



Friends and Neighbors

Denver Friends Church

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Divinely Placed and Purposed

Remember the Bible story about Jesus using an ordinary boy carrying five loaves of bread and two fish to produce a meal for a crowd of five thousand?

Or what about when Esther was chosen to be queen of Persia, in turn saving the entire Jewish population?

Or What about Joseph, who, after being rejected by his brothers, was made king of Egypt and saves their lives?

Each of these stories represents a common thread that is woven into the fabric of our own testimonies: we have been divinely placed “for such a time as this” (Esther 4:14 NIV). Sometimes life is weird and confusing. Circumstances are less than preferred and we are not where we thought we would be. But what if our perspective changed?

What if we started believing in this moment that God is big enough and mighty enough to get us to where He wants us to go? What if, instead of planning and worrying and desperately trying to make sense of what isn't, you focused on all that is?

We follow Jesus, He is the miracle worker, and His desire for our life is not only to use us, but that we would do even greater works than He did on earth (John 14:12). The mundane is often the exact preparation we need for the miracle in our own backyard. But if we are trying so hard to get to somewhere else rather than walking in our purpose exactly where we are today, we might miss our opportunity.

We have an on-time God who is never a second off in His delivery. He has not forgotten our desires. What feels like denial is often His delay, allowing our heart to be refined and ready for the blessing Divinely placed and purposed, that is our assurance.

Dear Jesus, thank You for positioning us exactly where You want us to be. We know that Your best for our life is far greater than our mind can comprehend. Make us aware of our purpose where we are and help us to do Your will. In Jesus's name, Amen.

*Be Still, 90 Devotions for the Hopeful Heart, Cleere Cherry
Published by DaySpring*

Our next A-Z Generational Dinner will be THIS Wednesday, May 18 at 5:30 PM in the parlor. Everyone is invited to meet our DFC youth and their parents, as well as the AWANA kids and their parents. The May meal has been prepared by the DFC youth with guidance from a professional chef. Please RSVP to the church office (303-455-7604).

Men's Retreat is this weekend, May 20-22 at Quaker Ridge Camp in Woodland Park, CO. It will be a low key program. There will be activities, possibly small work projects, and some devotional times. We are hoping for a relaxing, relational retreat. The cost is \$131 for the weekend. Rooms will be shared, possibly in Clark Lodge, as there won't be enough rooms available for single rooms. Please contact Bud Van Meter for more info or to register.

Friends Women are meeting at 1:00 PM THIS Saturday, May 21. Mary Ford will be presenting Samaritan's Purse. Women and men are invited from young to 105!

Quaker Ridge Workday—We had such an awesome turnout for our last volunteer day. We thank each and every one of you for coming out!! We are in the final push before summer and we are asking for help once again! We are going to have one more volunteer day on Saturday, May 21, 8:30 AM –3:00 PM. We have a list of things that we really need to get done before summer camps arrive. We are happy to serve you food/ water/ snacks and a smile. If you can make it, we would love to have you! We have jobs for every skill level.

Calling all DFC women! We are having a planning meeting for the 2023 RMYM Friends Women Retreat THIS Sunday, May 22 after the CE hour. Bring a lunch and join us in the parlor.

Our DFC Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24 in the church parlor. A light dinner will be served at 6:00 with the meeting following at 6:30.

Men's Ministry Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 28 at 8:30 AM. All men are invited to join us for prayer, food, and fellowship. Please RSVP to Phil Burgi.

Camp Physicals, June 12—Dr. Katie Anderson will be providing physicals to kids who plan to attend camp. Physicals will be given from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

Flower Garden—Are you willing to share a couple of hours of your time one day a week this summer to keep our flowers watered? If so, contact Jerry Lemons.

Fx Camp Registration is open for camp! Adults and youth that are planning to attend camp should get registered as soon as possible. Go to <https://www.rmymyouth.com/> for more information and a link to the registration site.

New boiler needed: It is necessary to replace the church boiler. The cost is \$62,000. We are installing a high efficiency unit that will lower our fuel consumption considerably. Gifts to help cover this unbudgeted item will be gratefully received.

Last fall the boiler in the office failed and our congregation responded generously. There was even some surplus which we saved for what we knew might be coming. Thank you very much—Your Stewards Committee

Its graduation season! We want to know about any graduates from high school or college you have in your family so we can recognize them on Rally Day, June 12, 2022. Please let Ruth M’Gonigle or Jan Haley know before the end of May. We need: their name, name of the school or university, their degree, and a picture of them that you are proud to share. Congratulations!

Prayer with the staff—Join us at 9:00 AM every Monday in the church office to pray with the staff. We pray for our church, each other, and our staff.

Summer Adult Christian Education Classes—There will be new adult CE classes for you to join this summer! Here is the list of classes and their teachers. You can choose any class you would like to attend!

- Normal Quarterly—Vicki Savery and Phil Burgi
- *Everything You Need to Know*—Start date, June 5 (4-6 weeks)
Teacher: Dottie Paul
Genesis Chapter 1—11
- *End Times*—Start date, July 17 (6 weeks)
Teacher: Doug Holcombe
Revelations, Ezekiel, and Daniel

No extra materials necessary, just your Bible. Quarterlies are already here. Watch for *Growing Young* in the fall.

