

The Village Voice

Deer Park United Methodist Church December 18, 2017

From Pastor McPherson:

Some thoughts for us to ponder this Advent and Christmas...

A smile costs nothing, but it creates much. It enriches those who receive it without impoverishing those who give it. It happens in a flash, and the memory of it may last forever. None are so rich that they can get along without it, and none so poor that they cannot be richer for its benefits. It creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in a business, and is the countersign of friends. It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be begged, bought, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is worth nothing to anyone until it is given away. In the course of the day, some of your acquaintances may be too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours. Nobody needs a smile so much as those who have none left to give.

– A smile is language even a baby understands. –

“The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.”

Albert Einstein
US (German-born) physicist (1879 - 1955)

I Am

I was regretting the past
and fearing the future.
Suddenly my Lord was speaking:
My name is I AM.
When you live in the past,
with its mistakes and regrets,
it is hard. I am not there.
My name is not I Was.
When you live in the future,

with its problems and fears,
it is hard. I am not there.
My name is not I Will Be.
When you live in this moment,
it is not hard. I am here.
My name is I AM.

Helen Mallicoat

Source: quoted in The Silence of Unknowing by Terence Grant

POTLUCK RESCHEDULE

This month the 4th Sunday falls on Christmas Eve. Since we already have two worship services planned, and considering that many of us have family “doings” planned for that day, it seems to make sense to reschedule our Potluck for Sunday, December 31st. We were already planning to have a “White Elephant” gift exchange for that day so this will make for an even more fun get together on the 31st. SO FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, OUR POTLUCK WILL BE ON THE 5TH SUNDAY RATHER THAN THE 4TH!

On Sunday, Beth Moore and Pete Von Vett helped us all out as liturgist and usher. Joyce Von Vett accompanied the hymns. Linda Zimmerman gave a beautiful message to the children. Pastor Dick gave a wonderful message to us. Sunday School was taught to 5 children by Betty Crawford.

SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Attendance on Sunday this week was 23 total with 5 children and 1 youth present. Our offering was \$370.56.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Doug Becvar, prayers for all the travelers.

Linda Zimmerman, prayers for her son who is now home. Also many thanks that her kitchen is working again.

Donna Blazek, prayers for her daughter who is coming home.

Beth Moore, many thanks for allowing the Girl Scouts to use our building for meetings. Orion still needs continued prayers for healing.

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

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:47-55 (UMH199)
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 24: Morning Service at regular time. Christmas Eve Service: 5 pm.

Sunday, December 31: Potluck & White Elephant Gift Exchange after Worship.

Saturday, January 20, 2018: Baby Shower at 2pm. They are registered at Amazon.com and BABIESRUS under both their names: Katie Janda and Chandra Jacquez.

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, December 24, we have the following:

Liturgist— Karen Gatlin

Usher— Doug Becvar

Sunday School— NEED VOLUNTEER

Children's Time— NEED VOLUNTEER

Fellowship— NEED VOLUNTEER

Christmas Eve Service:

Liturgist-- NEED VOLUNTEER

Usher—John Gatlin

***WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAYS IN**

DECEMBER/JANUARY. 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

Paul wrote, "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."— Philipians 3:14(NIV)

No matter how bad things seem, God's light shines on me.—(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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