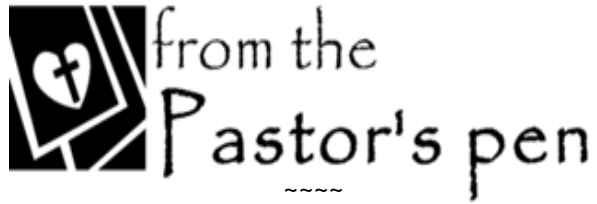


The Lamplighter

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

May 2015



Christ is risen! Now what?

We are currently in Eastertide – the weeks between remembering the Sunday of Jesus' resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The liturgical color is white. We're still singing Easter-like hymns. *But, what is this time for?*

"Officially," Eastertide is about finding and claiming our identity in the Risen Lord...recall the commissioning of the original disciples in the Upper Room...and claiming the power, given by Jesus, to do the things he did when he walked the earth. It's a time for us to embrace that authority! And to prepare our ministries in the Body of Christ – more importantly, to keeping them energized and filled with the motivation *of doing* because we love God.

Perhaps, because we aren't called to make sacrifices (like during Lent) or preparations (like Advent), this is a time to recharge with reading the Bible and other disciplines - even more than those other seasons. Don't let busy-ness cause you to lose focus of the Message of Jesus Christ we're all to share.

We have celebrated the Resurrection. The Ascension of Jesus is remembered this month. And the "birthday" of the Church – Pentecost Sunday - is the 4th Sunday of May. This time is a great time to consider your gifts for ministry. Then, as the rest of the year (mostly in the liturgical season of Pentecost – or "ordinary time") unfolds our walks with Jesus will have us even more ready to serve in His name.

Christ is risen! And you're the "now what!" I look forward to serving **beside** you as the Spirit works **inside** each of us...to bring the message of salvation to the world...beginning right where we are.

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

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UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church

The April 2nd, 2015 meeting of the United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle began at 1:35 with a reading of the Purpose of the United Methodist Women by these members present: Gretchen Arnold, LaVada Brown, Jessie Cooper, Evelyn Hartley, Beulah Shaw, Shirley Trucott, and Millie Ware and guest speaker Rhonda Riley from Ronald McDonald House Charities.

We began our program with the introduction of Rhonda Riley stepping in for Sam Rush-Walton who was out of town at her daughter's wedding. Rhonda told us a little about herself and how she came to work at Ronald McDonald house as a volunteer then was hired as part of the three-person paid staff there. Rhonda updated us on how the house is getting along and was very complimentary of our UMW's donations! President Brown had set up our UMW donation box for Ronald McDonald house in the entry of the church and we received several nice donations of individual food items and paper goods from the congregation!

Rhonda also told us that there are Ronald McDonald houses internationally, several of which she has visited; a new one in Dublin, Ireland will open this year and Rhonda plans on being there! Another new Family Room, serving families of children needing chemotherapy treatment is located at Briargate, close to the Memorial Hospital North location. As McDonald House Charities continue to expand, our donations are even more vital and even more appreciated! Rhonda's presentation was greatly appreciated and several of us were needed to carry the donations out to her car. Our Circle also gave her a monetary donation along with the donated items.

For our Spiritual Growth reading, Beulah read two, Easter based poems. One was about jelly beans that used the different colors of jelly beans as a basis for prayer. This poem ended with "A handful of jelly beans colorful and sweet. It is a prayer, a promise and a small Easter Treat". Beulah shared a copy of this poem with everyone here, thank you Beulah!

For our business part of the meeting, minutes from last month were read and approved. Treasurer Jessie Cooper, gave an update that showed our UMW and Community Service Balances for the month, with copies of her report for the President and Secretary. Thank you Jessie.

Our UMW Pledge was discussed and the formal request for our pledge will be received this summer. It was decided after a short discussion that we would send the same amount as last year which was \$240.

We sang happy birthday to Mille for her birthday this month. Birthday cards for this month will be sent by Beulah and a thank you will go to Berna Keating for the bag of pop tops she gave us this month. We adjourned with the UMW's prayer that Shirley keeps copies of for us. Thank you Shirley for your calls to remind us of our meetings and the prayer that ends each meeting! Refreshments were provided by our hostess, Millie Ware. In honor of Easter, she had chocolate Easter eggs, éclairs, strawberries and cookies! Thank you Millie! Next month's program on May 7th at 1:30 will be presented on One Nation Walking Together. Canned foods are needed as we have found out that children on the reservation receive only two meals a day! Our hostess will be Jessie Cooper *Gretchen*



The Administrative Council will NOT meet in May but will gather again, after worship on Sunday, June 14.

Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend if you are a committee or ministry chair.

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*

Westside Cares News

Thank you to all who donated on "Change for Change" Sunday. The "Change" was used to buy 600 glue sticks for the Westside Cares backpack program.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Westside Cares is looking for someone to fill the following positions; Neighbor Advocate, Front Desk Reception, Nurses Assistant and SNAP Volunteer.

For more information contact Deb at Debra.Mitguard@westsides.org or call 719-389-0759 ext. 108.

WESTSIDE CARES NEEDS...

- Socks - all sizes
- Underwear - all sizes
- Boy clothes - all sizes
- Men's Jeans - size 30 - 38
- Men's t-shirts - all sizes
- Adult sweat shirts and sweat pants
- Men's shoes
- Tampons and pads

WESTSIDE CARES HOSPITALITY STATION

The hospitality station is in need of a little help. They need cookies, apples, oranges, bananas, coffee cake or anything else that would go with a cup of coffee. To donate contact Deb Mitguard at 389-0759 x 108 or Debra.Mitguard@westsidecares.org or just drop them off during business hours - Monday - Thursday, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Thursday evening, 4:30 - 6:30 PM.

