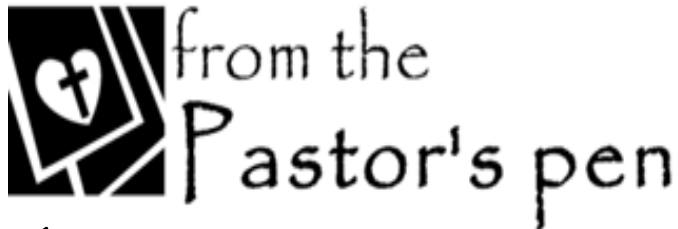


The Lamplighter

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

Nov/Dec 2015



Already to November – and we will be bring a close to another season of Pentecost. The season also known as “ordinary time” has been anything BUT ordinary and I think that we’ve shared some fresh perspectives on the lectionary readings for this year.

We’re entering a busy time of year – in the church and in our community. Here are some highlights for November and December:

- November 1 we will celebrate All Saints Sunday with Holy Communion. It has been a heart-hitting year in our Family of Faith so we have several people who we will honor during the service.
- November 8 we will recognize our Veterans – all the branches of the military. If you have someone you’d like us to name will you let me know?
- November 15 we will culminate a couple weeks of prayerful commitment of how we can add **112 of something** – prayer minutes, Bible study time, tithe increase, service in the community as we remember that 2016 is our 112th anniversary. *What will your 112 commitment be?*

- November 22 is Christ the King Sunday – the official end of Pentecost – and the youth will help with Hanging of the Greens in the worship service. We’ll have our official pull-out-the stops decorating of the Sanctuary and the rest of the church on **Saturday, November 28** and hope YOU can be a part of the festivities of that day.
- November 29 is the beginning of the season of Advent. This year we are focusing on a series called “Christmas Presents that Won’t Break”.

Our Christmas Eve services will be at 5:30 p.m. and we’ll celebrate with **Candles, Carols and Communion**. We’d love to host your friends and family to this special time of worship!

Yes, it’s a busy time so we need to guard our hearts and our priorities to bring Glory to God – through your time, your talents, your prayers, your gifts and your witness when you remind others about the **hope, joy, peace and love** that are WHO Jesus IS!

Our blessings are abundant in this month of Thanksgiving! I surely count each and every one of you among my blessings...and our church...and our family of faith. And I’m honored and blessed to serving with you.

As always, continue to be...

...Abiding in Him,

Pastor Dea

UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church

The October 1st, 2015 meeting of the United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle began at 1:30 pm with the reading of the Purpose of the United Methodist Women. There were ten members present with four guests, including our speaker, Jennifer Polk from the Marion House Soup Kitchen.

Beulah Shaw presented our Spiritual Growth reading called, "Let's Pray." Based on Luke 19:10, "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." This reading reminds us that Jesus is a friend to sinners and a true friend looks for you when you are lost! So, we know Jesus draws near to us to get us back to our Father, God! Thank you Beulah.

We welcomed our speaker, Jennifer Polk, from the Marion House Soup Kitchen which is affiliated with Catholic Charities of Central Colorado. The soup kitchen has, for the last 26 years, served free meals to anyone who needed a meal in Colorado Springs. Today they serve over 209,000 meals a year, seven days a week with only 50 volunteers each day who prepare and serve these meals! The recipients of the 600 to 750 meals a day are 50% homeless people and the other 50% have some kind of housing with friends or in apartments and are considered the "working poor". Unfortunately, their income does not provide enough to keep them fed and housed. To keep up with this demand, one million dollars in food is donated each year by local businesses and groups.

The Marion House has expanded into other programs that often begin with the soup kitchen. The soup kitchen provides a "gateway" into the Family Day Center which has developed programs for children and families, Crisis assistance, and a separate dining room for families with little children. An entire menu with "kid friendly food" has emerged and families are able to sit at individual tables in a more private setting in a separate room. This makes each family unit more comfortable and reduces the stress of eating in a dining hall. We appreciated Jennifer's time and presentation with a round of applause; she was given a donation from our speaker's fund and several items to take back with her.

Last month's minutes were read and approved by the group.

Treasurer Jessie Cooper prepared a balance sheet for the bank account and gave a copy to President Brown and Secretary Arnold for the month of September after reporting the balances of the UMW and Community Service accounts to the membership. Thank you Jessie for all your work, it's appreciated!

