

# The Lamplighter

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

August 2014



## Pastor's Ponderings

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

I have spent this afternoon in a bit of a state of writer's block. The subject of generational repentance—and forgiveness—has been rumbling around in my head. As you will see from Ann Keetch's article, the Annual Conference this year centered on the theme of Healing Relationships. We will be hearing quite a bit about this concept over the next few months. Generational repentance/forgiveness is something that affects all of us, though it may feel like a fairly new concept. Whether we are cognizant of it or not generational wounds in some way or another shape who we are as individual personalities and people of God. It's just that sometimes the histories are so embedded in our personal past or even our culture, that we don't always recognize the influence they have on our lives, interactions and relationships.

Think about it, though. We are all aware of the lingering effects of racism and tension from the Civil War. I grew up in the South, where even if people "play nice" in public, dividing lines—both geographically and all-to-often philosophically—still exist between some whites and African Americans. That history continues to affect the way people on both sides of the color line think and act and live, even if they don't go around talking about slavery all the time. *(Cont'd on pg 2)*

### Pikes Peak

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**“Worshiping God, Accepting All, Sharing  
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#### Sunday Worship 10:50 AM

*(Adult Sunday school will be on summer break from*

*June 22<sup>nd</sup> – September 7<sup>th</sup>)*

Children's Sunday school 11:00 - Noon

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## SOCIAL NEWS

On August 24th we will have our annual Reunion Day Potluck. The church will provide fried and BBQ chicken, so you just need to bring side dishes, such as potato salad, fruit salad, baked beans, cabbage noodle salad, cucumber salad, and of course desserts. After the potluck we will have games. The games will include a cake walk and for this we will need cakes, pies, sweet breads, and cookies. You can put smaller portions of the goodies onto plates and cover them as people do not always want an entire cake or pie. The other games are still in the planning stage so if you have any suggestions, just talk to Ann Keetch or Sally Simmons. We always have a lot of fun and hope to see everyone there. Mark your calendar for August 24<sup>th</sup>!

*Sally Simmons*

### **TOPS Club**

#### **(Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**

It's summer in the Springs! Time for swim suits, sleeveless dresses, and snazzy shorts. Yes? Perhaps it's also time to get serious about healthy eating habits and the enjoyment of exercise! Walking is a great stress reliever as well as just good exercise. TOPS CLUB, Inc. can help.

**We meet each Tuesday evening in the fellowship hall. Weigh-in is from 5-5:45,** followed by a rousing meeting with new ideas on portion control, exciting recipes, encouragement, contests, fun, and friendship from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**For questions, please speak with Ruth Reed, 471-1393. What have you got to lose?**

*Ruth*

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Think of World War II and the Holocaust. Did you read the Lamplighter last month? If so you read a fascinating story about one of our members whose mother was a Czechoslovakian Jew, but who was compelled to keep her ethnic identity hidden for many years, even after the war was over, as a result of the emotional impact of living through the war under Hitler's ethnic cleansing policies. Her personal history deeply impacted not only the rest of the mother's life, but has influenced her daughter as well.

Of course, in the May issue of the Lamplighter you saw a glimpse of the deep, lingering wounds experienced by the Cheyenne and Arapahoe descendants of the Sand Creek Massacre. It is this history—the history of a massacre planned and led by United Methodists—that we will grapple with over the next few months. After all, it may not feel as if we are connected to that horrible tragedy 150 years ago. But whether our past links directly to the perpetrators (or victims) of the massacre or not, as United Methodists, we hold something very fragile and special...a chance to be the representatives of generational repentance that will bring about healing of profound wounds suffered by the descendants of those massacred.

This idea shouldn't shock us. In fact, isn't that what Christ modeled? Bringing wholeness and healing to the hearts of the people? After all, it wasn't Jesus' sins that took him to the cross...it was ours. He brought repentance on our behalf, between us and Almighty God. And as those who have been forgiven, recipients of unmerited grace, we should always strive to model the heart and attitude of Jesus Christ.

*Pastor Leslie*

## **UMW Dorothy's Circle**

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

The July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Dorothy Circle began at 1:30 with reading the purpose of the United Methodist Women.

This month we welcomed Bethany Howell, Community Education Director for LaPuenta Mission in Alamosa, Colorado. This worthwhile Mission has been supported by Dorothy Circle for many years and as usual we filled 35 migrant worker bags with personal care essentials. Bags from our UMW are in high demand at the Mission because the well-made, attractive cloth bags contain a wide variety of items, all of which are in excellent condition. Because of the generosity of the kind folks of our congregation, several bags of extra items were also sent along to the Mission! Thank you to everyone who helped with this mission project!

