

*Denmark Manor United Church of Christ*

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**November - December 2019**

**A Note from the Pastor:**

Greetings Denmark Manor,

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving 2019 is past us. Time sure does seem to fly by. With that said, and the fact that time is slipping by so quickly, let us not delay any further in some very necessary actions. These actions speak loudly with the season and also within our lives! These actions are a requirement in order to maintain a focused and loving relationship with God and one another. These actions are not complicated, difficult or painful in any way. In fact, these actions employ such characteristics as being, loving, caring, and faithful. These actions help to support relationships. These actions are all the things we must do in order to enact our thankfulness for all that we are, and all that we have. They include the many thanksgivings that we should take the time to express each and every day of our lives. To God for His wonderful creation and the beauty and the miracles that come through it. To one another for the love, support, and care that should exist between us all, everywhere. As mentioned above, time is passing quickly, so let's not delay any further. Fill your hearts with love and thankfulness and let's live our lives as if each day is Thanksgiving Day! May we fill ourselves with joy, as we now go through the Advent season and the coming of our Lord! And a Merry Christmas to all!

With love, Pastor Don

*Our Webpage* is still under construction for improving communication with our congregation and our community. There have been a few changes made, such as posting weekly bulletins, newsletters, calendar and updated pictures from recent events. It will be improving and informing week to week regarding the events taking place each month at Denmark Manor UCC. Please check it out at: [www.denmarkmanorchurch.org](http://www.denmarkmanorchurch.org)

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*Our new hours for Sunday service began on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and will be 10:30 am year-round. Children's Sunday School (Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>) at 10:00 am. Adult Sunday School (Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>) is at 9:30 am. Choir practice is in the Library at 10:00 am; all are welcome to join us! Sunday school and choir practice will stop at the end of May for summer. Come worship with us!!!*

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*All projects for 2019 are complete! Our sanctuary now has an updated Audio/Visual system. This was installed by Main Street Music and has a much bolder audio and a new projection screens for an enhanced worship experience! We have had painting projects done on the church, sexton's house, along with new windows, parking lot repairs, , and a stained glass window repaired. An upgrade for Audio/visual is planned for 2020 in Fellowship Hall to have Alternative Worship services and an occasional movie night. Exciting times here at Denmark Manor! Now looking ahead to 2020.....maybe AIR CONDITIONING???*

*Please note: The gas well drilling project has been postponed until 2022 as of September. It was determined that it would not be cost effective to drill until that time. Further updates will be announced.*

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**Our sexton, Wade Anderson, and wife Maureen, are officially retiring on Monday, Dec. 9, 2019. They will be moving to their new home, and we wish them a happy and healthy future!**

**Denmark Manor UCC Funeral Guidelines:**

**Changes have been made to the funeral guidelines and use of Fellowship Hall. The Women's Fellowship, led by Debi McIlvaine, will facilitate the funeral luncheons for members of the church only. Otherwise, the following guidelines apply:**

- Catering or covered dish luncheons are permitted. Parties using the facility will need to provide a crew to set up/tear down. Due to insurance issues, the use of the stove/oven is not permitted.
- No fee is required for immediate church members.
- Fee for non-members is \$250.00, payable to DMUCC.
- Kitchen is to be clean, cleared of all food (including leftovers), tables and counters wiped, and garbage gathered.
- No alcohol is permitted on church property.
- Smoking is prohibited inside church building.

