

Lamp^{lighter}

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

November 2016



from the
Pastor's pen

During November we come to the conclusion of the church year. We remember our saints and ponder the God of life. We start the journey into the season of Advent and should have alertness for the newness that God gives us.

And in between those times, in American tradition, we have a "civil religious day" called Thanksgiving. And maybe thanksgiving is another transition from old to new; that a celebration of gratitude should put us in the mood to evolve from old to new.

Remember: gratitude is, on our walk of faith, for every season. Your open-minded generosity during our stewardship season – there are not too many folks being compared to the columbine flower these days – was something I'm especially grateful for and I look forward to 2017 (yes, I said it) to minister with you to God's kingdom using all our petals of covenant.

So, as we remember pilgrims and God's care for them we should also consider that, butted up against Advent, Thanksgiving isn't only for remembering but also for the waiting and the expectation.

Faithful gratitude believes that God who HAS given good gifts has many MORE good gifts to give.

Walter Brueggemann, widely considered one of the most influential Old Testament scholars of the last several decades writes:

"While God's gifts are welcome, in fact they do disrupt. God's gift of truth disrupts our systemic mendacity that denies our lethal social practices. God's gift of generosity contradicts our parsimonious selfishness. God's gift of mercy interrupts our hard-hearted indifference. God's gift of justice exposes our systemic injustice. God's gifts amount to an inconvenient reality among us; they remind us that what we have come to regards as "normal" continues a deep abnormality in which we may have no complacency."

Family of Faith, let's consider what the world would be like with God at the center of it. Let's journey through November in a time of change and put **off** the old, put **on** the new. And as the old hymn says (with thanksgiving) *"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above."*

We're on the receiving end!

Praise God for the new things that are ahead of us this month. There's plenty in this newsletter – things to be thankful about and work to do to bring the Kingdom more evident so that others can experience the same thankfulness. I'm blessed to be in ministry with you so continue to be....

Pastor Dea

UMW Dorothy's Circle

**Pikes Peak United Methodist Church
October**

The October 7th meeting of the United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle began with reciting the Purpose of the United Methodist Women by the seven ladies present.

Our Spiritual Growth Leader, Beulah Shaw read an uplifting selection from **The Daily Bread Devotional** booklet. The reading focused on "Remembering" as a spiritual discipline. Because we don't always remember as well as we used to, daily singing of hymns, memorizing scripture and reading our Bible can keep us connected to God in spite of life's changes. Thank you Beulah!

Our original speaker from the Springs Rescue Mission was unable to meet with us on our usual date of Thursday, October 6th, however did send Natasha Allen on Friday, the 7th so we had our meeting one day late. Please forgive us for not getting the word out to everyone about the change! Natasha told us that 2016 is the 20th anniversary of the Springs Rescue Mission here in Colorado Springs! Natasha reminded us of their mission statement, "Because of our love for and obedience to God, our mission is to mobilize the community to provide relief, rehabilitation and empowerment services." What a privilege it has been for our UMW to support them for many of those 20 years! The Rescue is adding another 150-bed shelter opening on November 10, 2016. In previous years the winter shelter was only open November through April, however this new facility will be open year around and will use a lottery system for clients to stay one week at a time.

We were shocked to find out that over 31,000 households live BELOW the poverty line in El Paso County; over 1,000 people are homeless and more than 240 people are unsheltered every night of the year! The Rescue Mission is dedicated to end this homelessness with a well-structured plan that, with the help of the community, will be a multi-agency campus designed to help every person living on the streets of Colorado Springs find a pathway out of homelessness!

Our Dorothy Circle was able to send our usual speaker's fee and more than 20 bags and boxes of donated items back with Natasha to the Rescue Mission. Tours of the Springs Rescue Mission are being given on the following days: Wednesday, November 16 and Wednesday, December 14 at 1pm. You may speak to a UMW member about joining us or call the Mission at 632-1822 to join one of these free tours.

The September minutes were approved as read. Treasurer, Jessie Cooper gave President Brown and Secretary Arnold copies of the monthly bank report that listed our annual pledge donation of \$240 as having been sent on to the National UMW. Thank you Jessie for all your work!

Cards are being sent to several of our members who have health issues, and those who are having birthdays or anniversaries, thank you Beulah for sending these personal greetings!

