

Lamp^{lighter}

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

July 2016



from the
Pastor's pen

As we journey through Pentecost we are learning to live the discipleship that Jesus has called us to...thank God we have Jesus as our example of *how* to live!

I received a mass-mailing brochure listing 12 reasons to be an active church member. And the reasons make good sense. Perhaps Pentecost 2016 is a good time to think about *your* reasons. Might they include:

1. Being an active church member helps strengthen your commitment.
2. Being active in your church helps you grow as a person.
3. Church provides a sense of belonging and fellowship.
4. Active church membership can give you a sense of fulfillment.
5. Sharing your unique gifts helps you – and your church – grow.
6. Being active in your church is an opportunity to serve others.
7. You can help fulfill Christ's mission in the world.
8. Active church membership can help nurture children.
9. Being active in your church helps put your faith into action.
10. Active church membership helps build a sense of community.
11. Church can offer support in times of crisis.
12. Being an active member of the church can bring you spiritual joy.

We have such an opportunity, as believers in our Savior Jesus, to *serve Christ* by being active...in our homes, neighborhoods, country and at Pikes Peak United Methodist Church (reaching the world with other United Methodists.) It means we worship regularly but also that we further the mission of Christ's church to reach with *ministries to the margins*, to share about him. Sometimes that's more challenging than others; Jesus didn't tell us it would be easy – only that we need to do it!

During June we've heard Scripture texts of Jesus eating and drinking...even socializing with *sinners*. (Gasp!) We'll continue to read that he sat with prostitutes, welcomed tax collectors and knew that the religious hypocrites *misrepresented* the heart of God toward God's people – and yet, Jesus dined with them and asked *them* to be a part of God's kingdom on earth. He set an example for us.

As we come to the Lord's Supper each month we remember how Jesus' example is a challenge to us. He stopped to eat and drink every day and a lot of times that included enemies at the table.

Who is welcome at YOUR table?

At the cross, Jesus did *only what he could do*. And at the Table, he demonstrated what *we* can do. (Credit to Ray Hollenbach.)

I'm blessed to be active with you being church so let's all continue to be....

Abiding in Him,

Pastor Dea

UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church
June

The June 2nd meeting of the United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle began at 1:34 pm with the reading of the Purpose of the United Methodist with ten women present.

Our Spiritual Growth Leader, Beulah Shaw, brought us a reading from the Daily Bread Devotional entitled, "Called by Name". A teacher recalls how he called his students each by name and how that relates to our Lord calling us by name. The scripture reference is from John 10: 11 where the Good Shepherd calls His sheep by name and knows their deepest needs. Thank you Beulah!

We welcomed our speaker, Andrea Thompson with Urban Peak of Colorado Springs; a youth outreach organization dedicated to helping the homeless youth of our region with housing, shelter, addictions and health care. These youth range in age from 15 to 24 years and many are supported by the Urban Peak's several programs including the Street Outreach program where three teams of backpack workers find young people on the streets and provide on-the-spot assistance. Food, water, basic medical needs and compassion are some of the things that the teams carry to offer the young people living on the streets of Colorado Springs. What an amazing program where only three teams were able to help 445 youth last year! Andrea also told us that Urban Peak is the ONLY place in the Springs for homeless kids and that they work closely with the police and other organizations in town to provide for these young people! Right now in Colorado Springs, approximately 1,400 to 1,500 youth are experiencing homelessness! Dorothy Circle gave Andrea a speaker's fee as well as supplying them with 7 bags of necessities.

The Secretary encouraged our membership to read the Church newsletter where the June minutes are published and if there are any corrections to please let her know.

Jessie Cooper our Treasurer, brought us up to date on the UMW account as well as the Community Service account and provided copies of the Bank balances to President Brown and Secretary Arnold. Jessie also noted that our monetary donations are not keeping up with our speaker fees and President Brown hopes that the few speakers from our Circle will help to offset this imbalance. Thank you Jessie for keeping us updated!

June birthday cards and other greeting cards are being sent out by Beulah Shaw. We received a thank you card from the Ronald McDonald house for last month's donations and Grace Cook received another letter from Red Bird Mission thanking us for the education labels that she sends them each month.

