

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

November 10, 2014

On Sunday, Debbie Gadomski and Jean Thomas helped out as liturgist and usher, and Janie Wall led us through Children's Time with bells. The Psalm 150 Orchestra led us through worship and played for our time of Special Music, and the Contemporary Word opened us to Joshua 24, asking us who and what it is we serve each hour of our lives.

Thanks to each who came together in God's heart for worship, and I hope you enjoy all of the minutes of God's blessings through the week.

In God's Love,
Rev. Laura H.

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SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Our attendance this Sunday was 29 total, with 3 children and 4 youth present. Our offering was \$576.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

We were happy to welcome Bryce and Evan Upthall to the Psalm 150 Orchestra this Sunday.

Debbie Gadomski is thankful for the prayers for her mother as she struggles with Alzheimer's. Please keep the prayers coming!

Janie Wall was thankful—as were we all—that Charles was feeling well enough to attend services this week. She also said thank you for our prayers.

Donna Bastien's mother has entered hospice care. Please continue prayers for Donna and her family.

Jean Thomas was thankful for an inspiring visit to a special exhibit at the Botanic Gardens this week.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, November 16, are: Judges 4:1–7, Psalm 123 or Psalm 76, 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11. Next Sunday is the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost and the Second Sunday of Extended Advent.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: We are about two-thirds of the way toward our goal for pledges. Our projected giving for 2015 based on pledges is getting closer to our actual needs, but we still have a gap to fill as about \$3,000 for the year. Grocery cards and other “passive” income will help fill some of that gap, but according to projections, not all of it. Thanks for all your help as we work to fill this gap to prevent depletion of our savings over the next six months. We will continue to work on ways to increase cash flow and will pass our plans on to you as they solidify. If you haven't yet made your pledge, please pass your pledge card along to Doug Jenner or to Katriena at the office. Thanks to everyone for your generous pledges!

COMING EVENTS

OUTREACH GROUP continues to meet on Tuesday at 7 pm. We'll be discussing upcoming events for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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.” So far, we have a great list of volunteers for side dishes and desserts. Signups include:

Squash: Sharon Keith-Zamora

Mashed Potatoes: Joyce VonVett

Dressing & Gravy: Jean Thomas. Jean will also be cooking the turkey.

Corn: Moores

Pies: Jean Thomas, Moores, and Debbie Gadomski

Cranberry Salad: Janie Wall

Tossed Salad: Debbie Gadomski

Rolls & Butter: Jennifer Monroe

Oyster Casserole: Browny Henley

Sweet Potatoes: Moores

Gluten Free Items, including Deviled Eggs: Bauers

The **Psalm 150 Orchestra and Bailey Brass** will be busy over the next few weeks. There will be a rehearsal on Saturday, November 15 from 12:30 – 2:30 to prepare for these upcoming appearances: Please mark the dates.

November 22, 2014 – Holiday Extravaganza – Platte Canyon School Complex –
Bailey, 12:30 – 1:30 PM > DPUMC Musicians

December 6, 2014 – Conifer Christmas Parade – Holiday Songs on the Stage prior to the parade, 12:45-1:30 PM > DPUMC Musicians

December 7, 2014 – Cowboy Christmas – Rustic Station/McGraw Park, Bailey, 1 – 4 PM > Bailey Brass, Keyboard & Vocalist

And upcoming this summer: June 13, 2015 – Pine Grove Rhubarb Festival/Parade, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM > Psalm 150 Marching Band

On Thursday, November 13th, we will be packing up our Halloween decorations to put them away. If you can lend a hand, please drop by the church between 2:30 and 4. If there is still work to be done, we'll get together again on Friday the 14th from 10:30 until cleanup is done.

On Sunday, November 23rd, we'll have a New Members Sunday. If you're interested in becoming a formal member of our church, please contact Pastor Laura.

On Saturday, November 29th, we'll be decorating the church for Christmas. Jean Thomas will bring her famous hot chocolate, so be sure to drop by.

Advent will be starting in the next few weeks, so we're looking for volunteers to light the advent candles. If you'd like to light the candles as a family or small group, please contact the office at office@deerparkumc.org.

After church on Sunday, November 30th, we'll be holding a meeting to prepare for Charge Conference. Charge Conference will be held on Thursday, December 4 at 7 pm at the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

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 9, we have the following:

Liturgist—Evan Utphall
Usher—Browny Henley
Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Children's Time—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Fellowship—Thanksgiving Potluck
Choir/Orchestra Practice—No Limits Choir, 8:45 am

Our next Church Council and committee meetings will be this Sunday after church. Our next Fellowship Potluck will be November 16th. We'll be having a Thanksgiving Dinner—please take a look at the signup sheet to volunteer.

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 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

DO not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.—Nehemiah 8:10 (NRSV)

Pray continually—1 Thessalonians 5:17 (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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