

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

July 6, 2015, 2015

On Sunday, Linda Zimmerman and Mike more helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Connie H led the kids through Children's Time with a message about helping each other out in small ways which mean a lot. Our No Limits Choir sang beautifully for our time of Special Music, and the Contemporary Word was a time of Contemplative prayer, centering, and meditation to provide a sanctuary of peace during religiously and politically uproarious times.

Thanks to all who came together in worship and I hope you each have a very safe mad blessed week.

In God's Love,
Rev. Laura H.

SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Attendance this week was 19 total, with 3 children and 0 youth present. Our offering was \$376.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

With many congregants traveling for the summer, please offer traveling prayers for those venturing away from home.

Steve Hoffman, this was his last Sunday. His house is sold to a young family with 3 little girls. He is moving to Denver.

Katriena Knights is happy to be back from her trip. She also asked for prayers for all the southern churches that were burned..

Jenifer Monroe after latest eye exam will be getting glasses with no patch.

Connie Hannah joy and prayers for changes in her neighborhood.

Doug Jenner prayers for long time friend who is moving to Japan to teach.

Ken Carpenter expressed joy for Episcopal Church opening to LGBT community.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, July12, are:

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24 (UMH 755)

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29 Next Sunday is the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost.

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COMING EVENTS

Vacation Bible School will be held July 27-31. We're in need of volunteers to help out. For additional information or to volunteer, contact any member of the Outreach Committee. Meetings to discuss the curriculum and logistics will be held on Monday nights for the next few weeks.

Mark your calendars for the Pig Roast on September 19th. More information will be forthcoming. We'll also be holding a Blessing of the Backpacks on the first Sunday in August, and Blessing of the Animals later in September. Watch this column for more info as it becomes available.

OUTREACH GROUP continues to meet on Tuesday nights at 7 pm. They're currently working on events for this summer and fall, including our church retreat and another community pig roast. They are looking for feedback for the dates for the retreat. The current dates available are August 7-9 and August 14-16. Please let someone on Outreach know your preference between these two dates, or send an email to the office at office@deerparkumc.org. We are also talking about bringing back some of the activities we used to have on a weekly/monthly basis at Deer Park. Anyone is welcome to these meetings, so please drop in and add your voice to the discussion. This week's discussion will include planning for other upcoming events.

The **men's group** continues to meet on Thursdays at 8 am at the Cutthroat Café for coffee, breakfast, and conversation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Some of our committees are looking for some new faces. The SPPRC and Finance groups in particular would like another member. For information on what this group does and how you can help, please contact Doug Jenner.

We are also looking for a new **Church Administrator** to take over the position by the end of July. If you're interested in a part-time job (about 5-10 hours/week), please contact the church office. We need someone with a good knowledge of Microsoft Office and basic computer knowledge. Training will be provided.

In the very near future, we will be sending out a questionnaire/survey regarding our church's relationship with **Reconciling Ministries Network**. Church Council has prepared statements of faith for the congregation to consider as we move on to the next stage in the process. This is an important way that our church can confirm our commitment to an inclusive and welcoming congregation, and we want to be sure the congregation has an opportunity to weigh in. The questionnaire will be sent out via email and will also be available in hard copy in the sanctuary. All responses will be anonymous.

We've had quite a few new faces join our congregation over the last several months, so it's time to **update our birthday and anniversary lists**. Please send your birthday and/or anniversary date to the office for inclusion so we can get back on track with recognizing special days in our congregation. (Don't worry—we won't ask you for the year you were born, just the date!)

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 help the Uthalls as needed during Wade's recovery. 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 Food Pantry is in need of dairy products: butter, cheese, milk, & eggs. If you'd like to make a donation, please bring it along on Sunday morning or Tuesday evening (for Outreach) so we can store it in the refrigerator. Alternately, Katriena 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.

Food donations to the pantry are also welcome. Drop off your donations at the church office, and we'll make sure they get where they need to go.

For this Sunday, July 12, we have the following:

Liturgist—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Usher—**Sharon Keith-Zamora**
Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Children's Time—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Fellowship—**NEED VOLUNTEER**
Orchestra Rehearsal 8:45am

Our next Fellowship Potluck will be Sunday, August 2. Our next Church Council and committee meetings will be as follows: Church Council and Committee Meetings—Sunday, July 12. Worship Committee Meeting—Sunday, July 19.

We are in need of volunteers for Sundays in July. Laura would particularly like to see some new faces trying out these positions, so if you haven't served as liturgist, usher, children's time presenter, or fellowship or Sunday school, consider giving it a shot and signing up. Sign-up sheets are available on the table in Fellowship Hall and see where you might be able to help out. 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 earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.—Psalm 24 1 (NRSV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places —Ephesians 1 3 (NRSV)

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