**Further information can be provided by the church office at:  
724-744- 4218. Office hours are Monday and Thursday 9 am – 3 pm.**

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*The 2019 Ham Dinner was a very successful event and community outreach! Lots of delicious food and pies warmed everyone on that rainy night! A wonderful time was had by all! \*\*Watch the webpage and Facebook for details of the Roast Beef dinner in April 2020!*

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**There will be a Congregational meeting on Dec. 8, 2019 immediately following the service. This meeting will be to vote on the 2020 Budget, approve the slate of Consistory officers for 2020, and to vote to officially call Pastor Don as our full-time pastor.**  
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**The Penn Trafford Community Band will be performing for the Christmas season at the following locations and times:**

**Redstone North Huntingdon:            Dec. 14        3:00 pm**

**Cloverleaf Estates:                        Dec. 14        7:00 pm**

**Please put this on your calendar to come support our local band!**

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*Our Christmas Eve Service will be at 7:30 pm this year. Please join us this year for a spirit-filled service for beautiful music and worshipping the newborn King!!!*

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**Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas! Please keep those in mind who have lost loved ones and may need some extra help and hugs this year.**  
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*This December will be our first “Movie Night”! This will be held on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary, to watch the holiday classic “The Polar Express”. Bring the family to have a fun evening and some snacks. Watch our webpage and Face Book for details on time.*

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***We are Praying for:***

Emanuel & Freda Frescura, Gregory Thomas, Sergey Ozhiganov, Theda Ulishney, Janet Antal, Marian Comfry, Jeffery Maynard, Mike Demark, Scott Duncan, Rich Schall, Sylvia Duncan, John Bell, Bonnie Young, Family of Christopher Valesky, Eric & Family, Dottie Demarchi, Bob, Danielle, Kristin, Jessica, Ben Rhodes, Brayden Veenis, Sandi Harr, Bob Perrin, Lorie Hazel, Tris Hazlett, Amy Zachetti, Mark Klingensmith, Keely & daughters, The Evageliste Family, Bill Hutchison

\*Our Prayer Lists are kept on the back table in the Sanctuary. There also is a box for prayer requests. **Names will be kept on the list for 90 days, following removal unless otherwise asked to keep them on.** When you fill in your slip, please include your name, phone number, date you put the person on, and a general description of their condition, such as ‘health’, ‘well-being’, ‘support’, etc.

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***Happy Birthday to All!!***

***December Birthdays:***

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| 1- Danielle McIlvaine | 13 – William A. Martin |
| 2- Hazel Duffy        | 20 – Wade Anderson     |
| 7 – Jennifer Long     | 22 – Lavon Kearney     |
| 9 – Don McIlvaine     |                        |

**Please forgive if anyone was left out, we are in the process of updating all information; let the office know if we have missed someone. Thank you!**

# Denmark Manor UCC Shirt Sale!!!

\*Please use a separate sheet for each person's order

**\*Short Sleeve T-Shirt.....\$15.00**

Qty: \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL(\$17.00) \_\_\_ XXXL(\$18.00)

Qty: \_\_\_ Grey \_\_\_ Burgandy \_\_\_ Blue \_\_\_ Forest

**\*Long Sleeve T-Shirt.....\$20.00**

Qty: \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL(\$22.00) \_\_\_ XXXL(\$23.00)

Qty: \_\_\_ Grey \_\_\_ Burgandy \_\_\_ Blue \_\_\_ Forest

**\*Polo Shirts.....\$25.00**

Qty: \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL(\$27.00) \_\_\_ XXXL(\$28.00)

Qty: \_\_\_ Grey \_\_\_ Burgandy \_\_\_ Blue \_\_\_ Forest

**\*Pull-over Sweatshirt.....\$25.00**

Qty: \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL(\$27.00) \_\_\_ XXXL(\$28.00)

Qty: \_\_\_ Grey \_\_\_ Burgandy \_\_\_ Blue \_\_\_ Forest

**\*Hat.....\$18.00**

(Adjustable)

Qty: \_\_\_ Khaki \_\_\_ Forest \_\_\_ Blue \_\_\_ Red

**\*Vest..... \$45.00**

Qty: \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL(\$) \_\_\_ XXXL(\$)

Qty: \_\_\_ Grey \_\_\_ Burgandy \_\_\_ Blue \_\_\_ Forest

**Order slips may be left in the envelopes on the basket of church office.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due at time of order.

**Thank you for supporting Denmark Manor United Church of Christ!**

