

# The Village Voice

Deer Park United Methodist Church December 26, 2017

## *From the Pastor:*

Sharyn and I want to thank the entire congregation for your presence, your joy, and the many ways you have made this a truly wonderful Christmas. The genuine concern you have expressed for the well-being of those in our community who are hurting from the loss of loved ones, and those facing economic challenge has been truly heartwarming to behold. And to be perfectly honest, I was flabbergasted by the joyous musical expression of our faith at our Candlelight Christmas Eve service! As someone commented afterward, “We may be few in number, but we are mighty in our praise!” I especially want to single out Joyce, Lucy, Lori, Doug, Colin, and Dave for the exquisite accompaniment of our Orchestra. At one point I found my breath so taken away by their musical artistry that I forgot for a moment to start singing. And I think you will agree that the impromptu “kazoo band” at the morning service was excellent as well! Thanks also to Karen and John, and to Jean... You have all worked so hard to not only prepare us for Christmas, but also to help us define what it is all about. You have shown us God’s love. Thank you all for the smiles, warmth and love you have expressed.

And I must say, it came as a total surprise, but thank you also for the monetary gift you gave Sharyn and me. By now you know of my passion for kids; I am dedicated to the task of doing what I can to fill our church with them. This gift will be used specifically in that endeavor. So thank you for your partnership in that as well!

So, as we venture forth into the New Year together, my prayers are that the Spirit of Faith that has been so joyously expressed this Christmas will continue to bless us — and others — in the days ahead.

God’s Peace be with you,  
Dick

PS: Since the fourth Sunday of the month fell on Christmas Eve this year, we delayed the Potluck until the fifth Sunday, December 31st. We will also have our White Elephant Gift Exchange, so join us next Sunday.

**On Sunday, Karen Gatlin and Doug Becvar helped us all out as liturgist and usher. Joyce Von Vett accompanied the hymns. Pastor Dick gave a beautiful message to the children and then gave a beautiful message to the rest of us. Lucy Bauer led us with the bells. Nicole and Kim Moore taught Sunday School for 3 children.**

#### **SERVICE SNAPSHOTS**

**Attendance on Sunday this week was 27 total with 3 children and 2 youth present. Our offering was \$460.**

**On Christmas Eve, Karen Gatlin and John Gatlin helped out as liturgist and usher. Joyce Von Vett and the Psalm 150 Orchestra accompanied the hymns. We had a wonderful Service.**

#### **JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

Linda Zimmerman joy that her daughter, son-in-law and grandson are here.

Doug Becvar, Christmas Greetings from Karen and Sharon Keith-Zamora and they hope to see us next Sunday.

Pastor Dick joy that his daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren are here.

Prayers for Beth Moore and family as she deals with a child in the hospital.

**BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK:** Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, December 31, are:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm 148 (UMH 861)

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

Next Sunday is the First Sunday after Christmas.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, December 31: Potluck & White Elephant Gift Exchange after Worship.**

**Saturday, January 20, 2018: Baby Shower at 2pm. They are registered at Amazon.com and BABIESRUS under both their names: Katie Janda and Chandra Jacquez.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PHOTO DIRECTORY: DPUMC has an online photo directory. Please make sure Jean Carpenter, in the office, has your correct email and contact info. If your photo is not yet in the directory, please email a photo of yourself or your family (you may send more than one photo, as needed, to include everyone) to: [karenlougatlin@gmail.com](mailto:karenlougatlin@gmail.com).

INSTRUCTIONS TO LOGIN (for the first time) TO CHURCH DIRECTORY:

- 1) WEBSITE - Go to: [members.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com) (Note: There is also a free app for Instant Church Directory available for most smartphones with the same process).
- 2) CREATE YOUR LOGIN - Just below the "Sign In" button below the login space, you'll see the words "First time signing in? Create a login now." Click this and use your email address and create your own unique password.
- 3) CONFIRM - This will generate a confirmation email sent to your address. Confirm your email and you should then be able to login with the email address and password you have created.

If this doesn't work, contact Karen: [karenlougatlin@gmail.com](mailto:karenlougatlin@gmail.com). Thank you.

