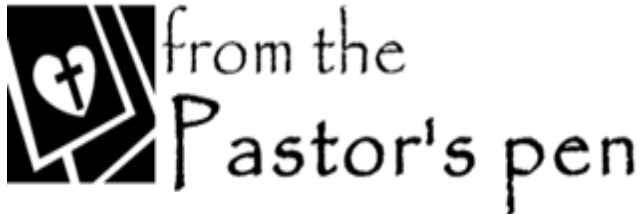


Lamp^{lighter}

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light until my path. Psalm 119:105

April 2018



For me, Easter is the high point of the whole church year. For me, and I pray for you, Easter is everything. We bring out the flowers and our best outfits, we practice impressive music, and prepare our best recipes. We don't want to hold anything back in our celebration!

HE is risen, but WE'VE BEEN FORGIVEN!

We **shouldn't** hold anything back! But what does life look like after the lilies fade? When the music ends, the guests have gone home, and the *special* dishes are put away? It gets quieter, less colorful, a lot less fragrant, and considerably less joyful. In a word? Normal. Everyday. Ordinary. Things have this tendency to go right back to the way they were before. We get up in the morning and settle into our routines. After the lilies fade, it's the time of tax returns and appointments; expensive repairs and awkward replacements. When the lilies fade, and everything returns to normal, it's almost as if Easter never. even. happened.

We're reminded again of our frailty, and that things are not always right or good - in the world or in the church; not always right with ourselves. *It would be wonderful if the lilies never faded*, if the joy of Easter never departed from our lives and it carried through in all that we do.

There are seven Sundays of the season of Easter, after all.

But the other six are just not the same.

"The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass." Isaiah 40:7

Such a fitting parallel to life in this world, isn't it? The beauty and joy are fleeting. They come and they go. Highs and lows. Cycles of birth, life, death, and rebirth.

*"The grass withers, the flower fades, **but the word of our God will stand forever.**"* Isaiah 40:8

One thing can sustain Easter's triumph and joy in the world, in the church, in our lives, even when the lilies fade. In the face of weakness and decay, God's Word remains powerful and alive. Tax returns and appointments are no match for God's rejuvenating Gospel. Repairs and replacements can't begin to undo what God's saving Word has produced. Things may not always be right in the world, in the church, or within ourselves, but we are right with God.

The message of Easter rings out, even if after the music ends.

"He is not here! He is risen, just as he said."

The *beauty* of Easter remains even when the flowers fall. The *joy* of Easter endures, even in the mundane of everyday life.

Jesus said to his disciples (and to us,) *"Peace be with you."* Yes! Peace, for the taxes and appointments, the repairs and replacements, the everyday schedules and chores, the gettin' up and the lying down, the coming and the going. Rest in that peace. Rejoice in that hope! And continue to abide in His Word always, especially now that the lilies have faded.

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Dea

UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church March



The March 1st meeting of the United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle began at 1:30pm with nine ladies and one guest gentleman present.

This month we met at Trinity UMC Food Pantry. Delma Payne and Berta Skelton, who have a combined time of 30 years at the Pantry, had agreed to give Dorothy Circle a tour. We met Delma, Berta and Laura (another volunteer), for an introduction, then went into the Food Pantry. West Side Cares carefully screens families who are in need and supplies them with 6 food vouchers per family per year. Vouchers may be redeemed anytime in the year however, some families save two vouchers to use for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday meals.

To redeem a voucher, each client fills out a food request form plus the voucher, which goes to a volunteer in the Pantry, who fills it and returns to the client a full, 4-day supply of food keeping in mind, as much as possible, how many are in the family and their individual's needs. Although there may be 58 families on one Tuesday, the next Tuesday will see a whole new set of clients.

Food donations come to the Pantry through three churches: Pikes Peak, Trinity and Wilson UMC, as well as Care and Share. Frozen day-old bread and pastries are picked up each week at Care and Share by Delma, and once a month, meat is purchased at 19 cents a pound. Whenever available, perishable foods such as fruits, veggies and sometimes eggs, are also picked up by Delma from Care and Share.

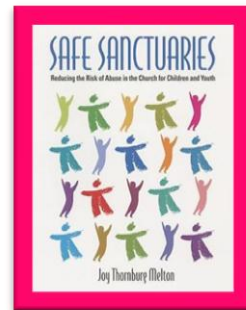
.Secretary **Gretchen**



**Pastor Dea captures the "moment"
on Palm Sunday**



**Saturday, April 21
starting at 8 a.m.
4-C in the Parking Lot
(Coffee, Cocoa, Cookies
and Conversation)
No strings attached!**



**SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING
Saturday, April 14 ~ 9 a.m. to
Noon**

**Safe environment training ~
caring for
kids, youth AND elderly at
PPUMC.**

FREE!!

