

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

May 18, 2015

This Sunday, Lucy Bauer and Mike Moore served as liturgist and usher, and Ken Carpenter delivered our contemporary word, speaking about how our relationship with God helps enrich our lives. The No Limits Choir sang "Alleluia," set to music by Mozart, and Connie Hannah delivered Children's Time with a discussion of mindfulness.

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

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SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Attendance this week was 33 total, with 6 children and 3 youth present. Our offering was \$974.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Connie Hannah asked for prayers for her friend Sasha and her daughters, who are struggling with family issues.

Lucy Bauer asked for healing prayers for her first cousin, who continues to struggle with a brain tumor, and another cousin who has also been diagnosed with a brain tumor (the condition is genetic) as well as arthritis.

Lucy was also happy that they were able to plant potatoes this weekend.

Several members of the congregation are happy to have their older children home from college for the summer.

We also wished Kim Moore a happy birthday (her birthday is on Tuesday).

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, May 24, are:

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15. Next Sunday is the Day of Pentecost. For Pentecost, we are asking that everyone wear red and/or bring red flowers to decorate the altar.

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COMING EVENTS

Vacation Bible School will be held July 6-10. We're in need of volunteers to help out. For additional information or to volunteer, contact any member of the Outreach Committee.

Registration is open for the **Annual Conference**, to be held June 11-14 in Estes Park.

This year's **Rhubarb Festival** will be held in Pine Grove on June 13th. The Psalm 150 Marching Band will be performing. Band meets at 11:30 to prepare for the parade.

Mark your calendars for the Pig Roast on September 19th. More information will be forthcoming. We'll also be holding a Blessing of the Backpacks on the first Sunday in August, and Blessing of the Animals later in September. Watch this column for more info as it becomes available.

OUTREACH GROUP continues to meet on Tuesday nights at 7 pm. They're currently working on events for this summer and fall, including our church retreat and another community pig roast. They are looking for feedback for the dates for the retreat. The current dates available are August 7-9 and August 14-16. Please let someone on Outreach know your preference between these two dates, or send an email to the office at office@deerparkumc.org. We are also talking about bringing back some of the activities we used to have on a weekly/monthly basis at Deer Park. Anyone is welcome to these meetings, so please drop in and add your voice to the discussion. This week's discussion will include planning for a possible Vacation Bible School this year as well as other upcoming events.

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

Marieke Bauer will be participating in her yearly **dance recital for Terpsichore Studios** on June 4th and 5th at the Venue Theater in Conifer. Tickets will be available in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Some of our committees are looking for some new faces. The SPPRC group in particular would like another member. For information on what this group does and how you can help, please contact Doug Jenner.

We are also looking for a new **Church Administrator** to take over the position by the end of July. If you're interested in a part-time job (about 5-10 hours/week), please

contact the church office. We need someone with a good knowledge of Microsoft Office and basic computer knowledge. Training will be provided.

In the very near future, we will be sending out a questionnaire/survey regarding our church's relationship with **Reconciling Ministries Network**. Church Council has prepared statements of faith for the congregation to consider as we move on to the next stage in the process. This is an important way that our church can confirm our commitment to an inclusive and welcoming congregation, and we want to be sure the congregation has an opportunity to weigh in. The questionnaire will be sent out via email and will also be available in hard copy in the sanctuary. All responses will be anonymous.

Also in the very near future, we'll be sending out **Quarterly Donation Statements**. These will help those who made pledges at the beginning of the year see where they stand regarding donations, as well as provide tax documentation for next year. We are deeply grateful for all those who donate regularly to the church, whether in the form of financial support, time, attendance, or any of the other important ways you all support our congregation.

We've had quite a few new faces join our congregation over the last several months, so it's time to **update our birthday and anniversary lists**. Please send your birthday and/or anniversary date to the office for inclusion so we can get back on track with recognizing special days in our congregation. (Don't worry—we won't ask you for the year you were born, just the date!)

We are still collecting shoes for Soles for Souls, so bring your used shoes and drop them off in the box by the office. Shoes in any condition, even heavily worn or chewed by your new puppy, will be repurposed to help those in need.

Our Noisy Offering is being repurposed to help the Uthalls as needed during Wade's recovery. Please drop your extra change in the bucket at the back of the sanctuary.

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.

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.

For this Sunday, May 24, we have the following:

Liturgist—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Usher—Pete Von Vett
Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Children's Time—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Fellowship—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Choir/Orchestra Practice—None

Our next Fellowship Potluck will be Sunday, June 7. Our next Church Council and committee meetings will be as follows: Church Council and Committee Meetings—Sunday, June 14. Worship Committee Meeting—Sunday, July 19.

We are in need of volunteers for the last Sundays of May and several Sundays in June. 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 human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps.—Proverbs 16:9 (NRSV)

Jesus said, “I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.”—John 14:16 (KJV)

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