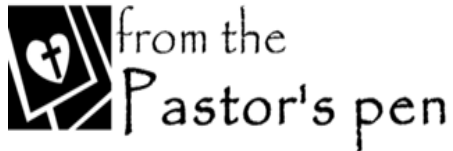


# Lamplighter

March 2019



Michael B. Curry, who is Bishop of the Episcopal Church wrote: "*Lent has two remarkable bookends.*" On one side, he said, is Ash Wednesday (March 6, 2019) when we are reminded that we're dust but *God loves us even in our dustiness*. The other side, Easter, (April 21<sup>st</sup>) is when we celebrate God's love and the power it has to transform US and the world.

Lent, which is the 40 days before Easter (don't count Sundays.) It's a time, much like Advent, that we can be deliberate for ourselves *and* encourage each other to take some time for what it means to live a Christian life. What *does* that mean?

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your strength, and  
with all your mind.*

*Luke 10:27, Deuteronomy 6:5*

As we follow in Jesus' footsteps THIS Lent, let's take thoughtful time to consider the ultimate goal – to *live out God's love for the world*. Regretfully, there isn't anything written, anywhere, that says this journey will be easy.

There are going to be times that we struggle and even stumble, but we're not alone. Because we're all God's children we're connected and share in this: that we realize God's plan. Jesus came to show us how!

So, whatever we choose to do *in* Lent - whether it's giving up something that causes us to struggle and stumble (and keeps us locked up by worldly things) **OR** taking on a new discipline - let's practice, together, ways we can participate in sharing and showing God's love in the world....following in the footsteps of Jesus and loving each other.

I'll be emailing a daily Lenten devotional (one I've had in a file for a while) and also posting it on the Pikes Peak UMC Facebook page. Perhaps, as a discipline, you could share it with others in your contact list. In addition, our series of messages from Ash Wednesday to Easter is called "With All Your Heart." This might *just be* the invitation you need to welcome others into worship with us through Lent 2019 and beyond.

*And love your neighbor as yourself.*

*Matthew 22:39*

We're starting Lent, on Ash Wednesday with "Soup and Ashes" in the parking lot from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We'll begin our Lent Bible study Seven-Mile Miracle: Experience the Last Words of Christ As Never Before that day. After that, the study will be at lunchtime on **Thursdays**. Books are ordered! We'll have an evening worship service for Ash Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Prayers are being raised about *who* will participate.

Be sure to read everything this edition of the Lamplighter has to share.

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

February

The February meeting began at 1:30 pm, with the reciting of the UMW purpose which was read in unison by eight ladies present.

We went immediately to our business meeting since this month we fill Valentine's Bags for those of our congregation who are unable to attend Church. This project takes the place of a speaker for the month.

Next month's meeting will include a speaker from West Side Cares and President Brown will attach a list of requested donations on a box to be placed in the foyer for the WSC speaker to take back with her.

Since last month our Pastor asked if we would like to sponsor a "cover the pew" activity again, we had a short conversation about filling a pew with supplies like the congregation did two years ago. There had been an outstanding response from the congregation at that time and we hope it will happen again this year. A list of needed supplies will be provided to the congregation soon.

Jessie Cooper, our Treasurer gave copies of the bank account to the President and Secretary and read the most recent account amounts to the group. Thanks to our Treasurer for watching out for our finances!

More than 100 people attended a memorial service for Raymond Marshall (2/10/19) where several of our members agreed to help by bringing cookies, setting up, serving the refreshments, and staying to clean up afterwards. Great appreciation goes out to all these helpers.

We adjourned the meeting with the UMW prayer and began filling the ten Valentine Bags to give to our shut ins. This project was followed by refreshments of chocolate dipped strawberries and valentine decorated cupcakes provided by our member hostess.

Secretary  
Gretchen



### "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Thomas Ken, author of "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow", was born in England in 1637, educated at Winchester College, then Oxford and was ordained as a Minister of God's Word at age 25. His beautiful hymn, written in 1692, is well known today as the "Doxology" that we sing each Sunday after the offering is received.

Bishop Ken sang his song of praise each day as a morning, evening and midnight hymn. It was a song of praise used spontaneously in times of great joy or triumph as shown by the following story. In Lancashire, England, during the cotton famine of the 1600's, which had reduced unemployed workers to destitution, the first wagon load of cotton finally arrived. After releasing the horse, the workers dragged the wagon throughout the streets singing with tears of joy, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow".

As we sing this age-old praise on Sunday mornings, we too catch a glimpse of the many blessings that God gives to us.

Gretchen

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

**Saturday, Mar 16th**



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

March's meeting has scheduled Kristy Milligan from West Side Cares to give a presentation. Refreshments will be provided by Beulah Shaw and Millie Ware. All women are invited for this time of mission discussion and fellowship.



