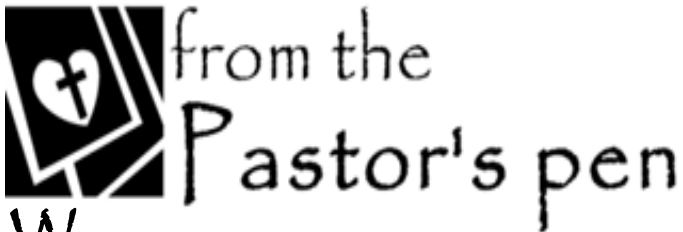


Lamp^{lighter}

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

April 2016



What a blessed culmination to the Lenten season – to celebrate Easter with you! Holy Week's services were powerfully special and well attended. Our Easter service had record attendance (for me) and that we confirmed FIVE young people into the Body of Christ.....well God's plan is beyond amazing!

He is risen! He IS risen indeed! Alleluia!

We journeyed through the season of Lent as a preparation time....to learn how to live the way of Jesus because with the Resurrection and soon-coming Ascension, Jesus will return to sit with God and the disciples – THAT'S US – will re-echo Christ in our own lives - no matter how long we have been on the walk of faith.

Eastertide, which begins the first Sunday of April, picks up where Lent left off. It is the season of the church year when we recall what it means to be a part of the body of Christ, and to begin to take our places as ministers in Christ's name...all with the power of the Holy Spirit who has given each of us our gifts for ministry.

The Greek term for this process is "mystagogia" (in English we say "mystagogy") which means "leading into the mysteries." Eastertide is an immersion into Christian doctrine.

Historically the teaching was meant to guide newly baptized people, but it is a season of reminder for all of us as we walk this way for a *lifetime*.

Rest assured that we won't be stuck in dry doctrine – although the refresher can't be bad for any of us. Because mystagogy is more than that. It's also about launching new (and renewed) disciples, grounded in the way of Jesus (and doctrine) into a lifetime of ministry in Jesus' name....all with the support and accountability of the whole church.

Put another way....consider the Eastertide season, which includes the Sundays until Pentecost in mid-May, a time to discover our gifts, connect them with our God-given passions, hone our skills and then, at Pentecost, to go out in Jesus' name, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to continue the work of the Kingdom that Jesus started, and as he said in John 14 "do the works that I do; and greater works than these...."

We have the opportunity – a once-in-three-years-opportunity – to use the Lectionary readings from the Gospel of John throughout Eastertide. These readings will bear a unique witness to the promises, work and relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We won't have to wait for Trinity Sunday to experience the Three-in-One God.

I look forward to being with you this Eastertide season. And let's all continue to be....

Abiding in Him, **Pastor Dea**

UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church March

The March 3rd meeting of the United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle began with the reading of the Purpose of the United Methodist all together, by our group.

Our Spiritual Growth Leader, Beulah Shaw, read an article from, **"Bringing in the Sheaves"**, based on a true story of a Grandmother and her three year-old grandson. The child was concerned that his Grandmother couldn't pray because her knees wouldn't bend anymore. Grandmother told him that her knees didn't need to bend for her to pray what was in her heart. Thank you Beulah for uplifting us and keeping our attention fixed on God.

Then we welcomed the speaker for today, our own Jessie Cooper who brought us a book report, "Castaway Kid" by R. B. Mitchell, an amazing biography of his life as a castaway child. It began with a quote from Booker T. Washington, "Character, not circumstance makes the man."

The first part of the story deals with Robby Mitchell, a three year old child who is imprinted with a terrible fear when his father tries but fails suicide. Robby is quickly placed in a children's home, where Nola is the caretaker of the little boys' hall. Each night as Nola tucks in each child, she tells them, "God loves you and I love you too." Church and religion play a big part in the life of each child there but at age seven, Robby's mentally unstable mother kidnaps him from the home but eventually, unable to care for her son, Robby is returned to the Children's home and Nola's loving arms.

