

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

May 4, 2015

On Sunday, Ken Carpenter and Pete Von Vett helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Lucy Bauer led us through bells for Children's Time. Our No Limits Choir sang awesomely for our time of Special Music, and the Contemporary Word explored the last line of the Lord's Prayer as we move toward the end of our series.

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

In God's Love,
Rev. Laura H.

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SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Attendance this week was 26 total, with 3 children and 0 youth present. Our offering was \$913.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

SPECIAL JOY: We were all very happy to learn that Laura will be staying with us for another year!! (Standing-ovation happy, in fact...) After discussion with the conference regarding her options, Pastor Laura has opted to remain with Deer Park for at least one more year. We very much look forward to continuing our faith journey at Deer Park with Laura at the helm. Praise the Lord!!

Jennifer Monroe, dressed all in gray, let us know that this month is Brain Tumor Awareness Month. Why gray? Because Gray Matters! Please hold in your prayers all those struggling with brain tumors.

Doug Jenner is joyful that the curfew in Baltimore was lifted and that the situation there seems to be on the way to a resolution. Please continue your prayers for all those affected by the poverty and systematic racism plaguing this and other parts of our country.

Connie Hannah also expressed appreciation for the ruling by Baltimore City State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby in the case.

Kim Moore happily announced that she will be a grandma in November! Congrats to the Moore family!

Also please hold in your prayers all those affected by the Nepal earthquake.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, May 10, are:

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17. Next Sunday is Mother's Day/Festival of the Christian Home.

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COMING EVENTS

OUTREACH GROUP continues to meet on Tuesday nights at 7 pm. They're currently working on events for this summer and fall, including our church retreat and another community pig roast. They are looking for feedback for the dates for the retreat. The current dates available are August 7-9 and August 14-16. Please let someone on Outreach know your preference between these two dates, or send an email to the office at office@deerparkumc.org. We are also talking about bringing back some of the activities we used to have on a weekly/monthly basis at Deer Park. Anyone is welcome to these meetings, so please drop in and add your voice to the discussion. This week's discussion will include planning for a possible Vacation Bible School this year as well as other upcoming events.

The **men's group** continues to meet on Thursdays at 8 am at the Cutthroat Café for coffee, breakfast, and conversation.

Marieke Bauer will be participating in her yearly **dance recital for Terpsichore Studios** on June 4th and 5th at the Venue Theater in Conifer. Tickets will be available in the near future.

There will also be a performance by the **Evergreen Chorale** on May 17th at 3 pm. They will be performing Brahms Requiem and Debussy's Nocturnes. The event will be held at the Green Center in Golden. Tickets are available at <http://jeffersonsymphonyorchestra.org/concerts/index.html>

May 16-17, there will be a **Powwow and Indian Market** at the Fort in Morrison. For additional information see <http://thefort.com/special-events-the-fort/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We've had quite a few new faces join our congregation over the last several months, so it's time to **update our birthday and anniversary lists**. Please send your birthday and/or anniversary date to the office for inclusion so we can get back on track with

recognizing special days in our congregation. (Don't worry—we won't ask you for the year you were born, just the date!)

We are still collecting shoes for Soles for Souls, so bring your used shoes and drop them off in the box by the office. Shoes in any condition, even heavily worn or chewed by your new puppy, will be repurposed to help those in need.

Our Noisy Offering is being repurposed to help the Uthalls as needed during Wade's recovery. Please drop your extra change in the bucket at the back of the sanctuary.

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.

The Food Pantry is in need of dairy products: butter, cheese, milk, & eggs. If you'd like to make a donation, please bring it along on Sunday morning or Tuesday evening (for Outreach) so we can store it in the refrigerator. Alternately, Katriena is generally in the office on Monday morning from about 10-12 and on Fridays from about 10-12. Please call first to be sure someone is there.

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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 this Sunday, May 10, we have the following:

Liturgist—Donna Bastien

Usher—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Children's Time—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Fellowship—Jean Carpenter

Choir/Orchestra Practice—Psalm 150 Orchestra, 9 am

Our next Fellowship Potluck will be Sunday, June 7. Our next Church Council and committee meetings will be as follows: Church Council and Committee Meetings— Sunday, May 10 (unless a decision is made to move the date due to Mother’s Day).

We are in need of volunteers for May and June. Laura would particularly like to see some new faces trying out these positions, so if you haven’t served as liturgist, usher, children’s time presenter, or fellowship or Sunday school, consider giving it a shot and signing up. Sign-up sheets are available on 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! Sign up on the signup sheets 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!

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

God is our refuge and strength... Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake.—Psalm 46:1-2 (NRSV)

The whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.—Ephesians 4:16 (NIV)

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