

# PanoramaExpress

August 11, 2022

Des Moines United Methodist Church  
22225 9th Avenue South  
Des Moines, Washington  
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## This Sunday August 14

Scripture: Luke 12:49-56

Sermon: The Fire-Bringing Family-Dividing Jesus

Something to think about:: *The fire bringing, family dividing Jesus makes us uncomfortable.*

## PanoramaExpress UPDATE

The Panorama Express will resume weekly publication in September.

Please remember, if you would like to submit information to appear in the **Pano Express** it needs to arrive in the church office on the Monday prior to publication.



### DEDICATION OF PARAMENTS THIS SUNDAY

Join us in worship this Sunday, August 14th, as we receive and dedicate these beautiful paraments which have been gifted to us from Foothill UMC (Pastor Jeff's prior church).

Foothills UMC came to faithful completion on July 1, 2022 and the church wanted these paraments, made by women in the church, to continue to be used in faithful ministry.

### Current Emails for the staff:

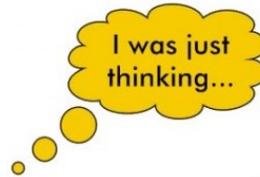
Pastor Jeff: pastor@desmoinesumc.org

Office: office@desmoinesumc.org

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### Updated Office Hours:

Tuesday— Thursday 9 am to 3 pm



...In September, 2008, Des Moines United Methodist Church voted to become a Reconciling congregation. In that declaration, we have in part said that, *“As we journey toward reconciliation, we welcome all people with hospitality, generosity, and enthusiasm on their journey of faith regardless of age, physical condition, race, gender, sexual orientation, or class, and we support each other in our ministries to one another, the community, and the world. We proclaim this statement of welcome to all, including our gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender brothers and sisters and their families: God loves you, we love you. We affirm and accept you, treasure and welcome you....We seek to be an inclusive congregation, and proclaim our commitments to the reconciliation of all persons to God and to each other through Jesus Christ.”*

Part of being a Reconciling congregation means we welcome all people, regardless of their personal characteristics of age, race, gender, ability, gender identity or sexual orientation.

DMUMC is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN). The mission of the Reconciling Ministries Network is to mobilize United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to transform our Church and world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love. This is especially important in our denomination as we approach a schism over human sexuality.

As a pastor, a gay man, and the father of a gay son, I put my energies into helping create a world which is kinder and easier for those who experience lack of acceptance due to their sexual identity. Especially those who have been hurt by the church. Most of us have a loved one or friend who is LGBTQIA+, or have known or worked closely with a gay or questioning person. **(Continued on page 2)**

## *I Was Just Thinking (continued)*

Des Moines United Methodist Church believes in a loving God who created each of us in a unique and special way. We each can bless someone as we connect with them in church, in community, in working towards a more fair, tolerant and just world. As I shared with our Ministry Cooperative Team in our last meeting, it is my vision to develop a Core Reconciling Team to look at ways in which we as a church can do better in being in ministry with those in our LGBTQIA+ here in Des Moines and surrounding communities.

Do you care about a loved one who is on this spiritual journey? Work with kids who may need a friendly listener? Is this your own journey? Want to know more? Join us!

If you are interested in being part of this core team, please contact me or Steve Shamblin-Mullinix (swshamblin@hotmail.com).

Blessed to be serving with you,

*Pastor Jeff*

### From the Staff Parish Relations Committee:



SPRC has been searching for a part-time office manager. Like many employers, finding someone is hard right now. As we continue to seek to fill this position we are asking for volunteers to be in the office. It would be very helpful to have someone answering the phones, folding bulletins on Thursdays, and assisting in preparing the Pano Express for mailing and distribution to Wesley. The times need are typically Monday—Thursday, from 9 am—noon, although they can be flexible. This volunteer position is available now. *Please let Eric Chrismer or Bev Heunisch know if you can help.*

### Contacting Pastor Jeff

**In the Office:**  
Monday—Thursday  
9 am—3 pm

**Parsonage Phone:**  
(206)651-7481  
pastor@desmoinesumc.org

Days off: Friday/Saturday

## From Our Trustees A Special Request for Help

With the arrival of our new pastor, the parsonage needed to be fixed up, including new carpeting, paint, locks, kitchen repairs, a rebuilt stairways and a new fence. There are also necessary repairs needed on the deck over the carport. These expenses came out of the church's Update Reserve Fund, which is used for maintenance of church-owned property. In addition, we committed funds and work is underway to repair the water-damaged balcony wall under the stained glass window.

We had enough in the Update Fund to cover this planned work.

Unfortunately, shortly after Pastor Jeff and Steve moved in there was a sewer line backup which flooded the basement area, not once, but three separate times. The main line from the house needed to be replaced and the flood damage in the basement requires extensive repairs, which are currently underway. Insurance will cover the basement repairs (less a \$5,000 deductible) but the new sewer line is the church's responsibility. This unexpected expense (approximately \$35,000) is significantly more than the balance in our update fund. The shortfall is between \$10,000-15,000.

If you can help by donating any amount **over and above your current pledge**, it would be greatly appreciated. Please be sure to mark any new donation for the **"Update Fund."**

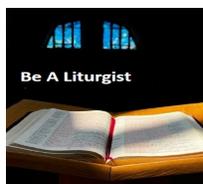
*Thank You!*

### Special Gift for the Update Fund

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please add \$ \_\_\_\_\_  weekly  bi-weekly  
 monthly to my current year pledge.



Would you like to serve as a liturgist on a rotating basis for our Sunday morning worship service?

Pastor Jeff would like to involve more of our laity in the worship service. If you are interested in serving, please contact Pastor Jeff at: pastor@desmoinesumc.org or talk to him after the service.