

The Lamplighter

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

Sept/Oct 2015



from the Pastor's pen

The summer has flown by! This month we'll encourage others to join us for Reunion Sunday ~ especially those we haven't seen in a while, bless our pets and fur-babies; come to study God's Word in the Fall adult classes that will be re-starting. This newsletter is full of opportunities to be in study, join a ministry, and grow closer to one another as we walk together in faith.

We're about half way through the season of Pentecost. Though some call this liturgical season "ordinary time" I pray that it has been anything BUT ordinary! As we take more and more steps on our journey of faith with Jesus I am reminded of something a friend told me. He said, "the story continues."

It does! Dear Ones, as we focused – for FIVE weeks – on the miracle story of Jesus feeding the 5000...and that Jesus is our Bread of Life...the story continues **with us**.

In *September* we have the opportunity to re-visit, guided by the Lectionary, the book of James. Pastor Gene will also lead us back to the Gospel of Mark while I do some recuperating after my surgery. Both books of the Bible give us practical advice about how we can avoid being discipleship dropouts – using James' instruction and Jesus' example.

October brings World Communion Sunday at the first of the month and we move into the last quarter of the year. My "long-term" planning is about to turn to Advent (yes, Advent) and that means all of us tuning in to preparing for the Coming Messiah.

But, before we get there we will be making our Family of Faith's preparations for the coming New Year. The 2016 budget will be planned. Our charge conference preparation is beginning for that meeting in November. And the Leadership Committee (used to be called the Nominations Committee) will be working to make sure that you are involved and are serving with your best gifts and where you have a ministry interest.

After the budget is prepared we will step up to a short stewardship campaign that will allow us all to be stewards of our local church AND the church worldwide. I get to say: "Thank you for saying YES!"

The Gospel Good News is that we have an invitation from Jesus to live forever and consequently the capacity to LOVE forever; to do God's work among the *potential* we can find in other; to learn and grow together. I look forward to serving with you, as a Family of Faith, to see how the story CONTINUES to unfold.

As always, continue to be...

...Abiding in Him,

Pastor Dea

UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church

The August 6, 2015 meeting of the United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle began at 1:30 pm with the reading the Purpose of the United Methodist Women.

Our Spiritual Growth Leader, Beulah gave a reading from **Our Daily Bread** entitled, "Turn It Off", a short reading on stepping away from the distractions of life to be alone with God. Thank you Beulah.

Laurie Onstott the Development Manager and our speaker from Silver Key gave a brief history of the work Silver Key has provided our community since 1971. Through the generous donations of private individuals and organizations, Silver Key has evolved into three departments that serve our seniors.

Transportation was the first of these Laurie mentioned. Silver Key buses will pick up anyone 60 or older at their residence and deliver them to their destination at little to no cost for the rider. This service is complete, helping the rider to and from their home and into the place they are going. The second department Laurie mentioned was that of **Nutritional** services. Silver Key has taken over the operation of the Golden Circle Nutrition program that serves many centers throughout the city with weekday hot meals for \$2.25 per person. Silver Key also runs an emergency pantry, a food distribution center and works with Care and Share for commodity distribution. The third department is **Case Management**. Silver Key works with the police to ensure our seniors are safe and cared for in their homes. Long Term Care, Guardianship and Crisis Management are also part of the Case Management program. There is a Thrift Store run by Silver Key Services which will go with them when they move across town to their new building on Murray Blvd and Fountain, past Powers on the East side of town. A contribution of two bags of items and a check for the speaker was given to Silver Key in way of thanks for today!

Jessie Cooper our Treasurer, prepared an accounting and balance sheet for the previous month of July and gave copies of it to President Brown and the Secretary. She asked the group if \$240 to the General UMW for UNCOR and the general fund would be enough for this year (2015) and for next year (2016). There was discussion as to the amount since our bank account is not growing like it has in past years. However the motion was passed unanimously by all present. Thank you Jessie for all you do!

The reading of last month's minutes revealed that Shirley Trucott, not LaVada Brown brought the refreshments. Thank you for catching this correction, and the minutes were corrected as noted! Thank you Shirley for the delicious refreshments last month, I apologize for the mixup!

Our member, Grace Cook, who had a toe amputated recently, gave the Secretary notecards to give to Beulah and a copy of a letter to the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky, regarding our donation of labels toward their education program. Grace is in charge of sending labels to the mission. Thank you Grace!

President Brown passed around thank you cards from the Wood family for the baby shower gifts and from the LaPuente Mission for last month's donations. President Brown also passed around several File of Life magnets for members to fill out and put on their refrigerators in case of emergency.

Our meeting ended with the reading of the UMW prayer at 2:55 pm.

