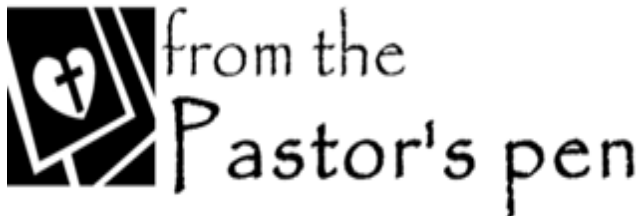


# Lamp<sup>lighter</sup>

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

March 2018



A clergy friend wrote, in his church's newsletter, that we've kinda missed Winter this year. We long for the moisture of the snow (but not the scooping.) The change of seasons hasn't been so apparent without the snow (although we "get it" with the cold temperatures.) We've just kinda just *missed* Winter. (I hope I don't set off a blizzard!)

The season **we can't** miss, however, is Lent. March is *all* Lent...deep drifts of deliberate time with God; bulky wraps of consciously removing our desires and aligning with God's desires, purpose and methods; and warm nourishment (inward and outward) that comes from serving others and sharing God's love. And celebration as we step into our roles in God's Reign.

I'll be continuing the sermon series "**Do You Have the Time**" and pray that we can all sense the season changing...*changing US, that is...*as we make the most of each moment to know God better, deepen our relationship with God and others, and then come into Easter (April 1) to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This newsletter is packed! Your Family of Faith is moving *outward* with opportunities for fellowship, study, youth events **AND Holy Week!** Each event is a time that you could encourage others to come along on the walk in growing our faith. It's an exciting time at Pikes Peak UMC!

I pray that YOUR Lent is everything YOU need it to be.

**And, continue to be...abiding in Him,**  
Pastor Dea

## UMW Dorothy's Circle

### Pikes Peak United Methodist Church

#### February

The February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle began at 1:30pm with eleven ladies present.

After reading the Purpose of the UMW together, Twinkle Gordon, presented our Spiritual Growth reading called, "Quilted With Love." It is based on Ephesians 2:10 and uses a quilt as an example of God's love for each of us, as we are as different as pieces of a quilt.

In lieu of a speaker, we assembled 10, Valentine love bags for those who are unable to attend church regularly. Members brought cookies, treats, beautiful homemade Valentine cards, fresh fruits and candy to fill each bag; then the bags were delivered by our members. We then made another assembly line and filled 20 Kids Care Kits that WestSideCares has asked for. These contained, a healthy snack, crayons and coloring books, a juice box, and a dress-up, felt bear for each kit and were delivered the following Tuesday.

Ruth Ann Reed made very attractive book-marks complete with scripture reference, PPUMC's address, telephone number, and website, to hand out with the Valentine Bags, prayer shawls, and other avenues of connecting people to God's love and our church. (Ask Ruth Ann if you would like one for yourself.)

President Brown prepared and made copies of our UMW call list with e-mail addresses for each of our members. Last month's minutes were read and approved. Suzy Peet passed out our UMW Prayer cards so we all could pray together. We adjourned at 2:37 with two kinds of delicious cupcakes, jello jigglers, coffee or tea and fellowship! Our combined appreciation goes out to each of our members who are willing and constant in their devotion to each other and to our UMW by working and using their talents to promote our mission. Thank you dear ones!

Our March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be held at Trinity UMC for a tour of the Food Pantry, followed by our regular meeting in their parlor with treats provided by Delma Pay of the managers of the Pantry.

.Secretary **Gretchen**



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP and EVENT SCHEDULE

- Maundy Thursday,  
March 29 - 7 p.m.  
at Trinity UMC  
Holy Communion &  
Combined Choirs
- Good Friday Tenebrae,  
March 30 – 6:30 p.m.  
at Pikes Peak UMC  
Combined Choirs
- Easter Saturday, March 31  
\*Easter Celebration for All  
Ages - 10 a.m.  
\*Vigil Prayer & Scripture  
Service – 6-8 p.m.  
Youth Led Faith Walk
- Easter Morning, April 1
  - Sunrise (Indoor) Service –  
7:30 a.m.
  - Easter Brunch – 8:30 a.m.
  - Traditional Service –  
10:50 a.m.





## When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

Reverend James Milton Black was inspired to write this most beloved, early Methodist song, when in 1893, at a youth gathering in his Sunday School class, one student didn't respond to the attendance call. After learning the girl was sick with pneumonia and because her family was too poor to afford medical care, he called a doctor to treat her. On his way home, Reverend Black thought about the implication of someone not responding to the roll call of Heaven and upon his arrival at home, he was inspired to write the music and the words to, *"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."* It is recorded that Rev. Black said, "I spoke of what a sad thing it would be when our names are called from the Lamb's Book of Life, if one of us should be absent."

