

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

March 24, 2014

This Sunday, Janie Wall and Jean Thomas helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Charles Wall led our (many!) kids through Children's Time with a message about acceptance. We spent a moment in meditative pause with music from Lisa Gerrard for our time of Special Music, and the Contemporary Word focused on our thirst for God and the ways the presence of God satisfies our soul as we grow closer in relationship.

Thanks to all who came together in worship, and I pray 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 31 total, with 5 children and 3 youth present. Our offering was \$299. Last week's offering came to \$330.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Pastor Laura asked us to keep Mary Marsh in our prayers. Mary used to attend our church many years ago, and is now struggling with her health, suffering from liver failure. She is 81 years old. Please hold her and her son Gary in your prayers.

Laura also shared the happy news that her older brother and his wife are expecting a baby girl.

Kim and Mike Moore asked for prayers for a friend who started treatment for leukemia this week.

Linda Zimmerman was happy to welcome children and grandchildren to the service.

Janie Wall asks for traveling prayers for her children, who are traveling to Hawaii for vacation.

Doug Becvar added a request for traveling prayers for Sharon and Karen Keith-Zamora, who are also off to the tropics for vacation.

Jean Thomas asks for prayers for a friend who is struggling with cancer and was unable to receive chemo treatment this week due to test results. She also asks for prayers for her son, who is still struggling in the aftermath of his divorce. On a joyful note, Jean had a wonderful birthday week with friends last week.

We were happy to welcome numerous visitors, including friends of the Moores, the Zimmermans' grandbabies and their moms (it was nice of the grandbabies to bring them along!), and friends of the Von Vetts, Dustin, Stacey and Joese Jacobs, who are new to the area from Wheat Ridge.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, March 30th, are: 1 Samuel 16:1–13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8–14 & John 9:1–41. Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday in Lent/One Great Hour of Sharing.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On Maunday Thursday, the Thursday before Easter, we will be holding a Seder-style service. Charles and Janie Wall have generously offered their home for this gathering. We'll need volunteers for this event, particularly to cook specific items for the Seder Dinner. We'll have a sign-up sheet and a list of recipes we'll need in the near future. Please RSVP by Palm Sunday so we'll know how many will be attending.

The Outreach Group will meet April 25 at the church at 7 pm. 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 coming up in the next few weeks:

COFFEEHOUSE: On Saturday, April 12, from 7-9 pm, 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! We'll need people to bake treats—sign-up sheets will be available next Sunday.

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. We are in need of volunteers to help assemble items during our Tuesday night Outreach meetings. We also need donations of individually wrapped candy to stuff our Easter eggs.

SUMMER RETREAT: We have received some feedback and suggestions for our summer retreat and hopefully will have some exciting news for you in the near future.

BAILEY DAYS is coming up, and we'll need volunteers to help out with our usual activities.

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Mountain Seniors will be having their first meeting on Wednesday, April 2nd from 10 am - 1 pm at Conifer Community Church (9998 S Havekost Rd, Conifer - next to Ace Hardware on Hwy 285 in Aspen Park). This is open to all area seniors. There will be speakers, social time, biblical studies, games, and exercises. The speaker for April will be Lauren Feruson from the Mountain Resource Center talking about the services they offer to seniors. Please bring a sack lunch. For more information, call Ruth Reindel at 303-697-9346.

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 30, we have the following:

Liturgist—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Usher—Mike Moore
Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Children's Time—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Fellowship—Jean & Ken Carpenter
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

Moses said, "I have never been eloquent...I am slow of speech and tongue." The Lord said to him, "...go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."—Exodus 4:10-12 (NIV)

If a person has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need and that person doesn't care—how can the love of God remain in him?—John 3:17 (CEB)

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