

Monthly Newsletter – February 2016

As the memory of the first winter storm fades, we welcome in the month of February. As Lent begins today, please join us for the **Ash Wednesday** worship service tonight at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Anita Sain will be preaching. You will have the opportunity to be marked with the sign of the cross, symbolizing repentance of your sins. Childcare will be available for Pre-K.

This Sunday, February 14th, is Valentine's Day. The sermon title is "*Love is...*" There are many different types of love. ***My prayer is that the love you seek, the love you share, or the love you desire is rooted first in Christ. It is only from a love for Him that we are able to find true love in our lives.*** Come explore this concept with me Sunday morning.

The **Romanian Winterfest Youth Conference** is February 12th - 14th. This is the 8th year that DUMC has partnered with the Romanian Church of God to make this annual event possible. If you have a chance, please stop by for one of the worship services to experience this incredible conference that is televised back to Romania. All are welcome! On Sunday morning, Pastor Ben Bora will lead their worship in the FLC beginning at 11:00 a.m. Our G-Force 2.0 ministry will move to WAB 200 (Old Sanctuary) to accommodate the worship service. **Parents - Please check your children in on the 2nd floor of the Family Life Center as normal.** The 3-in-1 Body Wash Sunday School class that normally meets in the WAB 200 at 10:30 a.m. will relocate to the CORC. Thank you to everyone for your patience as we make room for more people to worship our awesome God! Winterfest Worship Services can be found at www.rowinterfest.com.

We welcome the **Boy/Girl Scouts on February 21st**. We will open our 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. worship services with a flag presentation from our Scouts. A canned food drive will be held to benefit our Backpacks for Kids ministry. More details can be found on page 6 of the newsletter. Rev. Anita Sain will be preaching all services that day as we begin a new sermon series called "Encounters With Jesus."

Our new website is here! I hope many of you have had an opportunity to explore our new website. We listened to many of the suggestions and changes you asked for. Our hope is that it is easier to navigate and you can find all the useful information you need. If you miss Sunday service, you can listen to messages online. Visit our website at denverumc.org/home, click on the "Media" tab and then "Sermons." These messages are usually available to listen to the same day.

It's hard to say good-bye, but this month we will say goodbye to Jeff Perks. Jeff has been our Organist/Pianist for 9 years at DUMC. Many of you have enjoyed his talent and concerts over the years, as well as his contributions each Christmas season to the East Lincoln Community Chorus. Please stop by the CORC on Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. service to say goodbye and wish him well. The SPRC encourages notes/cards of appreciation for his service to DUMC. Thank you, Jeff, for your years of service to our church!

Welcome New Staff members, LeAnn Callahan, Interim Choir Director, and Cortni Bazzle, Interim Children's Director. Many of you have been blessed with LeAnn's voice over the years. She has been a member of DUMC since 2010 and has been active in our choir. Cortni is a previous elementary teacher who loves ministry and watching kids grow in God's word. She is very excited to be a part of DUMC and looks forward to meeting everyone.

Thank you to several who took time to fill out a **pledge card for 2016**. In January, the ice storm created a Sunday where few could worship. If you stayed home that day, please help to keep our church strong by making up your gift if you have not already.

Rev. Jeff Johnsen

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Congregational News

Sympathy - To **Kim Basinger** on the death of her husband, **Darrell Basinger**, who passed away on January 25th. To **Staci Blackwell** on the death of her aunt, Brenda Burchfield, who passed away on February 3rd. To **Libba, Jay, & Lea Thompson** on the death of their mother/grandmother, Sarah Elizabeth "Sissy" Lineberger, who passed away on February 6th. To **John Fletcher** on the death of his brother, Ted Fletcher, who passed away on February 7th.

WELCOME TO DUMC!

Christian & Amy Byrd
by transfer from Assurance UMC
in Huntersville, NC.
Their children are Ashton,
Weston, Reeves, and Copeland.

Prayers Requested...

Jerry Caruso, Eileen Ellis, Rose Hammiel, Sandra Hussey, Kent Laney, Martha Leonhardt, Jackie Price, Wanda Reynolds, Larry Rogers, Dot Sherrill, Buddy Stasney, and Ed Stelling

If you would like to sign up for Sanctuary flowers to honor or remember a loved one or special anniversary in 2016, contact Faye Helton at 704.483.2789.

Youth "Share the Love" on Valentine's Day

Sunday, February 14th, the Youth will host some of our senior church members for a special Valentine's event. We will enjoy a meal together, join in a discussion about God's love, and even give back to the community through an act of service. Jesus taught us how to love, and now we get to put it into action!

Youth will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the CORC.