An update from Bethany on the work at LaPuenta helped us understand the continuing work at the Mission. LaPuenta runs a food pantry 365 days a year for the residents of Alamosa. Meals are served daily to the migrant workers who go to the fields to harvest potatoes, barley, lettuce and quino. The Mission also provides lodging for over 11,000 individuals a year, emergency shelter and case management services for families going through difficult times. Education is a priority at the Mission for children and adults alike, continuing throughout the summer and filling in when school lets out in the spring. If you are interested in finding out more about LaPuenta Mission, their website is [www.lapuenta.net](http://www.lapuenta.net) and [shelterlapuenta@gmail.com](mailto:shelterlapuenta@gmail.com).

Greeting cards were sent to many in our church family who are either ill or needing an uplifting message of hope from our UMW. It is amazing what a small group of women such as Dorothy Circle can do in the service and for the honor of God! We are blessed to have such a hard working UMW which is continually supported by the congregation. Thank you to all who assist us! Hostess Millie Ware was unable to attend the meeting, however she sent along a delightful refreshment of raspberries and blueberries with creamy ice cream. Thank you Millie!

At our next meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm we will be highlighting the work done for Native Americans through One Nation Walking, a nonprofit service organization based right here in Colorado Springs. You are invited to come hear the presentation and find out what is happening with this worthwhile group! Gretchen Arnold will be the hostess at this program.

I would like to thank LaVada Brown for taking the minutes at this meeting as well as being the President of Dorothy Circle, Joe Brown and Jerry Hartley for loading the bags of items going to LaPuenta and each of our members who work hard to provide a community of loving, service-oriented membership.

Dorothy Circle is the Pikes Peak United Methodist Women's Circle, where all women are invited to join us for Christian growth and fellowship.

*Gretchen Arnold*



# The Prayer Corner

## ETCH-A-SKETCH

A toy for the young and the young at heart. A means of self-expression without permanency. Sounds complicated—but not really. With this toy, you draw whatever you like on its grey surface. If it is not to your liking, you simply erase it! Gone forever!

I don't know if this was invented to save trees (less paper and pencils) or inspire creativity. No matter the purpose—a marvelous invention by Andre Cassanes (Paris) and manufactured by Ohio Art Company.

We all start out our lives with a clean slate. We learn by trial, error and example. Our first steps are often as rewarding as the steps we take today....done with plan and purpose. As we grow, however, we realize that some pictures or actions are not so easily erased. THAT'S WHERE WE RELY ON GOD!

We come to Him and lay our disappointments at the foot of the cross, asking for another chance and forgiveness. God then wipes our "Etch-a-Sketch" lives clean through grace.

This is an opportunity for us not to draw the same pictures, scenarios or conclusions day after day. God sent His Son JESUS to teach us, by His example, how to live our lives....an indelible picture etched in our hearts. When others see the way we live WHAT PICTURE DO THEY SEE?

### Let us pray:

*Dear God,  
We cannot foresee our future, but You have already have a plan in place. Let us start each and every day with the prayer Jesus taught us:*

*Our Father, which are in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

*Twinkle Gordon*

## West Side Cares

### Westside Cares is in need of Kid's Care Kits!

These kits consist of a coloring book, crayons, a healthy snack and a juice box. They are handed out to children visiting Westside Cares with their parents to help ease any anxiety they might have and to help keep them occupied while waiting for services with their parents.

Please consider being a sponsor to purchase items for the assembly of Kid's Care Kits. If interested please contact Deb Mitguard at 389-0759 ext. 108 or at [DebraM.Mitguard@westsidecares.org](mailto:DebraM.Mitguard@westsidecares.org)

### WESTSIDE CARES NEEDS...

- Women's underwear size 5,6,7,8
- Men's underwear (briefs and boxers) size S, M, L
- Men's and women's socks
- Diapers and Pull-Ups size 4, 5, 6
- Feminine pads and tampons
- Family sized toothpaste
- Conditioner, shampoo, lotion
- Transparent medicine bottles
- Reusable water bottles

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

### Blessings to the following August Birthdays

LaVada Brown	Aug 1
Ron Reed	Aug 8
Herb Shaw	Aug 8
Georgia Wright	Aug 8
Diana York	Aug 8
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
Larry & Marjorie Hammitt	Aug 28
Bernard & Rachel Schilowsky	Aug 29

