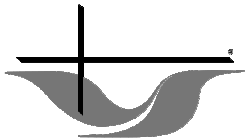


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# The Spirit

of Deer Park United Methodist Church

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*open hearts*  
*open minds*  
*open doors*



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of followers of Jesus Christ who through prayer, study, fellowship, worship, and witness, enable all to grow in daily Christian living. Through community service, we share the good news of God, showing concern for all persons and responding to their needs.



**Saturday,  
November 20th**

-  
**8:00 AM  
to  
3:00 PM**

# Christmas BAZAAR

**December 4th  
7:00 AM—1:00 PM**

**Crafts, Vendor Tables, Gifts-  
Something for Everyone!**



### NEWS FROM THE SPRC –

We are happy to announce the arrival of our new interim pastor on November 1<sup>st</sup> Her name is Rev. Dr. Diane Summerhill. She will be with us until March 31st, 2011.



### **FOOD SUNDAY**

The Holiday Season is approaching and will be here before we know it. At this special time of year, let us remember FOOD SUNDAY and , to share with those less fortunate, God's gifts to us.

About one hundred of us attend our church every week. If each of us would bring just one or two food items every week, think how much we would be helping our neighbors in need.

Will you please put "FOOD SUNDAY" on your grocery shopping list and pick up an extra non-perishable food item for the FOOD SUNDAY box in the church narthex on Sunday. Remember EVERY SUNDAY IS FOOD SUNDAY and every little bit helps.

Thanks so much!  
*Charlie Spencer*



### *From the editor's desk.....*

This is the last issue of the "Spirit" which will be produced by this editor. It is with some sadness that I take this step for personal reasons. I have enjoyed doing this for the past years since early 2005. Of course I will be happy to work with the incoming editor so that a smooth transition can be made.

Thank you all for the privilege of serving in this manner.

Blessings, *George*

# Christmas Bazaar



**When: December 4, 2010, 7a.m.-1p.m.**

**What: Vendors, Crafts, Drawing, Book Room, Bake Table, Greens and Wreaths, Nearly New Room, Pancake Breakfast, and Luncheon.**

**How you can Help: Items for the Drawing and Nearly New Room in the overflow room after November 15<sup>th</sup>, labeled please.**

Books downstairs behind the curtain, labeled, after November 21<sup>st</sup>, please.

**November 27<sup>th</sup>**- Please help to decorate the sanctuary and the lights for the Bazaar.

**November 30<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday) - Please help to move tables and chairs from Sunday School rooms and set tables up for those who need them.

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>** (Friday) – Last set-up for Bazaar

**December 4<sup>th</sup>**– After the Bazaar at 1:00 PM, please help put furniture back into the Sunday School Rooms.

Thank you, Pam Hildenbrand and Sue Beigel,

Co-Chairpersons for the Bazaar

If you are interested in purchasing hand-made wreaths at \$10 each, please fill in the form below. (A date to help make the wreaths will be in the bulletin. Please be watching for this.☺)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of wreaths \_\_\_\_\_



## SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS

If you are interested in purchasing poinsettias for \$11.00 each, you may have one or more placed at the front of the sanctuary in memory of or in honor of a friend or beloved family member. The name of the friend or loved one will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Please use the form in the Sunday bulletin and include it with your check made payable to Deer Park UMC. Mail to Ruth Shipley, 3304 Sykesville Rd., Westminster MD 22157-8252.



### Something to think about....

Judaism refers to a man's righteous inclination versus his evil inclination as two warring spirits; the evil spirit can, at first, be as flimsy as a cobweb, but if allowed to grow, it becomes thick as a cart rope.

The Reb (rabbi) once did a sermon on how the same things in life can be good or evil, depending on what, with free will, we do with them. Speech can bless or curse. Money can save or destroy.

Science can heal or kill. Even nature can work for you or against you: fire can warm or burn; water can sustain life or flood it away.

"But nowhere in the story of Creation," the Reb said, "do we read the word 'bad.' God did not create bad things." So God leaves it to us?

"He leaves it to us," he replied. "Now, I do believe there are times when God clenches his fist and says, 'Ooh, don't do it, you're gonna get yourself into trouble.' And you might say, well, why doesn't God jump in? Why doesn't he eliminate the negative and accentuate the positive?

"Because, from the beginning, God said, 'I'm gonna put this world into your hands. If I run everything, then that's not you.' So we were created with a piece of divinity inside us, but with this thing called free will, and I think God watches us every day, lovingly, praying we will make the right choices."

Do you really think God prays? I asked.

"I think prayer and God," he said, "are intertwined."

