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A note from our Pastor

by Mimi Walker

It's September and we are organizing for the year ahead. I know our fiscal year began in July, the Christian Year starts with Advent as we anticipate Christmas, and we will all say "Happy New Year" on January 1st. But the reality is that our work, school and home life gets going in September. Vacations come to an end, school is football games are underway, lighting up the high school fields and television sets and business schedules are in high gear.

Here at DHBC at Ponce & Highland we are streamlining our ministries and inviting everyone to join a Team (or two or three.) Teams provide opportunities to participate in the life of the congregation. Anyone is welcome to join these teams at any time and you can serve on multiple teams at the same time. We will have 7 teams to start this season of ministry together. The descriptions are here, and there will be sign-up sheets available in our Kick-Off Sunday Worship Service on September 13. Whatever your interests, passions, or skills there is a place for you here.

Hospitality Team: will provide opportunities for interaction within our congregation for the purpose of fostering rich, nurturing relationships that promote family connections.

Children's Ministry Team: will assist with planning and providing activities for children & families and will join a rotation to volunteer with the children on Sundays.

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What's happening this month?

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What's happening...

This month at DHBC

Wednesday, Sept. 9: Welcome Table Meal & Scripture Study at 6:00 PM. In place of Movie Night we will participate with Mercy Church at St. John's Lutheran in preparing a meal for our homeless community.

Saturday, Sept. 12: O4W Fall Fest & Lantern Parade. We will meet at the church at 5:00 PM and carpool/bike/walk to the festivities. Families invited!

Sunday, Sept. 13: Fall Kick-Off Sunday in our worship service. Sign up for Teams and autumn events. *Choir Practice will start back on Sunday afternoons 2:00-3:30.

Sunday, Sept. 20: DHBC Business Meeting & Lunch after worship in the parlor. Bring salads or sides, sandwich fixings will be provided.



Monday, Sept. 23: Shelter Meal. It is our day to prepare a meal for Journey Shelter at DHPC, to sign up contact <u>Allen.Jones@dhbc.org</u>.

Sunday, Sept. 27: Streets Alive from 2:00 - 6:00 PM. Let's celebrate in the streets with face painting, doggy treats, and lots of waves & smiles! It's a wonderful celebration with our neighbors.

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



A few of you may recognize me, I have been working in the nursery over a year. I love working with children and serving this congregation each

Our Community Spotlight

Meet Holly Johnson, Children's Ministry Staff

week. I know a few of you, but I hope to get to know each of you better.

I was born in the Philippines where my parents served as missionaries alongside Mimi and Graham. I spent most of my life in Florida, where my family still lives. I am in my final year at McAfee School of Theology, and I'm working on a M.Div. in Pastoral Care and a MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

It was in my senior year of college, I felt called to ministry. I tried to ignore that, as any pastor's kid may, but here I am. This summer, I was very lucky to complete a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. [page 3]

September Birthdays

Doris Berry 09/01 Connie Muntner 09/13 Logan Winkles 09/01 Harold Mote 09/15

Ishma Thomas 09/03 Jackie Wood 09/26

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

Pastor's Note Cont....

Communications Team: will help to coordinate and carry out all forms of communication of church information and activities within the congregation and in the larger community.

Building & Grounds Team: will implement small scale projects related to building and grounds including painting, gardening, light carpentry, and cleaning. All level of skills and ability are needed.

Local and Global Missions Team: will plan, promote, and carry out local social ministry volunteer opportunities and global mission involvement.

History & Library Team: will organize, preserve, and display DHBC historic items, information and books.

Spiritual Enrichment Team: will coordinate and facilitate learning opportunities including classes, small group meetings, discussion groups and educational events.

I hope you will prayerfully consider where you find joy in sharing your gifts and sign up this month to participate in the work of God in this place.

Community Spotlight Cont.

I loved every minute of the CPE experience, it was the most difficult and life giving experience I have had. I have always had a passion for working with children and families, and feel called to continue that work in a chaplaincy setting. It is my hope to continue to serve this church and seek ordination and chaplaincy endorsement so I can complete a chaplaincy residency next year. I am grateful to have this church family to support me as I continue that journey!

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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