

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

November 24, 2014

For our New Member Sunday, Ken Carpenter and Mike Moore helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Kim led the kids through a great Children's Time about goats and sheep, tying into our reading from Matthew. Following the homily, our Deer Park congregation added eleven new faces to our family of God and we are so blessed to have so many wonderful hearts in our company as we journey always deeper into God's loving soul.

Thanks to Pete and Joyce, Doug, Jennifer, Stacey and Joesee, and the Utphalls for being with us, and to all who helped celebrate the day!

In God's Love,
Rev. Laura H.

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SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Our attendance this Sunday was 36 total, with 5 children and 2 youth present. Our offering was \$669.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Charles Wall thanked the Outreach group for keeping things rolling while he's been ill, with special thanks to Pete, Janie, and Stacey.

Pete Von Vett added his thanks to those who pray for the Outreach group each Tuesday at 7, noting that Kim Moore has an alarm set on her phone to remind her. What a great idea!

Doug Becvar mentioned that the Bailey Brass had a successful performance at Platte Canyon High School on Saturday. He was approached by several people interested in participating in our outreach ministries and other events, including a reporter from the High Timber Times who wants to write an article about our music ministry. He also may have recruited a new trombone player!

Doug Jenner expressed his joy to be back among us after his and Fran's trip to Mexico. He asks for prayers for the Mexican people, who are great neighbors to us and were wonderful to visit, but who unfortunately are undergoing some local strife at this time.

Debbie Gadomski was joyful to share that her youngest son has joined a men's church group.

Jean Thomas shared that Donna Bastien's mother passed away. She was 93 years old. Our prayers go out to Donna, Pierre, and the rest of the family.

Janie Wall shared that Willa and Quincey's dog is very ill. Please send prayers, particularly for the kids, as they navigate this difficult transition.

Dan McCafferty suffered a stroke this past week. Please keep him in your prayers along with Maggie, who is also struggling with health issues.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, November 30, are: Isaiah 64:1–9, Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19, 1 Corinthians 1:3–9, Mark 13:24–37. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: We have received a number of generous pledges from the congregation. If you would like to find out more about our progress or other information about the stewardship campaign, please see Doug Jenner. 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 Christmas and for 2015.

Jean Thomas has once again organized Christmas Angels for us to provide Christmas gifts for needy families in the area. Please see Jean if you'd like to participate.

We are also repurposing our noisy offering again to collect change and other monies to help a single needy family in the area.

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

On November 30, we'll have choir practice both before and after church services to start preparing for our Christmas Cantata. We'll follow the same schedule on December 7th, with a rehearsal at 8:45 a.m. and another right after church.

The **Psalm 150 Orchestra and Bailey Brass** will be busy over the next few weeks. Please mark the dates.

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. The Outreach Group will also have a booth selling various crafts.

And upcoming this summer: June 13, 2015 – Pine Grove Rhubarb

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. We also have two fabulous new trees this year!

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. There will also be a Worship Committee meeting.

December 21, we'll have a White Elephant gift exchange 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.

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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 30, we have the following:

Liturgist—Jean Thomas

Usher—Pete Von Vett & Vincent Varney

Sunday School—Dave Bauer

Children's Time—Dave Bauer

Fellowship—Jean Carpenter

Choir/Orchestra Practice—No Limits Choir rehearsal both before and after the service.

Our next Church Council and committee meetings will be as follows: Sunday, November 30 after church—Worship Committee. Sunday, December 7th—Fellowship Potluck. Sunday, December 14th: Committee Meetings and Church Council.

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 sign up 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

**For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.—Ecclesiastes 3:1
(NRSV)**

You are the light of the world.—Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

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