The Deer Park United Methodist Church Music Ministry and Outreach has been providing musical instruments to youth in our area for over ten years. Thirty

instruments have been provided to youth and elementary schools in our area. These instruments are donated and reconditioned if needed. If you have an instrument that is in a closet or no longer needed, please consider donating it to us.

**Anyone that is available to sing or play for Special Music any upcoming Sunday please let me know.**

**Deer Park UMC is now registered with Amazon Smile. Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)**

**Check out our webpage [deerparkumc.org](https://deerparkumc.org).**

We have reloadable **Gift Cards** for **King Soopers** and **Safeway**. They are a great way to donate to the church as we receive a percentage of the money spent on groceries. See Donna Bastien.

## Deer Park UMC Mission Statement

Deer Park UMC is a diverse community welcoming visitors and members of all backgrounds. ***Everyone is welcome! No exceptions!*** is not only motto but our mission statement.

We extend the open hand of Christ's love to any who would pass through our doors, regardless of age, faith, creed, race, nationality, special needs, marital status, financial or social status, gender identity or sexual orientation. We rejoice in our differences while inviting all to join our faith journey toward greater understanding and sincere mutual respect.

No matter who you are, we're glad you're here!

**We are still collecting shoes for Soles for Souls** so bring your used shoes and drop them off in the box by the office. Shoes in any condition, even heavily worn or chewed by your new puppy, will be repurposed to help those in need.

Our Noisy Offering is being repurposed to the church's general fund. Please drop your extra change in the bucket at the back of the sanctuary.

**Please consider joining UMC Market**—it's a super easy way to donate funds to the church without spending any extra money. Much like our Safeway and King Soopers cards, UMC Market allows you to do your regular shopping through a website portal. If you use the portal, you can shop where you'd normally shop, and a percentage of your purchase amount is donated back to the church. Visit [umcmarket.org](http://umcmarket.org) and follow the prompts to sign up. Then all you have to do is sign in to their website, click on the store where you want to shop (amazon.com, Kohl's, Staples, Barnes & Noble among many others), and make your purchases as usual. **The UMC Market app has updated so you have to go on their site and make a new account to continue to use it. People who already signed up for it should get an email letting them know they need a new account.**

**DPUMC is now one of the AmazonSmile charities, so if people select the church as their charity, we will get 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible AmazonSmile purchases. They need to go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select the church as their charity, and then they should start their Amazon shopping at <http://smile.amazon.com> for it to count.**

**Note that Amazon is no longer one of the UMC market vendors so this is the best way for the church to benefit from Amazon purchases.**

#### NEWS FROM THE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

**The Food Pantry** is in need of paper products, paper towels. They also need dish soap and laundry detergent. Also feminine hygiene products are needed. Baking products, cake mixes, muffin, any small mixes. Any gluten free items, also low or no sodium items. They also need empty egg cartons. Items can be brought to church on Sunday or Tuesday nights. Alternately, Jean C. is generally in the office on Monday morning from about 10-12 and on Fridays from about 10-12. Please call first to be sure someone is there.

**The Food Pantry needs toothpaste.**

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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.

For this Sunday, December 31, we have the following:

**Liturgist— NEED VOLUNTEER**

Usher— **NEED VOLUNTEER**  
Sunday School— **NEED VOLUNTEER**  
Children's Time— **NEED VOLUNTEER**  
Fellowship— **Potluck, everyone please bring a dish to share.**

**\*WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAYS IN JANUARY. Sign-up sheets are available on the table in Fellowship Hall see where you might be able to help out, or send an email to the office. Thanks!**

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with services! Sign up on the signup sheets on the table in Fellowship Hall or drop me an email at [office@deerparkumc.org](mailto:office@deerparkumc.org) if you're able to fill one of these positions.  
Thanks to all of you!

### **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

If you're on Facebook, stop by the church's page 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 Teacher wrote, "I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live."— Philippians 3:14(NIV)***  
**Today I will show others the joy of the Lord.—(THOUGHT FOR THE DAY)**

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