

Lamp^{lighter}

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

February 2018



from the
Pastor's pen

February brings several different observed celebrations – like Ground Hog Day, President's Day, and Valentine's Day. Many of us complain of the busy-ness of our lives and how many commitments we have on the calendar. So, as Lent begins this month, let's take a look at how we spend and use our time and whether those uses of our time are well-spent...or what God would like us to be doing with our time at all.

The Season of Lent, a preparatory time culminating the night before Easter Morning, begins on Ash Wednesday...which is also Valentine's Day this year; February 14. Isn't it interesting how God has used the calendar for His purpose this time? The day we celebrate love (with dinners and candy and flowers) is, in 2018, the day we "*remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*" The 40 days of Lent are a time for stepping back a bit to examine ourselves, to remember the *real* reason that Jesus was born (to save us from our sins) and enables us to confront our less-than-perfection lives.

Ash Wednesday

Service with Imposition of Ashes
Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Then, through the Lenten season we'll how we need to slow down and see what God is doing. I'll be using a series of messages called "**Do You Have the Time?**" YOU'RE INVITED to be intentional with others in your Family of Faith at PPUMC.

And, I hope that you'll do some *outreach* of your own to invite others to join us, too, as we discuss these topic ideas:

- ~Being intentional to have a time with God.~Checking to be sure our activities are for the *right* reasons.
- ~Giving additional time to God (and fasting from something else that takes our time.)
- ~ Being sure that our social media/online time is affectively spreading the message of love.
- ~Being aware of the "timer count down."
- ~Slowing down.

As we go through Lent, I pray that we'll see how God is using us, yep US, for God's purpose. We've been called to be disciples of Jesus Christ...for the transformation of the world – AND GOD is prepared to use us *just as we are; right where we are* to bring God's message of hope and love to those feeling lost on their particular faith journey.

We aren't alone – we're part of a community of faith.



I find it interesting that Jesus called his disciples from the fishing boats and from a tax booth (and other unseemly places) into a motley group who had to learn to work together...and serve together...and love others (starting among themselves.) That plan seemed to work! And I believe that model works well in our Family of Faith, too.

Right where we are: let's begin Lent by addressing real life circumstances (and people) and learn how faith in Christ is relevant to everyday life and how having a faith community can make all the difference.

And, continue to be...abiding in Him,

Pastor Dea

UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church

January

The January 4th meeting of the United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle began at 1:30 pm with nine ladies present. After we read the Purpose of the UMW, Twinkle Gordon, our Spiritual Growth leader read from, "First Light, Women's Daily Journal." It was based on Psalm 20:8 and is written by Penelope J. Stokes. Thank you Twink.

President Brown gave several women a passage to read that encouraged us to love ourselves as God loves us so we can show others that same Godly love. Many thanks LaVada.

Treasurer, Jessie Cooper brought copies of the last two months of Bank reports and after reading these reports to the members for approval, she gave a copy of each to President Brown and Secretary Arnold. Thank you, Jessie!

Information came to us from National UMW, on how donations from Prayer and Self Denial meetings were spent. We discussed what we wanted to do with our donation money and it was decided to send half to the Food Pantry at Trinity and the other half to purchase materials to make Kids Care Kits that West Side Cares has requested. At February's meeting we will assemble the West Side Cares Kits as well as put together Valentine Bags for members who cannot attend church regularly. Several of our ladies volunteered to make special Valentine Cards for this project as well as provide cookies and candies to fill the bags and help deliver them as well.

Suzy Peet passed out our UMW Prayer cards since we all want to repeat that lovely prayer together. Thank you, Suzy for taking care of the prayer cards.

Each member of our group has a special service to perform that helps our whole group work together and run smoothly. Thank you to each one of you!

We adjourned at 2:30 without having any refreshments other than bottled water as the meeting on prayer and self-denial traditionally has no refreshments.

Secretary **Gretchen**



Thank you to everyone who came to our 50th Anniversary celebration hosted by our kids Deborah Pemberton and family and Ron Reed. We enjoyed having you all there. ~ Cletis & Ruth Reed

Ash Wednesday
February 14 @ 6:30 p.m.



