

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

September 22, 2014

On Sunday, Lucy Bauer and Pete Von Vett helped us all out as liturgist and usher; and Jean Thomas, along with Carolyn Shockey, led the kids through Children's Time with a lesson about our experience of the invaluable love of God. The No Limits Choir sang (with Connie Hannah on banjo!) for our time of Special Music, and the Contemporary Word focused on the ways God fills us and leads us past the dry places of the soul into the life-refreshing experience of God's incomparable love.

Thanks to all who came together in worship on Sunday.... and to roast the pig on Saturday!! We had a great turn out and an awesome time under the sun and over the dirt! The community really came together to share and support each other in God's love, and I don't think there's anything more we can do or hope for, as God's church. God bless you, and I hope you each have a safe and wonderful week!

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

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SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Our attendance this Sunday was 38 total, with 7 child and 1 youth present. Our offering was \$607.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Linda Zimmerman asks for prayers for her grandson Tyler, who broke his leg in warm-ups for the last baseball game of the season.

Diane and Bruce Quantic welcomed one of their pastors from their church in Wichita.

Rita Effler was joyful to note all the visitors we had on Sunday. She also asks for continued prayers for her son's job search, which looks like it will be paying off with a job offer soon.

Charles Wall offered thanks and joy that so many people came to attend and help out at the pig roast on Saturday. We estimate the turnout to have been about 150. Final counts and other info will be available in the near future.

Please continue prayers for Donna Bastien and her mother, who is still struggling with health issues.

Jean Thomas welcomed a new granddaughter last week. In addition, she adopted a new dog.

Connie Hannah reports that Mimi Henry is doing well as she continues her chemotherapy. In addition, Mimi's sister Sharon has transferred her membership to Deer Park. We welcome Sharon to our Deer Park family.

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

- Exodus 17:1–7
- Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16
- Philippians 2:1–13
- Matthew 21:23–32

Next Sunday is the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

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COMING EVENTS

At Outreach this week, we will discuss the pig roast and what worked and what could use some improvement. If you have any suggestions to offer, please email the office at office@dpumc.org and your thoughts will be presented at Outreach on Tuesday, or come Tuesday at 7 pm to attend the meeting.

Our new **Bible Study** continues Tuesday nights at 5:30, led by Diane Quantic, to discuss the book *God and the Gay Christian*. A few copies of the book are available for \$13 each for those who would like to participate.

The **men's group** continues to meet at 8 am at the Cutthroat Café for coffee, breakfast, and conversation.

On **Tuesday, September 23**, we will be decorating the church for the fall season. Please drop by between 10 and 11 am to help out.

In November, on our usual Fellowship Sunday (November 9), we'll be having a turkey "dinner." There'll be a signup sheet available for people to sign up to bring various side dishes. Turkey will be provided.

9Cares Colorado Shares will be holding their yearly event at King Soopers in Conifer on November 15. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you can help with a two-hour shift to collect food. Food collected will go to help our local community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

King Soopers cards are available from Rita Effler. For \$5 you can get a card that you can then refill as needed. The church receives a donation based on your purchase amounts. Cards can be used for groceries or gas.

You've heard the saying, "Every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings." Well, bells are ringing at the Mount **Evans Home Health Care & Hospice** offices in Evergreen (3081 Bergen Peak Dr.) as a unique group of volunteers known as the "Angel-Makers" gather to create this year's batch of decorative holiday angel ornaments. This 20-year-old mountain tradition blends crafting and socializing in a way that resembles the quilting bees of yesteryear. Whether you are a crafter, a socializer, or both—consider joining the Angel-Makers this year. Angel-making sessions will be held on Mondays from 1-4pm and Fridays from 9am-12pm starting Friday, Sept. 5 through Monday, Nov. 10. To volunteer, call 303-674-6400 or email LCarpenter@MountEvans.org.

Colorado Flood Recovery efforts continue. The Rocky Mountain Conference has put together a Facebook page and are in the initial stages of building our audience. With your help, we can continue to build awareness for the RMC's flood recovery program. Please go to www.facebook.com/umcorcoloradofloods and "like" our page. You can also search for the page by typing "Colorado Flood Recovery UMCOR" in the search box. Please also pass on the page to your colleagues and friends so they can like it too. Thank you for your help.

Bountiful Baskets is a program that provides fresh produce packaged for local pickup. Baskets are \$15. They can be purchased for individual use, and/or to donate to the Interfaith Food Pantry. The pantry is in need of fresh produce, so this would be an inexpensive way to help fill that need. Please see Rita Effler for more information. Basket pick-up is at Mountain Resource Center.

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.

We have T-shirts available again! Shirts are on the table by the office in Fellowship Hall. Cost this time around is \$11 per shirt. Please see Katriena after services or shoot an email to the office to let us know you'd like to pick one up on Sunday.

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.

Small Wonders is a conference aimed specifically at churches with a small average attendance. It will be held in Salina Kansas (at Kansas Wesleyan) on October 10-11. We're looking for a few people to attend and bring back ideas to help us grow our church. Please see Diane of Bruce Quantic for more information.

The Outreach Team will be meeting every Tuesday at 7 through the summer. If you can't make the meetings and would like to make some suggestions for outreach, drop a note to the church office and I'll pass it along to Charles.

Joyce Snapp, who has attended our church in the past, is offering personal spiritual retreats at her home. Please contact Pastor Laura if you are interested.

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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.

Adult Bible Study: Bible study continues to meet at 8:45, before services, focusing on the readings for the day. If you'd like to participate, feel free to drop in any time. Bible verses for the upcoming week are posted in the Monday Update so you can take a look at them ahead of time.

For next week, September 28, we have the following:

Liturgist—Diane Quantic
Usher—Jean Thomas
Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Children's Time—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Fellowship—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Choir/Orchestra Practice—None

Our next Worship Committee meeting will be September 28
Our next Church Council meeting will be October 12
Our next Fellowship Potluck will be October 12

Sign-up sheets are now available for September and October. Please drop by 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

"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."—Jeremiah 29:11 (NRSV)

Encourage one another and build each other up.—1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

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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. Deer Park United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome! No exceptions!

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