

# PANORAMA

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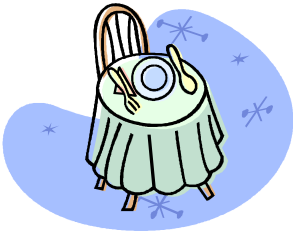
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## Dine with us at the Annual *Spaghetti Dinner*

To be held on

Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup>

In the fellowship hall "dining room"

Seating will be from 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Pre-purchased tickets are \$10 adult, \$6 child with max of \$30 per family

Tickets purchased at the door will be

\$12 adult, \$7 child with max of \$35 per family

## Super Bowl Subs

6" Subs

\$4.00 each or 2/ \$7.00

Order your Party Subs now for this year's **BIG** game and support your DMUMC Youth Group in the process. Just think, a no-hassle Sunday lunch!

Sandwiches are made fresh on Sunday morning! Pick-up in the Fellowship Hall during Opportunity Hour on **Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Hand your order form and payment to one of the youth in the Narthex on **Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>**. We will also accept phone orders up until Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, if you aren't sure how many you will need at this time. Call Terry @ 206-409-1378.

**Thank you for your support!!**



## Lent is on the way! And so is our Lenten Devotional...

A part of our Lenten celebration that is tradition at DMUMC is the preparation of a special Lenten devotional booklet. Our members contribute the daily articles. Our theme for the booklet this year is "I will trust in the Lord." The stories and daily devotions should be somehow related to the theme of how a person has, can or will find ways to trust God, and/or the gifts and rewards involved in having trusted God.

# Karla's

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As I am writing, the snow has been falling sporadically the past few days. Yesterday morning we woke up to 1-2 inches on the ground, melting off relatively quickly down here close to the water. Media hype threatens MUCH more snow tonight and tomorrow, and the next few days. Everyone is in anticipation to see how it all turns out!

Some are worried and hunkering down, trying to make sure they have what they need for the next few days, getting their errands done, so they don't need to drive on snowy or icy streets – just in case the forecasters are correct.

Others - especially my children, and the child in me - are anxiously awaiting the white falling, and the prospect of playing in it, being snowed in, an excuse to stay home away from school or other obligations, a fire in the fireplace, the white in the evergreen trees, etc.

Anticipation can be a two-sided coin. There's the side that is all excitement and hardly being able to wait to see how things turn out. And then there is the other side, full of anxiety and fear of what might go wrong, and even wanting to predict the worst beforehand, so we don't seem too unprepared or gullible.

I find this coin often in the church, especially when it comes to trying something new, or recreating something in a different way. Suddenly, there is anticipation in the air! Both excited anticipation of what might be created and loved and well-attended and grow the kingdom, and on the opposite side of the coin, the anxiety of what might go wrong, and impending failure.

*“Now **faith** is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the evidence of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1)*

The “things not seen” is the anxiety side of the coin called FAITH. The other side is anticipation of the “things hoped for” and the assurance. Doubt is part of the two-sided coin of faith itself. Or, as Henre Nouwen put it, “Doubt is the ants in the pants of faith!” In other words they go together and our doubts are a part of what spurs us on. Without doubts, there would be no need of faith, for all our hopes and dreams would just be assumed to be coming true without effort. Our success is based on our using our doubts in constructive ways, rather than damaging ways, and not letting the doubt immobilize us!

Once again, we find ourselves moving toward an alternative worship service, to replace the Pnewma service. We've tried with varying degrees of success, several alternatives for the minority who would like something different, more contemporary, more “exciting,” more spirited than the traditional service. Now is the time, once again, to let our doubts (based on past attempts) support our faithful efforts to create something new that will succeed in the long term. The key is to let those doubts spur us toward learning from our mistakes, instead of letting fear of failure immobilize us. The key is to let us faithfully re-vamp with the best we have, and try again. Anticipating possible mistakes, doing the “errands” in anticipation of avoiding the worst, while enjoying and celebrating the best results! “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for.” Now is the time that we need faith more than ever before.





