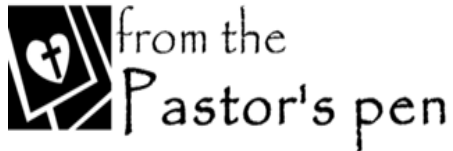


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August 2019



Last month I shared with you some encouragement about ferreting out and putting to use your Spiritual Gifts. It's been exciting to watch hospitality and compassion and praying be shared among our Family of Faith. Did you know that you were using the Gifts? What else can you do with them?

THIS month, we have more opportunities to engage our talents and Spiritual Gifts as we prepare for the Open House celebration of Pikes Peak UMC's anniversary. We're going to 115 in September! Praise God for the saints who've gone before us who used *their* Spiritual Gifts to bring us the legacy for our faith that WE have today. I think this is a wonderful opportunity to do the same for the people, of all ages, who will come *after* US. What legacy will we leave for them?

Teachers for Bible studies?

Laity led praying groups?

Outreach and mission into the community
and the world?

Financial stability of our church?

A church property that is well cared for?

I'm preparing the sermon messages to bring attention to our *priceless* sanctuary stained glass windows. The more I read and learn about *this particular* legacy of PPUMC, the prouder I am about our little church on the corner of Pikes Peak Avenue and 30th Street. Invite someone to join us to hear about it, too!

This newsletter includes an article by Gretchen Arnold about the upcoming celebration. She has also prepared a CAN YOU ~ CAN DO list. All of us (YOU) are needed to help prepare and host the celebration on **Sunday, September 8**. I am praying that you'll feel the Spirit's nudge to be proudly involved in this once-in-a-lifetime event. [The sign up CAN DO list is in Gamber Hall. This newsletter also includes a flier for the Legacy 115 event that you can use as an invitation.] There will be an **ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY on Saturday, August 31 starting at 9 a.m.** Your help that day will bring a neat and tidy building, sanctuary, and property for the guests we're invited to our Open House. I hope you can help for a little while that morning.

In the meantime, we've got Back-to-School coming fast! On **Sunday, August 11** we'll bless our kiddos and their backpacks AND our teachers and school administrative staffers.

As summer winds down I look forward to seeing our attendance and offerings grow again, too. We've missed our travelers and want to listen to their tales soon. And, frankly, it'll be good to have as many of us together to bring *glory to God* in our PPUMC.

I'm honored to be in ministry *with* you.

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

Pastor Dea



Compassion International Sunday

On Sunday, July 14, we were blessed to hear our guest speaker, Kennedy Krezi, who was a Compassion International (CI) sponsored child from age 7 to 19. He was given his first shoes at age nine, attended a government school, was medically saved from a blinding disease, and later was able to attend college where he received two degrees. He now lives in Colorado with his wife of six years and has two children. Kennedy and his wife also sponsor a CI child.

Kennedy told of his early life, sang and played his guitar for us during the offering, and answered questions about adopting a child in CI. Ruth Richey who was in charge of this event, assembled four pictures/stories out of a dozen candidates for our church to sponsor. During Fellowship time, Archie Wilson turned the four pictures upside down, and with several church members there, Archie prayed over the pictures. Then, Ruth randomly picked the one that she felt God would have us adopt.

Family and friends, we have a boy! Our new son/brother through Christ is named Bereket Getachew and he lives in Ethiopia with his mom. He is beautiful. He has pretty brown eyes, a cross on a string around his neck and looks a little anxious in his picture. He is considered a PRIORITY WAITING CHILD by the CI. It is no wonder that God has led him to us and us to him.

His sponsorship is only \$38 a month and if you feel so led, please drop your contribution toward Bereket's care and loving support into the offering plate with a note that this is over and above your regular tithe/offering, for our new son/brother.

God bless you, my dear family.

Gretchen



"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past," was written in 1719 by Reverend Isaac Watts, who was ordained and began serving at his first church as Assistant Minister of the Independent Church, in London at age 24. In 1712, Isaac contracted a life-threatening fever that left him practically an invalid. He was invited to stay at the home of Sir Thomas Abney minister of the Independent Church until he was well.

However, Isaac never fully recovered and spent the rest of his 36 years living there, writing hymns and preaching whenever his health permitted. During his lifetime, the Reverend, Isaac Watts wrote over 800 hymns and poems with many of them still in use today. We are familiar with another of his hymns, *"Joy to the World,"* which is still considered the most popular and most published Christmas hymn of the last century.

