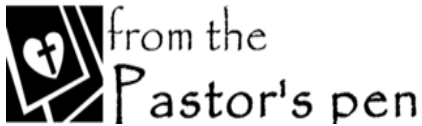


# The Lamplighter

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

July/Aug 2015



We have been together for six months! Goodness, time has gone by so quickly! It doesn't quite seem possible. Pastor Gene and I have been so graciously welcomed by all of you that Pikes Peak UMC has become "home" and we are blessed to be among you.

This edition of our newsletter is for July and August and it is not short on information and news about our recent Vacation Bible School **as well as** upcoming events. Our Family of Faith is busy and doing God's work – which deserves a celebration or two. I hope that you'll mark your calendars for the events we have planned and then, as your summer passes, you'll be energized and ready to be involved in the Adult Sunday School class or the evening study group (has been Disciple) which is stepping out into something new – something which could be "just right" for you to enrich your faith journey.

Summer is a lull time....vacations, family reunions, visits....things that lure us away from organized worship. I pray that you will remember your Family of Faith with your financial commitments during these months and of course, you're *always* encouraged to bring your family and guests to join us for worship. Summer can also be a time for reflection and development of your personal devotional time, even studying His word to know God better!

About 350 years before the time of Jesus, someone wrote a strange essay of reflections on the meaning – or better the *lack* of meaning – of life. That essay is included in the canon of the Old Testament, an inspired-by-God revelation OF God. The unnamed author goes by the title *Qoheleth* (or in Greek, *Ecclesiastes*), which means teacher, but more fundamentally refers to a "gatherer" or someone around whom the community gathers...maybe a pastor in a local church. *Ecclesiastes* is not one of the better known books of the Bible. But, perhaps, in these warmer months the most familiar words of the book can take on a new poignancy, even urgency, for us.

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## **UMW Dorothy's Circle**

### **Pikes Peak United Methodist Church**

The June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting of the United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle began at 1:32 pm with a reading of the Purpose of the United Methodist Women

Our Spiritual Growth Leader, Beulah gave a reading from "**Our Daily Bread**" by Author David McCaslin, a Colorado Springs resident. David reminded us to look up to Pikes Peak and read Psalm 91 which tells us to lift up our eyes to the hills, that our strength comes from the Lord. Thank you Beulah.

Stu Davis, a local pastor until he felt called by God to work at the Springs Rescue Mission, began the program by complimenting PPUMC for helping the homeless in so many ways. He then gave an example of the winter of 2013 when 1,200 people requested assistance; 70% of these were El Paso County residents and a third were households with children. After filling every available bed the various assistance agencies could provide, there were still 200 people without shelter. Stu said the biggest need in El Paso County is for housing. For every 100 people at the poverty level of \$17,000 or less a year, there are only 16 units of affordable housing available. About 83,000 people or 12% of the County live in poverty.

The Mission currently provides three rotations of breakfast, lunch and dinner every day; beds/shelter; job training/job placement assistance; house-hold goods and furniture, all for FREE, through donations from the community. Stu asks every group he speaks to if they might hold a donation drive for seasonal needs. He also said the panhandlers on street corners are not motivated to get help if they continue to get cash or food from passersby.

This provides a hand-out not the hand-up these people need.

Dorothy Circle will be discussing, in upcoming meetings, how we might be able to assist this very worthy, local agency. Before Stu left, Pastor Dea offered a prayer for the Rescue Mission, for Stu and for the work being done there.

Treasurer Jessie, gave an update on the UMW and Community Service Balances for May. Jessie prepared last month's balance sheets and gave copies of her report to the President and Secretary before reading the statistics and balances to the group. Thank you Jessie.

President Brown will set out a donation box to help fill personal products bags for migrant workers at the San Luis Valley's LaPuente Mission that Dorothy Circle fills each year. LaVada also passed around thank you cards from One Nation Walking and from Red Bird Mission for our UMW donations.

LaVada also passed out information on car registrations. Everyone gets two copies. One has your name and address on it and the other has only your name. The one without your address is meant to be placed in your vehicle so if your car is stolen, your address is not available to the thief! Please check your card.

Beulah hosted the meeting and provided delicious refreshments for our group, thank you Beulah!

Next month's July 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker will be from LaPuente Mission in the San Luis Valley. Shirley and Evelyn will provide the refreshments and host this meeting.

Everyone is invited to attend our monthly presentations! We have our program first so guests may stay after the presentation or leave as needed. We would love to see you there!

Secretary of Dorothy Circle:

*Gretchen*

As you read the words below remember that there are two kinds of time (according to Greek and Christian traditions) *chronos* and *kairos*. *Chronos* is what we understand as time – the moment by moment passing, as points on a schedule. *Kairos* is a moment of opportunity, of grace – the moment that yields something beyond itself...to invite us to look at things in a new way. In the passage, think of the word "time" as *chronos*, merely a schedule. Then read the words again and see "time" as *kairos* each of those moments as opportunity for learning, growth and something new in God's grace.

