

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

July 7, 2014

On Sunday, Connie Hannah and Jean Thomas helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Dave Bauer led all of us kids at heart through some wonderfully worshipful "bell karaoke" for Children's Time. Our No Limits Choir sang "Come, Peace of God" (quite beautifully) for our time of Special Music, and the Contemporary Word took us to a moment of meditation down and up again from the mountain tops of daily struggle to find peace and rest in God once more. In spirit, we moved from the story of Abraham's near sacrifice of Isaac, to the gospels, where we find Jesus in his own struggles with rivalry in religious leadership, only to once again usher himself and his disciples (along with each of us) into a place of quiet calm in the heart of God.

Thanks so much to all who came together in worship, and I hope you each have a safe and blessed week!

In God's Love and Peace,
Rev. Laura H.

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SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Our attendance this Sunday was 26 total, with 0 children and 2 youth present. Our offering was \$454.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

We were happy to have several visitors this week. Carolyn Shockey welcomed her friend Maxine from Norman, Oklahoma, to our service. Maxine and her husband are visiting. Marty and Al Gram's grandson Nick is also visiting for the week, as are Katriena's parents.

Doug and Fran Jenner celebrated their same-day birthdays on July 1st as well as their anniversary this week.

Connie Hannah went for her latest checkup and is happy to report she is still officially in remission.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, July 13th, are: Genesis 25:19–34, Psalm 119:105–112 or Psalm 25, and Romans 8:1–11. Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We have T-shirts available again! Shirts are in the display case in Fellowship Hall. Cost this time around is \$11 per shirt. Please see Katriena after services or shoot an email to the office to let us know you'd like to pick one up on Sunday.

NEXT SUNDAY is our Fellowship Potluck and Church Council. Church Council is welcome to anyone who would like to attend.

Swinging @ AIDS, August 5

This is a fundraising event from the conference. Whether you are a golfer or not, we need your help. This 8th Annual "Swinging@AIDS" event is the life-line of support for our efforts to keep a free clinic for women and children functioning in India. Violence and discrimination against impoverished women is tremendous--and this is a safe place they get help. Whether you golf, sponsor a hole for \$250, give a Silent auction item, or put a sign on a cart for \$30, you can contribute to this major effort to help. Plus funds raised help us contribute to prevent HIV and AIDS among the African American and Latino communities right here in Colorado.

For more information, visit <http://www.churchandglobalaids.org/>. The event will be held at Denver City Park Course.

The Outreach Team will be meeting every Tuesday at 7 through the summer. If you can't make the meetings and would like to make some suggestions for outreach, drop a note to the church office and I'll pass it along to Charles.

The Outreach Team is planning to make heart shaped pillows for heart surgery patients. They help cushion coughing. Smaller heart pillows will be made for children needing a little something to hold onto. 3 pillows can be made from a yard of material plus small ones from the scraps. If you have cheery fabric, minimum 1/2 yard, and/ or new polyfil that you can part with we would love to have it. Fleece makes great pillows as does cotton fabric. We are hoping to assemble at least 100 pillows. Help to cut, sew and fill would be welcomed. Call Rita or Dave Effler to volunteer for this opportunity.

During our Summer Retreat, we'll be working on both firestarters and heart pillows to contribute to our church outreach. Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall if you are interested in attending the retreat.

COMING EVENTS

Our Summer Retreat is coming up on August 22-24. We'll need a variety of volunteers, though specific tasks have not yet been nailed down. We'll probably need people to cook, organize, and lead workshops during the retreat. If you are interested in attending

or volunteering in any capacity, please sign up on the purple sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

The Outreach Team is also planning a community pig roast for early September. We'll be delivering invitations to the surrounding area. More information will be available in the near future.

Joyce Snapp, who has attended our church in the past, is offering personal spiritual retreats at her home. Please contact Pastor Laura if you are interested.

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The Food Bank is in continuing need of donations. Please consider donating five dollars a month, or \$60 to cover the year, to help meet the needs of our community.

Food donations to the pantry are also welcome. Drop off your donations at the church office, and we'll make sure they get where they need to go.

Adult Bible Study: Bible study continues to meet at 8:45, before services, focusing on the readings for the day. If you'd like to participate, feel free to drop in any time. Bible verses for the upcoming week are posted in the Monday Update so you can take a look at them ahead of time.

For next week, July 13th, we have the following:

Liturgist—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Usher—Pete Von Vett

Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Children's Time—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Fellowship—POTLUCK

Choir/Orchestra Practice—Psalm 150 Orchestra 9 am

New signup sheets for July and August are now available. Please drop by the table in Fellowship Hall and see where you might be able to help out. Thanks!

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with services! Signup sheets for July and August are now available on the table in Fellowship Hall or drop me an email at office@deerparkumc.org if you're able to fill one of these positions. Thanks to all of you!

PLEASE NOTE: *Sign-up slots for Sunday School and Children's Time are now on the same sheet. Ushers now have their own sign-up sheet.*

SOCIAL MEDIA:

If you're on Facebook, stop by the church's page to share stories and news and items of interest. If you then also share links or items with your main friends list, you can easily

help spread the word about our little mountain church. Our reach has been growing steadily thanks to everyone's participation. Please "Share" items on your own timeline if you enjoy them, or hit "Like" on the church's site to help continue this trend of reaching a wide portion of the community.

Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/dpumc>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/deerparkumc>

Blog: <http://deerparkumc.org/blog/>

Watchwords

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end.—
Lamentations 3:22 (NRSV)**

**Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.—
Romans 15:7 (NIV)**

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