The Family of Earline Koch would like to express their sincere appreciation for the outpouring of sympathy, comfort, and assistance during her illness and death. Earline loved the Lord, her church, and her brothers and sisters in Christ. We are comforted to know she is in her eternal home worshipping and praising with loved ones who passed before her.

We invite you to a celebration of Earline's life on Saturday, April 23rd at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

»-LOVE-»

Guatemala Mission Trip Informational Meeting
Sunday, February 14th in WAB 200 immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Contact Lisa Morris for more info at clmorriso813@charter.net.

Mickey Basil & Wayne Taylor



FREE CONCERT with Wayne Taylor & Mickey Basil

February 19th @ 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Wayne Taylor played with the U.S. Navy's "Country Current" before forming the bluegrass band "Wayne Taylor and Appaloosa." Mickey Basil has performed with top entertainers such as Kenny Rogers and Randy Travis. Come and enjoy as this duo unites with the sounds of gospel, bluegrass, and jazz. All are welcome! A Love offering will be taken.

DUMC Ministries

Pastor Anita will be leading a small group on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. called *Following Jesus: Steps to a Passionate Faith* by Carolyn Slaughter. This is a 12-week study from February 23rd through May 26th (no meeting the Tuesday after Easter). Cost is \$12. If you're interested, contact Anita at anita.sain@denverumc.org.

Sunday, February 14th, the 3-in-1 Body Wash Sunday School Class will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the CORC. The Breakfast Club SS Class will meet in the Media Center.

Stephen Ministers provide one-on-one Christian care to people at DUMC and the community. Training starts February 23rd. For info on how to apply, email stephenministry@denverumc.org.

-Men-

MONDAY EVENINGS @ 6:30 p.m. in FLC 204. Small group bible study, discussion, prayer, & basketball. Ages range from 30-70. Led by Dean Mosteller, deanmosteller@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS @ 6:30 p.m. in FLC 200. Learn how to be a stronger Christian, better husband & Godly father. Led by Tim Strickland, jstrick@charter.net.

FRIDAY MORNINGS @ 6:30 a.m. in WAB 101. For men on a schedule to nurture relationship with Christ. Average age is 50. Led by Stephen Ringel, swringel@bellsouth.net & Greg Clarke, gclarke@charter.net.

FRIDAY MORNINGS @ 7:00 a.m. at Stacy's Restaurant. Bible-based video series followed by discussion. Family men ages 40-70 from various places, backgrounds, and careers. Led by Dennis Lee, lkndawg@yahoo.com.

-Women-

MOPS *(Mothers of Preschoolers)*

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

Join us either time each month as we discuss issues related to being a mom. Childcare is available in our MOPPETS program (reserve a spot by emailing Karen Shelton at karenselton@bellsouth.net). For more info, contact Paula Baker at mops@denverumc.org.

The Women's Retreat will be held at DUMC on April 8th & 9th.

Nicki Koziarz with Proverbs 31 Ministries will be our guest speaker on Friday & Saturday Evening. Learn more about Nicki and her ministry by visiting her website at nickikoziarz.com. Registration opens in February!

JOY MARIE CIRCLE	Women's Winter 2016 Bible Studies		
	Wed. @ 10:00 a.m.	Thurs. @ 6:45 p.m.	Fri. @ 10:00 a.m.
Open to all ladies of DUMC! The next meeting is February 15th @ 7:00 p.m. in the CORC. Contact Susan Nickel at snicke@bellsouth.net for more info.	New study began January 6th: <i>The Armor of God</i> Priscilla Shirer	New study begins February 25th: <i>The Battle Plan for Prayer</i> Alex & Stephen Kendrick	New study began January 8th: <i>Seamless</i> Angie Smith
	Room: WAB 200 Cost: \$15.00	Room: WAB 200 Cost: TBA	Room: WAB 200 Cost: \$15.00
	Contact Dava Lackey, dava@thelackeys.net	Contact Jo Killian, mamajos04@gmail.com	Contact Sara Lee, gigisaralee@yahoo.com

-Golden Disciples- For more info, contact Judy Brockman at jabrockman@bellsouth.net.

Monthly Meeting	Movie Night
February 11th @ 11:00 a.m. in the CORC	February 25th @ 7:00 p.m. at The Terraces Clubhouse
Join us For the 4th annual “Minute to Win It” competition and Valentine’s covered dish luncheon. Bring a dish to share and don’t Forget to wear red!	Featuring “ <i>God’s Not Dead</i> ”. A college philosophy professor’s curriculum is challenged by his new student who believes God exists.