There's a season for everything  
and a time for every matter under the  
heavens:  
a time for giving birth and a time for dying,  
a time for planting and a time for uprooting  
what was planted,  
a time for killing and a time for healing,  
a time for tearing down and a time for building  
up,  
a time for crying and a time for laughing,  
a time for mourning and a time for dancing,  
a time for throwing stones and a time for  
gathering stones,  
a time for embracing and a time for avoiding  
embraces,  
a time for searching and a time for losing,  
a time for keeping and a time for throwing  
away,  
a time for tearing and a time for repairing,  
a time for keeping silent and a time for  
speaking,  
a time for loving and a time for hating,  
a time for war and a time for peace.  
(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

Can you envision the opportunities in each "kairos"? Not to just "do what we want" but to follow God's call into service – and let's embrace those moments; even when we encounter fear and uncertainty. We've got the power in us to be His hands and feet.

I will be at Perkins School of Theology on the Southern Methodist University campus for a couple of weeks in July. I welcome your prayers for those two weeks of intense study as well as about being away from you all. I'll be able to read emails and entrust you to care for one another. Twinkle Gordon, our Certified Lay Minister; Ann Keetch, our Lay Leader and Pastor Gene will be available should pastoral care calls arise (but I'm praying those won't happen!) Be sure to read each bit of this newsletter. See if YOU can find bits of *kairos* and be open to the opportunities before you.

As always, continue to be.....Abiding in Him,

*Pastor Dea*

## Mornin' Sunshine,

I awakened you yet another day.  
I have plans for you, but would appreciate some quiet time before we get started.  
I speak to that still, small voice within ; the one that affirms how special you are to Me.  
The choices you make today; I pray, will be ones of compassion, gentleness and kindness.  
I trust you will see the needs of others and respond in an appropriate and timely fashion.  
When I share that prayers without deeds are less than effective, I know you understand.  
I do not want or need anything! ....but those you come in contact with today most certainly do!  
Simple things; like consideration of the circumstances of others, a smile, a kind word, OR resisting temptation(that's a difficult one!)  
are probably not simple nor easy.  
Everything and everyone I have created needs TLC (Tender Loving Care).  
I have given this capability to you in the hopes that you will pass along the blessings you presently enjoy.  
When I mentioned earlier the simple as well as difficult things, I trust My Teachings will prevail in each and every circumstance.  
Starting your day without our time together may prove less than fulfilling for not only others, but you as well, my child.  
Take time to appreciate all of Creation.Say I love you to those you care for and about.  
I have not promised to wake you up again tomorrow, so live today without regrets; for the words of hope left unsaid, deeds left undone or those well-intentioned promises you made to me.  
Remember? The ones you uttered in times of trials and tribulations.  
Share the "Good News" of Salvation. The Gift you accepted was for ALL MY CHILDREN EVERYWHERE as well.  
I AM with you always.  
We can do this together.  
Now, let's get a move on!  
We've got a big day ahead of us.  
There's "free will" goin' on out there, so watch your step!  
And lastly, "If I Bring You To It, I'll See You Through It!"

**GOD**

## Renewal of Creation

Annual Conference was held at YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park a more beautiful setting would be hard to find. The conference center was built to be kind to the environment. Bishop Elaine Stanovsky during her Episcopal address stated, "We know our lives come from somewhere beyond anything we can control or even understand. And we want our lives to keep in touch with that mysterious source, that powerful source; that hopeful source. We want to make choices and live our lives in a way that is worthy of the amazing, mysterious, powerful, hopeful God who breathed the very life into our lungs."

The guest speakers talked on how our choices not only impact our lives and those of all around us, be it human or animal. But it impacts our very spiritual connection with God. I attended a workshop offered by Pat Watkins, on *Biblical Theology* (I thought I was out of my comfort zone). But during this most enlighten and delightful workshop not only was I reminded of the connections between God+nature+man. Think about the first connection God made the Garden of Eden, then he created Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve didn't follow the word of God they lost their paradise and then had to make grown their own food from the rocks and weeds of the earth. It gave me much to think on with each example he took from the Bible.

There has been conversation about a merger of Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone Conferences. To better serve the forming of disciples of Jesus Christ. Our Bishop Elaine has spoken with the others on this matter it is still in the planning and discussing stages.