## ***Thoughts from Your Lay Leader***

Clare suggested I call this column “Marcia’s Mumblings”. That doesn’t quite do it for me so I’m going to call this “Marcia’s Minute” from now on, hoping you will take a minute to read it and as many minutes as you want to sharing your thoughts with me, in whatever form is comfortable for you. Please note my contact info. again below.

I have truly been enjoying dropping in on several of the groups who meet and do the work of this church. I am not done yet and look forward to learning more about how the various groups are in ministry to each other, all of us, and our community at large. If I haven’t made it to one of your meeting and you want to make sure you are on my list, please let me know. I’ll get there, I promise.

I have the amazing luxury of being able to be retired at my ‘young’ age of 58. I don’t know if I’ll stay retired but it does give me time right now to make choices in how I spend my time. One of my choices is to spend time daily in study, prayer, and hopefully in listening (discernment) for God’s voice guiding my actions. Early on in my saying *yes* to being your lay leader, the idea of having a theme for me for this year of Care and Caring for my church family grew in my thoughts and prayers. How could I best show my love and care for this community of faith in my actions and attitudes of service? What might be the ways I can be a conduit for helping us all be in service of caring for each other?

One idea I had and have talked over with Pastor Karla and a few of you is the idea of being more intentional in our care for each other. Marcella Baker termed it ***Congregational Care***. I’m imagining this to be some (or all) of us being more attentive to our church family, noticing who we haven’t seen for awhile, maybe giving a quick phone call or dropping a card to them in the mail. I’m also wondering if there are those of you who might be interested in seeing how this might work in an organized way, possibly with some visitation of our members involved. If this does intrigue you, please contact me by the **15<sup>th</sup> of February** and we’ll gather more as a group to see what this might become.

I look forward to hearing from you about this idea, about what your year’s theme for your spiritual growth be and ways you hope to see your church be in ministry to our community.

Sincerely, In Christ,  
Marcia Campbell

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## **The Novel Group/Book Club**

Currently we're reading ***Cutting for Stone*** by Abraham Verghese. Experience the depth of the practice of medicine, love, tragedy, and exile. Follow a family saga from India to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and New York City. Gain wisdom about the human condition in this gripping story. Our next meeting is **March 13th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Olympic room. *All are welcome.*

**Valentines Day Treats!** We are ready to offer our best coffee and chocolate choices for Valentines' Day. By purchasing our low priced ( but highest quality coffee) you will be giving to UMCOR. Last year they made about \$25,000.00 from the coffee sales and enabled small farmers to grow organic coffee and sell to us rather than be tied to the low wages of the great corporations. Thank you very much!!

## “Band of Joyous Givers”



One of the joys of being a Christian is in giving back to God a portion of what God has given us. For some of us, this is a tithe - - - for others, some other proportion of our income.

This is a joy that grows when folks share it with each other. In order to provide a way for this kind of inspiration and information sharing to take place, I am organizing a “BAND OF JOYOUS GIVERS” (II Corinthians 9:7) at DMUMC, with the approval of the Finance Committee.

A couple of things about the “BAND”:

1. There are no dues!!!
2. You will not have to attend any meetings!!!

The only activity of the BAND will be sharing a letter every two months or so, which I have agreed to write. It will include: short statements volunteered by members about how giving brings them joy; stories about inspiring ministries made possible by our giving, both locally and worldwide; and other interesting facts about how joyous givers make a huge difference in our world.

To get started, I would like to send the first letter to

1. All persons who now pledge to DMUMC.
2. Any other DMUMC members or friends who consider themselves to be “joyous givers”.

If you are in category 1, and for whatever reason do not wish to take part, just let the Pastor Karla know by February 1st.

If you are in category 2 and wish to join, let the Pastor Karla know, or call me by February 1st.

Anonymous donors have already agreed to pay the costs of postage, etc. for this letter, so it will not be a drain on the Church finances.

I look forward to this small enterprise being a source of inspiration and spiritual growth for all members of the “BAND OF JOYOUS GIVERS”!

