

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

December 31, 2013

On December 29th, the last Sunday of 2013, we welcome an intimate group of 15 to our worship service. Charles Wall delivered a message about New Year's traditions and resolutions, suggesting we all resolve to grow in our relationship with God to bring growth to our church and our community in 2014. A trio from the Psalm 150 Orchestra—Karen Keith-Zamora, Lori Forden, and Jake Jolly—played a Christmas medley for our Special Music and also kindly helped accompany the congregation in the absence of Laurie Kahler on piano/organ. Debbie Gadomski served as liturgist while Mike Moore ushered, and Jean Thomas delivered a short “children’s” sermon for all the adults present (we didn’t have any kids, sadly) about being a lay-led church and how we can all help out as we move forward. Thanks to everyone who attended, and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

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SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Our attendance this Sunday was 15 total. Our offering totaled \$365. On Christmas Eve, we welcomed 55 people with numerous guests, including children, adults, and youth, and our offering totaled \$677.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Jean Thomas was joyful about her experience at the Bauers’ concert recital on Saturday night. Several of our members attended and reported that it was a wonderful evening of fantastic music. Jean was also thankful for the snow we’ve had over the past few days.

Debbie Gadomski offered thanks for our prayers for her father. He is in rehab right now, preparing for surgery.

Janie Wall’s surgery went well, but she is having some after-surgery issues. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.

Charles Wall reports that his eyes are doing much better.

Doug Jenner’s son Chris had outpatient surgery yesterday for a hernia. Prayers for his quick recovery.

Lori Forden asks for prayers for her father-in-law, who has been diagnosed with cancer in his lungs that has spread to his liver.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Bible verses for next week, January 5th, are: Jeremiah 31:7-14 and Luke 2:41-52.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Attached is an information sheet regarding UMCMarket. You can use UMCMarket to do your regular shopping and have an automatic donation sent to our church based on what you purchase. All you have to do is sign up and visit whatever store you wish to buy from through the UMCMarket portal.

Outreach Group meetings will be taking a break during the holidays. The regular meetings, on Tuesday nights at 7 pm, will resume the second week of January.

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, upstairs in Fellowship Hall.

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! (See above for more details.)

Outreach Goals are 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! The Outreach Group will be adding new goals for next year when they resume meetings in mid-January.

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.

The Newsletter will be moving to a quarterly format starting January 1st.

For next week, January 5, we have the following:

Liturgist—Jean Thomas
Usher—Mike Moore
Sunday School—Dave Bauer
Children’s Time—Lucy Bauer, Bells
Fellowship—Jean Thomas
Choir/Orchestra Practice—No Limits Choir at 8:45 a.m.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with services! Signup sheets for January and February 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>
Facebook group: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/378878865244/>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/deerparkumc>
Blog: <http://deerparkumc.org/blog/>

Watchwords

In all thy ways acknowledge (the Lord), and he shall direct thy paths.—Proverbs 3:6 (KJV)

God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”—Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)

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