

SUNDAY, December 23, 2018

The DPUMC Spirit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT WEEK (DECEMBER 30) ONE SERVICE @ 10AM

LITURGIST:

Donna Upton

COFFEE N' CHAT:

Christmas Leftovers
Please bring a plate to share

A CHORAL CHRISTMAS MEDLEY – Today, performed by our combined choirs, under the direction of Justin Klaverweiden.

THANK YOU - from the Children's Ministries Team to everyone who helped make our dinner theater a great success especially the children who did a wonderful job.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY & COFFEE 'N CHAT - The Children's Ministries team & the Worship Team invites everyone to join us TODAY, December 23 for Coffee & Chat and the Children's Christmas Party in the social hall following the 10AM worship service.

MITTEN TREE – The tree is in the narthex for your donations of new gloves, mittens, scarves & hats. All donations will be distributed locally in Carroll County. Thank you for giving the gift of warmth. Any questions contact Gary Saylor 443-465-1023.

CHURCH CALENDARS - Pick up your calendar in the narthex. If you have not paid, please see Lynn Spencer. There are a few extra calendars available for sale, also see Lynn. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser. Bev Snyder & Helen Redding

LIBRARY NEWS - Set in December 1932, during the Great Depression a Christmas tale entitled Till Morning is Nigh by Leisha Kelly should not be missed this season. The Christmas before, a mother of 10 passed away leaving a husband who could not handle his grief and his many responsibilities. How can hope and joy be restored?

.....**THIS WEEK**

LITURGIST SIGN-UP for 2019 - 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 **Today**, December 23. 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 for 2019 will be on the narthex table through **Today**, December 23. Contact Joy Grimm with any questions.

SPRC - NO meeting in December.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, MONDAY, 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

.....**NEXT WEEK**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, LESSONS & CAROLS – A fifth Sunday, one service @ 10AM.
NO Sunday school.

DPUMC MEN'S BREAKFAST – Thursday, January 3, at Bob Evan's, beginning @ 7AM. Please bring a Bible or your electronic device. Pastor John

SISTERHOOD MEETING – Thursday, January 3. This is our annual planning meeting. It is held at Bullock's Restaurant with the option of dinner at 6:00PM and meeting beginning at 7:00PM. All ladies are invited to join us. Contact is Shirley Miller, President

.....**NEXT MONTH & BEYOND**

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - Monday, January 7 at Deer Park UMC from 2PM-7PM, in the social hall. Please call the American Red Cross 800-733-2767 to schedule your life saving donation or Gary Saylor 443-465-1023. Thanks for saving a life!

.....**ONGOING**

WESTMINSTER COLD WEATHER SHELTER - A collection box is in the narthex for donations of socks & new underwear. Any questions see Ginny Weaver or Gene Myers.

ONLINE GIVING – To give electronically visit the church's website and select "About Us". You can make a one-time contribution or set up a recurring giving schedule. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact Ruth Horner, Treasurer.

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

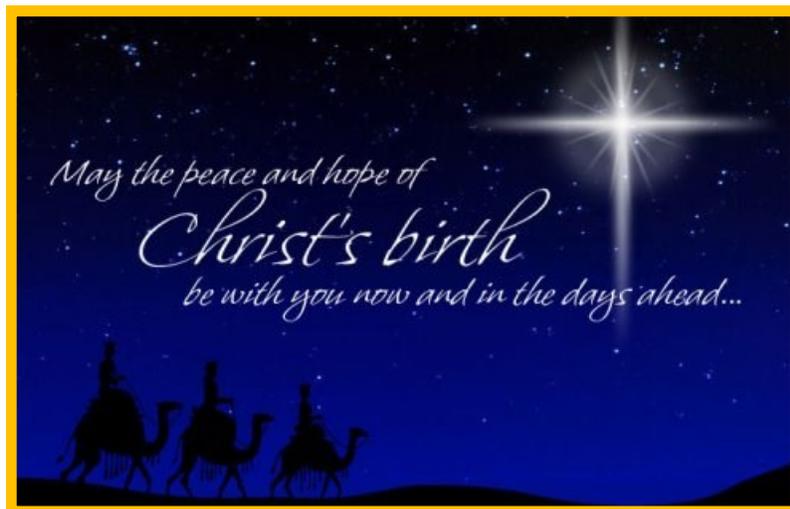
PENNIES FOR MISSIONS – The children collect change following the Children's Message. Please bring some change to make a change in the world! Thanks for your support!

KIDZ CLUBHOUSE - Helpers are needed. See Kathie Browning. Thanks.

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.

"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 to Joy Grimm at joyg1@comcast.net or leave in the Communications mailbox in the church office.