President Brown asked what we would like to send the newly elected Bishop, and it was decided to send a booklet of our beautiful stained glass windows as a welcome. Jessie suggested we take a tour of the Rescue Mission and Ethel suggested we could do this instead of having one of our regular speakers in the spring. President Brown will look into this. Deb Mitguard of West Side Cares and the CSPD Senior Victims Assistance group were also suggested as speakers for next year.

Ethel Pierson passed out the UMW prayer sheets to close our program at 2:35 pm. Delicious refreshments of pumpkin pie and whipped cream were provided by Jessie, thank you to both ladies for their service!

We will be back to our regular schedule on the first Thursday of November (the 3rd), at 1:30 for our annual fellowship/craft meeting. Ruth Reed will be providing crafts for this meeting, Gretchen will provide refreshments. Please feel free to attend our meetings, we would love to have you join us!

Most Sincerely,

Gretchen



Hymnal History

Silent Night

This beautiful and beloved Christmas hymn is so well known by the world over that it was pronounced as an intangible cultural heritage by the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** in 2011.

In 1816, in Oberndorf, Austria, the young priest Father Joseph Mohr had written words to his new Christmas song. The lyrics required a fitting melody however, so just before Christmas Eve in 1818, Father Joseph went to his friend Franz Xaver Gruber, schoolteacher and organist, and asked him to compose a musical tune for the new song. It would appear however, that the church's organ was not working at the time, so Franz composed music for guitar accompaniment and on Christmas Eve, the two friends performed the first public presentation of Silent Night, or as it was originally written in German: "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht" (Silent Night Holy Night).

Over the next hundred years, Silent Night became so popular that on Christmas Eve in 1914, during the first year of World War I, both German and English translations of Silent Night were sung across fields of barbed wire and in muddy trenches bringing God's peace and love to a land of war and hatred, even if only for a little while!

Silent Night is probably the best known Christmas Hymn in the world and has been translated into more than 140 languages. Since then, on Christmas Eve, Churches everywhere have paused to listen and reflect on that first, Silent Night, Holy Night.

Gretchen

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Shirley Harr
- 9 Esther Kennedy
- 11 Chery Wilson
- 18 Rick Keetch
- 26 Dick Bush

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Mel & Dee Trafton
- 11 Allan & Deborah Pemberton

Kathy's Garden

God Looked around Heaven and found an empty place. He then looked upon the earth and saw Kathy's tired face. He put his arms around her and lifted her to rest.

Kathy's garden was always the best, the love and attention she provided grew love in all the best places. He knew you were in pain. He knew you would never get well on earth again. He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were getting hard to climb. So a trip to heaven would be a welcome respite to the pain and anguish you would soon leave behind.

So he closed your weary eye lids, and whispered peace be thine. It has been six months since God called Kathy home. Kathy remains in my daily thoughts as well as my heart, and she did not go alone but took a large part of my soul with her.

Chopper

Classic Sugar Cookies

- 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 egg
- 2 1/2 cups Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- Granulated sugar or colored sugar



Mix powdered sugar, butter, vanilla, almond extract and egg in large bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients except granulated sugar. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours. Heat oven to 375°F. Lightly grease cookie sheet. Divide dough in half. Roll each half 1/4 inch thick on lightly floured surface. Cut into desired shapes with 2- to 2 1/2-inch cookie cutters. Sprinkle with granulated sugar. Place on cookie sheet. Bake 7 to 8 minutes or until edges are light brown. Remove from cookie sheet. Cool on wire rack. Carol

Mel's

MEN'S BREAKFAST

at 9am

Famous Biscuits & Gravy










Great Food, Fun and Fellowship!

Saturday, Nov 19th

November 2016

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

		1 4:45pm TOPS	2	3 1:30pm Dorothy's Circle 	4	5
6 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS	7 6:00pm Adult Bible Study	8 4:45pm TOPS	9	10 6:00pm Giggler's Group 	11	12 10:00am Children's and Youth Ministry Team
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27 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS	28 6:00pm Adult Bible Study	29 4:45pm TOPS	30	<div>  <p>Don't forget to change your clocks before you go to bed Saturday, November 5th. Worship is still at 10:50 a.m. Sunday and we pray you'll be on time!</p> </div> <div>  <p><i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> <i>May God's blessings enable you to be a blessing.</i></p> </div>		

The Prayer Corner

Fall

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you see the word "fall"? I guess that would depend on your age bracket.

