

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

August 25, 2014

On Sunday, Lucy Bauer and Mike Moore helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Diane Quantic did a great job with Earl the Bear for Children's Time, teaching a lesson on the church being not a building, but the people. Carolyn Shockey played beautifully for our time of Special Music, and the Contemporary Word closed out our three part sermon series on the future of God's Church (the Body of Christ) in the world.

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

In God's Love,
Rev. Laura H.

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SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Our attendance this Sunday was 23 total, with 1 child and 2 youth present. Our offering was \$262.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Jean Thomas asks for prayers for a high school classmate, Karen Kirk, and her family. Karen is in the advanced stages of Alzheimer's. Jean also asks for prayers for her son's girlfriend, who went into premature contractions at a doctor's appointment last week. Prayers that she and the baby will be able to hang in there for a healthy delivery.

Ken Carpenter asks for prayers for those affected by the fires in the Napa Valley in California.

Diane Quantic offers thanks to everyone who worked on the retreat this weekend. It was a meaningful and spiritual event for all those involved.

Pastor Laura reports that her new niece is doing very well.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, August 31, are:

- Exodus 3:1–15
- Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26, 45c (UMH 828)
- Romans 12:9–21
- Matthew 16:21–28

Next Sunday is the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This weekend's **Church Retreat** was a great success! During the retreat, we made 50 heart pillows to deliver to local hospitals and 20 firestarter kits to give to visitors to our church. Check out our Facebook page for pictures, and if you have any additional photos or anecdotes, please feel free to share! Thanks to the Outreach team and everyone who pitched in to make the weekend such a success, especially Doug Becvar for providing a place to meet.

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

Colorado Flood Recovery efforts continue. The Rocky Mountain Conference has put together a Facebook page and are in the initial stages of building our audience. With your help, we can continue to build awareness for the RMC's flood recovery program. Please go to www.facebook.com/umcorcoloradofloods and "like" our page. You can also search for the page by typing "Colorado Flood Recovery UMCOR" in the search box. Please also pass on the page to your colleagues and friends so they can like it too. Thank you for your help.

Bountiful Baskets is a program that provides fresh produce packaged for local pickup. Baskets are \$15. They can be purchased for individual use, and/or to donate to the Interfaith Food Pantry. The pantry is in need of fresh produce, so this would be an inexpensive way to help fill that need. Please see Rita Effler for more information. Basket pick-up is at Mountain Resource Center.

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.

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.

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.

COMING EVENTS

The Outreach Team is 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.

We will be starting a **Bible Study** in the near future, led by Diane Quantic, to discuss the book *God and the Gay Christian*. Diane will have five copies of the book available next Sunday at \$13 each for those who would like to participate. Information on study location and times is forthcoming.

You've heard the saying, "Every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings." Well, bells are ringing at the Mount **Evans Home Health Care & Hospice** offices in Evergreen (3081 Bergen Peak Dr.) as a unique group of volunteers known as the "Angel-Makers" gather to create this year's batch of decorative holiday angel ornaments. This 20-year-old mountain tradition blends crafting and socializing in a way that resembles the quilting bees of yesteryear. Whether you are a crafter, a socializer, or both—consider joining the Angel-Makers this year. Angel-making sessions will be held on Mondays from 1-4pm and Fridays from 9am-12pm starting Friday, Sept. 5 through Monday, Nov. 10. To volunteer, call 303-674-6400 or email LCarpenter@MountEvans.org.

On **Tuesday, September 23**, we will be decorating the church for the fall season. Please drop by between 10 and 11 am to help out.

In November, on our usual Fellowship Sunday (November 9), we'll be having a turkey "dinner." There'll be a sign-up sheet available for people to sign up to bring various side dishes. Turkey will be provided.

9Cares Colorado Shares will be holding their yearly event at King Soopers in Conifer on November 15. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you

can help with a two-hour shift to collect food. Food collected will go to help our local community.

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 31, we have the following:

Liturgist—Jean Thomas
Usher—Bruce Quantic
Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Children's Time—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Fellowship—Diane Quantic
Choir/Orchestra Practice—None

Sign-up sheets are now available for September and October. 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! 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 says, “I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”—Isaiah 43:19
(NRSV)**

**Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught [Peter], saying to him, “You of little faith,
why did you doubt?”—Matthew 14:31 (NRSV)**

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