

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Monday Update

December 9, 2013

This second Sunday of Advent, Cindi Myers and Mike Moore helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Janie Wall (recently received at Charge Conference as our newest Lay Leader!) led the kids through Children's Time with a message about trust and wisdom. The Forden family lit our Advent Candles, and the Bailey Brass performed a Christmas medley for our time of Special Music. The Contemporary Word focused on the gifts we receive from God---not often pretty but always beautiful---which remind us of God's love, care, and friendship in our lives, even through the lowest and hardest of moments.

Thanks to all who came together in worship, and I hope you each have a very 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 32 total, with 4 children and 5 youth present. Our offering totaled \$295.00. We also had \$200 collected toward the No More Malaria campaign, about \$200 collected from the SERRV blow-out sales, and another \$60 supporter signed up to support the Food Bank. Thanks to everyone for your generosity!!

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Dave Bauer expressed thanks for those who helped with the Wood Pile Workday on Saturday.

Jean Thomas asked for prayers for Ellen Sutherland, whose daughter Melissa has been experiencing health problems and undergoing a number of tests. In addition, her husband Denny will be having extensive back surgery on December 11.

Jean is also still seeking a definitive diagnosis for her knee pain.

Sunday was Doug Becvar's birthday. We sang happy birthday over the phone, as he's still at home recovering from shingles. Please send prayers that he will be back with us soon. We miss you, Doug!

Cindi Myers asked for prayers for her neighbors in Ridgway, Dave and DeAnn. DeAnn just started chemotherapy treatment for leukemia. In addition, her only son just committed suicide. Please pray for healing for the family.

Mike Moore is dealing with various concerns, so please send prayers his way. He also expressed joy regarding the Conifer Christmas Parade, the Woodpile Work day, and the Charge Conference, as well as the fact that we had 32 people in attendance this week.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, next week's Bible verses are: Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 1:47-55, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHOIR REHEARSALS will be held before and after services on December 15 and 22 to prepare for our Christmas cantata. Choir members, please meet in downstairs after the service.

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 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. Attendance has dropped off a bit, so please attend if you can so we can continue to plan our holiday outreach events.

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 holiday dance recital for Terpsichore Studios will be held on December 13th at 6:00 at the Venue Theater in Aspen Park. The performance is a benefit for Intermountain Humane Society and the Mountain Peace Shelter. See Marieke Bauer for tickets.

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 15, we have the following:

Liturgist—Jean Thomas

Usher—Charles Wall

Sunday School—Sharon Keith-Zamora

Children's Time—Sharon Keith-Zamora

Fellowship—Kim Moore and Jean Thomas

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

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 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

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him.—Psalm 37:7 (NRSV)

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.—Hebrews 13:2 (NRSV)

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Contact information: Drive to 966 Rim Rock Road in the 285 Community. Send mail to P.O. Box 578 Pine, CO 80470. Call the church office at 303-838-6759. Pastor Laura Hehner – pastor@deerparkumc.org. Deer Park United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome! No exceptions!

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