This month's refreshments of cupcakes, fruit and frozen yogurt were provided by President Brown, for which we are all very grateful! Thank you LaVada, and thank you to all the helpful members who step up and assist with refreshment time!

Secretary of Dorothy Circle:

Gretchen



WHO'S YOUR TEACHER?

When I was young; and that I might add, was quite a while ago, we knew that after Labor Day our school year would start. We had a wonderful time playing and did not count the days of enjoyment nor dread the end of summer. We merely accepted that this was the next important step in our lives. We hoped that our friends from the previous year would be in our class. We also hoped that our teacher would be nice and fair. It was safe then to WALK home from school. Our instructions; once home, was to change clothes, (you only had a set for Monday through Friday so better not ruin them) have a snack, do your homework, THEN go out and play. Stay within "calling distance" (no cell phones, just your mothers' voice) and of course BE HOME BEFORE DUSK? Everyone at that time had the very same schedule so there was no lee-way for discussion.

God is, was, and always will be number one in your life! That meant Sunday School and church.

We were taught to respect our elders. (Better not get a bad report from school) Treat all living creatures with kindness. "I don't care what anyone else does, you know right from wrong!" If your friend jumped off a bridge, would you?" The only thing to be concerned about was report cards, keeping company with those who "got into trouble"... "because you are judged by the company you keep"

As I reflect on my childhood, and I would imagine many reading this had a similar childhood set of rules, I appreciate the EXAMPLE my mother set for our family.

She did not just TELL US how to live, she WAS a living example of how God wants us to live and be. SHE WAS A GREAT TEACHER!

Because this way of life was as predictable as breathing I automatically brought the children up this way and endeavor to share this with the grandchildren.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 KJV

Despite this effort, how many of our children and grandchildren are in church or watch it on television every week?

Times seems in some ways to have changed dramatically. God, however has not changed nor the way He wants us to live and be.

I recently heard Rev. Charles Stanley (In Touch Ministries) say " If you do not have a close relationship with God which one of you walked away?"

If you take the first step toward God, He will meet you right where you are. WOW! That says no matter what your childhood was like, even if you did not feel loved, cared for, or worth loving, God has always loved you....AND ALWAYS WILL!

Please read Psalm 139.

We can't do anything about yesterday. That is gone. Tomorrow is not promised. Today is what counts! What does today look like? I will speak more from what I believe Jesus wants from us. Care for and about the poor, hungry, and thirsty. Treat them as you would Jesus.

Jesus is the great HEALER: He heals us inside and out of our dis-eases.

Jesus is the great TEACHER: God sent him to earth to show us how to live our lives.

Jesus is our SAVIOUR: Through his sacrifice for us on the cross and our statement of belief we have life eternal.

Let us pray:

Dear Father,

You are our Parent, Our Teacher, our Everything.

Without You nothing is possible; and with You all things are possible.

I invite you into my every day- ordinary life.

I ask for Your guidance, forgiveness and my daily needs.

Let me also help to provide for the needs of others as Your hands extended.

I thank You for the good times and also the hard times.

I bless those who have wronged me.

I forgive others for I myself am not perfect.

Thank You for loving me.

Help me to be the person You have created me to be.

Amen. Twinkle

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome

Welcome to the adult Sunday School class beginning on Sunday, September 20, at 9:30 am, on the study of one of the smallest books in the Old Testament, the Book of Joel. Joel is one of the Minor Prophets; not because his information is less important, but because his book is very short. This book has only three chapters, (in the Christian Bible), four chapters if you were to read the Jewish Torah. The Torah's version isn't any longer, it's just the way the verses are separated that makes it different. But it's the same 73 verses either way.

Why then do we want to study such a little book and why do we need to study prophecy anyway? A full 26.8 percent of the Bible deals with prophecy, and since we as Christians believe the Bible and want to understand it, then, we must study prophecy.

The short book of Joel is packed full of beautiful encouragements for Christians for the end times, it is an urgent call to those who are not yet Christians and it is a reassurance that God is indeed with us during the tumultuous times ahead.

The study will be six to eight weeks, as we explore the history and the importance of Joel for today, and learn that the "Day of the LORD is on the way" (Joel 1:15).

This will be exciting! I hope you will join me on September 20! Bring your Bible (whatever translation is comfortable to you) and we will hear what God is saying to His children today! Gretchen Arnold



DISCIPLESHIP

Melanie did a good job of organizing and the Castlerock UMC folks were graciously hospitable. Presenters were skilled and easy to listen to. At the beginning, a speaker said that "what do you get out of church?" is a fair question. That is a good question, but I did not hear more about it in the presentations.

By the end, the words "authentic community" appeared. I know those words describe the reason I joined Pikes Peak, I walked in the door and saw it, it was obvious.

