

The Spirit of Deer Park

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Announcements and Upcoming Events

8:30AM

GREETERS: John Moxley
LITURGISTS: Mary Newcomb
COFFEE N' CHAT: ?

11:00AM

Donna Upton
Annie Aldridge
Faith & Tina Nelson

NEXT WEEK (DECEMBER 10) ONE SERVICE @ 10AM

GREETERS: John Moxley and Annette & Harold Robertson
LITURGIST: Gina DeGasperis
COFFEE N' CHAT: *Please sign-up!*

BULLETIN DEDICATION - In loving memory of Kim Upton 12/3/59 - 10/11/15, from Mom Peg Larkin, Husband Neil Upton, Mother-In-Law Donna Upton, Sister Kay Ahmad, and Brother Mark Leppo.

THANK YOU - Thank you all for all of the help setting up, cleaning up, and during the Bazaar. I couldn't do it without all of the wonderful help!! Kudos!! Pam Hildenbrand

THANK YOU - Thanks to all who donated their homemade crafts and helped with setting up the Craft Room and all your support. It was a great success! Without you it wouldn't have happened. The craft room will be open through December 17. Bev Snyder

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - **TODAY!** Meet in the social hall @ 1PM to carpool. Sign-up sheet in the narthex. Any questions see Cindy or Gary Saylor.

CHURCH CALENDARS - Pick up yours in the narthex. If you have not paid, see Ruth. There are some extra calendars available for sale, see Ruth Shipley or Lynn Spencer. Thanks.

MITTEN TREE - In the narthex for your donations of new gloves, mittens, scarves & hats. All donations will be given to Shepherd's Staff & distributed locally in Carroll County. Thank you for giving the gift of warmth. Any questions contact Gary Saylor 443-465-1023.

LIBRARY NEWS - Imagine Jesus from Mary's point of view. In Not a Silent Night by Adam Hamilton, Mary's story begins at the crucifixion and travels back in time as she witnesses Jesus' life and ministry. Mary's reality was not unlike our own lives. There was joy, but it was mixed with pain and sorrow, uncertainty and adversity.

..... **THIS WEEK**

TRUSTEES MEETING - Monday, December 4 @ 7PM.

DPUMC MEN'S BREAKFAST - Thursday, December 7 at Bob Evan's, beginning @ 7AM. Please bring a Bible or your electronic device. The scripture reading will be 2 Peter chapter 3. Feel free to bring a guest. Pastor John

..... **NEXT WEEK**

"STARBRIGHT" - Sunday, December 10. This zany, light-hearted Advent drama, with a hushed and reverent ending at the Manger of Bethlehem, will be presented by the Praise & Play drama team. Please plan to attend and invite a friend.

FLASHLIGHTS NEEDED---Would you like to be part of the action during our Advent play? (*without leaving your seat*) Just bring a flashlight and wait for directions. All will be revealed!

RED STOCKINGS FOR SHEPHERD'S STAFF - To participate, fill a stocking & mark it for boy or girl along with the age (infant to 16). Some ideas: a wallet, socks, underwear, CD's, small games, Bible trivia. Due Sunday, Dec, 10. Thanks. Question contact Barb Rhine 410-876-1672.

CHRISTMAS FOR SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL CENTER - Donation box in the narthex. Items needed are: Gift Cards, Playing Cards, Puzzle Books, Hats, Gloves, Slippers, Shampoo, Body Wash, Lotions, Kleenex, Toothbrushes & Toothpaste. NO ITEMS IN GLASS. NO wrapped gifts. Due by Sunday, Dec. 10. Flyer in narthex. Thank you! Lynn Spencer & Ruth Shipley

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CHILDREN'S DINNER THEATER - Sunday, December 10 at 2pm in the Social Hall. The children will present the play "God's Gift to Us". Dinner includes salad, bread sticks, spaghetti with meatballs and cake. Cost is \$10.00 per ticket, children 3 and under are free. ALL proceeds go toward the 2018 Vacation Bible School expenses. Tickets on sale after the 8:30 and before the 11:00 service. Any questions see Kathie Browning or Nancy Baker.

FINANCE - NO meeting in December.

DPUMC MEN'S DINNER - Wednesday, December 13 @ 6PM in the Social Hall. Dinner is coming from Bullocks. Please bring a Bible or your electronic device. Feel free to bring a guest. Please let Steve H, Gary S or Gene M know if you are able to come so enough food can be ordered.

.....**LATER THIS MONTH & BEYOND**

ADVENT SUNDAYS

2nd Sunday, Dec. 10 One service at 10AM. Sunday school at 8:45AM.

3rd Sunday, Dec. 17 One service at 10AM. Sunday school at 8:45AM.

Please come to hear **A CHORAL CHRISTMAS MEDLEY**, performed by our combined chancel choirs, directed by Justin Klaverweiden.

4th Sunday, Dec. 24 One service at 10AM. NO Sunday school.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - The goal of 140 wreaths for the veterans' graves in the Deer Park Cemetery has been met. Donations are still needed for Arlington National Cemetery, see the website <https://wreaths.fastport.com>. Any questions, please see Gary Saylor.

