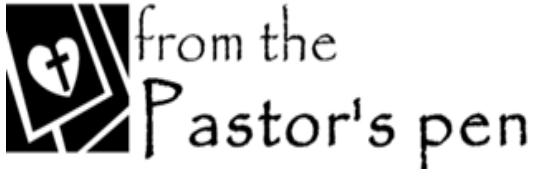


Lamp^{lighter}

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

April 2017



You probably know that Christmas is the most recognized and celebrated Christian event in America. Some of that is due to the way our culture (and retailers) identifies the aspects of Christmas – especially the giving of gifts, the joy of gathering with family and the *possibility* of the hope to come. **Easter isn't recognized so much.** But, there IS commercialism just like Christmas.

Isn't it interesting that musical artists have Christmas CD's? Christmas MUST be very important to them. *So, I'm wondering....why doesn't anyone record an Easter album?* The old masters of music wrote Easter music. Handel's "Messiah" is divided into parts: six pieces about the Birth, 7 pieces about the Death or Passion, and 4 pieces about the Aftermath – why it all matters. Bach wrote at least 4 pieces on the Passion (that starts on Good Friday.) These classical musicians knew that Easter music was important; it was reflected in their worship.

Even though we don't rate our Christian holy events, we should have concern about the disproportionate attention, even among Christians, **to what is the heart of the Gospel.**

We forget that Christmas is the event when God entered into the mess of human history in order to save it from darkness. Remember?

The ones who saw the baby Jesus said, "*He has come to SAVE us.*" Jesus' birth was the beginning of a life that would eventually be given, *ONCE AND FOR ALL*, on a *cursed* tree just as the Word of God prophesied. Christmas **is the beginning** of the journey of the Passion of Christ.

That's why what was accomplished *for us* on that Friday over 2000 years ago (and then the Resurrection three days later) are so important to ME and, I pray, for each of YOU.

There is *NOTHING* that we can bring to our worship on Good Friday and Easter Morning that can make it "more memorable." We shouldn't try to upstage last year's celebration.

Easter is, without qualification, an event that is entirely about God's loving and saving action for each and every one of us who claim it. It's undeserved but we can offer ONE thing in response: OURSELVES. We must surrender our lives in faith to the One who gave Himself for us. It's a paradox really....that Good Friday **can be** the occasion of our greatest Hope.

Please be sure to read everything in this month's newsletter. Our Holy Week schedule is in this edition as well as other news and our regular features. Perhaps this is the season that you can share, with someone else, what God's love is all about and ask them to join us for one or all of these special services.

We ARE blessed! Continue to be a blessing!
And, as always, continue to be abiding in Him,
Pastor Dea

UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church March

The March 2nd meeting of the United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle began our meeting at 1:35 pm with the reading of the Purpose of the UMW with 12 women present, including Twinkle Gordon's granddaughter Kaelyn.

Deb Mitguard, our speaker for the month, now shares her dedication and expertise with Westside Cares, after a long career working with other non-profit organizations in our community. She began her presentation today by giving us the boundaries in which Westside Cares works; from the Air Force Academy up north, all the way south to Fort Carson, west to include Manitou Springs and east to I-25. This large area is covered by six food pantries (including Trinity UMC, the one closest to us) that are supplied by a variety of different churches within this area. Westside Cares itself is a Christian faith-based organization and sees each client as Jesus himself in disturbing disguise!

Deb supervises 60 to 70 volunteers who work at the Westside Cares location, to provide clothing vouchers, laundry vouchers and detergent, assistance in filling out federal assistance forms and even medical care through a Registered Nurse from Penrose-St Francis Nursing Center, along with many other services. But most of all, Westside Cares provides food! Through a voucher program, families receive six food vouchers per year that provide up to 4 days of food per voucher. The pantry at Trinity is one of these six pantries. Trinity's location feeds people every Tuesday and although each family is only allowed six vouchers a year, Trinity may provide food for over a 100 different people (or families) every Tuesday.

Each time our church donates food to our little red wagon, it goes directly to Trinity UMC to help the folks right here on our own west side. Along with help from Westside cares and other groups, Pikes Peak UMC makes a big difference for families who otherwise would go hungry, especially those with children!

One of the volunteers at Trinity told Gretchen that often on a Tuesday when it looks like the food bank is running really low, along comes the donation from Pikes Peak UMC and once again, there is enough for everyone! Way to go donors!

