

Lamp^{lighter}

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

March 2017



from the
Pastor's pen

This month the pondering church season of Lent begins, on Ash Wednesday, March 1. Growing up, Lent was a season of "giving up" something – to clear away distractions that kept me from getting to know God better. In recent years I've felt encouraged to "take up" something – to reading the Bible more or prayer or to purposefully reach out to someone I don't know and share God's love. This season, I'm doing a "reverse fast" of sharing, via social media, the daily devotional that we distributed with our Lent-Love Offering canisters.

As our Family of Faith, our community and our country experience the impact of uncertainty of all types, perhaps it's time for us to believe that God is using "these times" to call America back to Himself. I believe we need to look for new opportunities to share the hope we have in Christ.

It says in Psalm 4:8:

"I will both lie down in peace and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety."

Instead of the March poem "in like a lion; out like a lamb" we need to share that we are promised *in God's word* that there will be heavenly peace; that the lion will **lie down** with the lamb. That's a promise of HOPE!

What does hope look like when times are hard? Practical hope may take the form of clothing, food and shelter for those who cannot get through a month. Hope may look like tutoring a child whose home is filled with unrest. Hope could be a phone call or a gift that says "I care" to someone in need. Hope is volunteering at – well, YOU fill in the _____.

But the ULTIMATE HOPE that we must never lose sight of or fail to communicate is found not in the things of this world, but in Christ.

Perhaps the season of Lent is when we can share with others from the bounty of our own *fasting*. We'll do that, in a sacrificial way, with our Lent-Love Offering for our church. No matter what, we need to be prepared for the ways we'll share answers brimming with hope.

Let's not be a part of the moaning and groaning that characterizes the world. Instead, let's become part of the solution. Here's what the apostle Peter's plan was for times like this:

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

But do this with gentleness and respect."

(1 Peter 3:15)

This newsletter is full of wonderful ministry news throughout our church. We *are* blessed!

And, as always, continue to be abiding in Him,
Pastor Dea

UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church

February

The February 2nd meeting of the United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle was postponed this month due to the extreme cold, icy weather until the following Thursday on February 9th, with ten women reading the UMW Purpose together.

An inspiring, Spiritual Growth Reading from Beulah Shaw, in *The Daily Bread* focused on a Grandfather and Grandmother who celebrated Christmas with their grandchildren with gifts of a different sort. Not being wealthy, these devoted Christians planted the early seeds of love for God, hearts for Christ and confidence in the Holy Spirit's leading as their gifts to their Grandchildren! Thank you Beulah for this uplifting reading!

The minutes from last month were read and approved. Our Treasurer Jessie Cooper, noticed a couple discrepancies on our checks. However, after much discussion on the subject, it was decided that because it has been like this for many years, with no problem in writing or cashing our checks, that our checking account will continue as stands. Jessie passed copies of the year-end checking account balances to both President Brown and Secretary Arnold for our records. Thank you Jessie for your extensive care and prudent oversight of our accounts!

In new business, Twinkle Gordon will be doing the spiritual growth messages and Suzie Gallivan will be sending greeting cards from now on. These services have been performed for the last several years by Beulah Shaw who is passing these projects over to other members. Our deepest gratitude goes to Beulah for her gift of service over the years, and to Twink and Suzie for stepping up to cover these two areas! God has blessed our UMW with loving, caring women devoted to serving our Lord! Our group adjourned to fill the many Valentine's bags for members who have been unable to attend our meetings or church services in awhile. Thank you to all who donated items for the bags, goodies to fill the bags and to our wonderful children who decorated the festive Valentine's Bags of which there were over a dozen that President Brown and Joe graciously delivered!

Thank you to LaVada and Beulah for the refreshments for our February meeting, they were delicious and greatly appreciated after seeing all the other goodies go into the Valentine Bags!

March 2nd will be our meeting with speaker Debra Mitguard of Westside Cares. We will meet at 1:30 for her presentation and Gretchen Arnold will be hosting this meeting. We hope to see you there as this is a most interesting subject with a great speaker!

