

Upcoming Church Events

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| TODAY | Children's Christmas Program Practice | During SS |
| | DRE Pictorial Pictures in Conference Room | |
| Nov. 28 | Pictorial Task Team Meeting | 12:00 pm |
| Dec. 4 | Christian Education Meeting after SS | 10:30 am |
|  | Primary Families Gingerbread house Decorating in Kids Café Area | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm |
| Dec. 6 | Prayer Group | 7:15 pm |
| Dec. 9 | DRE Caroling - meet in fellowship hall | 6:00 PM |
| Dec. 11 | Children's Christmas Program (No SS) |  |
| | DRE Basketball Night for Ages 12 to Adult | 7:30 pm |
| Dec. 13 | Blood Drive | 2-7 pm |

A big **thank you** to the congregation for your donations and buying all the available baked goods last Sunday. You are extremely generous, especially when it comes to our youth. Thanks again for providing for your junior high to go to Spruce Lake in February!

Upcoming Holiday Service Times:

Christmas Eve, December 24th - 6:30 PM
 Christmas Day, December 25th - 10:00 AM
 No Sunday School
 New Years Day, January 1st - 10:00 AM
 No Sunday School



Blood Drive!

Save the date!
December 13th



Deep Run East Pictorial

There are 2 options:

Option #1: Preferred - Photo submission by email
Option #2: Photo to be taken. If you would like to have your picture taken, sign-up in the mailbox foyer area.

Last chance to have your picture taken TODAY.

Questions see someone from the pictorial Task Team, Lee & Connie Crouthamel, Terri Nyce, Ken Burkholder or Lisa Stenger.

Youth Events

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| Dec. 7 | Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group | 7-9 pm |
| Dec. 9 | Jr. & Sr. High Youth Caroling and Midnight Bowling | 6:00 pm to 2:00 am |



The Fellowship Commission is looking for **cookie bakers** for the SS Children's Christmas program on December 11th. Please bring the cookies to the kitchen before church.

Mark the cookies "for SS Christmas Program."
Thank you ahead of time for your generosity!

Primary Children and Families

GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Decorating Party

Sunday, December 4th

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

RSVP to Beth Davco by TODAY!



CAROLING

Christmas is almost here! You are cordially invited out for a night of singing and fun on **Friday, December 9th.**

As a church family we will be **caroling and delivering fruit baskets** to people in the congregation. We encourage you and your family to come out and have a great time together! Caroling will take place from **6:00 to 8:30**, followed by a post-caroling party at church with food and drinks provided! If you are planning on coming out, please be sure to **sign up** at the table in the mailbox foyer by Sunday, December 4th. *Thanks*, and see you on the 9th!

FOUNDATION FUND GRANTS

Members and organizations of Deep Run East are invited to submit requests to the Foundation Fund **until November 30**. Requests should be for support of programs or projects that extend the mission or expand the ministries of the church. **Applications can be obtained from the church office or a committee member**-Vernon Clemmer, Carolyn Allebach, Gary Trauger, or Jolene Halteman. The committee will meet in December to consider the requests, and grants will be made in early 2017.

On behalf of the **Finance Committee**, we would like to sincerely thank everyone in the congregation for their continued financial support of Deep Run East. During Fiscal Year 2016 Deep Run East received \$ 537,926.14, representing 97.2% of our budgeted goal. We were able to fully cover all of the church's operating expenses and fund Mission Commission at over 93%. As your Finance Committee, we ask for your continued support as we look forward to meeting all the opportunities and challenges that will present themselves during this current fiscal year.



DRE Phone Directory Update Coming Soon!

It's that time to update our directory. If you had a special anniversary, got married, had a baby, or moved please let us know by writing in the directories that will be provided next week. Make sure the birthdays, emails, phone numbers, college student information and committees and snow chain contact numbers are all up to date. Directory copies to note these changes will be available the next two Sundays, December 4th & 11th.



MAMA Project, Inc.
Mujeres Amigas (Women Friends) Miles Apart

Service teams for 2017 are forming:

MAMA team to San Francisco de Yojoa, Honduras
Jan 15-23- see Barb Rice

MAMA team to San Pedro Sula-- To be announced
see Bob Moyer or Barb Rice



Attention DRE Members & Committees

When making a purchase for DRE please check with the treasurer first how much is in budget. To request spending or a check for reimbursement, please fill out a **check request form** found in the mailbox foyer area by staff mailboxes.



Spruce Lake Men's Retreat January 12-13, 2017

Your Package: 1 night lodging & meals from Thursday dinner through Friday lunch
- \$115/person, triple or more; \$135/person, double occupancy. Registration, 4:00-7:30 p.m. / Dinner at 6:30 p.m. / First session at 8:00 p.m. Speaker, Dr. Charles Zimmerman, Worship Leader, Mark Cable. Register by calling 570-595-7505.

BIRTHDAYS

| <u>December</u> | |
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| 1 | Richard Leatherman |
| | Timothy Nyce |
| 2 | Daryl Rice |
| | Hannah Gouck |
| 4 | Joshua Bishop |
| 5 | Barbara Rice |
| | Matthew Quinn |
| 7 | Colleen Bolks |
| 8 | Melanie Quinn |
| 9 | Danny Molina |
| 10 | Vernon Clemmer |
| | Kate Gohl |
| | Jake Bongiovanni |
| | Justin Burkholder |
| | Lois Wismer |



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are looking for a small team of people interested in connecting with, mentoring, and helping to guide our young adult ministry at DRE. If you have interest in connecting with an energetic and fun group of people, please contact pastor Brent for more details.

The Family Corner

Advent Wreath/Ritual From Building Faith Mennonite Early Childhood Network (MECN)

1. Create your wreath: Find a ring with places for four candles, or just place four candle holders in a circle. Place 4 candles (traditionally, three purple and one pink) in the candle holders. In the center of the wreath, place a white candle. If you want to, decorate it with evergreens (to symbolize continuous life) and pinecones (to symbolize resurrection).
2. Each week of Advent, light one more candle. Each candle represents a concept of Advent:
 - Week 1: Purple candle, Hope
 - Week 2: Purple candle, Peace
 - Week 3: Pink candle, Joy
 - Week 4: Purple candle, Love
 - Christmas Day: White candle, Jesus
3. Do a daily ritual with your wreath (this can be over breakfast or supper, right before bed, whatever works in your daily routine). Develop one that works well for your family. Below is an idea for an outline of this ritual.
 - Sing a song about light or inviting Jesus as you light the candles, or say the words of the candles ("We hope," "We seek peace," "We rejoice," "We love")
 - Read that day's scripture passage or say the Luke 2 Christmas story together
 - Say a prayer (we say "Thank you God for hope, thank you God for peace...")
 - Sing a song to close (we use "He came down that we may have love," using the Advent words for each verse)
 - Blow out the candles.