

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

February 24, 2014

This Sunday, Debbie Gadomski and Ron Hathaway helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Charles Wall led the kids through Children's Time, introducing our reading from the Gospel of Matthew. Laurie Kahler was out of town this week, so we did our best to carry a tune (knowing the sound was beautiful to God regardless!); and our Contemporary Word focused on Jesus' challenging call for us to return love where there is hate and to spread the unrelenting and indiscriminate love of God through your world.

Thanks to all who came together in 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 20 total, with 3 children and 0 youth present. Our offering totaled \$380.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Happy birthday wishes this week to Charles Wall, Katriena Knights, and Cooper Cummings (our visitors' doggie). We won't give away anybody's age, especially Cooper's.

Debbie Gadomski asks for prayers for herself and her family, especially her siblings, as her father passed away this past Thursday.

Please keep Laurie Kahler and her family in your thoughts and prayers, as well. Laurie and her husband Charles made an emergency trip to be with Charles' 94-year-old mother, who is seriously ill.

Jean Thomas just returned from a vacation to Florida and is happy to report her knee is better. In addition, her son's birthday was yesterday.

Ron Hathaway expressed thanks for today's visitors.

Mike Moore expressed thanks to the Hathaways for serving as ushers this week and providing our Fellowship snacks. He also asks for prayers for his sons, who are facing some struggles.

Katriena asks for prayers for Alyssa, who's been struggling with a persistent cold and stomach bug, and for Alyssa's dog Sienna, for healing from an intestinal problem.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, March 2nd, are: Exodus 24:12–18, Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1:16–21, Matthew 17:1–9. Next Sunday's designation is Transfiguration Sunday.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Outreach Group will meet February 25 at the church. Please join us to continue plans for the Easter EGG-stravaganza and the Coffee House, as well as other upcoming outreach projects.

Please bring a non-perishable item to church next week and take a ticket for the drawing for the NIV Study Bible. Charles will hold the drawing next Sunday and give the Bible to a lucky winner. Canned fruit is a great choice for donation—see below.

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.

The Aristocats will be playing on May 9, 10, and 11 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) at the Venue Theatre in Conifer (Safeway Center). Our own Nikki Moore has a role in the play. Tickets are available online through the theater’s website <http://www.thevenuetheatre.com/>. It’s a small venue, so grab your tickets early!

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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. At this time, there is a particular need for canned fruit.

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.

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

Liturgist—Jean Thomas

Usher—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Sunday School—Dave Bauer

Children’s Time—Lucy Bauer, Bells

Fellowship—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Choir/Orchestra Practice—No Limits Choir, 8:45 am.

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>

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Watchwords

The Lord...proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin..."—Exodus 34:6-7 (NRSV)

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.—John 3:16 (NRSV)

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