Jack M. Tuell  
Bishop, retired  
206 870 8637



### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**UMW Board Meeting** : Tuesday, February 7th - 1 pm, at the church

**Mary Martha Circle**: Thursday, February 9th - 11 am, Wesley Terrace (second floor).

**Coffee, Tea & Thee**: Saturday, February 11th - 9 am, Des Moines Creek Restaurant

**Eunice Allen Group**: Monday, February 13 - 2 pm, Wesley Gardens Board Room

**Share and Care**: Tuesday, February 14th - 9:30 am, for brunch at Wesley Terrace in the East Room. The cost for non-residents is \$5.50.

**Quilters**: Tuesday, February 14th & 28th at the church in Room #232.

*Please note that the unit Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, March 10th, has been cancelled.*



## HIKERS 2012 SCHEDULE

Month	Day	Depart Time	Destination	Leader
Jan	21	1:30 pm	Seward Park	Molly
Jan	28	9:30 am	Snowshoeing at Gold Creek	Don
Feb	4	9:30 am	Seattle Aquarium	Molly
Feb	18	9:30 am	Snake Lake, Tacoma	Molly
Mar	7	9:30 am	Chambers Bay/Park Golf Course	Jim
Mar	17	8:00 am	Snowshoeing at Paradise, Mt Rainier	Don
Mar	31	9:30 am	Nisqually Wildlife Preserve	Marshall
Apr	21	9:30 am	Greenlake	Marshall
May	5	9:30 am	Weyerhauser Gardens	Sue
May	19	8:30 am	Lake Sylvia - Montesano	Raul
June	2	9:30 am	Issaquah Zoo	Jan
June	16	8:30 am	Whidbey Island - Ebey Landing	Fred
June	30	9:30 am	Rattlesnake Lake/Ridge	John
July	14	9:30 am	Camp Long	Laura H.
July	28	9:30 am	Deep Lake	John
Aug	18	8:00 am	Fremont Lookout - Mt Rainier - Sunrise	John
Aug	25	8:30 am	Alpine Flower Walk - Lake Tipsoo	Don
Sept	8	8:30 am	Pallisades/Sunrise Point	John
Sept	15	8:00 am	Mowich Lake	Raul
Sept	29	9:00 am	Northwest Trek	Joan
Oct	6	9:30 am	DuPont City Trails - South of Tacoma	Don
Oct	17	9:30 am	Talus Loop Trail (Start of Mt. Si Trail Head)	Louise
Oct	27	9:30 am	Discovery Park	Frank
Nov	3	10:30 am	Des Moines Creek Trail	Margaret
Nov	17	10:30 am	Mathison Park in Burien	Don
Dec	3 or 10	6:00 pm	Bellevue Botanical Gardens	Lee

## February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all our February Church School Kids:  
 14 - Lily Vargas, 18 - Olyvia Beckner, 19 - Isaac Wong  
 27 - Brennan Biggers, 28 - Caedon Beckner



01	Barbara Shimizu	14	Diane Pederson	22	Holly Isaman
02	Chad Hislop		Diana Ball		Kathy Luksan
03	Lynne Heydon	15	Marcella Baker	23	Amie Ojerio
	Marji Tuell	17	Joseph Hough	24	Colleen Castner
06	JoAnn Xydis	18	Fern Higley	25	Carol Ann Fuchs
09	Karla Fredericksen		Ken Baker	26	Sandra McLane
10	Don Brame	19	Foster Stockwell	27	Beth Gray
13	Jean Burns	20	Glada Daughtry		Bob Klopfenstein
	Dorothy Kuntz		Kevin Hall	28	Catherine Carbone-Rogers
	Elsie Clark	21	Marilyn Copeland		

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Howell Lowe	Vance Beckwith	Jean Cheney
George Cheney	Lynn Heydon	Fern Hansen
Mahlon Douglass	Trudy & Earl Gish	David Brockman
June Hendrickson	Dick Brenneman	Janalie Rieger
Phil Roll	Elsie Brown	Jack Hendrickson
Arlene Bales	Elysa Dohms	

... And all our Friends and Church Family in Health Centers

If you have prayer requests please call Beverly Heunisch (253)941-4648 or the Church Office (206)878-8301.