During Conference a need for not one truck but two was brought to the attention of in attendance. It seems it's hard to be a fire department without a fire truck. Director, Otto Braided Hair, needs one for his Northern Cheyenne Fire Protection department. With the Rocky Mtn. Conference still healing relationship with the Northern Cheyenne it has pledged to buy a used fire truck. During conference word came of a used one and \$9,294 was pledged to buy the fire truck, with \$1,540.25 already collected. Our Fathers hands have many servants

The second truck is an important resource for helping those in Angola. With building materials shipped, needs for transporting mission teams it is hard without a truck. The roads in Angola are rough and pickup truck is needed to assist in the rebuilding after the Angola's long civil war. The Rocky Mtn. and Yellowstone Conference have teamed up to buy one for Kenneth Koome Nkando a missionary of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church assigned in the East Angola Annual Conference. We hear your need Father and answer you.

Bishop Elaine appointed Pastor Dea Sharp to continue her appointment at Pikes Peak United Methodist church for another year. We are blessed to have her spiritual guidance and leadership. Is there an Amen in God's House?

The following laity and clergy were elected to represent the Rocky Mtn. Conference during the 2016 General and Jurisdictional Conferences:

### General Conference Laity:

Doug Palmer, Chair	Kunle Taiwo	Reasa Currier
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### General Conference Clergy:

Kent Ingram, Chair	Brad Laurvick	Megan Armstrong
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### Jurisdictional Conference Laity:

Harvey Tukutau	Margaret Hotze	Judy Hill
Liwliwa Robledo	Glenna Brayton	Diana Huerta

### Jurisdictional Conference Clergy:

Skip Strickland	Cathie Kelsey	Jessica Rooks
Eric Smith	Michael Dent	Sione Tukutau

If you have questions about items at Conference please ask Rick Keetch, Equalization member or myself. I will try to answer it or find the answer for you. Again I want to thank you for entrusting me with representing our church, PPUMC at Annual Conference. I trust in God and his power, the convictions and principles of John Wesley.

Ann Keetch

*Lay Servant and Lay Representative*



**Sharps and Keetchs at Annual Conference 2015**

# July 2015

**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 1:30pm Dorothy's Circle	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 
<b>5</b> 9:30am Adult SS 6:30am  12:15pm Pie Social	<b>6</b> 6:00pm Disciple Bible Study	<b>7</b> 6:00pm TOPS	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS	<b>13</b> 10:00am-2 Wacky Olympic Day  6:00pm Disciple Bible Study	<b>14</b> 6:00pm TOPS	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
<b>19</b> 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS	<b>20</b> 6:00pm Disciple Bible Study	<b>21</b> 6:00pm TOPS	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS	<b>27</b> 6:00pm Disciple Bible Study	<b>28</b> 6:00pm TOPS	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

# August 2015

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

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<b>2</b> 9:30am Adult SS 6:30am 10:50am Worship & Children's SS	<b>3</b> 6:00pm Disciple Bible Study	<b>4</b> 6:00pm TOPS	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Admin Potluck at Pastor Dea's
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## Blessings to the following July Birthdays

Nancy Schreck	July 5
Dee Trafton	July 11
Roy Peterson	July 11
Robert Holmquist	July 12
Natalie Keating	July 23
Ruth Wilber Sheaves	July 24
Brad Wetzel	July 25
Stephanie Miller	July 28
Breana Walters Storaasli	July 31

## July Anniversaries

Irv & Joyce Johnson	July 10
Mike & Kelley Arnold	July 20
Joe & LaVada Brown	July 20
Jim & Luci Rawlings	July 30

## Blessings to the following August Birthdays

LaVada Brown	Aug 1
Ron Reed	Aug 8
Herb Shaw	Aug 8
Sarah Korkowski	Aug 9
Kenny Baines	Aug 11
Jordon Trafton	Aug 13
Don Shartran	Aug 16
Preston Holladay	Aug 16
Brian House	Aug 17
Christopher Willsey	Aug 18
Lori Sarena Brown	Aug 21
Lola Satterfield	Aug 26
Russ VanDerWege	Aug 27
Luci Rawlings	Aug 30

## August Anniversaries

Rick & Ann Keetch	Aug 3
Kim & Craig Sommer	Aug 5
Rachel & Bernard Schilowsky	Aug 29

## Social News

On July 5th we will have our annual Red, White and Blue pie potluck.

Bring your favorite pie for a pie potluck fellowship following the morning service.



