

JANUARY 7, 2018

10:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Congregation stand as able.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call To Worship
Scripture

“When Hope Came Down”
Genesis 1: 1-5

DUMC Choir

*** Opening Praise**

“Open Up The Heavens”

*** Congregational Fellowship**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

#895

Offering

Offertory

*** Scripture**

Matthew 2: 1-12

Russ Blackwell

Sermon

“2018: The Wonder Year”

Rev. Anita Sain

Holy Communion

*** Closing Worship**

“We Three Kings”

#254

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Anita Sain, Associate Pastor

Mike Sciascia, Director of Student Ministries

David Adams, Associate Director of Worship Arts

Elizabeth Lackey, Soloist

Worship Notes

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"A Harbor of Hope in a Chaotic World"

Welcome Guests!

We've got a special gift for you!

Please visit one of our Welcome Centers, located in the Main Sanctuary Narthex or the Family Life Center Lobby.



Happy New Year! Those words bring hopes for the future to come and a healthy dose of fear for the unknown. Perhaps that is how the Wise Men felt as they set out following a star in search of Jesus Christ. Today, let's walk with them and embrace the wonder of God with us.



Couples Connection Retreat Weekend - Friday, February 3: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, February 4: 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Vesuvius Vineyards, Iron Station; Cost: \$225.00 (meals included) Questions: Contact: Julie Fleck (jfleck@agapecentercounseling.com) or Anita Sain (anita.sain@denverumc.org)



Belize Mission Trip 2018 - Signups for the Belize Mission Trip for 2018 are now being accepted by contacting Robert Popoff at robert.popoff@ltc-west.com. The dates of the trip this year will be June 17-24. Approximate cost will be \$1500.00 and a deposit of \$250.00 is required by January 31. For more information about the trip, you can contact Robert or attend an information meeting which will be scheduled in early January.

Dear Church Family,

As we begin 2018, we do so with a tremendous 2017 to build upon. Last year we received **\$1,182,823** in budget receipts. This is a remarkable accomplishment for our church as it demonstrates a strong commitment to who we are and what we can be in the future. These numbers represent growth and strength to continue growing in 2018. Our 2018 budget has been set by the Administrative Board at **\$1,183,884**. When the Finance Committee presented this budget to the Administrative Board, we felt this was an aggressive yet faithful budget. As you can see, the 2018 budget almost exactly matches what we took in during 2017. God is at work among us as these numbers represent growing ministries, missional engagement, and the ability to provide proper care for our facilities. Furthermore, our financial position allows us to continue to live into our God given vision to be *"a harbor of hope in a chaotic world, where people come to know God, build meaningful relationships, and unleash compassion."* Copies of the 2018 budget are available in the church office. Our church leadership will make recommendations on how to best use the surplus, and those recommendations will joyfully be shared with the congregation as soon as they are finalized. I am amazed at what God is doing through us. Thank you all for your faithfulness and generosity.

Pastor Steve

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This Week's Activities

For a full listing of calendar events, visit our website at <http://www.denverumc.org/calendar>.

Sunday, January 7th

- 3:00 p.m. Launch 68 parent meeting - FLC 204
- 4:00 p.m. Harbor Youth Panther Game Special - FLC Gym
- 6:00 p.m. Harbor Youth - FLC Gym

Monday, January 8th

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Sewing group - CORC
- 6:30 p.m. Card night - Welcome Center
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Men's group - FLC 204
- 6:30 p.m. MOPS (Twilight) - FLC Gym

Tuesday, January 9th

- 9:00 a.m. MOPS (Daytime) - FLC Gym
- 10:30 a.m. Staff meeting - WAB 202
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry - WAB 101
- 6:30 p.m. That the World May Know Bible study - FLC 204

Wednesday, January 10th

- 9:00 a.m. LKN Piecemakers - CORC
- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study - TBD
- 6:00 P.M. Table Talk - Family Life Center Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Covenant Keenagers - WAB 101
- 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice - Sanctuary
- 8:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal - FLC Gym

Thursday, January 11th

- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - WAB 101
- 11:00 a.m. JOY Monthly Meeting - CORC
- 6:45 p.m. Sisters in Prayer Bible Study - FLC 204

Friday, January 12th

- 6:30 a.m. Friday Men's group - WAB 101
- 7:00 a.m. Friday Men's group - Stacy's
- 10:00 a.m. Friday Morning Women's Bible Study - FLC 204

The Life of Our Church

Harbor Youth // Today at 4:00 p.m // Family Life Center Gym.

Today, our hometown Panthers play at 4:40 p.m. Rather than make all of you miss the game at youth, we are going to watch the game together on the big screens here at the church!

Doors open at 4:00 p.m. and we will be done when the Panthers win! Feel free to come at 4:00 p.m. and play basketball or run around. **Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.** At halftime, you will get to see our NEW LOGO!

MOPS and MOMSnext // Jan. 8th at 6:30 p.m., and Jan. 9th at 9:00 a.m. // Family Life



Center. MOPS and MOMSnext is having a game day! Be Gutsy and get ready to win! We would love to have you join us! For more information contact Jamie Sidler at (704) 914-6673 or jsidler07@hotmail.com.



Table Talk // Jan. 10th at 6:00 p.m. // Family Life Center.

Table Talk returns this week! Connect with old friends and meet some new ones. **Menu:** Taco Bar **Cost:** \$4.00 per person/ \$15 MAX per family. No reservations needed. Hope to see you there!

Lifegroups resume this week! Are you looking for a group? Contact Anita at anita.sain@denverumc.org or (704) 425-9915 to get connected!

January 2018 Newsletter

Due to the holidays, the January 2018 newsletter will not be available until January 10th. Please check the website for happenings here at the church the first few weeks of the new year. Thank you!

If you are interested in joining Denver UMC, please contact Wendi Brooks at wendi.brooks@denverumc.org for more information or with any questions.