

Lamp^{lighter}

February 2019



from the
Pastor's pen

February may be the shortest month but it is l-o-n-g on reminders about **love**. I think back about decorating paper doilies to give to my elementary school classmates. Do the little kids still do that? I hope so. (Obviously, it's a memory for me – I hope *they're* making the same kind of memories in 2019.)

Frankly, it's not so stressful as *all* the cards we send at Christmastime, idea of exchanging gifts and cards of **love** isn't *just* for kids. In fact, and I think you'll agree, the older we get, and the more we understand about true **love** – God's kind of love – the more eager we ought to be to demonstrate our **love** for others.

We should celebrate **love** every day – not just on February 14!



Everything God has accomplished *for us* is summarized in John 3:16.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

It's a complete message to share with someone else, with **love**.

It's the most important, most **lovingly** given, "valentine" for Creation.

And we shouldn't minimize the powerful message just because we know it by heart.

The world needs to hear it, AND heed it. *Their* lives depend upon it! (She said with **love**.)

And here's our **love**-filled response: Everything accomplished for God in this world is a partnership, a covenant, between God's grace and what we do to share God's **love**.

God enables us. We respond! And *that* can be in SO MANY WAYS.

There's no better time than during the month of **love** to say "I **love** you" or "I'd **love** to help you with that" or "Oh, how I'd **love** to share my blessings with someone else." You get the idea.

We've been blessed! Now, let's BE a blessing!

I'm blessed to be in ministry *with you* at Pikes Peak UMC.

Pastor Dea

UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church

January

The New Year began at 1:30 pm, with the reciting of the UMW pledge which was read in unison by all 10 ladies present.

Millie Ware gave our spiritual growth reading from the Daily Bread Devotional about being thankful by placing each day's blessing into a jar. In one year, 365 reminders of the faithfulness of God! A great way to begin the new year or finish out the old one! Thank you Millie.

President Brown was the January hostess, giving each lady a bottle of water since the first meeting of each new year is on prayer and self-denial. She provided each of us with a reading from the "Spice of Life" booklet, to help us focus on the many blessings we have that others do not. She also read the history of our UMW Circle as several ladies did not know how we came to be called *Dorothy* Circle (a tribute to the wife of long-time Pastor, Reverend Glenn McPherson).

New business included hostess sign-ups for each month. The hostess is responsible for making coffee (or asking for help on this if you don't know how to operate the coffee maker), provide a refreshment for the group and clean up afterwards. The sign-up sheet will be typed and copied by the secretary for the February meeting.

Jessie Cooper, our Treasurer gave a copy of the bank account to the President and Secretary and read the most recent account to the group. Thank you Jessie for all the work you so diligently give to this office.

Gretchen Arnold, Secretary will contact the Unit Leader of the UMW with the information from our unit. First initial and last name for the office is all that will be provided. Our group unanimously decided that we do not wish to give our personal information to the main office. We decided instead to have any communications sent to the Secretary or the President and it will be distributed to the members of our circle. Pastor Dea asked if we would like to sponsor a "cover the pew" activity like we did a couple of years ago in which the congregation was asked to participate in covering a pew with supplies that the church needs during a year's time. A list of items will be forthcoming.

Jessie and Gretchen will make personal care bags for LaPuente Mission.

Our February meeting will be devoted to filling Valentine's Day bags for the folks who are unable to come to Church. Jessie brought white paper bags with handles with assorted heart stickers for the children's Sunday School to decorate for this project. Thank you Jessie and everyone who helps make this outreach possible for our beloved, home-bound members!

Pastor Dea volunteered to take a bag to the people she serves communion to. The other bags will be delivered by our membership. Our meeting ended with the reading of the UMW prayer at 2:30.

Secretary
Gretchen



This hymn history is one of my favorites, so much so that I am submitting it once again to you my dear friends. It is about the author of **Joy to the World**, Isaac Watts, born in Southhampton, England on July 17, 1674 and who died in November of 1749.

Isaac Watts although born prematurely was nothing short of a genius! By age four, he had learned Latin, at age nine he knew Greek, at ten he was speaking French to his neighbors and at thirteen he was fluent in Hebrew!

With the love of the spoken word in his heart, Isaac is said to have become frustrated with the dreary songs being sung in his church. After hearing Isaac complain, his father challenged him to write something better to sing and Isaac's first hymn was so well received by his church that he wrote a new hymn every Sunday for the next two years!

The majority of these songs were sung from manuscripts collected in a book published in 1707 entitled, **Hymns and Spiritual Songs, by Isaac Watts**.

Although his many hymns and poems brought him fame, one song, **Joy to the World** was the most popular and most published Christmas Hymn of the entire 20th Century!

Joy to the World comes as an appropriate hope and prayer for 2019.

Gretchen

Mel's *Famous Biscuits & Gravy*
MEN'S BREAKFAST
at 9am 
Great Food, Fun and Fellowship!

