

SUNDAY, December 15, 2019

# The DPUMC Spirit

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### **NEXT WEEK (DECEMBER 22) ONE SERVICE @ 10AM**

**LITURGISTS:** Debbie Muse  
**COFFEE N' CHAT:** Children's Ministry Team & The Worship Team  
in the social hall

**THANK YOU** - Thanks to everyone for all their help with the Soup 'N Sandwich Lunch at the Bazaar. It was gratefully appreciated and we did great! Janet Wallett.

**THANK YOU** - Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Blood Drive this past Monday at Calvary UMC. We were able to collect 23 units. For each unit of blood collected, 3 lives can potentially be saved, thus our 23 units will be used to help up to 69 people! Thank you from the American Red Cross & Gary Saylor.

**POINSETTIAS FOR SANCTUARY** - Order forms in the narthex, due **Today**, Dec. 15.

**CHURCH CALENDARS** - Calendars are ready for pick up **TODAY!** They are on the table in the narthex. Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser. Bev Snyder & Helen Redding.

**ANNUAL CHILDREN'S DINNER THEATER** - **TODAY** @ 2:00PM in the social hall. Tickets are on sale after the 8:30 & before the 11:00 service. Cost is \$10.00 per ticket, children 3 & under free. Dinner menu: Olive Garden salad with dressing, breadsticks, spaghetti with meatballs & dessert, prepared by the DP Men's Group. The children will perform a skit titled "My Gift for Him". ALL proceeds go to the 2020 Vacation Bible School. Contacts are Kathie Browning & Nancy Baker. The Children's Ministry team thanks you for your support.

**ADOPTED FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS** - The UMW & Sisterhood have adopted a family (mother & 2 daughters ages 16 & 4) to support this Christmas. We are collecting monetary donations to purchase food for a Christmas meal. Also accepting gift cards to restaurants & grocery stores in the Westminster area. Your help is greatly appreciated. **Donations due TODAY!** Please tape the receipt to the back of gift cards. Questions, please contact Janet Wallett 410-861-8516 or Shirley Miller 410-259-2971.

**MITTEN TREE** - See the tree 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.

**SIGN-UP SHEET: LITURGISTS FOR 2020** - 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 for 2020" sheet in the narthex, or [contact Joy Grimm](mailto:joyg1@comcast.net) at 443-506-3209 (e-mail: joyg1@comcast.net) by Sunday, December 29. Current liturgists, please indicate your continuation (or not) as well.

**SPECIAL OCCASION READERS** - Would you like to be called on occasionally to read scripture, or perhaps other readings, but not necessarily lead other parts of the service? This opportunity is open to readers of any age. Add your name at the bottom of the "Liturgists for 2020" sign-up sheet under "Special Occasion Scripture Readers" (in the narthex through Sunday, December 29). Contact Joy Grimm with any question

**LIBRARY NEWS** - An Amish Family Christmas by Marta Perry and Patricia Davids tells of two Amish girls and their search for happiness at advent.

..... **THIS WEEK**

**COUNCIL** - NO meeting.

..... **NEXT WEEK**

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT** - December 22, one service at 10AM. NO Sunday school. Please come to hear **A CHRISTMAS MEDLEY**, performed by our chancel choir. Please come and see the play, **"Come to the Stable"** by our Drama Group. The Children's Christmas Party will follow this service with Coffee n Chat. All are invited.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, TUESDAY, 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

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29** - Fifth Sunday, one service @ 10AM. **NO** Sunday school.

**AED/CPR TRAINING CLASS** - Sunday, January 12 @ 1PM in the social hall. Materials need to be ordered. Cost is \$20, please pay Cindy Saylor. A certified card will be given. No written test unless needed for your employment. If you are interested, see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Contacts are Cindy Saylor & Dave Yingling.

..... **ONGOING**

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**CHURCH PROJECTS** - We qualified for the grant to help with new playground equipment. Only need about \$300 to cover the down payment. Any questions see John Walker. Mark contributions with a note/memo: **Playground. Thanks for your support of the children!**

**CHURCH DIRECTORY APP** - If you have changes to your info, please see Cindy Saylor.

**ONE CALL NOW** - We use this system to inform our members of those who are requesting prayers and send church information. If you are not receiving phone calls or emails and would like to be put on the list, please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**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!