Robby says that although he couldn't change what happened, he could change how he would react to it and with God's help, he grew up. At age 12 Rob noticed that the older kids had given up their hope and their dreams of having a home and vowed not to let that happen to him. He began working on Saturdays and started saving money so one day he could go to college.

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He read his Bible daily and eventually got a scholarship to Guilford College in North Carolina. In 1977, at age 20, he left on a mission to Africa and realized his home, his real home was with God. He says a personal relationship with God brings you a home where you are not a guest.

Since then, Robert B. Mitchell has become an author, lecturer, stockbroker, husband to Susan and father to two children. Throughout his biography, Robert stresses the theme of forgiveness, for after all, "Character, not circumstance makes the man." Certainly a book worth reading, since there are 350 children and youth that are homeless in Colorado Springs!

We thanked Jessie for the time and effort involved in bringing this worthwhile biography to our membership! Urban Peak was Jessie's chosen recipient of the speaker's fee for our UMW group!

March birthday cards, anniversary and greeting cards were sent out to our congregation and Karen Wiest sent Dorothy Circle a thank you card for the lovely baby quilt made for her granddaughter by President Brown. Rose Martinez, Charlene Belshaw and Susie Gallivan asked for our prayers on health issues.

The minutes were read and received as read. Treasurer Jessie Cooper prepared the bank account balance sheet and gave copies to President Brown and Secretary Arnold for the month of February, after reporting the balances of the UMW and Community Service accounts.

We concluded our meeting with refreshments of shortcake, fresh strawberries and blueberries provided by Gretchen Arnold. Thank you, to all of our ladies for their time, work and presence it's appreciated!

Most Sincerely,
Gretchen



Hymnal + History

Written in 1873

One of our most favorite hymns, "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine", was composed in 1873, by Mrs. Joseph Knapp, wife of then President of the Metropolitan Insurance Company located in New York. Mrs. Knapp, brought the tune to her dear friend, Fanny Crosby, a Methodist hymn writer who at age six had become totally blind. Upon hearing the lovely music that Mrs. Knapp played on the piano, Fanny wrote what she felt the tune said to her. Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine.

This beloved hymn has a notable history. In 1900, the British were engaged in a war in Transvaal, South Africa in what is today called Gauteng. During training, soldiers were schooled in passwords that were to be used during the conflict. The greeting was number '494', which was the number in their hymnal for "God be with you till we meet again." The reply was "Six further on," meaning hymn number 500, which was "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine."

This song is still among the ten most popular of Methodist hymns of our time. This is certainly a long-lived, long lasting witness to Christ and His love for all of us.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Twinkle Gordon
- 5 Jonathan Sommer
- 6 David Hays
- 7 Stephanie Keetch Allen
- 7 Trevor Gordon
- 10 Nathan Pemberton
- 15 Deborah Pemberton
- 15 Seth Ware
- 17 Jean Edwards
- 19 Maria Baaumgartner
- 22 Julie Castle
- 22 Leslie Myers
- 27 Ben Karper
- 28 Kyle Gordon
- 29 Allan Pemberton
- 29 Ramon Cowan
- 30 Millie Ware
- 30 John Castle

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 Don & Alice Shartran

MOTHER & DAUGHTER TEA

Saturday, April 30, 2016

At 10:00 am

Theme is Angels

Every lady is a daughter and some are mothers and grandmothers. All are welcome.

There will be a Mother/Daughter Tea with sandwiches, cookies, and cheese cake for refreshments. We will recognize various ladies. There will be a free will donation taken.

If you would like to help by making some tea sandwiches or cookies please contact Ruth Reed at 471-1393.

Ruth



MEN'S BREAKFAST
3rd Saturdays
at 9am









Great Food, Fun and Fellowship!

