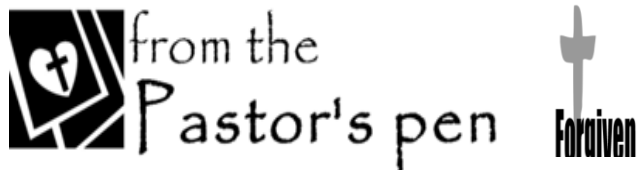


The Lamplighter

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

April 2015



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As I write this, the Lenten season is coming to its end. Our Journey to Hope – through the first week of April (Holy Week) and the celebrations of the promise of what Easter morning is about – has been inspirational to me and I hope brought new meaning to each of you as well. Our Traveling Companion has been with us every step on the journey...and I've been moved by how many of you have grabbed onto each other's hands and committed to each other to make the journey – all the way of the journey – together.

It is at the cross, a crossroad, on the Journey, where Jesus speaks out about injustice and reveals the destructiveness of humanity's sin...on the cross.

As the Easter season begins on Easter Sunday we need to shift our focus to the reality of HOPE...that the cross is NOT the end but the beginning of new life through Jesus. Easter season, through April and May, will lead us deeper into the connected, inclusive life of Jesus.

The interesting challenge for us, in the coming weeks...and the rest of our lives...is recognizing that in order to enter, experience and enjoy The Messiah's resurrection life, we have to be willing to change – even die - to the life that focuses on ourselves. God is at work around us. And the Spirit is ready to show us ways that we can be the evidence that God's Kingdom is here.

The signs of Spring are as clear as the signs we've used in the Sanctuary through the Journey to Hope. God's plan for renewing the Creation is apparent. I pray that you're able to take some time, especially through Holy Week...and then in the weeks beyond....to read the signs of change in your life as you "upgrade" the ways you see yourself IN the world...at work in the Kingdom. New shoots of understanding and fresh fruit of knowledge are surely in you and will lead you to deeper and more authentic living in your hope-filled, Christ-following life. I look forward to seeing how the crown of thorns turns into rays of resurrection hope...and doing it with you.

As always, continue to be...  
...Abiding in Him,  
*Pastor Dea*

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## UMW Dorothy's Circle

### Pikes Peak United Methodist Church

The March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting of the United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle began with a reading of the Purpose of the United Methodist Women.

This month's program of personal memories of WWII was presented by our own Millie Ware and Beulah Shaw. Jessie Cooper brought her mother's hand-made, green wool suit from 1947 and asked Gretchen to model it for the group. The lovely suit consisted of a fitted jacket, matching A-line skirt, short sleeved, peplum lace blouse, with a matching hat and veil. What a visual way to transition into World War II! Thank you Jessie for sharing this part of your mother's history with us!

Beulah began with six points of interest: 1941 – December 7, Pearl Harbor; December 8, US declared war on Japan; December 11, Hitler declares War on US; January 1, 1942 twenty-six nations (the UN) signed a Declaration of War; and President Roosevelt has 125 Aircraft and 3,500 guns manufactured for the war effort; 1945 War Is Over!

Millie recalled life in Benton Harbor, Michigan, where her family raised rabbits for eating and to share with neighbors! She remembers the rationing of meat, sugar and flour, butter, eggs, shoes, and other articles of clothing, gas and tires. Everyone had to go before a ration board to apply for tires and script was issued instead of cash to buy things.

Benton Harbor's industry collected neighborhood iron fences to melt down for battleship and PT boat building while Italian and German POW's worked in town or the outlying fruit orchards during the day and were placed in prison at night. When troop trains pulled into town, the VFW women would serve the troops cookies, fruit and cheese and give each young man a New Testament Bible.

Beulah, residing in Watertown, Connecticut at the same time, recalled how her sister's husband who parachuted down in France to find a woman with two daughters waiting. The women had shovels and extra men's clothing; shovels to bury his parachute and clothes, while he quickly changed into a Frenchman's clothes. They hid him until he was able to walk out of France and ended up in British territory at the Rock of Gibraltar. After eight months as MIA, (missing in action) he was sent home and returned to work as a military radio instructor where he was killed in a crash. This tragic event, so long ago, still brought tears to Beulah's eyes.

