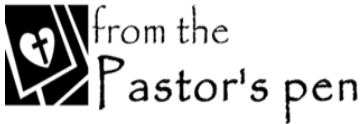


Lamp^{lighter}

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

February 2017



This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." — John 15:12-13, NRSV

I haven't asked but I think that kiddos, these days, still exchange Valentine's Day cards at school. If they don't then some of our retailers have some marketing issues!

As adults, we may celebrate Valentine's Day by exchanging cards or gifts with people we love. Openly expressing feelings of affection and love can be a real challenge for some individuals. We are vulnerable when we share our emotions. And our emotions take on a whole new dimension as we move into the stages of our lives when the *loves of our lives* have gone to their Eternal Home.

But Valentine's Day, with the romantic love focus, is also a great time to think about **God's love** through Jesus Christ. The love that Jesus commanded us to show one another extends beyond "warm fuzzies" and affection. God's love is unconditional. As a sign of God's love, Jesus literally gave his life to free us from sin and to provide us with eternal life. If we embrace the principles of Christian love, then we are committed to one another in myriad ways.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands! - Psalm 90:7



"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS"

I receive newsletters from my "home" church, Bethany Lutheran, where I grew up. Their last missive included their annual Pastor's report with these insights. Pastor Jim said, *"Those four words aren't merely the current slogan of the ELCA. They're a description of what's been happening at Bethany Church the past 58 years. They speak of a God who is involved in the universe God created - and they remind us what our hands are doing when we serve God through Bethany Church."*

Dear Ones, our Family of Faith can certainly embody, in loving ways, the same principles of using **OUR** hands to do **GOD's** work – in loving and caring, nurturing and hospitality-filled ways that embody love. Not mushy or fuzzy but *real and tangible* and outward signs of God's love through us.

- ♥ when we set-up before and clean-up after worship - and when we help a neighbor set-up for a garage sale and clean-up after a storm... it's God's Work.
- ♥ When we show our support for a family by attending a funeral - and when we show our support for a young person in the school play... it's God's Work.
- ♥ When we care for the clothing we have - and share clothing with those in need... it's God's Work.
- ♥ When we read the news - and read the Bible... it's God's Work.
- ♥ When we speak out on behalf of the oppressed - and bite our tongues when judging others... it's God's Work.

We can ask God to help us to show His love to others and to follow His example of friendship. And then we can praise Him for His great love of us.

This newsletter is filled (again) with announcement and news about the life of our Family of Faith and the work we are doing in Jesus' name. Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming events! I continue to be honored to be in ministry with you. 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
January

The January 5th meeting of the United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle was canceled this month due to the extreme cold, snowy weather!

We were encouraged to take that day at our own homes to pray and to find a particular something to surrender for the day, (perhaps an extra cup of coffee or a sweet treat) since our annual subject for each January focuses on Prayer and self-denial, and we have only water as our refreshment for the meeting.

There are two corrections in the December Newsletter regarding Dorothy Circle that I would like to make. The first one is that **Nancy** Gulley was in attendance, NOT *Ruth* Gulley and the second correction is that Ethel Pierson had crocheted lovely tops for a variety of kitchen towels and gave each lady her choice of one! Thank you to Ruth Reed for catching these errors and letting me know so they could be corrected! Thank you Ethel for your generous gifts and thank you Nancy for your understanding!

Our February meeting on the 2nd of February, will meet at 1:30 as usual, (God willing) to fill the Valentine Bags for our church members who are unable to come to church.

Most Sincerely,

Gretchen



The BOW WOW Ministry



Why we love kids!

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered up my equipment, my K-9 partner Jake was barking and I saw a little boy staring in at me. "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked. "It sure is," I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he asked, "What'd he do?"

We now have a "Dog Ministry" food bucket. In the kitchen, to the right of the stove, there is a white bucket labeled, Dog Food; dry kibble for any hungry canine who comes for sanctuary. A can of Iams, wet dog food is available for those older pets or to give to the homeless owner to take with them. Labeled bowls for water and food are right there with the bucket too.

Gretchen will keep track of the food bucket should it get low over time, especially in the summer.

Please feel free to help our canine companions with this outreach, whether or not they come into our Church or are on the steps. After all, God is God of all creation!

Gretchen



Mel's
Famous Biscuits & Gravy

MEN'S BREAKFAST

at 9am



Great Food, Fun and Fellowship!

Saturday, Feb 18th



Another Year Is Dawning

The author of this song, Miss Frances Ridley Havergal, (1836 – 1879), began life in England as the youngest child of a Minister of the Church of England. By age four she was reading and memorizing the Bible and spent her life serving God through her music and poetry. With her father being a Minister, her brother being a priest and church organist, it wasn't surprising that Frances become a poet and hymnist.

