Friends and Neighbors

Denver Friends Church

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From the COVID-19 Task Force

In-Person Worship Services

Due to COVID-19 capacity restrictions, we have placed all those who indicated you are ready to return to in-person worship into two groups.

- Group A will be joining us for the recording of the worship service this Saturday, July 11 at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary.
- Group B will be joining us on Saturday, July 18 at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary.

Each group will alternate weeks to attend. Emails and/or letters have been sent to you indicating the date you have been invited. If you are ready to return and did not receive an invitation, please contact the church office (firstdenverfrie1@qwestoffice.net or 303-455-7604) so we can add you to a group.

The service will continue to be recorded and uploaded to our website and YouTube each week for those who do not feel comfortable returning to in-person worship and/or for those whose week it is to not attend in person.

We look forward to being together in the smaller groups and anticipate the time we can all meet together again as a combined body of believers at DFC.

Fx Camps

Please be in prayer for Fx Camps which begin THIS SUNDAY! Specific prayer requests include

- God's working in the hearts and minds of our campers and staff
- Our camp would be healthy and the COVID 19 restrictions would not be a distraction
- 3) All the last-minute details to be worked out
- Praise for our ability to have camp and for the staff and campers God has provided

Senior High Camp — Will run from this Sunday, July 12 to Wednesday, July 15 with a maximum of 40 campers.

Middle School Camp — Will run from Wednesday, July 15 to Saturday, July 18 with a maximum of 40 campers.

The Cost for both camps is \$250. Need a little help to afford camp? Contact Rebecca Scull (<u>riscull@yahoo.com</u>) for information on scholarships

RMYM Friends Women Retreat

Due to uncertainty and restrictions on camping programs, RMYM Executive Board and the Retreat Planning Committee made the decision to postpone this year's RMYM Women's Retreat to **September 17 - 19, 2021.**

Friends Drumming Outreach

Friends Drumming (FD) did not let COVID- 19 side line us. With the support and encouragement of Phyllis Lemons and Judy Van Meter we forged ahead using Zoom. We have been ball drumming Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:15 AM-12:15 PM since late March. The list of invitees was at 16 for a while but as people have been able to return to work and have less restrictions the number is smaller now. However, we usually have a group of 6 and often 8 joining each session. We have many who are not DFC attenders and a couple that do not profess a faith. God is enfolding. We have been greatly blessed by having some with DFC ties join us and Rebekah Wampler and her 14 year old son attend almost EVERY session.

We use a variety of music and beat on the balls to the rhythm, each in our own space. We try to follow the leader but minimally we are moving, smiling, and enjoying the time together. We end each session by sharing prayer requests and praying together. SO..... anyone interested can join a Zoom Friends Drumming whenever it works for you. Join a meeting between

11:00 and 11:15 AM Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Call/text Mary Ford to be on the invite list. If you need a ball etc., also call Mary. If you have a bar stool and wooden spoons you can improvise.

Financial Assistance

Quaker Aid is a benevolence fund set up by Denver Friends Church to provide emergency assistance for needy members and regular attendees. If you need assistance in these difficult times of Covid-19 virus, please contact the church office for an application with the specifics. We can help up to \$1,000 in a 12-month period. Payments from Quaker Aid are typically made directly to a creditor, landlord, or other third party.

If you would like to contribute to the Quaker Aid fund, please designate your gift to "Quaker Aid".

Celebrate Recovery

CR meets at the church for small group open share meetings at 6:00 PM on Sundays. We also meet on Monday evenings for the Step Study Meetings. The women's group is at 6:00 PM and men's group meets at 6:30 PM.

Sabbath: Waiting and Hope

Bible Reading: Lamentations 3:24, 25

What is waiting on God? In some Bible versions, the phrase "to wait on God" is translated as "to put your hope in God". For example, what is translated as "to wait upon the Lord" in the KJV of Isaiah 40:31 becomes, "to hope in the Lord" in the NIV. That helped me realize that waiting is far more than empty inactivity or an exercise in patience; it's an attitude, implying expectancy and trust. When we wait before Him, considering His glory, holiness, power and majesty, we find hope—hope to carry on and not give up, and hope that, with God, things will come out right in the end.

A few years ago I memorized Psalm 130 because of its meaning to me personally. Verse 6, about sentinels waiting for the dawn, vividly reminded me of night watchmen in Burundi. In the blackness of African night, you could be startled by meeting them on the path, but come early morning ("when the robins sing") you might not be able to find hide nor hair of them if you needed them. Sometimes it seemed their "watching" was mainly watching for morning to come so they could go home. I should wait for the Lord so eagerly!

I love the chapter, "Waiting," in Howard Macy's book, *Rhythms of the Inner Life*. On page 42 he says, among other things, "Waiting is totally submitting to God and inviting (Him) to move in our hearts in complete freedom." Waiting is active, not passive. Recently I heard someone say, in exasperation, "We couldn't do anything but wait." When it comes to waiting on God, how about saying, "We SHOULDN'T do anything but wait."? As we do so, we find hope—hope that puts things in perspective, hope that brings courage to carry on.

Chorus: As the Deer

Prayer: May my thirst for You lead me to wait on You, with hope.

Reta Stuart Rest, Renewal, Refocus Devotions for July, August, September, 1998 First Denver Friends Church

Attend Denver Friends Events through Zoom

- Seekers Class, 11:00 AM Sundays, contact Phil Burgi
- Crosstrainers, 11:00 AM on Sundays, contact Karen Burgi
- Living with Christ, 11:00 AM on Sundays, contact Chuck Orwiler
- Young Adults, 11:15 AM on Sundays, contact Bart Jacks
- Beginners class-1st Grade, 12:30 PM Sundays, contact Carl or Melissa Walker
- 2nd-5th grade class, 11:00 AM Sundays, contact Linzy Whorton
- Friends Drumming, Mondays,
 Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:00
 AM, contact Mary Ford
- Youth Group, 6:30 PM Wednesdays, contact Aaron Vanderploeg

Wednesday Night Prayer,
 6:30 PM Wednesdays, contact
 Susan Eisenhower. The Zoom
 link will be sent by email each
 week.

Need a way to meet together virtually? Zoom is a great way to connect groups such as Life Groups or Sunday School classes through a computer or other electronic device. Contact Phil Burgi or Christy Neifert for assistance. https://zoom.us/meetings

Remember, you can donate online

Donate online at

www.denverfriendschurch.com. Click on the "donate" button on the top right of the home page. You can also mail your check to the church office or to our treasurer: Kay Burgi, 3940 Dover St., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. Thank you for your continued giving.

Needmeeter

FREE items in storage locker in Littleton. Wood dressers, tools, large oak dining room table, steam washer and dryer, 32 inch flat screen TV, games, workout gym, various household items. All in good condition. Must be willing to pick up Mike Fredlund in North Denver and drive him to the storage unit in Littleton. You can contact the church office for Mike's number and email address.

If you have anything to give away or to sell, or you are in need of something, we would be happy to put your item/ items in the Needmeeter. Please contact the church office at 303-455-7604.

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