September 13th will be our reunion Sunday. The morning service will be outside in the shade followed by a potluck. Fried chicken will be provided and we will be looking forward to whatever you would like to bring, We look forward to seeing everyone there and hope you are having a great summer. Blessings, *Sally and Mel*

## TOPS Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

If April Showers bring May Flowers, it will be a MOST beautiful spring! Will we be dressing like radiant flowers, or in something drab as a flour sack? If excess weight is a problem, please consider TOPS, Club, a weight-loss, self-help group. A local chapter meets in Gamber Hall every Tuesday evening. **Weigh-in begins at 5:00, and at 6:00 we start our meeting, with a new program every week. Ask Ruth Reed about our exciting contests! Ruth can be reached at 471-1393. Hope to see you Tuesday evening!**

*Ruth*

## Summer Craziness!!

This summer has started off with a bang!! Our students got out of school the end of May and then the first week of June, we left for an amazing adventure in South Dakota! Our group met a lot of new people- Youth from other parts of the country, Next Step ministry staff that were awesome, and some very neat community members that we were privileged to work with on the various sights. We will be having a congregational Ice Cream Social and slide show on August 16<sup>th</sup> to share our adventure with everyone. We came back and then jumped into the Thailand Trek Vacation Bible School program. We did not have very many children, but those that did attend were blessed with some fun games, messy crafts, and met some interesting children from across the sea! We were able to raise funds to purchase 35 bibles printed in Thai that will go to the children in Thailand. We are also in the process of collecting some bibles to send overseas as well. I have included a list of events for the next few months, please mark your calendars!!

**Yours in Christ,**

**Kim Sommer**

**719-210-7394**

*Needs for Children's/Youth Ministry:*

*Children's Church and Sunday School volunteers!*

**Donations for VBS:** White school glue, glue sticks, large sets of washable markers, wide ruled spiral notebooks, stamp pads, stickers, craft foam sheets, outdoor games items (Frisbees, balls, etc...)

**Monday, July 13:** Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Wacky Olympic Day at the Church 10 am- 2 pm

**Sunday, August 16:** Congregation Ice Cream Social and Slide Show. The youth that went on the mission trip will share their stories and pictures, following the church service. We will also meet to determine activities for the fall.

**\*\* Events not yet scheduled but in process: Working with Horses, Working with special needs kids**



**Mission Trip Photos!!**



**VBS 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*

Rowena Collin

Grace Cook

Bill and Jean Edwards

Frank Martinez

Andrew Olson

Allan Pemberton

Deb Pemberton

Hal Smith

Vandy Lawley -God called her home

## Refreshment Servers

**First Sunday -** Grace Cook  
Sally Simmons

**Second Sunday -** Twinkle Gordon  
Margo Bowler

**Third Sunday -** Beulah Shaw  
Dee Burger  
Joan Roberts

**Fourth Sunday -** Cindy & Steve Meerpohl

**Fifth Sunday -** Karen Wiest  
Luci Rawlings  
Ann Keetch

**If you're interested in helping, if a substitute is needed (or for assistance) please contact:  
LaVada Brown.**



**August 16th we will enjoy an ice cream social. The ice cream and a variety of toppings will be provided.**

**Ice Cream Social** Cookies would be welcome.

## Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet at the church on Saturday July 18th at 9:00 a.m and also on Saturday August 15th at 9:00 a.m. Mark your calendar and see you there. Blessings,

*Mel Simmons*

## PPUMCOR

Pikes Peak United Methodist Committee on Relief had a team out to Simla last Month! They took provisions to feed the crew working around the Simla UMC as well as for clean up after the tornado out there. Twinkle, Margo, Ro and Rachel can share about that!

## Pikes Peak UMC 2015 Administrative Council

Council Chairperson.....Dot Cain  
Lay Leader.....Ann Keetch  
Recording Secretary.....Berna Keating  
Staff-Parish Relations Chair.....Ro Collins  
Financial Committee Chair.....Rick Keetch  
Treasurer.....Margo Bowler  
Trustees Chair.....Mel Simmons  
Worship Chairs.....Ann Keetch &Twinkle Gordon  
Youth/Children's Ministry.....Kim Sommer

**POTLUCK MEETING AT PASTOR DEA'S ON AUGUST 8.  
TIME IS PENDING.**

### **July 2015 Sermon Calendar**

- July 5 ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
Worship with Holy Communion  
"Traveling Light"  
Mark 6:1-13
- July 12 ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
Pastor Gene Sharp  
"Don't Worry, Be Happy"  
Luke 12:22-35
- July 19 ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
Twinkle Gordon, Certified Lay Minister  
"No Rest For The Weary"  
Mark 6: 30-44, 53-56
- July 26 ~ 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
"Living Loaves"  
John 6:1-21

### **Aug 2015 Sermon Calendar**

- Aug 2 ~ 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
Worship with Holy Communion  
"Bread of Life"  
John 6:24-35
- Aug 9 ~ 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
"Eternal Life"  
John 6:35, 40-51
- Aug 16 ~ 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
"What Is It?"  
John 51-58
- Aug 23 ~ 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
"Discipleship Dropout"  
John 6:56-69
- Aug 30 ~ 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
Introduction to Stewardship  
"Doing the Word: Action:"  
James 1:17-27

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