Beulah sent cards to those who have birthdays in October as well as those who are ill or recovering from surgery. We also appreciate Virginia Van Der Wege's work in taking photos for the Church directory and Ruth Ann Reed's hard work in putting the whole directory all together!

Grace Cook brought a thank you letter from Red Bird Mission for the education labels she collects for them and for the subscription of Biblical Archeology Magazine that she donates to them. Thank you Grace!

Our meeting ended with a reading of the UMW prayer at 2:56 pm.

Our October refreshments, provided by Jessie Cooper, were delicious fall inspired items. Pumpkin cake, frozen yogurt along with fresh fruit was enjoyed by all. Thank you Jessie! Thanks also to all the helpful members who step up and assist with refreshment time!

November Dorothy Circle meeting will be held at the Church on November 5th at 1:30 for a special crafting social. Using the time that we would normally have a speaker, we will be doing crafts that are completely supplied and organized by some of our members!

It will be a good time to chat since we don't have much time at our regular meetings to just socialize with each other. So if you would like to, please drop and make yourself at home with the girls and with the craft projects, it is always free. You will be welcome and have fun getting to know these great Godly women.

At the November meeting we will also discuss the upcoming December, Christmas meeting. Hope to see you making one or more of the beautiful crafts that will be available at the November meeting!

Respectfully submitted by Secretary,

Gretchen



The Prayer Corner

Disposable Living

Disposable; as printed in the Webster's Dictionary is as follows: "Designed to be discarded after a single use."

What can we think of that fits this category?

Let's take it a step further.

What do we feel we can't live without whether or not what we have still works?

This, of course, may be different for each of us.

I would ask that we give this some serious thought....as this does not just apply to material things now does it?

We are asked to be mindful of how we treat ALL of God's creation...so that the generations to come will have something left to appreciate and enjoy.

It becomes more serious when we think in terms of how wildlife and our environment are being compromised by our choices.

It's all about choices, isn't it?

I bring this up for consideration; not as a soap-box agenda, but to also add our thoughts about preserve our Spiritual Living.... moment to moment day to day 365 days a year for generations to come.

It all started with God's Creation in Genesis. Free will got put into the mix...resulting in a broken world.

So far it sounds like gloom and doom.

NOT SO. Remember that "free will" subject?

Each and every one of us has a choice to clean up , straighten up, and save up.

How can just one person make a difference?

Our part?

This is not a time of chastisement, but of awarenesseach in our own lives.

Let's just take for instance the following:

What if we took care of what we have, appreciate what we have and pay forward the issues that really matter? Exodus: God's Commandments One and Two.

We all know to do the right thing at the right time for the right reason do we not?

Thanksgiving is a time for gratefulness.

Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus...a mind-set of new beginnings even if we are" born-again-Christians."

God's choice was to create a beautiful world, send His "only Son, Jesus, to teach us, and to give Jesus' life for our salvation.What are we giving to show our gratefulness? What are we leaving as a heritage?

This a a question worth taking the time to it some serious thought.

The important things in our lives are not things and are NOT DISPOSABLE.

ONCE THEY'RE GONE THEY'RE GONE.

What if we chose to live our lives as if everything we did we explained to Jesus why we did it?

What if we spoke to people as if we were speaking to Jesus in the flesh...right here right now?

Can we justify how the importance of our busyness can compare to that "One Solitary Life?"

GOD IS NOT DISPOSABLE, AND JESUS IS INDISPENSABLE (essential, definitely needed.. Webster's)

Yes, it might be easier said than done.....but think of it this way, please:

We probably influence more lives than we can possibly imagine...people we may not even know.

Does one see Jesus in the way we live our lives? This may lead to an opportunity to literally save a life.

Let us pray:

Dear God,

Thank You for loving us so much.

All that we have, all that we are, and all that we hope to be are blessings of thankfulness and promises for new beginnings that will lead to spending eternity with You.

We will always give You the praise and glory.

