

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

December 1, 2014

On this first Sunday of Advent, Jean Thomas and Pete Von Vett helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Dave Bauer led a great group of kids through Children's Time. Our Psalm 150 Orchestra led us into the season with prelude and postlude and accompanied our voices through the hymns, and Joyce Von Vett played beautifully for our time of Special Music. The Contemporary Word celebrated the gift of the presence of God in our lives---a gift which came to us as a result of our experience of Christ in the world.

Thanks to all who came together in worship, and I hope you each have a very safe and blessed week.

In God's Care,
Rev. Laura H.

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SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Our attendance this Sunday was 39 total, with 7 children and 2 youth present. Our offering was \$349.09.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference is coming up THIS THURSDAY at 7 pm at the church. All are welcome. Bishop Elaine will be in attendance to discuss various items about our past year at DPUMC. Please join us for this event—it's vitally important to the future of our church.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Connie Hannah asks for prayers for this Friday. She will be seeing her oncologist for her check-in and is hopeful for good results.

Jean Thomas offered thanks for all those who helped decorate the church for Christmas.

Connie also let us know that Sharon Thompson, a new member and neighbor, donated a hand-painted Nativity scene for the season. You can take a look at it on the first landing as you come down from Fellowship Hall.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, December 7, are: Isaiah 40:1–11, Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13, 2 Peter 3:8–15a, Mark 1:1–8. Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent.

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COMING EVENTS

OUTREACH GROUP continues to meet on Tuesday at 7 pm. We'll be discussing upcoming events for Christmas and for 2015. This Tuesday, we'll be talking about our new Noisy Offering and choosing a family to be the recipient of this Outreach effort.

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.

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

On December 7, we'll have choir practice both before and after church services to start preparing for our Christmas Cantata. We'll also perform at the 12-7 service. If you have any interest in participating with the choir for our Christmas Cantata or beyond, please drop in for any of these rehearsals. Any and all are welcome, and we promise it'll be fun!

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 Festival

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

If you'd like to consider Electronic Funds Transfer as an easier way to donate to the church, we have information on how to set it up. There are flyers available on the table in the sanctuary, or ask Katriena for information.

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, December 7, we have the following:

Liturgist—Lucy Bauer

Usher—Jean Thomas

Sunday School—Dave Bauer

Children's Time—Dave Bauer

Fellowship—FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK

Choir/Orchestra Practice—No Limits Choir rehearsal both **before and after the service**. Please come, even if you've never sung in the choir before. Even if you think

you can't sing. We'd love to build our ranks over the next few weeks for a guaranteed great Christmas Eve performance!

Our next Church Council and committee meetings will be as follows: Sunday, December 7th—Fellowship Potluck. Sunday, December 14th: Committee Meetings and Church Council. Sunday, December 21: Worship Committee Meeting.

We need a few more 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

The Lord said to Joshua, "Be strong and courageous."—Joshua 1:6 (NIV)

[Jesus] answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."—Luke 19:40 (NRSV)

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