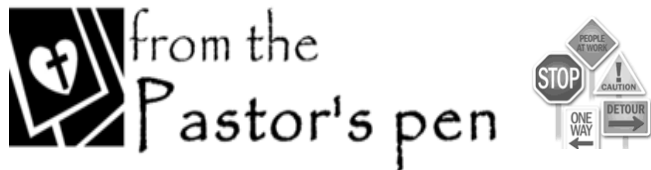


# The Lamplighter

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

March 2015



## The Journey to Hope has begun!

In fact, many of us gathered on Ash Wednesday for the imposition of ashes, Holy Communion and making a commitment to take this Lenten journey together. Throughout the Sundays in March we will continue to encounter mile markers that many of us need to address as we take this journey with Jesus, to the cross, and beyond. The topics of the mile markers will enable us to ask some tough questions like:

- *Who has God created you to be?*
- *Could your destination be realized in your work?*
- *How do you "re-fuel" on the journey?*
- *Do you have money? Or does money have you?*

You are invited to be on this intentional journey and discover, as we encounter difficult circumstances, the ways that Jesus is **real** and **alive** and **personal** in our everyday lives. Don't forget to let Jesus be in the driver's seat...but don't avoid the journey to hope, even if you don't know how to let Jesus do that...YET.

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Dear Ones, I'm awe-inspired by you! And how God works through you.

- As a Family of Faith you have been so supportive of families that need our care. This distinction includes Someone needing extra groceries and the precious people for whom we have served at the death of their loved one. YOU are something to watch in action!

The programming and events that have been planned throughout the year by our Administrative Council leadership is amazing, too. Our Youth are planning an Easter-eve Vigil – all through the night and our sunrise service Easter morning...but I get ahead of myself.

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Children's Sunday school 11:00 - Noon

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## **UMW Dorothy's Circle**

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

**DOROTHY CIRCLE MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

We were so pleased to have our new Pastor Dea Sharp attend our meeting. Others present were: LaVada Brown, Jessie Cooper, Evelyn Hartley, Shirley Trucott, Beulah Shaw, Carol Stephenson, Jessie Cooper and Millie Ware. Our thoughts and prayers are with our Secretary Gretchen Arnold in the loss of her husband, Kenny Arnold.

After reading the UMW Purpose in unison, Beulah Shaw gave a very interesting Spiritual Growth Reading. Fifteen Valentine Bags decorated by our Youth Department led by Kim Sommer were filled and delivered the same day to ones unable to attend our services. Thank you to the youths, the bags were beautifully decorated and were so enjoyed.

Our next meeting will be March 5, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. Beulah Shaw and Millie Ware will be speaking about WWII Rations and challenges that were made by the American people during that trying time. All ladies are invited to hear this interesting presentation as well as others that would like to attend.

Speaker for the April 5, 2015 Meeting will be Sam Rush Walton of Ronald McDonald House and will be hosted by Millie Ware. Items needed for Ronald McDonald's House are: Single serve chips, cookies, granola bars, pop tarts, toothpaste and brushes, styrofoam coffee cups, postage stamps and anything else you would like to donate. A donation box will be in the Narthex for items you wish to donate for this worthy charity helping children who are in need of medical care.

Jessie Cooper our Treasurer presented the Bank balance statement and copies were given for LaVada and Gretchen. Thank you Jessie for your outstanding work on our account.

Also, thank you to Grace Cook who was so kind to send a one year gift subscription of National Geographic Magazine for Red Bird Missions for their school library. We appreciate our newest member, Grace for also mailing the Box Tops to them.

*LaVada Brown*

## **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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I praise God for you, REGULARLY, because Pikes Peak UMC is active and vital and you share God's love. Perhaps one or all of our events are something you could invite a friend or family member to join us at. Can't hurt to ask, right?

I look forward to traveling on the Journey to Hope with you and our Traveling Companion. Dear Ones, as we travel TOGETHER, we know Hope is at the Cross. We're going together.

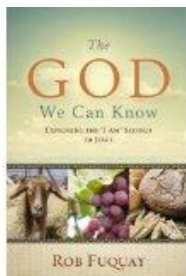
As always, continue to be...

...Abiding in Him,  
*Pastor Dea*



## Bus Drivers Needed!

We could use a couple of extra bus drivers on our roster. Craig Sommer is currently driving two routes on Sunday morning and can give you directions and instructions for using the Pikes Peak UMC shuttle bus to deliver some of our home-bound seniors and youth for Sunday School and worship as well as special events throughout the year. This is a VITAL ministry for our church. Talk to Craig Sommer if you have questions or an interest in how you can become one of our "transportation specialists."



The Adult Sunday class will begin their next book,

The God We Can Know, on March 1. The study is to explore the "I Am" sayings of Jesus throughout Scripture. Books are \$7. It's not too late to begin your *new year's resolution* to study God's word in 2015. Think about joining us at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.

