

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

March 10, 2014

This first Sunday of Lent, Sharon Keith-Zamora and Mike Moore helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Kim led Children's Time with a message about Jesus' period of fasting in the desert. The Bailey Brass did an awesome job for our time of Special Music, and the Contemporary Word focused on our hope to avoid temptation and sin (those moments we're led away from our sense of nearness to God) as we spend the next forty days in fasting and prayer to lift our awareness of God's close company.

Thanks so much to all who came together in worship, and I hope you each have a safe and wonderful week!

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

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SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Our attendance this Sunday was 33 total, with 1 child and 3 youth present. Our offering totaled \$1,005.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Pastor Laura let us know that Charles Wall was taken to the hospital on Sunday morning. Last we heard, he's doing fine, but please keep him and Janie in your prayers.

Cindi Myers expressed all our sentiments when she mentioned it was very good to have Laurie Kahler back with us.

Linda Zimmerman asks for prayers for her son, who has been unemployed for some time and needs prayers. She also was happy to bring a friend to church.

Dan McCafferty asks for prayers for his niece, as her husband passed away this week. Also, we sang happy birthday to Maggie, whose birthday is Wednesday.

Katriena asks for prayers for the homeless and those struggling with problems that can make it impossible for them to work and maintain a stable living situation.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, March 9th, are: Genesis 12:1–4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1–5, 13–17, John 3:1–17. This Sunday's designation is Second Sunday in Lent.

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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. Our link to order tickets is <http://ev2.eventue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/SEGetEventList?prc=DEARPARK&caller=PR&linkID=twmt>. 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.

On Maunday Thursday, the Thursday before Easter, we will be hosting a Seder-style service at the church. We'll need volunteers for this event, so please let Pastor Laura know if you can help out.

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. We will be meeting every Tuesday until Easter.

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.

We need **VOLUNTEERS** for the Coffee House. Please let us know if you can help!

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!

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.

Platte Canyon High School's performance of *Spamalot* was rescheduled to this Thursday at 6:30. Alexa Moore appears in the production, which will be held at the PCHS auditorium (next to the Hudak Pool).

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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 16, we have the following:

Liturgist—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Usher—Sharon Keith-Zamora
Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Children's Time—Connie Hannah
Fellowship—Charles & Janie Wall

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>

Blog: <http://deerparkumc.org/blog/>

Watchwords

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24 (NRSV)

I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.—John 17:4 (NIV)

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