## **MINISTRY**

**\*\*Join us for our  
 committee meetings 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Saturdays  
 @ 9 a.m.\*\***

**Contemplative Worship**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

**December \$6187**

**January \$7975**

**February \$3674 (to date)**

**Thank you to Dorothy's Circle for donations to Westside Cares.**

I attended the Lay Rep Meeting on February 11. The Back-to-School-Backpack project was started for next school year. Pikes Peak United Methodist has been ask to provide 130 packages of college/narrow ruled filler paper (150sheets each). Sales (at lower price) on school supplies usually start in early July. Supplies need to be turned into Westside Cares by Monday July 29.

The Annual meeting and Volunteer Banquet will be on Tuesday, March 12 at the Church of Later Day Saints.

The Feast of Saint Arnold at Chapel of Our Saviour is set for June 8th.

Westside Cares ongoing needs are;  
Women's underwear - all sizes, Men's boxer/briefs - all sizes, Men's shoes - size 9 or larger, Women's socks, Adult gloves, Men's jeans - size 30-36, Men's coats, Girl's underwear, Family size toothpaste, Deodorant, Tampons and pads, Large shampoo and conditioner, Empty pill bottles. Plastic grocery bags.

# Westside Cares



## WESTSIDE CARES NEEDS...

- Adult winter gloves
- Men's Jeans – size 30 -36
- Men's winter coats
- Men's boxer/briefs – all sizes
- Men's shoes – size 9 or larger
- Women's socks
- Girls underwear
- Tampons and pads
- Diapers size 5 and 6
- Pull Ups size 2/3 and 3/4
- Baby wipes
- Used pill bottles
- Plastic grocery bags

## INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSURES:

Westside CARES follows the School Dist 11 closure schedule for inclement weather. If District 11 is closed, Westside CARES is closed. If District 11 is on a late start, Westside CARES is not affected and will open at our regular time. Doors open at 8:30 AM with services at 9:30 AM.



## K & C GIGGLERS – PPUMC's Crafters

The crafting Giggles meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Giggles or suggestions for a prayer throw, please contact Ruth Reed 719-471-1393.

Mountain Sky Conference of The United Methodist Church

## DISTRICT GATHERING

A conference-wide event featuring  
DIANA BUTLER BASS, **AUTHOR OF**



## GRATEFUL

9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
MARCH 30, 2019

*Peaks/Pikes Peak*  
**DISTRICT LOCATIONS**

SUNRISE UMC, 2655 BRIARGATE BLVD., COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80920

HEART OF LONGMONT UMC, 350 11TH AVE., LONGMONT, CO 80501

VISIT [WWW.MTNSKYUMC.ORG/DISTRICTGATHERING](http://WWW.MTNSKYUMC.ORG/DISTRICTGATHERING) TO REGISTER

## St. Patrick's Potluck

Sunday, March 17

Put on YOUR green

Bring your favorite corned beef or shepherd's pie (or fried chicken or ham) along with the sides, salads and desserts! What a great time to invite someone to join us for some good cookin' and fellowship, too!



**Change for**

**Change**

**Sun, March 31**



You did it before! Let's do it again!

During Lent 2019

Cover the pew with pantry-closet-cupboard supplies

for PPUMC (Watch for bulletin insert coming soon!)

## SAFE SANCTUARIES

Reducing the Risk of Abuse in the Church for Children and Youth



Joy Thornburg Melton

## SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

Saturday, March 9 ~ 9 a.m. to Noon

**PART OF PPUMC'S SAFETY PREPARATION**

- Caring for kids, youth AND elderly at PPUMC.
- Procedures that back up our planning.
- **FREE!!**
- And we need you to attend!



