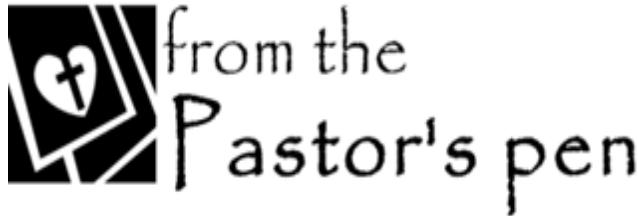


Lamplighter

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

May 2018



"O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods."

(Psalm 96:1-4, one of our scripture readings for May 29)

Do you ever feel like you are not making a difference?

Through the Eastertide season, and the post-resurrection appearances of Christ, we've learned that we're called to witness to the world and serve our neighbors, but sometimes it can be hard to tell if our work is worthwhile. It may feel like the problems of this world seem to be too much to overcome: natural disasters, poverty, war, prejudice, and a whole lot of other things.

Our ministries may seem too small in the face of incredible brokenness.

I suspect the ancient Israelites may have felt the same way. They lived in places where three continents connected and different cultures intersected.

In fact, Israel was just a tiny speck compared to the powerful nations around them. How could their faith stand in the face of such impossible odds?

Would they survive into the future?

Could they ever make a difference?

The author of Psalm 96 confronts all of this as he writes, "*Declare [God's] glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples.*" Even though the Israelites may have felt small compared to powers around them, we know that God still oversees all the world and God is still huge. God is still the Lord of all peoples. We're tiny; God is not.

The same can be said for the ministries that we do today. Even if it feels like we are only making a *small* difference, we have to remember that we worship a big God who does big things. Our work touches people in ways we don't know and may never see. When we care for our neighbors, God is using us to set up a line of dominos that will continue into the future. WE are God's hands in the world, and the effects of our love ripple outwards. Sometimes we might not see the big picture, but God sure does.

Do you make a difference? Absolutely. Because God is working through you.

Blessed to be in ministry with you at Pikes Peak United Methodist Church!

Pastor Dea

UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church

April

The April 5th meeting of the UMW Dorothy Circle 1:35pm with 12 women present to include LaVada Brown's grand-daughter, Jessica Caton, her 5-month old daughter Reagan and guest speaker Mrs. Sam Rush Walton from Ronald McDonald House Charities.



The Ronald McDonald House located across the street from Memorial Hospital Main, has been operating there since 1987. Sam told us their most recent guest family has a 14 ounce newborn baby at the hospital in intensive care. The House serves from three to five thousand people a year with lodging and services in a caring, home atmosphere

Jessica Caton, had a recent experience with the Ronald McDonald House services as her daughter Reagan was born with a fetal heart defect, and was immediately sent to Children's Hospital in Denver. There she would have surgery and several weeks of recovery. Jessica, her husband and two more young daughters live south of Colorado Springs, so the idea of going to Denver daily to feed little Reagan was out of the question. They were referred to the Ronald McDonald House and were able to stay there for the whole time that little Reagan was in recovery. Jessica said the household of love and compassion at the McDonald House helped them through those hard weeks. She is a great advocate for the care that Ronald McDonald House provides. Thank you Jessica, for sharing your personal experience!

Sam also told us that our local House will need to expand in the coming years as the city grows and the need increases. Ronald McDonald House Charities look to the future with hope and faith that God will provide for their needs! Several bags of supplies, plus a speaker's fee were given to Sam along with a round of applause by our grateful UMW group!

After our guests left, Dorothy Circle continued their meeting. Minutes from last month are published in the Church's newsletter which our Secretary encouraged the group to read. Jessie, our Treasurer then reported on the state of the Bank accounts for the group, providing the President and Secretary with hard copies for their files. What a blessing it is to have our funds accounted for with such precision! Thank you, Jessie! A roll of stamps will be given to Susie's card ministry

On May 3rd, we will host LaPuente Mission from Alamosa. Gretchen will invite the Trinity UMW to come hear this presentation as they also support LaPuente through "Box Tops" labels

We adjourned with our UMW prayer then had delicious cake and fresh fruit provided by Millie! Thank you Millie, for such a delicacy.

Secretary *Gretchen*



YOUTH NEWS & VIEWS



**In the Parking Lot
Saturday, May 26 – 8-2
Monday, May 28 – 8-2**

**Sorting on Friday, May 25
Contact Kim Sommer 210-7394**

- **Sale item donations**
- **Donations of Bottled Water or beverages**
- **Assistance during the sale**
- **PROCEEDS BENEFIT MISSIONS**



**Ben Herrick
Reception May 20**

**Chloe Pemberton
Reception May 27**



"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

In this song, written by Charles Wesley, each verse ends with "Alleluia" for a total of 20 times, causing this hymn to be considered an essential hymn for Easter!

