

The Village Voice

Deer Park United Methodist Church August 21, 2017

From the Pastor:

Yesterday was just simply amazing! My heart started racing when Pat and Angi Swan, and their daughters Sara, Abby and Emily, unceremoniously walked in about five minutes before worship. The Swan family are dear friends from Olympia who, conspiring with my daughter Jessica, put together this little “surprise.” I knew the Swans were visiting in the Denver area from Facebook posts, but I never dreamed we could actually carve out some time together. Among other things, they came to Denver to visit Angi's sister and family, and to “scout” out possible colleges for Sara, who graduates HS in another year. What a joy to see them! Such incredible times we have shared in years bygone. I am one lucky dude to have such great friends!

I was so “rattled” that I forgot to introduce our daughter, Jessica, and her husband Tim, who also visited DPUMC for the first time yesterday (although Sharyn and I have previously had their children, Henry and Lucy, with us in worship...)

AND, Pierre and Donna Bastien had their grandchildren, Luc and Rowan, visiting from Boston (from which they flew by themselves!) PLUS, Thalia, Rigel, Kaladin and Michaya, the children of Orion and Beth Moore... We had a BUNCH of kids with us in worship yesterday, and I am totally pumped!

Furthermore, I saved the best news for last: Nicole Moore, daughter of Mike and Kim, led the way for us as LITURGIST! Articulate to the nth degree, Nicole did a superb job and I can hardly wait for her to serve in that way again (and she said she is willing to do just that!)

BINGO! Now you know what really cranks this old preachers engine: KIDS and YOUTH. They are what make my world go around. A church without kids is a rather lifeless and dull place to be. Add kids, and magic happens. Or to put it a little more “theologically,” through the exuberance and truthfulness of young people, God reaches into our time-worn lives and resurrects what is left of our worn out souls. No, I'm not exaggerating. I hope you can understand, I am totally pumped about what happened yesterday. Ya, I 'think' I preached a sermon yesterday too, but that was secondary to the exuberance of God which is unmistakably made known by our young-uns!

Praise be to God!

Dick

PS: Though I was unable to make it to the event, we celebrate, also, the farewell recital of Marieke Bauer, and her friends Katrina Atkinson and Maddie Wilson, Sunday evening at the Center Stage in Evergreen. Marieke is soon to head off to New York City to begin her college endeavors. If anyone who went was able to make a video or audio recording, I WOULD LOVE TO SEE IT/HEAR IT! We wish Marieke every success and happiness in college!!! And Dave and Lucy; well hang in there mom and dad... an empty nest is an awfully quiet place to be... been there, and feel for you...

PSS: We are glad to hear that Brent Forden is on his way home (probably here by now) from Canada, where he experienced a very painful injury. Prayers for rapid healing Brent...

PSSS: One last "kid event" to celebrate... I just had a guy from the gas company come out to my place to do a pipe locate. Sharing my special "eclipse glasses" with him, he volunteered that his daughter just started her freshman year at Platte Canyon, where on day one she was given an assignment to present eclipse "facts" to the younger 6th graders today, August 21st. This is an EXCELLENT teaching model. Praise God for great teachers!!!

Dick

On Sunday, Nicole Moore and Bruce Quantic helped us all out as liturgist and usher. Donna Bastien accompanied the hymns, thank you so much Donna. Pastor Dick gave a wonderful children's message and then gave a wonderful message to the rest of us.

SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Attendance on Sunday this week was 32 total with 9 children and 3 youth present. Our offering was \$360.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Nicole Moore joy that her cousin will soon be visiting.

Pierre Bastien joy that his grandchildren are visiting and more family will arrive on Sunday.

Doug Becvar joy for Al & Marty and they send their hellos.
Also joy that Donna is getting the piano tuned.

Continued prayers for Connie as she continues her healing.

Doug Jenner joy for Marieka and we wish her well as she goes off to New York.

Linda Zimmerman prayers for a teacher from Platte Canyon that passed away.

Joy for birthday celebrated.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, August 27, are:

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalms 124 (UMH 846)

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

Next Sunday is the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DPUMC has a new online photo directory. If Pastor Dick has not yet taken your photo, please stay after church for one this week. If you are not able to make it to church, please email a photo of yourself or your family (you may send more than one photo, as needed, to include everyone) to: Karen Gatlin at karenlougatlin@gmail.com? We'd also love any recent photos of the Choir or other DPUMC activities. This should help the

Deer Park family to stay well connected. Note: As of August 8, you may go to instantchurchdirectory.com and sign in using your own email (listed in our directory) and the Password: DPUMC1984 Thanks! Please contact Karen if you have any trouble logging in. This may mean that we do not have your current email address.

DPUMC Worship Committee Meeting Notes
August 20, 2017

Attending the Worship Committee on August 20, 2017 were Pastor Dick McPherson, Jean Carpenter, Diane Quantic, Kim Moore, Mike Moore, Bruce Quantic, and Doug Becvar.

Music schedule for the remainder of August and into September:

August 27th: Wichita Organist, Brett Valliant, recordings for prelude and post-lude; Acapella for the remainder of the hymns with Diane Quantic starting on pitch.. Pastor Dick will provide Jean and Diane a list of hymns.

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

September 10th: The Psalm 150 Orchestra will be available for the Prelude, Special Music and the Postlude. Joyce VonVett will be asked to be the Accompanist.

September 17th: Jean will talk with Joyce VonVett to see if she is available.

September 24th: Donna Bastien will provide piano accompaniment for the hymns.

September 30th: Church retreat at Doug Becvar's property from 2 PM and end by 10 PM; Pastor Dick will prepare a list of agenda items and will lead a discussion of creating a two-year calendar of DPUMC activities. Potluck picnic (hamburgers will be provided); need buns, hot dogs and other items.

October 1th: Music TBD

October 8th: Blessing of the Animals in conjunction with St. Francis of Assisi Day

Complements to Nicole Moore on her outstanding job as the Liturgist for August 20th.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer at 12:14 PM.

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

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.

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 Pantry has moved. We are now upstairs in the Parsonage and will begin renovating the downstairs as soon as we can coordinate with the Trustees at Deer Park UMC and the other Churches. In the meantime please keep us in your prayers.

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, August 13, we have the following:

Liturgist— Bruce Quantic

Usher— Diane Quantic

Watching the kids-- NEED VOLUNTEER

Children's Time— NEED VOLUNTEER

Fellowship— NEED VOLUNTEER

***WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAYS IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER. 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 sign up 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

The psalmist wrote, *"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."* – Psalm 23:1(NRSV)
God walks with me through every dark valley.—(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.
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