

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

March 4, 2014

This Transfiguration Sunday, Jean Thomas and Mike Moore helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Dave led us through Children's Time with bells (though it didn't quite work out, we all had a great time and a good laugh. Thanks, Dave! lol). Connie Hannah guided us through the service with her guitar, and our No Limits Choir sang for our time of Special Music. Our Contemporary Word welcomed the season of Lent with a message about the "bigness" of God, the Mysterium Tremendum, and opened us to the awe we'll receive as we walk and talk with God over the coming weeks.

Thanks to all who came together in worship, and I hope you each have a safe and blessed week. See you on Ash Wednesday at 7pm!

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

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SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Our attendance this Sunday was 20 total, with 1 child and 0 youth present. Our offering totaled \$455.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Please continue to pray for Laurie Kahler, her husband Charles, and their family. Charles' mother passed away last Sunday. We hope to see Laurie safely back soon!

Cindi Myers asks for prayers for her husband Jim, who will be having stem cell therapy for his knee. She also asks for prayers for her dog Katie, who is ill.

Doug Becvar expressed thanks for the District Conference, where DPUMC was chosen to receive the day's collection to use for mission projects.

Kim Moore expressed her joy that Doug was also honored at the conference as a Quiet Disciple. We're very proud of Doug and grateful for all his contributions to our church. Kim also mentioned the joyful day we all had attending the conference, and thanks for the wood pile, which "magically" grew much larger during the time we were gone.

Donna Bastien asks for prayers for her mother, who suffered a small stroke last week, and then fell and sustained some bruising.

Jean Thomas also mentioned the conference and the sense of connectedness it provides for attendees and for our church in general.

Doug Jenner asked us to keep the current situation in Ukraine in our thoughts with prayers for a resolution that will be good for the country's people. He mentioned it as an example of the fragility and difficulties of governance with fairness and love.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, March 9th, are: Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12–19, Matthew 4:1–11. Next Sunday's designation is First Sunday of Lent. In addition, Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, so don't forget to set your clocks forward!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY:

We're all set up for a church outing to see the Denver Cutthroats, our local CHL hockey team, through the team's fundraising program. The dates are March 14, 15, and 16—the last three games of the season. We can all go to one game or go in separate groups. I'll get a link from the Cutthroats we can use to order tickets. Prices will be: \$15 for upper corners, \$17 for upper center, \$19 for lower ends, \$26 for lower center, and \$35 for seats on the glass in rows 2-6 (this is a GREAT price, by the way, and if anybody wants to sit on the glass with me, I'm more than game). For each ticket purchased, \$3 comes back to Deer Park from the team. On March 15th, they'll have a slapshot game during one of the intermissions where you could win up to \$100,000! They're planning that game to be quite a party, so that might be a great day to go.

For more information about the venue and where the seats are located (the Cutthroats play at Denver Coliseum), drop by denvercutthroats.com. The Cutthroats are a CHL farm team for the Colorado Avalanche, and had more players called up to the AHL than any other CHL team both this year and last year.

The Outreach Group will meet March 11 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.

On Sunday, we held the drawing for the NIV Study Bible. The winner was Sharon Keith-Zamora. Congrats!!

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, and there's always a need for staple items.

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, March 9, we have the following:

Liturgist—Janie Wall
Usher—Mike and Nicole Moore
Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Children's Time—Kim Moore
Fellowship—Fellowship Potluck
Choir/Orchestra Practice—Bailey Brass, 9 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>
Blog: <http://deerparkumc.org/blog/>

Watchwords

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.—Lamentation 3:22-23 (NRSV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.—Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

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