

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

February 17, 2014

This Sunday, Ky Hehner and Mike Moore helped us all out as liturgist and usher; and Connie Hannah led the kids through Children's Time with a wonderful introduction to our message from the Gospel of Matthew. The No Limits Choir sang beautifully for our time of Special Music, and the Contemporary World focused on Jesus' call for us to keep our saltiness and stay passionate in God for each other.

Thanks to all who came together in the heart of God to worship, and I hope you each have a safe and blessed week!

In God's Love and Peace,
Rev. Laura H.

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SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Our attendance this Sunday was 29 total, with 1 child and 3 youth present. Our offering totaled \$1,005.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Happy birthday wishes this week to Sharon Keith-Zamora, whose birthday was Sunday, and Jonas Bauer, whose birthday is today.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, February 23rd, are: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, Psalm 119:33-40, I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23, and Matthew 5:38-48. Next Sunday's designation is Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Outreach Group is working hard to plan events for the community and for our church for the spring and summer seasons. The group will be meeting every other Tuesday going forward, until further notice. The next meeting will be February 25 at the church.

SPEAKING OF OUTREACH: The Outreach Group has planned two major events for the next few months, and would like congregational input on a third. Events coming up are as follows;

COFFEEHOUSE: On Saturday, April 12, from 7-9pm, please join us for music and light refreshments. Jam out to the alt-folk-ish stylings of Connie Hannah and Atomic Conundrum and enjoy coffee and pastries, cookies, cupcakes, etc. More details on food donations and other possible guests to follow.

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA: Planned for the afternoon of Easter Sunday, the EGG-Stravaganza will feature an Easter Egg Hunt, games, and other activities. It will be open to the community. If you have any suggestions for activities, please let the Outreach Group know. We've discussed bringing the carnival games from Halloween back into service, and other suggestions are welcome!

We'll be asking for volunteers and donations for these events in the near future, so keep an eye out for how you can help!

SUMMER RETREAT: In planning stages is a summer retreat We need some feedback/suggestions from the congregation to address logistics. First, if there are particular summer dates that will be particularly good for you, please let Charles or Laura know, or drop me an email at the office. Additionally, we're discussing location for the retreat.

Location One would be Tarryall Reservoir. Tarryall is a "dry" campground, meaning that there is no running water available. Port-A-Potties are located on the site. Tarryall would require minimal costs for the retreat.

Location Two would be Jefferson Lake, which is adjacent to Tarryall. Jefferson Lake has full facilities, but would incur higher expenses.

The Outreach Group would appreciate feedback on these locations. Would you be more likely to attend the retreat if there were full facilities available? Is the lack of running water/electricity/etc. a deal-breaker for you? Please let Charles or Laura know, or drop me an email at the office. We want this retreat to be accessible and pleasant for everyone, so please let us know what would work best for you.

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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. If you bring a non-perishable item to donate for the Food Bank, you can enter a drawing for a beautiful NIV Study Bible provided by the Outreach Group. We'll be drawing for a winner very soon, so be sure to get your tickets in.

Outreach Goals are posted on the bulletin boards in Fellowship Hall. We'll be keeping track of our goals and how well we're progressing with these reports. Stop by and take a

look to see where you can help out! The Outreach Group will be adding new goals for next year when they resume meetings in mid-January.

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.

The Newsletter will be moving to a quarterly format starting January 1st. The First Quarter issue is underway.

For next week, February 23, we have the following:

Liturgist—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Usher—Ron & Lois Hathaway
Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Children's Time—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Fellowship—Ron & Lois Hathaway
Choir/Orchestra Practice—None.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with services! Signup sheets for March and April 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 and group 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

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere...—Psalm 84:10 (NIV)

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us.—Ephesians 5:1-2 (NRSV)

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