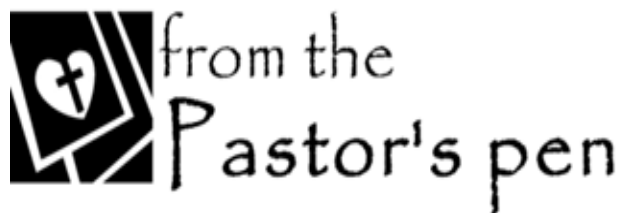


The Lamplighter

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

February 2015



We are going on a journey!
It is the *Journey to Hope*
through Lent which begins
this month.



You are invited! And I would ask that you be intentional about this journey.

On the *Journey to Hope* we will travel with Jesus to the cross, discovering along the way that Hope can be found as we encounter some of life's most difficult circumstances. By addressing real life circumstances along the way we will learn how faith in Christ is relevant to everyday life and how having a faith community can make all the difference.

The journey will start on Wednesday, February 18 with a Service for Ash Wednesday – the starting day of the Lenten Season. We will have a service at 7 p.m. that will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. The *Journey to Hope* begins with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. It sounds like we're skipping days to the celebration of Palm Sunday but if we start AT Jerusalem we'll be able to linger over some of the experiences Christ has along the way.

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UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church

The January 8th, 2015 meeting of the United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle had been moved from New Year's Day to the following Thursday, January 8. There was not an outside speaker for our first meeting since each New Year's subject is on Prayer and Self-Denial.

After reading the UMW Purpose in unison, Beulah presented a Spiritual Growth reading from the **Three Little Words** book written by Terry Ferguson. Each group of three words is accompanied by three scripture readings, for instance: "Count Your Blessings" is companioned with Ps. 139:17, 18, Eph. 3:1-3 and Ps. 40: verse 5. Thank you Beulah!

We then proceeded to our program given by Gretchen. This consisted of a short reading on the life of Suzanna Wesley, the mother of John Wesley who began the Methodist Church. Suzanna was the youngest of 25 children, daughter of a London Pastor and well acquainted with a life of prayer and self-denial when she married Samuel Wesley a poor young pastor. Samuel and Suzanna Wesley eventually had nineteen children (John was the fifteenth child), however only ten lived to adulthood.

The example of Suzanna's life encourages us as we began our first meeting considering our own prayer and self-denial opportunities. The program was ended with a verse from Luke 9: 23 when Jesus told his disciples that, "whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

Our Treasurer Jessie presented the 2015 Bank Statement to show our UMW and the Community Service Balances. She also gave a separate accounting of our giving for 2014! Thank you Jessie for your diligent work in keeping our accounts straight!

Birthday cards and encouragement cards will be sent to several of our congregation this month. Seventy Six cards were sent out in 2014 and it looks like another busy year for cards! This service is appreciated by all who receive one of these thoughtful cards!

We are asked to bring treats for the Valentine Bags that will be assembled at next month's meeting. We will be filling about 15 to 16 bags this year again that will be delivered by our membership. The congregation is encouraged to bring goodies for these bags that will bless those who are unable to attend worship.

Jessie asked which organization should receive our donations from the meeting since we traditionally give either all or a portion of our gifts to a worthy charity. This year we all agreed that the Springs Rescue Mission will receive a portion of our prayer and self-denial donations

Thank you LaVada for providing our bottled water for the meeting in keeping with our topic of prayer and self-denial for the beginning of the New Year!

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 Arnold

TOPS Club

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

Did you know that a local chapter of TOPS Club, International has been meeting here in Gamber Hall since 2009?

This self-help weight loss chapter began with six members. It has now grown to 15. Three brand new members, instead of waiting for "The New Year" resolution time, will be facing the opening days of 2015 DOWN a few pounds instead of discouragingly UP. Please come check us out.

We meet every Tuesday evening for weigh-in at 5:00-5:45, and a one hour meeting beginning at 6pm.

We hope to "see you lighter!" If you would like more information please contact Ruth Reed 471-1393. *Ruth*

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Some of the trip will be familiar. Some of the signs along the road will look like we remember. Other parts of the jaunt will be challenging and cause us to re-check our GPS (*and the map*)...still others will offer up the ways that you can point (and lead) others in the right direction toward Hope.

We join Jesus on the journey to find hope amid challenge – and I wonder **how will the journey be different if we truly let Jesus be "in the driver's seat?"** Grab your traveling shoes – it's going to be an interesting trip!

As always, continue to be...

...Abiding in Him, *Pastor Dea*



Gretchen Arnold is a devoted Christian who shares her gifts with all a true example of a how to live the Quite Disciple life.

Gretchen has a gentle heart she expresses God's grace to the children while delivering the Children's Message on Sunday. She invites children of all ages to join her at the front of the church, we have watched generations of children grow up learning their faith from her lessons.

Each year even before the events are in place on the church calendar Gretchen wants to fill the Easter eggs for our annual hunt. One year she and her husband fill almost 1,000. She so delights in doing for others. When someone is sick or having a hard time spiritually she sends a cheerful note with just the right scripture to let them know God walks beside them.

She still smiles and witnesses even when she faces personal troubles. We are asked to give generously of ourselves and she does hugs, smiles, cards, reaching out touch our elderly with a kind word or dinner.