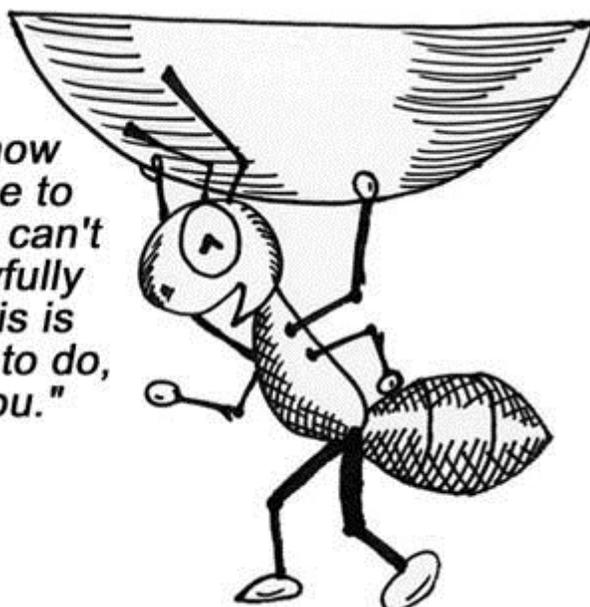
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**Please submit bulletin announcements by Thursday, 11:00AM to the Office
Prayer Chain: Shirley Miller (Coordinator) 410-861-8292
Chain I Kate Gorsuch 410-876-2745 / Chain II Brenda Six 410-756-2507
Bulletin Copying: Donna Gayhardt -- Flag raising & lowering: Gary Saylor**



The Ant and the Contact Lens

A true story by Josh and Karen Zarandona

"Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But, if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You."



"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." Phil. 4:13

Brenda was a young woman who was invited to go rock climbing. Although she was very scared, she went with her group to a tremendous granite cliff. In spite of her fear, she put on the gear, took a hold on the rope, and started up the face of that rock.

Well, she got to a ledge where she could take a breather. As she was hanging on there, the safety rope snapped against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens.

Well, here she is, on a rock ledge, with hundreds of feet below her and hundreds of feet above her. Of course, she looked and looked and looked, hoping it had landed on the ledge, but it just wasn't there. Here she was, far from home, her sight now blurry. She was desperate and began to get upset, so she prayed to the Lord to help her to find it.

When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but there was no contact lens to be found. She sat down, despondent, with the rest of the party, waiting for the rest of them to make it up the face of the cliff.

She looked out across range after range of mountains, thinking of that Bible verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me."

Finally, they walked down the trail to the bottom. At the bottom there was a new party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?"

Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across the face of the rock, carrying it on its back.

Brenda told me that her father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You."

I think it would probably do some of us good to occasionally say, "God, I don't know why you want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it's awfully heavy. But, if you want me to carry it, I will." God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called. Yes, I do love GOD. He is my source of existence and my savior. He keeps me functioning each and every day. "Without Him, I am nothing, but with Him ... "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phil. 4:13)

credit:[heartwarming stories](http://heartwarmingstories.com)

Deer Park Welcomes Guests!

Worship Services @ 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Fifth Sundays: One service @ 10:00AM (Sunday School @ 8:45AM)

If you are here for the first time today, you are welcomed by the God who welcomes us all. Please help us become acquainted with you by filling out a pew guest card and placing it in the offering plate or handing it to an usher, a greeter or the pastor. (Carnations for visitors are provided alternate weeks by Bowman's Home & Garden Center). Children are welcome and encouraged to share in worship. There is nursery care available during both worship services for children ages 5 and under. Or you may enjoy the service with your child in our Sanctuary Observation Room, which looks directly into the sanctuary. This space is equipped with soft lighting and rockers. Speakers ensure you will not miss any of the service. Please don't hesitate to ask an usher for help.

Nursery care is also available during the Sunday school hour for children under 3. The Nursery is located through the double doors off the foyer, a short distance down the hallway on the left. During the 8:30 worship service, all children Kindergarten thru 3rd grade are welcome to participate in our Kidz Clubhouse, which meets immediately after the Children's Message.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the left of the Deer Park Road entrance. A baby changing station is located in both the women's and men's restrooms.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSESSundays, 9:45 to 10:45AM

Children's Classes meet in the Sunday School Wing.

Pastor's Class meets in the room next to the library.

The Seekers' Class meet in the Conference Room.

CHOIR PRACTICE Wednesdays, 7-8:30PM — All are welcome. Questions see Justin.

DEER PARK STAFF

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Nursery Care Provider: Randi Carlisle

Church Office Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 11AM-3PM

Church Office Phone: 410-848-2313

Building use calendar website is <http://calendar.yahoo.com/dpumccalendar>.

To schedule an event, please contact Cindy Saylor at the church office.

Look for Deer Park UMC on FACEBOOK. Any questions or to add something add contact Frank Pereira; FPereira@aol.com or 410-857-9467.

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