

Deer Park United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

December 8, 2014

On Sunday, Lucy Bauer and Jean Thomas helped us all out as liturgist and usher, and Lucy led the little kids and big kids through Children's Time with a Christmas carol on bells. Our No Limits Choir sang beautifully for Special Music (thanks so much to all who added so much sound as a crowd---great turn out!), and our Contemporary Word focused on the life and ministry of John the Baptist, both of which remind us of our call to be "the voice of one crying out in the wilderness."

Thanks so much to all who came together for worship on our second Sunday of Advent, and I hope you each have a very safe and blessed week!

In God's Love,
Rev. Laura H.

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SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

Our attendance this Sunday was 32 total, with 5 children and 3 youth present. Our offering was \$1191.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Connie Hannah was overjoyed to report that she is officially celebrating four years in remission. She also asks for prayers for those suffering with mental health issues.

Jean Thomas reported on a great trip to Hudson Gardens with her grandkids to see the holiday lights.

Dan and Maggie McCafferty were back among us this Sunday after some health issues. Dan suffered a mini-stroke, but is doing well, and Maggie passed her latest check-up with flying colors. We were all very happy to see them back.

Several members are out with various ailments after a busy week. Please pray for everyone suffering with colds and flu.

Donna Bastien was also back among us today, and we were very happy to see her.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK: Per the lectionary, the Bible verses for next week, December 14, are: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28. Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent.

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COMING EVENTS

OUTREACH GROUP continues to meet on Tuesday at 7 pm. We'll be discussing upcoming events for Christmas and for 2015. This Tuesday, we'll be talking about our new Noisy Offering and choosing a family to be the recipient of this Outreach effort.

Jean Thomas has once again organized Christmas Angels for us to provide Christmas gifts for needy families in the area. Please see Jean if you'd like to participate.

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

December 21, we'll have a White Elephant gift exchange at the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

We have T-shirts available again! Shirts are on the table by the office in Fellowship Hall. Cost this time around is \$11 per shirt. Please see Katriena after services or shoot an email to the office to let us know you'd like to pick one up on Sunday.

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 next week, December 14, we have the following:

Liturgist—Ken Carpenter

Usher—Sharon Keith-Zamora

Sunday School—Dave Bauer

Children's Time—Dave Bauer

Fellowship—Jean Thomas

Choir/Orchestra Practice—Psalm 150 Orchestra, 9 am. We will be playing Prelude, Postlude, Special Music, and accompanying hymns throughout the service.

Meetings: Church Council and committee meetings after church.

Our next Church Council and committee meetings will be as follows:.. Sunday, December 14th: Committee Meetings and Church Council. Sunday, December 21: Worship Committee Meeting.

We need a few more volunteers for the months of November and December. 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>
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Watchwords

The psalmist wrote, “If I say, ‘Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,’ even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you”.—Psalm 139:11-12 (NRSV)

We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God, and not of us.—2 Corinthians 4:7 (KJV)

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