

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

August 19, 2014

On Sunday, Kim Moore and Pete Von Vett helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Connie Hannah led the kids through Children's Time with a message about the stubbornness of solid oak desks and trusting in God to see us through choppy waters. The No Limits Choir sang beautifully for our time of Special Music and the Contemporary Word continued through our sermon series on Matthew 14:22-33 about standing over the water and wavering as we move ahead frightfully but trustingly under God's guidance toward the future of the church.

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

In God's Love,
Reverend Laura Hehner

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SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Our attendance this Sunday was 29 total, with 4 children and 3 youth present. Our offering was \$312. Over the last two weeks, our Noisy Offering has collected \$88.54.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Donna Bastien was happy to welcome her son Pierre, her daughter-in-law Jordan, and their children, who are visiting this week. Other family members will be arriving to celebrate a family reunion.

Pete Von Vett asks for prayers for Stacey Jacobs' brother, who was hit by a car this past week.

Connie Hannah reports that Mimi Henry is doing well after her fourth chemotherapy treatment this week. Mimi's sister will be visiting this week from Dallas. Connie also asks us to continue prayers for the town of Ferguson, MO and for all of us faced by racism in all its forms—from violence to the casual racism that affects us every day.

Diane Quantic asks for prayers for all those suffering from depression, and is thankful for the discussion that has grown about the subject in the wake of the death of Robin Williams.

Janie Wall asks for traveling prayers—she's heading to California to take her granddaughter Josie home.

Kim Moore asks for continued prayers for Jim Hazelwood, who is still battling leukemia. He is scheduled to travel to Seattle for a bone marrow transplant, but doctors have yet to find a suitable donor.

A visitor this week, Alta Meunier from Pine, shared with us that she was diagnosed with sclerodoma and is doing better than expected. Her last checkup indicated she was no longer a candidate for chemotherapy for the condition because her medication is working. She asks for prayers for her continued healing.

Steve Hoffman asks for prayers for those being forcibly displaced in the Middle East.

Lucy Bauer asks for our prayers concerning the Ebola outbreak in Africa. For more information about the church's response to this emergency, or to make a donation to help, see <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/church-responds-to-international-emergency-of-ebola>

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, August 24, are:

- Exodus 1:8–2:10
- Psalm 124 (UMH 846)
- Romans 12:1–8
- Matthew 16:13–20

Next Sunday is the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thanks to everyone who helped assemble the school supply kits last Sunday.

Charles, Pete and Joyce brought them to Fitzsimmons Middle School on Monday morning. The timing was perfect! The office staff was SO happy to receive the school bags because they had already received a few calls from concerned parents saying they couldn't afford to buy the required school supplies. Those parents were told that there would be a school supply bag ready for their child to take home after registration. THANK YOU for living generously with your time and money!

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

Bountiful Baskets is a program that provides fresh produce packaged for local pickup. Baskets are \$15. They can be purchased for individual use, and/or to donate to the Interfaith Food Pantry. The pantry is in need of fresh produce, so this would be an inexpensive way to help fill that need. Please see Rita Effler for more information. Basket pick-up is at Mountain Resource Center.

9Cares Colorado Shares will be holding their yearly event at King Soopers in Conifer on November 15. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you can help with a two-hour shift to collect food. Food collected will go to help our local community.

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.

We have T-shirts available again! Shirts are on the table by the office in Fellowship Hall. Cost this time around is \$11 per shirt. Please see Katriena after services or shoot an email to the office to let us know you'd like to pick one up on Sunday.

The Food Pantry is in need of dairy products: butter, cheese, milk, & eggs. If you'd like to make a donation, please bring it along on Sunday morning or Tuesday evening (for Outreach) so we can store it in the refrigerator. Alternately, Katriena 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.

Small Wonders is a conference aimed specifically at churches with a small average attendance. It will be held in Salina Kansas (at Kansas Wesleyan) on October 10-11. We're looking for a few people to attend and bring back ideas to help us grow our church. Please see Diane of Bruce Quantic for more information.

The Outreach Team will be meeting every Tuesday at 7 through the summer. If you can't make the meetings and would like to make some suggestions for outreach, drop a note to the church office and I'll pass it along to Charles.

COMING EVENTS

The Outreach Team is also planning a community pig roast for early September. We'll be delivering invitations to the surrounding area. More information will be available in the near future.

Joyce Snapp, who has attended our church in the past, is offering personal spiritual retreats at her home. Please contact Pastor Laura if you are interested.

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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.

Food donations to the pantry are also welcome. Drop off your donations at the church office, and we'll make sure they get where they need to go.

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.

For next week, August 24, we have the following:

Liturgist—Lucy Bauer
Usher—Mike Moore
Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Children's Time—Diane Quantic
Fellowship—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Choir/Orchestra Practice—None

Sign-up sheets are now available for September and October. Please drop by 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

God is our refuge and strength... Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake.—Psalm 71:18 (NIV)

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.—John 1:14 (NIV)

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