

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Monday Update

October 28, 2013

This Sunday, Charles Wall and Dave Effler helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Charles led the young at heart through a brief introduction to our upcoming community projects. For our time of special music, Al Gram performed "His Eye is on the Sparrow" on trombone; and for the Contemporary Word, we shared together our worldwide United Methodist "No More Malaria" mission, and the ways we can be a part of the effort to save mothers and infants from the fatal disease by providing bed nets as protection from infected mosquitoes.

Thanks so much to all who joined in worship and fellowship, and I look forward to being together in community outreach during our Halloween Fun Fest, this Thursday! Connecting with the young families living up and down the 285 Corridor will be a wonderful blessing for us all, and I can't wait to enjoy the evening our congregation has worked so hard to bring out from our imaginations and into the world!

I pray you each have a safe and blessed week cherishing each moment we spend in the heart of God.

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

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SUNDAY'S SNAPSHOT

Our attendance this Sunday was 21 total, 1 youth present. Our offering totaled \$783, including donations for the food pantry.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Mel Schulman asked for prayers for his friend Noel, whose sister committed suicide. He also asks for prayers for Jim and Daphne Mayer, friends of his who are trying to sell their house.

Debbie Gadomski expressed joy that her daughter was able to sell her house, and also asked for prayers for her neighbors. She also related that she had a great experience this past week with 7 visiting veterinarians from Thailand. They all discovered how much we all have in common.

Jean Thomas asks for prayers for everyone who experienced a stressful week. She also asks that we keep her in our prayers as her doctors look for a diagnosis for her knee.

Dan McCafferty has collected 35-40 coats for the fall coat drive already, and is happy to report this early success.

Please offer prayers for Karen Keith-Zamora's best friend Fox, in Iowa. She has been diagnosed with stage four breast cancer.

Ron Hathaway asks for prayers for his sister, who had cataract surgery and is still having vision difficulties.

Alexa Moore asked for prayers for her best friend, whose father has MS and has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Rita Effler was happy to report that they've had a good number of family visitors, including Dave's kids and grandson. Rita's kids will be arriving for Halloween to help with our Fun Fest.

Pastor Laura asked us to pray for Rebecca, who used to clean our church. The cancer she was fighting has spread to her brain, but doctors feel they will be able to eliminate the new tumor.

Pastor Laura also related that she and Ky had a great time at Ky's best friend's wedding in Larkspur this week, spending time with friends. Laura's brother also visited from Boston.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, next week's Bible verses are: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm 119:137-144, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 19:1-10

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Outreach Committee 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.

Help for the Halloween Fun Fest:

We'll be meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday evening to set up for the Halloween Fun Fest. We'll be starting at about 2 pm on Tuesday and 4 pm on Wednesday. Everyone is welcome to drop by and help, even if it's for just a few minutes. On Halloween night (Thursday), we'll get started around 4 in preparation for the event, which begins at 6.

We are still in need of both real and fake spectators to fill the seats in our Fun House. You can make a witch, or fill jeans with paper, attach shoes and socks, add a shirt, make a head out of a balloon. Scarecrows will work. Zombies are great. We need a

theatre full of goblins and ghouls. Use your imagination and creative ability. Let's have fun with this! Contact Rita Effler for additional details (rl_effler@hotmail.com).

The Newsletter Deadline is fast approaching. Please send any articles, ideas, recipes, etc. to the office at office@deerparkumc.org. Thanks much!

As we move into the holiday season, the Outreach Group is planning events for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. 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.

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.

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 3, we have the following:

Liturgist—Jean Thomas

Usher—Sharon Keith-Zamora

Sunday School—Dave Bauer

Children's Time—Bells

Fellowship—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

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

Our next fellowship potluck will be held on November 10th (second Sunday). Our next Church Council meeting will be held on November 17 (**THIRD SUNDAY—PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE**)

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with services! November and December (!) 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/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/deerparkumc>

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

AROUND THE COMMUNITY:

Empty Bowls fundraiser set for November

Mountain Resource Center's Empty Bowls Project, which benefits struggling families in our community, is part of an international grassroots effort to end hunger and food insecurity.

Empty Bowls Conifer will be held on Wednesday, November 6 at MRC, 11030 Kitty Drive, with lunch from 11 -2 and supper from 5 -7. Empty Bowls Evergreen will be held on Thursday, November 7 at the Lake House with lunch from 11 – 2.

For a minimum donation of \$25, guests enjoy a delicious meal of soups, breads and desserts prepared by our local restaurants and caterers while listening to live music provided by local entertainers. Guests are also invited to keep a handmade bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world.

Tickets may be purchased at MRC or online at <http://www.mrcco.org>.

Watchwords

I put all my hope in the Lord. He leaned down to me; he listened to my cry for help.—Psalm 40:1 (CEB)

Each has a particular gift from God, one having one kind and another a different kind.—1 Corinthians 7:7 (NRSV)

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