From "HAVE A LITTLE FAITH" by Mitch Albom

## TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees would like to first thank all who helped with the renovation of the Parsonage. It is ready for use when we need it. The renovations on the Parsonage were funded by the Building Fund which now needs to be replenished for the future.



Because we have a very low monthly expense on the Parsonage we will be leaving it empty until it is determined if our new full time Pastor will have a need for it.

We are also in the process of replacing the children's playground equipment located next to the Pavilion. The current equipment has deteriorated and poses a safety hazard for the children. We ask for your support to replace the funds in the Building Fund which were used to fund both of these projects. Please designate your donation to the Building Fund.

With cold weather approaching please help us to conserve energy. Our facilities will be programmed to provide 70 degree heating in all areas. Please dress accordingly. Any concerns, please contact any Trustee.

IN GOD WE TRUST!

Your Trustees: *Herb Shipley, Wilma Welling, Kate Gorsuch, Don Rhine, Gary Saylor, Neil Upton, John Walker, Terry Caudill and Bill Aldridge Sr.*

### Deer Park United Methodist Church Smallwood, Maryland 21157 Receipts for Sunday, October 17th, 2010

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| <b>General Operating Budget Approved for 2010</b>  | <b>\$160,993.00</b>                          |
| General Operating Budget to date (41 weeks)  | \$129,425.52                                 |
| General Operating Funds – Received to date<br>(...through Worship Service collections*)<br>+ Surplus /-(Deficit)** | <u>\$131,711.72*</u><br><b>+\$2,286.20**</b> |
| <b>General Operating Fund – Weekly Need</b>  | <b>\$3,156.72</b>                            |
| <i>General Operating Fund – Received (10-17-10)</i>  | \$4,542.00                                   |
| <i>Designated Accounts – Received (10-17-10)</i>   | \$75.00                                      |
| <i>Building Fund – Received (10-17-10)</i>   | \$160.00                                     |
| <i>Repairs and Maintenance – Received (10-17-10)</i>   | \$70.00                                      |
| <b>Attendance</b> 8:30AM Worship Service   | 67   |
| 11:00AM Worship Service  | <u>37</u>                                    |
| <b>Total</b>   | 104  |

\*\* - the (Deficit) listed is the amount of shortfall as compared to the 2010 Budget. It does not reflect that our Church is in arrears by the listed amount.



**Greetings from the Worship Team!**

We are excited to welcome our interim pastor, Rev. Diane Summerhill, beginning November 1, and are looking forward to working with her to plan inspiring, meaningful worship for the coming months. Below is a list of upcoming services/events:

**Sunday, November 7, 2010** -- All Saints Day

**Sunday, November 14, 2010** -- Fran Bartlett, a representative from Carroll County Food Sunday, will speak to the congregation at both services.

Thanksgiving Eve Service – **Wednesday, November 24, 2010** at 7:30 p.m.

Advent and Christmas Seasons –

- **Sunday, November 28, 2010** – First Sunday in Advent
- **Sunday, December 12, 2010** – There will be a short children’s presentation by the Drama Group instead of a children’s message at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
- **Sunday December 12**, Caroling in the afternoon (tentative date)
- **Sunday, December 19** (one service at 9:30 a.m.) – Christmas Cantata by the Choir of Exuberant Singers!
- "Blue Christmas" Service -- Date to be determined

Christmas Eve – **Friday, December 24, 2010**

5:00 p.m. -- Children’s service

7:00 p.m. – Candlelight service with a children’s message. 5 Alive will play traditional Christmas music.

11:00 p.m. – Traditional candlelight service.



**What Is Christmas?**



Is Christmas all about cookies and presents, a winter holiday, or the birthday of a King? Deer Park UMC’s "Praise & Play" Drama Ministry will present a skit entitled "What Is Christmas?" on Sunday, December 12th, at both services. Come meet "Grandma" and all her "grandchildren" (and a surprise guest as well).