Mystery Meals are being done a bit differently this year in that you can plan or attend a meal anytime between now and September 30. If you would like to host a meal, there is a form on the table in the foyer for you to fill out. It includes information such as your name, address, the date of your meal and what you will serve. Please turn this form into Mary Ford.

For those wishing to purchase a meal, a calendar is posted in the library window showing available meals and their menus.

No one is to know who is hosting a meal or who is attending your meal if you are a host. THAT is the MYSTERY! If you are attending a meal, you will be given the address the day of your scheduled meal.

Summer music lessons at DFC! See the last page for information.

AI-Anon—If you know of anyone who struggles with another person’s drinking or drugs, please suggest they join us at 7:00 PM in the church parlor on Tuesday nights. Contact Marlene Pittman for more information.

Celebrate Recovery is a 12-Step program based on Christian principals. They meet at **6:00 PM on Fridays** in the sanctuary. For more information or if you would like to help with this program, please contact Michelle Cordean.

Remember, you can donate online at www.denverfriendschurch.com. Click on the “donate” button on the top right of the home page. You can also mail your check to the church office or to our treasurer, Kay Burgi. We thank you so much for your continued giving. You are amazing, Denver Friends Church!

Refugees in the Middle East

Christians in Lebanon are still in need of our aid, especially in this time of COVID-19. Please give your \$1 or desired donation in the black box at the back of the sanctuary next time you are at the church. Thanks for supporting our brothers and sisters with the basics of life.

Mark your calendars

A-Z Generational Dinner

Wednesday, May 18, 5:30 PM

Men’s Retreat—May 20-22

Quaker Ridge Camp, Woodland Park, CO

Quaker Ridge Camp Workday

Saturday, May 21, 8:30 AM-3:00 PM

RMYM Women’s Retreat Planning Session

Sunday, May 22, 12:00 PM

DFC Business Meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 6:00 PM

Camp Physicals—June 12, 11:00-12:30

Rally Day—June 12

RMYM FX Camps—July 11-16, 2022

Quaker Ridge Camp, Woodland Park, CO

RMYM Summer Gathering—August 11-14

Quaker Ridge Camp, Woodland Park, CO

RMYM Women’s Retreat—September 16-18

Quaker Ridge Camp, Woodland Park, CO

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Music Lessons at Denver Friends (DFC)

Denver Friends is offering two six-week sessions of music lessons. **June 1- July 6** and **July 20 - August 24**. Students may sign up for one or both six-week sessions.

- * Lessons will be 30 minutes.
- * Cost is \$10/30 minute lesson for kids and youth (ages 5-18). \$60 for a six week session
- * Cost is \$15/30 minute lesson for adults. \$90 for a six week session
- * Payment is due at the beginning of the six week session (unless otherwise arranged)
- * Lessons will be held at DFC on Wednesday evenings from 4:30 - 7:30 (depending on student and teacher availability)
- * Make-up lessons for missed lessons will be arranged by student and teacher
- * If you need an instrument, we may be able to help! If you can't afford the price, let us know! We may be able to help!

Lessons offered

- * Piano - Kay Burgi (both sessions)
- * Keyboard - Halee Savery (both sessions)
- * Acoustic Guitar - Mark Healton (1st session only), Carl Walker (both sessions)
- * Ukulele - Mark Healton (1st session only), Carl Walker (both sessions)
- * Electric Guitar - Carl Walker (both sessions)
- * Bass Guitar - Carl Walker (both sessions)
- * Digital Music Making/Editing - Carl Walker (both sessions)
- * Voice - Halee Savery (both sessions)
- * Djembe - Halee Savery (both sessions), Alli Jacks (both sessions)
- * Drum set - Alli Jacks (both sessions)

Music Teachers



Kay Burgi has played the piano for many, many years and began playing in church at age 15. She has served as the DFC pianist over the years. She enjoys teaching and is available for beginning students.

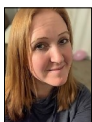


Mark Healton has played guitar for a great many years now. He learned to play in a less formal setting, sitting and playing behind another song leader in his youth group at Sacramento, CA Friends Church. Since then, his guitar has been an important tool for connecting with other people, and the Lord, through music.

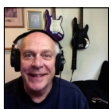
Mark fell in love with the ukulele during college - "You simply can't be unhappy while strumming one!" The best part about the ukulele is that if you learn it, you're more than halfway to learning guitar too! He looks forward to sharing his passion for guitar with you.



Alli Jacks has been a lover of music all her life. She is excited to share that passion with anyone who is interested in dabbling in some rhythm. Through the years, Alli has gathered fond memories of connecting with God, and with others, through music. She is eager to add to those experiences while teaching drums to kids and/or adults who want to open the door to that possible journey in their lives.



Halee Savery has taught music as a profession since 2003. She taught elementary music for 13 years, performed in musical theatre and choral music in China, London and the US. She loves to teach private voice lessons! Halee is currently the music leader at DFC and will be teaching voice, djembe and keyboards this summer.



Carl Walker has played guitar and bass for well over 50 years. He has performed professionally in bands from London to Canada, San Francisco to Amarillo and many points between. He has written, recorded and produced hundreds of songs using digital music editing software.

Please contact Halee Savery if you have questions or would like to participate in this unique and fun opportunity! Our heart is to raise up a generation of worship leaders! Even if you never want to lead music up front, worship through music is accessible to anyone who desires to praise God, and who better to learn from than our own worship team at Denver Friends?