

# Deer Park United Methodist Church

## Monday Update

December 3, 2013

This first Sunday of Advent, Lucy Bauer and Sharon Keith-Zamora helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Lucy led the kids and young at heart through bells for Children's Time. Our No Limits Choir sang "People Get Ready" for our time of Special Music. The Contemporary Word opened the season of Advent with a message about the fulfillment of prophecy in Jesus' life, and our role in bringing the peace of Christ to the world through the minutes of every hour.

After service, we shared some wonderful time decorating our church for our season of celebration, enjoying a few cups of hot chocolate and warm apple cider.

Thanks to each of you who came together in worship, and I hope you all 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 29 total, with 1 child and 3 youth present. Our offering totaled \$981.00.

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

Ron Hathaway asks for prayers for his cousin and their family, whose 10-year-old grandson is fighting cancer. Doctors have determined there is no more they can do, so your prayers are greatly appreciated. In addition, his cousin's 5-year-old granddaughter has a growth that will be operated on December 10. Also, Ron's friend will be going for cancer testing, so please keep all these folks in your prayers.

Debbie Gadomski reports that her co-worker will be having her last cancer treatment this week. Another friend's brother died from a fall while he was in the hospital.

In happier news, Debbie's daughter-in-law's mother will be visiting from Russia, and Debbie will be spending Christmas with all her children and grandchildren.

Dan McCafferty provided an update on his brother, whose CAT scan showed that the tumor in his lungs is gone. He also reported that our coat drive surpassed expectations—with a goal of 250 coats, we collected 354.

Please offer additional prayers for Doug Becvar, who is still experiencing vision issues as a side effect of his recent bout with shingles.

Prayers also for Jean Thomas' youngest son was recently diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, thyroid issues, and high blood sugar and cholesterol.

Kim Moore's nephew and his wife welcomed a baby on Thanksgiving Day. The baby is still in the NICU. Prayers for speedy healing.

We were all happy to see Bruce and Diane Quantic, and wish them safe travels back to Kansas.

Connie Hannah offered thanks to everyone who stepped in to help with the service in Laurie's absence.

**BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK:** Per the lectionary, next week's Bible verses are: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Thanks to everyone** who helped with Hanging of the Greens on Sunday after the church service. Our church looks bright and ready for Christmas!

**CHOIR REHEARSALS** will be held before and after services on December 8 and 15 to prepare for our Christmas cantata. Choir members, please meet in the Sunday School room before the service on December 8 and downstairs after the service on December 15.

**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.

**Gifts made online through The Advance on UMC #GivingTuesday** will be matched dollar for dollar **TODAY** December 3rd. On this very special day, give through The Advance, the designated giving arm of The United Methodist Church, and extend your generosity through this matching opportunity. Visit [www.umcmmission.org/give](http://www.umcmmission.org/give) to make a donation.

**Wood Pile Workday:** On Saturday, December 7th, from 8am-noon, we will be hosting the monthly Woodpile Workday to restore the depleted stocks of firewood. Please come help us help the community. Come along and invite someone to join you - it's a great way to help and a great way to enjoy a little refreshing morning air. We meet from 8am-noon, so put on a smile, your work gloves, and some safety glasses and join in the

energy helping out our fellow 285 Corridor neighbors. Bring tools and equipment as you have them, sunscreen, a hat and maybe a bottle of water. Bring along a fellow church member or a friend to help out with this part of the Interfaith Food Pantry. Feel free to post to any of your favorite connections (FaceBook, PineCam, web pages, blogs or wherever).

**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 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.)

**Those participating in the Conifer Christmas Parade** please meet at the church at noon on Saturday, December 7.

**Bailey Brass** will be playing at Cowboy Christmas at Rustic Square in Bailey on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-1:30 pm. Drop by if you can—they'd be grateful for your support.

**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. We have already met some of our goals, including the malaria nets, coat drive, and Thanksgiving baskets.

**Our Charge Conference** will be held on Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 pm, so please add this to your calendars, as well.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a December newsletter combining news from November and December before the switch to the new delivery schedule.

For next week, December 8, we have the following:

Liturgist—Cindi Myers

Usher—Mike Moore

Sunday School—Janie Wall

Children's Time—Janie Wall

Fellowship—Fellowship Potluck

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

Bailey Brass at 9:00 a.m.

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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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)**

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

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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](mailto:pastor@deerparkumc.org). Deer Park United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome! No exceptions!

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