-Children-

<p>Pre-K Ministry</p> <p>Nursery available during all services for birth – 2 years.</p> <p>Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for ages 3-5.</p> <p>Children’s Church at 10:30 a.m. for ages 3-5.</p> <p>Located in the lower level of the Worship Center. Check in at the Pre-K Welcome Center.</p> <p>Jennifer Ingalls, jennifer.ingalls@denverumc.org</p>	<p>Preschool</p> <p>DUMC preschool registration dates:</p> <p>2/8 - for current students and their siblings</p> <p>2/15 - for children of church members</p> <p>2/22 - for all children</p> <p><i>Sign up on these dates @ 9:00 a.m. in preschool foyer. For more info, contact Sara Lee at preschool@denverumc.org or visit denverumc.org.</i></p> 
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Children’s Ministry Update

Cortni Bazzle is our Interim Director of Children’s Ministries. She will be working with SPROUT and G-Force 2.0! She has experience teaching elementary age children and working in church and camp settings. She is TONS of fun and the children will LOVE her sweet smile and servant’s heart. Stop by with your kids to meet her! If you’d like to volunteer, you can contact her at cortni.bazzle@denverumc.org.

New and improved CHECK-IN and CHECK-OUT for all K-5 children will take place on the 2nd floor of the Family Life Center near the elevator. Drop off and pick up your young disciples there! We hope this new system makes things safer and smoother on Sundays. Thanks for your help and patience as we transition!

-Youth-

<p>Sunday nights are going strong! Join us in the FLC at 6:00 p.m. on Sundays as we eat, learn, play, and worship -- discovering what it means to be a follower of Christ.</p>	<p>Confirmation classes have begun! We are so excited to teach our students about the church and witness as these youth gain a better understanding of their faith!</p>
<p>Join us on Wednesday nights for Wednesday Night Light - a bible study designed to allow students to ask the questions on their hearts and shed some light on God’s word. We meet in the FLC from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</p>	
<p>Registration For our Spring retreats has started! The Confirmation Retreat will be March 4th-6th at Lake Junaluska. The cost is \$110. Know & Be Known (8th grade & up) will be April 29th-May 1st at Look Up Lodge. The cost is \$120.</p> <p>Nick Richart, nicholas.richart@denverumc.org</p>	

A Note from Anita

Ash Wednesday begins the Christian season of Lent. We will spend the next 40 days journeying with Jesus toward the cross and toward his death that ultimately brings resurrection life. Some Christians spend these days practicing a new spiritual discipline or giving up something that seems to be getting in the way of the true life that Jesus offers. **Join us For Ash Wednesday Worship on February 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** We come together in worship to mark the beginning of our Lenten journey, acknowledge our sin, and acknowledge our mortality. We come to encounter Jesus, who offers forgiveness, grace, and everlasting life.

Blessings on the Journey...Pastor Anita, anita.sain@denverumc.org

Outreach



Hannah's Little Free Library for her Congressional Medal Project is now ready to use. Located by the soccer fields at DUMC, inside the Arbor. Take a book, leave a book - donations of gently used books for ages infant to young adult are appreciated and can be brought to the church office. Thank you to DUMC for contributing financially and allowing the use of the space. Her dream is to see one in every park in Denver. Congratulations, Hannah!

Helping Hands

For info, contact Carol Brown at carolhubbrown@gmail.com

The next meeting is March 7th at 10:30 a.m. in WAB 200.

Tuesday, February 16th volunteers are needed to serve at Lincolnton's Soup Kitchen from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Contact Denyce at alexk05@yahoo.com.

Senior Luncheon 2016

For Lincoln County Area Seniors
Thursday, February 18th at 11:30 a.m. at DUMC

Call 704-483-1601 for reservations by February 11th. Following lunch (free of charge), entertainment will be provided by The High Point Presbyterian Home Band! (Entrance and parking are located in the rear of DUMC's Family Life Center. In the event that Lincoln Co. Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the luncheon will be cancelled.)

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS FOOD DRIVE – Sunday, February 21st

The Backpacks for Kids food mission meets the needs of hungry children in our community by providing them with nutritious and easy-to-prepare food to take home on the weekends and school vacations when other resources are not available. 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners, and 5 snacks are provided to each child every week.

With over 25 kids in the program, we provide over 175 meals per week! How can you help???

- ***Donate Food** – Individual servings of canned meats, canned fruit, applesauce, peanut butter, & snacks.
- ***Donate Duffle Bags** – We need new or gently used duffle bags with shoulder straps.
- ***Don't have food or duffle bags to donate?** We use monetary donations to purchase items not received through food donations. Note "Backpacks for Kids" on your donation envelope or check.

