

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

May 23, 2016

On Sunday, Ken Carpenter and Rosalie Winstead helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Julie Miller led Children's Time then followed by an outdoor activity planting flowers in front of the church! Connie Hannah led us through the service with acoustic guitar and played for Special Music, sounding awesome throughout, and for the Contemporary Word we closed our sermon series on the Aramaic beatitudes while updating the congregation about the decisions of General Conference.

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.

SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Attendance on Sunday this week was 21 total, with 0 children and 1 youth present. Our offering was \$1200.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Connie Hannah, prayers for Howard and his health ups and downs. Also, prayers for work.

Cyndi Fastert, joy that she will soon see her granddaughter.

Rosalie Winstead, joy for the music and uplifting spirits.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, May 29, are:

1 Kings 18:20-39

Psalm 96

Galatians 1:1-12

Luke 7:1-10

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday after Pentecost.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) Tuesday, May 24. **Bible Study 7 PM.**
- 2) Sunday, May 29. **It's Work Day. Everyone meet at the church at 9 am and we will carpool to the Denver Rescue Mission to serve lunch. For those who can't go on the work day, Ken Carpenter will be at the church for prayer.**
- 3) Tuesday, May 31. Fifth Tuesday, no meetings.

Date: June 19. **PrideFest**, we are doing this together as a church and we will be joining other churches in the Denver area as the Reconciling United Methodist Group. We will have sign up sheets at church. Please sign up to let us know how many are coming and how many are able to drive so we can set up carpools.

Parade time: 9:30 am-Parade starts in Cheeseman Park and goes down Colfax to Civic Center Park. I think the distance is around 2 miles.

I think it would be a good idea to have most of the cars park near Cheeseman but also have at least one vehicle near Civic Center. That way once we get to Civic Center we will have a car we can use to shuttle people back to their cars at Cheeseman. Also, if we can get a car close to Civic Center we would have a safe place for people to put their stuff. We can even have some coolers for drinks and such.

Meet at DPUMC at 7 am if you want to carpool. Since parking will be difficult, this is the best way to go.

Meet the Methodist contingent at Cheeseman at 8:30 am. They are planning on having a truck and trailer. The trailer will be available (first come, first served) if a person cannot walk the whole way. At Cheeseman we will help decorate the truck and trailer and there will be a short communion service.

The entire UMC Reconciling Ministries group will have a large banner and each church will have their own small banner. So far, these are the other churches that have signed up: Christ Church Denver ☐, Cameron, St. Andrew and Arvada.

The \$50 entry fee for our church has already been paid. After expenses for the banners and supplies, the money will go to The Center from the Reconciling United Methodists. The Center is the Denver LGBT organization that puts on PrideFest as a fundraiser. They provide all kinds of assistance to the community and they are certainly a worthwhile group to support.

After the parade, there will be all kinds of stuff to do at Civic Center park. They have lots of vendors so you can eat, drink, and shop. There will also be tons of different booths for all kinds of organizations. They have a kids area and there will be a petting zoo this year. And music of course. They usually have several stages and the big stage usually has one fairly well known musician.

If you go, be prepared for the heat. Wear something light, I wouldn't recommend jeans. Wear a hat. Bring sunscreen and water.

For more information contact Julie at jemrocky71@gmail.com or 303-518-3923 or go to the Center's website www.glbtcolorado.org/pridefest/

- 4) SAVE THE DATE - June 25. Bailey Day is coming up and we're going to host a Pie and Ice Cream Social at our booth. We'll need lots of helpers at the booth. We will have more details soon.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Beth Moore is working on our new website, please send her pictures and let her know any way you can help.

Beth will also be starting a new youth group. Please contact Beth for more info.

BOOK CLUB INFO

The book we'll be reading and discussing is "Dreamers: An Immigrant Generation's Fight for Their American Dream" by Eileen Truax. If you're interested in participating, email Katriena at krcknights@msn.com, or you can hit her up on Facebook Messenger. If we can get a little bit organized, we can start some discussion and get underway.

Looking forward to hearing from some fellow readers!.

Charity Drive

We are collecting new socks and other items for delivery in the community. Please bring what you can to fill up the box.

Check out our webpage deerparkumc.org. It is being updated regularly.

We have reloadable **Gift Cards** for **King Soopers** and **Safeway**. They are a great way to donate to the church as we receive a percentage of the money spent on groceries. See Donna Bastien.

The Sunday School kids will be selling eggs to help sponsor Nowa and with the help of Julie Miller and for more information please contact her.

Deer Park UMC Mission Statement

Deer Park UMC is a diverse community welcoming visitors and members of all backgrounds. ***Everyone is welcome! No exceptions!*** is not only motto but our mission statement.

We extend the open hand of Christ's love to any who would pass through our doors, regardless of age, faith, creed, race, nationality, special needs, marital status, financial or social status, gender identity or sexual orientation. We rejoice in our differences while inviting all to join our faith journey toward greater understanding and sincere mutual respect.

No matter who you are, we're glad you're here!

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 the church's general fund. 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 UMC Market app has updated so you have to go on their site and make a new account to continue to use it. People who already signed up for it should get an email letting them know they need a new account.**

The Food Pantry is in need of paper products, toilet paper, paper towels. Also feminine hygiene products are needed. Baking products, cake mixes, muffin, any small mixes.

Also, juices in bottles; peanut butter, jelly, ramen noodle soup, macaroni and cheese, any gluten free items, also low or no sodium items. They also need empty egg cartons. Items can be brought to church on Sunday or Tuesday nights. Alternately, Jean C. 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.

For this Sunday, May 29, is an Outreach work day,

**Liturgist—
Usher—
Sunday School Leader——Helper—
Children’s Time—
Fellowship—**

Our next Fellowship Potluck will be Sunday June 5, 2016.....Everyone please bring a dish to share.

***We are in need of volunteers for Sundays in 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

Jesus looked at the disciples carefully and said, “It’s impossible for human beings. But all things are possible for God.”—Matthew 19:26 (NRSV)

No prayer request is too big or too small for God.—(Thought for the Day)

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Contact information: Drive to 966 Rim Rock Road in the 285 Community. Send mail to P.O. Box 578 Pine, CO 80470. Call the church office at 303-838-6759. Pastor Laura Hehner – pastor@deerparkumc.org.

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