

The Builder

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THOUGHTFUL SPIRITUALITY, CARING COMMUNITY

A note from our Pastor

by Mimi Walker

This month of November seems always to be marked by gratitude. As the days shorten we tend to become more reflective. An awareness passed through our genetic memory reminds us that winter can be harsh and these cool fresh days of autumn, with an abundance of fresh vegetables should be celebrated and savored.

In worship we express our gratitude in many ways. Sunday November 1st we observed "All Saints Day," remembering the loved ones who have gone before us, then shared a meal together and celebrated with music as our choir presented their All Saints Concert at 2:30 pm.

Throughout the month of November we continue to give out of this deep sense of gratitude as we prepare gift boxes for Operation Christmas child, we gather warm clothing items for our homeless neighbors and bring food and donations for our ICM Food Pantry. Sunday Nov. 8 will be our Missions and Ministry Service. Sunday Nov. 22 will be our Thanksgiving worship service, and then the month ends with the beginning of Advent as we anticipate the coming of the Christ child transforming our lives and our world.

Remembering the Saints of DHBC 2015

James ("Chic") Awtry Steadman C. Burgess Neil S. Cameron Jr. Sarah Lois Ellis Dr. Robert (Bobby) Gibbs Lee L. Holloway Charles Lenkerd Gary Merriman Dolores Mincey Sterling Richardson Sr. Mary Callaway Saunders



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What's happening...

This month at DHBC

Sat., Nov. 7: Giving Rocks -Party with a Purpose at The Masquerade. The group "The Vivid Things" will begin at 7:00 pm. All proceeds go to the Journey Men's Shelter. For tickets: www.tinyurl.com/GivingR ocks2015

Sun., Nov. 8: History Team Meeting after worship in the conference room.

Sun., Nov. 8: It's Operation Christmas Box" Time. Please bring your filled boxes on this day.

Wed., Nov. 11: Welcome Table Meal & Scripture Study at St. John's Lutheran. We will participate in preparing a meal for our homeless community.



Contact Allen Jones or Mimi to volunteer.

Sun., Nov. 22: Day of Giving. Join in bringing can foods and your completed Cards for Giving which you can pick up at church.

Sun., Dec. 6: Winter Clothes Drive items are needed by this day.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Monthly

3rd Sunday, 12:15 PM Deacons' Meeting 3rd Monday, 6:30 PM Men's Shelter Meal 4th Wednesday, 7:00 PM Admin. Meetings



Allen Jones' calling to homeless ministry began after his first experience of homeless ministry during seminary. A group from his church at the time prepared

Our Community Spotlight

Meet Allen Jones, Community Chaplain

dinner and Bible study once a month for a group of homeless individuals. Sharing a meal and listening to their thoughts on scripture enriched Allen's experience of the family of God. It helped him begin to respond to Isaiah's call to feed the hungry and Christ's call to not ignore the poor. Allen was excited to be able to continue this ministry as Community Chaplain and with DHBC's meal with Journey Men's

Shelter.

Every third Monday of the month, our church helps prepare and serve dinner at Journey. You can volunteer or participate in a number of ways. You can sign up to bring a part of the meal. The signup sheet is in the front left lobby outside the sanctuary.

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November Birthdays

Jay Walton 11/04 O'Reva Alligood 11/09 Harriet Stewart 11/21 Shirley Baskin 11/28 Mary Spearman 11/18 Margaret Haney 11/30

Please pray for our special members:

Doris Berry * Beth Carter* Ethel Jannson * Grace Jarrell * Mary Kerr * Harold Mote * John Phillips * Moss Robertson * Richard and Georgia McClure * Gerald and Jeannine Pritcher * John & Carole Strickland * Harold and June Zwald

Winter Clothes Drive

Our goal is to provide 40 each for men's items and 10 each for women's (Dark colors are preferred): Winter hats, gloves, scarves, long white socks, underwear (med., large, XL), bra (any size), & rain ponchos. These items are due Sunday, December 6.

Community Spotlight Cont.

You can: 1. DONATE prepared food to the shelter at 6:30 the evening of our meal, 2. COME to the shelter earlier (as early as 4) to PREPARE the food or drop off for Allen to re-heat, 3. DONATE food and leave it in our church kitchen on the Sunday before the meal for Allen to take, 4. GIVE a designated financial donation to the church for a part of the meal (total meal usually costs \$75-\$95), or 5. VOLUNTEER your time to assist in preparing and serving the food.

Allen encourages you to come serve and eat with the men, as it is an enjoyable and rewarding experience. After a blessing, the food is served cafeteria style at 7:00 PM. Dinner and conversation is shared around the tables. DHBC is extremely thankful for the gifts of Allen Jones and his heart for this ministry.

**Journey Men's Shelter seeks to encourage, empower, and establish men experiencing homelessness on their journey to self- reliance through employment, education, housing, and counseling services.

Every day Journey Men's Shelter relies on volunteers to prepare and serve dinner for our residents. Dinner is a wonderful opportunity for food and fellowship.

WAYS YOU CAN SERVE:



Volunteer @ Food Pantry

Intown Collaborative Ministries Food Pantry needs your support through volunteering and providing food. The Intown Food Pantry operates every Saturday at DHUMC located at 1200 Ponce de Leon Ave. NE. To learn more visit www.intowncm.org/volunteer/



Welcome Table Meal

Volunteer at Mercy Church at St. John's Lutheran for the Meal & Scripture Study for our homeless community every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 6:00 PM



Men's Shelter Meal

Every third Monday of the month, DHBC provides the Men's Shelter meal in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner. Contact Allen Jones at <u>allen.jones@dhbc.org</u> for more information.

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