

The Village Voice

Deer Park United Methodist Church January 2, 2018

From the Pastor:

As Epiphany approaches (January 6th) we are reminded of those Wise Men who traveled in darkness following the mysterious light to Bethlehem, where they found the new-born Prince of Peace. Today we too, under dark, cold skies, look hopefully toward the Middle East longing for peace. But as Jerry Smith, of Tacoma, WA, says, "The sullen beasts of war, illness, crime, starvation, global pollution, and denied justice continue to ravage the planet."

And so we wonder... we wonder about the future. Will the world still be mired in the tragedy of war this time next year? Will 2018 go down in history as yet another year when reason lost out to bluster?

It seems that danger confronts us on every side. Terrorists. The war on terrorists... The savage nuclear demon that has once again reared its ugly head... Economic woes... Danger abounds.

We yearn for world peace. Especially when one considers that we have young men and women stationed on every part of this globe, some who serve in great danger. We are concerned for their safety. And we pray for all of the innocent victims of war and crime. We pray that justice and truth prevail.

But what shall see us through these dark times?

It seems that now, more than ever, we need to remember that we, like the Wise Men, follow a Light. Jesus shows us the Way. But we must follow. There's not a leash - to drag us along. We must follow. It's a choice. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Nothing can bring you peace but yourself. Nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principles."

Though we travel in darkness on treacherous trails, we do have Light to follow. Praise be to God!

Shalom,
Dick

On Sunday, Ken Carpenter and Pete Von Vett helped us all out as liturgist and usher. Joyce Von Vett accompanied the hymns. Pastor Dick gave a beautiful message all of us.

SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Attendance on Sunday this week was 19 total with 0 children and 0 youth present. Our offering was \$675.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Deb Gadomski joy that her neighbors are here for a visit.

Beth Moore joy that Thalia is home from hospital but she needs our continued prayers.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, January 7, are:

Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795)
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29 (UMH 761)
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

Next Sunday is Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 7, 2018: It is time to bring down the Greens, so please stay after worship and help us un-decorate the church.

Saturday, January 20, 2018: Baby Shower at 2pm. They are registered at Amazon.com and BABIESRUS under both their names: Katie Janda and Chandra Jacquez.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PHOTO DIRECTORY: DPUMC has an online photo directory. Please make sure Jean Carpenter, in the office, has your correct email and contact info. If your photo is not yet in the directory, please email a photo of yourself or your family (you may send more than one photo, as needed, to include everyone) to: karenlougatlin@gmail.com.

INSTRUCTIONS TO LOGIN (for the first time) TO CHURCH DIRECTORY:

- 1) WEBSITE - Go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com (Note: There is also a free app for Instant Church Directory available for most smartphones with the same process).
- 2) CREATE YOUR LOGIN - Just below the "Sign In" button below the login space, you'll see the words "First time signing in? Create a login now." Click this and use your email address and create your own unique password.
- 3) CONFIRM - This will generate a confirmation email sent to your address. Confirm your email and you should then be able to login with the email address and password you have created.

If this doesn't work, contact Karen: karenlougatlin@gmail.com. Thank you.

The Deer Park United Methodist Church Music Ministry and Outreach has been providing musical instruments to youth in our area for over ten years. Thirty instruments have been provided to youth and elementary schools in our area. These instruments are donated and reconditioned if needed. If you have an

instrument that is in a closet or no longer needed, please consider donating it to us.

Anyone that is available to sing or play for Special Music any upcoming Sunday please let me know.

Deer Park UMC is now registered with Amazon Smile. Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com

Check out our webpage deerparkumc.org.

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.

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.**

DPUMC is now one of the AmazonSmile charities, so if people select the church as their charity, we will get 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible AmazonSmile purchases. They need to go to smile.amazon.com and select the church as their charity, and then they should start their Amazon shopping at <http://smile.amazon.com> for it to count.

Note that Amazon is no longer one of the UMC market vendors so this is the best way for the church to benefit from Amazon purchases.

NEWS FROM THE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of paper products, paper towels. They also need dish soap and laundry detergent. Also feminine hygiene products are needed. Baking products, cake mixes, muffin, any small mixes. 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.

The Food Pantry needs toothpaste.

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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, January 7, we have the following:

Liturgist— Doug Becvar

Usher— John Gatlin

Sunday School— **NEED VOLUNTEER**
Children's Time— **NEED VOLUNTEER**
Fellowship— we have lots of leftovers

***WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAYS IN JANUARY. Sign-up sheets are available on the table in Fellowship Hall see where you might be able to help out, or send an email to the office. 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

When Jesus saw Mary weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

"Where have you laid him?" "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept.—

John 11:33-35(NIV)

In every moment, God can bring us hope and peace.—(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.

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