**with Imposition of Ashes
and Holy Communion**



Sunday Feb 11th
(after service)



O Holy Night

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

William H. Parker, the author of "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus", was a devoted Sunday School teacher. He was born in March of 1845, in the little town of New Basford in Nottingham, England, and he died 84 years later without ever having moved away from his birthplace. His great love for God and devotion to Jesus Christ led him to find his calling through teaching Sunday School children the many stories of Jesus, and often his youthful audience would beg for "one more, please sir," and if time permitted, there would indeed be "one more" wonderful story of Jesus!

These stories were always Biblically based but Mr. Parker made them easier to understand for the younger children when he told the story as if it were happening right there in front of the youngsters.

One Sunday afternoon in 1885, Mr. Parker felt moved to write a poem that would help his students remember some of the stories about Jesus and later on, in 1903, his friend Frederick A. Challinor, set that poem to music. And that is how the song was born that has been in Methodist Hymnals for decades, "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" was listed under Hymns for Children in over 137 song books of that time!

Gretchen



MH/PP District Meeting
Saturday, March 3, at First UMC
 Colorado Springs
 10:00AM - 3:00PM
 Registration \$15 ~ Lunch Provided



The group has started to meet on 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month. We welcomed a new member, Suzy Peet, in January and hope to see more crafters in the year ahead. Bring a project that you're working on or need help with and join us from 6-7:30 p.m. Use the ramp entrance at the back of the church. **Questions? Call Ruth Reed 471-1393**

February 2018

Sunday

Monday





Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				1 1:30pm Dorothy's Circle  6:00pm Mineralogical Society	2	3
4 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS Holy Communion	5 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	6 6:00pm Mineralogical Society	7	8 6:00pm Giggler's Group 	9	10 10:00am Youth Planning
11 8:00am Fat Sunday Pancake Breakfast 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS Council	12 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	13	14 6:30pm Ash Wednesday	15	16	17 9:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast  3:00pm Games & Snacks
18 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS 5:00pm Contemplative Worship	19 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	20	21 6:00pm CMC Class	22 6:00pm Giggler's Group 	23	24
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Saturday, Feb 17th



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| 1 | Ruth Richey |
| 2 | Calvin DeJong |
| | Donna Miller |
| 5 | Christine Wood |
| 7 | Joe Brown |
| 10 | Rose Martinez |
| 12 | Hal Smith #100 |
| 13 | Ann Keetch |
| 14 | Kelley Arnold |
| 16 | Bill Edwards |
| 18 | Carole Garriott |
| | Chloe Pemberton |
| | Coop Cooper |
| | Pastor Dea |
| 23 | Kevin Williams |
| 29 | James Caudle |
| 4 | Kyle & Melissa Gordon |
| 10 | Steve & Cindy Meerpohl |



OUTREACH MINISTRY EVENTS

Saturday, February 10, 11 a.m. – Walk the Block

Meeting our neighbors in the 'hood.

Sunday, February 18, 5 p.m. – in the Sanctuary

Screening of Film: *"Voices of Grief, Honoring the Sacred Journey"*

Produced by Grief Educator/Film

Producer: Kathy Sparnins, a grief educator with Hospice, Stephen Ministry and Spiritual Direction experience locally.

Saturday, February 24, 9:30 a.m. – Noon – Gamber Hall

Grief Workshop – facilitated by Kathy Sparnins and Paul Wood, owner and funeral director at The Springs Funeral Services. The workshop will begin answering questions of how to support people in anticipatory grief, caregivers, and those who are grieving the death of a loved one.



