

The Village Voice

Deer Park United Methodist Church January 16, 2018

Weekly Update:

We had a lovely morning on Sunday. We missed Dick and Sharyn, but we were all glad they could be with Dick's mom for her birthday (We also missed our other "snow birds" but understand wanting to head south! It is cold as this is being written!) We send them love and prayers for safe travels (and good roads coming home).

We went down to the Jordan River with Jesus and his cousin, John, on Sunday. Here's a short excerpt from Karen's sermon where we ended.

"It is my thought that we come together on Sunday mornings as people who have been - dunked – people immersed in spiritual water – whether we remember our baptisms or not (and whether we were immersed or sprinkled, the result is the same). We come here as people who have taken the plunge to join Jesus in this mystical Realm or kingdom. By being baptized we, or our parents on our behalf, have been wild and crazy enough to use water, touch, and words to eternally connect us with something that cannot be seen with ordinary eyes – with a moment at the Jordan River. And so, when we gather together here, we come not as people of this world, but of the invisible Realm (or Kingdom) of God. We bring our bodies and minds, but also our souls, our spirits here and for an hour or so, we seek to bring that Realm to life and to fill the room with sounds of music and the light of spirit, – as we did so visibly on Christmas eve as we stood here with our candles, singing, "Silent Night." We seek - for a moment each week to at least - to sense those clouds of daily reality, hurt and despair, parting, and we seek a glimmer of light from that Realm breaking through to touch our souls and remind us that we are beloved, we are of God. We are so much more than our daily lives teach us."

Our prayers, on Sunday, were deep and heartfelt. We hold each person who spoke in prayer, especially Jean and Pete and Joyce. Hopefully, you each sense the invisible Realm of God around you – holding you in God's love - as you walk through challenging and difficult days.

On Sunday, Donna Bastien and John Gatlin helped us all out as liturgist and usher. Joyce Von Vett accompanied the hymns. Karen Gatlin gave a beautiful message to the children and then to the rest of us.

SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Attendance on Sunday this week was 23 total with 4 children and 0 youth present. Our offering was \$376.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Jean Thomas prayers for her family and her son Ryan as he recovers from a suicide attempt.

Pete Von Vett continued prayers for Skylar as she undergoes surgery.

Betty Crawford, glad to be here and thankful for all the prayers during her bout with pneumonia.

Beth Moore continued prayers for her family as they recover.

Doug Jenner, travel mercies for Fran as she helps a friend move.

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

- Jonah 3:1-5, 10
- Psalm 62:5-12 (UMH 787)
- 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
- Mark 1:14-20

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday after Epiphany.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, January 19, 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study Group Meets in Classroom (downstairs). Please use upper door to Fellowship Hall.

Decorating for Shower will follow Bible Study at 11:30 a.m. (Group meets every Friday morning at 10:00 a.m.)

Saturday, January 20, 2:00 p.m. Shower for Katie & Chandra in Fellowship Hall. You (all women & men from the congregation) are invited to attend this event to celebrate the birth of a new baby – expected around February 5. Light refreshments will be served.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 21, we have the following:

Liturgist— John Gatlin

Usher— Pete Von Vett

Sunday School— Betty Crawford

Children's Time— NEED VOLUNTEER

Fellowship— NEED VOLUNTEER

***WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAYS IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY. 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/>

I will lie down and fall asleep in peace because you alone, Lord, let me live in safety.—Psalm 4:8(CEB)

God wants me to have true 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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