

The Village Voice

Deer Park United Methodist Church April 16, 2018

Pastor's Weekly Update:

What a delightful day yesterday turned out to be! Our Deer Park Players provided a funny and informative skit about our church's financial needs and our opportunity to participate in a way of being and living in which God is glorified, God's people's needs are met, and the life-sustaining functionality of the Earth is maintained. It's called stewardship, and it started with Adam and Eve. The scriptures tell the familiar story of Creation, concluding with the statement, "God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good." Our "place" in Creation is to be the stewards of all that God has made. We are called to take care of Creation and one another. This is our God-given role. It is our great honor and privilege to participate in the on-going act of Creation by partnering with God in acts of caring and nurture. And, as was demonstrated, it is a joyous endeavor. My deep thanks to all who participated in this, and for those of you who will make a faithful response in the coming weeks by making a commitment of your Time, Talent, and Treasure to the ministries of Deer Park United Methodist Church!

And then, we went on a hike! A Holy Hike, at the Pine Valley Ranch, with Lucy Bauer providing a running dialog on the flora and fauna of the area. Nine of us delighted in learning, exercise, fresh air, and just having fun together. Thank you Lucy, for sharing your wisdom and smarts about "mountain living!" Already looking forward to our next opportunity to do this again...

Your Hike Thru Life Buddy,
Dick

Next Sunday, April 22 - Betty Crawford will be our Stewardship Speaker. Come, discover your "piece" of Deer Park United Methodist. (NO Potluck this week.)

Sunday, April 29 - **A Celebration of Stewardship - Worship & Luncheon** Come and celebrate with us. We will receive any remaining Commitment Cards during worship. Those who attend the luncheon will receive a few tokens of gratitude and enjoy a delicious lunch.

SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

On Sunday...

- Ken Carpenter and Pete Von Vett helped us all out as liturgist and usher.
- Joyce Von Vett accompanied the hymns.
- We watched a very cute skit on stewardship.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

- Jean C., prayers for Jean T. who had traumatic experience on the roadway.
- Debbie G., prayers for Anthony.
- Linda Z., prayers for all the people getting snow.
- Beth M., prayers for her daughter, being hospitalized to undergo tests.

BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Easter

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, April 22: No potluck.

Sunday, April 29: Stewardship Lunch. Everyone please come and enjoy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Deer Park United Methodist Church Music Ministry and Outreach has been providing musical instruments to youth in our area for over ten years. Thirty instruments have been provided to youth and elementary schools in our area. These instruments are donated and reconditioned if needed. If you have an instrument that is in a closet or no longer needed, please consider donating it to us.

Anyone that is available to sing or play for Special Music any upcoming Sunday please let me know.

Deer Park UMC is now registered with Amazon Smile. Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com Check out our webpage deerparkumc.org. We have reloadable Gift Cards for King Soopers and Safeway. They

are a great way to donate to the church as we receive a percentage of the money spent on groceries. See Donna Bastien.

We are still collecting shoes for Soles for Souls so bring your used shoes and drop them off in the box by the office. Shoes in any condition, even heavily worn or chewed by your new puppy, will be repurposed to help those in need.

Our Noisy Offering is being repurposed to the church's general fund. Please drop your extra change in the bucket at the back of the sanctuary.

Join the UMC Market—It's an easy way to donate funds to the church without spending any extra money. Like our Safeway and King Soopers cards, UMC Market allows you to do your regular shopping through a website portal. From the portal, you shop where you'd normally shop, and a % of your purchase amount is donated to the church. Visit umcmarket.org and follow the prompts to sign up. Then, sign in to the website, click on the store where you want to shop (Kohl's, Staples, Barnes & Noble among many others), and make purchases as usual. *The UMC Market app has updated. Go to their site and make a new account.*

DPUMC is now one of the AmazonSmile charities, so if you select the church as your charity, we get 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible AmazonSmile purchases. Go to smile.amazon.com and select the church as your charity, and then start Amazon shopping at <http://smile.amazon.com> for it to count. Note that Amazon is no longer one of the UMC market vendors so this is the best way for the church to benefit from Amazon purchases.

NEXT SUNDAY

For next Sunday, April 22, we have the following:

Liturgist— Nicole Moore

Usher— John Gatlin

Sunday School— Betty Crawford

Children's Time—Pastor Dick McPherson

Fellowship— Kim Moore

*We are in need of volunteers for Sundays in April/May. Sign-up sheets are available on the table in Fellowship Hall see where you might be able to help out, or send an email to the office. Thanks!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

You received a Spirit that show you are adopted as God's children.

With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father."—Romans 8:15 (CEB)

Because we are God's children, we always have a home.

Deer Park UMC Mission Statement Deer Park UMC is a diverse community welcoming visitors and members of all backgrounds. Everyone is welcome! No exceptions! is not only motto but our mission statement. We extend the open hand of Christ's love to any who would pass through our doors, regardless of age, faith, creed, race, nationality, special needs, marital status, financial or social status, gender identity or sexual orientation. We rejoice in our differences while inviting all to join our faith journey toward greater understanding and sincere mutual respect. No matter who you are, we're glad you're here!

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