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Office Hours: 8:00am-12:00pm
Monday-Friday

Sunday Worship: 9:45am

Sunday School: 11:00am

**Weekday Bible Study @
11:00am on Tuesdays in the
Library.**

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Living Purposefully

I have to confess that I am mechanically challenged—if there is anything to be fixed around the house I will end up breaking two other things in the process of trying to fix it. One day I asked my neighbor, a retired man about 70 years old, if he would lend me a hand fixing a few things around the house. He would be happy to help. So I left for the church office. When I came home later in the day, I discovered that he had already fixed the problem. I thanked him profusely for lending me a hand. He said, “No, I want to thank you. It is such a good feeling to be useful again; to use my gifts to help others.”

My friend was expressing a deep need that we all have... the need to feel useful; to feel that our lives have meaning and purpose. It was Paul who wrote in Corinthians, “The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others.” Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled...My peace I give to you not as the world gives, I give it to you.”

The world searches for peace by trying to escape the realities of life... the fantasy of escaping to a deserted island where we can be free from the pressures, the problems that are part of everyday life. The peace that Jesus gives is the peace that comes from participating purposefully in the realities of life... discovering the unique way the Spirit has given us to serve others.

Peace and purpose is found when we discover the Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others. So living purposefully and peacefully in an anxious world is not found in escaping realities of life but choosing to get deeply involved in life. It is not found in worrying about what we can get but in our willingness to give ourselves. I pray that we live peacefully and purposefully in 2019 and discovering that special way to serve others and God.

I wish you all good health, happiness, deep fulfillment in your life, and the continuing blessing of God in 2019. Happy New Year!



Pastor Emmanuel Dass

We're Winding Down

As of this writing we have 4 lbs. of black walnuts, and 4 lbs. of chocolate amaretto almonds left. We have paid the bill for the nuts so now everything is profit for us!

Contact Suzanne Wilcox (277-5217), the church office (285-6545) or go online (www.fdmumc.org) for a printable order form. Keep spreading the word about our nut sale!!!

December Finance Report

General Account Income	\$ 12,987.54
General Account Expenses	\$ 8,307.06
Designated Funds Income	\$ 3,922.50
Trustees Income	\$ 1,075.00

Year-to-Date

Total Income	\$ 128,318.80
Total Expenses	\$ 130,665.45

(\$5778 was used from savings for the AC unit)

Offering Options

We appreciate all the members who give a weekly offering. But did you know that there are options for offerings that don't involve using an offering envelop? Signing up for the offering to be taken from your bank or credit union means that you can give an offering even when you're not able to be in church. Contact Jane in the church office to get a form to authorize these transactions. Or you can set up a "bill pay" through your bank/credit union. They will send us a check on your behalf at the frequency you specify.

Rate Increase

Postage will be going up in January. If you would like to receive your monthly issue of *The Poster* via email rather than ground mail, contact the church office with your email address. We'll save 55-cents for every newsletter we email!

Prayer Corner

Ft. Des Moines UMC, it's programs and leaders; Bhutanese Nepali Truth Church in Iowa, it's programs and leaders; those who are home bound and their care-takers;

And we especially name Larry Seid and Benny Hotopp, and those we name in our hearts.

Our Christian Sympathies to the family and friends of Lucy Garland. Lucy died on Dec. 5.

Pam Sokolowski has a new address: 4111 Ingersoll Ave Apt 1108, Des Moines IA 50312. Her phone number is 319-329-6254. Pam's email address is pam810@hotmail.com.

The Parables of Jesus

The Parables of Jesus are the most memorable and persuasive messages. To know these incomparable stories is to know the teaching of Jesus and the heart of the Teacher. Come and join Pastor Dass in exploring the implications of Jesus' stories for our lives and relationships on Tuesdays, at 11:00 a.m., in the church library.

Thanks to Everyone Who Helped!!!

David Drew faithfully changes the banners and hangs "things up high" for the congregation. We give thanks for his ability to use tall ladders.

Larry Hart and Tim Pherigo regularly open the building for worship and other activities. We thank them for being "first on the scene."

