

# The Village Voice

Deer Park United Methodist Church August 28, 2017

## *From the Pastor:*

My head is spinning! Without writing a book, I hardly know where to begin. Since I was first invited to attend, the Men's Breakfast on Thursday mornings has been the generator of a lot of head spinning for me, as I have learned about the history of this community and, in general, what's going on around here, including DPUMC. These fine gentlemen, who have become dear friends, have astonished me with their knowledge, steadfastness, and commitment to our community and church. As a "newcomer" to the community, I can hardly imagine "settling in" without their input. Thanks guys, from the bottom of my heart!

But last Thursday was the clincher! As is usual, there were several conversations going on, with each of us contributing our "2 cents" as seemed appropriate. And somehow the topic of Show Low, AZ came up (as I said, my head is spinning and I don't remember how we got to this topic.) I volunteered that I had an uncle who was once the Sheriff of Show Low, to which Mike Moore commented that he too had an uncle... Long story short, we soon came to the realization that, indeed, we are cousins. Mike's grandmother was my grandfathers' sister. Sheriff Jim Finney was a brother of both...

Math was never my "specialty," but I love math, and have had enough of it to get an engineering degree. And I am fairly confident when I say that this kind of a "coincidence" is not mathematically calculable. Out of the range of calculation, it is somewhat of a miracle to me, that Sharyn and I would, of all places, move to Bailey to be near our daughter in Denver... And find that the house we bought is just on the "other side of the hill" from a cousin I did not even know I had... who belongs to the church I now pastor. Oh yesssssss... my head is spinning! Nothing makes sense, but everything adds up: God is mysteriously and mischievously involved in these doings!!! Hallelujah!

We have been reading a lot about Albert Einstein in the news lately. New discoveries and theories related to what Einstein referred to as "spooky action" and mathematical "entanglement" are the subject of much scientific discussion... I find myself wondering if it was some experience that he had, that was perhaps similar to the one I just experienced, that got him to thinking about this rather

“spooky” reality in our lives: we are all related – through the creative presence of God.

Sunday was another joyous day for us as we celebrated God's continual involvement in our lives and the history-altering affect that disciples of Jesus have had over the ages. The route to “true happiness” was traced through Jesus' “ministry of compassion.” What a privilege it is to be a part of that!

Shalom,  
Dick

**On Sunday, Bruce Quantic and Diane Quantic helped us all out as liturgist and usher. Diane Quantic accompanied the hymns, thank you so much Diane. 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 16 total with 2 children and 0 youth present. Our offering was \$720.**

#### **JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

Deb Gadomski prayers for a man in assisted living with her dad passed away.

Lucy Bauer joy for being back home from trips for Heidi’s wedding prayers for Marieka off to New York and Alex back in California.

Mike Moore joy to see Randy Marsh who will be moving in a few months. Prayers for everyone traveling. Prayers for Frank VanDeHey who is running for School Board.

Ken Carpenter prayers for After Hours Church Group and all the work they do with the homeless.

**BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK:** Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, September 3, are:

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Next Sunday is the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

After consulting with Pastor Dick and Pete VonVett, we are moving the DPUMC Trustee Meeting scheduled for today to Thursday, August 31 at 10 AM. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall right after our breakfast at Crow Hill. Agenda items will be to discuss projects/logistics for the Wichita Work Team and receive an update from Janet Mizelle on the Interfaith Food Pantry renovation.

Listed below are the tasks and projects we discussed for the Wichita Work Team at our June and July Trustee Meetings:

*Projects for the Wichita Work Group September 21-24; the following list will be prioritized prior to their arrival:*

- a. Electrical improvements*
  - i. Smoke Detector Installation*
  - ii. Security Lighting*
  - iii. Fellowship Hall ceiling fan replacement*
- b. ADA Ramp improvements for the Fellowship Hall*
- c. Concrete repair by Sanctuary rear door for ADA access*
- d. Memorial Garden improvements (inspect on July 30)*
- e. Rail fence replacement (time permitting)*
- f. Indoor projects if hampered by outdoor weather*
  - i. Carpet cleaning*
  - ii. Painting touch-up in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall*
  - iii. Parsonage Interior Painting*

Thank you and have a great day!  
Doug Becvar

Sunday, September 3: Communion, Potluck, Outreach Group Meeting.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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.

**NEW INSTRUCTIONS TO LOGIN TO CHURCH DIRECTORY:**

- 1) Go to: [members.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com) (Note: There is also a free app available for most smartphones with the same process).
- 2) 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) 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.

Let Karen know if this doesn't work: [karenlougatlin@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 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— NEED VOLUNTEER**

**Usher— NEED VOLUNTEER**

**Watching the kids-- NEED VOLUNTEER**

**Children's Time— NEED VOLUNTEER**

**Fellowship— Potluck, everyone please bring a dish to share.**

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

***Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. – Psalm 34: 14(NIV)***  
**How will I seek God's peace 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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