Saturday, Feb 16th



The Dorothy Circle is meeting at 1:30 p.m. on the 1st Thursdays of the month in Gamber Hall.

February's meeting will be preparing Valentine bags for delivery to our shut-in friends. Refreshments will be provided by Gretchen Arnold. All women are invited for this time of mission discussion and fellowship.



MINISTRY

****Join us for our
 committee meetings 2nd
 Saturdays
 @ 9 a.m.****

Contemplative Worship
 2nd & 4th Sunday @ 4 p.m.
 (Rachel Thompson's home)
**Gentle Tai Chi – led by David
 Hays (at his home)**
 Tuesdays @ 1 p.m.



Monthly Giving 2018

Monthly budget \$6451

November \$6352

December \$6187

January \$3074 (as of 1.19.19)



Birthdays

- 1 – Ruth Richey
- 2 – Donna Miller
- 5 – Christine Wood
- 7 – Joe Brown
- 10 – Rose Martinez
- 12 – Hal Smith
- 13 – Ann Keetch
- 14 – Kelley Arnold
- 16 – Bill Edwards
- 18 – Carole Garriott
 - Pastor Dea
 - "Coop" Cooper



**4-C's in the
Parking Lot**
Saturday, February 9 @ 10 a.m.

Westside Cares



Westside Cares needs:

Women's underwear - all sizes,
Boxers and briefs - men's - all
sizes, Men's shoes - size 9 or
larger, Adult socks, Girls socks,
Adult gloves, Mens jeans –
size 30 - 36, Girl's underwear,
Family size toothpaste, Deodorant,
Tampons and pads, Large
shampoo and conditioner, Empty
pill bottles, Plastic grocery bags.

NO household items, please.



**we can
help**



**Crafting
@ Pikes Peak UMC**

K & C GIGGLERS – PPUMC's Crafters

The K & C Giggers are going strong and we worked, last month, on learning to make towel rings. Others continued with their projects or started a new one. A good time was had working and visiting. ~ The crafting Giggers meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. If you would like to join us we would love to have you. Please use the back ramp door. Hope to see more in the coming months. We do not meet if it is slick or snowy. ~~ **Prayer Throws or Shawls** If you know someone who is in need of a prayer shawl or throw, we would like to share the ones we have made and ready. **Questions about the Giggers or suggestions for a prayer throw, please contact Ruth Reed 719-471-1393.**



Grace Notes

~ thoughts and inspirations for
a blessed life.

All thoughts, all passions, all delights,
Whatever stirs this mortal frame,
All are but ministers of Love,
And feed his sacred flame.

- Samuel Taylor Coleridge



February 25-28, 2019



Sunday, February 3

BY

Church Mutual Representative

Everyone encouraged to stay



Our shut ins: Maria Castle, Bill Edwards,
Harmon Hammitt, Shirley Harr, Evelyn
Hartley, Jim Hodges, Ruth Pierce, Rachel
Schilowsky, LaMona Sherwood,
and
Hal Smith

*****Watch for Pastor Dea's
prayer emails.**

**Do we have YOUR correct e-
mail address?**

2018 Mission Work by Dorothy Circle

The United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle of Pikes Peak United Methodist Church, supports these local, national and international missions with donated material goods and supplies, money, prayers and personal communications (cards, visits and calls). In 2018, they served these missions: The Asian Mission of CRU in southeast Asia, (originally known as College Campus Ministry), LaPuente Mission in Alamosa, National United Methodist Women, your Pikes Peak United Methodist Church, Ronald McDonald Charities, Red Bird Mission in Kentucky, Springs Rescue Mission, Trinity United Methodist Church and food Pantry, Urban League of Colorado Springs, and West Side Cares.

Over \$800 in cash and over \$3,000 in material goods and supplies have been donated by your United Methodist Women this last year! Congratulations to this little group of amazing ladies who give generously of their time, money, prayers and gifts to reach others in the Name and for the praise, of God.



SAVE THE DATES – MARCH

*Wednesday, March 6 – Ash Wednesday
Ashes & Soup in the Parking Lot 11:30-
1:30 then ongoing **Bible study**

Worship @ 5:30 p.m.

*Sunday, March 17 – St. Patty's Potluck

*Saturday, March 30 - Sub-District
Annual Meeting



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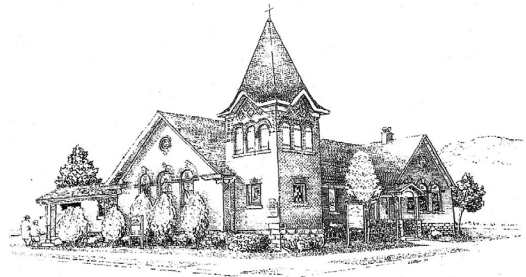
Sunday Worship 10:50 AM

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