

# Deer Park United Methodist Church

## Weekly Update

November 17, 2014

On Sunday, Mr. Evan Utphall did an excellent job as liturgist and Brownny helped out kindly as usher. Dave led the kids through a "super" Children's Time, getting the young ones ready for a lesson on the heroes of the bible; and Katriena and Marieke sang "It Is Well With My Soul" as a beautiful duet for Special Music. The Contemporary Word focused on one of Jesus' last public teachings, the Parable of the Talents, and lifted our hearts into a meditation on the ways we give what we've been given to spread God's love through the world.

Thanks to all who came together in worship, and to everyone who set up such a delicious Thanksgiving potluck for us to share!

In God's Love,  
Rev. Laura H.

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### SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Our attendance this Sunday was 28 total, with 3 children and 3 youth present. Our offering was \$853.17. We also received a check from King Soopers for \$294.50 from our purchasing activity with our grocery cards, and a special donation of \$1,000.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Jennifer Monroe let us know that her results from her recent medical tests showed an increase in bloodflow, and her migraines have gotten better. She also asks for prayers for her SO Tony, who is very ill.

Mike Moore asks for prayers for Charles, who is still suffering from shingles.

Connie Hannah expressed joy for those who were present for choir.

**BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK:** Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, November 23, are: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15–23, Matthew 25:31–46. Next Sunday is Christ the King Sunday and the Third 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 cap 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.

**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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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

On Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:office@deerparkumc.org).

After church on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](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.

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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—Ken Carpenter

Usher—Mike Moore  
Sunday School—Kim Moore  
Children’s Time—Kim Moore  
Fellowship—**NEED VOLUNTEER**  
Choir/Orchestra Practice—None

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

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.—Lamentations 3:22-23 (NRSV)**

**Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”  
Matthew 11:28 (NIV)**

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