theme this year is "A Fierce Flourishing" based on Isaiah 55:12.

**The next meetings are December 7th at 6:30 p.m.
and December 8th at 9:00 am. in the CORC.**

Come celebrate Christmas with us!

Childcare is available in our MOPPETS program. You must reserve a spot by emailing Karen Shelton at karenshelton@bellsouth.net.

For all other info, contact Paula Baker at mops@denverumc.org.

Women's Retreat: April 8th & 9th, 2016...SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday Evening Bible Study

(5-week study beginning January 14th)

6:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in WAB 200

War Room: Matthew 6:6

by Alex & Stephen Kendrick

Contact: Jo Killian, mamajos04@gmail.com

Friday Morning Bible Study

(7-week study beginning January 8th)

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in FLC 204

Seamless: Understanding the Bible

as One Complete Story by Angie Smith

Contact: Sara Lee, sara.lee@gmail.com



Joy Marie Circle

Joy Marie Circle is a part of the United Methodist Women, open to all ladies of the church.

They meet the 3rd Monday of each month (except June - July) at 7:00 p.m.

Our December meeting will be our "Christmas Dinner" at the home of Janice Boyd on December 14th.

Contact Lanelle Coffey at lcoffey@denverplumbingcompany.com for more info.

Men's Ministry

Bible Studies

Monday Evenings @ 6:30 p.m. in FLC 204. Small group discussion and prayer.

Led by Dean Mosteller, deanmosteller@gmail.com.

Wednesday Evenings resumes mid-January. Learn how to be a stronger Christian, better husband and a Godly father. Led by Tim Strickland, jstrick@charter.net.

Friday Mornings @ 6:30 a.m. in WAB 101. Led by Stephen Ringel, swringel@bellsouth.net.

Friday Mornings @ 7:00 a.m. at Stacy's Restaurant. Men between the ages of 40-60 with various backgrounds. Led by Dennis Lee, lkndawg@yahoo.com.

Golden Disciples

Contact Judy Brockman for more info at jabrockman@bellsouth.net.

Book Club

**Monday, December 7th
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
in FLC 204**

**Christmas luncheon &
book review on
*Through the Narrow
Gate*
by Karen Armstrong.
Members are to bring
finger foods to share.**

Monthly Meeting

**Thursday, December 10th
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
in the CORC**

**Christmas luncheon with
Buck Moody on trumpet.
Guests will be Senior
Ministry from Webbs Chapel
UMC. Meat is provided.
Members are to bring side
dishes & desserts to share.**

Movie Night

**Wednesday, December 16th
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
at The Terraces Clubhouse**

**Featuring *The Family Man*
about a successful NY
stockbroker who must
choose between his
glamorous fast-paced
career or life as a suburban
husband & father.**

A Note from Anita

Advent means "coming." It's the arrival of something or someone important and noteworthy. For Christians, it's a season of waiting...waiting on the most precious gift the world has ever known - Jesus. Jesus, God wrapped in skin, who has come in the humble mystery of a manger and is coming again in glory, and in the meantime, we WAIT. Waiting is HARD. Any child who has ever wished the grown-ups would stop talking so they could open Christmas presents knows that! So, this year, let Advent be a time of spiritual waiting and getting ready for the Light of the World. Actively wait for Jesus by living as he would each day of Advent. Every day from November 29th to December 24th, love a neighbor, care for a stranger, take time to be with a friend. The possibilities are many! So as you countdown the days 'til Christmas on your calendar, write in your deeds of mercy, hope, and love as you go. May God bless your waiting. Jesus is coming! People get ready! Merry Christmas!

Blessings, Pastor Anita

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**Choir is ALWAYS open to new singers,
and you are welcome to join in at any time.**

Do you love to sing? Use your gift of music to serve Jesus!

Join the choir!



Children's Choir (K-5th grade)

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Handbell Choir (Highschool - Adults)

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in WAB 200

Children's Ministry

Pre-K Ministry

Throughout the month we will be learning the true meaning of Christmas, making ornaments to decorate our Christmas tree, working on Christmas cards for our local nursing home, decorating sugar cookies to eat and share and singing Christmas carols. What a wonderful time of year!! Sunday, December 20th we will have a Happy Birthday, Jesus party during 9:30 Sunday School and 10:30 Children's Church.

Hope to see all of our little friends there!!

Jennifer Ingalls

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Nursery available during all services for birth - 2 years.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for ages 3-5. Children's Church at 10:30 a.m. for ages 3-5.

Located on the 1st floor of the Worship Center. Check-in at Pre-K Welcome Center.



DUMC PRESCHOOL

IN DECEMBER THE PRESCHOOL WILL BE FOCUSING ON CHRISTMAS. THE CHILDREN WILL BE LEARNING HOW GOD SENT HIS SON AS A BABY. HE WAS SO PROUD THAT HE SENT ANGELS TO TELL THE SHEPHERDS. HE EVEN TOLD SOME WISE MEN FROM THE EAST. HE WANTS US TO KNOW, TOO. HE WANTS US TO TELL OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ALL ABOUT JESUS.