The hostess line-up has changed a bit for the year with Grace Cook providing refreshments in July and Ruth Ann Reed providing refreshments for September. Thank you to both these ladies for offering their assistance!

Those who can help, please meet at 12 noon on July 7th to fill our LaPuente Bags before our regular meeting begins at 1:30.

Ethel Pierson graciously hosted our June meeting and supplied our refreshments of a delicious torte! Thank you Ethel for this delightful dessert, most of us have never had a torte before!

We ended our meeting at 3:05 by reading the UMW prayer together.

Most Sincerely,

Gretchen



Hymnal History

Jesus Loves Me, the favorite song most recognized by children, was written by Anna Bartlett Warner in 1860, as the country was preparing for Civil War. Anna, living close to the Military Academy of West Point, taught Sunday Bible studies to the cadets, fearing many of them would die in the upcoming war and they needed to know Jesus as quickly as possible!

Although best known as a children's hymn, **Jesus Loves Me** didn't begin as a song. Instead, it was part of a fictional novel written by Anna in 1860. The words were part of a poem recited by the book's main character Mr. Lindon, to a small boy who lay dying. Upon hearing this, the little child was then comforted knowing that 'Jesus loves me.'

Jesus Loves Me, brought comfort to the war torn country, as well as to generations that followed, even to another war and to a President yet to be. In 1943, in the Solomon Islands, John F. Kennedy's PT 109 had been sunk and the survivors, hoping to be rescued, were singing, "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know". It was this song that led two Solomon Island natives to the stranded marines and eventually to their rescue!

Although most of her novel did not make it through the Civil War, Anna's poem did, set to music and now is one of the most recognizable songs in history!

Submitted by, Gretchen

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Craig Sommer
- 5 Nancy Schreck
- 8 Charlotte Williams
- 11 Dee Trafton
- 13 Russel Lewellen
- 16 Ian Gordon
- 17 Nik Robertson
- 23 Natalie Keating
- 23 Bill Garriott
- 24 Ruth Wilber Sheaves
- 28 Stephanie Miller

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 Ken & Nancy Schreck
- 20 Mike & Kelley Arnold
- 20 Joe & LaVada Brown
- 30 Jim & Luci Rawlings
- 30 Randy & Berna Keating

REMINISCING

I remember asking members of our Church many years ago, "When I mention Max Bush's name, what comes to mind?" Rev. Glenn said "Dependable". As I look through the old Lamplighter as far back as 1942 when Max joined our Trinity EUB Church, I see where he taught a boy's Sunday School class, was our Church Treasurer for 30 years, was on the Board of Trustees and was our devoted Choir Director for 20 years. Max's lovely tenor voice was in great demand for solo work at church services, weddings and funerals. He also helped with our Food Bank for Care and Share. Claire Ruby said, "Max was always a willing helper with potluck dinners." She recalls his meatloaf was always everyone's favorite.

Eula Mae Dougherty remembers Max as a genuine good person always willing to help where needed. When Eva Mae Shepherd couldn't be here to direct the choir, Max would willingly fill in for her. His favorite Bible verse is from Joshua 24:15. It says, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Max and Thelma were blessed with two children: Glennis lives in California with her husband Marty Bates, and Dick is married to Sue. Since the Bushes are a musical family, Max asked Dick if the lady he was going to marry had a good singing voice. And, as we all well know, Dick and Sue both have lovely singing voices and are so appreciated in our Church Choir following in Max's footsteps. Max is the proud Grandfather of eight Grandchildren and ten Great Grandchildren.

By LaVada

Mel's

Famous
Biscuits & Gravy

MEN'S BREAKFAST

3rd Saturdays

at 9am





Great Food, Fun and Fellowship!