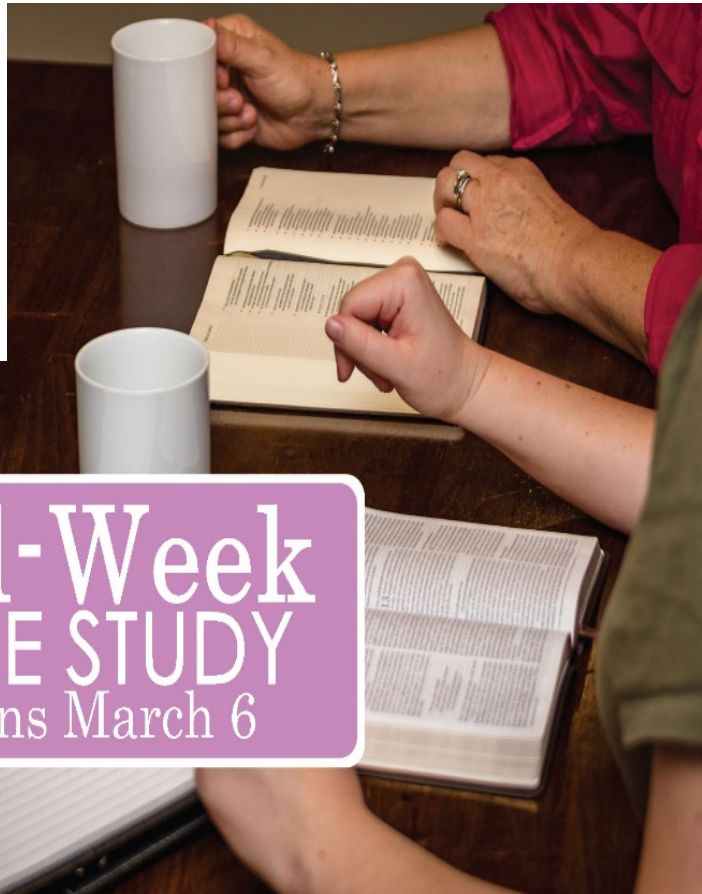
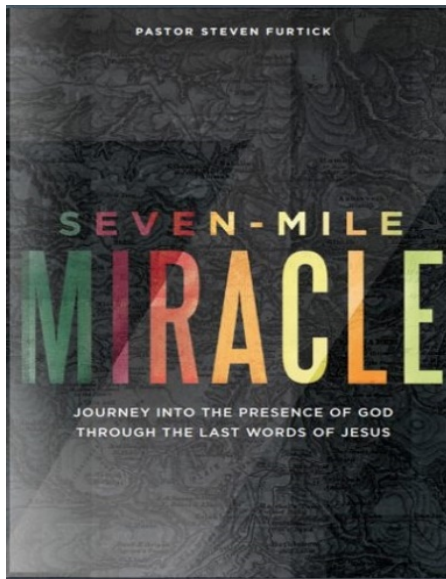
**Soup & Ashes in the Parking Lot**

**March 6 – 11:00 a.m. – 12:30**

**Service with Ashes & Holy Communion**

**In the Sanctuary at 5:30 p.m.**





Mid-Week  
BIBLE STUDY  
begins March 6





## Grace Notes

~ thoughts and inspirations for  
a blessed life.

The entire space achievement is put in  
proper perspective when one realizes that  
God walking on the earth is more important  
than man walking on the moon.

– James Irwin, astronaut



### **SAVE THE DATES – April**

\* Administrative Council

Sunday, April 7 after worship

### **\*HOLY WEEK**

April 18 - Maundy Thursday Service at 6  
p.m. At Trinity UMC, 701 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
Holy Communion and Combined choirs

April 19 – Good Friday Service at 6pm  
Pikes Peak UMC,

2927 W. Pikes Peak Ave

April 21 - Easter Service @ 10:50 a.m.



**Remember 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.***



2 Mike Arnold

6 Ruth Reed

10 Bernard Schilowsky

17 Jim Hodges

Shalee Sommer

20 Dee Burger

21 Tyler Wood

22 Virginia Van Der Wege

24 Kim Whitcomb

25 Gretchen Arnold

31 Charlene Belshaw

Lorilai Allen

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

25 Dick & Sue Bush

# PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Dea is appointed to PPUMC as a *part-time pastor*.

- Tuesday and Thursday are church-work days. Call the church phone 634-3589 or email [pikespeakumc@gmail.com](mailto:pikespeakumc@gmail.com) to schedule an appointment. Days include home and/or hospital visits, pastoral phone calls, administrative tasks
- Saturdays include scheduled meetings and special events
- Sundays include choir rehearsal, Adult Sunday class, worship and meetings
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday are **at home** for sermon writing, worship prep, Bible study preparation, as-needed pastoral calls, special service preparation, and *personal sabbath time*.

Of course, emergencies and other circumstances will indicate the need to call the Pastors Sharp at home but your care for the boundaries they need to keep are appreciated.

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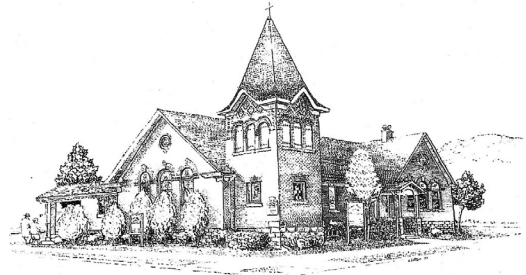
Sunday Worship 10:50 AM

Pastor Dea Sharp

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Director of Music Barbara Turner

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