SARA LEE

PRESCHOOL@DENVERUMC.ORG

SPROUT & G-Force 2.0

SPROUT is in full bloom growing young disciples! This month, children are learning about the birth of Jesus and how "a baby changes everything." Your children are playing games, cooking, making art, singing and serving each other. Join us any Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Parents and friends, we'd love to have you serve at SPROUT. By committing to one hour a week for six weeks, you can help children become passionate followers of Jesus Christ (even if working with kids isn't your thing). If you're interested, please shoot me an email.

We're excited to see you at our Christmas Eve services.

The 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. services will be kid-friendly and an awesome time together!

Jared Ginsburg

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Youth Ministry

It has been an amazing semester with these students as we have grown together and learned about the message of Jesus Christ. Jared and Nick feel incredibly blessed to work with the youth of Denver UMC, and they are looking forward to what is still to come!

The Youth Christmas Party is **December 13th** at 6:00 p.m.! Dig up that tacky Christmas sweater, because we will be celebrating the Christmas holiday with fun games and good food!

Nick will be leading a bible study for the returning college students starting **December 16th** in the Student Lounge from 1:30-3:00 p.m.

The MACTrack Retreat will be held during Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, **January 16th-18th**. This retreat will give the students of our MACTrack ministry a chance to see different avenues of ministry hands-on, and also give them a chance to serve and minister to the community.

PASSION is an awesome conference for 18-25 year olds, focused on coming together and becoming a united generation of young adults living out what it means to follow Christ. Nick is planning on taking 5 students to the conference...more details to come!

As the holiday approaches, we will not be meeting regularly on Sundays and Wednesdays after December 13th, but we will start back on January 10th. Keep an ear out for announcements and we'll see you in the New Year!



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Jared Ginsburg
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What's New?

DUMC will hold their Annual Blood Drive on January 4th from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the CORC. Contact Faye Helton at 704.483.2789 for more information.

Holiday Office Hours

Christmas

Thursday, December 24th:
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Friday, December 25th: closed



New Year

Thursday, December 31st:
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Friday, January 1st: closed

Outreach Opportunities

Helping Hands

Thanks to everyone who came to November's Helping Hands meeting. I loved the discussions before, during, and after the meeting and how everyone comes together from different churches and backgrounds, not just to discuss, but to go out and make a difference in the lives of others in our community! I am so grateful to be a part of this! **-Carol Brown/Helping Hands**

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCH IS JANUARY 7TH!



The mission of Helping Hands is to serve the needs of people located in Lincoln County and DUMC. If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry, please join us at the next meeting on Monday, December 7th at 10:30 a.m. in WAB 200. All are welcome! Here are a few more opportunities to reach others in need through Helping Hands...

East Lincoln Christian Ministries needs drivers to deliver home meals to area shut-ins. Contact Joanne at joanne.caruso@att.net to volunteer.

We're looking for a large decorative mirror for the foyer in Hesed House of Hope Homeless Shelter. Contact Laurie at furnishafuture@gmail.com if you have one to donate. Also, if you know of an organization that could use a large cabinet/bookcase, a child's train table, and electronic basketball game, let Laurie know.

**Backpacks for Kids Food Packing
December 15th
at 10:00 a.m. in WAB 101**

Many hands are needed to pack boxes for children involved in the backpack program and their families to enjoy over Christmas vacation. Contact Miranda Morales at mirandacmorales@gmail.com for more information.

Mentors are needed to work with children at NLMS. Contact Heather at hnicolebain@yahoo.com for more information.

If you know of anyone interested in donating a mobile home to a neighbor in desperate need of a new home, please contact Will at anderson190@bellsouth.net.

For information about mentoring a student at Rock Springs, contact Mary Repko at regismary@bellsouth.net.

Shut-In/Elderly Christmas Gift Bags

Connect with our Shut-Ins & Elderly this Christmas. Everyone is invited to help fill Christmas bags with cards and small mementos.

The bags are located in the Ministry Center.

Contact Judy Martin at 828.404.2900 for more information.



Merry Christmas!

New Horizon Sunday School Class Christmas Party

**December 13th at 6:00 p.m.
at Vesuvius Vineyards**

**Everyone is asked to bring a
side; meat is provided.
Contact Lanelle Coffey
for more info at
lcoffey@denverplumbing
company.com**

East Lincoln Community Chorus

Are you ready for some Christmas favorites? The East Lincoln Community Chorus will be singing some of their best tunes from years past when they present "All I Want For Christmas."

DUMC will host the free family concerts at the following times:

Thursday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 11th at 7:30 p.m.

& Saturday, December 12th at 2:30 p.m.

