

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Monday Update

November 18, 2013

This Sunday, Jean Thomas and Mike Moore helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Kim Moore led the kids through Children's Time with a message about life's mazes and our hope in God to see us through. Our No Limits Choir sang "Thy Word" for our time of Special Music, and Connie Hannah stood as guest speaker for our Contemporary Word, speaking on the ways we reach out to others in God's love with kindness and open ears.

Thanks so much to Connie for sharing her heart and love of God with us all, and to everyone who came together in worship. I hope you have a safe and blessed week!

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

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SUNDAY'S SNAPSHOT

Our attendance this Sunday was 28 total, with 2 children and 4 youth present. Our offering totaled \$425.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Charles Wall is happy that his second cataract surgery has been moved up to this Friday.

Charles also asks that we continue to pray for the Outreach Group on Tuesdays at 7 pm.

Doug Jenner asks that we all remember and commemorate the 50th anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy this week.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, next week's Bible verses are: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 1:68-79, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43. Charles, our fearless Bible study leader, will be absent this coming Sunday, but other attendees of regular Bible Study are invited to meet to discuss this week's verses.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Outreach Group meetings will continue on Tuesday nights @7:00 pm at the church. If you can't be there, please stop for a minute or so at 7 pm to pray for the success of the meeting and guidance for those attending. Attendance has dropped off a bit, so please attend if you can so we can continue to plan our holiday outreach events.

The Outreach Group is also sponsoring a raffle. If you donate any item to the food bank, you'll receive an entry to win an NIV Study Bible. Raffle tickets are available on the piano, downstairs in the sanctuary.

The Food Bank is in continuing need of donations. Need always increases during the winter months and during the holidays, and this year we are likely to have even more people in need due to federal cuts to the SNAP program (Food Stamps). 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. If you bring a non-perishable item to donate for the Food Bank, you can enter a drawing for a beautiful NIV Study Bible provided by the Outreach Group. Let's fill up our raffle box with tickets!

As we move into the holiday season, the Outreach Group is planning events for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will be filling Thanksgiving boxes on Friday, 11/22 from 7-8 pm, then handing out the boxes on Saturday, 11/23 from 8 am until delivery is finished.

Please keep your calendars open for the Conifer Christmas Parade on December 7th. We are planning to have not only the Psalm 150 Marching Band in the parade but also a float with a nativity scene. Look for more details in the near future. We will also be having a food drive to help the Food Bank supply holiday meals for Christmas, as well as supplying baskets for Thanksgiving. Signup sheets are available to volunteer to help assemble baskets on November 21 starting at noon, and to help deliver baskets on November 23 starting at 8 am.

Outreach Goals are now 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! We'll also be adding an insert to the bulletin to help us all keep track of what all is going on and where help is needed.

An upcoming Outreach project is the North Fork Fire Department Chili Fest. Charles Wall has volunteered to be Santa, and other volunteers are needed to help serve and prepare chili for those coming out to the Buffalo Creek area to cut down Christmas trees. Please let the Outreach Group know if you're able to help. Details are available on the bulletin board.

Our Charge Conference will be held on December 5 at 6:30 pm, so please add this to your calendars, as well.

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, November 24, we have the following:

Liturgist— **NEED VOLUNTEER**
Usher—Mike Moore
Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Children's Time—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Fellowship—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Choir/Orchestra Practice—None

Our next fellowship potluck will be held on December 8th (second Sunday).

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with services! Signup sheets are 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>
Facebook group: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/378878865244/>
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Watchwords

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.—Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.—Matthew 7:7 (NRSV)

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