Two-Minute Testimony

Pastor Dass is seeking volunteers to share the joy and excitement of knowing Jesus as Lord and Savior. If you wish to share your testimony during the worship, please speak with Pastor Dass.

Epiphany Season

The word “epiphany” means “appearance” or “manifestation.” On the Christian calendar it commemorates the first manifestations of Christ to the Gentiles. It is observed on January 6, it is sometimes called Little Christmas. Epiphany also commemorates the coming of the wise men to worship the infant Jesus, his baptism, and his first miracle. The Epiphany season continues until Ash Wednesday which is the beginning of Lent.

Human Relations Offering

Human Relations Offering was established by the 1972 General Conference to support community workers and United Methodist volunteer services. This special offering is on Sunday, January 20.

God Say, “Yes!”

St. Paul told the Corinthian church that God’s message to us in Christ is not “yes and no,” but is always “Yes.” “For in him,” Paul wrote, “everyone of God’s promises is a ‘Yes’” (2 Corinthians 1:18-20, NRSV)

The unspeakable horrors we see in today’s turbulent world bear witness that a great many are saying “No!” to goodness and love and peace on Earth.

Even so, God says “Yes!” to the world, the proof being the promise of God fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Christ came bearing love and mercy and salvation for the entire world. Christ is God’s way of saying “yes” there is a way out of the morass of sin and destruction and death. It is through the one who came that we might have life and have it abundantly (see John 10:10).



Cause for Celebration!

January Birthdays

3 Joyann Benoit
6 Hayli Jones
8 Dennis Garland
8 Marilynn Cronin
10 Elton Wolfe
12 Hailey Kokke
13 Macy Carlson
14 Sandra Kokke
16 Ginger Dales
18 Melissa Clevenger
22 Mike Jones
25 James Lierow III
27 Rod Kent
30 Anna Nalevanko

January Wedding

Anniversaries

1 Lu & Payong Yang
14 Trevor & Jennifer Crise

January Baptismal

Anniversaries

1 Ginger Dales
1 Roxanna Dales
9 Michelle Houseman
9 Alec Slater
11 Lois Horn
30 James Lierow III

February Birthdays

3 Lucas Norris
6 Matthew Clevenger
17 Carlin Peer
20 Bruce Evans
23 Nick Nalevanko
26 Lee Kennell
27 Trevor Crise

February Wedding

Anniversaries

5 Larry & Charlene Seid

February Baptismal

Anniversaries

16 Doug Brooks

Let Us Know!

- If you have recently moved, changed your mailing address, your email address, phone number or are using cell phones instead of land lines, LET US KNOW!
- If you would like to be included in the prayer chain, LET US KNOW!
- If you are hospitalized, LET US KNOW! (Privacy laws do not allow hospitals to contact clergy when a parishioner is hospitalized.)

Contact the church office at 515-285-6545 or ftdsmumc@gmail.com or contact Pastor Dass directly at emmanueldass@hotmail.com or 1-515-447-7953.

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JANUARY

SUNDAY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	01 Office Closed 7:00 AA	02 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	03 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	04 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	05 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
06 9:45 UMC Worship 11:00 Finance & Sun. Sch. 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA	07 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	08 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	09 9:30 ELL 10:00 WCF 6:00 ELL	10 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	11 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	12 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
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20 9:45 UMC 11:00 SS 11:00 Trustees 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA	21 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	22 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	23 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	24 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	25 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	26 9:30 ELL 4:00 Comm. Meal 7:30 NA
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We give thanks for you!!!

**Ft. Des Moines United Methodist Church is a community of faith
in worship and action, open to all in the spirit and love of God.**

January/February 2019

Events:

Jan. 1: Office Closed

Jan. 26 Community Meal @ 4:00pm

Special Offerings:

Food Pantry Sunday will be on Jan. 20.

Gifts of cash, shelf-stable food items, personal hygiene items, diapers (all sizes), wipes, formula, cash, and brown paper bags will be received.

Human Relations Day will be on Jan. 20, also. Gifts to Human Relations Day support the Community Developers Program and community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services, related to the General Board of Global Ministries, and at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation program, General Board of Church and Society.