

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

July 14, 2014

On Sunday, Rita Effler was liturgist, and Pete Von Vett helped out as backwards usher for our turned-around service. The Psalm 150 Orchestra played "Go Down Moses" for our time of Special Music, and the Contemporary Word focused on the parable of the Wheat and the Weeds, addressing the tough questions we ask when things don't turn out as expected and the surety we have in the guidance of God through every moment.

Thanks to all who came together in worship, and I hope you have a very safe and blessed week.

In God's Love,
Rev. Laura H.

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SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Our attendance this Sunday was 28 total, with 3 children and 0 youth present. Our offering was \$835.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Dave Bauer offered thanks for the "wood elves," who came by to replenish our wood pile. He also asked for prayers for the Fordens, who are in Illinois at the moment. Brent's father passed away this past week.

Pete and Joyce VonVett are happy to have their grandson visiting. In addition, they celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary this week. Congratulations!

Sharon Keith-Zamora asks for prayers for her brother-in-law, Tom, who is in the hospital. She and Karen also welcomed their 25th (!) great-nephew to the family. His name is Zephaniah.

The Quantics are back among us! Diane expressed her joy at returning to our more low-key congregation and asks for prayers for friends back in Wichita who are dealing with health issues and other struggles.

Rita Effler had a malignant melanoma removed and is happy to report it was successfully dealt with surgically. She also asks for prayers for her son, who is facing a crisis point in his life. In addition, Dave Effler celebrated a birthday this week. Happy birthday!

Ken Carpenter expressed concern about our country's leaders and their response to the refugee situation on our Southern border.

Doug Jenner asked for traveling prayers for himself and Fran, who are traveling to Las Vegas, New Mexico, where Fran will be researching her next book and attending a writers' workshop.

Debbie Gadomski will also be traveling as she goes to visit family in Oklahoma City. She asks for prayers for her parents, who are in declining health.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, July 20th, are: Genesis 28:10–19a, Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24, Romans 8:12–25, Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43. Next Sunday is the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please consider joining UMC Market—it's a super easy way to donate funds to the church without spending any extra money. Much like our Safeway and King Soopers cards, UMC Market allows you to do your regular shopping through a website portal. If you use the portal, you can shop where you'd normally shop, and a percentage of your purchase amount is donated back to the church. Visit umcmarket.org and follow the prompts to sign up. Then all you have to do is sign in to their website, click on the store where you want to shop (amazon.com, Kohl's, Staples, Barnes & Noble among many others), and make your purchases as usual.

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.

The Mountain Resource Center is in need of funds to fill in a shortfall in their Crisis Services Fund. This fund helps families in crisis meet basic needs such as immediate rent or mortgage assistance, utility bills, co-pays for pediatric prescriptions, gas cards, etc. Donations can be sent directly to the Mountain Resource Center. Additional information will be available at the Outreach meeting on Tuesday night.

Small Wonders is a conference aimed specifically at churches with a small average attendance. It will be held in Salina Kansas (at Kansas Wesleyan) on October 10-11. We're looking for a few people to attend and bring back ideas to help us grow our church. Please see Diane of Bruce Quantico for more information.

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.

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. 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. The full program and a proposed menu will be available in the near future.

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—Ken Carpenter
Usher—Dave Effler
Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Children's Time—Connie Hannah
Fellowship—Jean & Ken Carpenter
Choir/Orchestra Practice—No Limits Choir, 8:45 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

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.—Isaiah 66:13 (NIV)

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.—1 John 1:5 (NIV)

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