**And we need you to attend!
We'll be able to share that
we're trained before Vacation
Bible School *and* at events for
all ages.**



I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

Ira F. Stanphill, was an outstanding musician of the last century and author of "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow". If you don't recognize the title, it is on page 250 of the Favorite Hymns of Praise, blue book.

Ira was born on Valentine's Day, 1914, and gave his life to Jesus at age 12. He was a musician from 10 years old on, as he learned to play the piano, organ, guitar, and many other instruments and by age 17 was writing, singing and accompanying his own original gospel songs at prayer meetings, and revivals. At 22, Ira began preaching, was ordained at age 25, and brought the Gospel to 40 other countries as well as the United States.

His songs have been sung by such notable artists as Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash, with Ira being inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 1981. Throughout the many years of his life, Ira wrote over 500 hymns, published a Book, (*This Side of Heaven*), served over nine Christian Churches and appeared in several Southern Gospel music videos produced by Bill Gaither.

Ira died suddenly of a heart attack on December 30, 1993, leaving behind one son, two daughters and a tremendous gift of music for the world to enjoy!

This hymn history is dedicated to Bill Edwards, long-time member of PPUMC now living in Beaver Creek, OH.

Gretchen

2018 Quiet Disciples



Peggy Garrison from Trinity UMC and Susie Gallivan from PPUMC at the district meeting in March.



PPUMC's Crafters

The group will meet on Thursday, April 12 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Use the ramp entrance at the back of the church.

Questions with a project?

Questions? Call Ruth Reed
471-1393

April 2018

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1 7:30am Easter Sunrise Service 8:30am Brunch 10:50am Worship Children's SS	2	3 7:00pm Mineralogical Society	4	5 1:30pm Dorothy's Circle  7:00pm Mineralogical Society	6	7
8 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS Ad Council	9 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	10	11	12 6:00pm Giggler's Group 	13	14 9:00am Safe Sanctuary Meeting
15 9:30am Adult SS Native American Ministries 10:50am Worship 5:00pm Lectio Divina worship	16 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	17	18	19	20	21 8:00am Youth 4C Event 9:00-10:30 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 
22 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS	23 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	24	25	26	27	28
29 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship Change for Change Blood Pressure Check	30				6:30pm Adult Bible Study	



9-10:30 Saturday, April 21st



4 Twinkle Gordon
 5 Jonathan Sommer
 6 David Hays
 7 Stephanie Allen
 Trevor Gordon
 10 Nathan Pemberton
 15 Deborah Pemberton
 Seth Ware
 19 Maria Baumgartner
 27 Ben Karper
 28 Kyle Gordon
 29 Allan Pemberton
 Ray Cowan
 30 Millie Ware
 ANNIVERSARIES
 22 Don & Alice Shartran



OUTREACH MINISTRY APRIL EVENTS

Contemplative Worship,
 Sunday, April 15 at 5 p.m.

Practicing *Lectio Divina*

Read ~ Reflect ~ Respond ~ Rest

Contact: Ruth Richey or Twinkle Gordon



Lectio Divina

**Meeting the Neighbors with the Youth
 Servant Event**

April 21 starting at 8 a.m.



**April 8
 after
 Worship**



Monthly Giving 2018

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Monthly budget \$6451

January \$5490

February \$4783

March \$5862



Sunday, April 22 we'll have a "mission moment" in worship and introduce VICTORY SERVICE DOGS. The group believes that U.S. service members and veterans deserve independence and dignity. Those who struggle with PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) and physical or psychological challenges sometimes find achieving quality of life difficult and frustrating. That's where Victory Service Dogs comes in.

Research has proven that the bond between dogs and "their" humans is very powerful. Service dogs, like those trained by Victory Service Dogs, help to improve everyday life for individuals with disabilities; not only with the symptoms of PTSD but with mobility and a sense of well-being.

Victory Service Dogs operates as a client-trained program and strives to adopt shelter and rescue dogs when possible. In addition to financial support through donations, they welcome volunteers to help train and care for the dogs that will eventually serve.

Then, on Sunday, April 29, the first FIFTH SUNDAY of 2018, our "change for change" donations will be contributed to VICTORY SERVICE DOGS. Your generosity, on both Sundays, will be put to good use.

Westside Cares



Westside Cares is busy providing care for our neighbors and is able to provide most resources as we, at PPUMC have been busy preparing for Easter. WSC recently received a large donation of clothing. Their only need at this time is for travel-sized toiletries.

