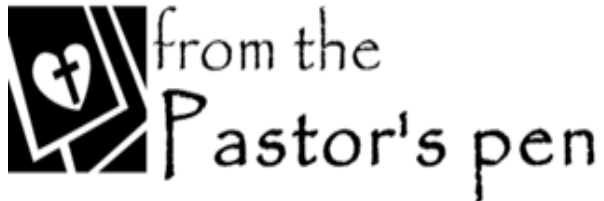


# Lamp<sup>lighter</sup>

March 2020



I shared, at the beginning of the year, that my “word of the year” is **notice**. Here we are, turning the page of another month, ALREADY, and I continue to hone that ability to **notice** God’s Presence in my everyday life. I’m not necessarily talking about *noticing* in my Bible study time (although it IS good practice) but how God works in the ordinary. Scripture shows us burning bushes and talking donkeys and we read about God’s voice (booming or the still small kind). God goes to great lengths to communicate with us.

Yes, there are epiphanies – moments of revelation, but as I (and I pray YOU) *work at noticing God’s Presence*, isn’t God’s timing amazing? There are those “mundane made holy” moments – a note from a friend or a deer making an appearance *just after we’ve prayed* for a sign! A devotional book that I’m reading for Lent, Jill J. Duffield’s Lent in Plain Sight, notes that “often it is in hindsight that God’s providence becomes recognizable.”

So, a couple questions come up: Do we have the eyes to see (*to notice*) God’s Presence? Do we have the ears to hear the voice of the Lord – which may come in a myriad of languages?

## CAN EVERYDAY OBJECTS REMIND US TO PAY ATTENTION?

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, at the end of February. During the forty days (not counting Sundays) until Easter we can practice being open to the closeness of the Kingdom of God, to follow Jesus closer, and be awake to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. This a season of quiet contemplation that will bring us to the celebration of the empty tomb in April. Lent is a time to **notice** the possibility and the promise that God is present.

I’ll be using *ordinary objects* for the sermon message focus each Sunday *until* Easter. Ordinary things like bread and coins, shoes and coats, towels and thorns. Do you *notice* anything that these things have in common? Hmmmm, hope to see you in God’s house for worship so that we *notice* together.

I pray that these forty days, this season of Lent, will, *as we notice the power of God around us*, (as Ms. Duffield suggests) “lower our anxiety about the future, lessen our burdens about the past, and free us to follow Jesus in faith right here and now.” This will enable us to risk more for the Gospel!

I look forward to **noticing** with you through Lent and all the days ahead as we hone our sense of the holy in every single moment...and we act accordingly.

We’ve been blessed.

Continue to be a blessing!

Pastor Dea

## UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church

February 2020

The February meeting of the Dorothy Circle of the UMW met at 1:30 with eleven members present who read the purpose of the UMW to begin our meeting.

\*The Spiritual Growth Reading was given by Sally Simmons and Lori Williams. It was on Love (in its various forms) and Thanksgiving. Sally referred to the Apostle Paul as he wrote to the Philippians of his love for that church. Lori gave a testimony of the love and care she has received from our Church and its members as she read from her journal of the 14 things to be thankful for each day; in spite of a world of adversity in her life these last few years! What a loving gift this was from our sisters in Christ!

\*We continued with our business meeting with the secretary reminding the group to read the Newsletter article on the UMW meeting as we were pressed for time this month. The Treasurers report on our bank accounts was read, with copies of the January bank accounts given to President Brown and Secretary Arnold.

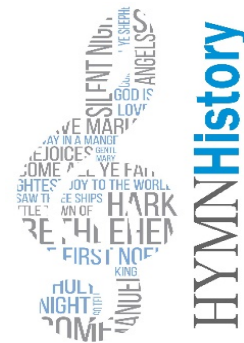
\*Announcements about the 2020 year speaker's list was discussed and revised. A new copy of that account will be given out at the group meeting in March.

\*Susie G. prepared Valentine Cards that were passed around so every member could sign the cards.

\*As there was no other business, we prepared the dozen Valentine bags donated by Pastor Dea to be filled with Valentine cards and a large assortment of delightful items for members of the congregation who are not able to attend regular Sunday worship. Sincere thanks go to the members supplying these items.

After finishing the bags, Sally Simmons hosted our refreshment time with delicious cherry chocolate cake, valentine candies, coffee and/or tea. Thank you for the delicious Valentine treats Sally!

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary  
Gretchen



### *“Stand up, Stand Up for Jesus”*

In 1858, only a few years before the Civil War, two associate Ministers, George Duffield, Jr. and Dudley Atkins Tyng were speaking to a YMCA meeting of 5,000 men in Pennsylvania. Tyng gave the sermon from Exodus 10:11 “Go now ye that are men, and serve the Lord”, converting over 1,000 men from that crowd! Within a month Tyng died from a farming accident, but on his death bed told his father, “Tell my brethren of the ministry, wherever you meet them, to stand up for Jesus”. Duffield, so moved by these encouraging words, wrote the hymn, **“Stand up, Stand Up for Jesus”**, including these words from the scripture in Exodus, “Ye that are men now serve Him.” When the song was published the following year, it became popular with both Union and Confederate soldiers and is still sung in many churches today.

Gretchen

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

**Saturday, March 21st**



The Dorothy Circle is meeting at 1:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays of the month in Gamber Hall. March's meeting has scheduled a speaker from West Side Cares. Donations for this ministry are being gathered in the Narthex/Welcome area. Refreshments and spiritual growth reading will be provided by Mary Kay Marshall. All women are invited for this time of mission discussion and fellowship.



## **ONGOING MINISTRY**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday – 1 p.m.

Movie Matinee

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday – 9 a.m.

Committee Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 5 p.m.