For instance: Toddler first steps.. we hold our breath and do our best to keep them from falling...

Young child: how high they climb or how adept they are with bike riding or skating.

Teenager: fall dances

Grown-ups. holiday planning with fall theme

Older adult: memories of "where did the days go" children and grandchildren rake leaves and jump into them, or almost everyone in this category has seen the commercial of someone on the floor that is not able to get up.

In this short time we have viewed TIMES and SEASONS. We all have one thing in common regardless of our age...but More So when we reach the age of reasoning. Let's take the phrase "fall from grace" what does that mean for us?

It probably means we have made a poor choice....the consequences of which makes us feel we have disappointed God....and perhaps we have. make no mistake ..God has not now or ever will distance Himself from us no matter what! Remember we are His children. God created us and wants what is best for us. When we realize our mistake, we ask God to forgive us. It is then that GRACE is freely given to us from God....A GIFT....not deserved, cannot be bought or earned...BUT BECAUSE GOD DESIRES US TO HAVE IT!

Let us pray:

Dear God, Creator of us ALL,

Please help us listen to that still, small voice within our little hearts that is You....through the Holy Spirit; trying to help us make the decisions that YOU KNOW are best for us.

Let us dwell in Your Presence....NOW AND FOREVER.

Amen. Twinkle



The church décor will change with the **HANGING OF THE GREENS**. We will have a decorating party on Saturday, November 26 at 9 am.

We'll get the Christmas tree out, hang the garlands, bells and all things *traditional* with a few surprises as well. Extra hands will surely be welcome. Make plans to be part of the fun of decorating the church for Advent and our guests who will join us for Christmas Eve.



Thank you to Cletis Reed and Ron Reed for restoring the historical sign on the 30th street side of the prayer chapel. We are very blessed for your work and skills, Mel Simmons Trustees.

Remembering Jean Edwards

One of our loyal long time members of PPUMC went to be home with her Lord on October 26, 2016. Her husband, Bill Edwards and Jean moved to Ohio in 2015 to be closer to their daughter, Norma. Jean joined our church in 1956 and was a very beloved member. We all have many pleasant memories of Jean and send our loving thoughts and prayers to her family.

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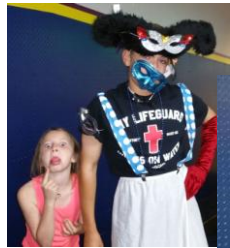
Turkey Anyone?

When I was young, I loved getting ready for Thanksgiving. We would make our table decorations and start baking and preparing for the "Big Day". Our time was spent making everything from scratch if we could. The smell of the biggest bird we could find filled the air on Thanksgiving. The fresh creamy butter would be salted and chilled. The pies would be on the shelf waiting to be cut into. I still have the old butter churn that was one of the first electric items my Auntie had. I have tried to keep some of those old traditions alive in my children. We still make our placemats and write down why we are thankful for each person on their placemat. We occasionally still make the old corn husk dolls and use them as decorations. We even still make the butter for our table sometimes- using that old butter churn. The season of thanks is often missed in the stores. It seems like we start having Christmas décor in the stores before Halloween is even over. Giving thanks isn't about the food or the decorations though. It's about recognizing the blessings we have each received throughout the year and focusing on those instead of the negatives that have occurred throughout the year. I am truly thankful for my family, my church, and my friends. May God bless each and every one of you. Count those blessings, take time to remember them and hold them dear. Yours in Christ,



Kim Sommer

A very special thank you to all who supported the Bowl-a-thon. We raised \$506.67 total - 1/2 goes to West Side Cares and 1/2 goes to the Youth Mission.



November Volunteers!!!!

Nov. 12- Children's Ministry Team Meeting 10 am

Nov. 20- Hanging of the Greens Service ALL Children and youth are to be at church at 9:30 to practice the service and place the items where they need to be

Nov. 26- Decorating the church

December

Dec. 10- Children's Ministry Team meeting at 10 am;

Christmas program practice and party at noon- Come help build our Gingerbread scene!

Dec. 11- ***Christmas Program today!***

Dec. 17- Youth Christmas Party 6 pm

Dec. 18- Christmas caroling 1 pm – all ages

Dec. 22- Youth Fundraiser 9 am- 9 pm All day gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble on Briargate.

Dec. 25- NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY- Enjoy the regular service with the congregation!!

