



The DPUMC Spirit

Sunday, December 13, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30AM

GREETERS: Joy Grimm & John Moxley
LITURGISTS: Terry Caudill

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11AM

Donna Upton, Randi Carlisle & Cindy Saylor
Keenan Hudson

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Annie Miller

NEXT WEEK (DECEMBER 20)

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.

Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24)

THANK YOU - Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Blood Drive this past Tuesday at Calvary UMC. We were able to collect 24 units. For each unit of blood collected, 3 lives can potentially be saved, thus our 24 units will be used to help up to 72 people! Thank you from the American Red Cross & Gary Saylor.

THANK YOU! - Your continued financial support as we navigate these unprecedented and difficult times is very much appreciated. Due to COVID-19, we were unable to have our fundraisers. Our fundraisers have been a significant part of the General Fund (*raising over \$8000*) helping with the expenses that are needed to support the ministry of our church. Please consider making a donation for what you might have donated or spent at the fundraisers.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO SHUT-INS - Cancelled for today. Instead, we will be gathering to carol here at church next Sunday. See the announcement under next week.

POINSETTIAS FOR SANCTUARY - Forms available in the narthex, due **TODAY**.

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.

UMW & SISTERHOOD CHRISTMAS PROJECT - We are asking for the congregation's help so we can give our adopted family a nice Christmas. This is the same family we supported last year! A mother with 2 children. We are collecting money to purchase food, extra gift cards or for items not received. We also need donations of gift cards from the following places: Weis, Aldi's, Taco Bell, McDonald's, Chick-Fil-A, Pizza Boli (on Main St), Hoffman's Ice Cream, Walmart, Target, Target Visa Card - which can be found on Target Gift card rack. (*Please attach gift card receipts to cards*). Please put your donation in an envelope, marked "For our Christmas Family" and give to Cindy Saylor. **Deadline is TODAY!** Thanks for your support. Contacts are Shirley Miller & Janet Walleth.

CALL FOR COATS - This year is a little different with the collection of coats for The Shepherd's Staff. Because of COVID-19, the cleaners will not be accepting the coats for cleaning. Shepherd's Staff will only accept coats that are new. There is a designated place for coats to hang on the coatrack near the main entrance doors. They will also accept monetary donations. Any questions see Gary Saylor.

WESTMINSTER COLD WEATHER SHELTER - Collection boxes in the narthex for food items and socks & new underwear. THEY NEED EVERYTHING! Contacts are Ginny Weaver & Janet Walleth.

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FINANCE - NO meeting.

ADVENT STUDY - Wednesday @ 1PM. The book is "Making Room - Sharing the Love of Christmas" by Ed Robb. You don't have to sign up, just show up! Contact is Pastor John.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - Saturday, December 19 @ 12Noon. REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom. The ceremony is not open to the public due to COVID19. The trustees will lay the wreaths. Donations are needed to be able to lay wreaths on as many graves as possible. To donate to Deer Park Cemetery wreaths, use the link: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/43676/Overview/?relatedId=0>; click the red "Sponsor" button. Thank you for supporting Deer Park Methodist Cemetery & Wreaths Across America! Mel Blizzard

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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT – December 20, services @ 8:30 & 11AM. Adult Sunday school @ 9:45AM.

DRIVE-UP CAROLING AT CHURCH – Sunday, December 20, 1-2pm, come listen or join in with Deer Park UMC folks (not just the choir!) as we gather to sing our favorite Christmas songs & carols. You can listen from your car or join the singers, with masks and social distancing required. Come to the side entrance by the choir room (lot facing the park).

COUNCIL – NO meeting.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.

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

11:00 PM - Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion

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WORSHIP SERVICES – Two services **8:30AM & 11AM**, in the Sanctuary. We are following the CDC guidelines for your safety. We take attendance & temperatures at both services and you must wear a mask, masks are available if you don't have one or forgot yours. Hand sanitizer is also available. Please observe social distancing. Pews are marked to aid in maintaining social distancing. A collection box is at the double doors for your offering.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS – Are in the narthex. If you need one contact Cindy Saylor. Additional Upper Room resources are available on the website <https://www.upperroom.org/covid-19>.

AMERICAN FLAGS - If you have a torn or worn American Flag that you would like discarded, please give to Cindy Saylor in the church office. Carroll Hospice is collecting them for a new program called "Stars for our Troops". Give Gary Saylor a call on 443-465-1023 with questions. For more information about this program, you can go to www.starsfourtroops.org.

ONE CALL NOW - We use this system to inform our members of those who are requesting prayers and send church information including updates to services and building closures. If you are not receiving phone calls and/or emails and would like to be added to the list, please contact Cindy Saylor (410-375-5955).


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! – We are working on enhancing the Video taping of our church services. If you are interested helping with this effort, please contact Pastor John at 240-285-5965 or jdpreacher@outlook.com.

CHURCH PROJECTS – Funds are still needed for the new playground. Any questions contact John Walker. Mark contributions with a note/memo: **Playground. Thanks for your support of the children!**

BRING YOUR CAN TO CHURCH - Or box or plastic jar--of food! Let's keep the grocery cart full with our donations for Carroll County Food Sunday by bringing at least one non-perishable item every Sunday. Donors are encouraged to give the kind of nutritious food they would serve their own families. The CCFS Wish List includes: Peanut Butter; Jelly; Hot or Cold Cereal; Canned Soup (non-tomato preferred); Beans (red & black); Pancake Mix; Pancake Syrup. Thanks to all for reaching out to our neighbors in need.

FEED MY SHEEP – FMS has converted to carryout meals only. Gary Saylor has taken on the leadership role. If you want to help, contact Gary on 443-465-1023. Financial donations continue to help provide food and supplies. Please mark your donation to FMS.

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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
Flag raising & lowering: Gary Saylor



OUTDOOR CAROLING
Use Deer Park Road entrance
Sunday, December 20th — 1-2 PM
Come and listen from your car or
use social distancing guidelines with masks



SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS

If you are interested in purchasing poinsettias for **\$12.00 each**, you can place one or more in memory of or in honor of a friend or beloved family member.

Your loved one's name will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Please use this form and have payment with order please.

Orders must be received by December 13.

Place in the offering plate. Contact is Carol Ann Bryan.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

Amount Enclosed _____

RED or WHITE (Please circle)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Deer Park United Methodist Church
THANK YOU!

