

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Monday Update

March 18, 2013

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This Sunday, Lucy Bauer and Charles Wall helped us all out as liturgist and usher; and Janie Wall led Children's Time with a lesson about sacred space and symbols. Our No Limits Choir sang "Jesus Wept" for our time of Special Music; and our Contemporary Word focused on our willingness to follow God into unknown moments and places, letting go of the past as we move toward spiritual resurrection in God's hands.

It was wonderful being with everyone in worship, today, and I look forward to seeing you all again soon. 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 21 total, with 1 child and 3 youth present. Our offering this week was \$630. A special thanks to those who have donated to help with repairs to the sanctuary. Thanks to everyone for all you do! We couldn't do it without you!

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Donna Bastien is thankful to be visiting her son and family (including grandkids!) this week. Safe travels to Donna & family.

Jean Thomas asks for prayers regarding her need to continue having angiograms to track developments with an aneurysm. With this checkup, which was originally meant to be the last, doctors found the aneurysm was 3% open, which necessitates further checkups down the road. Prayers to Jean for healing.

Lucy asks for continued prayers for her cousin Sarah and her family. Sarah is battling a brain tumor and is in her final week of radiation and chemotherapy treatment, with a reassessment coming in two to three weeks.

Concerning Maundy Thursday:

Sharon and Karen Keith-Zamora will be hosting our Maundy Thursday Dinner for God! Lots of thanks to them both, and to Robert, for having us! We will be sending out an e-mail with directions and times, in time for Palm Sunday, so we can all prepare. Please RSVP to Karen, Sharon, Laura or Katriena (at the office email) by service end on Palm Sunday (this coming Sunday!).

Our Own Dinner for God:

(from Rayme Sciaroni)

You get to ask yourself the questions of what you would do if you were to host a Dinner for God. What would you serve? What would you wear? Who would you invite? How would you decorate your table? What would you talk about? Start with these questions, and let your 'Highest Voice' guide you in your answers. There is no wrong way to have a dinner for God/Universe/Holy One... you pick the right words for you. We'll keep it simple, keep it celebratory, and keep it joy-FULL! You don't need to spend beyond your means to make your Dinner for God grander than what you can realistically afford. It's not about 'showing off your wealth' as much as it is 'showing your inner-wealth.' The essential flavors and tastes that are uniquely yours is the important part. Remember this. Get creative with what you already have! Keep in mind the fact that God is coming to your house and experiencing the colorfulness of you. Fully commit to the idea that Honored Guest will be with us.

Please come prepared to bring your favorite or most meaningful dish to share with God and each other, along with other things important to your soul (favorite readings, favorite pictures...whatever you'd like to share with Life in celebration!).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Newsletter Deadline Approacheth

If you would like to contribute an item for the newsletter, please send it along this week. Some items that would make a great addition to the newsletter include community events for the month of April, favorite recipes you'd like to share, anecdotes or news items about our congregants. If you could get any proposed articles in to me this week—i.e., before Palm Sunday—that would be awesome! Thanks!

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.

Rhubarb Festival in Pine

The Pine Rhubarb Festival will be held this year on June 8, 2013. The Psalm 150 Marching Band will be performing, so put the date on your calendars!

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 24th (Palm Sunday) service, we have the following:

Liturgist— **NEED VOLUNTEER**
Usher—Sharon Keith-Zamora
Sunday School—Janie Wall
Children's Time—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Fellowship— **NEED VOLUNTEER**

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)

Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute.—Proverbs 31:8 (NRSV)

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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. Deer Park United Methodist Church – Where everyone is welcome! No Exceptions!

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