Most Sincerely,  Gretchen



Thank You

It was such a pleasant surprise to be given the Quiet Disciple award for 2017.

Since joining the church in 1974,

I have enjoyed working in different areas at PPUMC. It has been such a pleasure helping where needed. Thank you to everyone for honoring me with this award.

Blessings, LaVada

MARCH BIRTHDAYS


- 2 Mike Arnold
- 6 Ruth Ann Reed
- 10 Bernard Schilowsky
- 17 Jim Hodges
- 17 Shalee Sommer
- 18 Steve Meerpohl
- 20 Dee Burger
- 21 Cassandra Giardna
- 21 Tyler Wood
- 22 Virginia VanDerWege
- 25 Gretchen Arnold
- 31 Lorelai Allen
- 31 Charlene Belshaw

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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




We are back together knitting, crocheting, quilting, crafting or whatever you would like to do. We are there to help if we can. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please use the back entrance. **If you would like more information about the K & C Giggles please contact Ruth Reed 719-471-1393.**



Mel's
Famous Biscuits & Gravy

MEN'S BREAKFAST

at 9am








Great Food, Fun and Fellowship!

Saturday, Mar 18th

March 2017

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1	2 1:30pm Dorothy's Circle 	3	4
5 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS Holy Communion	6 6:00pm Adult Bible Study	7 4:45pm TOPS	8	9 6:00pm Giggler's Group 	10	11 10:00am Children's and Youth Ministry Team
12 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS St. Patty's Potluck	13 6:00pm Adult Bible Study	14 4:45pm TOPS	15	16	17 	18 9:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 
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Be Thou My Vision

"Be Thou My Vision", originally a *lorica*, a prayer for protection, was written sometime during the late 550's by Saint Dallan, Forgaill, a Christian, Irish poet. Saint Dallan was known for his passionate studying and writing which led to blindness. He is also remembered for reforming the Irish Order of Bardic Monks that helped to preserve traditional literature and the ancient, Irish language, Gaelic.

"Be Thou My Vision", was part of traditional Irish, religious culture for several centuries until in 1905, when it was translated into English by Mary E. Byrne, and later in 1912, when "Be Thou My Vision" was set to the music of an old, Irish folk tune entitled, "Slane" which is still the tune used for both Irish and English renditions today.

A Hymn that has stood the test of time, "Be Thou My Vision" was voted most popular hymn in the United Kingdom in 2013, and is still in our current Hymnal, having been a favorite in Methodist hymnals for years where it is considered important music for Methodist youth to learn!

Gretchen

TOPS Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS CO 0151, Colorado Springs is happy to announce that we have returned from our 2-month cruise and many of the members have returned lighter. We are looking forward to March as we prepare for Spring to start. March is the end of our first quarter and we are hoping to have good losses for the month of March and for the first quarter of 2017. We have going to be working on ways to exercise that will keep us moving and enjoying the activity. We also are looking forward to low carb., low calorie recipes. If you have been thinking about taking of some pounds before summer hits we hope you will think about joining us every Tuesday. **We weight in between 4:45 – 5:15 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. If you would like more information regarding TOPS Chapter please contact Ruth Reed 719-471-1393.**

Ruth



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

Dick & Sue Bush
 Leslie Castle
 Jim Caudle
 Susie Gallivan
 Harmon Hammitt
 Shirley Harr
 Hal Smith
 Jim Hodges
 Ann Keetch
 Katy Lynn
 Frank & Rose Martinez
 Rebecca Nixon
 Ethyl Pierson
 Ruth Reed
 Rachel Schilowsky - sister
 Melissa Stallings
 Millie Ware - for Levi
 Pastors Gene & Dea's neighbor

Westside Cares

The slow time is over. It's time to look forward. March 1st is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

Westside Cares will hold their Annual Banquet and Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 6:00 PM. The Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints, 150 Pine Avenue, will host the Dinner. The Founders Award, honoring the 2017 Outstanding Volunteer will be presented and the Colorado Springs Children's Chorale will provide the entertainment. Tickets are \$10.00, payable at the door. This goes to Westside Cares. RSVP by 3/7/17 is required. Call Maryann at 389-0759, ext 104, or

Maryann.Stadjur@westsidecares.org

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church has been ask to provide diapers and wipes again for June. We'll collect these items during May.



