

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

December 15, 2014

On this third Sunday of Advent, Ken Carpenter and Sharon Keith-Zamora (with Donna Bastien) helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Lucy Bauer led us through Children's Time with bells. Our Psalm 150 Orchestra played for our time of Special Music, with Marieke Bauer accompanying with vocals; and our Contemporary Word continued in celebration of John the Baptist's welcoming of Christ into 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 Love,
Rev. Laura H.

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SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Our attendance this Sunday was 26 total, with 0 children and 2 youth present. Our offering was \$603.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Charles and Janie Wall were not among us yesterday—Charles is suffering from a flare-up of shingles, and Janie lost her voice. We send prayers for their quick recovery.

Wade Upthall will be undergoing surgery at the beginning of the year. Please keep him and the family in your prayers. (My apologies for missing this last week—I lost my notes!)

Jennifer Monroe asks for prayers for her uncle and his family. His mother passed away this week. The funeral was standing room only.

Stacee Jacobs asks for prayers for all those who are traveling for military duty, including her daughter and son-in-law.

Doug Becvar offered thanks for all the musicians who performed last weekend at the Conifer Christmas Parade and Cowboy Christmas, as well as all those who came to support the performers.

We were all happy to see Phil and Carolyn Shockey among us for the holiday season.

Jean Thomas was joyful for a great ladies' day she had with her daughter-in-law to be, passing on family recipes for the holidays.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, December 21, are: 2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16, Luke 1:47–55, Romans 16:25–27, Luke 1:26–38. Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

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COMING EVENTS

Next Sunday, 12/21, the Outreach Committee will host a White Elephant Gift Exchange and Christmas Cookie Party after the service. Bring a tacky or crazy wrapped gift – feel free to regift – and 18 Christmas cookies. We'll eat cookies and coffee, hot chocolate or spiced cider while we play the white elephant game. Everyone will go home with a present and a dozen cookies! Join us for the fun.

December 26, the Bauer family will be performing in a benefit for the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra. Alex, Heidi, Jonas, and Marieke Bauer will be playing, and Marieke will also be singing. The benefit will be held at the KPOF hall in downtown Denver (located at 16th and Sherman). Admission is free, and donations are accepted at the door.

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.

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

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 14, we have the following:

Liturgist—Charles Wall

Usher—Pete Von Vett

Sunday School—Dave Bauer

Children's Time—Dave Bauer

Fellowship—White Elephant Gift Exchange and COOKIES!!

Choir/Orchestra Practice—Psalm 150 Orchestra and No Limits Choir, 8 am. We will be practicing the music for Christmas Eve. We will also rehearse after the service.

Meetings: Church Council and committee meetings after church (Delayed from last Sunday). Worship Committee Meeting.

Our next Fellowship Potluck will be Sunday, January 4. Our next Church Council and committee meetings will be as follows:..Sunday, January 11: Committee Meetings and Church Council. Sunday, January 18: Worship Committee Meeting.

Start thinking about when you can volunteer in January and February. 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

Send out your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will get it back.—Ecclesiastes 11:1 (NRSV)

We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.—Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

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