Saturday, April 16th

April 2016

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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3 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS	4 6:00pm Adult Bible Study	5 6:00pm TOPS	6 6:00 pm CMC Land Nav	7 1:30pm Dorothy's Circle 6:00pm Craft Class 	8	9 10:00 am Children's and Youth Ministry Team
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The Prayer Corner

Now What?

It's easy to plan our lives around holidays....especially ones that bring JOY. But it's just as easy to see the days ahead as a let down...UNLESS we realize that the Holy Trinity is not just for ONE SEASON!

God created everything everywhere for everyone. He created all this beauty for YOU. God gave us 5 senses to further enjoy.

SIGHT: To see the good in all things and all people. Just being given another day to appreciate...TIME spent with those we care for and about..Do not take this for granted...tell them! **HEAR:** The words God Loves YOU. God has never loved YOU more than He does Today, Tomorrow and Forever! **TOUCH:** This is not just tactile! Our pets not only feel soft, but bring the softness of unconditional love when we cry so hard we have no more tears to shed **TASTE:** Our favorite foods...recipes passed down from one generation to another. **COMMUNION** and what this SACRED MEAL represents. And finally **SMELL:** How many times have we been encouraged "To Take Time To Smell The Roses? It means more than just appreciate what God has created for all of us. It means more than slow down. Perhaps take inventory of where we are in our relationship with Jesus Christ. Give some serious thought to inviting the Holy Spirit to direct our every day lives If we stop putting ourselves first, and start living for others and prayerfully seek God's plan for our lives THEN IN GOD'S TIME AND GOD'S WAY we will NOW KNOW WHAT!

Repeat after me, please..

Father in Heaven,

You are the Creator of all that is beautiful and good. You sent Your Son, Jesus to be our Saviour so that through our belief will ensure eternal life. You sent the Holy Spirit to be our Sustainer in good and not so good times.

I believe, Father, that if we want to think of a 6th sense it would be listening to the Holy Spirit encouraging us to do the RIGHT THING, AT THE RIGHT TIME, FOR THE RIGHT REASON!

Please help me to even bless my enemies and I don't mean the "bless your little heart" words.

THANK YOU for loving us and meeting us where we are NOW! Amen. *Twinkle*



This group is having so much fun that we have decided to continue through the end of May. We have completed

many projects and have enjoyed the company of each other.

On April 7 we are going to learn about making cards by LaVada Brown.

Please contact Ruth Reed 471-1393 if you have any questions. Ruth



After their successful presentation on Maundy Thursday the cast of Beneath the Upper Room gathered around the altar to receive Holy Communion. What a special evening it was!

TOPS Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

We have been meeting in Gamber Hall for many years and we are missing you. We have great programs for weight loss. We meet every Tuesday. We weigh in from 4:30-5:15 pm and then we have our meeting from 5:30-6:30 pm. We have fun and learn a lot.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Ruth Reed, 471-1393. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Ruth

Spring into Action

He has risen indeed!! Hallelujah!!
What a joyous Easter celebration we were able to share between the Sunrise service with scripture and song and the Traditional Easter service of celebration and confirmation!! Spring is filled with new life and colorful flora and fauna around us. Our congregation has wonderful spirit and the children/youth are such a blessing!! We have things to do, places to go and people to see on our journey. The next month is walking to Emmaus with Jesus – the time from His resurrection to his ascension. We don't always notice what is right in front of us. Our eyes can be so focused on our own "to-do" list that we don't see the list God gives to us. Jesus was not immediately recognized on that road to Emmaus because the men were too focused on their own "stuff." My prayer for each of you this month is to be able to look with fresh eyes at the world around you and see what God sees. We all have struggles and different "stuff" that can get us down. Help us to lay those burdens down at the cross, see what is before us to do, and know that God walks with us every step of the way.