### One of our members at General Conference:

The general meeting of the United Methodist Church (that's big C Church) is in April of this year. One of our members, Janey Smith, has been approved as a page for the General Conference! This is an honor for both her and the church that sends her - We are excited at this opportunity to support her! Janey needs our moral support, but could also use some help with expenses. The congregation will be given the opportunity to make donations toward Janey's GC expenses in a special LOVE OFFERING to be taken on February 12 – the Sunday closest to Valentine's Day. If you can't be here on that Sunday and would like to contribute to this designated fund, please mark your contribution appropriately and put it in the offering plate, or mail by March 1. All contributions to this designated fund are tax-deductible as are other church contributions.

It will be a wonderful thing to hear the perspective of a lay person who is present at General Conference, when Janey reports back to us in May!

# February 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 KiX 4:00 Handbells 6:30	2 Choir Rehearsal 7:30	3	4
5	6 Staff 12:00 SPPR 7:00	7 Handy People 8:30 UMW 1:00 Worship 7:00 AA, Al-anon	8 KiX 4:00 Handbells 6:30	9 Choir Rehearsal 7:30	10	11 Seattle-Tacoma District Training  Youth Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 - 8:00
12	13 Staff 12:00 Finance 7:00 Food Bank Meeting	14 Handy People 8:30 Quilters 9:30 Hospitality 7:00 AA, Al-anon	15 KiX 4:00 Handbells 6:30 Preschool Parent Meeting	16 Fellowship of UM @Wesley Homes 12:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:30	17	18
19 50+ Singles Brunch	20 Staff 12:00  Church Council 7:00	21 Handy People 8:30 UMW 1:00 AA, Al-anon	22 KiX 4:00  Ash Wednesday Service 7:30	23  Choir Rehearsal 7:30	24	25
26 Fist Sunday of Lent	27 Staff 12:00  Trustees 7:00	28 Handy People 8:30 Quilters 9:30 AA, Al-anon	29	<i>Communion is served the first Sunday of the month in the early "Classic" Worship - this varies in pNEWma Worship, but is usually first Sunday, too.</i>		

## Hospitality House Updates:

Spring Fling Dinner and Fundraiser for the Hospitality House is scheduled for March 3 at Highline Community College at 6pm. Tickets are \$50 per person and include a delicious dinner and the opportunity to bid on a seat on a sailboat and delicious desserts. Speaker will be Debrena Jackson Gandy and music by Nzira Marimba Ensemble. Contact Barbara Campbell for tickets.

Hospitality House is still looking for someone with auditing experience and web service experience to help with yearly audits and website upkeep.

Our church is scheduled to prepare meals for Hospitality House women on March 5 - 11.







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	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
 Flowers	Temple Beautiful	Temple Beautiful	Temple Beautiful	Temple Beautiful
 Coffee	Barbara Michalson Carol Dooley Janalie Rieger	Ruth Brenneman Louise Cobb Black Donna Bell	Ramona Shierk Loretta Bradek Jean Moore	Alice Whisman Connie Midgett Molly Cone
 Handshake	Loretta Bradek Elsie Brown Jeri Hein	Gwen Patton Don & Molly Cone Cliff & Holly Isaman	Connie Midgett Kathy Doman Joan Zatloukal	Doris-Lee Dimick Ed Biggers
 Doctors	<b>Eldon Davis</b> Jim Stapleton John Carson Robin Lamoureux John Burdine (Balc)	<b>Bob Elicker</b> Don Brame Bert Nelson Terry Nelson Don Cone (Balc)	<b>Jim Downey</b> Rosalee Mohny Ralph Black John Bolender Dom Oliveros (Balc)	<b>Eldon Davis</b> Carol Davis Bill Loeffler Bev Loeffler Joan Zatloukal (Balc)
 Hospitality Desk	Martie Hoadley	Anne Tooley	Alice Whisman	Elaine Case
 BUS	Dan Fooks	Don Brame	Marcia Campbell	Terry Stephenson