I think a person is either a real Christian or a fake Christian. Grace is the difference.

So I think "authentic community" is a really difficult thing to put into powerpoint. It is a conversation we Methodists need to have, based on my experience in various churches with people "hanging" between real and lip-sink Christianity.

Discipleship was presented yesterday this way: The purpose of an apple tree is to produce more apple trees. Analogy would be better if relating the fruit tree to the fruits of the spirit, how these make us like Jesus and therefore authentic, and that is what draws people to us and lets them know we get something out of church.

Discipleship yesterday seemed to me a newer more spiritual term for doing Outreach and Evangelism. I know this version of Discipleship is a popular trend now, Rick Warren group has reached out to Woodman Valley Chapel about how to make Disciples (I was there with a friend recently).

The focus yesterday seemed to be on attracting people like us, we want those 2nd generation non-church goers. This might raise our numbers from 20% to %36% of Americans going to church.

My thought: Country Club golf on Sunday morning with friends is equally attractive? These people are indeed a worthy target, but our Christian reputation precedes us. How do we deal with our negative image?

Nadia Bolz-Weber turns away new members, her church has grown too fast from 12 to 300. So what is it her church offers that people really need? What do they get out of her church?

I had an "ah ha moment" during a presentation yesterday. A praise song came into my head: We all need Jesus because life is hard and it might not get easier. What does Discipleship mean in relation to this authentic experience?

Worship enables me to absorb more of His Presence, which the Pastor then reminds me to take with me as I go out into the world. Pastor Dea does this, Pastor Leslie does this, Pastor Jerry does this - maybe all Pastors do - but in the heart of Old Colorado City, we know what that means, our neighbors are highly visible, they need to see the face of Jesus when we interact with them.

We 4 PPUMC ladies were among the last people out of the church (because we were sharing with Pastor of Peoples Church about healing and blessing services). When we ladies got to our car, I noticed one of the speakers was parked next to us. I was by him, so I shared my "ah ha" moment, quoting the words to the praise song. I asked him if we disciples are equipped to accept people who need Jesus because life is hard and might not get easier (the sick, the poor) into our congregations. He said he hadn't thought about that.

Blessings, Ro

September 2015

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October 2015

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September Birthdays

Sue Bush	Sept. 1
Archie Wilson	Sept. 5
Evelyn Hartley	Sept. 7
Ray Pierce	Sept. 11
Shirley Trucott	Sept. 18
Barbara Turner	Sept. 19
Tyler Cole	Sept. 19
Tom Hammitt	Sept. 20
Ashley Schilowsky	Sept. 28
Aaron Schilowsky	Sept. 30

September Anniversaries

Marshel & Rachel Thompson	Sept. 15
Pastor Gene & Dea Sharp	Sept. 21

October Birthdays

Leroy Storaasli	Oct. 1
Frank Martinez	Oct. 4
Alice Shartran	Oct. 8
Carol Stephenson	Oct. 10
Katie Lynn	Oct. 12
Tiffany Cole Wright	Oct. 17
Ruth Pierce	Oct. 18
Rachel Thompson	Oct. 19
Margo Bowler	Oct. 19
Morgan Conger	Oct. 20
Sue Gallivan	Oct. 22
Sharon Weatherson	Oct. 27

October Anniversaries

Joshua & Stephanie Allen	Oct. 4
Seth & Millie Ware	Oct. 23

Social News

September 13th is Reunion Sunday. The service will be outside in the parking lot with the chairs set up in the shade.



Following the service there will be a potluck lunch with Fried chicken provided by the church and the rest of the meal will be potluck. Bring your favorite late summer salads, baked beans and of course desserts. After the potluck we will have a cake/cookie walk, watermelon eating contest, and pie eating contest using pot pie size pies. For all these events we will need donations of a watermelon, cakes and cookies and small pies. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the hall outside pastor's office.

Sally

TOPS Club

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

COME RIDE THE TOPS TRAIN TO SUCCESS IN LOSING WEIGHT.

Our theme for the coming year is Come Ride the TOPS Train to Success in Losing Weight.

TOPS is looking forward to an EXCITING New Year with new officers. We will have very exciting and challenging programs and contests for the future.

If you are looking for help and support in losing weight please come join us. We meet every Tuesday in Gamber Hall. We weigh in between 5-5:45 pm and our meeting starts at 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Hope to see you soon. **If you would like more information contact the new leader**

Ruth Reed 471-1393.

Ruth

Back to School-UGH!!

