

November 25, 2018
Last Sunday of the Church Year

Des Moines Intentional Eucharistic Community
All are welcome at our table

Prayer Leader: Jeanne-Marie Schwendinger

Music Leader: Kathy Olah

Theme: Thanksgiving

It is appropriate that we conclude the church year by receiving and giving gratitude to one another and to the Mystery of all Life. And in so doing we become One.

Introduction

Please rise for the opening song

Opening Song: *Somewhere to Begin* by Sara Thomsen (on card)

Opening

Prayer Leader: We gather ...

ALL: To give thanks to Sophia, the Cherisher and Sustainer of all Life.
We declare all your wondrous deeds, Sophia.
We are glad and exult in You
And sing praise to your name. Amen

Please be seated for ALL the readings today

First Reading: Excerpts from Psalms 28,69,95,107

First Reader: Lest the memories of the Wisdom People of the past fade away,
let us with them, proclaim our thanks, which can transform
every common day into a Day of Thanksgiving.

East Side: Sophia is my strength
In She our hearts trust.
We find help and our hearts exalt
And with song we give thanks.

West Side: We will praise the name of Sophia in song
and glorify Her in thanksgiving.

(Pause)

East Side: Come, let us all sing joyfully to the God of our heart.
Let us greet our God with thanksgiving
And joyfully sing psalms of praise,

West Side: Let us give thanks to our God
Who showers us with kindness.
Your kindness towers to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the skies and beyond the cosmos.

ALL: This is the Word of Thanksgiving and we say Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Second Reading: 2 Chronicles 13
ALL: Thanksgiving be to the God of All.

The Good News as Proclaimed by DMIEC

Reader: This is the Good News of DMIEC. **ALL:** Thanks be to God.

Dialogue Homily

Our dialogue homily is a time of reflection and sharing on the readings as they speak to our faith and life experiences, and as expressed and lived by our varied faith traditions.

Prayers of the People

Please hold your response until all have voiced their petitions.

Prayer Leader: We pray:

ALL: With hearts full of gratitude for your presence to us and to our world. Amen.

Communal Offering

Prayer Leader: As the hills and trees and leaves have brought us out in awe of your beauty, we transition now to a new brisk season, where you will leave new footprints in the snow and sand, and new lights in our hearts. May we welcome you in them on the pathways of our lives.

ALL: You have blessed us abundantly through the years. We offer our thanks as we take up this collection, as a way to carry these blessings into the larger community. Amen.

Please be seated.

Offertory Song: For the Fruits of This Creation #421

Eucharistic Prayer of Thanksgiving

*In a moment we will gather around the altar for our prayer of thanksgiving. When it is time, we will bless the bread and wine **together** by extending a hand palm up. If you would like gluten-free bread, please stand to the east side of the podium.*

We join in one circle around the table, and one around the outside of the room.

Peace

Communion

As you pass the bread to one another, please say: "You are the bread of Life."

As you pass the cup of wine to one another, please say: "You are the cup of Life."

After all have received the bread and wine, please return to your seats.

Communion Mediation

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Apache Prayer after Communion

Prayer Leader: Remember:

Men: I give you this one thought to keep:
I am with you still, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints of snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle late-autumn rain.

Women: When you awaken in the morning hush
I am the swift uplifting rush of
quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not think of me as gone.
I am with you still in each new dawn.

ALL: **May the sun bring you energy by day,
and the moon softly restore you by night.
May the rain wash away your worries.
May the breeze blow new strength into your being.
May you walk gently through the world,
And know its beauty all the days of your life. Amen.**

Healing Blessing:

Anyone taking bread and wine to someone in the community is invited to come forward.

ALL: **We send you forth in a Spirit of healing and thanksgiving for ____.** Amen.

Announcements

Closing Song: *Sent Forth By God's Blessing* #388

***Please return the Eucharistic Prayer handout to the basket and
take this Prayer Aid/Bulletin home with you.***

***Thank you for sharing in our celebration of faith this morning.
Please join us for refreshments immediately following the service.
We pray together in this space every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
All are welcome!***

For the collection each week, checks can be written to "DMIEC." The First Sunday collection each month supports a selected charitable organization. The remaining collections cover utility, insurance, and other usual and customary expenses. Contributions are tax-deductible.

