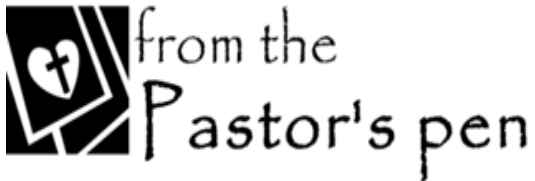


Lamp^{lighter}

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

October 2016



O God, teach us to give joyfully so that we move ever closer to you. Amen!

We are about to embark on a short but, I pray, effective *stewardship* campaign. Now, before you wad up this newsletter let's *together* think about how we can be successful with this campaign that will support what we do at Pikes Peak UMC.

Our view of success should always be that we would see people (those who sit in the pews with us and those we haven't met yet) move closer to God. It's about how stewardship fits into a life that is pleasing to God. And it's about the covenant we have with God – the words that we repeat when a new member joins our Family of Faith – to "*uphold the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.*"

Would you please consider how you will live your life in Christ at Pikes Peak UMC with those five parts of the Covenant?

- How will you give support with prayer?
- How will you bring God glory with your presence?
- What ways can you give besides your regular offering?
- Would you be a part of a committee or a ministry that is already in place or start one that the Holy Spirit is nudging you about?
- Where, when, and how can you tell others about God's love?
- And, (this is important) how will you support the Family of Faith with your *increased* (or more regular) financial giving?

What we do at 2927 W. Pikes Peak Avenue doesn't stop at our doors. We support the Rocky Mountain Conference, the United Methodist Church worldwide, as well as several ministries that have eternal consequences. Will you prayerfully consider how you fit into the Covenant?

On Sunday, October 23, be a part of the success as the stewardship committee gathers our pledges during worship.

As we give, from our hearts joyfully, with a desire to move closer to God – we're acting in trust with God! And, if we are moving closer to God – in our worship, prayer, service, and witness – then our joyful, generous giving will follow as a natural expression of our thanks to God for all God gives us. We've been blessed....now, let's be a blessing! Amen.

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

Pastor Dea



UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church June

The September 1st meeting of the United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle began with reciting the Purpose of the United Methodist Women by the eight ladies who were present.

Although Our Spiritual Growth Leader, Beulah Shaw, is in the midst of moving, she still brought a reading from Our Daily Bread that focused on self-control and accountability before God. Since God knows our every weakness, his Holy Spirit helps us daily in these areas. Thank you Beulah!

Our speaker for this month was Twinkle Gordon, who arrived early and presented an overview of her faith journey. Beginning at the tender age of 6 years, Twink was constructing crosses for friends. She has worked in a prison setting for 13 years, prayed for complete strangers as moved by the Holy Spirit and attended a variety of churches, including Lutheran, Methodist and the Metro Community Church.

During her life, Twink has also written 14 beautiful statements of compassion for hurting children through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, resulting in a heart of deep compassion for all of God's children which she sees as little lambs of God. Twink said there are hundreds of those little lambs who need care. She shared that her life's prayer has been, "God, what can I do to help?"

True to this prayer, Twink, as our Certified Lay Leader, has assisted and conducted worship services, both at PPUMC and at several other churches, given Holy Communion, visited the sick and hurting, offered prayers through our church's e-mail, presented children's messages, written articles for the Lamplighter Newsletter, and helped in a huge variety of other ways! Her love of all God's creatures has resulted in doing the Blessing of the Animals service this year in an outdoor setting!

Dorothy Circle was honored to have heard the progress of Twinkle's spiritual growth journey and we gave her a round of applause for her Godly witness! Thank you Twink!

The Secretary forgot to bring the August minutes to the meeting today, but encouraged everyone to read them in the Church Newsletter! Treasurer, Jessie Cooper prepared up-to-date Dorothy Circle and Community Service balances and gave copies of her report to President Brown and Secretary Arnold. Jessie asked if we wanted to continue our 2016 financial pledge for 2017 that will be sent to the National UMW and it was unanimously approved. Thank you Jessie for all your work!

Pastor Dea thanked the membership for doing the Fanny Crosby worship service on August 21st. President Brown took a great picture of the Church's sign showing the Fanny Crosby Service and added it to the Lamplighter Newsletter article. She also took another photo of our group at the Church's sign after the meeting to keep for our history. Thank you LaVada!

Gretchen will now be sending Red Bird Mission education labels. Remember to collect them please.

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

On October 6th the Springs Rescue Mission will give a presentation; please plan on joining us at 1:30. We welcome all who would like to hear more about this local mission and its tremendous work.

Ethel Pierson passed out the UMW prayer sheets to close our program. Delicious refreshments were made and provided by Ruth Ann Reed, thank you to both of these dear ladies for their help!

