
CALENDAR

December 3- First Sunday in Advent

- ◆ 9:30AM: Sunday School for children through adults (Education Rooms)
- ◆ 12:00PM: Youth Group (Youth Lounge)
- ◆ 6:00PM: Sunday Night Ticket AA (East Fellowship Hall)
- ◆ 7:00PM: World AIDS Day Service (Park Hill UMC)

December 4

- ◆ 10:30AM: Gentle Yoga with Kate (Bryans Room)
- ◆ 12:00PM: Chair Yoga (Evanston Center)
- ◆ 1:30PM: Knitting or Knot (Cornerstone II)
- ◆ 6:00PM: Meditation Mindfulness (Evanston Center)
- ◆ 8:00PM: Group 13 AA (East Parlor)
- ◆ 8:00PM: Stepping Stones Al-Anon (Osborne Parlor)

December 5

- ◆ 10:00AM: Men's Fellowship (Osborne Parlor)
- ◆ 4:00PM: A Child's Song (Music Room)
- ◆ 5:00PM: Kindermusik (East Parlor)
- ◆ 6:30PM: Troop 5 (Noakes Hall, B03)
- ◆ 7:00PM: BMCM Meditation (East Parlor)

December 6

- ◆ 10:00AM: UMW Bible Study (Osborne Parlor)
- ◆ 12:30PM: Pastor Jackson's Bible Study (Osborne Parlor)
- ◆ 6:30PM: Pack 5 (Noakes Hall)
- ◆ 8:00PM: Forgiveness Al-Anon (East Parlor)

December 7

- ◆ 8:30AM: Mary Nicholas Footcare (Journeys In Faith)
- ◆ 7:00PM: Sangha Meditation (East Parlor)
- ◆ 7:15PM: Choir Rehearsal- All are welcome! (Sanctuary)

December 8

- ◆ UMW Cookie Dropoff
- ◆ 12:00PM: PB & J Ministry (Civic Center Park)

December 9

- ◆ UMW Cookie Dropoff
- ◆ 7:45AM: FA in Recovery (East Parlor)

December 10- Second Sunday in Advent

- ◆ UMW Cookie Sale
- ◆ 8:45AM: Choristers
- ◆ 9:30AM: Sunday School for children through adults (Education Rooms)
- ◆ 10:30AM: Choristers (Music Room)
- ◆ 11:00AM: Choir Cantata. One combined worship service (Main Sanctuary)
- ◆ 6:00PM: Sunday Night Ticket AA (East Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30AM in Wasser Chapel

11:00AM in the main Sanctuary

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Journeys in Faith meets in Bryans Room. Come join us for lively biblical discussions surrounding current issues and events. The facilitators will be Les Law and Richard Nelson.

November 26 through December 17: Race: The Power of an Illusion.

Cornerstone II meets in the Cornerstone II room at the bottom of the ramp from the glass doors. This group studies various topics depending on decisions made during discussions. The class is facilitated by Jeremy and Amy Long.

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New Sunday School Class! RACE: The Power of an Illusion. This class will meet November 26 through Dec. 17, in East Fellowship Hall!

Children's Sunday School meets on the third floor starting out in the music and movement room.

Theme: *Get Ready, the Light is Coming.*

Middle School Sunday School meets in BO3 and will participate in the Race: The Power of an Illusion series.

High School Sunday School meets in the Youth Lounge and will study various subjects of interest to the youth. Brittany Nelson and Nick Shade will lead this group.

Adult Special Needs Sunday School meets in the Journeys in Faith classroom in the lower level of the Christian Education wing. Contact Hope Law, class teacher, for more information.

ABOUT US

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11:00 AM

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Hope

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 3, 2017 , 11:00AM

Sanctuary

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Variations on a French Noel

Louis Claude Daquin

WELCOME H.O.M.E.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew Frazier

Leader: Shepherding God, guide us through this season of anticipation and hope.

All: Comfort our troubled minds, and strengthen our tired bodies.

Leader: Restore the hope this season offers, that we might lift our voices with strength and joy!

All: Straighten the crooked paths, that we might walk in your ways.

Leader: Level the rocky ground, that we might prepare for your arrival in our world.

