

# The Village Voice

Deer Park United Methodist Church April 30, 2018

## *Pastor's Weekly Update:*

Thanks to all who helped with the meal, the planning, and all the prayers for our Stewardship drive! The luncheon yesterday was "over the top." A number of people have made comments to me about this program: words like "fantastic," "informative," and "helpful." We are all in it together folks, and with a mutually shared love for our church, its programs and outreach, we have striven to make it an economically viable ministry. Though we enjoyed a celebratory conclusion to the planned events yesterday, WE ARE NOT THERE YET! As of the end of the day yesterday the estimates of giving totaled somewhere around \$37,000. Since our bare-bones budget is around \$42,000 we still have a ways to go. If you have not yet filled out an estimate of your giving for the next year, I do hope you will do so now.

In hopes of increasing member involvement in the ongoing tasks around the church, such as building and yard maintenance, ushering, liturgist and etc., we have also been increasing our efforts to "broaden the base" of volunteers. More hands make for less work and hassle. Actually, it is a delight to see our church and fellow members accomplish goals. And when our participation in something begins to create "warm fuzzies," we know we are on the right track.

Shalom,

Dick

## **SERVICE SNAPSHOTS**

### **On Sunday...**

Kim and Mike M. helped us out as liturgist and usher. Joyce V. accompanied the hymns. Mike M. shared during our Stewardship moment. Pastor Dick gave a wonderful message to the children and then gave one to the rest of us.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS:

- Sharyn, joy that their son will be visiting them on Monday. Also travel mercies for her and everyone else traveling now.
- Jean T continued prayers for her family.
- Doug J healing prayers.
- Ken, with all the bad things happening we need to find joy in what is happening in Korea.

## BIBLE VERSES FOR NEXT WEEK:

May 6:

- Acts 10:44-48
- Psalm 98 (UMH 818)
- 1 John 5:1-6
- John 15:9-17

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Craft Project: Tuesdays, May 8, 15, 22 10:00-11:30 a.m.** On Saturday, June 9, the church will be hosting a booth at Rhubarb Fest in Pine Grove. Linda Z. will face paint and members will interact with the community. We will make small gifts of native wildflower bombs - to be given away. Extras will be given away at Bailey Day in an effort to promote our church. Anyone who wants to help us to create these items may help on the dates above. We'll be working in Fellowship Hall and outside as weather permits.

## Vacation Bible School - Help Needed!

We hope to host VBS - "**God Calls Us: Around the World in 5 Days**" **July 23-27, 9:00 a.m.-Noon**. We'd like to offer this program to 25 to 30 kids - but that will take 10 or more volunteers. Can you help? Before we can advertise the program, we need to know if we have volunteers. Here are the "positions": Registration/Greeter; 3 Leader/Teachers; a Cooking Teacher (prepares simple ethnic foods - from suggested recipes, some with the children); a Game Leader; an Arts & Crafts Teacher (very simple crafts); a Pianist or Guitarist; a Storyteller; 2-3 helpers; someone to help with Advertising (print and social media); also Kitchen Help to help prepare simple picnic lunch for Friday, July 27 (to be eaten in Fellowship Hall). Please sign up on the boards in the Sanctuary this Sunday or email Karen at [karenlougatlin@gmail.com](mailto:karenlougatlin@gmail.com). (We can do this by doubling up on the volunteer positions, but it is much easier if everyone takes a smaller part.)

## NEXT SUNDAY

For next Sunday, May 6, we have the following:

Liturgist –Ken Carpenter

Usher – Pete Von Vett

Sunday School -

Children's Time -

Fellowship – [NEED VOLUNTEER](#)

**\*We are in need of volunteers for Sundays in 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! **Anyone that is available to sing or play for Special Music** any upcoming Sunday please let Jean, in the church office, know.

## SUPPORT DEER PARK PROGRAMS & MISSION:

*Click the links below to learn how you can support Deer Park UMC General Programs & Outreach:*

- ["Music Revival" Instrument Program](#)
- [Collecting shoes for Soles for Souls](#)
- [Deer Park UMC is now registered with Amazon Smile.](#)
- [Use Safeway or King Soopers Gift Cards](#)
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**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.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

*God can help me with my most difficult struggles.*

***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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