**The Dove House**

**Carroll Hospice: *A special kind of caring . . .***  
*You are cordially invited to help.*

**The Deer Park UMC Sisterhood has chosen to make donations to The Dove House for their Christmas Project. Would you please consider making a donation to support families in hospice care?**

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|---|--|
| <b>Requested clothing donations:</b>                            | <b>Knee length nightgowns for ladies</b><br><b>X-Large solid colored tee shirts for men</b>  |
| <b>Other Items:</b>   | <b>Small fleece blankets -- new</b><br><b>Skeins of wool for prayer shawls -- new</b><br><b>Stuffed teddy bears, 10-12" tall -- new</b>  |
| <b>Food Suggestions</b>   | <b>Cake &amp; cookie mixes</b><br><b>Mac &amp; cheese cups (Microwaveable)</b><br><b>Pudding, jello &amp; applesauce cups</b><br><b>Soup, peanut butter crackers</b><br><b>Other snack choices</b> |
| <b>Dove™ Brand Products</b>                                     | <b>Dove™ liquid soap (no bar soap please)</b><br><b>Dove™ lotion</b><br><b>Dove™ detergent</b><br><b>Dove™ candy</b>   |
| <b>Patterns--instructions to knit or crochet a prayer shawl</b> | <b>Please call Ann Boyles at 410-861-9179</b>  |

Marked boxes will be available in the narthex to place your donations. Thank you for helping to provide items to those in the midst of grief and bereavement. God bless us all!





### Things Are Looking Up!

Last year at this time, we were having difficulty paying our apportionments and even paying our bills. The Church leadership advised you of our predicament and thankfully, you all stepped up, dug deep, and brought Deer Park out of the red. This year, at the time this article was written, we are AHEAD in our apportionment payments and are able to pay all of our bills on time. However, this does not mean that we can stop giving. We have had major expenses in refurbishing the parsonage in preparation for a new pastor and we are rebuilding the children's playground, needed to correct safety issues. Further, our 2011 budget has increased by \$6000 (3.7 percent) due to increases in operating costs. As you can see, we cannot retreat from our present level of giving if our Church is to survive and grow. So please continue your generous and unselfish giving into the new year!

**ENDOWMENT:** Due to a recent gift from the estate of a long time Church member, Deer Park UMC will be establishing an endowment account to provide our Church with a continuing source of income for the future. Endowments provide the recipient with interest income from the endowment principal. It is hoped that additional contributions will be received for the endowment fund. Other Church members who are considering estate planning may wish to include an endowment to Deer Park UMC.

*Kim Jordan*, Finance Chair



The "Thank Offering" jars handed on October 24th will be collected on November 21st and 28th.

**The United Methodist Women** will meet on Sunday, December 5th at 5:00 PM for a covered dish dinner and to stuff stockings for the "Shepherd's Staff". The Sisterhood is invited to participate, just bring a dish and your spouse or guest. A program will be provided.



The schedule for the use of our church building is on the internet at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/dpumccalender>  
 Note the different spelling of the second word "Calender." You may also contact the church office on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 11AM and 3PM.

### CLASSIFIED SECTION (NEW)

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| <b>Do you</b> have something that you don't need or use anymore; but it's still around the house?  | YOUR AD<br><br>COULD   |
| <b>That might</b> be just what another member has been looking for.  | BE HERE<br><br>IN THE  |
| <b>Here is</b> an opportunity to see if someone else could use it. The "Spirit" will accept "classified ads" for articles of furniture, appliances, tools, clothes, etc. | NEXT<br><br>ISSUE!   |
| <b>List your</b> freebies or items up to \$25.00   | This is an opportunity to reach about 300 members and friends of DPUMC who receive this publication. |
| (Space available)  |  |



Have you thought about being a part of one of our Adult Study Groups meeting on Sunday mornings, between services, at 9:40AM?

- It just might help you in your life's journey
- It just might be an example to your children or others

Think about it.....there is room for **you!**



## New God's Disciples Club

For Children 6 and above.

Meets after Children's Message during the 8:30 Worship Service in the Kindergarten Room.

Come learn about our Lord through crafts, games and songs!!

## God's Disciples Club Christmas Mission

Our Children our sponsoring a Christmas Mission

Operations Christmas Child

The mission is to collect plastic shoe bins with lids and fill them with items for children overseas.

Donations are due no later than Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Staci Ridgely with any questions on this mission at [Bitz0810@yahoo.com](mailto:Bitz0810@yahoo.com).

## God's Disciples Club Christmas Performance

For Children 6 and above.

Meets after Children's Message during the 8:30 Worship Service in the Kindergarten Room.

Practices Going on now!!

Performance at 8:30 Service  
December 5, 2010



## God's Disciples Club Christmas Cantata

For Children 6 and above.

Will begin practices in November after the Children's Message during the 8:30 Worship Service in the Kindergarten Room.

