

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

February 1, 2016

For our fifth Sunday, we worshipped God in service by volunteering down at St. Francis Center, a daytime drop-in shelter for the Denver homeless. St. Francis staff showed our volunteers the facility, explained operations, and trained each to care for the Denver homeless in the different ways SFC reaches out in love. Together, we distributed personal mail, W2's, and DHS correspondence; provided soap, towels, socks, and other personal items; washed, dried, and folded laundry for clothing distribution and showers; and helped people charge their phones and store their personal items in safe places. In all, we spent the morning in the heart of God, sharing these hours with our brothers and sisters facing tough times.

After service, we stopped in Littleton for some fellowship over hot soup! All in all it was a wonderful day in worship of God, reminding us that following Christ is a call which takes us up and out of the sanctuary to live love in the world.

Thanks so much to Pete for navigating us up and down the icy road, to Ken for keeping the church doors open to any who were not physically capable of participating, and for the love given and shared between our Deer Park volunteers and those in dire need to feel just the slightest warmth. God bless you.

In God's Love,
Rev. Laura H.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, February 7, are:

- Exodus 34:29-35
- Psalm 99 (UMH 819)
- 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
- Luke 9:2-36 (37-43a)

Next Sunday is Transfiguration Sunday/Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany.

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COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, February 2. **Outreach Group Meeting 7 PM.**

We'll be holding another Woodpile Workday that first Saturday of February. Come on out for a morning of fresh air and a bit of exercise so you can prepare for the side effects of consuming all of that delicious Valentine's Day candy you are undoubtedly going to ravage on the 14th.

- **Saturday, February 6th**
- **8am-noon (come for any part of it or for all of it)**
- **Dress for the work and the weather and bring workgloves, eye protection and ear/hearing protection**
- **If you have tools and toys for cutting and splitting, we welcome those as well (chainsaws, axes, splitters, etc.)**
- **Anyone can call or email me (Dave, 303.618.7719, dandlbauer@aol.com) with questions or ideas**

We welcome all-comers of all abilities and of all ages to join in - there is always something for anyone to do. Bring a friend or neighbor and introduce them around. All are welcome. Thanks,-Dave

Tuesday, February 9. **Bible Study 7 PM.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

New Charity Drive

We are 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. 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 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, February 7, we have the following:

Liturgist—Ken Carpenter

Usher—Julie Miller

Sunday School—NEED VOLUNTEER

Children's Time—Lucy Bauer, Bells

Fellowship—Potluck, everyone bring a dish to share.

Our next Fellowship Potluck will be Sunday, February 7, 2016.....Everyone please bring a dish to share.

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

Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.—Galations 6:10(NRSV)

Even little things bear witness to the love of God. (TUR)

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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.

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