

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Monday Update

January 28, 2013

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This Sunday we all gathered together as a church upstairs by the big windows and a great view. Our congregation came close together for our time of worship; and I have to say, I really loved the feeling up there. Maybe because it's a nice, sanctified space of its own, or maybe just because it's different from what we're used to; but either way, it was good. Seemed whole and holy; and I felt God very strongly, with us, today. I hope those who were together this morning felt the same thing. For the service, Charles Wall and Mike Moore helped us all out as liturgist and usher; and Janie Wall gave the kids a valuable lesson about God's church existing as itself because of the people who come together, not because of where they stand. Marieke Bauer sang "The Rose" beautifully for our time of Special Music, while Linda accompanied on the piano; and our Contemporary Word focused on the resurrection message of the gospels and the rebuilding of our temples--of ourselves--into new life after those rougher moments that break us down.

Thanks to everybody who came together, and we look forward to connecting again with those who were away. I hope you all feel blessed in the coming days, and that you have a safe and wonderful week.

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

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JOYS AND CONCERNS: Jean and Janet visited Ginny Usher this week and are happy to report that she is doing well. Please continue sending prayers for her recovery.

Jean Thomas is also recovering well. Please also keep her in your prayers as she gets used to her new knees.

Mel will be seeing a neuro ophthalmologist this week and asks for prayers as he continues to look for solutions regarding his eyesight. **Also, his appointment is this Thursday, and he needs transportation, so if you can help out, please contact Mel.**

As a congregation, we offer thanks for the safety of everyone in the church during the flooding, as there could have been major accidents given the mixture of water and electricity. Thankfully, none of these possibilities occurred.

Lori Forden asks for prayers for her mother-in-law, who fell and broke her arm.

Cindi asks for prayers for her friend Mindy's mother, fighting ovarian cancer. Also, her best friend's husband's father passed away recently, and she asks for prayers for the family.

Charles Wall's sister-in-law recently had surgery for breast cancer. The surgery went well; please keep her in your thoughts as she finds out if she will require additional treatment.

The Zimmermans ask for traveling prayers as they sojourn to Minnesota to visit family.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: The adult Bible study class continues on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m, continuing our study of the book *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey. Please join us! Contact Charles Wall for additional information. Meeting time and place might shift to accommodate available space. **PLEASE NOTE:** With Lent on the way, the group is voting to see if they will switch to a Lent-related text. If you would like to participate during the Lenten season, let Charles know your preferences.

For our February 3rd service, we have:

Liturgist—Jonas Bauer
Usher—Bibiana Bayer
Sunday School—Dave Bauer
Children's Time—Marieke Bauer with bells

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered! There are still some positions available for February. Please sign up on the sign-up sheets on the table in Fellowship Hall or drop me an email at office@deerparkumc.org if you can fill one of these positions.

SPECIAL INTEREST:

If you're on Facebook, stop by the church's page and group 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.

Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/dpumc>
Facebook group: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/378878865244/>

NEW TREASURER NEEDED

We are looking for a new treasurer for the church. This person will need to be available to start later this year. There is training available, and we currently utilize QuickBooks for the financial record-keeping system. If you have an interest in bookkeeping and in helping the church by taking on this important role, please contact Sharon Keith-Zamora.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Winter Camp for Friends and Families - February 15-18, 2013 Come away to the mountains to enjoy the gifts of winter! Outdoor recreation, mission study, warm fires, hot cocoa and games are combined with great Christian fellowship at Winter Camp. It's a time you won't want to miss! Sponsored by Camp & Retreat Ministries and Mission u of the Rocky Mountain Conference this special retreat combines winter recreation and the Mission u issue study on poverty. It's a weekend set aside for singles, friends, and families of all sizes and ages to be together in Christian fellowship in a relaxed setting. Located at John Wesley Ranch Retreat Center, 21285 St. Highway 67, Divide, CO 80814. For more information see the flyer and registration forms available in the sanctuary.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE COMING UP! March 2nd! Mark your calendars!

It will be held on Saturday, March 2 from 8:30 to 1:00 at First UMC, Castle Rock (1200 South Street).

Conflict Transformation Workshop - April 5-6, 2013 So much of our time in the local church is taken up with conflict and so much conflict can be damaging to the future of the church. It can also be hurtful to the clergy and laity in our congregations. Conflict can be creative and transformative but it must be dealt with and worked through. We have the good fortune of having Dr. Joretta Marshall with us for the April workshop at Hope United Methodist Church in the Denver area. Dr. Marshall taught Pastoral Care and was the Academic Dean at the Iliff School of Theology and currently holds a similar position at Brite Theological Seminary at Texas Christian University. She is a highly respected teacher, author, and church leader. You are invited to participate in this wonderful event and to consider being part of a leadership team in our conference to help with conflict prevention and conflict transformation.

If you have any questions or further information, please contact the church at (303) 779-1040.

RMC VIM Trip to Costa Rica - April 20-27, 2013 The team will help with construction of a dormitory at the Methodist Children's Home outside of Coronado and lead daily VBS type programs. Cost (not including airfare) is \$820. This includes \$310 for project costs. Size of team is limited to 24 persons. Deadline to register is February 20, 2013. Trip leaders, Dr. Gilson and Beth Miller, have extensive international experiences leading VIM trips to Kenya, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Jamaica, Brazil, Bulgaria,

Scotland and Ireland. Gil is a retired clergy from the Detroit Annual Conference and currently teaches ski and snowboard at the National Ability Center in Park City. Beth is Executive Director of the Kenya Urithi Education Fund. Contact beth.miller.ut@gmail.com for trip information and registration form. Mailing address is 175 Timber Lakes, Heber City, UT 84032 or call 435-785-8331.

Watchwords

Jesus said, “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”—Matthew 5:16 (NRSV)

Paul wrote, “I can do all things through [Christ] who strengthens me.”—Philippians 4:13 (NRSV)

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