**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.

**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!**

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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: Brenda Bosman -- Flag raising & lowering: Gary Saylor**

All organizations please check our website to see if the page for your group is up to date. Many are not currently. The webmaster cannot maintain them up to date with current information unless the information is given in a current manner. Old dates on pages do not encourage return visits for information.





Prayer letter of the  
Meister-Konze family  
Uster, Switzerland  
November 2019

[...] restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. [...] without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. (Gal. 6:1-5 NIV)

Dear Prayer Partners,

Christoph and I attended a seminar last week with some OMF team members and part of the training addressed "responsibility". One of the Bible passages we looked at is that noted above. A key point in life as a Christian is to know what our responsibility is, and what it is not. In this text, someone has been stumbled by sin. A Christian brother or sister is responsible for: *restoring* that person (though GENTLY), *watching themselves* that they not be tempted, *carrying the burdens* of that other person (burdens are things that are overwhelming, not normal responsibilities), *being humble*, *testing* their own actions, and *not comparing* themselves with others. The only action that is the responsibility of the person caught in sin would be to repent, of course, and then to carry their own load (a manageable job). May God help us to help each other, humbly and gently, but may we do what is our responsibility – no more, no less!

One other gem from the training for me was that sometimes there are no easy answers and tough choices need to be made. In some cases, all choices are bad, so we need God's wisdom to choose the best of the worst, so to speak. Keeping everyone happy (avoiding conflict) is one of my personal weaknesses (though it can also be a strength), so this part of the training was freeing for me. As I work with a few ministries in a few different organisations, juggling my time to fulfill my **responsibilities** can create tension, especially when schedules clash. May God help me to make wise decisions, choosing the best of (in my sight) sometimes unsatisfactory choices.

**Lydia:** The last six weeks have been most interesting concerning Lydia's further education and the apprenticeship program. Lydia has worked on a project at school related to becoming a hairdresser, has attended a career fair and will soon have a meeting with her assigned career counselor. We are so thankful for the Swiss system which allows for lots of variations. The best advice I have heard yet was: "Just help your teen find a good apprenticeship for three or four years. She can always change her track and do something totally different afterwards. Help her understand that her apprenticeship doesn't mean she will be 'stuck' in that career until retirement."

**AIDS Care and Saisampan:** One thing that these two ministries have in common is that December is big outreach time. All leaders try to maximize the impact of Christmas by holding events to invite Christians, seekers and people who have never heard the gospel. *Pray that all outreaches will present the gospel in a culturally sensitive way, for open hearts and for appropriate follow-up.*

Thank you for your support! Lanette, Christoph and Lydia

## Thanksgiving

- Good health & strength daily.
- New info about apprenticeships and higher education for Lydia.
- Christoph feeling empowered with his training to help the apprentice.

## Pray with us

- All AIDS Care & Saisampan outreaches (lots every weekend)
- Wisdom for Christoph with all year end work.
- Increased financial support.
- Restful end of year week off.

## December Dates

- 10: OMF team Christmas event (both) & IPC Council meeting (Lan)
- 14: Missions conference (Lanette), Youth group Christmas (Lydia)
- 19: OMF Team Meeting (both)
- 20: Lydia's first meeting with her career counselor
- 21: Christmas event for neighbors
- Dec. 25 - Jan. 2: Vacation time

## Stay in touch

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**WE AIMED FOR 100  
PAIRS THEN THOUGHT  
MAYBE 200 PAIRS?**

***On Tuesday, December 12, 2019  
we delivered to the  
Carroll County Cold Weather Shelter***



**322  
pairs of  
socks!!!**

***Well done, Deer Parkians!!***

**WATCH  
THIS!  
SPACE!**

For pictures from the  
Children's Dinner Theater





**Worship Services @ 8:30 & 11:00 AM**

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

Deer Park Welcomes Guests!

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. If you are uncomfortable with the activity of your child, there is nursery care available during both worship services for children ages 5 and under. Or, you may visit 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.

Restrooms are in the hallway to the left of the Deer Park Road entrance.

A baby changing station is in both the women's and men's restrooms.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ..... ..Sundays, 9:45 to 10:45AM**

Children's Classes meet in the Sunday School Wing.

The Seekers' Class meet in the Conference Room.

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY ..... ..Wednesdays @ 1:00PM Pastor John**

Studying the letters of Paul, bring a Bible.

Drop in any week for some scripture, learning & fellowship.

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