Watertown had Air Wardens who patrolled the coastal area and checked homes and businesses to be sure they complied with the black-out rules; all lights turned off before dark, shades drawn down and curfew's enforced. If these rules were ignored, Beulah's husband Herb an Air Warden himself, could have arrested the culprit.

What a rich and vivid history of WWII these blessed women gave us! Thank you Millie, and Beulah for your time and effort in sharing your stories with us!

Treasurer Jessie Cooper, designed an accounting form that shows our UMW and Community Service Balances each month! Thank you Jessie for your diligent work in keeping our accounts straight!

Other news for our membership was that Hal Smith sent a thank you card for the Valentine's bag of goodies and his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday card. Deb Pemberton has not been well and will receive a get-well card, as will Melissa Stallings who has surgery this month. We wish all our community of faith good health as we go into spring and summer, especially Pastor's Dea and Gene.

The March meeting was hosted and refreshments provided by Gretchen Arnold. Next month, on Thursday, April 2, at 1:30 pm Millie Ware will host our meeting with Sam Rush-Walton from the Ronald McDonald House.

All ladies are welcome to attend our UMW meetings. We strive to honor God by serving others in or away from our own community. *Gretchen*

## TOPS Club

### (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

Did you feel that touch of spring? Did your mind turn to warmer weather and dreams of a new spring wardrobe? Is it the same size you wore to the high school prom? If not, then maybe it's time to get serious about losing weight. How about TOPS CLUB, **Take Off Pounds Sensibly**? TOPS CO#0151 invites **you** to join us every Tuesday evening. We have many exciting programs coming up. We do not give you menus to follow but we do give good advice and it is up to you if you really want to lose some pounds. Our ways are really easy and make losing easy. We weigh in between 5:00 & 5:45 P.M. with the meeting starting at 6:00 P.M.

If you have questions feel free to contact Ruth at 471-1393. What have you got to lose? *Ruth*



**ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8.**  
**FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A**  
**SEASON AND A TIME FOR EVERY**  
**MATTER UNDER HEAVEN.**  
**ECCLESIASTES 3:1.**

As you read through verses 1-8, I believe that it speaks to all of us at different times in our lives.

There are seasons of the calendar year we can choose to observe and other seasons yet that the cycle of life demands of us.

God has an orderly daily plan that is tailored for each individual. After all, despite our being patterned in His image we are each as unique as snowflakes...each special yet different.

In the "grand scheme" of life, have we ever stopped to look at where we fit, or are we so focused on our parcel of land in our own little world that we lose sight of God's plan.

I know God wants more from us than that...for example: As a community of faith the "Season of Lent" encourages us to dig deeper into our walk with God. Scripture explains why Jesus came to earth in human form, what Jesus accomplished while He lived and the events leading up to and including His crucifixion. But it didn't end there did it? Jesus was not consumed by death. He arose on the Third Day as promised. **JESUS ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES!** Why would Jesus do that for all of us "snowflakes?"

Food for thought:

As we go through each "season" of our lives:

Summer- A time when things are warm, comfortable, and easy.

Fall- A time when changes occur and we are not quite prepared.

Winter- A time when life seems cold, dark, and difficult... and: Jesus promises...

Spring!- A time for Hope, Metamorphosis, and Growth. He went through all this so that we may have life... and life everlasting!

Ecclesiastes 3:19-22 speaks of a reunion with those who have gone on before us. A time when all will live together in perfect harmony and bask in the sunshine of God's love. **PLEASE DO NOT WAIT FOR A MEDICAL EMERGENCY TO START BEING THE GODLY PERSON GOD CREATED YOU TO BE TO THOSE YOU CARE FOR AND ABOUT!**

**Let us pray:**

**All knowing and Wise God,**

**You know us and want what is best for us. You created us and yearn for us to say close to You. Through scripture and prayer we are guided on the path You have chosen for us in this journey called "life."**