The first verse of this 1874, New Year's Hymn tells us of her dedication to God: **"Another year is dawning, dear Father let it be. In working or in waiting, another year with Thee. Another year of progress, another year of praise. Another year of proving Thy presence all the days."**

In that same year Frances wrote another hymn entitled, "Take My Life and Let it Be". Both lovely hymns, however, "Take My Life and Let it Be" has become even more popular with the passing of time than the New Year's song of, "Another Year is Dawning." All in all, Frances wrote hundreds of hymns, poems and meditations.

As a lasting memorial to her life, Havergal College, a private girls' school in Toronto, Ontario Canada, (established in 1894) was named for Frances R. Havergal. In 2012, Havergal's elementary school was awarded first place among Toronto schools, receiving a "perfect score of 10." In 2015, Havergal's secondary school came in second among all of Ontario's 749 secondary schools. This has been a lasting and fitting tribute to a most remarkable woman of God. The writer of this lovely song also wrote "Take My Life and Let it Be".

Gretchen

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Donna Miller
- 5 Christine Wood
- 7 Joe Brown
- 10 Rose Martinez
- 11 Scott Myers
- 12 Harold Smith
- 13 Ann Keetch
- 14 Kelley Arnold
- 16 Bill Edwards
- 18 Coop Cooper
- 18 Carole Garriott
- 18 Chloe Pemberton
- 18 Pastor Dea Sharp
- 23 Kevin Williams
- 25 Veronica Baumgartner
- 26 Dot Cain
- 29 James Caudle (Leap Year)

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Kyle & Melissa Gordon
- 10 Steve & Cindy Meerpohl
- 19 Herb & Beulah Shaw







K & C Giggles Group is back in the swing. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 6-7:30 pm. Please use the back entrance.

Activities of the group are crochet, knit, quilt, card making and anything that members may want help with. We have a fun fellowship.

Hope to see all the familiar faces and some new ones from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Please use the back entrance. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ruth Reed 471-1393.

February 2017

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1	2 1:30pm Dorothy's Circle 	3	4
5 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS Holy Communion Souper Bowl	6 6:00pm Adult Bible Study	7 4:45pm TOPS	8	9 6:00pm Giggler's Group 	10	11 10:00am Children's and Youth Ministry Team
12 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS	13 6:00pm Adult Bible Study	14 4:45pm TOPS	15	16	17	18 9:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 
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26 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS Fat Sunday Pancakes	27 6:00pm Adult Bible Study	28 4:45pm TOPS	26	27	28	29

The Prayer Corner

BRIDGE TO HEALING

Where am I going with this thought? Please work with me here. If possible...close your eyes for a moment. Picture a bridge... left.... middle... andright side. You are looking at it head-on.

The song "Bridge Over Troubled Waters"...and THE LIVING WATER comes to mind! Things to consider....

Your situation, your age, your expectations for all.

God has a plan for each and everyone. Our lives have a beginning, a middle and an end. What is really important and where do we start? God is the "travel agent" Would it be fair to assume we all need healing in our lives?

One wouldn't approach the bridge without plan. One would go to the "map of life" being the Bible.

Things in our past may still hurt, but we cannot make it go away by just wishing. Our present may be overwhelming...and our future uncertain. As long as we are drawing breath there is HOPE. That's good news!!! A relationship with God means interaction...as with any relationship. A suggestion for healing of any situation. As soon as your eyes open thank God for another day...and ask what is the plan for today, God? Be positive in what comes out of your mouth. Healing begins with the first step across the bridge

of life. Compassion for others and acceptance of God's grace and forgiveness of ourselves doesn't come from the Pain-Free times in our lives. Wouldn't we all like no pain? It is a known fact that we feel COMPASSION having lived THROUGH experiences.

GOD HELD US BY THE HAND OR perhaps read and RE-VISIT THE "FOOTPRINTS" POEM.

Let us pray:

Triune God, You CREATED me as a unique individual with a purpose for my life. You want what is best for my life no matter what age I am at present.

Once I ask for forgiveness my sin through Your Grace is erased as "far as the east is from the west."

You ARE JESUS as the GREAT HEALER AND TEACHER as an example of how to live our lives and bring comfort to others who are hurting. You ARE the HOLY SPIRIT guiding us from within ...never leaving us alone to face whatever life brings our way.

Help us to realize PRAYING has two parts. We TALK to you...and then we LISTEN to you. Nothing fancy just sincere! That BRIDGE CALLED LIFE can be as long or short as YOU intend.

Thank You for CREATING us, I believe in the SALVATION AND HEALING that JESUS provides, and Thank You for the HOLY SPIRIT who guides my every step over the BRIDGE CALLED LIFE, and THE LIVING WATER that quenches our thirst, heals our pain and sustains our lives.

Amen. Tinkle

TOPS Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a weight loss group. We do not give you a diet to follow but we do encourage and give great ideas, hints, recipes and other wonderful tips to help you on your weight loss journey.

We are on a cruise for the month of January and February. We are here to lose weight but also to have fun and learn from what we do. Each member may be on a cruise for a different place but we will be learning about the foods of other lands and lands. We are excited about this and all are hoping to have a lose at the end of the cruise.