Charles Wesley, the 18th child and youngest son of Samuel and Suzanna Wesley, was born on December 18th, 1707, in England. The Wesley children were home schooled by their mother; then Charles went on to Westminster School and from there to Oxford University, where he formed the "Holy Club" in 1729. He and some fellow students practiced a routine of Bible study, prayer, Holy Communion and work in prisons and among the poor that soon caused them to be known as Methodists, since there was a method to their religion.

For every event or celebration, Charles would write a hymn. During his life he wrote over 6,500 hymns. Out of the 770 hymns included in the Wesleyan Hymnal, (the most important hymnal of the time), 623 songs are attributed to Charles alone.

So many Methodist hymns were written by Charles Wesley that in 1995, the Gospel Music Association recognized his musical contributions to gospel music by listing his name in the **Gospel Music Hall of Fame**. Hundreds of his hymns are still sung today!

Gretchen



Movers for Moms

Would you like to give some pleasure to a Mother whose day might not be happy? Coronado High School and Two Men and a Truck are working together to make Mother's day a little brighter for some women. The items will go to TESSA, which is a shelter for battered women. Coronado will collect items until the week before Mother's Day. If you are interested in donating any items, **please contact Ann Keetch, 634-1165.**

Items you can bring:

Women and children's new and/or gently used clothing
Personal products, including soap, deodorant, lotions, shampoos

Items used for setting up a household

New and gently used toys and games

Books and magazines

DVDs and CDs

Anything a child would give as a gift for Mother's Day



PPUMC's Crafters

The group will meet on Thursday, May 10 and 24 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Use the ramp entrance at the back of the church. You can bring your projects ~ especially if you have questions to work through.

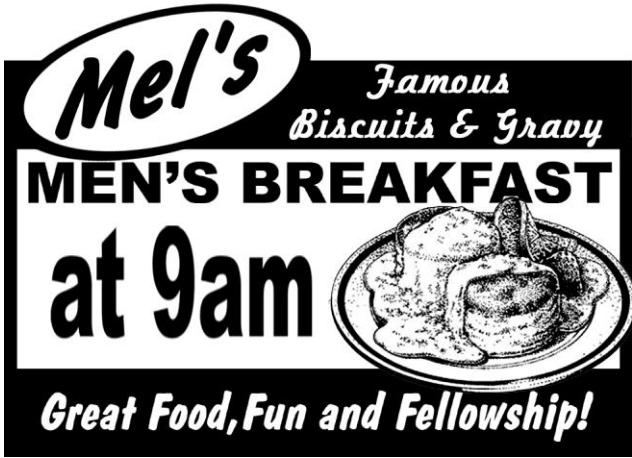
Call Ruth Reed 471-1393



Stampin' Up card-making group
Tuesday, May 29 @ 6:30 in
Gamber Hall. Talk to Sally or Susie about the group.

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00pm Mineralogical Society	2	3 1:30pm Dorothy's Circle  7:00pm Mineralogical Society	4	5
6 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS	7 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	8	9	10 6:00pm Giggler's Group 	11	12 9:00am Youth Ministry Planning
13 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS Mother's Day	14 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	15	16	17	18	19 9:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast  3:00pm Game Day
20 AFA Cadet Reception 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship Pentecost Sunday	21 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	22	23	24 6:00pm Giggler's Group	25 Yard Sale Setup	26 Youth Mission Yard Sale
27 Graduation Reception 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship Youth Mission Yard Sale	28 Youth Mission Yard Sale	29	30	31		



Saturday, May 19th



7 Harm Hammitt

Mel Simmons

8 Jerry Hartley

11 Michael Taylor

Rick Wiest

14 Cletis Reed

16 Jasmine Smith

20 Marylin Cowan

29 Kyle Lewellen

ANNIVERSARIES

21 Margo Bowler & Twinkle Gordon

22 John & Ruth Richey

25 Rick & Karen Wiest

29 Paul & Georgette DeJong



OUTREACH MINISTRY MAY EVENTS

Contemplative Worship
Sunday, May 20 @ 5 p.m.

Practicing *Lectio Divina*

Read ~ Reflect ~

Respond ~ Rest

Contact: Ruth Richey or
Twinkle Gordon



Lectio Divina



"Sermon of
the Amount"

Monthly Giving 2018

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Monthly budget \$6451

February \$4783

March \$5862

April to date 4/18 \$4214



The Dorothy Circle is meeting at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3 in Gamber Hall. The scheduled speaker is from LaPuente (from Alamosa) and donations that will return with the speaker are still being accepted. Jessie Cooper is the hostess for the snacks. All women are invited for this time of mission information and fellowship.