All: In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 196: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

HONORING OUR VISITORS

Liza Stoltz Hanson

FINDING FIVE

HEARING THE WORD

CHORAL INTROIT

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 40: 27-31

Matthew Frazier

Reader: May God bless the hearing and understanding of these words.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: WE WAIT IN HOPE

Bob Metzger

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Duane Buys

[As the children leave, let us join in singing]

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world,

All the shades from dark to light, they are precious in his sight.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

REFLECTION

Ademola Adenle

HYMN 636: Christian People, Raise Your Song

Ave Virgo Virginum

HOMILY: "Waiting in Hope"

Rev. Jackson

SILENT PRAYER

CHORAL PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER #895

OFFERING

We give in gratitude for the blessings of our life and for making a better world.

CHORAL OFFERTORY PREFACE

OFFERTORY: Advent Prayer

William Sisson

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY HYMN 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

COMMUNION

Both bread and elements free of gluten, wheat, dairy, corn and soy are offered.

*HYMN 202: People, Look East

Besançon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Jackson

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Glory To God In The Highest

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

Flowers today are given by Kelsey Forsyth in memory of John and Dorothy Penko on the 62nd anniversary of their marriage.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: Jeff Flynn, Nate Eckloff, Kelsey Forsyth, Daren Matthews, Michael Cox, Les Law

Greeters: Lois Anderson, Marcia Williams, Lola Ozman, Don Whitford

GET INVOLVED

For a complete list of events and committee meetings, please visit us at uparkumc.org.

UMW Annual Cookie Sale

Pre-orders December 3, sale December 10. \$15/box

We need bakers, bakers, and more bakers!

100% of proceeds go to local and global missions

To sign up, visit this site:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0A44A5AB2D6_umwcookie4

or email upark@uparkumc.org.

Stewardship

It's Stewardship time! Don't forget to pledge your \$\$\$, prayers, and time to support the works of Jesus Christ through the ministries of this church for 2018.

Combined Services

There will be one combined service at 11:00AM in the Sanctuary on the following Sundays: December 10, December 17, and December 31. Sunday School will still be held at 9:30AM with the exception of December 31- there will be no Sunday School.

World AIDS Day Service

Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 7:00PM at Park Hill UMC.

5209 Montview Blvd Denver, CO 80207

Advent Candle Lighting

If you would like to light an Advent Candle during the 8:30 or 11:00 service this year, please contact Jessica Carmer at jcarmer@uparkumc.org. We need candle-lighters for December 3, 10, 17, and 24.

30th Annual Warren Village Christmas Shop

Warren Village is preparing for the 30 Annual Christmas Shop on December 16. This is when the parent shops for one large item and one small item for their children and the children also shop for their parent. Items will be delivered to Warren Village on December 7. Unwrapped gifts are needed, along with wrapping paper so the gifts can be prepared after their choosing. Of course monetary donations and gift cards are always welcome! Volunteers are needed to help with the gift choosing and wrapping. A basket for the items will be in the lobby on November 26 and December 3. To volunteer, please call Angie Wardell, Volunteer Coordinator at 303-321-2345 Ext. 5032.

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 17

Our annual Children's Christmas Pageant will be presented on Sunday, December 17, during the combined 11:00 am service. We hope all of our children, toddlers through youth, will participate in this event. We are working on giving the older children their roles (speaking parts) and would like their parents to encourage them to memorize their parts once those are determined. Rehearsal will be during Sunday school **December 17. Our very youngest children are also invited to participate in the pageant. They do not need to rehearse, but can come on the 17th, choose a costume, and participate in the "impromptu" pageant style we have enjoyed the past few years.**

Christmas Eve Services

Services on December 24, 2017 will be held at the following times: 4:00PM, 7:00PM, and 11:00PM.

Crosspoints UMW

The Crosspoints UMW will have our special Christmas meeting on Dec. 14, at 11 am (please note the time change). We will meet at Spirit of Hope UMC, 3885 S. Broadway, starting with a short business meeting and then a pot luck luncheon. We will have some guests from Brentwood UMW. Our special program is "Ms. Colorado Senior America Pageant Cameo Club." This will be musical review starring the current Ms. Colorado Senior America and others.

Sing & Sleigh Bells

Sunday December 3, from 4:30PM-6:30PM

Observatory Park transforms into a winter wonderland. UPCC provides horse-drawn hay rides for all residents, Chamberlin Observatory is open for stargazing, and live holiday music is provided for all to enjoy (from Swallow Hill). Santa Claus drops in to talk with tots and for photo ops. Hot beverages and cookies are provided by UPCC and local residents (attendees are asked to bring a sweet treat to share).