## Blessings to the following March Birthdays

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Mike Arnold          | March 2  |
| Aaron Brown          | March 4  |
| Ruth Ann Reed        | March 6  |
| Stephanie Miller     | March 12 |
| Mike Reed            | March 15 |
| Jim Hodges           | March 17 |
| Shalee Sommer        | March 17 |
| Steve Meerpohl       | March 18 |
| Dee Burger           | March 20 |
| Emit Schilowsky, Jr. | March 21 |
| Virginia VanDerWege  | March 22 |
| Gretchen Arnold      | March 25 |
| Lorelai Allen        | March 31 |
| Charlene Belshaw     | March 31 |

## March Anniversaries

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Raymond & Mary Kay Marshall | March 13 |
| Dick & Sue Bush             | March 25 |



**The CHANGE FOR CHANGE bucket is coming on March 29!**

We can make a noisy bucket with your coins or quiet donation with cash towards this *occasional offering*. Fifth Sundays don't happen every month but we can always use your input about where our spare change can be put to work in the community. Do you have a favorite charity that we could make our Change for Change donation to? Please share your preferences with Pastor Dea and we can continue to make change!



Donations for the month of March will go to helping fill the Westside Cares Backpacks. Our church is in charge of supplying glue sticks.

# March 2015

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

| <b>1</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>2</b>                                              | <b>3</b>                                                                                                                                                     | <b>4</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>5</b>                        | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>8:30am</b><br>Choir Rehearsal<br><b>9:30am</b><br>Adult SS<br><b>10:50am</b><br>Worship &<br>Children's SS<br><b>Sunday School</b><br>Store                                                                                            | <b>6:00pm</b><br>Disciple Bible<br>Study              | <b>6:00pm</b><br>TOPS                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1:30pm</b><br>Dorothy Circle |           |                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>8</b><br><b>8:30am</b><br>Choir Rehearsal<br><b>9:30am</b><br>Adult SS<br><b>10:50am</b><br>Worship &<br>Children's SS<br><b>Admin Council</b>                                                                                         | <b>9</b><br><b>6:00pm</b><br>Disciple Bible<br>Study  | <b>10</b><br><b>6:00pm</b><br>TOPS                                                                                                                           | <b>11</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>12</b>                       | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Children's<br>Ministry<br>Team<br>Meeting                                                                           |
| <b>15</b><br><b>8:30am</b><br>Choir Rehearsal<br><b>9:30am</b><br>Adult SS<br><b>10:50am</b><br>Worship &<br>Children's SS<br><b>Youth Tye Dying</b><br>Party                                                                             | <b>16</b><br><b>6:00pm</b><br>Disciple Bible<br>Study | <b>17</b><br><b>6:00pm</b><br>TOPS<br><br><br><b>St. Patrick's</b><br>Day | <b>18</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>19</b>                       | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br><br><b>9:00am</b><br>Men's<br>Fellowship<br>Breakfast                                                                                      |
| <b>22</b><br><b>8:30am</b><br>Choir Rehearsal<br><b>9:30am</b><br>Adult SS<br><b>10:50am</b><br>Worship &<br>Children's SS                                                                                                                | <b>23</b><br><b>6:00pm</b><br>Disciple Bible<br>Study | <b>24</b><br><b>6:00pm</b><br>TOPS                                                                                                                           | <b>25</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>26</b>                       | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b><br><br><b>10:00 am</b><br><b>Easter</b><br>Party<br><br> |
| <b>29</b><br><b>8:30am</b><br>Choir Rehearsal<br><b>9:30am</b><br>Adult SS<br><b>10:50am</b><br>Worship &<br>Children's SS<br><b>Palm</b><br>Sunday<br> | <b>30</b><br><b>6:00pm</b><br>Disciple Bible<br>Study | <b>31</b><br><b>6:00pm</b><br>TOPS                                                                                                                           | <br>Time to<br>Spring Ahead<br><br><b>SPRING FORWARD</b><br>before you go to bed on<br><b>Saturday, March 7th.</b><br>You don't want to miss any<br>of our worship the<br><b>next morning!</b> |                                 |           |                                                                                                                                                         |

# Let Go, Let God...



What can one do when your world turns upside down and inside out? Pray!!! Thank God for the blessings and pray for strength through the trying times!! As we go on our Lenten journey, take stock of what trials and temptations take you away from the path that God wants you to be on. In Matthew Chapter 6, we are told, "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" Don't dwell on the things you have no control over- focus on what you can change and improve. Let God take care of the rest!!

*Needs for Children's/Youth Ministry:*

- *Start collecting items for the Yard Sale Extravaganza in April- 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*
- *New white t-shirts, all sizes for the youth and children on Easter Sunday!!*
- *Youth Sponsors!!*
- *Vacation Bible School Leaders for Art, Music, Crafts, Games, and Kitchen*
- *Children's Church and Sunday School volunteers*

*Yours in Christ, Kim Sommer*

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## HISTORY OF SILENT DISCIPLES

The Silent Disciple awards began in 1989 When Rev. Kinsley was our Pastor at Pikes Peak United Methodist Church. The first recipient was Harmon Hammitt in 1989. We are so blessed to still have Harmon attending our church.

