

The Lamplighter

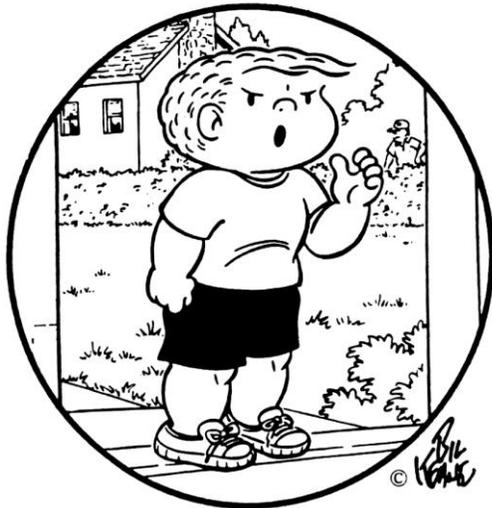
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light until my path. Psalm 119:105

October 2014



Pastor's Ponderings

The Family Circus



"Does 'love thy neighbor' mean the people on BOTH sides of our house?"

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It's funny, isn't it, how of all the things we learn in church about grace—how we extend it and how we receive it—receiving it is a lot easier than extending it! But John Wesley reminds us that, as followers of Christ, we should be engaged in what he called, "practical divinity." This incredible concept invites people to know divine grace, God's unmerited love and mercy, in their lives, and to grow in their love and knowledge of God by putting their faith and love into action. Wesley firmly believed in salvation by grace alone, but his understanding went deeper or, you might say, went multi-layered.

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Pikes Peak

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**"Worshiping God, Accepting All, Sharing
with the World"**

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Sunday Worship 10:50 AM

(Adult Sunday school will be on summer break from

June 22nd – September 7th)

Children's Sunday school 11:00 - Noon

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SOCIAL NEWS



On October 26th we will have a Harvest Celebration with a chili cook off. There will be prizes. The children will be doing the service. If you do not want to make chili you might like to bring veggies crackers cheese or desserts. Another option might be mac and cheese.

Have a good and blessed day,
Sally Simmons

TOPS Club **(Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**

Fall seems to be early this year; leaves are changing, morning air is crisp, and Pike's Peak has already had a dusting of snow. With winter coming, this could be YOUR time to join TOPS, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, a non-profit support 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 "Cut and Burn". These simple changes alone can help you lose 10 pounds a year.

Ruth can be reached at 471-1393. Hope to see you Tuesday evening!

Ruth

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Wesley described God's grace as threefold. And like a three-legged stool, each expression of grace is critical to the whole of God's grace. All together, the three layers, or stages of grace, make up Wesley's theology of the *via salutis*, or Way of Salvation.

For Wesley, grace isn't simply a gift at the moment of salvation. Wesley understood grace as God's active presence in our lives, from Day One. As such, grace works on us and woos us, long before we welcome Christ as our savior. This grace, known as **prevenient grace**, is the first leg of the stool. It is God's prevenient grace in our lives that whispers to us, drawing us to know God and to hear and respond to the divine invitation to be in relationship with God.

The beautiful thing about this is that we are never alone, scrambling to figure out our true source of life. Remember what it says in Psalm 23:6, "*Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life...*" This tells us that we have a God who pursues us from the beginning of our days to the end. We don't have to take the first step toward God. God has already taken the first step toward us. All we must do is welcome God in.

How incredibly amazing is that?

Pastor Leslie

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UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church

The September meeting of the United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle began at 1:30 with the reading of the United Methodist Women's purpose followed by a devotional selection offered by Beulah Shaw.

Beulah brings our spiritual growth reading each month; this month it was from the Daily Bread on individual changes in our lives. Saul's name became Paul as he experienced the life changing event of meeting Jesus Christ. We all respond to change differently, but we all have the choice to involve Jesus in the change! Thank you to Beulah for this reading.

Then President Brown introduced Jackie Jaramillo, our speaker from the Springs Rescue Mission. Jackie began by giving us some history of the Mission. It began in New York City, 160 years ago as a men's rescue and is based on the power of God to change lives. There are now 300 missions across the United States; the one in Denver being one of the oldest at 130 years old. The Colorado Springs mission is 17 years old, however Jackie said it is doing the work of a mission many years older than that.

Our Mission provides eight main programs; four relief and four rescue departments, each with several sub-departments. The Relief department includes: A veterans' program, family care, a clothing bank and a furniture bank. The Rescue department is divided into 1) Recovery for homeless men using a 5 step transition from addiction to independence. 2) Men's Transition to become sober 3) Graduate Services and 4) A woman's program that is being phased over to New Life Church's program for homeless women.

