



The DPUMC Spirit

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Church Announcements for Sunday, December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30AM

GREETERS: Joy Grimm & John Moxley

LITURGISTS: Cindy Davis

11AM

Donna Upton, Randi Carlisle & Cindy Saylor

John Moxley

NEXT WEEK (DECEMBER 13)

GREETERS: Joy Grimm & John Moxley

Donna Upton, Randi Carlisle & Cindy Saylor

LITURGISTS: Terry Caudill

Keenan Hudson

*Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.
Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps. (Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13)*

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.

POINSETTIAS FOR SANCTUARY – Forms available in the narthex, **due next Sunday, Dec. 13.**

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 next Sunday, December 13.** Thanks for your support. Contacts are Shirley Miller & Janet Wallelt.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING – CANCELED for 2020.

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 Wallelt.

..... **THIS WEEK**

TRUSTEES – NO meeting. Contact is Bill Aldridge

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Tuesday, December 8, 2:30-7:30PM @ Calvary United Methodist Church (3939 Gamber Road, Finksburg, MD, 21048). Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today! See Gary Saylor with questions, 443-465-1023.

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.

..... **NEXT WEEK**

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – December 13, services @ 8:30 & 11AM. Adult Sunday school @ 9:45AM.

FINANCE – NO meeting.

.....LATER THIS MONTH

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - Saturday, December 19 @ 12Noon. REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom. The ceremony will not be 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.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/43676/Overview/?relatedId=0>; click the red "Sponsor" button. Thank you for supporting Deer Park Methodist Cemetery & Wreaths Across America! Mel Blizzard

ADVENT SUNDAYS

3rd Sunday, Dec. 13, services @ 8:30 & 11AM. Adult Sunday school @ 9:45AM.

Praise & Play presents "The True Meaning of Christmas"

4th Sunday, Dec. 20 Services 8:30 & 11AM. Adult Sunday school @ 9:45AM.

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

.....ONGOING

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.starsforourtroops.org.

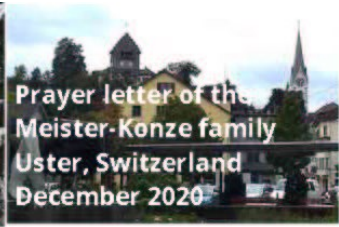
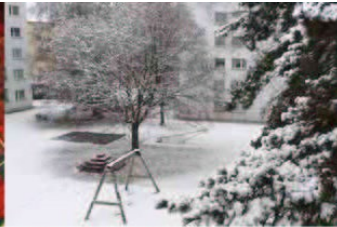
ONE CALL NOW - We use this system to inform our members of those who are requesting prayers and send church information including updates to services and building closures. If you are not receiving phone calls and/or emails and would like to be added to the list, please contact Cindy Saylor (410-375-5955).

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 jdpreach-er@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.





Prayer letter of the
Meister-Konze family
Uster, Switzerland
December 2020

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful" Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

Dear Prayer Partners,

It is already time for the final prayer letter of the year. We want to leave you with two stories of how God is working, both of which are very new and will be highlights for our family from 2020...

Thai ministry in Switzerland: Through a regional prayer time in August, I (Lanette) heard how to use social media to provide accountability and explanations for daily Bible reading. After investigating with the Thai leaders here, we decided to advertise and get a small group together to read one chapter of the New Testament per day. In all honesty, the three of us didn't have much hope for a group beyond about 5 ladies. We decided to start reading the book of Matthew on December 1st and low and behold, God has graced us with 23 ladies! Now on Day 5, four ladies are not yet engaged, but we will pray for them and the other 19 who are connecting regularly. May God help each one to be led by His Holy Spirit to discover truths from His Word and apply them to their lives. We want to see lives changed - heart change, not just head knowledge. Please pray!

New apartment: One of our friends had been searching for a new apartment for over a year because her building is to be torn down. She received notice to move out by December 1st. With limited income and physical challenges, finding a new place looked impossible from a human standpoint. Each time she applied for something, it was given to someone else. Our (almost late) God decided to give her a small, but modern apartment during the first week of November. After such a long road of prayer and uncertainty, she now is happily getting settled. She even has great neighbors who are helping her get set-up. Praise God for His excellent provision!

Christoph will of course be coordinating the year-end financial work at OMF Switzerland. The financial closure, the insurance and social benefits reporting, all the donor thank you notes - these things all have to be completed within a small time window.

Lydia started her March exams preparation and is looking forward to some time off over the Christmas and New Year's holiday. She hopes some of her friends will be around to hang out with - if not, we want to know where they are!?

I am thankful for all the great teamwork we have had with the Thai ministry, the Sunday School program and all BSF online meetings. In many ways, God has helped bind me and my co-workers together even though we are almost always separated physically. Praise Him!

May you and your family experience God's amazing grace and peace this Christmas season! Thank you for all of your prayers! We eagerly await what God has for us in 2021!

Big hugs, Lanette, Christoph and Lydia

Thanksgiving

- Lydia has had good test grades recently so pray that continues!
- We have had less hiccups and emergencies related to Covid than we expected - we have not yet been quarantined so praise God!

Pray with us

- True heart change for the Thai ladies reading the Bible daily
- Wisdom with year end and IT matters (Christoph)
- God's guidance to know how to organise our holiday time to be a blessing for others
- Lydia will continue to persevere in studying for her March exams

December Dates

- 7-11: OMF Zoom Prayer, 2 hrs/day
- 8: IPC Council Meeting (Lanette)
- 9: OMF Office Advent Window - "Christmas in Asia"
- 12: Thai Christmas in Bern
- 13: Thai Christmas in Winterthur
- 18: OMF Switzerland Office Christmas event
- 19: Thai Christmas in Geneva

Stay in touch

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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!