Most Sincerely,

Gretchen



Hymnal History

It Is Well With My Soul

We come closest to God in troubled times! This was ever so true for author Horatio Spafford of the song, "It Is Well With My Soul." Spafford was a successful lawyer in Chicago with wife and children when his two year old son died, then in 1871, the Great Chicago Fire turned the city of Chicago into ashes and destroyed much of Spafford's real estate fortune. Two years later in 1873, Spafford sent his wife Anna and their four daughters to Europe for a vacation while he stayed home to settle some business. On the voyage, their ship was sunk and the four little girls perished. Upon arriving in England, Anna sent a telegram to Spafford beginning with the words, "Saved alone..."

Horatio sailed immediately to England and as he passed over the spot where his little daughters were drowned, he wrote this hymn. The first verse speaks of a sincere trust in God that has sustained countless souls going through terrible loss from that time even until today.

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul*

Submitted by,
Gretchen

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Frank Martinez
- 6 K.J. Baines
- 7 Grace Cook
- 8 Alice Shartran
- 10 Carol Stephenson
- 12 Katie Lynn
- 18 Ruth Pierce
- 19 Margo Bowler
- 19 Rachel Thompson
- 22 Sue Gallivan
- 22 Melissa Gordon
- 22 Raymond Marshall
- 31 Sky Olson

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Joshua & Stephanie Allen
- 20 Seth & Millie Ware

Macaroni and Cheese

2 C uncooked elbow macaroni (7 ounces)

1/4 C butter or margarine

1/4 C Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

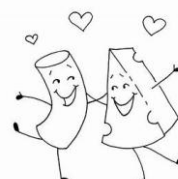
1/4 teaspoon pepper

1/4 teaspoon ground mustard

1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

2 C milk

2 C shredded Cheddar cheese (8 ounces)



Heat oven to 350°F. Cook macaroni as directed on package. While macaroni is cooking, melt butter in 3-quart saucepan over low heat. Stir in flour, salt, pepper, mustard and Worcestershire sauce. Cook over medium low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture is smooth and bubbly; remove from heat. Stir in milk. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil and stir 1 minute. Stir in cheese. Cook, stirring occasionally, until cheese is melted. Drain macaroni. Gently stir macaroni into cheese sauce. Pour into ungreased 2-quart casserole. Bake uncovered 20 to 25 minutes or until bubbly.

By Carol Stephenson

Mel's

MEN'S BREAKFAST

at 9am

Famous
Biscuits & Gravy



Great Food, Fun and Fellowship!

Saturday, Oct 8th

October 2016

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Monday





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The Prayer Corner **Blindsided**

Have you ever been in situations where you dared to think, "life is good"... only to be blindsided by life itself!

We strive to live in the present, love our neighbor, and serve God to the best of our ability. We also know that this life of ours and those we care for and about often pose challenges mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Let's take one example at a time:

A loved one who has always been "our rock" right after Jesus, of course..... develops a condition that upsets them because they may or may not realize their cognitive skills are failing. A loved one develops a life-threatening illness.

Situations in our every-day lives push us over the edge...issues that were always manageable but now are not. We tend to question God or depending where we live and the present customs prevent from allowing us to ask God anything! The perhaps well-meaning sayings, "life happens", "life goes on", "it is what it is", or many that may come to your mind seems to minimize the heart-ache experienced at this time by life. The most devastating are not always "being hit by a Mack truck", but make no mistake it sure can feel like it! So what is the answer?

LIFE IS STILL GOOD

God gave us: One life to live.

The Holy Bible for instructions

Faith:" Now Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

Hebrews 11:1 Prayer: one on one... you have God's undivided attention 24/7

Love: Even when we think we are unloveable, God lifts us up with "You are my special child...you are loved more than you could ever imagine!"

Hope: When we believe in God and receive the gift of salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus. we do not need to HOPE we will go to heaven...it's a done deal!

No matter what . God is still in the miracle business, the forgiveness business, and the salvation business.

With God on our side, nothing is impossible...EVER!

Let us pray:

Living, Loving, and Merciful God, You know us better than we know ourselves. We thank You for never "giving up" on us. We come to You asking forgiveness for the things we have not done as well as for the things we ought not to do and did. We ask the Holy Spirit to remain within us to guide us and speak to us in a knowing that cannot be explained.

Help us to be the children You have created us to be.

Show us how to live by Your example so others will want a close relationship with You as well. We only have one life to live so:

Let us appreciate the people, pets, and those God-given situations that bring peace and joy.

Life may blind-side us God, but You are:

The Way, The Truth, and The Life.

Amen. Twinkle



Fanny Crosby Service Aug 21

The Dorothy Circle ladies led worship in mid-August with a program about Fannie Crosby and her hymns. These ladies give "Blessed Assurance" that "To God Be The Glory" when they "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus." Praise God for the UMW!



Blessing of the Animals



New member Kathy Hadley!