- 1989 - Harmon Hammitt
- 1990 - Edith Saline
- 1991 - Eula Mae Dougherty
- 1992 - Luana Clark
- 1993 - Edna Hammitt
- 1994 - Claire Ruby
- 1995 - Norman Clark
- 1996 - David Harr
- 1997 - Grace Powelson
- 1998 - LaVada Brown
- 1999 - Bessie Wreath
- 2000 - Leona Bell
- 2001 - Jim Caudle
- 2002 - Joe Brown
- 2003 - Ruby Hilty
- 2004 - Gary Youtz
- 2005 - Helen Hesli
- 2006 - Rick Keetch
- 2007 - Cindy Meerpohl
- 2008 - Bill Garriott
- 2009 - Betty Peterson
- 2010 - Herb Shaw
- 2011 - Dick Bush
- 2012 - Joyce Kunkle
- 2013 - Ruth Reed
- 2014 - Gretchen Arnold

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*

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Dick & Sue Bush-**son-in-law, Ben**  
Jessie Cooper -**son, Ben**  
Ann Keetch's niece, **Tony**  
Margo's friend, **Paul's mom**  
Frank Martinez  
Andrew Olson's family, **Ava**  
Ruth Reed's family

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*The Kenny Arnold family  
The Ruby Hilty family  
The Georgia Wright family*



## ***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**

Greetings sisters and brothers in Christ!

In September, leaders from the Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone Annual Conferences received a recommendation to enter into serious conversation about merging these two conferences into one. The recommendation came from the Futures Task Force of the Yellowstone Annual Conference. The task force proposed the merger to encourage a more "solid disciple-making structure."

I have named a Mountain Sky Area Shared Futures Committee composed of leaders from both conferences to review and respond to this proposal before annual conferences in June. This committee will be co-chaired by the Rev. Janet Forbes, of the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference, and the Rev. Dave McConnell, of the Yellowstone Annual Conference. The committee will answer two questions:

1. What vision of vital ministry do the Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone conferences share?
2. Is there value in the two conferences pursuing vital ministry together?

After their discussions, they will distribute a report to conference leaders as well as advise me on their findings and outcome of their work to inform future planning and action.

Even as we move forward in the formation of this committee, remember that this process takes time. The group will explore whether the two conferences share a vision strong enough to support a merger and bring a preliminary report to the 2015 annual conference sessions. If a vision emerges that is worth pursuing, then I will assign another group to develop a concrete proposal for consideration at the 2016 annual conference sessions. Such a proposal would then be referred to the Western Jurisdictional Conference for action in July 2016. Only the jurisdictional conference can determine the boundaries of the annual conferences. If changes to conference boundaries were approved, they might take two more years to implement.

With each step is a new possibility of strengthening our ministry for Jesus Christ. This is an opportunity to be intentional about our future and living out our mission to be fruitful and faithful. I ask now that we continue to pray for our annual conferences, the members of the Shared Futures Committee and for our life-giving work ahead.

In Christ,

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**Find Us Online:**  
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[www.yacumc.org](http://www.yacumc.org)  
Rocky Mountain

## **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 envelope. When you have done this, we will be turning the envelopes over to create our masterpiece!!



## **One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday is March 15, 2015**

When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti's 2010 earthquake or Hurricane Sandy of 2012—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

So don't be fooled by the word committee.

Since 1940, when UMCOR's forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we've continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world.

The response of UMCOR isn't something "they" do, it's something "we" do.

### **When You Give You Equip Christ's Body to Serve in His Name**

That's because your generous giving to One Great Hour of Sharing is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded
- And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond

UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through One Great Hour of Sharing. In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

Not "they."

We.

### **Ensure the United Methodist Church Can Keep Helping**

Will you continue to give to One Great Hour of Sharing? Will you continue to meet the needs of the children, families and communities who've experienced devastation in the wake of disaster?

When we meet the needs of those who suffer we actually minister to Jesus, who said:

"I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me." (Mt. 25:35-36, CEB)

As we respond, we recognize Jesus in those who are reeling in the wake of disaster. Pikes Peak UMC will provide special offering envelopes for your generous – above and beyond your tithes and pledges – giving in March 15<sup>th</sup>'s bulletin.

## March 2015 Sermon Calendar (Lent)

### March 1 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Service with Holy Communion  
Journey to Hope – Mile Marker: Self Esteem  
Mark 11:1-11

### March 8 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Journey to Hope – Mile Marker: Work  
Mark 10:35-44

### March 15 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Journey to Hope – Mile Marker: Temptation  
Mark 14:32-40

### March 22 ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Journey to Hope – Mile Marker: Money  
Mark 10:17-22 and Mark 12:41-44

### March 29 ~ Palm/Passion Sunday

Journey to Hope – Mile Marker: Suffering  
Mark 14:43-64

## 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

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

**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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