

The Village Voice

Deer Park United Methodist Church September 5, 2017

From the Pastor:

Most Methodists have heard about John Wesley's "Aldersgate" experience, an experience that totally and profoundly changed his perspective and ministry. For Wesley it was a particular moment in his life in which his "heart was strangely warmed." But, it turns out, that moment was long in the making. Prior to Aldersgate, Wesley was known as, and considered himself to be a "High Churchman," and believed that a person's most direct access to God or the grace of God was through the Sacraments of the Church (the Anglican Church to be precise.)

In February, 1736 Wesley arrived in Georgia to bring the liturgy, sacraments, and theology of his Anglican Church to the "primitive Christians," meaning the newly settled (but un-churched) Europeans and the indigenous native peoples they were already beginning to displace. Without going into detail here, Wesley left Georgia in December of 1738 a defeated soul. Not only was his initial efforts a failure, he experienced personal failures as well. He was literally chased out of the American Colonies.

His return to England in utter defeat was punctuated by his feelings of abject terror during a winter storm at sea in which even seasoned sailors were terrified. A group of Moravian Christians, and they alone, were calm in the eye of the storm. Wesley was rocked. Upon his safe arrival back in London, Wesley began spending much time with his Moravian brothers and sisters and it was at a Moravian meeting in which Martin Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans was read that Wesley was "converted" to a more pietist approach to the Gospels and to ministry in the Church. For Wesley, "faith" had become a personal issue.

Last Sunday I spoke about the time the Disciples of Jesus asked him to "increase our faith." What Wesley learned from his Moravian friends was that if one wants faith, one must "practice" the faith of Jesus. "What would Jesus do?" Then "do it." I mentioned that this reminds me of the Hopi Indians of Arizona who believe that their daily rituals and prayers literally keep this world spinning on its axis. If the daily prayers stop; the world stops.

And the Aborigines of Australia who have a similar idea... They believe that creation, including each human, each creature, is sung into existence. Every rock,

every person has a songline: which must be sung, or else there is nothing. Their belief emphasizes the absolute necessity of each one going, periodically, on his or her dreamwalk; which is, above all else, a time to relearn their songline and sing it, sing it, sing it. They are personally obligated to sing life into the dream that is both personal and universal.

The Europeans who migrated to the Australian continent didn't understand at first. The Aborigines would suddenly drop everything and walk off into what seemed like nowhere. The Europeans thought they were lazy and unprincipled. They heard the word dreamwalk or dreamtime and just wrote the Aborigines off as dreamers and discontents. Meanwhile, the Aborigines have kept doing what they have always done: singing the world into existence.

I ended the sermon with the thoughts of Madeleine L'Engel who said:

"Slowly I have realized that I do not have to be qualified to do what I am asked to do. That I just have to go ahead and do it, even though I can't do it as well as I think it ought to be done. This is one of the most liberating lessons of my life."

Want "faith" for the living of these days? Just do it! And you will have it.

Dick

On Sunday, Karen Gatlin and Pete Von Vett helped us all out as liturgist and usher. Joyce Von Vett accompanied the hymns. Pastor Dick gave a message about encouraging more children to come and then gave a wonderful message to the rest of us.

SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Attendance on Sunday this week was 19 total with 0 children and 0 youth present. Our offering was \$1025 and our offering to UMCOR for flood relief \$810.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Pete Von Vett prayers for Skylar as the doctors work on helping her.

Deb Gadomsli prayers for the world.

Ken Carpenter prayers for new families with children coming to church.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, September 10, are:

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

Next Sunday is the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 10, 2017: Church Council Meeting 12 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Deer Park United Methodist Church Outreach Group Agenda and Meeting Notes – September 3, 2017

Pete Von Vett, Chairperson, opened the DPUMC Outreach Meeting with a prayer. Attending were Dick McPherson, Pete Von Vett, Joyce Von Vett, Jean Carpenter, Grace, Debbie Gadomski, Karen Gatlin, and Bruce Quantic, Doug Becvar joined by telephone.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) The Kansas Work Team will be here from September 21-24: The congregation is asked to donate snacks, drinks, granola bars, cookies, cakes, fruit, fruit trays, etc. Karen Gatlin, Diane Quantic and Joyce VonVett are coordinating the food and drinks for the weekend. Saturday night get-together at the Quantics at 6 PM. Bruce has the host family lodging arranged. See Trustee meeting notes in the Village Voice for more details.
- 2) Music Ministry Outreach program: Continue to ask for instruments to be donated to DPUMC for the community's schools and youth. Doug Becvar will contact the instrumental music coordinator, Jonathon Weedman, who serves Elk Creek and West Jefferson Elementary Schools about additional musical instrument donations that Karen Keith-Zamora and him have almost ready. This donation can also serve as publicity to receive more donated instruments.
- 3) Coat drive: The Interfaith Food Pantry has agreed to add a coat rack in the renovated food pantry for coat donations and provide to needy clients this winter. Bruce Quantic is also working with the Mountain Resource Center with their coat drive in December.
- 4) Homebound (Shut-ins): Mike Moore was not present to provide an update on this homebound/shut-in mission. Senior Coalition is a resource that may be able to provide

a list of shut-ins we can help; privacy laws need to be respected. Discussion will continue at the October Outreach Meeting.

- 5) Trunk or Treat Event on Tuesday, October 31: Kim Moore was not present to provide an update. Karen Gatlin will contact Kim Moore and Beth Moore. Maybe Beth Moore's Girl Scout Troop would like to be involved. Decorating cars in themes for the event. Details to be planned at the October Outreach Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Hurricane Harvey UMCOR/Baskets offering conducted today. Cleaning kits and flood bucket donations were discussed. Cash donations to UMCOR are more acceptable than used clothing, furniture, bucket donations, etc.
- 2) Mini-Retreat, September 30: Reminder of the retreat at Doug Becvar's from 2–10 PM. A list of items needed for the picnic/potluck will be prepared a week before the event and the congregation will be asked to fill the gaps.
- 3) Church information update and article in Flume needs to be prepared about DPUMC and new Pastor. Need a Public Information Spokesperson for all the updates we need about DPUMC; the Von Vett's volunteered to serve in this role.
- 4) Pastor Dick discussed the positive feedback from last Sunday's postlude (August 27), "In the Highways" sung by the Peasall Sisters.

Pastor Dick closed the meeting with a prayer at 12:35 PM.

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.

NEW INSTRUCTIONS TO LOGIN TO CHURCH DIRECTORY:

- 1) Go to: 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. 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

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, September 10, we have the following:

Liturgist— NEED VOLUNTEER
Usher— NEED VOLUNTEER
Watching the kids-- NEED VOLUNTEER
Children's Time— NEED VOLUNTEER
Fellowship— NEED VOLUNTEER

***WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER. 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 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, *“Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.”*—

Psalm 103:2(NIV)

“The Lord remembers us and will bless us.”—(Ps. 115:12)

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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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