

The Village Voice

Deer Park United Methodist Church November 20, 2017

From the Pastor:

One of the first members of this church I was privileged to meet was Wilson Marsh, a little over a year ago. His gracious welcome, and his obvious love of God and this church made a very deep and lasting impression on me. Unless I loose all my marbles (one never knows, do they?), I am sure I will never forget him. He is known to me as a genuine ambassador for Christ. I would have loved to get to know him better. But unfortunately his health went into a very rapid decline about that time.

Since then I have come to know one of Wilson's sons, Randy. As you well know, Randy was very close to his dad. Though I barely knew Wilson, it has been a great pleasure, and yes, a privilege, to watch Randy, over this past year, 'channel' Wilson's spirit as he too has taken on the role of ambassador for Christ. We sadly said our "goodbye's" to Randy yesterday as his "life journey" takes him to Oklahoma, and a loved one waiting there. It was a happy but bitter occasion for us to gather around him and bid him farewell and send him forward with our blessing and best wishes. I pray that none of us ever lose the memory of what was planted and left behind here. These are shoulders upon which we stand.

As I mentioned yesterday, in his book, Making Today Count for Eternity, Kent Crockett writes: The attitude of gratitude is important for several reasons...

Thankfulness acknowledges that God is our provider.

Thankfulness short circuits a complaining spirit.

Thankfulness creates a positive outlook on life.

Thankfulness invites joy to dwell in our hearts.

May we be known as a thankful people.

Dick

PS: We have, thankfully, been fed righteously the last couple of Sundays by dedicated potluckers amongst us! Thank you! But let it be known that, at least for the time-being, our regular monthly potlucks are scheduled for the 4th Sunday of each month. Which means: more eats for the fellowship time next Sunday! Left over turkey, anyone? Let me suggest that the rest of us feed those who have fed us so graciously

the last couple weeks... No, I have NEVER seen a Methodist potluck, planned or otherwise, run short of food. Thanks to all: you are amazing!

On Sunday, Kim Moore and Jean Thomas helped us all out as liturgist and usher. Joyce Von Vett accompanied the hymns. Pastor Dick gave a wonderful message to us.

SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Attendance on Sunday this week was 19 total with 0 children and 0 youth present. Our offering was \$775.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Jean Thomas joy that her friend had a large gall stone not cancer. Prayers for healing of her shoulder.

Deb Gadomski joy that her son has joined a United Methodist Church near his home. Also joy that Connie celebrated her 7th year cancer free.

Donna Blazek continued prayers for her sister Dawn.

Randy Marsh thanks to everyone for welcoming him and his dad and for our support after his dad died.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, November 26, are:

- Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
- Psalm 100 (UMH 821)
- Ephesians 1:15-23
- Matthew 25:31-46

Next Sunday is Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 26, 2017: Potluck, everyone please bring a dish to share.

DEER PARK UPCOMING – FALL & WINTER ACTIVITIES

FUN & FRIENDSHIP NIGHTS (for ALL AGES)

Second Friday evenings once a month, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Adults, youth & kids are invited to come and share a warm meal (no charge), followed by fun, activity and fellowship. Sign-up appreciated, but not required.

- Friday, December 8, 6-8 p.m. – Come, share an Advent evening of games (cribbage, trivia, Apples to Apples, Monopoly, etc.) – including an Advent Bingo game (with prizes). Optional: Bring socks, mittens/gloves or a coat or jacket (children or adult sizes) for the Food Pantry or area elementary school children.
- Friday, January 12 and Friday, February 9 - 6-8 p.m. – Mark your calendar! Themes & activities to be announced.

FIRST SATURDAYS – All Ages WOOD MINISTRY – Men and women, young and old come together to gather, chop and stack firewood for the woodpile in front of the church. The wood is given to families in need in the 285 corridor through the Interfaith Food Pantry program. 8:00 a.m. on the 1st Saturday of each month. Share a meaningful project with friends!

WOMEN'S PRAYER & BOOK STUDY – Tuesday Mornings, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Begins January 9! Enjoy a time of conversation, study, prayer, and friendship. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or email karenlougatlin@gmail.com. Please RSVP ahead of time if you need childcare.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PHOTO DIRECTORY: DPUMC has an online photo directory. Please make sure Jean Carpenter, in the office, has your correct email and contact info. If your photo is not yet in the directory, please email a photo of yourself or your family (you may send more than one photo, as needed, to include everyone) to: karenlougatlin@gmail.com.

INSTRUCTIONS TO LOGIN (for the first time) TO CHURCH DIRECTORY:

- 1) WEBSITE - Go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com (Note: There is also a free app for Instant Church Directory available for most smartphones with the same process).
- 2) CREATE YOUR LOGIN - Just below the "Sign In" button below the login space, you'll see the words "First time signing in? Create a login now." Click this and use your email address and create your own unique password.
- 3) CONFIRM - This will generate a confirmation email sent to your address. Confirm your email and you should then be able to login with the email address and password you have created.

If this doesn't work, contact Karen: karenlougatlin@gmail.com. Thank you.

The Deer Park United Methodist Church Music Ministry and Outreach has been providing musical instruments to youth in our area for over ten years. Thirty instruments have been provided to youth and elementary schools in our area. These instruments are donated and reconditioned if needed. If you have an instrument that is in a closet or no longer needed, please consider donating it to us.

Anyone that is available to sing or play for Special Music any upcoming Sunday please let me know.

Deer Park UMC is now registered with Amazon Smile. Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com

Check out our webpage deerparkumc.org.

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.**

DPUMC is now one of the AmazonSmile charities, so if people select the church as their charity, we will get 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible AmazonSmile purchases. They need to go to smile.amazon.com and select the church as their charity, and then they should start their Amazon shopping at <http://smile.amazon.com> for it to count.

Note that Amazon is no longer one of the UMC market vendors so this is the best way for the church to benefit from Amazon purchases.

NEWS FROM THE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of paper products, paper towels. They also need dish soap and laundry detergent. Also feminine hygiene products are needed. Baking products, cake mixes, muffin, any small mixes. 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.

The Food Pantry needs toothpaste.

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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, November 5, we have the following:

Liturgist— Jean Thomas

Usher— Pete Von Vett

Sunday School-- NEED VOLUNTEER

Children's Time— NEED VOLUNTEER

Fellowship— Potluck

***WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER. Sign-up sheets are available on the table in Fellowship Hall see where you might be able to help out, or send an email to the office. 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

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. – Psalm 103:1(NIV)

Christ gives me strength to overcome obstacles.—(THOUGHT FOR THE DAY)

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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.

Deer Park United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome! No exceptions! Pastor Dick McPherson, dickmcpherson@mac.com, 720-504-7646.

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