**Melt our hearts with compassion for others.**

**Mold our lives with a willingness to serve**

**Fill us with and let us listen to the guidance of Your Holy Spirit.**

**We ask this in the precious name of Your Son Jesus.**

**Amen**

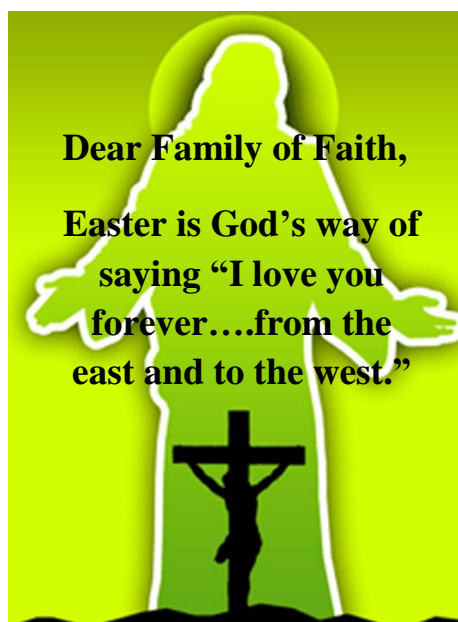
*Twinkle*

## Blessings to the following April Birthdays

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|------------------------|----------|
| Twinkle Gordon         | April 4  |
| Jonathon Sommer        | April 5  |
| Stephanie Keetch Allen | April 7  |
| Trevor Gordon          | April 7  |
| Nathan Pemberton       | April 10 |
| Seth Ware              | April 15 |
| Debbie Pemberton       | April 16 |
| Jean Edwards           | April 17 |
| Jeremiah McMullen      | April 19 |
| Julie Castle           | April 22 |
| Allan Pemberton        | April 28 |
| Jonathon Ashlock       | April 29 |
| Raymon Cowan           | April 29 |
| Millie Ware            | April 30 |
| John Castle            | April 30 |

## April Anniversaries

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| Don & Alice Shartran | April 22 |
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| <h1 style="text-align: center;">April 2015</h1>                                                                                |                                                |                             |           |                                      |                                     |                                                         |
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| Sunday                                                                                                                         | Monday                                         | Tuesday                     | Wednesday | Thursday                             | Friday                              | Saturday                                                |
| <b>1</b><br>8:30am<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>9:30am<br>Adult SS<br>10:50am<br>Worship &<br>Children's SS<br>Sunday School<br>Store | <b>2</b><br>6:00pm<br>Disciple Bible<br>Study  | <b>3</b><br>6:00pm<br>TOPS  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>1:30pm<br>Dorothy Circle | <b>3</b>                            | <b>4</b><br>6:00pm<br>Easter Vigil                      |
| <b>5</b><br>9:30am<br>Adult SS<br>6:30am<br>Sunrise Service<br>10:50am<br>Easter Service<br><br>✝                              | <b>6</b><br>6:00pm<br>Disciple Bible<br>Study  | <b>7</b><br>6:00pm<br>TOPS  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>                             | <b>10</b><br><br><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> | <b>11</b>                                               |
| <b>12</b><br>8:30am<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>9:30am<br>Adult SS<br>10:50am<br>Worship &<br>Children's SS                          | <b>13</b><br>6:00pm<br>Disciple Bible<br>Study | <b>14</b><br>6:00pm<br>TOPS | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b>                            | <b>17</b>                           | <b>18</b><br>9:00am<br>Men's<br>Fellowship<br>Breakfast |
| <b>19</b><br>8:30am<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>9:30am<br>Adult SS<br>10:50am<br>Worship &<br>Children's SS                          | <b>20</b><br>6:00pm<br>Disciple Bible<br>Study | <b>21</b><br>6:00pm<br>TOPS | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b>                            | <b>24</b>                           | <b>25</b>                                               |
| <b>26</b><br>8:30am<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>9:30am<br>Adult SS<br>10:50am<br>Worship &<br>Children's SS                          | <b>27</b><br>6:00pm<br>Disciple Bible<br>Study | <b>28</b><br>6:00pm<br>TOPS | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b>                            |                                     |                                                         |

## Saturday

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**6:00pm**  
**Easter Vigil**