Seasons of Change

Fall colors are in full swing. The blustery winds tell us that the temperatures are getting cooler overall and I am so glad for the changes. We have seasons of change in the church as well. There are changes in the music, order of worship, some of the services, membership, and curriculum for Sunday school, etc... Change is not always easy for people to handle, but I know our congregation is up for the challenge!! We have a loving group of people who put God's love and grace top on their "to-do" list. When we look at how we can affect change in our church and community to do God's work it isn't always in the GIANT modifications of everything we do. Most of the time it is in the little things that we can show God's love to others. A prime example is our yard sale for donations. The overwhelming positive response from our community always touches me. We were blessed with the money for our Youth mission, but we were also able to reach out to members in our community who had very little. We asked that people donate what they could for the items in our sale. Some gave \$5 for a book, while others only could afford a dime. Some gave \$20 for clothing while others could only give of themselves by helping to straighten up the tables of clothes. What a wonderful experience!! Thank you to all who helped with their donations and time!! We were able to raise \$677.86 towards our Youth mission and we helped members of our community getting items they needed. We are God's hands in the community. Our lives touch so many through our actions and that is how we can affect change towards the positive!!

In October, our youth and children will be doing a couple of mission projects. Our youth will be taking time to write letters to teens in crisis at Denver Children's Hospital. We will also be hosting a bowl-a-thon fundraiser for our Youth mission and for West Side Cares. The bowl-a-thon will be open for all ages to participate in. This is something different from the canned food drive that we have done in the past. **Yours in Christ,**

Kim Sommer



Upcoming Events:

October 2- World Communion day- Children and Youth assisting in service today (Youth will get their bowl-a-thon sheets for sponsors today)

Oct. 8- Children's Ministry Team Meeting 10 am

Oct. 23- Chili Cook-off potluck lunch and fall fun activities for children—**Youth Bowl-a-thon afternoon fundraiser**

Oct. 29- Youth Letter writing morning for youth at Gary Pavilion at Denver Children's Hospital

Oct. 30- Tentative Youth Halloween party 6 pm

November

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

Nov. 20- Hanging of the Greens Service

Nov. 26- Decorating 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.**

Chili Cook Off!



On October 23rd we will have our annual Chili Cook off. We have had a lot of good chili with this activity in the past and I know we will again this year. This is a good time for the tried and true recipes and for the more adventurist to try that new recipe. If you are not in to making chili we will also need crackers, grated cheese, cornbread and for those that don't care for chili, macaroni and cheese is always an option. Then of course we always can use desserts to off set the spice of the chili. I hope to see everyone there in whatever way you wish to participate on the 23rd. Blessings and love to all,

Sally



*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



Thanks to all that donated
to the backpack project.

The backpacks were assembled on August 12th. The next Westside Cares project will be the Thanksgiving baskets. **Pikes Peak United Methodist Church has been ask to provide 80 tubs of Cool Whip. They are due by November 15th!!!**

Westside Cares current needs are:

All sizes adult underwear, all size adult socks, men's shoes/work boots, boy's clothing size 8-16, all sizes men's jeans, travel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, large toothpaste, bar soap, pill bottles, boxes of Borax, boxes of Arm & Hammer Super Washing Soda.

Victory Garden needs are:

Garden tools, hoses, hose nozzles, garden gloves (men's and women's), vegetable seeds – plainly marked as to what they are. PLEASE no household items.

Volunteer needs:

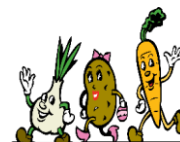
Nurses' Assistant to help our Penrose/St. Francis Mission Outreach nurse on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9 AM to 12:30 PM. Training will be provided. Resource Room volunteer to sort, tag, hang and distribute clothing and toiletries from our Resource Room Thursdays 9 AM to 1:00 PM, training provided.

Debra.Mitguard@westsidecares.org

or call 719-389-0759 ext. 108.

Archie and Chery Wilson

**we can
help**



Pastor Dea's Sermon Calendar

October 2016

- October 2 ~ 20th Sunday After Pentecost With Holy Communion ~ World Communion Sunday
Kick Off Stewardship Campaign ~ "Renewing the Covenant"
"Our Stewardship"
Romans 12:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:1-7
- October 9 ~ 21st Sunday After Pentecost
Led by Ann Keetch and Worship Team
- October 16 ~ 22th Sunday After Pentecost
Laity & Volunteer Recognition Sunday
"Make Your Move"
1 Peter 2:4-10
- October 23 ~ 23th Sunday After Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
Stewardship Campaign Wrap Up
"Being Spiritual Champions"
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
- October 30 ~ 24th Sunday After Pentecost
"Hope for the Upwardly Mobile"
Luke 19:1-10

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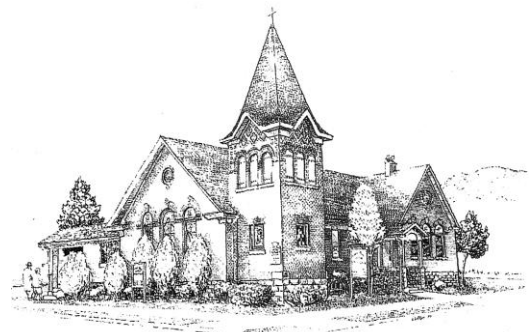
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