Singers Needed!  
Performance at 9:30 Service  
December 19, 2010

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

## Deer Park United Methodist Church Men's Group

*Our Men's Group wants to meet the needs of Christian men for fellowship, service and devotion through the Gospel, God's transforming and vital force for men, the Church and local community.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

...**SPAGHETTI DINNER / SILENT AUCTION** - Once again the Men's Groups of Deer Park UMC and Zion UMC of Shipley will be joining forces to hold the annual spaghetti dinner to help raise funds for their respective ministries. The event will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 13th** from 5:30pm to 8:00pm in the Social Hall here at Deer Park. Cost will be \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under. Please mark you calendar and come enjoy a great meal, bid on some fine items, and help support these fine groups! Thank you!

...**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** - Along with the Annual Church Christmas Bazaar the Men's Group and the Deer Park Lions Club will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on **Saturday, Dec. 4th** from 7:00am-11:00am. Pancakes, sausage, and eggs will be served and the cost is \$5.00 for everyone. Please help support the efforts of these fine groups! Thank you!



Re: Kayla Pogue's Graduation through the New Life for Girls 18-month Program On Saturday, October 30, 2010, 6:30 pm, at Dover BelAfar-e-, Kayla will receive an AA Degree in Bible Studies and completion of a 6-month internship as Supervisor at a New Life for Girls Intake Center. Through her contact with James Leppo and our Church's Evangelism program, her registration fee was paid from Rev. Day's discretionary use of the Communion Fund so that she was able to accomplish this goal. Her address is as follows: New Life for Girls' Main Training Center, 5925 Lewisberry Road, Dover, PA 17315.

*Peg Larkin*

The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything!

**Hour of Prayer  
Wednesday Evenings  
6:00 to 7:00 PM**

Prayer Circle gathers at 6:30pm

**Prayer for God's Guidance**

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.



This is a 13th Century prayer "**God be in my head**" also called the Sarum Prayer because it comes from the Sarum Primer. The Sarum Primer is a collection of prayers and worship resources developed in Salisbury, England, during the 13th century. It was used throughout England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland, as well as some parts of continental Europe, until the Reformation. It continues to be valued today because of its beautiful expressions of faith and devotion.

**Do you have a special or favorite prayer you can share?**

Please show or give a copy of your prayer to Ruth Myers for publishing in this newsletter space and for use during the Hour of Prayer. Thank you for being a "sharer of prayer."

**Come – Pray – Find yourself engulfed in such  
happiness that it cannot be explained!**

DEER PARK UNITED METHODIST  
CHOIR OF EXUBERANT SINGERS  
WILL PERFORM

*The Perfect Christmas!*

**A Christmas Cantata**

**On Sunday, December 19, 2010**

**Worship Service: 9:30 AM**

**Deer Park Sanctuary**

**Directed by Larissa Rotniskaya**

**Music by Stan Pethel**

**Drama by Mark Cabaniss**



We celebrate the coming of our Lord in a variety of ways and traditions. Our celebrations are varied, but our bond is our faith as we come to worship & adore:

**GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING!**

Mark your calendar - Come & worship  
Invite friends, family & neighbors



**11:00 A.M. SCRIPTURE READER SIGN-UP FOR 2011---**

Reading God's Word aloud to others is a blessing and a privilege. Would you like to join those who read scripture two weeks at a time, several times a year, during our 11:00 a.m. service? There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Those who are already readers can just make a check-mark if you want to continue in 2011. New readers please add your name to the list, or you may call the church office (410-848-2313) and leave your name for "11:00 AM scripture reader." If you have questions, contact Joy Grimm (410-871-2070), or if you'd like to be a reader at the 8:30 service, contact Bill Aldridge Sr.



We are in need of homemade crafts to sell in the **CRAFT ROOM** at our Christmas Bazaar! Last year we received a variety of items (jewelry, woodworking, knitting, candles, hand-painted items, etc.) which worked out great! Our craft room has always been a popular place for shoppers. Please consider making craft items to donate to the room. Please contact Julie Keller @ (410) 751-7814 with any ques-

**Mitten Tree News:**



Please place your donations of new gloves, mittens, scarves and hats on our mitten tree (located in the narthex) between November 21st and December 26th, 2010. All donations will be distributed locally in Carroll County.

Thank you for giving the gift of warmth!

(Susan Doyle 410-848-6120)

**If you haven't used it in a year, chances are you won't need it!**

Bring it for the.....  
**RUMMAGE SALE**  
 Saturday,  
 November 20th  
 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM



**Bring your rummage** (including clothing items) to the church social hall on **Friday, November 19th, 9:00 AM to ???**, or call Kate 410-876-2745



**Nearly New Room** – We are looking for any household items to place in the Nearly New Room for the Christmas Bazaar. This is a great opportunity to find a new home for any household item you are no longer using that can be used by someone else. Think of this as a time for Fall cleaning! Items can be dropped off to the overflow room at the Church starting now and continue through Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please mark the item "Nearly New Room". If you have any questions or need help in getting the item to the church please contact either Kathy Browning (410-840-8980) or Kathie Browning (410-840-0668). Thanks for your support!