All programs strive to develop Purposeful life and Hope through Christ. Jackie's presentation was greeted with applause and she took with her a monetary donation as well as donated items from our ladies. Thanks to all who were able to donate something to the Springs Rescue Mission!

Jessie Cooper our Treasurer, shared the budget amounts with the group as well as telling us about a letter received from the UMW District Treasurer asking us to increase our pledge to missions by \$40. After some discussion, President Brown suggested we keep our pledge as it was last year and it was seconded and approved by the women present. Jessie will send them a check for this amount. Thank you so much Jessie for keeping us up to date on all our expenses!

New business included: Kelly Baines will have a baby shower on Sept. 14 at 2 pm. Dorothy Circle will host a baby shower for our newest member Sky Olsen later on after her daughter is born! President Brown passed out wish lists to each of us listing donation items for next month's speaker from Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Our meeting ended with our UMW prayer supplied by Shirley Trucott along with a huge birthday cake in honor of Shirley's mother Evelyn Hartley's 95th birthday. Thank you so much Shirley!

We would love to have you visit or join our group, the first Thursday of each month. Thursday, October 2nd will be our next meeting with Sam Rush Walton speaking on the much-needed services that Ronald McDonald House provides to Colorado Springs.

Gretchen Arnold



OCTOBER IS MORE THAN JUST HALLOWEEN

I guess if you're a child, holidays and other celebrations rank right up there with school breaks. These are times in a child's life where receiving "wonderful things" happen.

As a little person, dressing up in costume and going door to door saying "trick or treat" is exciting.....still is!

When I was a child, I knew full-well if someone did not answer the door I would just knock elsewhere. There would be no malicious deed for lack of a sweet. Besides, at that time the whole neighborhood knew you AND your family...need I say more? Those, of course, were the days when you could leave your doors unlocked and not be worried that razor blades would appear in candy apples, or unwanted - uninvited visitors be a concern.

Many do not know or even care what Halloween represents-just costumes and candy. I will leave that research to your discretion.

Let's picture the famous image of "Jesus knocking at the door of your heart" believed to be by William Holman Hunt-representing to knock on an overgrown and long unopened door illustrating Revelations 3:20. "Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me. (KJV) this to me, denotes a close relationship-- not eating or communing with a stranger. Jesus is neither disguised or wanting candy! If you "answer the door" you are inviting Jesus into your life in every aspect. A close relationship where your inner-most wants, needs and aspirations dwell. Jesus is for everyday in every way.

Some of us run and hide from Jesus; perhaps fearing that if he saw or knew the "real you" because of our poor choices, would withhold his love and forgiveness from us.

THIS IS JUST NOT TRUE. It says in the Bible that Jesus "will never leave you nor forsake you". This means in the good times and not so good times in our lives.

Let us pray:
 Loving God,
 You are the source of everything beautiful and good. Sometimes I feel neither beautiful nor good. I am sorry for some of the choices I have made. I know that You provide the Grace for me that forgives me when I come to You. Well, here I am Lord God, asking for your love and forgiveness. I am inviting You into my life today. I believe that Your Son, Jesus died on the cross for me-yes even me. I receive this gift of with humbleness and thankfulness. With Your help I will endeavor to share this with others so they, too, may have Life Eternal. Amen.

Twinkle Gordon

West Side Cares

Westside Cares has asked their supporting Churches to participate in a clothing drive for Goodwill during September and October. Pikes Peak United Methodist will do a clothing drive on October 12. Westside Cares regularly benefits from the generosity of Goodwill. Westside Cares is given a supply of monthly vouchers which they distribute to our neighbors in need. Westside Cares wind up giving about \$3,000.00 per month of Goodwill's clothing to our neighbors in need. Now Goodwill is asking for our help in strengthening their supply of clothing.

Other Westside Cares Needs:

- Women's underwear size 5,6,7,8
- Men's briefs and boxers all sizes
- Diapers sizes 5,6 and pull ups
- Adult socks
- Family size toothpaste and bar soap
- Transparent pill bottles with child proof caps
- Plastic grocery bags

Contact Archie or Chery Wilson at 685-5164 if you have any questions about Westside Cares.