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DMARC collection: Last week’s DMIEC collection netted \$1,120 for DMARC Emergency Food Pantry.

Collection recipient on DECEMBER 2: WOMEN AT THE WELL

The recipient of our December First Sunday Collection will be Women at the Well, a congregation of, by, and for women incarcerated at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women in Mitchellville. The organization is also active “outside the walls,” enabling teams in faith-based communities to support parolees for a year after release. Our DMIEC Women at the Well team will support a woman who, we anticipate, will be paroled to Polk County in February 2019. Paul Witmer, Minister of Reentry & Congregational Care, will be the speaker next Sunday. Proceeds go to the Women at the Well United Methodist Church of Iowa. **Checks can be written either to “Women at the Well/IUMC” or “DMIEC.”**

UPDATE: CREATING SANCTUARY

DMIEC is a sanctuary support community and a member of the Iowa Sanctuary Movement, which is sponsoring two El Salvadoran families in Des Moines currently seeking asylum. The two mothers and their two children need assistance with rent, utilities, food, clothing, and all living expenses. There are many ways to help these families, but financial support is paramount in getting through the most immediate months as asylum hearings are held.

The DMIEC Social Justice Committee donated \$600 from its 2018 budget. The committee is requesting an increase for immigrant/refugee support in its 2019 budget and designated the First Sunday collection on January 7 for the families. Other ways to donate:

- Send donations to First Unitarian Church, c/o Charles Lewis, 1800 Bell Ave., Des Moines, 50315. Please make checks to First Unitarian Church of DSM, with ISM Asylum Support on memo line.
- Donate on-line on First Unitarian Church’s website.
- Place cash and check donations in the envelope on the entrance table.
- You may wish to consider a monthly donation that could be counted on for ongoing expenses.

Martha Gelhaus has set up a distribution list for those who want to be informed about the families’ needs and who may be able to help with food, clothing, transportation and other assistance. Sign up on the clipboard or contact Martha, mgelhaus@hotmail.com to be added to the list.

DMIEC will host the Iowa Sanctuary Movement Des Moines Cluster meeting on Tuesday, November 27 at 6:00 p.m. If you are attending and can help with set up, please come at 5:30. Treats also welcome. Jody Mashek, legal services program director for AFSC, Des Moines, will share her experience assisting the Kino Border initiative and the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project in Nogales.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Date/Time	Event	Contact Person(s):
Wednesday, November 28, 6:30 p.m.	Living into Our Dying	Mary Routh
Saturday, December 1, 9:00 a.m.–noon	Advent Morning of Reflection: <i>Doors into the Quiet</i>	Mary Ann Koch, Lou Ann Burkle, and Kris Wells
Wednesday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.	Advent Prayer in Word and Music	Liturgy Team
Monday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.	Community Council Meeting	Community Council
Wednesday, December 12, 3:30 p.m.	Liturgy Planning Meeting	Liturgy Team
Thursday, December 20, 5:30 p.m.	Serve Shelter Meal	Kathy Eastman

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Thank you

Thanks to our generous DMIEC members for supporting the Alternative Gift Market on November 11. Once again, the market was a huge success for 13 vendors, raising more than \$8,300 for our brothers and sisters around the globe and bringing together people from the Des Moines area who support social justice. We are grateful for your generosity in so many ways with this endeavor and appreciate the ability to host in our beautiful space.

~ Social Justice Committee

MINISTRIES FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Prayer Leaders: Karen DeHaven and Ellen Corwin

Music Leader: Kevin Pokorny

Liturgy Coordinator: Women at the Well

Prayer Aid Distributor and Greeters: Women at the Well

Bread Baker: Karen DeHaven

Greeters, Readers, and Eucharistic Ministers: Women at the Well

Straighten Worship Area: Women at the Well

Hospitality: Mona & Steve Gude, Jean Minahan. *Volunteers needed*

PLEASE SIGN UP! Volunteer signup sheets are located in the entry hallway. Instructions for the various volunteer positions are available on the web site (dmiec.org) or in the Liturgy Room.

If you have questions about a particular position, contact one of the Coach Contacts.

DMIEC EVENTS:

LIVING INTO OUR DYING

Wednesday, November 28, 6:30 p.m.

