



Friends and Neighbors

Denver Friends Church

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“Thanks for the Memories”

I am so thankful to this congregation for the many years you allowed me to minister as secretary of Denver Friends. It has been such a blessing. I could not have asked for a better place to work and serve. I have enjoyed working with each pastor and staff person at DFC through the years, and I have learned from each of them.

Lots of emotions are going through me as I think about retirement in just a few days. Emotions are a funny thing. They jump from one extreme to the other. Excitement, sadness, adventure, leaving the known for the unknown type of anxiety, happiness at not having to deal with rush hour traffic, ability to spend more time with the kids and grandkids, and on and on, back and forth.

Our kids were 9 and 11 years old when I started working here. Now they are...I won't tell...older. :) We attended here before I became secretary so they grew up at Denver Friends. You helped shape their spiritual walk from a very young age. We appreciate that about DFC.

I have realized lately that a lot of my identity over the past 30 years was in being secretary at Denver Friends. That part of me will feel a great loss. But...my true identity is in Christ, and for that I am grateful!

People have asked what our future plans might be as Michael and I retire. We plan to do some traveling this year, “Lord willing and the creek don't rise!” After that, we have no idea. We will continue to pray and see what God has in store for us as we go into this next stage of our lives.

Again, thank you! May God bless each of you as we continue in our walk with Him.

Jan Haley

Friends Women will meet THIS Saturday, March 16 at 1:00 PM in the church parlor. Christy Neifert will be speaking about Evangelical Friends Mission. All women are invited to come learn about the missions/missionaries DFC supports.

Denver Friends Church welcomes Holly Handy to the staff. She will be the interim secretary beginning tomorrow, Monday, March 18. Her office hours will be 8:30-2:30 Monday-Thursday.

Quaker Ridge Camp, Woodland Park, CO, is having two workdays before the busy summer months begin. Plan now to attend March 23 and/or May 4 and help prepare the campground for the full summer ahead. Please RSVP to rmym.org.

Men's Ministry Breakfast, Saturday at 8:30 AM in the church parlor. All men are invited to join us for fellowship, food, and prayer. RSVP to Phil Burgi.

You have an extra week to write your cards!—We need a total of 300 Easter cards to give the residents at as-

sisted living facilities in the area of the church. Not many have been turned in yet. Please purchase Easter cards, write a brief message, add a scripture, and bring it to the church by March **24**. All ages, with adult help, can participate in this outreach.

DFC Business Meeting and potluck, Sunday, March 23 following the Christian Education Hour. Join us as we fellowship together and meet regarding the business of the church.

EASTER FEAST—March 30, 5:00 PM!!
Join us for the feast of feasts and the potluck of all potlucks! Bring a few food dishes to share (Iglesia Amigos will be joining us) and come celebrate Easter with us!

Teacher Barb Jenkins' Memorial Service will be held at Denver Friends on Saturday, April 6, 11:00 AM at Denver Friends Church. How many children did Teacher Barb influence in the beginners' class throughout her 50+ years of teaching? Only God knows! Come celebrate a life well lived!

Men's Retreat—April 18-21, Quaker Ridge Camp. Contact Bart Jacks (bart.jacks@gmail.com) or rmym.org for more information.

Save the date! Friends Women are having a family taco and nacho bar Mystery Meal on Saturday, April 27 at 5:00 PM in the DFC parlor. More information to come!

Have you seen what Texas did? OK, maybe not the whole state, but a few of their special people. Co-Mission, based in TX, blessed us with 25 college workers and their sponsors/directors/construction men and women (mostly from Victory Life Church in Lubbock) this week. Have you seen the changes they made to the Children's Ministry area, yet? They did an amazing and quick job of every project we threw at them! Contact the church office for a tour!

The labor for the projects was a free gift from Co-Mission. The materials, however, were our responsibility. If you feel led to donate towards the materials of these projects, please mark your checks for “Texas project materials”. Thank you!

For your information: Pastor Keith's office and the secretary's office have moved to the main church building on either side of the stage in the sanctuary. The annex will be the youth room and possibly CE rooms.

Mark your calendars for the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Quaker Ridge Camp, May 31-June 2 at Quaker Ridge, Woodland Park, CO. Free lodging at camp (meals \$10 for 12 years to adult; \$8 for children 3-11), benefit fundraising banquet (banquet free to attend, but bring your checkbook—it's a fundraiser) on June 1. Go to rmym.org 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.

We need a few more DOORBELL volunteers to help Pastor Keith with the increased amount of traffic in and out of DFC during office hours each week. A member of this doorbell committee would be a volunteer who would help answer the upstairs and downstairs doors anytime from 8:30-2:30 Monday-Thursdays. Please let the church office or Halee Savery know if you would be willing to serve in this way.

A HUGE thank you to all those who have already volunteered at the DFC shelter! If you would like to volunteer, please go to:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094CA8AE29A0FE3-47070150-dfcemergency#/>

Christian Education Volunteers Needed—The Children's Education Committee is seeking volunteers for the nursery, children's church, and for our youth. We need Spanish speakers for these areas as well. Please contact Heather Carlson or Julie Heaton if you are interested in helping in the nursery or children's church; Karen Burgi for volunteering with the youth.

Thank you from Dawsons—Sue and Doug Dawson would like to thank you for all your prayers, love, and encouragement as Sue heals from surgery. Sue says, "We have been blessed beyond belief." Thank you, church family.

Refugees in the Middle East—Christians in Lebanon are still in need of our aid. Please place 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.

Prayer time with the staff—Mondays, 9:00-10:00 AM in room 200B. Join us as we pray for our staff, congregation prayer requests, each other, and the Connect requests.

Al-Anon is a support group for people with a person in their life that has a problem with alcohol or drugs. It is a group for us to gain strength and encouragement from others in similar situations, using the 12 steps of AA - adapted to fit Al-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 room 204 on Tuesday nights.

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 faithful giving.

Upcoming Events

Friends Women

March 16, 1:00 PM

Pen Friends Cards Due

March 17

Quaker Ridge Camp Work Days

March 23, May 4

Men's Ministry Breakfast

March 23, 8:30 AM

Easter Feast

March 30, 5:00 PM

Easter

March 31, 2024

Teacher Barb's Memorial Service

April 6, 11:00 AM, Denver Friends Church

RMYM Men's Retreat

April 18-21, Quaker Ridge Camp

FW Mystery Meal at DFC

April 27, 5:00 PM

Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting Summer Gathering

May 31-June 2, Quaker Ridge Camp

Quaker Ridge 75th Anniversary Celebration

June 1, 2024, Quaker Ridge Camp

Fx Camps

July 8-13, 2024, Quaker Ridge Camp

Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting Women's Retreat

September 20-22, 2024, Quaker Ridge Camp

Awana and Youth Group—Wednesdays, 6:00 PM

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