

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Monday Update

December 16, 2013

This third Sunday of Advent, Jean Thomas and Mike Moore helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Sharon Keith-Zamora led the kids through Children's Time with a Christmas message about the three wise men and Bethlehem Star. Our No Limits Choir sang gorgeously for our time of Special Music; and the Contemporary Word focused on the origin of our Christmas traditions and our hope to live fully into the holiday in keeping a balance between the sacred and the secular.

Thanks so much to all who came together to share in love and worship, and I hope you each have a safe and blessed week!

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

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SUNDAY'S SNAPSHOT

Our attendance this Sunday was 34 total, with 4 children and 5 youth present. Our offering totaled \$467.45, including donations for the Interfaith Food Pantry and donations from Cowboy Christmas. We also had another \$107.60 collected from the SERRV blow-out sale. Thanks to everyone for your generosity!!

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Charles Wall is suffering from a bacterial infection in his eye, and Janie asks for prayers for healing.

Cindi Myers' friend DeAnn, a neighbor from Ridgway, will be undergoing her second chemo treatment today.

Ron Hathaway asks for prayers for all those affected by the shooting at Arapahoe High School, including his granddaughter, who attends the school. He also asks for prayers for three other granddaughters, who were involved in an accident, suffering from whiplash and other injuries. One in particular is struggling to recover from a concussion. In addition, please keep Ron's sister in your prayers as she returns to her cataract surgeon to correct issues that have been affecting her vision since her initial surgery.

Jonas Bauer also has a friend who attends Arapahoe High School and was sitting next to the young lady who was critically injured in the shooting. Please sent prayers for healing and recovery for all those involved.

Doug Becvar expressed thanks for all the support he's received during his recent health challenges. He was very touched by our rendition of "Happy Birthday" over the phone last Sunday. Please keep Doug in your prayers as he continues to recover from shingles

Jean Thomas was joyful for a gathering of teachers she used to work with, where they had wonderful fellowship and fun (and lots of truffles, which Jean shared with us at Fellowship).

Debbie Gadomski's father suffered a bleeding ulcer and a heart attack, and is currently in the hospital. While treating the heart attack, they also discovered an aneurism in his aorta. Debbie is currently with him in Oregon. Please keep him, Debbie, and the rest of the Gadomski family in your prayers.

Kim Moore was thankful for our float receiving best music in the Conifer Christmas Parade. We received a very nice ribbon, which was shared with the congregation.

We also sang happy birthday to Alexa Moore, who turned 16 yesterday.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, Bible verses for next week, the fourth Sunday of Advent, are: Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JOINT CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA REHEARSALS will be held before and after services on December 22 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 on December 24th. 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! 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. We have already met some of our goals, including the malaria nets, coat drive, and Thanksgiving baskets.

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, December 22, we have the following:

Liturgist—Ky Hehner

Usher—Sharon Keith-Zamora

Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Children's Time—Katriena Knights

Fellowship—Sharon Keith-Zamora

Choir/Orchestra Practice—No Limits Choir and Psalm 150 Orchestra at 8:45 a.m. and after services

NOTE: Your intrepid administrator forgot to add Christmas Eve to the list of services on the volunteer sheets. We will need an usher and possibly a liturgist for this service, so if you'll be there, please consider volunteering. Thanks!!

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with services! There are only a few slots left open for 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.*

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 Lord says, “You are precious and honored in my sight... Do not be afraid, for I am with you.”—Isaiah 43:4-5 (NIV)

The entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”—Galatians 5:14 (NRSV)

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