# August 2014

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

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<b>3</b> 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10:50am Worship & Children's SS	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:00pm TOPS	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 1:30pm Dorothy Circle	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00am Children's Ministry Team Meeting
<b>10</b> 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10:50am Worship & Children's SS	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:00pm TOPS	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
<b>17</b> 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10:50am Worship & Children's SS  12:15pm Youth Pizza & Planning Mtg	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:00pm TOPS	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 1:00p.m. Admin Council Meeting at Pastor's house
<b>24/31</b> 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10:50am Worship & Children's SS  Reunion Day Potluck & Fun!	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



Vacation Bible School in July was filled with enthusiastic kiddos, youth helpers and adults learning about God’s creation, and how Heifer International has, for 70 years, used the "teach a man to fish" philosophy to work to end hunger and poverty throughout the world. The week was capped off by a truly energetic and praise-filled intergenerational worship service that was led by the VBS children. The children are thrilled to announce that they have raised more than \$700 and are able to purchase a cow and a few smaller animals to help families struggling in poverty and hunger to have a better life. Thanks to everyone for their generous support of Heifer International and the mission work of the children of PPUMC!



# A way of living Stewardship

## Stewardship Moment

There is a Nigerian proverb that offers a great insight regarding stewardship:

“It is the heart that gives, the fingers just let go.”

Mary Dumars, a woman who belonged to a church in Los Angeles, was especially generous. She made angel food cakes for everybody, anybody, and for “special occasions” that she alone created. She also made tins of caramel popcorn for every kid in sight. And, if the family was in need, along with these gifts, there would be an envelope of cash quietly given to the parents.

Many of the other members of the church had greater financial resources than she had, but that didn’t matter to her at all. She was a giver.

At her funeral service, several adults continued to try to analyze her generosity. “Why? Why?” they asked each other. Finally, a teen-age girl, who belonged to one of the poorer families, spoke up. “I asked her one day, ‘Why are you so nice to all of us?’ She told me, ‘It’s my way of thanking God for all that I have been given. Besides, I get so much joy out of trying to help others. It’s just a lot of fun.’” Mary was a living example of stewardship in action.

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

**Coop Cooper**  
**Jean & Bill Edwards**  
**Susie Gallivan**  
**Ruby Hilty**  
**Mary Kay Marshall**

**Deb Pemberton**  
**Roy & Betty Peterson**  
**Hal Smith**  
**Dee Trafton**  
**Georgia Wright**

## ***August-School-Ugh!***



It's hard to believe that our schools will be in session again! The summer is fading and fall will be upon us before we know it. Our Children's Program is going to change slightly in September. We are going to add a couple of new items to the schedule. First, an additional class time at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings will be added to coincide with the Adult Sunday School class. This will allow parents time to delve into wonderful adult studies throughout the year. What will this new class time include? Well that really depends on the ages of children we have attending. I would really like to focus on the seasons of the church year during this time. If there is interest, a confirmation class can be set up and/or a youth class could be set up. Second, at 10:15 am on Sunday mornings, we will add additional music/drama time for those that want to focus on learning more songs and help with special performances during church. We will continue to have Children's Church- following the same scripture lessons during the church service time.

### **Needs for Children's Ministry:**

- **Sunday school teachers/helpers (sign-up in the hallway)**
- **Children's Ministry Team members (meet on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am)**

Love in Christ,  
*Kim Sommer*  
(719) 210-7394

**A TIME TO HEAL** Annual Conference this year was met with mixed emotions. The theme was "Healing Relationships". We were invited to travel to the site of the Sand Creek Massacre, extending the hand of God and reconciliation to the Native American descendants of the massacre.

My thoughts were, "I'm not sure why I am asking for forgiveness for the acts of a Colorado Methodist active military officer who led the attack on Sand Creek. Yes, I was born into the Methodist church and decided to continue my life as a Methodist. But, I was born in Missouri and 150 years after the massacre. Do the Cheyenne and Arapaho people really hold the acts of these people against me?"

We heard the pain as the descendants spoke of the unspeakable acts of brutality at Sand Creek. History is shared through spoken word rather than a written history. When spoken the history comes to life and remains ever present.

The people of the Cheyenne and Arapaho opened their hands with grace, inviting us to forgive and heal the generational and cultural wounds caused by the Massacre. God showed his face and healing powers. By the end of Annual Conference I knew I wasn't part of this atrocity but I could extend my hand with God's love and help let people feel His love.

In November a Healing Run will begin at the Sand Creek site and continue to the Colorado State Capital in Denver. There will be opportunities for our church to help. Watch for more information about this later.

