

# Deer Park United Methodist Church

## Monday Update

November 25, 2013

This Sunday, Jean Thomas and Mike Moore helped us out as liturgist and usher, and Laurie Kahler played for our time of special music. We celebrated "Christ the King" Sunday with each other (the last Sunday before Advent!), and the Contemporary Word focused on what we value and devalue in this world, and the ways God's strength flows through the "weak" to remind us of the breathtaking power of the holy.

Thanks to those who came to be with us on this chilly Sunday before Thanksgiving! Happy Thanksgiving to all of you, 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 20 total, with 2 children and 0 youth present. Our offering totaled \$419.50.

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

Steve Hoffman asked us to remember that Charles Wall had his second cataract surgery on Friday. Please send prayers for a safe and successful recovery.

Steve also asks for prayers for his brother-in-law's father, who is having surgery for blood clots in his lungs, which has been an ongoing concern.

Jean Thomas asks for prayers that her doctors are able to determine what is happening with her knee, which continues to be painful.

Jean also mentioned a joy that a friend who had cancer last year has experienced a miraculous recovery. The fast-moving cancer went from Stage 3 to Stage 4 in two months, and at one point she was revived from clinical death. She is now in remission.

Dan McCafferty asks for prayers for his brother, who will be seeing his doctors this week to assess the success of his treatment for lung cancer. If all is going well, they might choose to end his chemo treatment.

Dan also reports that we have collected 215 coats in six weeks. Last year, we collected 250 during a 3.5 month collection period. He also mentioned that the cleaners where he has been taking the coats will be recognizing the church's efforts.

Chris Chase expressed joy that Laura is with us.

Doug Jenner asked for prayers for safe travel as he and Fran travel to Phoenix for the holidays this week to visit Fran's sister. He wishes everyone safe travels and a happy Thanksgiving. He also expressed joy that fundraising efforts to help Connie Hannah save her house from foreclosure have been going very well.

**BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK:** Per the lectionary, next week's Bible verses are: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44. This Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, marks the first Sunday of Advent.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Hanging of the Greens** will be held this Sunday, December 1st, after worship services. Please stay and help spruce up our church for the Advent season. There will be hot cocoa, warm apple cider, and Christmas Carols, so be sure to drop in.

**CHOIR REHEARSALS** will be held after services on December 1, 8 and 15 to prepare for our Christmas cantata. Choir members, please meet downstairs after the service.

**Attached is an information sheet regarding UMCMarket.** You can use UMCMarket to do your regular shopping and have an automatic donation sent to our church based on what you purchase. All you have to do is sign up and visit whatever store you wish to buy from through the UMCMarket portal.

**Gifts made online through The Advance on UMC #GivingTuesday** will be matched dollar for dollar on December 3rd. On this very special day, give through The Advance, the designated giving arm of The United Methodist Church, and extend your generosity through this matching opportunity. Visit [www.umcmmission.org/give](http://www.umcmmission.org/give) to make a donation.

**Wood Pile Workday:** On Saturday, December 7th, from 8am-noon, we will be hosting the monthly Woodpile Workday to restore the depleted stocks of firewood. Please come help us help the community. Come along and invite someone to join you - it's a great way to help and a great way to enjoy a little refreshing morning air. We meet from 8am-noon, so put on a smile, your work gloves, and some safety glasses and join in the energy helping out our fellow 285 Corridor neighbors. Bring tools and equipment as you have them, sunscreen, a hat and maybe a bottle of water. Bring along a fellow church member or a friend to help out with this part of the Interfaith Food Pantry. Feel free to post to any of your favorite connections (FaceBook, PineCam, web pages, blogs or wherever).

**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. Attendance has dropped off a bit, so please attend if you can so we can continue to plan our holiday outreach events.

**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. Raffle tickets are available on the piano, upstairs in Fellowship Hall..

**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.

**Food donations** to the pantry are also welcome. If you bring a non-perishable item to donate for the Food Bank, you can enter a drawing for a beautiful NIV Study Bible provided by the Outreach Group. Let's fill up our raffle box with tickets! (See above for more details.)

**Please keep your calendars open** for the Conifer Christmas Parade on December 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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. We have already met some of our goals, including the malaria nets and Thanksgiving baskets.

**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.

**Our Charge Conference** will be held on December 5 at 6:30 pm, so please add this to your calendars, as well.

**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.

**The Newsletter** will be moving to a quarterly format starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a December newsletter combining news from November and December before the switch to the new delivery schedule.

For next week, December 1, we have the following:

Liturgist—Lucy Bauer  
Usher—Sharon Keith-Zamora  
Sunday School—Dave Bauer  
Children's Time—Lucy Bauer, Bells  
Fellowship—Debbie Gadomski  
Choir/Orchestra Practice—No Limits Choir at 8:45 a.m. and after services  
Hanging of the Greens after services

Our next fellowship potluck will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> (second Sunday).

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with services! Signup sheets are available on the table in Fellowship Hall or drop me an email at [office@deerparkumc.org](mailto: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.*

#### **OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:**

##### **The Fourth Annual Benefit Recital for the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra**

Each of the past three years, after Christmas, the Bauer family children have hosted a music recital to showcase their own personal performance progress as well as to benefit the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra community orchestra ([denverphilharmonic.org](http://denverphilharmonic.org); Lucy, Heidi and Bib have all played in this group over the years - Lucy for the past 26 years). This year's performance has been scheduled for Saturday, December 28th, 2013, at 4:00pm, in the KPOF Hall in downtown Denver (13th and Sherman, ½ block south of the Capital). The performance is free and open to the public, and free-will monetary donations are being collected to be contributed directly to the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra for use toward their music purchases and development of their community outreach promoting family-friendly music programs. Please mark December 28th on on your calendars, invite your family, friends and neighbors, promote through your favorite outlets, and come help support the Bauer performers and their dedication to supporting the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra.

What: The Fourth Annual Benefit Recital for the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra (free concert, with donations toward the orchestra happily accepted)

Who: Alex, Heidi, Marieke, and Jonas Bauer performing a variety of pieces on piano, cello and flute

When: Saturday, December 28 at 4:00pm

Where: KPOF Hall, 1340 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203

A light reception will follow the concert in the basement of the concert hall

### **Denver Philharmonic Orchestra "Like" Challenge**

The Denver Philharmonic Orchestra (DPO, [denverphilharmonic.org](http://denverphilharmonic.org)) is in second place right now in a Facebook contest to win a \$5K media campaign.

Lucy, Heidi and Bib have all played in this group over the years - Lucy for the past 26 years.

For the DPO, that would be HUGE! Please consider taking a moment during your Facebook sessions to navigate to the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra page and "Like" their page at

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151789250349422&set=o.406707806019462&type=1> as a vote toward them winning this media campaign.

### **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/>

## **Watchwords**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.—Psalm 51:10 (NRSV)**

**Give, and it will be given you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.—Luke 6:38 (NIV)**

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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](mailto:pastor@deerparkumc.org). Deer Park United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome! No exceptions!

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