As a follow-up to our discussion of the book *Caring for the Dying* by Henry Fersko-Weiss, this session will be an opportunity for members to review and update their funeral folders. We will also hear a short presentation on financial matters around a death and explore the Five Wishes legal advance directive.

ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION: *Doors into the Quiet*

Saturday, December 1, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Take time out for this retreat morning using the Trinitarian Prayer Model: silent meditation, reflective journaling, and sharing. Advent booklet provided for meditation. Bring a journal if you wish. Coffee and tea available. Otherwise bring your own drink. RSVP by signing the clipboard at DMIEC, or phone 230-8410. Facilitators: Mary Ann Koch, Lou Ann Burkle, and Kris Wells

ADVENT PRAYER IN WORD AND MUSIC

Wednesday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.

In this season, more than any other, we long for God's peace among us. Come pray and sing your longing in these unsettled times. Our service will offer time to pray, to think, to reflect, and to sing.

SERVE SHELTER MEAL

Thursday, December 20, 5:30 or 6:00 p.m., Central Iowa Shelter & Services, 1420 Mulberry, St., DM

We will again purchase the foods already prepared from the Johnston Hy-Vee. We need volunteers to assist in serving and hospitality/fellowship. Serving begins at 6:30; we need several volunteers to be available about 5:30 and everyone else to arrive by 6:00 so we can make assignments, get food set up, and be ready to serve on time. Serving will be completed about 7:30. Shelter staff handles cleanup. Contact Kathy Eastman, keastman33@gmail.com or 255-7885 (home) if you have questions or to volunteer. Let Kathy know whether arriving at 5:30 or 6:00 better fits your schedule.

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SONGFEST

Sunday, December 16, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Home of Tom and Rita Fisher, West Grand Towers, 3663 Grand Ave., Unit 303, Des Moines

All are welcome! Please bring your voices, musical instruments, snacks and guests for an afternoon of music and conversation.

Summer 2019: Build Homes in Malawi with Habitat for Humanity

Enjoy a different kind of vacation. Brendalyn Shird is recruiting a volunteer team to serve in **Malawi, Africa, from June 29-July 7, 2019**. The team will experience *the warm heart of Africa* while building homes for vulnerable children who have lost at least one parent. For more information, contact Brendalyn at bshird@gdmhabitat.org.

AREA EVENTS:

We Are Church Confessing

Sunday, December 2, 1:00-1:30 p.m., Evelyn Davis Park, 1400 Forest Ave., Des Moines

We Are Church Confessing is an effort to call the church to publicly pray, confess, and bear witness to the sacredness of human life that our religious traditions call us to honor and protect. Ecumenical, interdenominational services are held in a public space the first Sunday of each month in response to our country's political crisis. This is not a protest. It is not partisan. The crisis in our political body pertains to basic issues of human rights about which we can agree to take a public stand even amidst our different perspectives on the best public policies or political affiliations. Plymouth Congregational Church will lead the December service. If you would like to be involved in planning, the next planning meeting is November 27, 12:00-1:15 p.m. at the Peace Conference room at Plymouth Congregational Church. For more information, contact Carmen Lampe Zeitler, carmenandjohn@aol.com.

Drake University Comparison Project: *Miracles*

Thursday, December 6, 7:00 p.m., Sussman Theater, Olmsted Center, Drake University

Firsthand accounts of a miracle investigator with Joe Nickell, author of *The Science of Miracles: Investigating the Incredible*.

Behold! *An Advent Morning Retreat of Holy Seeing and Being*

Saturday, December 8, 8:30 a.m. – noon, Grace Lutheran Church, 3010 52nd St., Des Moines

Join Contemplative Outreach of Central Iowa for a morning of quiet reflection, centering prayer, and holy seeing to celebrate the gifts of Advent. Suggested donation of \$15. To register see centeriowa.org.

MEET MY RELIGIOUS NEIGHBOR

Monthly open house events provide the opportunity to tour a sacred space of faith, learn how religion is practiced there, and meet and connect with people from different faiths and walks of life.

Saturday, December 8, 4:00 p.m., Plymouth Congregational Church, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines

Open house and Inauguration of Interfaith Chapel.