**“Speak up, please!”** In Sunday service and church meetings and classes, there are often those who do not hear clearly what is being said (some of our ears are getting older!). We may think that everyone can hear us just fine, when in fact they can't. So this is a plea to use a microphone when one is available and in general to speak a little louder when you have something to share with a group.

**SPIRITUAL / EMOTIONAL SUPPORT**

Please pick a caring act, and select as many people you feel are manageable to:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Send Card \_Telephone Call \_Take Food \_Visit —Pray

**Congregational Concerns:**

- Kathy Browning - Kathy's brother, Keith Collins passed away from a motorcycle accident. Please keep Kathy and her family in your prayers.
- Evelyn Thompson - Is home and is improving each day from her fall. Cards of encouragement can be sent to 410 Poole Road, Apt B 1, Westminster, MD 21157
- Ruth Niner - Please pray for her as she continues her recovery.
- Trey Bates - Please continue praying for his complete recovery.
- Francis Gist - Please continue praying for the Gist family. Francis passed on July 31".
- Betsy Burns - Please continue to pray for her full, speedy recovery.
- Shirley Miller - Please keep Shirley Miller and her family in your prayers.
- Clyde Shaffer - Please continue to keep the entire Shaffer family in your prayers.
- The True Family - Please keep the Barnes and True families in your prayers.
- Dale Bates - She is at home and is improving slowly. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Staci Ridgely - Her Lupus is in remission right now. Please pray for her continued strength.
- Nick & Kelley Strong - Please keep Nick, Kelley and the family in your prayers.
- Charlene Hill - Please continue to pray for Charlene as she goes through her Chemo treatments. Cards can be sent to 2525 Baltimore Blvd., Lot 32, Finksburg, MD 21048
- Dale Boyles, Sr. (Skip's dad) - Please continue to pray for the Boyles family.
- Pearl Peller - Brenda Selby's sister is undergoing treatments, Cards of encouragement would be greatly appreciated. Please send them to 1923 Deer Park Rd., Finksburg, MD 21048.
- Alexis - She is home from the hospital. Please continue praying for her speedy and complete recovery. Alexis is Ricky and Wanda Jones' granddaughter. Cards of encouragement can be sent to Alexis, c/o Wanda Jones, 3706 Singer St., Hampstead, MD 21074



The Christian Education classes commenced in September, after a "short" summer vacation. There are two adult classes: one meeting in the Conference room and the Seeker's Class, meeting in the Overflow room. There are three classes for the children; the Pre-School/Kindergarten Class, the Elementary class (grades 1 – 5) and the Youth class (grades 6 & above). The children meet each week with their teachers and helpers. Listening to Bible stories, singing, creating craft projects, playing Bible games – having fun, fellowship, and learning how much Jesus loves us.

We have a great group of teachers and volunteers who give their time and talents preparing to teach and work with the children each week. Teachers/Helpers are Dawn Archambault, Ann Boyles, Kathie Browning, Carol Dansberger, Carol Ditman, Pam Hildenbrand, Ruth Myers and Melissa Rhoton.

Our holiday plans for the children's Sunday school include our annual Christmas party to be held on December 12<sup>th</sup>, during the Sunday school hour. All children are invited to join us for the fun, there be singing, games, treats and a special visitor from the north.

The adult classes are led by Kate Gorsuch and Joy Grimm. Kate leads the ladies in a weekly devotion and bible study. Joy, along with other volunteers lead the Seeker's Class covering a multitude of varied studies through out the year. Please feel to drop in on either class; they will be glad to see you.

*Ruth Horner*, SS Superintendent

**Remember our Elders at Home or in Nursing Care Facilities:****At Home**

- Irma Kuhn
- John Hall
- Arlene Beard

**Nursing Care Facilities**

- Margaret Mathias, Bonds Forrest Assisted Living, 2261 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg, MD 21048, 410-840-4626.
- Madeline Hiatt, Lorien of Taneytown, 100 Antrim Blvd, Room 18A, Taneytown, MD 21787
- Dennis Myers, Bonnie Blink Masonic Home, 300 International Circle, Room 122, Cockeysville, MD 21030

**NOTE** - If you have any Prayers, Concerns, or changes for the persons listed in the bulletin, please contact Pam Hildenbrand. **THANK YOU.**