

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

June 15, 2015

On Sunday, Connie Hannah led us through a rousing hymn sing, with hymns chosen by the congregation. We revisited some old favorites and sang a couple of songs that were new to some of us. Julie Miller and Rosalie Winstead practiced tag-team ushering services, while Lori Forden served as liturgist. The Psalm 150 Orchestra played for Prelude, Special Music, and Postlude, and Julie Miller did double duty by delivering our Children's Sermon about what God looks like and why it doesn't really matter because God is with us always.

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

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SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Attendance this week was 22 total, with 3 children and 1 youth present. Our offering was \$941.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

With many congregants traveling for the summer, please offer traveling prayers for those venturing away from home.

Jennifer Monroe's friend has a neighbor who desperately needs an electric wheelchair. If you have a lead, please let her know.

Karen Keith-Zamora offered thanks to everyone who attended the Rhubarb Festival on Saturday. We made a great showing, and everyone had a good time.

Julie Miller's parents, who were present with us on Sunday, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Saturday. Congratulations!

We also offer thanks and congratulations for Pastor Laura's official ordination this weekend at Annual Conference.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, June 21, are:

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49

Psalm 9:9-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41. Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost.

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COMING EVENTS

The trustees- need volunteers to help mow, weed-eat, etc. on Tuesday before Outreach. We'll meet at 4:30 and attempt to control the grass and weeds threatening to take over our property after the recent rains. If there is a thunderstorm, the yard work will be delayed.

We'll be staffing a booth at **Bailey Day on June 27th**. We'll be selling pies to raise funds for Outreach projects. We need volunteers to bake pies and to work the booth from 10-2. There is a signup sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please add your name if you are able to help out.

Please join us on Sunday, June 28 right after services for a special **Ordination Party for Pastor Laura**. We will be meeting at McGraw Memorial Park (located behind Bailey Liquors at Rustic Station). There will be BBQ, fun and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for those who can bring side dishes or dessert.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 6-10. We're in need of volunteers to help out. For additional information or to volunteer, contact any member of the Outreach Committee. Meetings to discuss the curriculum and logistics will be held on Monday nights for the next few weeks.

Mark your calendars for the Pig Roast on September 19th. More information will be forthcoming. We'll also be holding a Blessing of the Backpacks on the first Sunday in August, and Blessing of the Animals later in September. Watch this column for more info as it becomes available.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Some of our committees are looking for some new faces. The SPPRC and Finance groups in particular would like another member. For information on what this group does and how you can help, please contact Doug Jenner.

We are also looking for a new **Church Administrator** to take over the position by the end of July. If you're interested in a part-time job (about 5-10 hours/week), please contact the church office. We need someone with a good knowledge of Microsoft Office and basic computer knowledge. Training will be provided.

In the very near future, we will be sending out a questionnaire/survey regarding our church's relationship with **Reconciling Ministries Network**. Church Council has prepared statements of faith for the congregation to consider as we move on to the next stage in the process. This is an important way that our church can confirm our commitment to an inclusive and welcoming congregation, and we want to be sure the congregation has an opportunity to weigh in. The questionnaire will be sent out via email and will also be available in hard copy in the sanctuary. All responses will be anonymous.

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.

For this Sunday, June 21, we have the following:

Liturgist—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Usher—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Sunday School—Dave Bauer

Children's Time—Lucy Bauer

Fellowship—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Choir/Orchestra Practice—No Limits Choir Rehearsal 8:45 am

Our next Fellowship Potluck will be Sunday, July 5. Our next Church Council and committee meetings will be as follows: Church Council and Committee Meetings—Sunday, July 12. Worship Committee Meeting—Sunday, July 19.

We are in need of volunteers for Sundays in July. 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

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.—Isaiah 26:3 (KJV)

“The spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”—Job 33:4b (NRSV)

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