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# Friends and Neighbors

## Denver Friends Church

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### We *NEED* Your Help!

**NO Christmas Eve Candlelight service (sad) BUT . . .**

**We're making a Christmas Eve video instead!! (Yes!!) We need you to:**

- **Take a creative "Christmas-y" (dress and/or décor) picture of yourself/selves**  
**OR**
- **Make a creative 10-30 second Christmas video greeting to your DFC family**
- **Send those to us by Saturday, December 19**

We will put them all together along with some other fun stuff in a special "virtual Christmas Eve Connection" video. If you need help with the picture or short video, call us ASAP and we'll send somebody! **RSVP if you plan to participate.**



#### ***In-Person Worship Gathering***

- **Group A** will be joining us for the recording of the worship service THIS Saturday, **December 5** at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary.
- **Group B** will be joining us on Saturday, **December 12** at 3:00 PM.

Each group will alternate weeks to attend. ***If you are ready to return and have not been added to a group, please contact the church office*** so we can add you to a group.

#### ***Two Christmas Worship Services***

Saturday, December 19 at 3:00 PM and Sunday, December 20 at 10:00 AM. We need to stay within our COVID guidelines, which means only 50 people in attendance per service. ***Please RSVP to the church office*** to let us know which service you would like to attend. Once one of the services reaches our limit, we will no longer be able to accept RSVP's for that particular service. So if you want to ***reserve your spot, call ASAP (303-455-7604).***

#### ***EFM Christmas Stockings***

Friends Women are again handing out Christmas Stockings to collect your spare change, or whatever contribution you may wish to make, to the EFM project of CLEAN WATER this Christmas. We will

collect the stockings starting **December 17**. If you have a stocking at home from previous years, PLEASE use that or if you are not attending the recording of services on Saturday, you can mail a check to Kay Burgi and designate "FW EFM Clean Water". We encourage you to have your children/grandchildren fill a stocking with coins so they feel like they are contributing to a child being able to drink clean, healthy water.

\$63 buys a filter, \$45 can be a contribution to a water pump, and \$450 will provide a pump. Thank you for sharing in blessing those in need in this way.

#### ***Children's Church and Sunday School Party***

Calling all 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders! We've missed you and didn't want to let the year go without a celebration. We are planning for both an in-person and a remote option. Either way, the festivities will begin at 2:00 PM Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. We need you to reserve your spot by **December 10<sup>th</sup>** with Jeanie Houston so we can make sure you know where and when to party.

#### ***Quaker Chicks Remote Christmas Party***

Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. The party may be remote, but we are plan-

ning to have a gift exchange, so we need everyone planning to join to RSVP to Karen Burgi by **December 10<sup>th</sup>** to make sure you get all of the details. This party is open to all women, even if you have never joined the Quaker Chicks for an event before.

#### ***Youth Holiday Event***

December 19th will be a youth Christmas party which will be held at the church at 6:00 PM. More information to come.

#### ***Al-anon meetings at DFC***

Did you know that we now have an Al-anon group meeting at DFC? It is led by Marlene Pittman and meets at 7:00 PM in room 204 on Tuesday nights.

Al-anon is a support group for people who have a person in their life that has a problem with alcohol or drugs. It is a support group for us to gain strength and encouragement from others in similar situations, using the 12 steps of AA - adapted to fit Al-anon.

If you know of anyone who struggles with another person's drinking (or drugs), please suggest they join us.

### ***Pen Friend***

What is a Pen Friend (Pen Pal)? It's us! Pen Friends are DFC folks who are willing to write a note of encouragement to brighten the day of lonely seniors. We are partnering with The Argyle Senior Residence located at 38th & Perry to connect with seniors during the pandemic, to show them God's love for them through us..

We had wonderful participation for Thanksgiving, but since it was a trial run, we didn't have enough cards for all 110 residents. Christmas, however, is special. It's an opportune time to reach out with a message of God's love for all. Our goal is to have enough volunteers to give each resident a Christmas card. **Our deadline is early - Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

We all love to receive Christmas cards, but seniors long for them, especially because seniors are from the generation that felt valued when they received Christmas cards.

Please consider being part of the card ministry to seniors. Contact Margarita Jaramillo-Hall at 303-868-2786 or [majarahall@gmail.com](mailto:majarahall@gmail.com) for special instructions. Thank you.

### ***Friends Women thank you!***

FRIENDS WOMEN LIFT A HEART FULL OF GRATITUDE TO GOD as He laid it on the hearts of the faithful people of DFC and friends and family to so GENEROUSLY support the Craft and Bake Sale on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Beyond anything we could have expected in this time of being asked to "stay at home" and keeping our distance, we saw God bless us so that we can bless his missionaries and mission work with **\$2,473.05**. We even had some folks step forward to cover the cost of our NEW craft and bake sale sign so we do not have to take that out of the proceeds. We are also GRATEFUL beyond words for the donations made by everyone whether baked goods or crafts or other items for the sale. May you experience a blessing in your lives for your contributions!! Again THANK YOU ALL!

### ***Community Prayer Station***

As an outreach of the Mission and Outreach Committee, a Community Prayer Station permanently located at DFC has been proposed. A Vision and Mission Statement has been drafted and a few have said they would be willing to commit their time and talents beyond praying to move this outreach forward. For this to truly be an outreach ministry of DFC, we need more people stepping forward to say they feel God is asking them to be involved. It will not require an inordinate amount of your time or any special skills (possibly technical if we can make it more digitally friendly), just a desire to serve those who live in the neighborhood of DFC or who drive by regularly. Please pray about this and contact the church office if you want to be a part of this endeavor. The M & O Committee contact on this is Mary Ford.

**VISION STATEMENT:** Loving our neighbors by praying for their physical, emotional and spiritual concerns.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** We will show we are followers of Jesus, believing in the power of prayer and called to love our neighbors by praying for their concerns and providing a means whereby they can make them known.

### ***Christian Refugees in the Middle East***

Thank you for donating to the Christian Refugees. If you do not attend in-person church services, please give \$1 or more in your regular offering and designate it for "Christian Refugees in the Middle East".

### ***Celebrate Recovery***

Celebrate Recovery is a Christian based, twelve-step program that meets at Denver Friends for small group open share meetings at 5:00 PM on Sundays. Please contact Michelle Cordean or Doug Holcombe for more information.

### ***Remember, you can donate online***

at [www.denverfriendschurch.com](http://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). We thank you so much for your continued giving through the COVID-19 crisis. You are amazing, Denver Friends Church!

## ***Needmeeter***

**Free items**—Tom and Lola Hancock have moved to Washington and left behind many household goods and some furniture. They are making them available to DFC at no charge. Their home is located close to the church and **will be open from 4:00-6:00 PM, Wednesday, December 2** for you to look at items. Items include a love seat, small couch, microwave, rocking chair, misc. items. Be prepared to take your selections with you that day. Wear masks and practice social distancing and DO NOT come if you do not feel well.

Contact the DFC office (JAN) for the home address and with specific questions. She has seen the items and has a few pictures also.

Tom and Lola wish to bless the DFC family and are being very generous.

*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 Need-meeter. Please contact the church office at 303-455-7604.*

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