

# The Village Voice

Deer Park United Methodist Church July 17, 2017



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## PASTOR

I read about a young man – about 30 years old – named Scott, who lived somewhere up here in the “Front Range.” From all appearances he seemed to “have his stuff together;” his was “a good life.” He was a loyal husband and father. He enjoyed hunting and fishing in boondocks of the Rocky Mountains. He had a job he liked, children he loved, and a wife he treasured.

But one evening as he walked across his den to get something to eat, he suffered a stroke that left him incapacitated. Once a robust 220 pounds, it wasn't long before he became a frail 85-pound invalid who had to be moved to a nursing home.

If anyone deserved to be bitter, to curse God, to erupt in anger and rage over the injustice of it all, it was this man. But nobody really knew what he was feeling or thinking. His paralysis prevented him from talking. Those who knew him could only imagine the intense bitterness and anger that must have clouded his every thought.

Then one day a friend helped him learn to use an alphabet board to spell out sentences. Once he grasped how to use the device, Scott spelled out his first message. The letters came slowly, as he spelled out three words: “I love Jesus.”

Yesterday we focused on what it means, from Jesus' perspective, to be “blessed.” No one would envy Scott for his suffering and circumstances, but he is obviously one who “gets it” – from Jesus' perspective. As Abraham Heschel put it: “Just to be is a blessing; to live is holy.”

Dick

**On Sunday, Diane Quantic and Bruce Quantic helped us all out as liturgist and usher. Donna Bastien accompanied the hymns. Pastor Dick talked to the kids about the Beattitudes during children's time and then gave a wonderful message to the rest of us about them.**

### **SERVICE SNAPSHOTS**

**Attendance on Sunday this week was 21 total with 5 children and 0 youth present. Our offering was \$308.48.**

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

Diane Quantic joy for a special birthday for Bruce next week. Everyone come next Sunday to celebrate.

Jean Carpenter prayers for Connie and her healing.

**BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK:** Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, July 23, are:

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 (UMH 854)

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Next Sunday is the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, July 23: Trustees Meeting, 12 pm.**

**August 12, Music Festival, flyer and directions are attached.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

DPUMC Worship Committee Meeting Notes  
July 16, 2017

Attending the Worship Committee on July 16<sup>th</sup> were Pastor Dick McPherson who led us in prayer, Jean Carpenter, Donna Bastien, Ken Carpenter, Pete VonVett, and Doug Becvar.

Music schedule for the remainder of July and into September:

July 23<sup>rd</sup>: Donna Bastien will provide piano accompaniment for the hymns.

July 30<sup>th</sup>: An abbreviated service will be conducted. Joyce VonVett will be the accompanist for the hymns. This is a Service Sunday and work will continue on the DPUMC playground.

August 6<sup>th</sup>: Joyce VonVett will provide organ and piano accompaniment for the hymns.

August 13<sup>th</sup>: Donna Bastien or Joyce VonVett will provide accompaniment for the hymns.

August 20<sup>th</sup>: Donna Bastien will provide piano accompaniment for the hymns.

August 27<sup>th</sup>: Open

September 3<sup>rd</sup>: Donna Bastien will be available to provide piano accompaniment for the hymns.

September 10<sup>th</sup>: The Psalm 150 Orchestra will be available for the Prelude, Special Music and the Postlude. Accompanist will be determined at the next meeting.

Special music will be selected by Pastor Dick as appropriate for worship services.

The Church Council will discuss the annual pledge/stewardship drive during the August Council meeting.

September 30th is the date for DPUMC retreat at Doug Becvar's property. Discussion will involve committee and meeting consolidation, membership of committees, 2018 budget and pledge drive.

The next Worship Committee meeting will be part of the Church Council Meeting agenda on August 13th.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer at 12:40 PM.

**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](https://smile.amazon.com)**

### **Charity Drive**

We are collecting new socks, hats and gloves for delivery in the community. We are also collecting towels. Please bring what you can to fill up the box.

**Check out our webpage [deerparkumc.org](https://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](http://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](http://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 Pantry is adding new services! The Food Bank of the Rockies - our main food supplier - has requested that the Pantry distribute food through TEFAP - The Emergency Food Assistance Program. This program is available to all low-income people including the elderly. All participants must meet criteria set by the State of Colorado.

Food Bank of the Rockies is giving the Pantry two commercial refrigeration units and shelving to accommodate the foods that will be distributed through this program. The foods distributed through TEFAP are provided by the US Department of Agriculture via the Food Bank of the Rockies.

To better organize the Pantry space for this new program, as well as update the existing service areas, we are going to do major cleaning, updating and reorganization in the Pantry. While the Pantry is under renovation, we hope to serve our clients by utilizing the upstairs parsonage area.

We would like to have a planning meeting soon to review reorganization plans with all volunteers and participating churches. As soon as a time is set for this meeting, we will issue an invitation through our sister churches and individual emails. If you would like updates regarding the Pantry changes, please let the office have your contact information.

**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.

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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, July 16, we have the following:

**Liturgist— Bruce Quantic**

**Usher— NEED VOLUNTEER**

**Sunday School Leader— NEED VOLUNTEER —Helper— NEED VOLUNTEER**

**Children's Time— Diane Quantic**

**Fellowship— Diane Quantic**

**\*WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAYS IN JULY/AUGUST. Sign-up sheets are available on the table in Fellowship Hall and 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](mailto: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**

***As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. —Colossians 3:12(NIV)***

**Who might need to know Christ through my words or actions today? —(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](mailto:dickmcpherson@mac.com), 720-504-7646.

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