

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Monday Update

November 4, 2013

This Communion Sunday, Jean Thomas and Sharon Keith-Zamora helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Lucy Bauer led the young and young-at-heart through "Amazing Grace" for Children's Time. Our No Limits Choir sang, "Be Still My Soul," for Special Music; and our Contemporary Word led us through a meditation on patience as we live each day with God, watching and waiting to see God move and breathe in our lives.

Our Halloween Fun Fest was a big hit last week, and we'd like to lift up all who came together to help provide a wonderful night of connection with families in our 285 community! Thanks so much to all who came together in worship yesterday, and I hope you each have a safe and blessed week.

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

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SUNDAY'S SNAPSHOT

Our attendance this Sunday was 34 total, with 3 children and 4 youth present. Our offering totaled \$645.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Mike Moore asks for traveling prayers for Dave and Rita Effler, who are on their way back to Yuma after doing a fantastic job coordinating our Halloween Fun Fest and getting a lot of other things done around the church. We wish them safe travels and are very thankful for all they've done.

Linda Zimmerman expressed joy that Kim Moore is back in church. She also mentioned the joyful time we had at Halloween, with so many people coming together to set up, run, and clean up after a very successful event.

Linda also asks for prayers for a friend of her daughter's, who was severely injured in the shooting at LAX this past week.

Charles Wall will be having cataract surgery today at about 1 pm, so please keep him and his doctors in your prayers.

Connie Hannah is thankful for the turnout we've had of late for the choir, and that Carolyn Shockey played beautifully for us on Sunday before she and Phil head back to Oklahoma. We'll miss them, as well, and wish them safe travels.

Jean Thomas reports that Doug Becvar is home from the hospital and is recovering from a bout with shingles. He is undergoing infusion therapy at home and expects to join us at church next week.

Katriena asks for continued prayers for her best friend Belinda in Illinois, who is recovering from a mini-stroke, and for her dog Callie, who is being treated for torn ACLs in both knees.

Dan McCafferty is thankful to the businesses who have helped sponsor our coat drive by hosting collection boxes. This includes the Gypsy Diner, Safeway, King Soopers, and Hog Heaven.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, next week's Bible verses are: Haggai 1:15b-2:9, Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 20:27-38

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Outreach Group meetings will continue on Tuesday nights @7:00 pm at the church. If you can't be there, please stop for a minute or so at 7 pm to pray for the success of the meeting and guidance for those attending. Our agenda for this week includes critique of our work so far, and finding the Nativity costumes so we can use them on the float at the Conifer Christmas Parade.

The Outreach Group is also sponsoring a raffle. If you donate any item to the food bank, you'll receive an entry to win an NIV Study Bible.

Thanks to EVERYONE who helped with the Halloween Fun Fest. It was well attended and a ton of fun. There are still some unclaimed items that were donated, so if you haven't claimed your decorations, they're in Fellowship Hall. Items that are not claimed will be placed in storage for next year's festivities. We also encourage you to pick up any items you see on sale in the coming week or so that could be used next year.

The Food Bank is in continuing need of donations. Need always increases during the winter months and during the holidays, and this year we are likely to have even more people in need due to federal cuts to the SNAP program (Food Stamps). Please consider donating five dollars a month, or \$60 to cover the year, to help meet the needs of our community.

The Newsletter Deadline is fast approaching (actually, it whizzed by, but the newsletter itself hasn't quite manifested yet). Please send any articles, ideas, recipes, etc. to the office at office@deerparkumc.org. Thanks much!

As we move into the holiday season, the Outreach Group is planning events for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please keep your calendars open for the Conifer Christmas Parade on December 7th. We are planning to have not only the Psalm 150 Marching Band in the parade but also a float with a nativity scene. Look for more details in the near future. We will also be having a food drive to help the Food Bank supply holiday meals for Christmas, as well as supplying baskets for Thanksgiving.

Outreach Goals are now posted on the bulletin boards in Fellowship Hall. We'll be keeping track of our goals and how well we're progressing with these reports. Stop by and take a look to see where you can help out! We'll also be adding an insert to the bulletin to help us all keep track of what all is going on and where help is needed.

An upcoming Outreach project is the North Fork Fire Department Chili Fest. Charles Wall has volunteered to be Santa, and other volunteers are needed to help serve and prepare chili for those coming out to the Buffalo Creek area to cut down Christmas trees. Please let the Outreach Group know if you're able to help. Details are available on the bulletin board.

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 next week, November 10, we have the following:

Liturgist—Cindi Myers

Usher—Mike Moore

Sunday School— Sharon Keith-Zamora

Children's Time—Sharon Keith-Zamora

Fellowship—**NEED VOLUNTEER**

Choir/Orchestra Practice—Bailey Brass Rehearsal 9:00 am

Our next fellowship potluck will be held on November 10th (second Sunday). Our next Church Council meeting will be held on November 17 (**THIRD SUNDAY—PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE**)

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with services! November and December (!) signup sheets are available 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! **PLEASE NOTE:** *Sign-up slots for Sunday School and Children's Time are now on the same sheet. Ushers now have their own sign-up sheet.*

SOCIAL MEDIA:

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. 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>

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

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

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

AROUND THE COMMUNITY:

Empty Bowls fundraiser set for This Wednesday

Mountain Resource Center's Empty Bowls Project, which benefits struggling families in our community, is part of an international grassroots effort to end hunger and food insecurity.

Empty Bowls Conifer will be held on Wednesday, November 6 at MRC, 11030 Kitty Drive, with lunch from 11 -2 and supper from 5 -7. Empty Bowls Evergreen will be held on Thursday, November 7 at the Lake House with lunch from 11 – 2.

For a minimum donation of \$25, guests enjoy a delicious meal of soups, breads and desserts prepared by our local restaurants and caterers while listening to live music provided by local entertainers. Guests are also invited to keep a handmade bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world.

Tickets may be purchased at MRC or online at <http://www.mrcco.org>.

Watchwords

**Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.—
Psalm 96:12 (CNIV)**

**Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from
your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted.—Matthew 10:29-30 (NRSV)**

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