Saturday, July 16th

July 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 12:00 pm Red White & Blue Pie Social	4 6:00pm Adult Bible Study INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 4:45pm TOPS	6	7 1:30pm Dorothy's Circle 	8	9 10:00am Children's and Youth Ministry Team 10:00am Vacation Bible School Set Up
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17 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS 12:00pm VBS Potluck	18 6:00pm Adult Bible Study	19 4:45pm TOPS	20	21	22	23 11:00 am Youth Wacky Olympic Day
24/31 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS Change for Change	25 6:00pm Adult Bible Study	26 4:45pm TOPS	27	28	29	30

The Prayer Corner

First

Even as a child, most wanted more than anything to be FIRST....in line
picked for the team
first choice in the sliced pieces of cake
first and favorite child of our family
you get the idea, right?
conversely, anything perceived after that was just not good enough. Our little self-esteem would be crushed...

especially if we were not "perfect" not only in our own eyes because we were too large, too small or some other human projected judgment. Here comes the good news!

We are ALL GOD'S FAVORITES.

WE ALL ALL SPECIAL IN GOD'S EYES

THERE IS NOTHING THAT CAN SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD.

Now something to ponder...

DO WE PUT GOD FIRST IN OUR LIVES?

When we pray do we say thank you? Is God the FIRST we go to in ANY and EVERY situation?

We know God is on duty 24/7. We also know that God knows us better than we know ourselves..

So, one might ask, why do we go to listening ears for complaints, advice, and misconceived notions.

Here's the facts as I understand them to be:

Put God FIRST in all your thoughts, words, and deeds.

While you are awaiting the answer to prayers, consult scriptures that address these issues. ie...health, anger, sadness, etc.

John 3:16 for instance, tells us that when we believe in Jesus sacrifice for our lives we receive Eternal Life. Eternity in heaven.

My mother used to say (not her words) "The road to Hell is paved with good intentions!" That means no matter how many good deeds we do or try to be as good as we can THAT ALONE is not what secures our fate. Why wouldn't everyone want to have a close relationship with God every single day of our lives and lives eternal? Will you be the FIRST to share with those who do not know Jesus Christ? Will you be the FIRST to restore relationships in a safe respectable way? Will you consult God FIRST every day? God knows we are not perfect, but He loved us enough to offer his Son's life FIRST who WAS PERFECT for us.

Let us pray:

Dear God,

I accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

I know that I have sinned and fallen short of Your grace. I also know that You love me, forgive me, and I will always be Your child...no matter what. Please help me to be the person You created me to be.

Thank You..... from the bottom of my heart.

Amen. Tinkle

QUICK AND EASY CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

- 1 large can chicken meat
- 1 small can chopped green chilies
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 8 oz. sour cream
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- Flour tortillas



Mix all of the above ingredients. Fill flour tortillas in baking dish. Cover with grated cheese. Place foil over dish and bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until cheese is well melted and bubbly. Enjoy!

By LaVada



Did You Know?

We have bins, on the east wall of Gamber Hall where we can deposit RECYCLE items and LABELS. HERE ARE THE ITEMS WE COLLECT:

- **LABELS:** Campbell Soup and Box tops for Education
- **RECYCLE:** Empty printer cartridges, old cell phones, eye glasses
- Bring your empty prescription bottles for West Side Cares
- Bring your pop top tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Untangled

I have a poster up in the Sunday school room that is a picture of a puppy and a kitten sleeping on top of a tangled mess of yarn. The poster reads, "You can give your worries to God...because He can untangle them."



Wow!! What a reminder for me!! The last few months have been a whirlwind of sorrow, joy, stress, comfort, and so much more. When we get "tangled" up in life, we need to take a moment and step back, take a deep breath, and remember who is really in charge of things. "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything." Philippians 4:6. Paul had to remind the people in Philippi the very same thing I need to be reminded of today. The time period is different, but the words are still very relevant today. The youth and children have so many different stresses and worries today than even 40 years ago when I was a young girl. Bullying especially has been in the forefront for many of our youngsters. My son said it best a short while ago – kids are able to bully others without seeing the real hurt they inflict. Much of it occurs via texting, facebook, twitter, etc... where the perpetrator doesn't actually see the person. Our job as parents, grandparents, and friends of these young people is to help them to know who is really in charge. Let them know that God loves them and they are not alone in this world. We can lead the younger generation by example – praying and letting God be the one to untangle things.