The school year has begun and parents are rejoicing while the children and youth are mourning the loss of their “sleeping in” hours. We look at our summer and wonder, “where did the time go?” Our youth were busy throughout the summer with the mission trip in June and helping with Vacation Bible School too. They also spent a “Wacky Olympic Day” with some very special guests from Zach’s Place! Our Children’s Church and Sunday school were also traveling through the Bible this summer focusing on the familiar stories such as – Jesus feeding the 5000 and other miracles, Daniel in the Lion’s Den, Adam and Eve, Noah and the Ark, etc... As we move into the fall, our Youth will be learning about their own faith journey and how they fit into the church. Our Children’s Church will continue with following our weekly Scripture readings set by Pastor Dea and they will continue with learning more stories from the Bible. You may have also noticed the mess in the basement! We are in the process of redefining the learning spaces downstairs and creating a mural that will depict various scenes in the Bible. It will take us all Fall at least to make this trek so I will be keeping you posted on the changes!! We have need of any “water-based” acrylic paint leftovers that you may have in your storage closets. It doesn’t matter what colors you have- we will be needing and using them all!!! We will also need any painting tools that you can donate – brushes, pans, tape, rollers, etc...

Yours in Christ, Kim Sommer

719-210-7394

Needs for Children’s/Youth Ministry:

- *Children’s Church and Sunday School volunteers*

Donations for Sunday School needed:

White school glue, glue sticks, large sets of washable markers, wide ruled spiral notebooks, stamp pads, stickers, craft foam sheets, outdoor



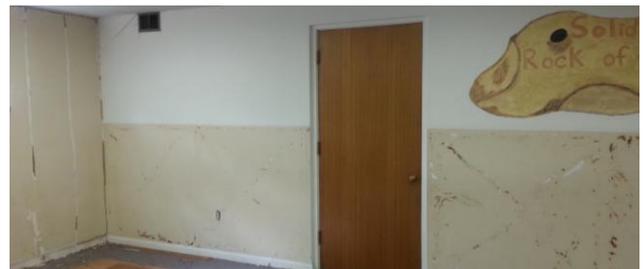
Wacky Olympics Photos:



Basement Photos: Before



After



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



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

Susie Gallivan for her friend Vi
Ro Collins for her friend Cessily
Alice Shartran for Charlene Belshaw

Blessings for Tyler & Christine Wood on the birth of their son, Jackson William Wood



October 25th will be the fall festival with our annual chili cook off followed by games. Sp dust off your favorite chili recipe and bring a pot of chili to church. We have had some really good chili in the past so I am sure we will again. There will be prizes for the first and second winners. Looking forward to all that good chili. If you don't want to bring chili, we will also need crackers or breads. Come and have a good time and cheer for the winners.

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS Book of Joel

Gretchen Arnold will lead the Adult Sunday School class in a study of the Old Testament prophet Joel. We gather at 9:30 a.m. before worship and will start up on Sunday, September 20



Tyler Wood heads to Navy Boot Camp

Harmon Hammitt, seated, presented Tyler Wood a sailor's Bible from the PPUMC Family of Faith. Tyler, picture with his wife, Christine and their dog, Bug, will depart for Navy boot camp on September 1. We keep the Woods in our prayers!

Meet Jackson William Wood



Not only is Tyler heading to boot camp but he and Christine welcomed their son, Jackson, on Friday, August 28. Jackson is the grandson of Kim & Craig Sommer and Leslie & Brian Wood. Leslie was pastor at PPUMC before Pastor Dea arrived. Jackson's stats are that he is 8 lbs. 5 ounces and 21.5 inches long. Congratulations to the Wood families and the Sommer family. The PPUMC Family of Faith is blessed to get to know this child of God.

Men's Group

The Men's breakfast will be held at the church on Saturday Sept 19th at 9:00 a.m and also at the church on Saturday October 17th at 9:00 a.m.. Thank you all for the cooking break last month. I really appreciated the fellowship. Blessings,

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.**

BILL AND JEAN EDWARDS

Two of our very loyal and beloved members have moved out of town. Bill and Jean have moved to be closer to their daughter, Norma in Ohio. We have so many fond memories of Bill and Jean as they joined our church in 1956 and attended a few years before. They attended Rev. McPherson's Bible Study for so faithful in coming to church each Sunday.

We wish them much happiness as they are living close to their Grandchildren and Daughter. Prayers for Bill as he will be having back surgery and also for Jean as they adjust to a new environment in Ohio. We will keep you both in our prayers.

Many Blessings *LaVada*

Monday Night Bible Study Begins on Monday, September 14th at 6:30pm!!

We are beginning a new study called "That the World May Know." It is a wonderful video series that will take us to the Holy Land and beyond! The scriptures will come alive as we see the places mentioned in the Bible and learn of their significance in a whole new way. The lessons each week are whole and complete. This makes it easier for people if you are out of town for a trip or business and can't be there each Monday. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call Kim Sommer at 210-7394 if you would like to join us!!

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