

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Monday Update

March 4, 2013

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This Sunday, Janie Wall and Lori Forden helped us all out as liturgist and usher; and Lucy Bauer led us through Children's Time with bells. Lori Forden did a wonderful job playing "The Prayer" on French horn for our time of Special Music; and Charles Wall connected with the congregation as lay speaker during our Contemporary Word, with a message about the meaning of Lent and some stories about his own experiences of fasting with Janie through the season.

It was wonderful spending time in the spirit of God together, again; and I hope you all have a safe and blessed week!

In God's Love and Peace,
Pastor Laura H.

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SUNDAY'S SNAPSHOT

Our attendance this Sunday was 24 total, with 1 child and 3 youth present. Our offering this week was \$575. We also received \$360.14 in donations for the Interfaith Food Pantry. Thanks to everyone!

Our church budget is currently experiencing a shortfall due to various circumstances, not the least of which is the need for repairs to the building. Please consider increasing weekly giving if you can—it will help keep our little church afloat during these difficult times.

We're also taking a collection to help pay for new carpeting for the sanctuary. Thanks to everyone for all you do! We couldn't do it without you!

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Ron and Lois Hathaway ask for prayers for their daughter-in-law, whose father passed away.

Al Gram asks for prayers for his 93-year-old neighbor, who was in the hospital but is out now and feeling much better. He is also happy to report that Marty will be joining him (and us!) next Sunday.

Prayers to the Zimmermans on the loss of Mildred Hartman, a long-time member of our church.

Cindi reports that her friend Jamie's husband Tony, who was in and out of the hospital, is much better.

Lucy asks for prayers as she travels to Ithaca to help her cousin, who is battling a brain tumor.

Charles reports his and Janie's joy at attending the District Conference and experiencing the joy of our worldwide Christian service and our district leadership.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Next Sunday, March 10th, marks the return of Daylight Savings Time. Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour before bedtime on Saturday!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Maundy Thursday Service (A "Dinner For God")

For our Maundy Thursday celebration (03/28/13), our Deer Park Community will be hosting a "Dinner For God." This is a close, personal evening of connecting with God and each other, by creating a space for God to enter and be present with us as we celebrate the gifts of life and love we've been blessed to receive through our days. We are presently looking for a location to host this dinner. Hosts would be responsible solely for providing a space for us to gather. All participating congregants will bring their own foods, family pictures, and readings to share with God and each other. If you are available and interested in offering your kitchen and couches for this small group to gather on 3/28/13, please e-mail Katriena Knights (office@deerparkumc.org) or Pastor Laura (Laura_Hehner@live.com). Thanks so much, and God bless!

Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast

The pancake breakfast will be held at 8 am on Easter Sunday, March 31. The youth are tentatively planning an in-church sleepover for March 30. If you would like to participate, please contact me at the church office and I'll send the information along, since the youth are still getting organized.

Adult Bible Study

The adult Bible study class continues on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m, continuing our study of the book *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey. Please join us! Contact Charles Wall for additional information. Meeting time and place might shift to accommodate available space.

For our March 10th service, we have the following:

Liturgist—Doug Becvar and Robert Keith-Zamora

Usher—Al Gram

Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Children's Time—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Fellowship—Potluck and Church Council Meeting

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with services! The new March and April sign-up sheets are ready to go, so please check them out on the table in Fellowship Hall or drop me an email at office@deerparkumc.org if you can fill one of

these positions. **PLEASE NOTE:** Sign-up slots for ushers are on the same page as Fellowship Time.

SPECIAL INTEREST:

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.

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/>

OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're still looking for a few more people for the Outreach committee to help members of the congregation who are in need and to reach out to others in the community. If you are interested in helping out in this way, please contact Pastor Laura or Sharon Keith-Zamora.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Outreach Opportunity: Heading Home: Jeffco Community Steps to Housing

The winter season is upon us; it is time to prepare for those cold winter nights. Many of us will get out our winter coats, gloves, hats and scarves. We will hang them in our closets where they are easily accessible. We will put out our heavy comforters and put them on our beds, to stay warm at night. We turn our heaters up in the house. We worry about the people who are homeless, sleeping on the streets, and pray they will stay warm.

Once again, Heading Home will be providing motel vouchers for people who are homeless when the weather is dangerously cold. In addition to motel vouchers, Heading Home's Severe Weather Committee is developing a long term fiscally responsible solution to protect people who are homeless during these frigid times. This plan will utilize church space as shelter and is in its beginning stages.

Last year, donations from the faith community protected 584 people from nights of severe weather. Through either financial or volunteer support, we are searching for people to help us again provide a safe, warm place for people who are homeless during this winter season. If you would like to learn more about Heading Home or homelessness, please contact Linda Barringer at 303-467-2604

Conflict Transformation Workshop - April 5-6, 2013 So much of our time in the local church is taken up with conflict and so much conflict can be damaging to the future of the church. It can also be hurtful to the clergy and laity in our congregations. Conflict can be creative and transformative but it must be dealt with and worked through. We have the good fortune of having Dr. Joretta Marshall with us for the April workshop at Hope United Methodist Church in the Denver area. Dr. Marshall taught Pastoral Care and was the Academic Dean at the Iliff School of Theology and currently holds a similar position at Brite Theological Seminary at Texas Christian University. She is a highly respected teacher, author, and church leader. You are invited to participate in this wonderful event and to consider being part of a leadership team in our conference to help with conflict prevention and conflict transformation.

If you have any questions or further information, please contact the church at (303) 779-1040.

YouthQuest registration is open at the Conference Website. Please visit <http://rmcumc.org/new/mission-and-ministry/young-people/80-youth-quest.html> for additional information.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY:

The Colorado Rockies are sponsoring two Faith Days in 2013, one on Saturday, June 29 and one on Sunday, August 11. Both games feature a post-game concert by Christian musicians. Payment deadlines are June 1 and July 23 respectively. If you are interested, information regarding cost, seating, and etc. can be found at www.coloradorockies.com/faithdays, or there are flyers available on the table in Fellowship Hall.

Watchwords

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love.—Psalm 107:15 (NIV)

Each has a particular gift from God, one having one kind and another a different kind.—1 Corinthians 7:7 (NRSV)

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