

# Deer Park United Methodist Church

## Weekly Update

October 27, 2014

On Sunday, Ken Carpenter and Jean Thomas helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Laurie Kahler played to lift and guide our songs of praise and worship. The Contemporary Word focused on the Greatest Commandment, and Jesus' teaching of the ultimate worth and importance of love over all else.

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.

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### **SERVICE SNAPSHOTS**

Our attendance this Sunday was 16 total, with 0 children and 0 youth present. Our offering was \$258.

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

Rita Effler asked for prayers for Charles Wall, who has shingles, as well as for Janie.

Mike Moore was happy to see Donna Bastien back among us.

Donna Bastien asks for prayers for her mother, who is not doing well and may be going into hospice next week. Please hold the whole family in your prayers

Jean Thomas offers thanks to God for the beautiful days we've had over the past week.

Chris Chase celebrated his 48th birthday yesterday. He also reports that Drew and Amanda Chase's baby just turned 6 months old. Congrats to everyone!

Doug Jenner and Jean Thomas both has visitations from deer and elk.

We had a visitor, Kevin, who came to church to see the Walls and knows multiple people in the congregation. Welcome!

**BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK:** Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, November 2, are:

- Revelation 7:9–17
- Psalm 34:1–10, 22
- 1 John 3:1–3
- Matthew 5:1–121

Next Sunday is All Saints' Sunday, or the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost.

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## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Little Green Church on the Hill needs your help! Our savings are being depleted rapidly. At the present rate we will have no money to pay bills past July of 2015. We spend almost \$800 more each month than we bring in from pledges and loose offerings. We had to cut our Pastor to 1/4 time for 2014 to remain alive for this year.

An average INCREASE in giving of \$40 per person per MONTH can keep us afloat. If you were not in church Sunday to pick up and return a pledge card, you will be contacted soon. We have to know how much money we can count on in order to plan for the immediate future. Pledges will be tallied with recommendations for budget and the future for the next Council meeting, November 9th. Please plan to attend. This will be a very important meeting. All members and regular attendees are always welcome.

Please feel free to e-mail your planned contribution amount for 2015 for Deer Park United Methodist Church to [rl\\_effler@hotmail.com](mailto:rl_effler@hotmail.com). Help save our beloved Green Church on the Hill. Thank you from all of us on the Stewardship committee.

**UPDATE:** We have received pledges of \$22,680 as of today. We still need \$18,000 in pledges to ensure our church will be solvent. We'll start making calls to touch base with those who have not pledged after November 1.

## **COMING EVENTS**

**OUTREACH GROUP** will meet from **5:30-8:00 pm** this Tuesday to work on setup for the Halloween Festival.

We need volunteers for our **Halloween Festival** on October 31. We need folks to work at the festival and also to supply cupcakes, bake sale items, candy, and corn stalks. There is a signup sheet in Fellowship Hall.

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

**November 16**, 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. We will **NOT** have a potluck on the first Sunday of the month, November 2.

**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.

**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](http://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.

**The Outreach Team** will be meeting every Tuesday at 7 through the summer (please note change this coming week to 5:30). 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.

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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, November 2, we have **NO VOLUNTEERS:**

Liturgist—**NEED VOLUNTEER**  
Usher—**NEED VOLUNTEER**  
Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**  
Children's Time—Bells  
Fellowship— **NEED VOLUNTEER**  
Choir/Orchestra Practice—No Limits Choir 8:45 am

Our next Church Council and committee meetings will be November 9. Our next Fellowship Potluck will be November 16<sup>th</sup>. We'll be having a Thanksgiving Dinner—please watch for a signup sheet.

**We need volunteers for the months of November and December. 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](mailto: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

**“O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.”—Psalm 63:1 (NRSV)**

**Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.”—John 14:1 (NRSV)**

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