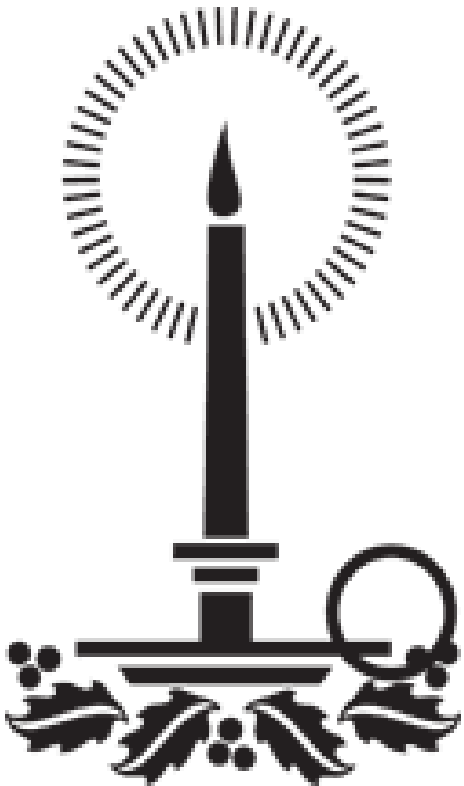
Amen. Twinkle

Pastor Dea's November & December Sermons

- November 1 ~ 23rd Sunday After Pentecost
All Saints Sunday with Holy Communion
"Who Loves Ya Baby?"
Mark 12:28-34
- November 8 ~ 24th Sunday After Pentecost
Honoring our Veterans
"What's A Mite?"
Mark 12:38-44
- November 15 ~ 25th Sunday After Pentecost
Thanksgiving/Commitment Sunday
"No Left Stones"
Mark 13:1-8
- November 22 ~ Christ the King Sunday
Hanging the Greens Service
"Our Images of Jesus"
John 18:33-37
- November 29 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent
"Hope"
Jeremiah 33:14-16
- December 6 ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent
"Peace"
Philippians 1:3-11
- December 13 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent
"Joy"
Philippians 4:4-7
- December 20 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent
"Love"

Luke 1:46b-55
- December 24 ~ Christmas Eve
Candles, Carols & Communion

"Sing Gloria"
Luke 2:1-20
- December 27 ~ 1st Sunday after Christmas
Worship led by Twinkle Gordon
Certified Lay Minister



Advent & Christmas Eve Schedule

Advent Sermon Series "Christmas Gifts That Won't Break"


- HOPE
- LOVE
- JOY
- PEACE

CHRISTMAS EVE @5:30 p.m.

"CAROLS, CANDLES, & COMMUNION"

November 2015

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1	2	3	4	5 1:30pm Dorothy's Circle	6	7
8 9:30am Adult SS Veteran Recognition	9 6:00pm Disciple Bible Study	10 6:00pm TOPS	11	12	13	14
15 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS 4:00pm Charge Conference Commitment Sunday	16 6:00pm Disciple Bible Study	17 6:00pm TOPS	18	19	20	21 9:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
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December 2015

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November Birthdays

Shirley Harr	Nov. 2
Tiffany Jones	Nov. 2
Esther Kennedy	Nov. 9
Chery Wilson	Nov. 10
Vandy Lawley	Nov. 11
Rick Keetch	Nov. 18
Laura Schreck	Nov. 20
Jim Schreck	Nov. 20
Brandon Aragon	Nov. 21
Heather Marshall	Nov. 22
Dick Bush	Nov. 26
Mary Matthews	Nov. 27

November Anniversaries

Mel & Dee Trafton	Nov. 3
Allan & Deborah Pemberton	Nov. 11

December Birthdays

Scott Ashlock	Dec. 1
John Turner	Dec. 2
Betty Peterson	Dec. 5
Joan Roberts	Dec. 6
Joshua Allen	Dec. 10
Sally Simmons	Dec. 21
Marty Corder	Dec. 23
Christine Dame	Dec. 26
Beulah Shaw	Dec. 29
Desmond Payne	Dec. 29

December Anniversaries

Roy & Better Peterson	Dec. 5
Charles & Bonnie Bargas	Dec. 21



Social News

The hanging of the greens is on Nov. 28th. We will be decorating the church and putting up the Christmas trees. There will be a tree in the entrance of the church to hang sock, mittens, scarves, and packages of children underwear to be given to Westside cares.

Sally

TOPS Club

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS CO 0151, Colorado Springs meets every Tuesday evening here in Gamber Hall. Weigh in begins at 4:45 – 5:15 pm and the meeting starts at 5:30 to 6:30 pm. We would love to see you. We have programs and learn information about ways to lose weight. We also earn awards and have a fun time.

