

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Monday Update

March 11, 2013

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This Sunday, Al Gram helped us all out as usher, and Robert Keith-Zamora did our readings while Doug Becvar moved the service along as our additional liturgist. Our Psalm 150 Orchestra performed "I Love You, Lord," for our time of Special Music; and our Contemporary Word joined our Methodist connection in focusing on the Lenten theme of our spiritual need to return to God over and over--even through our worst moments of doubt and fear--while openly and honestly sharing ourselves in conversation with God, remembering the love that is always given by the One who created us.

It was wonderful being with all who came together in worship today, and I hope you have a safe and blessed week! See you soon.

In God's Love and Peace,
Pastor Laura H.

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SUNDAY'S SNAPSHOT

Our attendance this Sunday was 25 total, with 1 child and 4 youth present. Our offering this week was \$1,559. We also received \$500 in donations for the Interfaith Food Pantry. Thanks to everyone!

Our church budget is currently experiencing a shortfall due to various circumstances, not the least of which is the need for repairs to the building. Please consider increasing weekly giving if you can—it will help keep our little church afloat during these difficult times.

We're also taking a collection to help pay for new carpeting for the sanctuary. Thanks to everyone for all you do! We couldn't do it without you!

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Chris Chase is happy his parents are on their way back from a trip to France.

Doug Becvar is thankful for help from friends and coworkers during his recent medical challenges, and also thankful for the doctors working with him.

Lori Forden is thankful for the moisture we received in Saturday's snowstorm.

SPECIAL NOTICE: We're painting the sanctuary this week on the road to getting it back to where we can hold our services downstairs. We'll be applying primer and paint on Tuesday and Wednesday night this week, starting at 5pm each night. We'd like to invite anyone who would be willing to help out. If you have brushes, rollers, and/or pans you could bring along or pass along to help the cause, we'll be sure to find a use for them.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Memorial Service for Mildred Hartman

We will be holding a memorial service at Deer Park for founding member Mildred Hartman at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 16. All are welcome. Please come to celebrate Mildred's life and all she contributed to our church. In addition, please contact the church if you would be able to help set up for the service. Her obituary is published at the Fairplay Flume at http://www.theflume.com/obituaries/article_cf459d42-883a-11e2-82ee-001a4bcf6878.html

Newsletter Deadline Approacheth

If you would like to contribute an item for the newsletter, please send it along this week. Some items that would make a great addition to the newsletter include community events for the month of April, favorite recipes you'd like to share, anecdotes or news items about our congregants.

Maundy Thursday Service (A "Dinner for God")

For our Maundy Thursday celebration (03/28/13), our Deer Park Community will be hosting a "Dinner for God." This is a close, personal evening of connecting with God and each other, by creating a space for God to enter and be present with us as we celebrate the gifts of life and love we've been blessed to receive through our days. We are presently looking for a location to host this dinner. Hosts would be responsible solely for providing a space for us to gather. All participating congregants will bring their own foods, family pictures, and readings to share with God and each other. If you are available and interested in offering your kitchen and couches for this small group to gather on 3/28/13, please e-mail Katriena Knights (office@deerparkumc.org) or Pastor Laura (Laura_Hehner@live.com). Thanks so much, and God bless!

Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast

The pancake breakfast will be held at 8 am on Easter Sunday, March 31. The youth are tentatively planning an in-church sleepover for March 30. If you would like to participate, please contact me at the church office and I'll send the information along, since the youth are still getting organized.

Rhubarb Festival in Pine

The Pine Rhubarb Festival will be held this year on June 8, 2013. The

Adult Bible Study

The adult Bible study class continues on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m., continuing our study of the book *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey. Please join us! Contact Charles Wall for additional information. Meeting time and place might shift to accommodate available space.

For our March 17th service, we have the following:

Liturgist—Lucy Bauer

Usher—Charles Wall

Sunday School—Janie Wall

Children's Time—Janie Wall

Fellowship—Charles & Janie Wall. Also, Jean Thomas is bringing cake for her birthday! Happy birthday, Jean!

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with services! The new March and April sign-up sheets are ready to go, so please check them out on the table in Fellowship Hall or drop me an email at office@deerparkumc.org if you can fill one of these positions. **PLEASE NOTE:** Sign-up slots for ushers are on the same page as Fellowship Time.

SPECIAL INTEREST:

If you're on Facebook, stop by the church's page and group 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.

Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/dpumc>

Facebook group: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/378878865244/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/deerparkumc>

Blog: <http://deerparkumc.org/blog/>

OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're still looking for a few more people for the Outreach committee to help members of the congregation who are in need and to reach out to others in the community. If you are interested in helping out in this way, please contact Pastor Laura or Sharon Keith-Zamora.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Outreach Opportunity: Heading Home: Jeffco Community Steps to Housing

The winter season is upon us; it is time to prepare for those cold winter nights. Many of us will get out our winter coats, gloves, hats and scarves. We will hang them in our closets where they are easily accessible. We will put out our heavy comforters and put them on our beds, to stay warm at night. We turn our heaters up in the house. We worry about the people who are homeless, sleeping on the streets, and pray they will stay warm.

Once again, Heading Home will be providing motel vouchers for people who are homeless when the weather is dangerously cold. In addition to motel vouchers, Heading Home's Severe Weather Committee is developing a long term fiscally responsible solution to protect people who are homeless during these frigid times. This plan will utilize church space as shelter and is in its beginning stages.

Last year, donations from the faith community protected 584 people from nights of severe weather. Through either financial or volunteer support, we are searching for people to help us again provide a safe, warm place for people who are homeless during this winter season. If you would like to learn more about Heading Home or homelessness, please contact Linda Barringer at 303-467-2604

Conflict Transformation Workshop - April 5-6, 2013 So much of our time in the local church is taken up with conflict and so much conflict can be damaging to the future of the church. It can also be hurtful to the clergy and laity in our congregations. Conflict can be creative and transformative but it must be dealt with and worked through. We have the good fortune of having Dr. Joretta Marshall with us for the April workshop at Hope United Methodist Church in the Denver area. Dr. Marshall taught Pastoral Care and was the Academic Dean at the Iliff School of Theology and currently holds a similar position at Brite Theological Seminary at Texas Christian University. She is a highly respected teacher, author, and church leader. You are invited to participate in this wonderful event and to consider being part of a leadership team in our conference to help with conflict prevention and conflict transformation.

If you have any questions or further information, please contact the church at (303) 779-1040.

YouthQuest registration is open at the Conference Website. Please visit <http://rmcumc.org/new/mission-and-ministry/young-people/80-youth-quest.html> for additional information.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY:

The Colorado Rockies are sponsoring two Faith Days in 2013, one on Saturday, June 29 and one on Sunday, August 11. Both games feature a post-game concert by Christian musicians. Payment deadlines are June 1 and July 23 respectively. If you are interested, information regarding cost, seating, and etc. can be found at

www.coloradorockies.com/faithdays, or there are flyers available on the table in Fellowship Hall.

Watchwords

Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.—Matthew 5:16 (NRSV)

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!—Romans 11:33 (NRSV)

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