

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

August 4, 2014

On Sunday, Al Gram and Pete Von Vett helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and the No Limits Choir sang "Peace I Leave with You" for our time of Special Music. The Contemporary Word, presented by Connie Hannah, asked us to consider what in our lives we are Relentlessly Dedicated to, and whether these things help further our Christian mission. We had many grandchildren visiting from out of town and were happy to see a big group of kids for our impromptu Children's Time, delivered by Carolyn Shockey.

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

Our attendance this Sunday was 32 total, with 5 children and 3 youth present. Our offering was \$730.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Carolyn and Phil Shockey were happy to welcome their daughter Amanda and grandsons Mason and Cooper with them at church today. She also asked for traveling prayers for their son-in-law Brian, who will be joining them on Wednesday.

Rita Effler reports that her next-door neighbors were reunited with their grandchildren this week. They have been struggling with custody issues after the children were abducted to Russia.

Jean Thomas was happy to be back among us after 4,000 miles of travel.

Debbie Gadomski visited with her family in Oklahoma City and has had cousins visiting.

Connie Hannah asks for prayers for her upcoming hernia surgery.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, August 10, are:

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28

Psalms 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b (UMH 828)

Romans 10:5–15

Matthew 14:22–33.

Next Sunday is the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dave Effler reported that we had five men at our **men's breakfast** on Thursday. The men's group is meeting at 8 am at the Cutthroat Café for coffee, breakfast, and conversation.

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.

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.

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. We are in need of Kleenex boxes to fill out these kits. Please contact Joyce or Pete Von Vett if you can donate tissues. We're still collecting our "Noisy Offering" to help pay for the school kits.

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.

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.

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—Ken Carpenter

Usher—Mike Moore

Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Children's Time— **NEED VOLUNTEER**

Fellowship—Potluck

Choir/Orchestra Practice—Psalm 150 Orchestra, 9 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

Happy are those who trust in the Lord... They will be like trees planted by the streams, whose roots reach down to the water.—Jeremiah 17:7-8 (CEB)

[God will] give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well.—Thessalonians 1:7 (NIV)

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