In other news- THANKS again to all who donated and helped for the yard sale!! We will have another yard sale in the fall.

Yours in Christ, Kim Sommer

719-210-7394

Annual Pie Feast



On July 3rd we will have our annual red, white, and blue pie feast during fellowship time. This is always a fun time eating our favorite pies. Bring a pie of your choice--does not have to be color coordinated to the 4th of July-- so you can bring apple, chocolate, lemon, banana cream, cherry, blueberry, or whatever is your favorite. Hope to see you all there with your appetites.

Blessings and love to all, Sally

Special Needs:

Volunteers!!!

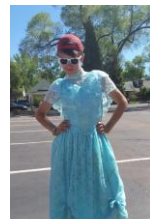
Vacation Bible School Supplies Needed: Glue Sticks, Tacky Glue, Fabric Paints, Glitter Paint, Tempera Paint, Popsicle Craft sticks, Large Nails (at least 4 inches long), Beading wire, Fleece fabric, Colorful Tissue paper, chenille stems (pipe cleaners), Ziploc sandwich bags, small spiral notebooks, potting soil, flower seeds, hand sanitizer, Hula hoops, water balloons, regular balloons, ice cream buckets with lids, index cards, Bright colored poster board, Jesus/Christian stickers,

Upcoming Events:



July 11-15th - Vacation Bible School!!
9 am-noon.

Mission Activity- Go up to help prepare Equine Partner's Arena for the summer – July 10th - the horses need baths!! Come ready to wash.



Isidoro "Chopper" Cometto joined the PPUMC Family of Faith as an associate member last month.
Welcome Chopper!



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

Larry Baca
Rachel Schilowsky
Lori Holmquist
Ruth Tucci request for Bev
Shirley Demario - surgery
Kathy Hadley
Carol Gearhart - surgery
Baumgartner family
Susie Gallivan
Dick & Sue Bush
Rose and Frank Martinez - for Bella
Twinkle & Margo -on loss of their dog
Katy Lynn
Shirley Trucott
Marty Corder

John Castle Family

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



Westside Cares News

Thanks to all who donated diapers and wipes. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by Westside Cares and the parents.

This month we have been asked to provide 210 packages of wide ruled filler paper (150-200 sheets each) for the back-to-school backpacks. I have been told that back-to-school sales start on July 15th.

Other WSC current needs are:

- adult underwear - all sizes
- adult socks - all sizes
- men's shoes/work boots
- boy's clothing - size 8-16
- men's jeans
- travel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion
- large toothpaste
- bar soap
- pill bottles
- boxes of borax
- boxes of arm & hammer super washing soda men's & women's garden gloves

Westside Cares depends on many volunteers to carry on their missions. They would appreciate a couple hours of your time.

Contact Deb at
Debra.Mitguard@westsidecares.org
or call 719-389-0759 ext. 108.

Archie and Chery Wilson

**we can
help**



Pastor Dea's Sermon Calendar
July 2016

- July 3 ~ 7th Sunday After Pentecost
With Holy Communion
"Hit the Road"
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
- July 10 ~ 8th Sunday After Pentecost
"Weeping with One Eye"
Luke 10:25-37
- July 17 ~ 9th Sunday After Pentecost
"Serving or Sitting"
Luke 10:38-42
- July 24 ~ 10th Sunday After Pentecost
"God-y Talk"
Luke 11:1-13
- July 31 ~ 11th Sunday After Pentecost
"Idols and Tools"
Luke 12:13-21

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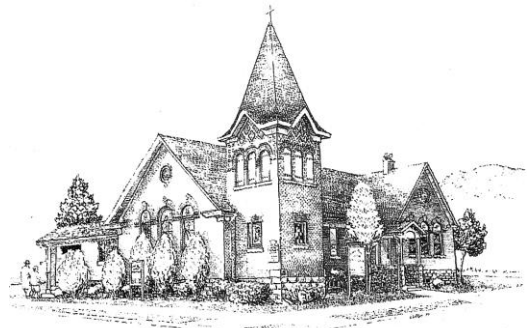
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