As God's Servant,

*Ann Keetch,*

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference

## Calendar of Special Events

(See calendar for regularly scheduled events)

**Thursday** 8/7, 1:30pm Dorothy Circle  
**Saturday** 8/16, 9:00am Men's Breakfast  
**Sunday** 8/17, 12:15pm Pastor Appreciation Day  
8/24, 12:15pm Reunion Potluck



**Vacation Bible School Leaders**

## 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.*

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

**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](mailto:carol@riverrat-nw.com).**

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

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## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The men's breakfast will be on Saturday August 16th at 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you there for good fellowship, conversation, and of course breakfast. All new members are welcome and bring a friend. Blessings, *Mel Simmons*

## Help Support Victims of Human Trafficking

Once again, Jeanette and Friends Sewing Bee is making 175 larger size Christmas Stockings for rescued victims of Human Trafficking. These will be put together with gifts on December 9th. The sewing bee has lost some of its regular sewers, so they are in great need of help in cutting, pinning and/or sewing.

They are short on fancy Christmas prints in cotton. A minimum cut of 1 yard will make four stockings, at least. They have battings and liners. Plain or small prints would be a great donation for the backs.

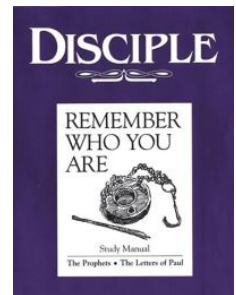
**Workers can take materials to work at home, or join them at Calvary UMC, Room #207, from 9am to 4pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Come for an hour or more and bring lunch if you plan to stay over the lunch hour. No charge to help with this important project. Please help! Questions? Call Pastor at 634-3589.**

## HELPING HANDS FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENT HOSTESS

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

## Let's Learn & Grow Together!

Join Pastor Leslie on  
September 8<sup>th</sup> for the



Start of the 32 week study of **Disciple III...Remember Who You Are: The**

**Prophets and the Letters of Paul.** This

study explores the connection between memory and identity as the people of God. The word You in the title is meant to be heard both in its singular form (the individual) and its plural form (the community). We are a community of memory. Several themes weave their way through the study - the call to remember; the call to repentance; the need for renewed vision; and the place of community. The prophets and Paul continually call us back to our God and to a sense of who we are as a people "set apart".

**The cost of the study manual is \$40. (Scholarships are available.)**

**Please sign-up on the bulletin board, or by emailing**

**[pastorles@outlook.com](mailto:pastorles@outlook.com), by**

**August 27th.**

# NEW MEMBERS!



L to R: Grace Cook, LeAnn Ladwig, Preston Holladay, Vandy Lawley and Diana York.

**Vandy Lawley...**grew up in Northern CA. Her family, though, has been rooted in Colorado for the last 100 years. 12 years ago Vandy moved to Colorado and raised her children in Loveland, CO. She has spent many years working in early childhood education. Vandy says, "I love being here in the Springs and look forward to the next part of my journey in faith and life."

**Diana York...**grew up in California. She explains, "I have a life-long love of nature, nurtured by parents who remained delighted by God. This love brought me to Colorado." Diana has Bachelor of Science in political science, and a Masters in Counseling, and seeks ways to fulfill her love for ministry in the tough places with those on the margins.

**LeAnn Ladwig...**was born and raised in Maine. She served in the United States Air Force , where she was stationed at the Air Force Academy hospital. LeAnn and her husband, Jim, have three sons between them, two wonderful daughter-in-laws and four amazing grandchildren (2 boys & 2 girls). LeAnn is a Certified Nursing Assistant, and has a heart for serving the elderly and hospice ministry. She says "I have been searching for decades for a church that feels like home and am so grateful to have found PPUMC and this loving congregation! Thanks for having me!"

**Grace Cook...**is a Kansas native, born and raised in Dodge City, KS. For a few years Grace lived in Texas, where she attended Lakewood Church (now Joel Osteen's church) for a time. In 2009, Grace moved to Colorado Springs to care for her brother-in-law, Preston Holladay, who was married to her sister, Lois. Grace joined Bethany Baptist Church and attended there until it dissolved in early 2014. Grace says, "I have been a lifetime (mostly) member at First United Methodist Church of Dodge, City, KS since I was six years old. When Bethany dissolved I am transferring my membership to PPUMC and back to Methodism at 84 years old."

**Preston Holladay...**like Grace, was born and grew up in the FUMC of Dodge City, KS. He and his wife, Lois, moved to Colorado Springs 57 years ago, and raised three boys together. Preston belonged to Bethany Baptist as well before they dissolved. "I have been a devoted Christian all my life. Now I am transferring back to the Methodist Church at PPUMC." Preston loves reading and history, and is actually a living part of history himself, as the last living relative of Doc Holladay.