**Thank you, Faye Helton and all volunteers,
for decorating the church and
coordinating poinsettia deliveries. The
church looks beautiful and festive as
always!**



2015 Poinsettias given by...

- ***Russ, Staci, Hayden, and Jocelyn Blackwell** in memory of Reba "Mom-Mom" Martin
- ***Katie and Carson Brown** in honor of Bert and Janice Weeks
- ***Taylor, Hannah, Katie, and Carson Brown** in memory of Mama Jo, Daddy Jim Brown and Uncle Jim; in honor of Buz and Hettie Tanner
- ***Cliff Brumfield Family** in memory of Michael D. Sullivan, Willis B. Brumfield, and John Watson
- ***Frances Burnside** in memory of Diane Hunnicut
- ***Zach and William Byers** in memory of Grammy Reep

- ***Lisa and Joe Cacici** in memory of Mary and Julius Markman and Selma Rubin
- ***Mike, Paula, Matthew, and Taylor Carswell** in honor of Peggy Carswell
- ***George and Jeanie Fisher** in memory of Agnes and Lt. William R. Fisher and Hazel and F.S. Harrison
- ***John Foster** in memory of Lester A. and Annie Lee Foster and Lee and Virgie Hughes
- ***Franklin and Nickel Family** in honor of Greg and Susie Joyce and Greg and Lisa Clarke
- ***Edna and Gary Garlow** in memory of Edna and Lewis Langston and Mildred and Floyd Garlow
- ***Susie and Greg Joyce** in memory of Donald Mundy and Bob Padgett; and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mull, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Helton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Recil Wright, Mrs. Ann Padgett, Mrs. Elsie Armstrong, Mrs. Mary Alice Sigmon, Mrs. Dot Sherrill, Miss Cynthia Early, Mr. Rod Moore, Mrs. Ruby Fitzgerald, Mrs. Peggy Kimmons, and Mrs. Nancy Killian
- ***Kenny, Shanna, and Courtney Levesque** in memory of Howard Auton and Lester Shaw; and in honor of Helen and Joe Levesque, Elsie Shaw, and Courtney, Brittany, and Whitney Levesque
- ***Lisa Miller** in memory of Burt Zimmerman
- ***Naspinski Family** in memory of Sandy Price
- ***Carl and Jo Marie Pinilis** in memory of Otto and Lorese Pinilis and Joe and Kay Granger
- ***Yates Reep** in memory of Margaret Reep
- ***Donna Ross** in memory of Tom C. Ross
- ***Mary and Ken Shelton** in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Shelton and Mr. Elvin Ray Heath
- ***Darrell and Pam Wolfe** in memory of Pat Tate and Frank Wolfe



Happy Birthday To You !

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| | | 1 Mark Williams Brie Beane Ashley Harrison Kristy Thompson | 2 Brandee Franklin Jackie Lachapelle Jacob Magee | 3 Sheri Wilkens Lori Rogers | 4 Kathy Warner Sophie Bush | 5 Judy Martin Linda Belle Baker |
| 6 Matt Anderson Austin Buchanan Jayce Haith | 7 Shaun Stevenson | 8 Peggy Kimmons Billie Ann King Warren Hoyle | 9 John Brooks Morgan Roberts Bailey Lakey McKenzie Benfield | 10 Angie Cosby Anita Sain Lisa Vernon Owen VanderHaar Aubrey Beane | 11 Allden Horne Jack Waggoner Avery Powers Brian Reeves | 12 Dean Black Darron Carson Riley Tanner Mary Conrad |
| 13 Kim Powers Megan Turner Jeremy Morris | 14 DeAnn Hedrick Skylar Gibson Alejandro Mosera Bryson Thompson Daniel Burns | 15 Jeff Johnsen | 16 Linda Cork Robin Riddle Mary Beth Al-Hussaini Barrett Myers Jillian Aganad | 17 Linda Brooks Dean Brown Susan Meyers | 18 Elizabeth Brown Parker Powell Lina Moore Andrew LeFevers | 19 Becky Weber Rich Wilson Meagan Palmer |
| 20 Jackie Price Betty Carpenter Lizbeth Woodby McKenzie Mull | 21 Chris McBride Harley Haugstatter | 22 Sam Vargas Addison Upton Kathye Cochrane Ken Shelton | 23 Beth Broome Jennifer Grey Parker Abernethy Gene Thompson Missy Wilkinson Carol Brooks | 24 Max Kennedy Carol Sronce Dylan Benson Horst Fleck Billy Rogers | 25 Krystle Santelia | 26 Troy Wilson |
| 27 Daniel Maura Elaine Haynes | 28 John Renegar Billy Ahders Bryan Miller Emma Montanari | 29 April Powers Taryn Schou | 30 Kerri Powell Jeffrey Sronce Derek Gable Mason Fisher Nicholas Rowland Harper Langdon Frances Howard Ruth Cline | 31 Cooper Lyznicki | | |



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