

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

March 31, 2014

This Sunday, Debbie Gadomski and Mike Moore helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Jean led the kids through Children's Time with a message about God's love. The Bailey Brass played "Suzannah" for our time of Special Music, and the Contemporary Word focused on our blindness to each other in a cluttered world, and the ways our relationship with God helps us see with new eyes.

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 25 total, with 2 children and 3 youth present. Our offering was \$427. Thanks to those who chipped in a little extra for One Great Hour of Sharing!

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Please keep Charles Wall in your prayers. He had hernia surgery on Friday and is recovering.

Debbie Gadomski asks for prayers for her stepfather, who also had a hernia repair surgery. He's experienced some complications and has been back to the ER a few times. Her mother is also having treatment for a back injury she suffered during her recent fall when she also broke her wrist.

Please also lift the family and friends of Mary Marsh, who passed away on Friday after a hospital stay. Her son, Gene Marsh, worked on our church plumbing after our pipes burst. Her memorial service will be at our church—details forthcoming.

Jean Thomas asks us to pray for the 239 passengers of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 and their families. The flight remains unaccounted for after it disappeared off radar three weeks ago. Also please pray for those involved in the mudslide in Washington State. 21 people have died and 30 are still listed as missing.

Mike Moore asks for prayers for his friend Captain Hazelwood, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, April 6th, are: Ezekiel 37:1–14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6–11, John 11:1–45. Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday in Lent.

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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. There is a signup sheet available in Fellowship Hall to RSVP and to volunteer to cook. Please RSVP by Palm Sunday so we'll know how many will be attending.

The Outreach Group will meet April 1 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.

We need **VOLUNTEERS** for the Coffee House. Please let us know if you can help! We'll need people to bake treats—there is a signup sheet available in Fellowship Hall.

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.

There is a **Lay Servant Ministry spring class** coming up on April 25 and 26th in Littleton. If you're interested in venturing into this important ministry, please contact Pastor Laura.

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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, April 6th, we have the following:

Liturgist—Charles Wall

Usher—Mike Moore

Sunday School—Lucy Bauer

Children's Time—Lucy Bauer

Fellowship—Zimmermans

Choir/Orchestra Practice—No Limits Choir Rehearsal—8:45 am

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with services! Signup sheets for 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 Lord says, “You are precious and honored in my sight... Do not be afraid, for I am with you.”—Isaiah 43:4-5 (NIV)

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.—Romans 8:28 (NRSV)

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