Behold the Night! *Winter Solstice Worship*

Wednesday, December 19, 6:00 p.m., at Immanuel United Methodist Church, 2900 49th St., Des Moines

All are invited to join Contemplative Outreach of Central Iowa for a Winter Solstice Contemplative Worship service, featuring Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, a nationally known composer, musician, and liturgical theologian. A free will offering will be taken during the event. Go to centeriowa.org to register.

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Catholic Worker House Needs: Cold weather brings a need for warm items for the Catholic Worker House guests — jackets, socks, stocking caps, blankets, and sleeping bags. Other immediate needs: disposable razors, shaving cream, and deodorant. DMIEC supports the Catholic Worker House through our weekly donations. Place your donations in the grocery cart in the coatroom.

If you are new to IEC and would like a printed nametag, please sign up on the sheet in the entry hallway. Please include your email address if you would like to be added to our distribution list. PLEASE NOTE: Signing up for a nametag and emails does not register you as a member of DMIEC. You must be a registered member to access the Members section of our web site and to vote in DMIEC elections. There is no tithing commitment. For more information or to register, please contact Jim Fifield, dmiec11@gmail.com or 720-2104.

BREAD AND WINE

If you would like to take the bread and wine to someone, or if you would like a member to bring bread and wine to you, please call Diane Morain at 491-7778 or talk to her before worship on Sunday. The bread and wine can then be blessed by the community during our Liturgy of the Eucharist. *Sharing the bread and wine is a vital part of our community.*

PLAYROOM SUPERVISION RULES

- Any child using the playroom must have their parent or other adult relative present in the playroom or immediately outside the room to maintain visual contact of the child.
- During Sunday services or other events, the parent or other adult relative may move a chair from the worship area to the hallway outside the playroom door to be able to participate in the service and maintain supervision of the child.
- If their parent or other adult relative is not present in the playroom, then two approved volunteers must be present. One of the volunteers must be 18 or older.

Individuals 14 years of age and older, who would like to supervise children in the playroom, must be approved by the Community Council. If interested in being approved, please contact Dennis Rhodes (DennisRho@msn.com or 371-6494) or Karen DeHaven (kdehaven@mchsi.com or 205-1086).

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Pastoral Care Ministry Team

Kevin Pokorny (pokornyk@hotmail.com or 277-5848)

Mary Beth Reiff (marybethnz@msn.com or 779-6936)

Meal Coordinator:

Karen DeHaven (kdehaven@mchsi.com or 205-1086)

(Contact Karen to coordinate meal deliveries to DMIEC members suffering from illness, surgery, or accident.)

Community Council

Art Cunningham (finproac@aol.com; 961-6330)

Karen DeHaven (kdehaven@mchsi.com; 205-1086)

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PERSONAL MINISTRIES

The Pastoral Care Ministry Team invites people in our community to offer their time as ministry to one another. Your ministry may include offering minor home repairs, yard work, pet care, respite care, prayer companion, rides to our Sunday prayer service, moving assistance, etc. For information, see flyers and signup sheet in the entry hallway.

There is an assistance fund for DMIEC members needing emergency financial assistance with food, shelter, utilities, transportation and medical and/or health issues. If you face such a need, we encourage you to contact a member of the Pastoral Care Ministry Team.

Building-Use Forms are on the web site. For information, please contact Mary Routh.

To submit an item for the bulletin, please send to Martha Fifield, martha.fifield@gmail.com.

Weekly Prayer Aids/Bulletins are available at dmiec.org. In the *Members* area in the left column, click on *Readings, Prayer Aids, Administration Files*, then *Our Weekly Prayer Aid*. Only registered DMIEC members may access this area of the web site.

To have full access, you may want to consider becoming a member. If you are not a registered member (or are not sure whether you are registered), contact Jim Fifield, dmiec11@gmail.com, 720-2104. You may also contact Jim if you are already a member and are having issues accessing the web site, or if you wish to update your personal information on the members' list on our web site.



DMIEC on Facebook: "Des Moines Intentional Eucharistic Community"

Administrators approve comments to our page before they go 'live'; only administrators can post statuses or pictures as DMIEC. To have an event posted as DMIEC on the page or to share pictures, email to tracyarood@gmail.com.