Blessings to the following October Birthdays

Leroy Storaasli	Oct 1
Frank Martinez	Oct 4
Waylon Barr	Oct 4
Grace Cook	Oct 7
Alice Shartran	Oct 8
Carol Stephenson	Oct 10
Katie Lynn	Oct 12
Pat Hartfiel	Oct 16
Tiffany Cole	Oct 17
Ruth Pierce	Oct 18
Rachel Thompson	Oct 19
Margo Bowler	Oct 19
Sue Gallivan	Oct 22
Sharon Weatherson	Oct 27

October Anniversaries

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

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1	2 1:30pm Dorothy Circle	3	4
5 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS World Communion	6	7 6:00pm TOPS	8 6:00pm CMC	9	10	11
12 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS	13 Columbus Day	14 6:00pm TOPS	15	16	17	18 9:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
19 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS	20	21 6:00pm TOPS	22	23	24	25
26 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship 12:15pm Harvest Celebration Children's Service Sunday 	27	28 6:00pm TOPS	29	30	31 Halloween 	



**UMYF- United Methodist
Youth Fellowship**

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The men's breakfast will be on Saturday October 18th at 9:00 at the church. Invite someone new to come and see you there.
Blessings, *Mel Simmons*



Money can sometimes be our easiest giving. Everyone knows they should give money, even those who never give. Giving of ourselves is our most difficult giving. Giving of ourselves means giving the best of our love, our devotion, our talents, our time, and our mind.

Attendance at worship and other church activities is a steward's duty. Look up the word "attendance" in a dictionary. Of course, "being present" is the basic meaning. but note the further meanings: "to be present for a purpose," "to serve," or "to be attentive to."

So we need to be more than warm bodies taking up space. We need to keep alert to listen and to learn. We need to let down the barriers and draw close to our fellow parishioners; fellowship, as some call it. We need to serve, each according to their talents and abilities. Strangely, when we search persistently and prayerfully we can find that one task for which we were especially equipped.



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

- Kelly Baines** – soon to give birth to a boy
- Susie Gallivan** – toe infected, sister **Pat**
- Ann Keetch** – co-worker
- Rose Martinez** – granddaughter **Mikiah**
- Beth Miller** – broken foot
- Stephanie Miller** – surgery
- Blake Lieker** – needs knee surgery
- Deb Pemberton** – follow up surgery
- Cletis Reed** – healing
- Ruth Reed** - sister **Georgia**
- Kim Wetzell** – knee surgery

**HELPING HANDS FELLOWSHIP
REFRESHMENT HOSTESS**

- 1st Sunday--- Sally Simmons & Jessie Cooper
- 2nd Sunday---Twinkle Gordon & Margo Bowler
- 3rd Sunday---Dee Burger & Joan Roberts
- 4th Sunday---Cindy Meerpohl & Cassandra Giardina
- 5th Sunday---Ann Keetch, Karen Wiest & Luci Rawlings

UMYF- United Methodist Youth Fellowship is up and running!

Wow! What a great group of people! Our youth have begun a new chapter at Pikes Peak UMC. They began with a Wacky Olympic Day BBQ and then spent two glorious days in the country near Florissant, CO helping out an organization called Equine Partners. They painted the arena, picked up trash, cleaned up the big props used by the horses, and organized the tubs that contain all kinds of goodies used in their games and daily care of the animals. We have also successfully begun our youth Sunday school class at 9:30 am. We are on a wonderful journey learning that the Bible really does answer questions. The children and youth need your help – please prayerfully consider helping with either or both age groups. Thank you all for your support of this ministry with your prayers, presence, and gifts. The children and youth of this church are blessed indeed.



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)

Blessings to you all,

Kim Sommer
(719) 210-7394



Welcome New Member!

Andrew Olson is our newest member to join PPUMC. We welcomed Andrew, a bit weary-eyed, on September 14th, just a few short hours after the birth of his new grandbaby, Ava Ruby. In fact, he rushed over to the service directly from the hospital where he was with his daughter, and Ava's mommy, Sky.

Andrew was born and raised in Fridley, Minnesota. He has lived in Colorado Springs for about eight years. He works in construction, but sees his primary calling as loving his kids and serving Christ with his life. He has wonderful memories of his Walk to Emmaus retreat, (a three-day experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation), and loves to tell people about the transforming power of the Emmaus weekend (something Pastor can attest to as well!). Andrew joins us by transfer of membership from Loogootee United Methodist Church in Loogootee, IN.

Welcome Andrew to PPUMC!

Calendar of Special Events

(See calendar for regularly scheduled events)

Thursday 10/2, 1:30pm Dorothy Circle
Saturday 10/18, 9:00am Men's Breakfast
Sunday 10/26, 12:15pm Harvest Celebration



Are you interested in joining
Pikes Peak UMC?
Call Pastor Leslie at 593-9476

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.

If you would like to receive the Lamplighter in an e-mail, or have an article, please contact Carol Stephenson at 237-4648 or carol@riverrat-nw.com.

*Jesus said, "Don't stop children from coming to me! Children like these are part of the Kingdom of God." **Matthew 19:14***

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