Dec. 31- 9 am – Undecorating the church



Now is the time to start the Knit & Crochet Group back up. There are some changes to this group. We will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. You are welcome to any knit or crochet item you would like to work on. We also will be learning some Quilting Techniques from Ethel Pierson. We look forward to having a wonderful fellowship together. Please feel free to come join us. It does not matter your level of doing any of the above. We are there to enjoy the company of each other and have a great time. **Hope to see all the familiar faces and some new ones from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Please use the back entrance. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ruth Reed 471-1393.**



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

Grace Cook
Craig Baumgartner
Charlene Bleshaw
Dee Burger
Dick and Sue Bush
Susie Gallivan
Gretchen: Sharon Weatherson
Harmon Hammitt
Kathy Handley
Preston Holladay
Leeann Ladwig
Rose and Frank Martinez
Ruth Reed - for Cletis' sister
Lola Satterfield
Shirley Trucott
Rachel Schilowsky

TOPS Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

We have elected new officers for the year 2016-2017. Ruth Reed was elected the Leader for another year. Our Theme for the up-coming year is "Building Blocks to Health". We are looking forward to many informative programs and fun programs. We are all wanting to lose and weight and are hoping this is our year. We would love to have some new members. So if you are thinking about losing weight then please come visit our chapter and see what it is about. We meet every Tuesday evening (Please use the back entrance). We weigh in between 4:45 – 5:15 p.m. and start our meetings at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Chapter is TOPS CO 0151, Colorado Springs. **If you have any questions please feel free to call Ruth Reed, 471-1393. Look forward to seeing you soon.**

Ruth

Westside Cares



November is the month of harvest and Thanksgiving. We have much to be thankful for here at Pikes Peak United Methodist Church.

There are many in our congregation who are blessed with abundant resources and some that have barely enough to get by. Yet, when a need is made known, it seems that everyone gives of what they have.

The youth group fund raising seems well on its way and they graciously shared their latest efforts with the Westside Cares Thanksgiving basket fund raising.

The "Change for Change" collection has provided the rest of the needed funds to purchase 80 tubs of Cool Whip and several turkeys.

Westside Cares has expressed their gratitude for the continuing weekly donations of food and clothing. Their continuing needs are:

Winter coats – all sizes, men's, women's and children's, Underwear – adult all sizes, Socks – adult all sizes, Men's shoes/work boots, Boy's clothing – sizes 8-16, Men's jeans.

May you all be blessed with a Happy Thanksgiving.

Debra.Mitguard@westsidecares.org

or call 719-389-0759 ext. 108.

Archie and Chery Wilson

**we can
help**

Holiday Dinner



On Dec. 11 we will have our Holiday dinner. the turkey and ham will be provide so we will just need your favorite side dishes such as mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn casserole or green bean casserole, salads and of course desserts. That is also the date for the children's Christmas program so we may have extra people.dining with us. If you are interested in decorating one of the tables you will need to contact Ann Keetch at 719-9524 or 719 -634 1165. This is done on a first come basis so if you are interested contact Ann right away. This was a lot of fun when we did this last year. You need to provide the table decorations along with the dishes, silverware, napkins etc. Paper plates are totally acceptable. You will need to plan on doing your own dishes if they need to be washed either at your home or at church.

Blessings and love to all, *Sally*

Pastor Dea's Sermon Calendar
November 2016

- November 6 ~ 25th Sunday After Pentecost
Recognition of our Veterans
With Holy Communion
"Love the Questions"
Luke 20:27-38
- November 13 ~ 26th Sunday After Pentecost
With Holy Baptism
"What the Future Holds"
Luke 21:5-19; Isaiah 65:17-25
- November 20 ~ Christ the King Sunday
Hanging of the Greens Service with Youth
- November 27 – First Sunday of Advent
"Mary of Nazareth"
Luke 1:26-38

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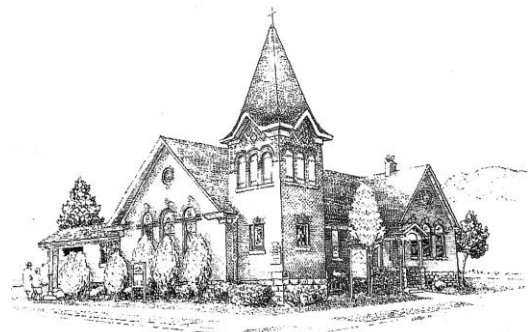
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