Dorothy Circle had a wonderful time learning so much about Westside Cares and we gave Deb a round of applause at the conclusion of her presentation. Thanks to Pastor Dea for leading us in prayer for Deb and this great local organization after which, some of us helped Deb with seven bags of donated items and a speaker's fee as she loaded up and left us amid smiles and waves. Thank you Deb!

The Secretary's minutes from last month were read and approved. Treasurer Jessie Cooper, passed out copies of last month's bank account activities and gave us all the updated information on our accounts. Thank you Jessie!

President LaVada Brown read a lovely thank-you note and gave Jessie the donation check from Rebecca Nixon's family for providing assistance at Rebecca's memorial held here at PPUMC. Thank you LaVada!

Pastor Dea asked President Brown and all of our membership, if our church had an emergency need, could the UMW's Community Service account be accessed for help? After much discussion, Ruth Ann Reed made a motion that this request be approved, and the group unanimously approved the motion. Thank you Ruth Ann.

Refreshments of fresh fruit salad and eclairs were provided by hostess Gretchen Arnold. Twinkle Gordon will host next month's meeting on April 6th which will be held at Beulah Shaw's new home (weather permitting) and where our own Jessie Cooper will be the speaker of the month as she presents an interesting book report!

Secretary **Gretchen**





Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

The scripture from I Timothy, 1:17 was the basis of this beautiful hymn written by Walter Chalmers Smith in 1867. Born in 1824, in Aberdeen, Scotland, young Walter Smith became a student at Marischal College at age 13 and received his Masters' degree four years later. During his life, he received the Degrees of Doctor of Divinity, and Doctor of Law, as well as his Master's Degree.

Well educated, the Reverend Smith became known as one of the Sacred Poets of the Nineteenth Century, publishing many more poems than hymns! However the hymn, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" is still sung and used in worship, whereas his poems are known only to a select few. The Reverend served in five parishes before retiring in 1894. He died in September, 1908, at age 84 leaving his wife Agnes Monteith, a son and three daughters to carry on his heritage.

The words of I Timothy 1:17 are as important this year as they were 150 years ago, as the Reverend Franklin Graham ended his national prayer during the Inauguration of President Trump on January, 20, 2017, with this reference to I Timothy, 1:17, "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Gretchen

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

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 Don & Alice Shartran








The knitters/crocheters/quilters/card making people all types of crafts are welcome. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

For the month of April we will be meeting on the 3rd (April 20th) and 4th (April 27) Thursday because of the Maundy Thursday. If you have any questions feel free to contact Ruth Reed 471-1393.

April 2017

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

						1 9:00am Ad Council 10:00am Easter Party
2 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS Holy Communion	3 6:00pm Adult Bible Study	4 4:45pm TOPS	5	6 1:30pm Dorothy's Circle 	7	8 10:00am Children's and Youth Ministry Team
9 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS Palm Sunday	10 6:00pm Adult Bible Study	11 4:45pm TOPS	12	13 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service	14 6:30pm Good Friday Service	15 9:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 
16 7:00 am Sunrise Service led by Youth 8:30 am Potluck Brunch 10:50 Celebration Service Holy Communion Easter Sunday 	17 6:00pm Adult Bible Study	18 4:45pm TOPS	19	20 6:00pm Giggler's Group 	21	22
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Thank you, Lord, for the food
we're about to receive, and for
the nourishment to our bodies.
For Christ's sake. Amen
Twinkle



THE FORTY DAYS of LENT

REFLECTION

RECONCILIATION

RENEWAL

**Our Lent-Love Offering will be
collected at our Easter Celebration**

**Continue to be prayerful about
YOUR sacrificial offering that is a
reflection of CHRIST'S sacrifice for
us and in support of the ministries
of Pikes Peak UMC**



The family of Prince Marcus Roger Porter
after his baptism, Sunday, March 26.
Archie and Chery Wilson are Prince's
great-grandparents.

TOPS Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS for the months of April and May
will be focusing on being a gem in the
rough and remembering that you are
special and need to lose weight. TOPS
and it's members are here to help with
that. We are learning about portions and
what the Plate idea is and trying to
use it.

**If you would like to join this group we
meet every Tuesday evening. We weigh
in from 4:45 pm to 5:15 pm and then we
have our meeting from 5:30 pm to 6:30
pm. We have a great time. If you would
like more information please contact
Ruth Reed 471-1393.**

Ruth



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

Baumgartner family

Dick & Sue Bush

Jim Caudle

Harmon Hammitt

Shirley Harr

Hal Smith

Jim Hodges

Katy Lynn

Frank & Rose Martinez

Ethel Pierson

Ruth Reed

Sommer Family

Melissa Stallings

Eula Mae Dougherty a precious member of our church for many years and was very active in the Children's Department gave me this beautiful saying.

