

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

July 28, 2014

On Sunday, Janie Wall and Dave Effler helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Carolyn Shockey explained the inspiring story behind the lyrics to "How Great Thou Art" before playing the hymn for our time of Special Music. The Contemporary Word concluded our sermon series on spiritual struggle with a scripture lesson on the parable of the mustard seed, reminding us that our mysterious relationship with God is ultimately about growing the small seed of God's love in our hearts to spread throughout the world in the hope of making the minutes just a little more peaceful and joyful for others.

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 19 total, with 1 child and 2 youth present, as well as 2 visitors. Our offering was \$410.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Charles Wall was happy to announce that Janie is back from her trip to California. She brought their granddaughter Josie with her for a visit.

Steve Hoffman asks for prayers for friends in Washington State who have been affected by the fires there. His friends are doing okay, but many people have been displaced.

In addition, Steve's niece had her second baby on Sunday. We welcome Emmett to the world!

Al and Marty Gram went on a trip on the Colorado Trail last week, where they were able to witness and enjoy some of the beautiful things in God's creation.

Doug Jenner mentioned that we are all bombarded with information every day, from good things to horrible things and all things in between. He's thankful that we have our church to come to to receive clarification and focus to help us deal with the overwhelming nature of today's world.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, August 3rd, are: Genesis 32:22–31, Psalm 17:1–7, 15, Romans 9:1–5, Matthew 14:13–21. Next Sunday is the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We're starting a new Men's Group (which will probably be less formal than Capital Letters might indicate). Drop by the Cutthroat Café in Bailey on Thursdays at 8 am to participate in discussion, drinking of coffee, and eating of breakfast. See Charles Wall for more 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 in the display case 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 Outreach Group let us know that we'll be sending a \$400 donation to the Mountain Resource Center's Crisis Fund. This fund helps people in the local community who have immediate needs such as rent or mortgage payments or utility bills.

We are looking for volunteers on August 17 to help assemble school supply kits for low-income children attending Fitzsimmons Middle School in Bailey. We will make school kits for 15 children, five for each grade. The school supply lists for each grade are very specific and include items like thumb drives and calculators, in addition to normal pens and pencils, so all of the supplies will be purchased prior to the assembly date. The only thing we could use would be backpacks or school bags for the supplies. If you would like to make a school supply bag, please contact Joyce Von Vett at 303-621-4610. She has a simple pattern for a school bag that she can give to you.

The cost for the 15 kits will be about \$450. Joyce has received a \$250 grant from Thrivent Financial for the project and additional funds can be given by you through "noisy offerings" on Sundays. This project is also sponsored by the DPUMC Outreach Committee.

Stay after fellowship on Sunday, August 17 to assemble kits and help our community students feel more confident and motivated to learn.

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.

Small Wonders is a conference aimed specifically at churches with a small average attendance. It will be held in Salina Kansas (at Kansas Wesleyan) on October 10-11. We're looking for a few people to attend and bring back ideas to help us grow our church. Please see Diane of Bruce Quantic for more information.

Swinging @ AIDS, August 5

This is a fundraising event from the conference. Whether you are a golfer or not, we need your help. This 8th Annual "Swinging@AIDS" event is the life-line of support for our efforts to keep a free clinic for women and children functioning in India. Violence and discrimination against impoverished women is tremendous--and this is a safe place they get help. Whether you golf, sponsor a hole for \$250, give a Silent auction item, or put a sign on a cart for \$30, you can contribute to this major effort to help. Plus funds raised help us contribute to prevent HIV and AIDS among the African American and Latino communities right here in Colorado.

For more information, visit <http://www.churchandglobalaids.org/>. The event will be held at Denver City Park Course.

The Outreach Team will be meeting every Tuesday at 7 through the summer. If you can't make the meetings and would like to make some suggestions for outreach, drop a note to the church office and I'll pass it along to Charles.

The Outreach Team is planning to make heart shaped pillows for heart surgery patients. They help cushion coughing. Smaller heart pillows will be made for children needing a little something to hold onto. 3 pillows can be made from a yard of material plus small ones from the scraps. If you have cheery fabric, minimum 1/2 yard, and/ or new polyfil that you can part with we would love to have it. Fleece makes great pillows as does cotton fabric. We are hoping to assemble at least 100 pillows. Help to cut, sew and fill would be welcomed. Call Rita or Dave Effler to volunteer for this opportunity.

COMING EVENTS

Our Summer Retreat is coming up on August 22-24. We'll need a variety of volunteers, though specific tasks have not yet been nailed down. We'll probably need people to cook, organize, and lead workshops during the retreat. If you are interested in attending or volunteering in any capacity, please sign up on the purple sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. We'll be working on both firestarters and heart pillows to contribute to our church outreach. Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall if you are interested in attending the retreat. The full program and a proposed menu is now available.

The Outreach Team is also planning a community pig roast for early September. We'll be delivering invitations to the surrounding area. More information will be available in the near future.

Joyce Snapp, who has attended our church in the past, is offering personal spiritual retreats at her home. Please contact Pastor Laura if you are interested.

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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, August 3rd, we have the following:

Liturgist—Al Gram

Usher—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Sunday School—Dave Bauer

Children's Time—Lucy Bauer, Bells

Fellowship—Marty Gram

Choir/Orchestra Practice—No Limits Choir Rehearsal, 8:45 am

Signup sheets for August are still looking a little bare. Please drop by 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! Signup sheets for July and August are now available 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!

PLEASE NOTE: *Sign-up slots for Sunday School and Children's Time are now on the same sheet. Ushers now have their own sign-up sheet.*

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

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.—Psalm 46:1 (NRSV)

Jesus said, “As the Father has loved me, so have I love you. Abide in my love.”—John 15:9 (NRSV)

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Contact information: Drive to 966 Rim Rock Road in the 285 Community. Send mail to P.O. Box 578 Pine, CO 80470. Call the church office at 303-838-6759. Pastor Laura Hehner – pastor@deerparkumc.org. Deer Park United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome! No exceptions!

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