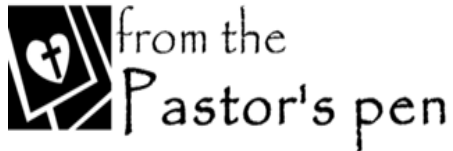


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June 2019



June brings us Father's Day and we celebrate the men in our lives who have blessed us by teaching us to check the oil in our cars or change a flat tire (among lots of other things.) Dads also encourage us (even if they're in Heaven) on our faith walks.

June also brings us Pentecost, the day we remember when our Heavenly Father blessed us with the gift of the Holy Spirit. That gift enables us to give impassioned appeals to others to know Jesus Christ and empowerment to perform the ministries that God gives us for God's purpose in the Kingdom.

While Pastor Gene and I were in Iowa, we planned to worship at a UMC that used that Sunday's worship time to present a *congregational assessment*. Get this, a company called Holy Cow Consulting led the congregation through a survey and based on the responses was able to help them "*determine where they are in order to help them get to where they need to be.*" Strengths and opportunities were highlighted (and will probably be discussed by pastoral leadership and committees quite a while.)

Interestingly, I wondered, "how did PPUMC get on this printout?" The survey reported that *that* UMC in Iowa, significantly larger than PPUMC, in a college town, and populated with retired Methodist clergy, wanted to attract new, young families.

They also wanted to reach people to help *them* become a part of **A** church and have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Does that sound familiar?

We **all** have opportunities and we **all** have strengths.

That's churches AND individuals.

As we come to Pentecost Sunday and then into the season of Pentecost, I'm going to encourage you (again) to take part in the Bible studies we're offering at PPUMC. You could attend before worship on Sunday (current study: **Rediscovering our Spiritual Gifts, Building Up the Body of Christ Through the Gifts of the Spirit**) or for a light lunch and study on Thursdays (current study: **Life of Elijah**.)

Both studies point out opportunities and strengths for the growth of our faith *and our abilities to encourage OTHERS to come to know the love of God and Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior*. Huh! Could that encouragement be "just the thing" to attract others to join us to praise and worship God at PPUMC? I'm praying about you and who will join us for study and a life in Christ.

The liturgical color of the season of Pentecost is **GREEN**...the color of growth and life. It's a long season. It'll last until the end of November! And we can use that time to hone our abilities, gifts, and skills to grow the Kingdom to the Glory of God. Amen? AMEN!

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

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

Pastor Dea

UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church

May

The May 2nd meeting began at 1:30 pm, with the reciting of the UMW pledge which was read in unison by six of our ladies, including guest speaker Megan Slifer from LaPuente Mission.

As we welcomed our speaker Megan for her fourth year with us, we were impressed with the work that LaPuente has accomplished this last year. Some of the exciting news covered the Adelante program renamed the **Family Resource Center** that now serves the entire San Luis Valley! LaPuente provides Emergency relief for those in poverty or homelessness; a separate program for off-grid homesteaders half of whom are veterans; food and educational programs for children; 15 food pantries who provide food to 4,558 families and several thrift stores in the Valley; 6,083 lbs of produce were gleaned and distributed by volunteers and 18,229 lbs of other foods were collected through food drives.

Dorothy Circle collected 6 large bags of clothing, a large bag of shoes, 150 lbs of rice and 32 hygiene bags were sewn, filled and sent back with Megan plus a \$100 speaker's fee and extra cash for her gas and travel. (LaPuente is a 6 to 7 hour round trip). We have supported them for over 20 years with our prayers, love and support! Thank you to all who contribute to this worthy cause! May God bless you.

In lieu of the Spiritual growth reading, President Brown gave a short overview of the history of our Circle originally known as the Women's Society of World Service.

Last month's minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer's financial report was presented along with copies of last month's finances given to the President and Secretary, thanks to Jessie's careful accounting!

We appreciate all the greeting cards written and sent to the congregation, by Susie G.

We closed the meeting by repeating the UMW prayer together. Everyone asked LaVada for the recipe for her most excellent pumpkin cake that she served as our refreshment! Thank you LaVada!

Secretary
Gretchen



"God Leads His Dear Children Along"

Both words and music were written by Reverend George A. Young. (1855-1935, approximately)

Reverend Young was a preacher during the late 1800's who, after years of struggle and poverty, managed to build a small house for his wife and family. Unfortunately, while out of town tending to his flock, their home was burned to the ground by a group of disgruntled men who disagreed with the Reverend's preaching.

Soon after the fire, in 1903 Young wrote this hymn as a testimony to God's continuing care, as one verse says, "Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song, in the night season and all the day long, God leads his dear children along."

It is not known when Reverend Young died, but in 1942, his widow was found living in a very poor County Poor Farm, where she glowed with God's love! She is quoted that God sent her there to live since so many residents did not know her Jesus and she was delighted to introduce them to her Lord and Savior!

Gretchen

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

Saturday, June 15th



The Dorothy Circle is meeting at 1:30 p.m. on the 1st Thursdays of the month in Gamber Hall. June's meeting has scheduled a speaker from Ecumenical Social Ministries here in Colorado Springs. **Donation requests: A box will be in the welcome/narthex area for new or used blue jeans and t-shirts.** The June meeting's refreshments will be provided by Suzy Peet. All women are invited for this time of mission discussion and fellowship. Questions? Talk to LaVada Brown, Gretchen Arnold or Jessie Cooper.