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**9:00am**  
Men's  
Fellowship  
Breakfast

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**6:00pm**  
**TOPS**

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**8:30am**  
Choir Rehearsal  
**9:30am**  
Adult SS  
**10:50am**  
Worship &  
Children's SS

## Which Way?

Have you ever gotten lost on a road you were familiar with? Well, I know it may not surprise you to hear that – I have! When I was in High School, I was driving home from a track meet taking a road I had been on countless times before. It was dusk and a fog began to roll in. Before I knew what was happening, the fog enveloped me and I couldn't even see the front of the car. The familiar road was now a scary path with no familiar landmarks visible. This was also in a day and age before cell phones so I had no way of calling anyone for help. I prayed. I was so scared as I was in the car on a lonely country road in the middle of nowhere. Many of us have times like this in our lives - things are going along swimmingly and then all of a sudden a monkey wrench gets thrown into the works. We get lost along the way - tempted to go one direction when God is calling us in another. We get scared; following Christ is not the easy path. But when things are down and we feel alone, remember, you are NEVER alone. God is ALWAYS with you. He is there when the fog seems to fold in all around you. He is there when the night seems long and cold. He is there in your grief and brokenness. He is there rejoicing with you in your times of joy. He is there holding you when you need to be held tight. He is there encouraging you when you step out onto a path that is unknown. HE IS WITH YOU.



*Needs for Children's/Youth Ministry:*

- Start collecting items for the Yard Sale Extravaganza t!!- Clean out your rooms and help us raise funds for the youth mission trip too. Call Kim for more information.
- Non-toxic Markers
- Fabric Paint/Markers
- Youth Sponsors!!
- Vacation Bible School Leaders for Art, Music, Crafts, Games, and Kitchen- Sign ups are on the bulletin board.
- Children's Church and Sunday School volunteers

**Yours in Christ, Kim Sommer**

**(719) 210-7394**

## What an awesome church family we have!

Thank you to our loving pastor and her wonderful husband for their heartfelt presentation at the services. Thank you so very much for all your prayers and support these last two months with the passing of both sisters, Mary Sanders (Miller) and Georgia Wright.

Thank you to the ladies group and their wonderful husbands for all they did at the receptions.

There are no words to express my (Ruth Reed's) appreciation to all of you.

*Thank you.*

*Signed by Ruth Reed and all the various families involved.*



*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-*son-in-law*, Ben

Ben, Bill & Jean Edwards

Frank Martinez

Melissa Stallings

Virginia VanDerWege

*The Kim Sommers family*

*The Georgia Wright family*



**Elsa Gordon has her picture taken with the Easter Bunny (aka Karen Weist) and Luci Rawlings (aka the Easter Bunny's mom).**



## Pikes Peak Youth Mission Trip Mosaic... Month of March

### Pick an Envelope, any Envelope!

The Youth of Pikes Peak have a mosaic picture up in the narthex area of the church. Pick any envelope denomination that you would like to donate towards the Pine Ridge Mission trip and place that amount in the envelop. When you have done this, we will be turning the envelopes over to create our masterpiece!!



### Men's Breakfast

The Men's group will meet for breakfast on 3rd Saturday April 18th at 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you all there and bring a friend.

### HAPPY MEMORIES

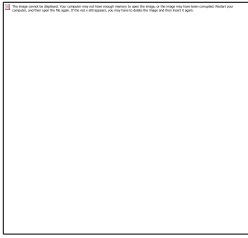
Kyle Lewellen, Great Grandson of Jim Caudle and Grandson of Nancy Schreck was so kind to bring potholders to our ladies that work in the kitchen at church. He handmade them and passed them out Sunday, April 15. Thank you so much, Kyle.