God's gifts to you by the Holy Spirit are:

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

My gift to you is: Happiness

LaVada



Holy Week

- April 9 - Palm Sunday
- April 13 - Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 p.m. with Holy Communion on April 17
- April 14 - Good Friday Service @ 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross presentation
- April 16 - EASTER SUNDAY
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service led by Youth
8:30 a.m. Potluck Brunch
10:50 Celebration Service with Holy Communion

Westside Cares



Happy Easter.

We are providing diapers and wipes to Westside Cares for June and need to deliver them by the first of June. They need size 1,5 & 6 diapers and lots of wipes.

Other needs are: Adult socks, underpants women's size 5-8, men's - all sizes, girls - all sizes, girls clothing - all sizes, men's jeans - size 30-36, men's shoes, tampons and pads, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, large bar soap, toothpaste

SAVE THE DATE: Westside CARES Annual

SAVE THE DATE:

Feast of St. Arnolds: Saturday, June 10

Steve's Retirement Party: Saturday, June 24

WESTSIDE CARES NEEDS...

We are in need of the following items:

- **Men's T-Shirts**
- **Boxers and briefs, Men's – all sizes**
- **Men's shoes**
- **Men's Jeans – size 30 -36**
- **Women's khaki pants size 6, 8, 10**
- **Diapers sizes 1, 4, and 6**
- **Family size toothpaste**

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

APRIL CLOSURES: Tuesday, April 11 (Staff/Volunteer In-Service)

INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSURES: Westside CARES follows the School District 11 closures for inclement weather. If District 11 is closed, Westside CARES is closed. If District 11 declares a late start, Westside CARES opens at its normal time.

Debra.Mitguard@westsidecares.org

or call 719-389-0759 ext. 108.

Archie and Chery Wilson

we can help



Refreshing Fellowship



We are still in need for someone or a group of people to step up and provide refreshment for fellowship time on the fourth Sunday of each month. The refreshments do not need to be homemade or labor intensive items. We have gone "green" so we are mainly doing items that people can put on napkins instead of plates, such as cookies, muffins or sweetbreads, doughnuts, popcorn ☐. The coffee and lemonade are already made. The cups and glasses are taken downstairs and loaded into the dishwasher be Craig Sommer's so clean up is pretty easy. Please consider doing this to help out your church. Love and blessings to all,
Sally

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

Saturday, April 15th



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl/Lap Throw Ministry

We will be blessing more of these that have been donated on April 30. If you would like to learn more about this ministry contact Ruth Reed 471-1393.



Monthly Giving 2017
Needed monthly for budget \$6091

January \$5813
February \$6021
March to date \$5995



Dorothy Circle April Collection for LaPuente Outreach
****toiletries****
Collection box in the welcome area



4th Sunday Fellowship
Folks to provide hospitality, serve, and help clean up.
Talk to Sally Simmons

Sermon Calendar April 2017

April 2 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent
Worship with Holy Communion
"Coming Into the World"
John 11:1-45

April 9 ~ Palm/Passion Sunday
"Adored and Abandoned"
Matthew 27:11-54

Thursday, April 13 ~ **Maundy Thursday**
Service with Holy Communion @ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 14 ~ **Good Friday**
Stations of the Cross @ 6:30 p.m.

April 16 ~ **Easter**
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Youth Led Service
8:30 a.m. Brunch Potluck
10:50 Celebration Worship with Holy Communion
"Magdalene's Garden"
John 20:1-18

April 23 ~ Second Sunday of Easter
"Heads Up"
John 20:19-31

April 30 ~ Third Sunday of Easter
Special Offering Sunday - Native American Ministries Sunday
5th Sunday
"After Easter Understanding"
Luke 24:13-35

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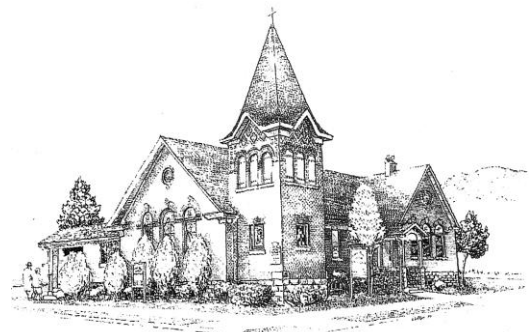
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