

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Monday Update

December 23, 2013

This fourth Sunday of Advent, Ky Hehner and Sharon Keith-Zamora helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Katriena Knights rehearsed her pilot for "Kid's Time with Katriena" with a message on the healing powers of the gifts of the Magi. The Keith-Zamora Family and Doug Becvar led us in the lighting of the four Advent candle, focusing on Joseph and those like him in our world today. Heidi Bauer blew us all away on cello for our time of Special Music; and the Contemporary Word continued in our "Keeping the X in Xmas" sermon series, addressing the powerfully Christian history of the figure of Saint Nicholas and the ways we keep the holiday and holy day in a sacred balance of reverence, warmth and love.

Thanks so much to all who came together in worship, and I look forward to seeing everyone this Christmas Eve!

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

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SUNDAY'S SNAPSHOT

Our attendance this Sunday was 34 total, with 1 child and 5 youth present. Our offering totaled \$635. We had numerous guests, including the missing half of the Bauer family, home from college and elsewhere for the holidays.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our church neighbor, Jim Davis, is suffering from declining health. His daughter Joann has moved out from California to take care of him. Please keep them in your prayers as Joann works out her issues with the moving company and Jim manages the complications and inconveniences of his illness.

Katriena asks for prayers for her best friend's nephew and his wife. They welcomed their first child this week, but he was born prematurely and was not breathing. He is now breathing on his own in the hospital, but they are not sure if he suffered brain damage. Please keep Sean, Tina, and little Bryce in your prayers.

Linda and Stan Zimmerman ask for traveling prayers while they travel for the next few weeks, heading for warmer climes.

Cindi and Jim Myers celebrated their 34th anniversary on Sunday. Congratulations, and may you have many more!

Lois and Ron Hathaway were happy to welcome their grandson and daughter to services yesterday. The rest of their family is on their way for the holidays.

Connie Hannah is thankful for all the additional visiting faces—and voices!—in our choir for the cantata. She also asks for prayers for the intolerance, hatred, and judgment that still exists in our Christian community, for those struggling with these issues and those still perpetrating this painful injustice.

Mike Moore asks for prayers for Charles and Janie Wall. Charles is recovering from surgery and dealing with reactions to his medication. Janie was in an accident at the Christmas parade. Please keep them both in our thoughts and prayers as they recover.

Jean Thomas reported that all the Christmas angel gifts have been distributed to numerous very grateful recipients. Thanks to all who participated.

Marieke Bauer celebrates her sixteenth birthday today. We have several youth in our church reaching this milestone in the next few weeks. Please hold them in your prayers as they head out onto the roads with their shiny new driver's licenses in the near future.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, Bible verses for next week, December 29th, are: Isaiah 63:7-9, Psalm 148, Hebrews 2:10-18, Matthew 2:13-23

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JOINT CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA REHEARSALS will be held before and at 5 pm on Christmas Eve to prepare for our Christmas cantata. Choir members, please meet downstairs after the service

Our Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7:00 pm tomorrow night. Please attend to enjoy our Christmas cantata, One Incredible Moment. The orchestra and choir have been working hard together to bring you this musical look at the Christmas story.

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 Christmas Eve, we have the following:

Usher—Jean Thomas
Liturgist—Linda Zimmerman

For next week, December 29, we have the following:

Liturgist—Debbie Gadomski
Usher—Charles Wall
Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Children's Time—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Fellowship—Debbie Gadomski
Choir/Orchestra Practice—Psalm 150 Orchestra at 9 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.*

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

The Fourth Annual Benefit Recital for the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra

Each of the past three years, after Christmas, the Bauer family children have hosted a music recital to showcase their own personal performance progress as well as to benefit the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra community orchestra (denverphilharmonic.org; Lucy, Heidi and Bib have all played in this group over the years - Lucy for the past 26 years). This year's performance has been scheduled for Saturday, December 28th, 2013, at 4:00pm, in the KPOF Hall in downtown Denver (13th and Sherman, ½ block south of the Capital). The performance is free and open to the public, and free-will monetary donations are being collected to be contributed directly to the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra for use toward their music purchases and development of their community outreach promoting family-friendly music programs. Please mark December 28th on on your calendars, invite your family, friends and neighbors, promote through your favorite outlets, and come help support the Bauer performers and their dedication to supporting the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra.

What: The Fourth Annual Benefit Recital for the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra (free concert, with donations toward the orchestra happily accepted)

Who: Alex, Heidi, Marieke, and Jonas Bauer performing a variety of pieces on piano, cello and flute

When: Saturday, December 28 at 4:00pm

Where: KPOF Hall, 1340 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203

A light reception will follow the concert in the basement of the concert hall

Denver Philharmonic Orchestra "Like" Challenge

The Denver Philharmonic Orchestra (DPO, denverphilharmonic.org) is in second place right now in a Facebook contest to win a \$5K media campaign.

Lucy, Heidi and Bib have all played in this group over the years - Lucy for the past 26 years.

For the DPO, that would be HUGE! Please consider taking a moment during your Facebook sessions to navigate to the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra page and "Like" their page at

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151789250349422&set=o.406707806019462&type=1> as a vote toward them winning this media campaign.

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

The psalmist wrote, “You, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.”—Psalm 92:4 (NRSV)

Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality—Romans 12:13 (NIV)

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