Gretchen

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

Saturday, August 24th



The group will reconvene on August 1, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in Gamber Hall. 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 Saturday of the
 Month @ 9:00 a.m.
 Contemplative Worship
 1st & 3rd Sundays
 at 5 p.m. at PPUMC**



Lectio Divina



**"Sermon of
 the Amount"**

May \$3764
 June \$5942
 July \$4765 (as of 7.25.19)

Don't let summer details cause you to forget your offerings and tithes. Our ministries depend on you.

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



SAVE THE DATES –
September 2019

September 8 ~ Legacy 115
Anniversary Celebration
Open House 1 -3 p.m.

Tours, refreshments, and fellowship
Invite your friends to this special event!



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**



Sunday, August 11

Thank you to all that donated paper for the backpacks (we surpassed our goal by 5 packs)

and also to those who donate food weekly. See the donation list below. **Adult socks are a critical need.**

Westside Cares will be busy putting the back-to-school backpacks together in the coming weeks. Contact Debra.Mitguard@westsidecares.org or call 389-0759 ext. 108. They are still looking for a Resource Room Volunteer to work from 4:15 PM to 6:30 PM on Thursdays at Westside Cares. If interested contact Debra at above.

WESTSIDE CARES CURRENT NEEDS: Men's Jeans - size 30 -38, Men's boxers - all sizes, Men's shoes, Women's underwear and bras - all sizes, Adult socks (critical need), Tampons and pads, Diapers size 6, Pull Ups size 2/3 and 3/4, Used pill bottles
Archie and Chery Wilson





Grace Notes

thoughts and inspirations for a blessed life.

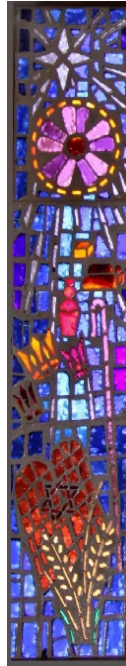
Love isn't a state of perfect caring.
It is an active noun. – Fred Rogers

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER



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

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



WOW! It is really coming together friends! On Sunday, September 8 from 1 to 3 in the afternoon, we will be celebrating our Church's 115th Anniversary. Each Sunday throughout August, you will be able to pick up an invitation at church to keep, give to friends and neighbors or refer them to the beautiful website that Denise Sherwood has designed! They are postcard size, so if you want to mail one to someone, you can! Rachel Thompson designed the lovely cards, brochures, posters and flyers you will be seeing throughout the City advertising this unique celebration. If you want to put up a poster in your area, just ask Pastor Dea, or an Outreach Committee member.

You will be involved in this celebration also dear ones! There will be cookies to bake, greeters, helpers, and servers, tables to move and window sills to dust, weeds to be pulled, posters and flyers to be taken to libraries and elsewhere, invitations to pass out in the neighborhood! This is a church wide event and everyone's help is needed! You are needed! Don't have time to commit to the labor? Fear not, I have a place for you!

There is a huge need for you to be in prayer for the success of this event! Something of this size and importance to the community is not entered into lightly. It must be ringed about and covered over by prayer! As soon as you read this article, please offer up a prayer for its success to the praise and glory of God. Continue to raise it up in your prayers, then attend the celebration, knowing you are part of the history of PPUMC !!



- 1 LaVada Brown
- 3 Derek Castle
- 8 Ron Reed
- 11 Kenneth Baines
Randy Keating
- 16 Don Shartran
Preston Holladay
(will be 103!)
- 18 Ken Shreck
- 19 John Richey
- 27 Russ Van Der Wege
Karie Mullins
- 28 Jackson Wood
- 31 J.D. Drayton

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Rick & Ann Keetch (#45)
- 5 Craig & Kim Sommer
- 29 Bernard & Rachel Schilowsky

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 is appreciated.

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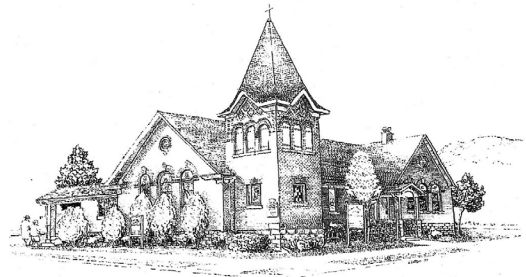
Sunday Worship 10:50 AM

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