LITURGIST SIGN-UP FOR 2018 - Reading God's Word aloud is a blessing and a privilege. If you would like to join those who serve as liturgists, reading scripture and leading other parts of the Sunday worship service on a rotating basis, please sign up on the "Liturgists" sheet on the narthex table, or contact Joy Grimm at 443-506-3209 (e-mail: joyg1@comcast.net) by Sunday, December 17. Current liturgists, please check off your name on the list as well.

SPECIAL OCCASION SCRIPTURE READERS - Would you like to be called on to read scripture occasionally, but not lead other parts of the service? This opportunity is open to readers of any age. The "Scripture Reader" sign-up sheet will be on the narthex table through Sunday, December 17. Contact Joy Grimm with any questions.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY & COFFEE 'N CHAT - The Children's Ministries team invites everyone to join us on Sunday, December 17 for Coffee & Chat and the Children's Christmas Party in the social hall following the 10AM worship service.

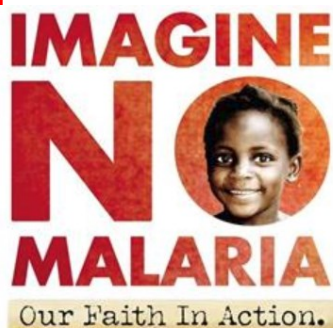
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24.

5:00 PM - Children's Interactive Family Service with glow candles

7:00 PM - Family Friendly Service with candlelight and glow candles for children

11:00 PM - Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 - One service @ 10AM. **NO** Sunday school.



Remember ?

Deer Park started to raise funds for this project some time ago.

Response has been somewhat less than expected.

The last date to contribute is the last Sunday in December, the 31st.

The collected funds will be delivered to this project after that date.



The BWC will again be offering college scholarships in 2018. Please share the Save the Date information below with your churches so that students and parents can begin preparing.

SAVE THE DATE! BWC Scholarship application opens January 3, 2018!

Once again, the Baltimore-Washington Conference will be awarding scholarships for qualified students currently attending college, as well as high school seniors who plan to attend college in the fall of 2018. The application process opens on Jan. 3 and closes March 7, 2018.

A variety of scholarships are offered to fit the diverse needs of our students. To be considered for a scholarship, students must complete the full online application which includes uploading their current transcripts. In addition, the student must provide contact information for their pastor and one additional church reference. The pastor and reference will be contacted and asked to submit information on the student's participation in the local church. The entire process will be done online for ease of the student, pastor, and reference.

For details about the individual scholarships or to apply for a scholarship, please visit www.bwcumc.org/administration/finance/local-church-resources/scholarships/.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Peace,

Cheryl Cook

Connectional Ministries

[410-309-3446](tel:410-309-3446)

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WESTMINSTER HOMELESS SHELTER - Box and flyer in the narthex for donation of individually wrapped breakfast items for the Cold Weather Shelter. Questions see Janet Wallet.

SOCK & UNDERWEAR DRIVE - A collection box is in the narthex for donations of NEW socks & underwear all sizes. Items will be taken to The Shepherd's Staff. Sponsored by the Seekers' class; questions see Gary Saylor or Gene Myers.

REMINDER! - For the safety of our church building, if you are the last one leaving the building **PLEASE** make sure the entrance doors are **LOCKED** & all **LIGHTS ARE OFF!**

KIDZ CLUBHOUSE - Helpers are needed, please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Questions see Kathie Browning or Pastor John. Thanks.

PANERA DOUGH STRIPS FUNDRAISER - Each strip includes 6 coupons for assorted pastries. Cost is \$10, value of \$18+, a great deal! Coupons are good at any Maryland Panera & never expire. Make great gifts! Benefits Community Outreach events. See Bev Snyder to purchase.

"WEEKLY PLANNER"/EVENTS CALENDAR - If you have a church-related event that you would like to appear in the Carroll County Times, information must be submitted at least two Sunday's prior to the desired appearance date. Please send it to Joy Grimm at joyg1@comcast.net or leave it in the Communications mailbox in the church office.

IMAGINE NO MALARIA - A fundraising chart in the narthex is tracking our progress in support of the UM church-wide effort to overcome malaria in Africa. Contributions of any amount are greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to DPUMC, designated for **INM**. (See notice on next page)

CARROLL COUNTY FOOD SUNDAY - Please consider bringing in some non-perishable food items for the shopping cart in the narthex. Your contributions are appreciated.

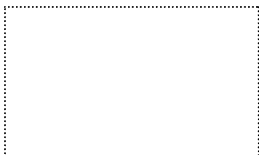
CARDS - Bring your used birthday/holiday cards to church, to be taken to ARC, where they use them to make tags, etc. Look for the pink & blue gingham box in the narthex.

Please submit bulletin announcements by Thursday, 11:00AM to the Office
Prayer Chain: Shirley Miller (Coordinator) 410-861-8292
Chain I Kate Gorsuch 410-876-2745 / Chain II Brenda Six 410-756-2507
Bulletin Copying: Steve Hildenbrand

A chuckle or two?



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