MINISTRY

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

Contemplative Worship
June dates: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 5 p.m. at PPUMC
Gentle Tai Chi – led by David Hays (at his home)
Tuesdays at 1 p.m.



Monthly Giving 2019 **Monthly budget \$6303**

March \$5291
 April \$4002
 - Easter offering \$234
 - Native American Ministries \$83
 May (through 5.24) \$3175



Vacation Bible School
"Making a Splash with Jesus"
June 17-21
9 a.m. - Noon
Ages 3-12
 (older kids welcome to help
 "lifeguard at the pool")
Invite the kids you know!



K & C GIGGLERS
PPUMC's Crafters

The crafting Giggles 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 Giggles or suggestions for a prayer throw, please contact Ruth Reed 719-471-1393.**

Westside Cares



Thank you to all that donated diaper, wipes feminine produces to Westside Cares. The donations are greatly appreciated.

The celebration of the 7th annual Feast of St. Arnold at Chapel of Our Savior is on June 8. The proceeds from the "Family friendly Beer Fest" is shared by Westside Cares and the Chapel of Our Savior. The festival showcases the best of Colorado's craft brewers, winemakers, and emerging distilleries. Activities include the family fun zone which is a separate area for organized kid's activities, tours of the 1920's era historic property and mansion, and continuous live music. VIP Admission: 11:00 AM-4:30 PM. General Admission: 12:00PM-4:30 PM Tickets: \$40.00-\$75.00.

Free admission can be gained by volunteering to help with the festival. For more information and tickets go to www.feastofsaintarnold.com.

Westside Cares continuing needs: Men's Jeans - size 30 - 38, Men's light weight jackets, men's boxer/briefs - all sizes, Men's shoes, Women's underwear and bras - all sizes, Tampons and pads, Diapers size 6, Pull Ups size 2/3 and 3/4, Used pill bottles.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

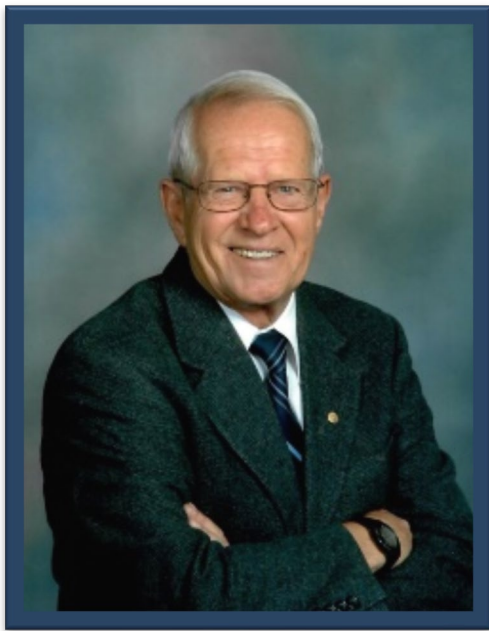
Position: Resource Room Volunteer

Location: Westside Cares main office at 2808 W Colorado Ave

Shift: Thursday evening, 4:15 PM - 6:30 PM

Duties include sorting, organizing, tagging and distributing non-food, in-kind donations including clothing, toiletries, diapers, etc. Volunteer must display good people and organizational skills and must be able to lift at least 20 lbs.





Donald Lee Gutknecht

June 20, 1933– May 18, 2019

We celebrated the life of our brother-in-Christ and friend, Don, on Friday, May 31. Don was buried, next to his wife, Joan, in Crystal Valley Cemetery. We keep his family, especially daughter Conni DeMark in our prayers and praise God for the life of Don Gutknecht.



Mid-Week Bible Study

Soup lunch & Study
Thursdays @ 11:30 a.m.
in Gamber Hall



SAVE THE DATES JULY

- * **Sunday, July 7** –
Red, White & Blue Pie Day
- * **Sunday, July 21** –
Administrative Council Meeting

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



June 16, 2019

BEHOLD WHAT MANNER
OF LOVE THE FATHER
HAS BESTOWED ON US,
THAT WE SHOULD BE
CALLED THE CHILDREN
OF GOD! 1 JOHN 3:1 NKJV



Grace Notes

~ thoughts and inspirations for a blessed life.

"Lord, show us the way through the changes in our live!"



PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER



Remember our shut ins:
Maria Castle,
Bill Edwards,
Shirley Harr,
Jim Hodges,
Ruth Pierce,
Rachel Schilowsky,
LaMona Sherwood, and Hal Smith

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



5 Elizabeth Taylor
9 Karen Wiest
19 Sheila Lee
20 Berna Keating
24 Nina Keating
29 Sebastian Lewellen

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Archie & Chery Wilson
14 Coop & Jessie Cooper
23 John & Barbara Turner
28 Mel & Sally Simmons #50
29 Craig & Maria Baumgartner
30 Kevin & Charlotte Williams

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 to schedule an appointment. Days include home and/or hospital visits, pastoral phone calls, administrative tasks and mid-week Bible study.
- 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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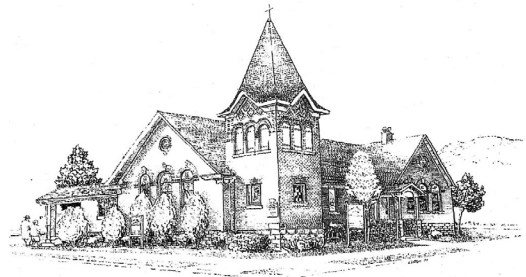
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Sunday Worship 10:50 AM

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Director of Music Barbara Turner

Editor Carol Stephenson



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