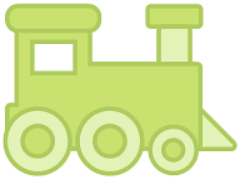
Place all donations in the bins at the Ministry Center on Sunday, February 21st. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Contact Julie Doss at 704-929-3113 or julieadoss@gmail.com for more info.

Backpacks for Kids - Because Hunger Doesn't Take a Break on the Weekend

2016 Spring Children's Consignment Sale - March 19th, 2016



It's time to take those old baby clothes, toys, and clunky high chairs from the back of your closets and let someone else have a chance to use them. Put some money in your pocket for things you could use now while supporting this ministry and giving back to children in the community. Our Spring Consignment Sale, hosted by the Genesis Sunday School class, is a great way to sell baby and/or children's items that you no longer need. All proceeds from the sale go towards helping families with children in our community. Consignors receive 70% of their sales and 30% goes to the ministry. This year's sale is Saturday, March 19th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Many volunteers are also needed for this event. We have some "sit down" positions, and you can partner with a friend for many of the jobs that need to be filled. This is a great way to meet new people and to have fun!



Things you need to know...

- *ONLY Spring/Summer clothes will be accepted.
- *You MUST volunteer at least 4 hours to shop at the Volunteer Sale.
- *There is NO childcare offered during any of the sales or volunteer times.

For all details, please visit the "Consignment Sale" page on our website at denverumc.org/ministries.

2016 Mission Opportunities

Destination	Dates	Open Slots	Contact
Guatemala	June 11 - 18	5	Lisa Morris clmorris0813@charter.net
Student Life (Youth)	June 13 - 17	70	Nick Richart, nicholas.richart@denverumc.org
Belize	June 19 - 27	9	Bob Popoff robert.popoff@ltc-west.com
Costa Rica	July 18 - 29	CLOSED w/ 20 team members	Greg Clarke gclarke@charter.net
H.O.M.E. (Youth)	July 24 - 31	8	Nick Richart nicholas.richart@denverumc.org
Appalachian Service Project (Youth)	July 24 - 31	10	Nick Richart nicholas.richart@denverumc.org
Atlanta	Summer 2016	15	Julie Mosteller jpmosteller@gmail.com
MOPS - Atlanta	Summer 2016	Unlimited	Paula Baker mops@denverumc.org
Henderson Settlement	September 18 - 24	24	Judy Brockman jabrockman@bellsouth.net

Happy Birthday To You!

	<p>1 Bill Cork Dwayne Dixon Jake Dedmon Timmy Schafer Alivia Isaac</p>	<p>2 Frank Brady Rich McMahan Sara Folk</p>	<p>3 Tracy Benfield Tanner Doss Dawson Horne Grace Lasarsky</p>	<p>4 Maggie Grey Sadie Wilson Dava Lackey Ty Cox Karl Campbell</p>	<p>5 Tony File Taylor Myers Zachary Byers</p>	<p>6 Beverly Finnen Chloe Soorus Savannah Shawver</p>
<p>7 Kristi Johnsen Tinsley Brothers Patti Carr</p>	<p>8 Michael Tullos</p>	<p>9 Trudy Muse Paula Baker Kathryn Chappell</p>	<p>10 Dan Jones Norman Clark Craig Young Reeves Byrd</p>	<p>11 Cheryl Osler Alicia Anderson Stella Ballard Colton Reinken Cason Parrish</p>	<p>12 Cameron Wilson Ava Parcel Ella Parcel</p>	<p>13 Teresa Reavis Brian Rabalais Kelly Rabalais Savannah Pridgen Dylan Lakey</p>
<p>14 Cathy Pehl Bekka Myers Tino Drecchio James Raines</p>	<p>15 Adelayne Smith Sarah Smith Sophie Meyers</p>	<p>16 Pam Sailors Linda Fink Emma Finnen Harleigh Hybarger</p>	<p>17 Jim Long Marvin Melton Grayson Upchurch</p>	<p>18 Judy Brockman Kirsten Hudgens Lacy Andrews</p>	<p>19 Tracy Whittington Diedra Franklin Cindy Blanton</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 Shelby Fink Landon Caldwell</p>	<p>22 David Doss Gina Hefner Wyatt Shawver</p>	<p>23 Eddie Santelia Katie Profitt Logan Ferguson George Fisher</p>	<p>24 Wanda Ringel</p>	<p>25 Adam Labar Brittany Seymour Landon Howard Sydney Cooper Catherine Stegal</p>	<p>26 Leigh Aganad Becky Smith Jonathan Carr Evan Tillson Cutter Law Ron Best</p>	<p>27 Brad Beatenhead Arin Andrews Tony Harkey</p>
<p>28 Stephanie Tullos Brendan Glass Morgan Smith Harper Schutter</p>	<p>29</p>					



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