Several days later this song was sung at the girl's funeral, with neither the tune nor the words having been changed from then on as Rev. Black stated, "I played the music just as it is found today in the hymn books, note for note, and I have never dared to change a single word or a note of the song."

Gretchen



**MH/PP District Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 3, at First UMC**  
 Saturday, March 3, 2018  
 at First UMC - Colorado Springs  
 10:00AM - 3:00PM  
 Registration \$15 ~ Lunch Provided



The group will meet on March 8 and 22 (as well as April 12) and then take their break until the Fall. Bring a project that you're working on or need help with and join us from **6-7:30 p.m.** Use the ramp entrance at the back of the church. **Questions with a project? Questions? Call Ruth Reed 471-1393**

# March 2018

**Sunday**

**Monday**





**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

				<b>1</b> <b>1:30pm</b> Dorothy's Circle  <b>7:00pm</b> Mineralogical Society	<b>2</b> <b>6:00pm</b> World Day of Prayer Youth Walkabout	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>8:30am</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>9:30am</b> Adult SS <b>10:50am</b> Worship & Children's SS <b>5:00pm</b> Grief Meeting	<b>5</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Adult Bible Study	<b>6</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Mineralogical Society	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Giggler's Group 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>10:00am</b> Youth Planning  <b>Clocks Forward</b>
<b>11</b> <b>9:30am</b> Adult SS <b>9:50am</b> Great Hour of Sharing <b>10:50am</b> Worship & Children's SS	<b>12</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Adult Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>9:00am</b> Men's Fellowship Breakfast  <b>3:00pm</b> Games
<b>18</b> <b>8:30am</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>9:30am</b> Adult SS <b>10:50am</b> Worship & Children's SS Outreach Contemplative <b>12:00pm</b> Potluck	<b>19</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Adult Bible Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Giggler's Group 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>8:30am</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>9:30am</b> Adult SS <b>10:50am</b> Worship & Children's SS <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>26</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Adult Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>  <b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>30</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Good Friday Tenebrae	<b>31</b> <b>10:00am</b> <b>Easter Saturday</b>  <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Easter vigil Prayer &amp; Faith Walk</b>



**Saturday, Mar 17th**



2 Mike Arnold  
 6 Ruth Reed  
 10 Bernard Schilowsky  
 17 Jim Hodges  
     Shalee Sommer  
 20 Dee Burger  
 21 Tyler Wood  
 22 Virginia Van Der Wege  
 24 Kim Whitcomb  
 25 Gretchen Arnold  
 31 Charlene Belshaw  
     Lorilai Allen

**ANNIVERSARIES**

13 Raymond & Mary Kay Marshall  
 25 Dick & Sue Bush



**OUTREACH MINISTRY EVENTS**

Friday, March 2 – World Day of  
 Prayer - Walk the Block

Meeting our neighbors in the 'hood.  
 6-8 p.m. with the youth.



**Game Time Saturday** – first time gathering was February 17 and ten people took advantage of the games and fellowship. The game boards and dominoes will be out again on Saturday, March 17 at 3 p.m. Come for the fun (and the popcorn!)



**Monthly Giving 2018**

Monthly budget \$6451

January \$5490

February \$4783





### YOUTH NEWS & VIEWS

March 3 – World Day of Prayer 'hood Walkabout 6–8 p.m.

March 10 – Children & Youth Team Meeting 10 a.m.

March 11 – Easter Celebration Invitations 'hood Walkabout during Sunday School

March 25 – Palm procession in Worship Holy Week services with the Family of Faith

March 31 – Vigil Saturday with faith walk and Prayer Service 6–8 p.m.

The Youth are still in need of adult sponsors to be with them during Friday Study Nights. Could you sign up and spend a couple hours? You could use the quiet time to do your own Bible or devotional study! And getting to know the kids is a bonus!

**COMING in April:** We'll do the **Safe Sanctuary** training the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of April. This training is a vital policy of PPUMC and will cover working with children, youth AND the elderly. This is a required workshop for working with the youngsters (including VBS volunteers.) Let Kim know that you'll be attending.



### **St. Patrick's Potluck** **Sunday, March 18**

Bring your favorite corned beef or shepherd's pie (or fried chicken) along with the sides, salads and desserts! What a great time to invite someone to join us for some good cookin' and even better fellowship, too!

## Westside Cares

Westside Cares has given us a long list of needs:

Men's boxers and briefs – all sizes

Adult socks

Adult hats and gloves

Men's jeans – size 30 – 36

Girl's underwear – size 2,3,4,10

Family size toothpaste

Deodorant

Tampons and pads

Large shampoo and conditioner

Empty pill bottles

Plastic grocery bags

+++ NO HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

In the middle of a cold winter the needs are great.

