

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

December 28, 2015

Thanks so much to all for a wonderful Christmas Eve! And a special thanks to the Bauers for their amazzzzzing musical contributions. We saw the church packed, and shared together in love as we celebrated the presence of God in our lives and the light of Christ in the world.

On Sunday, we moved together toward the season of Epiphany, our Contemporary Word urging us to open ourselves into constant conversation with God as we grow and transform in the life of the Holy. Ken Carpenter helped us as liturgist, and Rosalie Winstead as usher; and Julie Miller taught the kids in Sunday school.

Thanks to all for the heart you put into this house of God; and I hope you each have a very safe and blessed week!

In God's Love,
Rev. Laura H.
PS Thank you all for the wonderful Christmas gift!

SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Attendance on Christmas Eve was 48 total and our offering was \$546. On Sunday this week was 22 total, with 4 children and 0 youth present. Our offering was \$885.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Laura Hehner, joy that her brother and parents mended their differences and the family spent had a wonderful time celebrating Christmas. She also asked for prayers for all the families experiencing grief during this time.

Doug Jenner spent a lot of time traveling during the holidays and is glad to be back home.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, January 3, are:

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795)
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Next Sunday is Epiphany Sunday.

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COMING EVENTS

Next Sunday, January 3, is Potluck. Everyone please bring a dish to share. Also after worship we will gather, have lunch, and make a list of what we would like to accomplish or work on during this coming year. We will meet later in January to talk about how we will accomplish the items on the list.

The **men's group** continues to meet on Thursdays at 8:30 am at the Cutthroat Café for coffee, breakfast, and conversation.

Here's a short announcement that, subject to a very key limitation (see below), there will be an upcoming **Woodpile Workday**:

- Saturday, January 2nd
- 8am-noon (come for any part of it or for all of it)
- Dress for the work and the weather and bring workgloves, eye protection and ear/hearing protection
- Anyone can call or email me (Dave, 303.618.7719, dandlbauer@aol.com) with questions or ideas

KEY LIMITATION:

- Unfortunately, we're out of wood supplies on site and haven't had any sources come forward.
- If anyone has contacts with known wood supplies, that would be a great help.
- Delivery to the worksite is the best options, but if the contact can support having someone come pick it up, and the wood is very accessible, we could do some fetching during the upcoming week or we could even make part of Saturday a "fetching" expedition if any sources come forward.
- Every little bit helps and every bit makes a difference.

Tuesday, January 5. **Outreach Group Meeting 7 PM.**

Tuesday, January 12. **Bible Study 7 PM.**

Tuesday, January 19. **Outreach Group Meeting 7 PM.**

Sunday School Clean Up Day

Saturday January 23rd

10am till whenever we finish

Please also donate any arts and crafts supplies, paper, crayons, pencils, markers, glue, appropriate kids books, activity books, toys, etc.

Tuesday, January 26. **Bible Study 7 PM.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We have a challenge. Let's see how much peanut butter and jelly we can collect for the Food Pantry. The challenge will continue now through Jan 1st.

New Charity Drive

We are going to repurpose the towel box and begin collecting new socks, gently used hats, mittens and gloves for delivery in the community. Please bring what you can to fill up the box.

Check out our webpage deerparkumc.org. It is being updated regularly.

We have reloadable **Gift Cards** for **King Soopers** and **Safeway**. They are a great way to donate to the church as we receive a percentage of the money spent on groceries. See Donna Bastien.

Deer Park UMC Mission Statement

Deer Park UMC is a diverse community welcoming visitors and members of all backgrounds. ***Everyone is welcome! No exceptions!*** is not only motto but our mission statement.

We extend the open hand of Christ's love to any who would pass through our doors, regardless of age, faith, creed, race, nationality, special needs, marital status, financial or social status, gender identity or sexual orientation. We rejoice in our differences while inviting all to join our faith journey toward greater understanding and sincere mutual respect.

No matter who you are, we're glad you're here!

We are still collecting shoes for Soles for Souls, so bring your used shoes and drop them off in the box by the office. Shoes in any condition, even heavily worn or chewed by your new puppy, will be repurposed to help those in need.

Our Noisy Offering is being repurposed to the church's general fund. Please drop your extra change in the bucket at the back of the sanctuary.

Please consider joining UMC Market—it's a super easy way to donate funds to the church without spending any extra money. Much like our Safeway and King Soopers cards, UMC Market allows you to do your regular shopping through a website portal. If you use the portal, you can shop where you'd normally shop, and a percentage of your purchase amount is donated back to the church. Visit umcmarket.org and follow the prompts to sign up. Then all you have to do is sign in to their website, click on the store where you want to shop (amazon.com, Kohl's, Staples, Barnes & Noble among many others), and make your purchases as usual. **The UMC Market app has updated so you have to go on their site and make a new account to continue to use it. People who already signed up for it should get an email letting them know they need a new account.**

The Food Pantry is in need of paper products, toilet paper, paper towels. Also feminine hygiene products are needed. Baking products, cake mixes, muffin, any small mixes. Also, juices in bottles; peanut butter, jelly, ramen noodle soup, macaroni and cheese, any gluten free items, also low or no sodium items. They also need empty egg cartons. Items can be brought to church on Sunday or Tuesday nights. Alternately, Jean C. is generally in the office on Monday morning from about 10-12 and on Fridays from about 10-12. Please call first to be sure someone is there.

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The Food Bank is in continuing need of donations. Please consider donating five dollars a month or \$60 to cover the year, to help meet the needs of our community.

For this Sunday, January 3, we have the following,

Liturgist— Laura Hehner
Usher— NEED VOLUNTEER
Sunday School— NEED VOLUNTEER
Children's Time— Linda Zimmerman
Fellowship— Potluck

Our next Fellowship Potluck will be Sunday, January 3, 2016.....Everyone please bring a dish to share.

We are in need of volunteers for Sundays in January Laura would particularly like to see some new faces trying out these positions, so if you haven't served as liturgist, usher, children's time presenter, or fellowship or Sunday school, consider giving it a shot and signing up. Sign-up sheets are available on the table in Fellowship Hall and see where you might be able to help out. Thanks!

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with services! Sign up on the signup sheets 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!

SOCIAL MEDIA:

If you're on Facebook, stop by the church's page 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>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/deerparkumc>

Blog: <http://deerparkumc.org/blog/>

Watchwords

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.—1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NRSV)

Giving thanks to God brings us hope and joy. (TUR)

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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.

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