St. Patty's Potluck



On March 12th we will have a St. Patrick's day potluck after the morning service. Bring your favorite St. Patrick's food which could include corn beef and cabbage, Irish Soda Bread, green jello salad, Shepherd's casserole, peas salad and of course any kind of dessert green or otherwise. Maybe if we are lucky there will even be a pot of gold. Hope to see everyone there. With love and blessings,

Sally

WESTSIDE CARES NEEDS...

We are in need of the following items:

- *Socks – Adult*
- *Underpants – Women's size 5 – 8, Men's – all sizes, Girls – all sizes*
- *Girls' Clothing – 2T, 3 T, 6, 9, 12*
- *Men's Jeans – size 30 -36*
- *Men's shoes*
- *Diapers sizes 1, 5 and 6*
- *Tampons and pads*
- *Shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, lg bar soap, toothpaste*

***No household items, please.

Debra.Mitguard@westsidecares.org

or call 719-389-0759 ext. 108.

Archie and Chery Wilson



THE FORTY DAYS of LENT

REFLECTION

RECONCILIATION

RENEWAL

Your Lent-Love Offering will be collected at our Easter Celebration, April 16.

Be prayerful about how YOU can be sacrificial, in a reflection of CHRIST'S sacrifice for us.

~collecting~

family devotionals and children's meal blessings
for each month

if there is one that is near and dear to you please
email to :

twinkandmargo@q.com

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes of February 4, 2017 Meeting

Members present: Pastor Dea & Pastor Gene, Karen Wiest, Ann & Rick Keetch, Mel & Sally Simmons, Twinkle Gordon & Margo Bowler, David Hays, Kim Sommer, LaVada Brown, and Ruth Reed.

Meeting was opened at by Pastor Dea with scripture of Love.

Approval of Charge Conference Minutes – Twinkle Gordon requested correction of her title as Certified Lay Minister. The Charge Conference Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's/Finance Report – Rick Keetch

- Reported change to Property Insurance. It is no longer paid by Conference but each church is to pay it.
- Tax receipts will be available on 4-5-2017.
- EZRA report – still need some inputs.

Pastor Dea Sharp reported that we are in the red at conference again. They are checking on this. We may need to hold off on the amount of the tithes that we pay to conference. We will try to find some fund raisers to earn money.

We were reminded that when we have a service done we should not promise immediate payment. We have 30 days to pay bills and we need this in order to process. Rick Keetch will do a guide line regarding this.

A list of all Administrative Council Areas and their lead person and members on each group will be posted on the Hall Bulletin Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kim Sommer reported that the Calendar is done and on the Web Site.
- Annual Conference is June 15-18. Pastor Dea Sharp will be attending.

MISSIONS – Pastor Gene Sharp Reported

- There were various missions explained that we could use. (sheet was handed out).
- The group picked to support a Methodist Missionary in the United States. Pastor Gene will research this and get back to us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee's Report – Mel Simmons reported.

- Roof damage by last storm. There are approximately 20 shingles missing. 3 sides of the steeple were damaged. It was reported that it could run about \$4-7 thousand dollars. The roof had been replaced in 2000. Insurance deductible is \$5000.
- Electrical – Some replacement will take place on Monday, February 6 in the morning. The city will turn off the power to the church for a couple hours. Eugene Miller's capital improvement work will come from the Trustees not the General Fund.
- Marque Sign – we need locks on it so the wind does not rip the door off.
- Church Bus – Craig Sommer took the bus in to have a flat fixed and found out that there was more damage. A spring on the frame had broken. It cost \$956.80 to replace it. It was discussed and this should have come out of the Trustee funds not the General Church fund. So this will be repaid to the General fund.
- The Church Doors (3) locks are to be replaced by Ron Reed.