The Beatitudes Matthew 5: 3-12

Jesus said:

- ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.
- ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Westside Cares



West Side Cares wish list

PPUMC will collect DIAPERS in May

In May Pikes Peak United Methodist Church is collecting diapers (size 4 & 5), pull-ups (sizes 2, 3, or 4) and wipes for Westside Cares.

- 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.



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



The Prayer Corner

CONFUSED?????

Do you find that life's journey is one, another ,or all of the following? Choices, Consequences, Challenges, and Courage. Let's look at possible examples of each.

Choices past present and future....beget Consequences. Challenges often require Courage. This on paper seems cut and dried does it not? Life is anything but that! What part does God and Your relationship with Him come in? We may be uncertain about many things. We may not be able to explain and/or know better than to ask God why. What comes to mind is God's plan for who dies Young or Old. Is it a punishment from God? What did we DO to experience adversity...or God's love.(you cannot earn, buy it or deserve it)

BUT THERE IT IS..... LOVE, UNCONDITIONAL . If you have wondered and the answer has not thus far been addressed.....BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE. ADVERSITY..pray, put your situation in God's capable hands, and suggest You ask God to walk you THROUGH it. Thus, in all experiences we grow...hopefully for the better! GOD LOVES YOU MORE THAN YOU K NOW. AND....HE IS NOT PUNISHING YOU in circumstances for which we have no control or choice!

DO NOT BE CONFUSED OR AFRAID!

We can CHOOSE to give our lives in service to God's plan for us. If we do not listen to the Holy Spirit's guidance (small voice within) then of course we know that it will not be "well with our soul!"

Consequences....we'll see above and seek the help that God provides. Challenges are part of life.
Do we impose our pain on others???or do we remain "the same" despite our challenge?
It takes Courage to keep our eyes on the Cross....trusting and obeying God's timing and results. There is NO CONFUSION where God's Son Jesus is Concerned. Jesus is who He said He is and Kept His promise of Salvation....when we believe we receive. OUR CHOICE.

Let us pray:

Loving and merciful God,
We love You. We thank You, and we will always Praise You....despite our Circumstances.
Your unconditional love for us knows no boundaries.
Help us to dedicate our lives in service to You.
Let us ask "who can we bless today"
When we do I have found, God,... that blessings chase us down the road and are more numerous than we could possibly imagine.
When we trust You and give it all over to You there is life and life more abundant.
We Confess our Confusion..... and know You will Counsel our Challenges.
Please help us to LISTEN!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Amen!

Twink



Prayer
Corner

- Rachel Schilowsky
- Jerry Parks
- Debbie Coyle and family
- Our shut ins
- Persons and families experiencing crisis
- The ministries of our church
- Neighbors – those we know; or not
- *A weekly prayer email is sent from Pastor Dea with more detailed list. Are you on the mailing list?*

TABLE GRACE

Bless the food before us, the family beside us, and the love between us.
(Linda Easterling Stinson)

Gracious God,

In Your mercy, please comfort those suffering mentally, physically, and spiritually.

When those we care for and about (to include our prayer requests) we lift up those we don't know, but as faithful prayer warriors, we know that our petitions are not only heard but answered and honored!

It is difficult at times, for we have experienced BOTH answered prayer and situations when we wonder if You heard AND when Your answer will come!

Sometimes we try to take matters into our own hands...thus either resulting in an exercise in futility, or interrupt Your plan in progress!

I know, God that this is not easy as most of the time we want to "Be In Control"

Please strengthen our Faith.

Grant us "the peace that passes all understanding"

We love You.

Thank You for loving us unconditionally.

Amen!

Sermon Calendar May 2018

May 6, 2018

6th Sunday of Easter
Worship with Holy Communion
"Love Does Have Something to Do With It!"
John 15:9-17

May 13, 2018

Ascension Sunday
Mother's Day/Festival of the Home
"Wait"
Acts 1:1-11

May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday
"One in the Spirit"
Acts 2:1-21

May 20, 2018 (PM)
Contemplative Service Outreach Led
5 p.m.

May 27, 2018
White
Trinity Sunday
Special Offering
Sunday – Peace with Justice
"Three (All) In LOVE"

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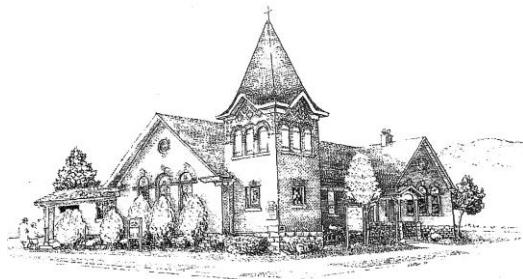
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