About 190 people attended the annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. Pastors Dea and Gene Sharp, Archie and Chery Wilson, and Peggy Garrison (from Trinity UMC) sat together. Steve Brown presented the Founder's award to Joyce Kunkle. CEO Kristy Milligan reported that the fund raising for the building and remodeling has successfully completed. The building is paid for; needed remodeling continues.

Upcoming projects that Pikes Peak United Methodist Church will be asked to support will be to collect diapers and wipes during May (June 1 delivery) and glue sticks for the back-to-school backpacks to be delivered in August.

Happy Easter, Archie and Chery Wilson

For more information contact Deb Mitguard at Debra.Mitguard@westsidecares.org or call 389-0759 ext. 10

- **Boxers and briefs, Men's – all sizes**
- **Men's shoes: size 9 or larger**
- **Adult socks**
- **Adult hats and gloves**
- **Men's Jeans – size 30 -36**
- **Girl's underwear – size 2, 3, 4, 10**
- **Family size toothpaste**
- **Deodorant and/or Tampons**

*****No household items, please.**



The Prayer Corner

WHO CARES?

This may sound rather curt or rude.....depending on the context!

Soooo, in a world where most everyone has an agenda both long and short term it begs the question to pursue this title in detail.

Please bear with me for a moment. We are in the season of Lent. There are many factors to be considered on this journey.

This is not the first time we have taken this journey to the cross.

Wonder how this might look if WE were Jesus and knew that ultimately our demise was for those who may or may not accept the gift of Jesus' sacrifice.

Let's back up a bit, shall we?
Some; have accepted the gift, honor Jesus by fasting, or some other form of self-denial.

While others extend their service and/or striving to immerse themselves in quality time with God. Why? Is this just something we do...or do WE CARE and appreciate the life-changing sacrifice of Jesus for us?

As the story unfolds, we see Jesus' family's pain as well. TO SAY THAT GOD LOVES US ENOUGH TO SACRIFICE HIS SON'S LIFE SO THAT OUR LIFE MIGHT BE SAVED goes far beyond just caring! I realize we are not Jesus! Just reading what He went through is gut wrenching, AND tearfully painful!

But WE KNOW that no one on earth or devil in H... could prevent Jesus from glorious victory.....and us from salvation!!!!
Shall we pray:

Loving God,

May we not only accept His gift, but share with others so that they, too might spend eternity in heaven. How can we do this, God?

As we travel this road in time past and present, may we give honor and glory to THE ONE.

MAY HIS PAIN AND SUFFERING NOT BE IN VAIN! In humbleness and gratefulness we thank You.

Amen! Twink



- Rachel Schilowsky
- Rachel Williams
- Jerry Parks
- Our shut ins
- Persons and families experiencing crisis
- The ministries of our church
- Neighbors – those we know; or not
- Sally Simmons-Katie (due to fire)
- Jonathan Sommer

A weekly prayer email is sent from Pastor Dea with more detailed list

**TABLE GRACE - ABDCEFG - THANK YOU
GOD FOR FEEDING ME.**

Amen!



Easter Brunch

8:30 a.m.

AFTER

**Easter Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m.
Celebrate the Risen Lord with your
Family of Faith♥**



The Dorothy Circle is meeting at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5 in Gamber Hall. The scheduled speaker is from Ronald McDonald House. Millie Ware is the hostess for the snacks. All women are invited for this time of mission information and fellowship.

Sermon Calendar April 2018

April 1, 2018
Easter Sunday
Worship with Holy
Communion
"This IS the Day"
Mark 16:1-8

April 8, 2018
Second Sunday of Easter
"What's It Take?"
John 20:19-31

April 15, 2018
Third Sunday of Easter
Native American Ministries
Sunday
"What's to Eat?"
Luke 24:36b-48

April 22, 2018
Fourth Sunday of
Easter
"Wool and Mutton
Meat"
John 10:11-18

April 29, 2018
Fifth Sunday of
Easter
Change for Change
"What's Love Got to
Do With It?"
1 John 4:7-21

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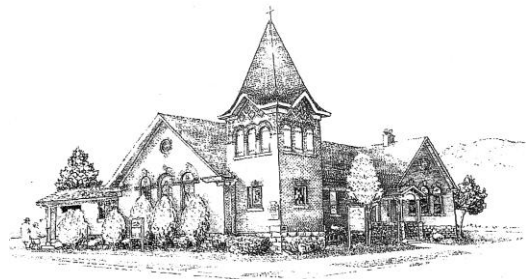
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