In November our theme is “Thanks”. Programs will be from one of our TOPS books that has many activities for us to learn how to change some of our habits.

In December our theme is “Rejoice Without Food”. We will learn ways to cut back on food as there are many holiday parties to attend and we want to be a part of them without gaining the pounds. In December we will also be having our Christmas Party which is a pot luck.

Hope to see some of you soon. If you would like to wait until the New Year that is ok, we will still be here. If you would like to attend a meeting to see what we are about you are welcome. We do use the back entrance. **You may contact Ruth Reed (Leader) for more information at 471-1393.** Ruth

Falling into Advent!!



The fall leaves are just about all gone, the wind is getting colder, the days are getting shorter, and there is a crispness in the air...

I love this time of year!! We have a sense of anticipation and excitement in the air. The young faces in our community know that soon the snow will be coming and they anticipate the coming joy of the season. I also know that many of us also have a sense of anxiety about this time of year. Bills seem to pile up and we, as adults, try our best to continue the “magic” of the season for the younger generations. I want to challenge you to bring joy into the season without spending any money. Don’t focus on what you can or can’t buy for gifts. Time spent with each other, memories made playing games, jumping in the leaves, baking the season’s goodies, or making something special together with whatever supplies you find in your house- will mean more to our younger generations than anything you could purchase in the store. Focus on what Christ meant to us. He spent time with us on Earth. He told stories to teach us. Jesus broke bread with his friends and strangers alike. He gave us the message that we are loved and cared for by a Father in heaven that will NEVER leave or forsake you. Blessings to each and every one of you- May you find true joy and peace as we enter this season!!

Yours in Christ, Kim Sommer

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Youth and Children’s Programs



Trick or Treat for Canned Food Drive



Basement Photos:





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

- Hal Smith
- Bill & Jean Edwards
- Melissa Stallings
- Mike Harris family
- Susie Gallivan's friend Earlene
- Jeremiah, Grandson of Millie & Seth Ware
- Rose & Frank Martinez
- Aspen Caton, Granddaughter of Joe & LaVada
- Cindy Meerpohl's Niece, Jenna Brissett
- Susie Gallivan - cousin Angie
- Harmon Hammit - granddaughter Alicia

Holiday Dinner



Dec. 13th is our annual Holiday dinner. As in previous years the turkey and ham will be provided. However the rest of the meal is up to you. That said we will need such things as mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetables, salads, rolls and butter, and of course desserts. That Sunday is also the children and youth Christmas program and that means we could be having extra people in the congregation and staying for the dinner. Sally



Pikes Peak UMC has been asked to donate 20 aluminum disposable pans to be included in the Thanksgiving baskets. In addition, we're challenged to provide FOUR turkeys or hams for those baskets.

Archie and Chery Wilson are our liaisons to West Side Cares. Please talk to them about ways you can be involved with donations or time at the center.



Chili Cookoff

Winners, by vote of the taste-testers, were Deborah Pemberton and Twinkle Gordon.

Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday November 21st and also on December 19th. If holiday scheduling conflicts we will adjust the schedules. Blessings to you all and invite a friend.

Mel Simmons

New Program!! It's called SCRIP!

Pikes Peak UMC is beginning a new program after Labor Day to help raise funds for the various Mission projects we support- such as the youth mission trip, scholarships to various workshops and leadership programs, etc... It is called the Scrip program. Scrip is Fundraising While You Shop®. This amazingly successful fundraising program has worked for thousands of churches and other non-profit organizations! Scrip turns everyday shopping into cash for your church when families use retail gift cards to pay for everyday purchases (like gas and groceries) instead of the usual credit/debit card or other money. **Contact Rick Keetch or Kim Sommer for more information.**

THANKSGIVING

*Lord, we humbly ask thy blessing,
On the turkey and the dressing.
On the yams and cranberry jelly,
And the pickles from the deli.
Bless the apple pie and tea,
Bless each and every calorie.
Let us enjoy Thanksgiving dinner,
Tomorrow we can all get thinner.
For all Thy help along the way,
We're thankful this THANKSGIVING DAY,
We're thankful too for all our dear ones,
For all the far away and near ones.
Although we may be far apart,
We're together in my heart.
Keep us in Thy loving care,
This is my Thanksgiving prayer.
P.S. Anyone who wishes,
may help with the dishes.*

Many Blessings

LaVada

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