We meet every Tuesday evening. Weigh In is from 4:45-5:15 p.m. Meeting from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please use the back entrance if you would like to come check us out. For 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

Dick & Sue Bush
Leslie Castle
Jim Caudle
Jessie Cooper - for Coop
Susie Gallivan
Harmon Hammitt
Shirley Harr
Hal Smith
Jim Hodges
Katy Lynn
Frank & Rose Martinez
Ethyl Pierson
Ruth Reed
Martha Simons
Melissa Stallings
Millie Ware - for Levi
Twink Gordon - for friend
Pastor Dea - Marilyn and Nick

Westside Cares

There are no projects or special event at Westside Cares at this time of year. However, it is still a pretty busy place where many people's needs are being met. The coats, socks, scarves, gloves and other clothes that we at Pikes Peak United Methodist Church donated at Christmas is greatly appreciated by the people that go to Westside Cares for their needs.

The food, clothing and hygiene items that we donate each week is distributed on a daily bases to those who need those things. It is greatly appreciated.

The current needs are;

Adult socks, Underpants - Women's size 5 – 8, Men's – all sizes, Girls – all sizes, Girls Clothing – 2T, 3T, 6, 9, 12, Men's Jeans – size 30 – 36, Men's shoes, Diapers size 1, 5 and 6, Tampons and pads, Shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, lg bar soap and toothpaste.

Keep up God's good work.
May God bless you +---+
you may bless othe
Archie and Chery



YOUTH NEWS



February 26 - the Youth are preparing soups for **TAKE-OUT for "SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY!** They're providing take-out containers so you don't have to cook before the big game! Donations will support a world hunger fund as well as the kids' mission trip to Idaho this summer.♥♥♥

February 26 - The Youth will serve "**Fat Sunday Pancakes**" @ 9:30 that morning....as Lent begins on March 1! Come and get your syrup on!!!! ♥♥♥

SAVE THE DATE: Westside CARES Annual Banquet and Appreciation, Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Membership meeting at 5 PM, Banquet at 6 PM.

Location: Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints, 150 Pine Ave, 80906

WESTSIDE CARES NEEDS...

We are in need of the following items:

- *Socks – Adult*
- *Underpants – Women's size 5 – 8, Men's – all sizes, Girls – all sizes*
- *Girls' Clothing – 2T, 3 T, 6, 9, 12*
- *Men's Jeans – size 30 -36*
- *Men's shoes*
- *Diapers sizes 1, 5 and 6*
- *Tampons and pads*
- *Shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, lg bar soap, toothpaste*

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

FEBRUARY CLOSURES: Wednesday, February 1 (Staff/Volunteer In-Service) and Monday, February 20 (President's Day)

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.Mitquard@westsidecares.org

or call 719-389-0759 ext. 108.

Archie and Chery Wilson



Sundae Sunday!



On February 12th we will do ice cream sundaes and cookies for Valentine's Day during fellowship time. Hope everyone can come. Love and blessings to all.

Sally



The Dorothy Circle met at LaVada Brown's home for their annual Christmas dinner. Good food, great conversation, and some good ol' fashioned carol singing happens when these ladies gather in December!



The Youth Christmas wrapping event at Barnes and Noble raise nearly \$350 for their mission trip fund. A hearty Ho-ho-ho to Trinity and Kailynn pictured here. Calvin and Lori also put in hours. Berna and Kim were the adult escorts. Good Job!



Prayer Shawl/Lap Throw Ministry

On Jan. 29, 2017 we prayed over 7 crochet and 3 material lap throws. Thank you to the ladies who made these.

We have received a "Thank You" note from a recipient of a lap throw. We look forward to making more.

If you would like to learn more about this ministry contact Ruth Reed 471-1393.

Pastor Dea's Sermon Calendar
February 2017

February 5 ~ 5th Sunday After the Epiphany
Worship with Holy Communion
"Pour on the Salt"
Matthew 5:13-20

February 12 ~ 6th Sunday After the Epiphany
"Of Law and Of Love"
Deuteronomy 30:15-20

February 19 ~ 7th Sunday After the Epiphany
"Consider the Lilies"
Matthew 6:25-33

February 26 ~ Transfiguration Sunday
"Knowing a Good Place"
Matthew 17:1-8

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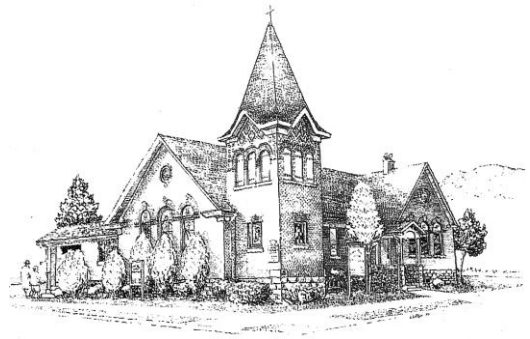
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