Westside Cares is providing help to our needy neighbors in ever greater numbers. The help we are able to provide is greatly appreciated.

Keep up God's good work.

May God bless you that you may bless others.

For more information contact Deb Mitguard at

[Debra.Mitguard@westsidecares.org](mailto:Debra.Mitguard@westsidecares.org)

or call 389-0759 ext. 10

Archie and Chery



**we can  
help**



### **Celebrating with Hal Smith**

LaVada & Joe Brown and Pastors Gene & Dea were able to stop by to celebrate Hal Smith's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. What a special day!

# The Prayer Corner

## PRECIOUS MOMENTS

"Good Morning!", God said, as our eyes opened to embrace the new day. As the sleepy sand is cleared from our eyes we thank God.

We know that our first thoughts should be gratefulness, yet more often than not we busy our minds with what OUR PLAN for the day unfolds. It took me quite a while to ask God what HE wants and needs and how and who can I bless today. It's not rocket science to recall the Bible verse that says "with God all things are possible."

Some of us don't think of how awesome that is! Is it not easier to compartmentalize the self-knowledge of our gifts as we know them to be?

Holy Spirit filled Christians "hear" yet often procrastinate. Do we rationalize and /or keep score? Is it that we doubt God's prodding, simply refuse for whatever reasons, or dive in and obey.....knowing and trusting that if God asks God will provide! These are PRECIOUS MOMENTS missed.

I know blessing others....even if it doesn't "fit" into our preconceived plans....stepping back through prayer leads us and others to greater things. Sit quietly for a moment. Closing your eyes is optional.

Purposefully envision a quiet place where you and God can rest for a moment. When life is uncomfortable for me, sitting beside shallow flowing water over river rocks brings peace. God metaphorically washes away doubt, sadness and fear...life goes on whether we give it permission or not. When we put God first and hand all the intricacies that life presents a huge burden will be lifted. The Holy Spirit's Presence ensures a sigh of relief on our part.

**Would you pray with me:**

***Precious Lord God, Help us to know the joy of helping others. The peace that our gifts of Your Spirit bring. Let us never be too busy or tire of opportunities that make a positive difference.***

***We have often heard, God, the expression....***

***"Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but those moments that take our breath away."***

***THIS IS NOT a commercial for stopping smoking.***

***PRECIOUS MOMENTS are the makings of precious memories...and for this, God we are most grateful.***

***Let us start each and every day in thankfulness....no matter our circumstances. Bring to us, if it be Thy will, those to whom we might teach of Your goodness and those to who You have sent to teach us. We will always give YOU the praise and glory.***

**Amen! Twink**



- Rachel Schilowsky
- Our shut ins
- Persons and families experiencing crisis
- The ministries of our church
- Neighbors – those we know; or not
- *A weekly prayer email is sent from Pastor Dea with more detailed list*

## TABLE GRACE - placed near Twink's column and with the prayer list

Dear Lord, we've gathered to share good times, good conversation, with good friends and good food, which we thank You for.

**Amen!**



**We celebrated the life** of Ethel Lucille Pearson on Tuesday, February 20 at the Shrine of Remembrance. Ethel (and Bob) were long time members of PPUMC and she will be remembered for her beautiful craft projects (crochet and quilting, and of teaching those skills to others.) Ethel was a member of the Dorothy Circle and a charter member of the K&C Giggles. Her sisters, Marilyn and Judy, have asked that memorials, in Ethel's name, come to our church. The sisters will be back in early March, to continue to work on Ethel's estate and we hope that they will join us for worship again.

## Sermon Calendar Mar 2018

March 4, 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

Worship with Holy Communion

DO YOU HAVE THE TIME?

"Time to Act"

John 2:12-22

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

DO YOU HAVE THE

TIME?

"Time to Slow Down"

Mark 11:1-11

March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Special Offering – UMCOR

DO YOU HAVE THE TIME?

"Time to See the Light"

John 3:14-21

March 29, 2018

Maundy Thursday

at Trinity UMC 7:00 p.m.

Holy Communion and

Combined Choirs

"Maundy Mandate"

John 13:1-35

March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

DO YOU HAVE THE TIME?

"Time is Running Out"

John 12:20-33

March 30, 2018

Good Friday Tenebrae

at PPUMC

Combined Choir

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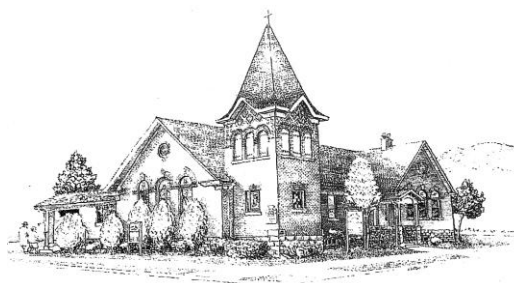
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