They are appreciated so much. *LaVada Brown*



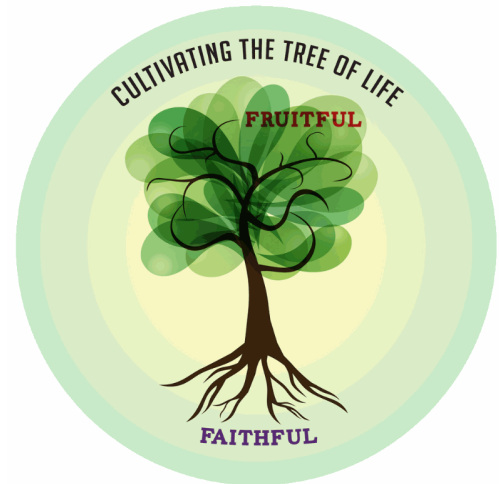
Our family Cannot Thank you enough for all your expressions of Kindness, Caring, and support during this difficult time of Mother's passing. Your heart, felt cards, visits, phone calls, flowers & memorial donations have been amazing and shows us how much of a blessing you all have been to her. We thank all the helping & caring hands that helped with her service, the luncheon and reception. It was wonderful and so sincerely appreciated by all the family. Mother is missed very much, but we have her amazing memories to carry us on. PPM Church is one of those memories. We'll always be a part of it because of Mother & Dad.

On behalf of the family, God Bless each & everyone of you.  
Warmest Regards,  
*Gratefully, Sharon Johnson*



## **Mountain Sky Area**

Rocky Mountain Annual Conference  
Yellowstone Annual Conference  
of The United Methodist Church  
**Bishop Elaine J. W. Stanovsky**



### **Mountain Sky Outlook: Shared Futures January 2015**

## **Cultivating the Tree of Life: Faithful and Fruitful**

### ***Renewal of Creation***

Jesus said he came so that people could live life to the fullest. What would Jesus think if he lived today with oil pipeline breaks spilling into rivers, trains derailling with catastrophic consequences, devastating hurricanes, tornadoes and blizzards, unprecedented earthquake swarms and groundwater contamination near shale oil fracking sites? How would Jesus teach if he lived today?

Remember the Tree of Life? - Growing at the center of the Garden of Eden in Genesis, and growing in the middle of the New Jerusalem in Revelation? The TREE OF LIFE - offering fruit that is good to eat, and leaves for the healing of the nations.

What does it mean to live life to the fullest as disciples of Jesus Christ? It means learning to live our lives in ways that contribute to the fullness of life for all people. Founder of Methodism, John Wesley, called this HOLINESS. He spoke of personal holiness and social holiness. It was the idea that if people grew in their knowledge and love of Jesus (personal holiness) we would experience abundance of life and we would be moved to help others experience it (social holiness). In Wesley's time, Methodists visited people in prisons and cared for orphans. They organized labor collectives, and started schools and hospitals in poor neighborhoods. Wesley believed that our faith would lead us into the world in ways that helped others enjoy life to the fullest.

For four years, as lay and clergy members gather for Annual Conference, we are cultivating God's Tree of Life, focusing on four life-affirming themes. In June 2015, we will gather under the broad, graceful branches of God's promise of abundant life with a focus on the theme: *Renewal of Creation*. Renewal of Creation builds on the themes of the past two years.

In Christ,

Bishop Elaine J. W. Stanovsky

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## April 2015 Sermon Calendar (Lent)

- **April 5 ~ Easter Sunday**
  - Sunrise Service led by the Youth @ 6:30 a.m.
  - Celebration of the Resurrection @ 10:50 a.m.  
Journey to Hope – Mile Marker: True Hope  
Mark 16:1-8
- **April 12 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
“Acts of Kindness, Forgiveness and Love”  
Acts 4:32-35
- **April 19 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
“To Understand”  
Acts 3:12-19
- **April 26 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
“Let It Be Known (to all of you)”  
John 10:11-18

## Our Vision

*Pikes Peak United Methodist Church is a church with a rich heritage. We are called by God to provide a place of grace where all are welcome. We strive to be a community of faithful followers of Jesus Christ, expressing our spirituality through worship, discipleship, outreach and service. As we grow in faith, we seek the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit, who calls us to live in love, joy and peace.*

### Pikes Peak UMC 2015 Administrative Council

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**The Administrative Council meeting in March will be after worship on March 8. If you're a committee or ministry chairperson please plan to attend as we conduct the important business of our Congregation.**

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