"Sermon of the Amount"

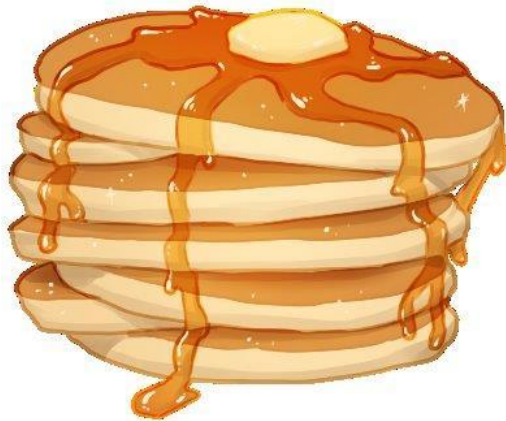
Monthly Giving 2018

Needed monthly for budget \$6451

January \$5490



**Saturday, February 10
at 10:00 a.m.**



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

(before Lent begins)

**Sunday, Feb 11
8:30 am**

**Pikes Peak United
Methodist Church
2927 W. Pikes Peak**

**We're
inviting
our
neighborhood
firefighters!**



Westside Cares



WESTSIDE CARES NEEDS...

We are in need of the following items:

- 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.**

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For more information contact Deb Mitguard at

Debra.Mitguard@westsidecares.org

or call 389-0759 ext. 10

Archie and Chery

**we can
help**



DOROTHY CIRCLE CHRISTMAS

luncheon was held at LaVada Brown's home. LaVada's daughter, Kim, was very helpful with the food and arrangements. After dinner the group sang Christmas songs and presented LaVada with a thank you gift.

The Prayer Corner

COMPROMISE ???

Life has many lessons for us.

One of the definitions of compromise is "to settle"

Some lessons are easy to understand and implement, while others demand our best skills.

As children we are asked to "play well with others" and "do not run with scissors"

Simple rules age appropriate.

We hopefully had grown-up examples and adequate guidance....and wear that hat today!

Depending on your age and memory (mine for instance)....I can remember lessons interacting with peers could encompass compromise aka sharing.

On the grown-up side compromise was NEVER an option!

But we are now grown-ups ourselves.

Let us ask ourselves where is our bench mark, standards, and what are we willing to compromise?

We might do well to aspire to pattern our lives after choices that we know to be in God's plan.

Example:

Is it important to have "the last word" to "always be right"?

In situations of adversity are we the FIRST to right a wrong?

How might the start of our day look like? and does it start with asking God to guide our every thought, word and deed?

WHEN not IF we choose Jesus Christ.....who was, is, and shall forever be our ONE

THERE IS NO COMPROMISE.

We love because He first loved us.

We forgive because by His blood we Believe and Receive asking for His forgiveness, Grace and Mercy. By His stripes we are healed and set free.

Let us pray together:

Heavenly Father,

We ask that You "melt us, mold us fill us, and use us."

You are the Potter and we are the clay.

God, You do not want any of Your children "to settle" for anything less than salvation through Your Son.

So please help us..... if we have not already done so..... to say

I believe that Jesus died on the cross for my sins and I believe and receive that gift of salvation.

I will not Compromise or Settle for anything less!

In Your Son's name we pray.

Amen

Twink



God, we give You thanks for the delicious food on our table, for the loved ones gathered around, and for You, who make it all possible. We are humbly grateful. Amen (from Norman Vincent Peale)

Twinkle



- Ethel Pierson
- Rachel Schilowsky
- Our shut ins
- Persons and families experiencing crisis
- Neighbors – those we know; or not
- A weekly prayer email is sent from Pastor Dea with more detailed list

Sermon Calendar Feb 2018

February 4, 2018

5th Sunday After Epiphany

Worship with Holy Communion

"Intentional"

Mark 1:29-39

February 11, 2018

Transfiguration Sunday

"How's That Work for You?"

Mark 9:2-9

February 14, 2018

ASH WEDNESDAY

Service with Imposition of Ashes

6:30 p.m.

February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent

DO YOU HAVE THE TIME?

"Time to Take Charge"

Mark 1:9-15

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Sunday Worship 10:50 AM

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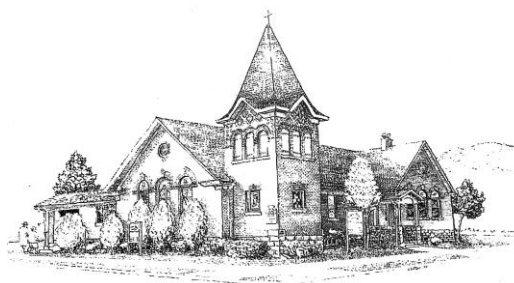
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