


Denver United Methodist Church

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December 2015

My favorite night of the year is Christmas Eve with the family and church. The atmosphere is filled with anticipation of Christmas Day. People are happy and generous. Each year, our Christmas Eve services have over 1,000 people who venture out to keep "Christ in Christmas." People who normally do not attend church long to find Christ in this season. At Christmas time, **everyone worships but believers worship God** (Thanks, Sheila Graham for this insight). Take this time to invite a person or family to attend a service. 

If you are in town Christmas Eve, I look forward to seeing you at one of the services. If you're out-of-town vacationing or with family, I encourage you to find a service near you to attend. All gifts collected on Christmas Eve will be applied to the church Ministry Budget for 2015.

Rev. Jeff Johnsen

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Thank You, Teri & Addie!

**Sunday,
December 20th**

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

Stop in to say goodbye to Teri Shelton as she retires after 9 years on the DUMC staff. Also, say farewell to Addie Carson, after 2 years on the DUMC staff as Business Manager. She is returning to her father's business, Jerry P. Lackey Appraisal Service, Inc.

3 Christmas Eve Services

**Thursday,
December 24th**

**5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
11:00 p.m.**

**Holy Communion
will be offered at the
11:00 p.m. service.**

**Come together in worship
& celebration
of our Savior's birth.**

SPRC Update

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce the addition of Adam Rose as DUMC's newest Director of Worship Arts. He will join the staff family in January 2016.

**Rev. Anita Sain
will be preaching
all services on
Sunday,
December 27th.**

Stewardship Update

As the last weeks of the year are upon the church, we need your help to meet this need. **We are \$184,068 away from meeting our ministry budget for 2015.** Giving is part of being a disciple of Jesus. For the last several years, we have challenged everyone to give a gift to the church that is a tithe (10%) of what you spend for gifts during Christmas. If you want your contribution to be counted towards our 2015 goals, please bring your gift to the church no later than **December 31st** at 1:00 p.m. If you are mailing your gift, please have it postmarked by **December 31st**. Contact Jan Kuklo at finance@denverumc.org with questions.



Congregational News

Prayers Needed

Jerry Caruso
Eileen Ellis
Earline Koch
Martha Leonhardt
Bobby Little
Alan McBride
Jackie Price
Larry Rogers
Dot Sherrill
Buddy Stasney
Ed Stelling

Sympathy to Jerry Joe Woodby on the death of his mother, Ernestine Webb Woodby, who passed away on December 6th, and to Todd Fink on the death of his brother, Rickey Fink, who passed away on December 7th.

Congratulations to Karen Haskins, Rebecca Jones, & Dean Mosteller, Denver UMC's 2015 Laity Award Recipients.

Thank you to Faye Helton and helpers for making the children's Christmas treat bags.



Welcome to DUMC

December 6th

Jason Woods by transfer from Fraley Memorial Baptist in Gastonia, NC along with his wife, **Haley Woods** (with child, Alexis Bouldin), by transfer from Parkwood Baptist in Gastonia, NC. **Robbie & Cathy Cearley**, by transfer from Holy Communion Lutheran in Dallas, NC.

December 13th

Frances Bost by transfer from Woodlawn Baptist in Conover, NC. **Tony Chaffin** by transfer from Holy Cross Lutheran in Mocksville, NC. **Tiffany Harrison** (with child, Harrison Pruet) by transfer from Westport Baptist in Denver, NC. **Jeff & Kathy Jordan** by transfer from Weddington United Methodist in Matthews, NC. **Melissa Karr** by Profession of Faith. **Jason & Leslie Matthews** (with children, Lilly & Shane) by transfer from Hermitage United Methodist in Hermitage, TN. **Michael Neal** by Profession of Faith. **Jasen & Erin Vioral** (with children, Ella & Ethan) by Profession of Faith.



Holiday Office Hours:

Christmas Eve

8:30 a.m. –
1:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

CLOSED

New Year's Eve

8:30 a.m. –
1:00 p.m.

New Year's Day

CLOSED

Thanks to all of you who posted your dreams in the Sanctuary. We counted a total of 212 dreams. The top 3 dreams will be revealed at Christmas Eve services.

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 info.

If you have a scheduled surgery & would like a pastoral visit beforehand, call the church office at 704.483.1601.

Ministry

MOPS/MOMSnexT

The next meetings are January 11th at 6:30 p.m. & January 12th at 9:00 a.m. in the CORC.

Childcare is available by emailing your request to Karen Shelton at karenshelton@bellsouth.net.

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



Ladies Friday Morning Bible Study

begins 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@denverumc.org

Ladies Thursday Evening Bible Study

begins 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

Joy Marie Circle

January 18th in the CORC

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.

Contact: Susan Nickel,

snicke@bellsouth.net

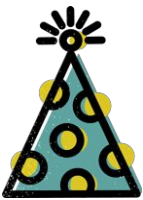
*** Thursday, January 14th - Monthly Meeting
@ 11:00 a.m. in the CORC**

Golden Disciples

Save these dates...

***Thursday, January 28th - Movie Night
@ 7:00 p.m. at The Terraces Clubhouse**

***Friday, February 1st - Book Club
@ 1:00 p.m. in FLC 204**



Pre-K Ministry

Sunday, December 20th we will have a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party during the 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. worship services. Hope to see all of our little friends there!!

-Jennifer Ingalls

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The MACTrack Retreat will be held in Asheville, NC January 16th-18th. This retreat will give the students of our MACTrack ministry a chance to experience different avenues of ministry hands-on and give them a chance to serve and minister to the community.



Nick Richart is leading a college bible study for the returning college students on December 23rd & 30th. They will be held in the Student Lounge from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. For more info contact Nick at nicholas.richart@denverumc.org.

As the holiday approaches, youth will not meet 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!

Nick Richart

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Jared Ginsburg


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Outreach Opportunities

Gently used men's shoes are needed to help with homeless mission needs at The Haywood Street Congregation in Asheville, NC. Pastor Brian Combs spoke at our Thanksgiving Service. Please leave shoes in the bin at the Mission Center. Donations will be accepted through January 3rd.



<h2>Helping Hands</h2>	<p>FIRST THURSDAY LUNCH IS JANUARY 7TH!</p> 
<p>Serving the needs of people located in Lincoln County & DUMC. The next meeting is January 4th at 10:30 a.m. in WAB 200.</p>	

Amy's Closet is a shop here in Denver that supports Amy's House, a non-profit Lincoln County organization against domestic violence. They are always looking for volunteers to work in the shop. If you are interested, please contact Linda Campagna at linda7313@aol.com.

The Building & Repair Team

- *Recently finished building a ramp by recycling materials from another ramp built for the late Doug Mayes
 - *Began plans for the smoke-free pavilion at Lakewood Care Center
 - *Found a lady in desperate need of a mobile home...let them know if you know someone who is buying property with an unwanted mobile home
- For more information on any of these projects, please contact Will Anderson at anderson190@bellsouth.net or Tim Strickland at jstrick@charter.net.**



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