Contemplative Worship



## **Monthly Giving 2020**

**Monthly budget \$6465**

**December \$6233**

**January \$4243**

**February \$4707**

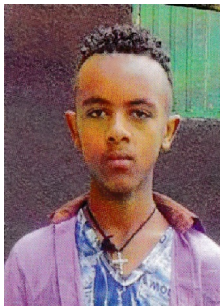
# Westside Cares



- Men's Jeans – size 30 -38
- Men's boxers and boxer/briefs – all sizes
- Men's shoes
- Women's underwear and bras – all sizes
- Men's winter coats
- Adult gloves
- **Empty pill bottles (critical need)**



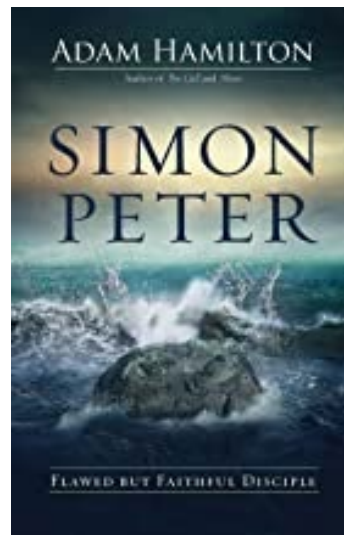
we can  
help



Valentine's Day is not celebrated in Ethiopia, however we sent Bereket several, signed Valentine cards that had been laid out in the fellowship hall on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Although it will be about three months before he receives these hearts of love, it is important to let him know that he is very much loved and prayed for. Which, as his sponsors we are encouraged to do!

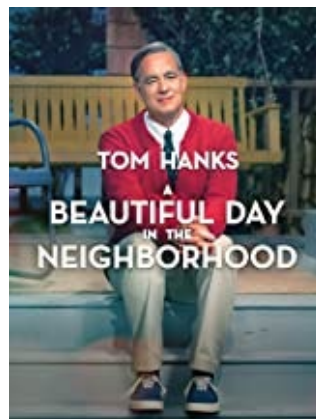
In Ethiopia, the National Holiday of Good Friday, will be their next celebration. Good Friday traditionally is a day of mourning with many people fasting. Then on Saturday night all lights are put out in the churches and surrounding areas to signify the darkness that Christ endured as he passed through the underworld. After midnight, with all the believers of the congregation standing in darkness, the priest then brings in a tall, lighted candle. He lights the candles of others around him who take that flame and pass it around until the church and surrounding courtyard is awash in candlelight. What an inspiration, showing people the Light of the world, sent by God to save us!

The Worship Committee



**DULT SUNDAY  
BIBLE STUDY**  
Simon Peter by  
Adam Hamilton

**Sundays  
at 9:30 a.m.**



**Sat  
March 14  
1 p.m.**



## VALENTINES FOR BEREKET

Gretchen Arnold organized a couple of photo opportunities for our Family of Faith to send greetings to Bereket, our Compassion International "son."



L-R: back David Hays, Stephen Turner, and Rick Keetch. Front: Alice Shartran, Sally Simmons, Rachel Thompson, and Jessie Cooper



Back: Stephanie Adams, Elizabeth Taylor, Gene Miller, Kelly Baines, Karen Wiest and Ruth Wilber Sheaves. Front: Ruth Reed holding Karson Baines and Addy Rawlings holding the sign.



## K & C GIGGLERS PPUMC's Crafters

K & C Giggles are creating *incredible* crafts – not just needlework but wreaths and cards, too. The best things the crafters are making are FUN and FELLOWSHIP.

They meet (usually – and based on the weather) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Please use the back-ramp entrance. If you need more information, please contact Ruth Reed 471-1393.



## Change for Change Sunday, March 29



**Clocks FORWARD before you go to bed Saturday, March 7**



## Grace Notes

### ***inspirations for a blessed life.***

*(In time for Lent) Let today be the day  
you give up who you've been - for the  
you who you can become.*

### **PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER**



Remember our shut ins:

**Maria Castle, Bill Edwards,  
Jim Hodges, Ruth Pierce,  
Jim Rawlings, Rachel Schilowsky,  
LaMona Sherwood,  
and Mary Lou Trafton**

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



### **MARCH**

2 Mike Arnold  
Gene Miller  
6 Ruth Reed  
10 Bernard Schilowsky  
17 Jim Hodges  
Shalee Sommer  
18 Karson Baines  
20 Dee Burger  
21 Tyler Wood  
22 Virginia Van Der Wege  
24 Kim Whitcomb  
25 Gretchen Arnold  
Jeremy Reynolds  
31 Charlene Belshaw  
Lorelai Allen

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

25 Dick & Sue Bush



## **St. Patrick's Potluck Sunday, March 15**

**Wear green and bring your favorite St.  
Paddy's Day fare: 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!**



### **SAVE THE DATES – March 2020**

- \* April 5 – Palm Sunday
- \* April 9 – 6 p.m. Maundy Thursday  
Worship @ Trinity UMC
- \* April 10 – 6 p.m. Good Friday  
Worship @ PPUMC
- \* April 12 – Easter Sunday of  
Celebration
- \* April 19 – AdCo meeting after worship

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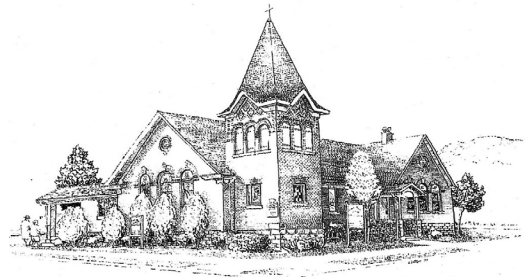
Sunday Worship 10:50 AM

Pastor Dea Sharp

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