Staff Parish Report – David Hays

None at this time

Education:

YOUTH – Kim Sommer

- Youth will be having a Super Bowl Soup sale on Sunday, February 5.
- VBS will be June 25-30. Various programs were brought up.
- Mission Trip – July 7-16. To Idaho.
- Looking into doing something with Sky Socks.

ADULT Sunday School – Pastor Dea Sharp

- Lent study - "Creed – Exploring the Apostles; Creed" which is a 6-week study. Starts May 5.
- Post Easter - Book "Weird Church"- for the 21st Century
- Post Memorial Day – Bible/Koran study
- April 16 no Sunday School.

Worship Committee – Pastor Dea

- March 5 - Ash Wednesday @ 6:30pm
- April 9 - Palm Sunday
- April 13 - Maundy Thursday
- April 14- Good Friday
- April 15 – Vigil
- April 16 – Easter Sunrise – 7:00 am. Brunch at 8:30 a.m. Then Resurrection Service.
- April 30 – 5th Sunday Change for Change combine with Bridge of Love Conference.

Stewardship – Pastor Dea Sharp

None at this time

UMW/Dorothy Circle – LaVada Brown

- Submitted a written report of 2016 Yearly Giving.
- About 15 ladies in membership

United Methodist Men – Mel Simmons

- Reported has gone from 6-7 member to 9-11 members.

Prayer Ministry – Twinkle Gordon

- Web Site – will now have a Grace for Kids.
- Newsletter - will have a devotion for the Kids.

Nurture & Outreach –

- Missions was done at the beginning of the meeting.
- WestSide Cares – Archie was not present. Twinkle reported that we need to remember animals when we fill the wagon
- Food Pantry – Racheal Schilowsky family is still doing.
- Social – Sally Simmons
 - Herb & Beulah Shaw donated a stove for the upstairs kitchen. The upstairs kitchen stove was put in the downstairs kitchen. The downstairs kitchen stove was taken away.
 - Need 2-3 new Refreshment helpers as Beulah Shaw is not able to do and Meerpohl's are moving to Kansas.
- Memorial – Pastor Dea
 - Rachel Thompson – suggested that for the money that came in for John Castle that she do some sort of painting. She gave a few ideas. Pastor Dea suggested that the Memorial Committee will schedule a meeting and discuss.
- Health & Wellness – Nothing at this time
- Bus Ministry –
 - Is being used.
 - In need of a alternate driver.
- Lay Leader – Ann Keetch
 - Nothing at this time

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dea

- EZRA Report – These reports need turned in ASAP.
- Quiet Disciple will be announced February 5 at church.

Ruth Reed made a motion that meeting be closed and LaVada Brown seconded it. Meeting was closed.

Next meeting April 1, 2017 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted – Ruth Reed acting secretary

Pastor Dea's Sermon Calendar

March 2017

March 1 ~ **Ash Wednesday**

Service with Holy Communion and Imposition
of Ashes

"Not a Warning; An Invitation"

March 5 ~ First Sunday of Lent

Worship with Holy Communion

"Promises, Promises"

Matthew 4:1-11, Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

March 12 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

"A Teaching Moment"

John 3:1-17

March 19 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

"More Than Water in His Well"

John 4:5-42

March 26 ~ 4th Sunday of Lent

Special Offering Sunday – One Great Hour of
Sharing/UMCOR

"Seeing Is Believing"

John 9:1-41

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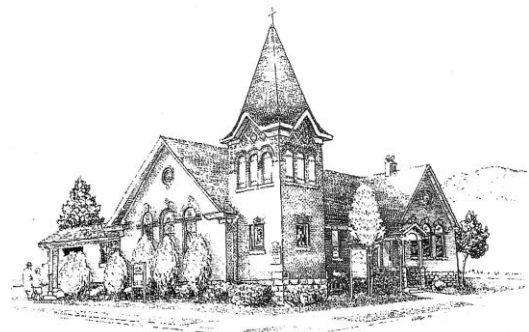
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