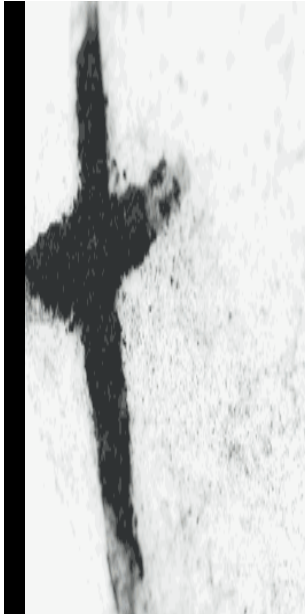
Prayerfully submitted
Lay Leader – Pikes Peak UMC
Ann Keetch

Blessings to the following February Birthdays

Michelle Morgan	Feb. 1
Donna Miller	Feb. 2
Brittani Holmquist	Feb. 3
Joe Brown	Feb. 7
Rose Martinez	Feb. 10
Harold Smith	Feb. 12
Ann Keetch	Feb. 13
Kelly Arnold	Feb. 14
Bill Edwards	Feb. 16
Pastor Dea Sharp	Feb. 18
Carole Garriott	Feb. 18
Coop Cooper	Feb. 18
Chloe Pemberton	Feb. 18
Robin Barr	Feb. 19
Ervin Meacham	Feb. 20
James Caudle (Leap Year)	Feb. 29

February Anniversaries

Steve & Cindy Meerpohl	Feb. 10
Herb & Beulah Shaw	Feb. 19



Beginning the
**Journey to
Hope**
**Ash
Wednesday**

**February 18
6:30 p.m.**

**Please call the church to schedule a
ride if needed!**

February 2015

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p>8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS</p> <p>Sunday School Store</p>	<p>6:00pm Disciple Bible Study</p>	<p>6:00pm TOPS</p>		<p>1:30pm Dorothy Circle</p>		
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Lent- a time to prepare, a time to wait, a time to reflect...

This month Lent will be upon us.

I like to use this time of the year to reflect on my own faith walk. Where have I gone this past year and where am I going?

Will I be ready for whatever God has in store for me this coming year? Will I be ready for Jesus when He comes again? Mark 13:32 states, ""But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.""

When I was young, my parents left my sister and I alone for the first time while they went out for the day. We had a list of chores that needed to be completed by the time they returned. I asked my mother, "What time are you coming home?" and her answer was, "We are not going to tell you, just do what we have asked you to do by the time we return." Well, I was not happy with that answer, but I knew I wasn't getting any more information. My sister and I decided not to waste any time and started honestly on completing the list which happened to include doing the dishes. There was no automatic dishwasher in our home so we had to wash and dry by hand. I don't know how it started. One splash here and a squirt of water there- before we knew it an all out water war was under way! Hoses and buckets became involved and in the end there was an inch of water on the floor throughout the house, the couch was soaked, and nothing was dry or clean in the house. My parents came home at that inopportune time and discovered complete mayhem with the couch cushions outside and every towel in our home soaking wet.

Our story as Christians is not so different. We know we have a "chore" list to do. God has given each of us a specific path to follow and things to do according to our spiritual gifts. Our youth are beginning their faith walk with Confirmation. What an exciting time! We can't let a single opportunity go by to help them on their path to discovering what they truly believe. We don't know what the next day or even minute will bring. Prepare, reflect, help each other on your faith walk. Blessings Always!

Needs for Children's Ministry:

- Sunday School Teachers/helpers (sign-up in the hallway or contact Kim Sommer)
- Children's Ministry Team members (meet on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am)
- Non-toxic Markers
- Fabric Paint/Markers
- New white t-shirts, all sizes (there is tie dying in our future!)
- Youth Sponsors!!
- Vacation Bible School Leaders for Art, Music, Crafts, Games, and Kitchen



Kim Sommer
(719) 210-7394

February Follies



Spaghetti Lunch

**Pikes Peak United Methodist
Church Youth**

You are invited to attend an afternoon of fun and food with the comedy styling's of the youth and members of Pikes Peak United Methodist Church. We will be serving an awesome Spaghetti Lunch with all the trimmings. We are raising funds to go towards our mission trip to Pine Ridge, South Dakota- a Native American Reservation in need.

**Sunday February 15th at noon
following service**

Donations Accepted

For more information contact
Kim Sommer at **(719) 210-7394**

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*

Ken Arnold

Jean & Bill Edwards

Susie Gallivan

Frank Martinez

Ruth Reed's family

Hal Smith

Melissa Espinosa Stallings

Twinkle and Margo, *nephew and loss of friend*

February 2015 Sermon Calendar

February 2015 ~ 1-4th Sunday After the Epiphany
Service with Holy Communion
"The Authority of Jesus"
Mark 1:21-28

February 8 ~ 5th Sunday After the Epiphany
"On Being Lifted Up"
Mark 1:29-39

February 15, 2015 ~ Transfiguration Sunday
"If Only I Could"
Mark 9:2-9

LENT BEGINS – JOURNEY TO HOPE

Ash Wednesday, February 18

Service with Imposition of Ashes and Holy
Communion at 6:30 p.m.
"Remodeling 101"
Mark 8:31-37

February 22 ~ 1st Sunday of Lent
"Who is on Your Journey to Hope with You?"
Mark 10:13-16

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.

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