

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Monday Update

February 2, 2015

On Sunday, Linda Zimmerman and Sharon Keith-Zamora helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Lucy led us through bells with "Jesus Loves Me." Connie Hannah led our No Limits Choir through our time of Special Music---this Sunday, like the rest of our Choir Sundays during the month of February, singing an African American Spiritual to commemorate Black History Month. Our Contemporary Word introduced us into a longer discussion on telling the difference between God's voice and our own as we pray and connect with God's soul.

A very blessed welcome to Julie and Rosalie as they join our Deer Park congregation, and I hope you each have a very safe and God-touched week!

Blessings,
Rev Laura H.

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SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Our attendance this Sunday was 31 total, with 0 children and 2 youth present. Our offering was \$511.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

The Moores' friend Jim came back from Seattle early. Although his bone marrow transplant was successful, his cancer has returned. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please offer prayers for Jennifer Monroe, who has been ill.

Sharod Tuell, a long-time member of our congregation, passed away over the weekend. Details regarding her memorial service will be forthcoming.

Ken Carpenter offered joy in his memories of Sharod, who was a large part of our church for many years. She was close to the Carpenter family and officiated at the weddings of two of their children, as well as helping Andrew through confirmation. Sharon had a vital role in the spiritual development of the Carpenter children, for which both Jean and Ken were deeply grateful.

Clayton Clark asks for prayers for his wife's family. His wife's grandmother passed away this week.

A friend of Pastor Laura's parents passed away from leukemia. Please pray for Tony's family and friends.

One of Pastor Laura's co-workers, John Moore, also suffered a loss this week when his stepfather passed away.

Maggie McCafferty fell and broke her hip, and is recovering. However, she was also diagnosed with Alzheimer's and has moved to a dedicated facility. Contact information is: Garden Terrace, 1600 S. Potomac St, Aurora, CO 80012. 303-750-8418.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, February 8, are: Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm 24:7-10 or Psalm 84, Hebrews 2:14-18. This Sunday is the Presentation of the Lord/Candlemas.

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COMING EVENTS

We are doing a bit better for February service volunteers, but there are still some empty spaces. Please take a look at our signup sheets and see where you might be available to help out. We'd like to be able to give our regulars a bit of a break! Thanks in advance!

OUTREACH GROUP has resumed meetings on Tuesday nights at 7 pm.

Bible Study has also resumed at 8:45 am, before services.

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

If you would be interested in participating in a crafting group to knit/crochet or otherwise craft items for the homeless and others in need, please contact Jean Thomas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

Our District Conference will be held on Saturday, March 7 in Parker. We'd like to get a good showing, since our church will be spotlighted. We'll be giving a 3-minute presentation on how we used the outreach funds we were granted at last year's conference. The registration deadline is February 18 (Ash Wednesday). Brochures with registration information are available in the sanctuary, or drop an email to the office to receive a pdf of the registration info.

We'll be having a Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 17th. We'll need volunteers to help distribute leaflets throughout the neighborhood as well as handle cooking and serving duties. Proceeds will go to the Food Pantry.

If you'd like to consider Electronic Funds Transfer as an easier way to donate to the church, we have information on how to set it up. There are flyers available on the table in the sanctuary, or ask Katriena for information.

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.

Adult Bible Study: Bible study continues to meet at 8:45, before services, focusing on the readings for the day. If you'd like to participate, feel free to drop in any time. Bible verses for the upcoming week are posted in the Monday Update so you can take a look at them ahead of time.

For this Sunday, February 8, we have the following:

Liturgist—Jean Thomas

Usher—Mike Moore

Sunday School—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Children's Time—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Fellowship—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Choir/Orchestra Practice—Psalm 150 Orchestra, 9:00 am.

Our next Fellowship Potluck will be Sunday, March 1. Our next Church Council and committee meetings will be as follows: Church Council and Committee Meetings—Sunday, February 8. Worship Committee Meeting—February 15.

We are in need of numerous volunteers for February. 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

What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.—Micah 6:8 (NIV)

Renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God's image in justice and true holiness.—Ephesians 4:23-24 (CEB)

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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. Pastor Laura Hehner – pastor@deerparkumc.org. Deer Park United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome! No exceptions!

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