Thank you to all, May God Bless you.

Archie and Chery

Blessings to the following May Birthdays

Kim Wetzel	May 1
Kathy Cometto	May 5
Harmon Hammitt	May 7
Mel Simmons	May 7
Jerry Hartley	May 8
Rick Wiest	May 11
Cletis Reed	May 14
Joyce Johnson	May 15
Jodie Schilowsky	May 18
Marylin Cowan	May 20
Bonnie Bargas	May 26

May Anniversaries

Isadora & Kathy Cometto	May 12
Bob & Kim Wetzel	May 14
Rick & Karen Wiest	May 25
Roy & Betty Peterson	May 30



RED

Plan to wear RED, RED,
RED on Sunday, May 24 for our
Pentecost celebration of the
birth of the Christian church.
If you'd like to bring RED
flowering plants for the altar
décor that would be great too!

May 2015

Sunday

Monday


Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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3 9:30am Adult SS 6:30am 10:50am Worship & Children's SS Mother's Day Confirmation Celebration	4 6:00pm Disciple Bible Study	5 6:00pm TOPS	6	7	8	9
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Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated items, time, and money to the Yard Sale Extravaganza!! We raised \$966.57 towards our Youth Mission- Pine Ridge South Dakota. Not only is this one of the largest reservations in the nation, but it is also the poorest. The living conditions are desolate and there is a great need for prayer, love, and hope in the name of Jesus. On our trip to Pine Ridge, our group will have the opportunity to participate in many home repair projects such as roofing, siding, flooring, building wheel chair ramps, and much more. In addition to the construction work there is much opportunity for growing in friendship with many local community members. We will learn much about the Lakota Sioux Tribe history and culture. Our last fundraiser for the trip will be our Drink/Donation stand during Territory Days. Please consider donating Soda/water/juice for our last fundraiser. THANK YOU!!!!



We also have our Thailand Trek VBS coming up in June. We will learn about a culture vastly different from ours but there is one God who loves us all. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to our young people. The dates are June 22-26th from 9 am – noon each day. We will celebrate the week with our congregation on Sunday, June 28th. The mission for the week is to raise donations for sending New Testament Bibles to Thai children.

Needs for Children's/Youth Ministry:

- Vacation Bible School Leaders for Art, Music, Crafts, Games, and Kitchen- Sign ups are on the bulletin board.
- Children's Church and Sunday School volunteers
- **Donations for VBS:** Pop rocks candy, Small self-adhesive jewels, Small dowel rods, Burlap (any color), Rope lights, Glow sticks, Dark duct tape, Gutter piece, Ping pong ball net, Cinnamon, Pumpkin Pie spice, White Bread, Sushi Rice, Raisins, Canned coconut milk, Hula hoops, Pancake mix, Chocolate syrup, Strawberry fruit snacks, Cricket lick-its, Microwave Popcorn
- **Donations for VBS week before:** Celery, Cream Cheese, Watermelon, Cantaloupe,

Yours in Christ, Kim Sommer

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Change for Change

The **CHANGE FOR CHANGE** bucket is coming on May 31. 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!



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

Melissa Stallings
Charlene Belshaw - surgery
Deborah Pemberton - surgery
Hal Smith
Jessie Cooper and "Coop"
June Reed Family
Jim Rawlings - surgery
Allan Pemberton's Grandmother
Jim Caudle
Virginia VanDerWege
Frank Martinez and also his Brother
Vince, friend of Millie & Seth Ware
Richard Keetch's Dad

Vacation Bible School

June 22-26 Mon.-Fri.

9 am – noon

**Thailand Trek.... Spreading God's
Word around the world.**

**Sponsored by: Pike's Peak UMC
2927 Pikes Peak Ave.**

719-634-3589

Cost: FREE

Ages: 3-5th grade



Social News

Social news, May 3rd we will be celebrating our young people that are being confirmed that day. We will be having cake, punch and other refreshments.

May 10th we will be celebrating those that are graduating this year with another cake and recognizing all of the mothers in the congregation. Hope to see you all there. Till then have days filled with blessings and God's love.

Sally



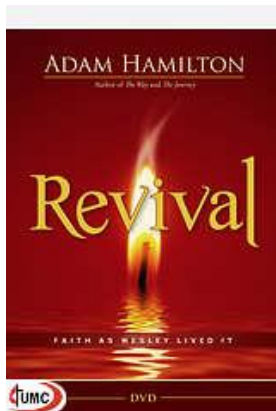
Men's Breakfast

The Pikes Peak UMC men enjoy breakfast together on the third Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. Guys, consider joining them for a great meal and good Fellowship.

Mel Simmons



A steady crowd shopped at the Youth Yard Sale to raise funds for the youth group's mission trip to Pine Ridge later this summer.



Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday school class is beginning a new study on Sunday, May 10. The class will be using Adam Hamilton's book REVIVAL for a six-week journey in England, following the life of John Wesley. The study is designed to deepen people's faith by calling them to a holy life while defining what the Christian life looks like in the 21st century. Join us at 9:30 before worship. We can still order you a book!

May 2015 Sermon Calendar

- May 3 ~ 5th Sunday of Easter
Worship with Holy Communion
“Love Song for God’s Vineyard”
John 15:1-8
- May 10 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter
Mother’s Day
Recognition of Graduates
“As the Father Has Loved Me”
John 15:9-17
- May 17 ~ Ascension Sunday
Service will be led by our Youth and Lay Leaders
- May 24 ~ Pentecost Sunday
WEAR RED
Holy Baptism for Ava Olson
“Spirit Power”
Acts 2:1-21
- May 31 ~ Trinity Sunday
FIFTH SUNDAY – bring Change for Change!
Peace with Justice Sunday
“Like It or Not”
John 3:1-17

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
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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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