Special Needs:

Volunteers!! Vacation Bible School is in need of helpers. We have need for the following Vacation Bible School leaders: Craft/Mission Leader, Science/Story Leader, Preschool Leaders, Games Leader, Leaders for each grade, Snack Leader, and other various "fill-in" help is needed. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Supplies Needed:

Glue Sticks, Fabric Paints, Google eyes, Foam sheets, Felt sheets, Acrylic paints of all colors

Upcoming Events:

April

April 9- Children's Ministry Team Meeting 10 am **VBS planning

April 10- Youth Laser Tag 4 pm

Mission Activity- game day at a retirement center

Yours in Christ, Kim Sommer

719-210-7394



Easter Celebration Party



Sunrise Service



Confirmation



pictured with Pastor Dea, were confirmed during the Easter service: (l-r) Lori Keating, Rachel Williams, Jared Castle, Dalton Myers and Chloe Pemberton. Congratulations!



*Heal me, O Lord, and I shall
be healed; save me, and I shall
be saved: For thou art my
praise. Jeremiah 17:14*

Bob Page - Family & Friends from Coronado
Frank Martinez
John Castle
Dick & Sue Bush
Katie Lynn - fell & has a broken arm
Shirley Trucott
Chery Wilson
Charlene Belshaw
Beverly Kerst's husband - friend of Margo
Bob's Stepfather - friend of Twinkle
Allen Pemberton
Melissa Stallings
Pastor Dea's Mom, Donna

Nice Work!!! Thank You!!!

There was damage to the front door of the church recently and **Ron Reed along with Cletis Reed were so kind in fixing it. They did such excellent work on the door and it looks so professional.** It is so nice of you to have such dedication at the church. Thank you so much for your labor and supplies furnished.

The Trustees, Mel Simmons and Margo Bowler have done a very nice job on the handicap ramp on the back of the church. The carpet which was in need of replacement was removed. The wood was sanded and repainted. Thank you to the Trustees for making the ramp easier to use. Looks great!

I aVada and Congregation of PPUMC



New members!
Karen Weist, Council Chair
David Hays, Chair, SPRC



Westside Cares New

There are opportunities for *volunteers* at Westside Cares! Training is provided:

- Front desk reception-Thursdays
8:30 -1:00pm
- Assistant to Community Recourse Coordinator
- Recourse Room - Thursdays
9:00 -1:00pm

Don't forget the diaper drive:

Pikes Peak UMC will collect diapers and pull-ups, size 4, 5, or 6, as well as diaper wipes for June.

Donations Needed This Month:

- Underwear - adult sizes
- Socks - adult - adult sizes
- Boy's clothes - all sizes
- Men's jeans - size 30-38
- Men's t-shirts - all sizes
- Men's shoes
- Tampons and feminine pads
- Shampoo, conditioner, lotion, large bar soap, large toothpaste
- PLEASE - NO HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Beautiful Murals

Rachel Thompson has worked on the beautiful murals in the downstairs of the Church for several weeks. Rachel has been so dedicated in doing the murals that look so beautiful. Elsa Gordon went down with Rachel on Sunday to help with artwork and the paintings. It was very nice of Elsa to help Rachel. Thank you!!!



Pastor Dea's Sermon Calendar
April 2016

- April 3 ~ Second Sunday of Easter
With Holy Communion
"Your Identity In Christ"
John 20:19-31
- April 10 ~ Third Sunday of Easter
"Called Beyond Yourself"
John 21:1-19
- April 17 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter
"Testify with Your Works"
John 10:22-30
- April 24 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter
"Have the Love of God"
John 13:31-35

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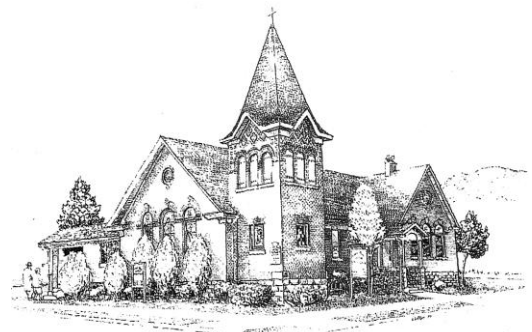
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