

# Deer Park United Methodist Church

## Weekly Update

December 14, 2015

On Sunday, Connie Hannah and Mike Moore helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Connie led the kids through Children's Time with a message about forgiveness. Our Psalm 150 Orchestra played for our prelude, postlude, and time of Special Music; and the Contemporary Word led us into the third week of Advent and our call to live as a prophetic voice in 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..

### **SERVICE SNAPSHOTS**

**Attendance this week was 36 total, with 6 children and 2 youth present. Our offering was \$605.**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

Connie Hannah, joy that her neighbor just had a baby.

Ken Carpenter, concern over the refugees and the fact that the US is only allowing 10,000 to come here.

Jean Carpenter, joy that our daughter Rachael is here and graduated college Cum Laude on Friday.

Randy Marsh, joy that his sister is visiting.

**BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK:** Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, December 20, are:

Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:46b-55 (UMH 199)  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

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## COMING EVENT

The **men's group** continues to meet on Thursdays at 8:30 am at the Cutthroat Café for coffee, breakfast, and conversation.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**We have a challenge. Let's see how much peanut butter and jelly we can collect for the Food Pantry. The challenge will continue now through Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### **New Charity Drive**

We are going to repurpose the towel box and begin collecting new socks, gently used hats, mittens and gloves for delivery in the community. Please bring what you can to fill up the box.

**Check out our webpage [deerparkumc.org](http://deerparkumc.org). It is being updated regularly.**

We have reloadable **Gift Cards** for **King Soopers** and **Safeway**. They are a great way to donate to the church as we receive a percentage of the money spent on groceries. See Donna Bastien.

## Deer Park UMC Mission Statement

Deer Park UMC is a diverse community welcoming visitors and members of all backgrounds. ***Everyone is welcome! No exceptions!*** is not only motto but our mission statement.

We extend the open hand of Christ's love to any who would pass through our doors, regardless of age, faith, creed, race, nationality, special needs, marital status, financial or social status, gender identity or sexual orientation. We rejoice in our differences while inviting all to join our faith journey toward greater understanding and sincere mutual respect.

No matter who you are, we're glad you're here!

**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 the church's general fund. 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](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. **The UMC Market app has updated so you have to go on their site and make a new account to continue to use it. People who already signed up for it should get an email letting them know they need a new account.**

**The Food Pantry** is in need of paper products, toilet paper, paper towels. Also feminine hygiene products are needed. Baking products, cake mixes, muffin, any small mixes. Also, juices in bottles; peanut butter, jelly, ramen noodle soup, macaroni and cheese, any gluten free items, also low or no sodium items. They also need empty egg cartons. Items can be brought to church on Sunday or Tuesday nights. Alternately, Jean C. 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.

For this Sunday, December 20, we have the following,

**Liturgist— Lucy Bauer**

**Usher— NEED VOLUNTEER**

**Sunday School— NEED VOLUNTEER**

**Children's Time—Bells**

**Fellowship— NEED VOLUNTEER**

**Our next Fellowship Potluck will be Sunday, January 3, 2016.....Everyone please bring a dish to share.**

**We are in need of volunteers for Sundays in 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**

**Jesus said, "I tell you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."—Matthew 5:44(NRSV)**

**Praying for someone who has hurt me can bring both of us new life. (TUR)**

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