

# Deer Park United Methodist Church

## Weekly Update

December 21, 2015

On Sunday, Lucy Bauer and Mike Moore helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Lucy led the congregation through bells for Children's Time with "O Little Town of Bethlehem." We all moved into the spirit of the coming holiday with a Christmas performance from our No Limits Choir and Psalm 150 Orchestra, then enjoyed some delicious luau food in celebration of Pete and Joyce's return from their adventurous (and certainly somewhat frightful!) experience on their cruise.

Thanks to all who came together in worship, and I look forward to being together to celebrate the life and light of Christ on Christmas Eve!

In God's Love,  
Rev. Laura H.

### **SERVICE SNAPSHOTS**

**Attendance this week was 26 total, with 3 children and 1 youth present. Our offering was \$610.18**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

Connie Hannah, joy that the choir and orchestra sounded so great together. Prayers, for 2 friends, Dale & Verner, who have health issues.

Debbie Gadomski, prayers for her parents and their health issues.

Katriena Knights, prayers for her mom.

Lori Forden, prayers for Wendy and her health issues.

Linda Zimmerman, joy that she and Stan are here with us.

Pete Von Vett, joy that they sold their house in Denver.

Beth Moore, prayers for her family and all families who have lost dear ones this time of year.

Lucy Bauer, prayers for her sister who broke her kneecap in a biking accident.

**BIBLE VERSES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE:** Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for Christmas Eve are:

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96 (UMH 815)  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-20

**BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK:** Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, December 27, are:

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Psalm 148 (UMH 861)  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2:41-52

Next Sunday is the First Sunday after Christmas Day.

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## COMING EVENT

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

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### **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](http://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](http://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 Christmas Eve, we have the following,

**Liturgist—Linda Zimmerman**  
**Usher—Pete Von Vett**

For this Sunday, December 27, we have the following,

**Liturgist— NEED VOLUNTEER**  
**Usher— NEED VOLUNTEER**  
**Sunday School— NEED VOLUNTEER**  
**Children's Time— NEED VOLUNTEER**  
**Fellowship— NEED VOLUNTEER**

**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 December/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](mailto: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**

**Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.—2 Corinthians 4:16(NRSV)**

**At every stage of my life, God has work for me to do.(TUR)**

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