

Lamp^{lighter}

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

September 2016



from the
Pastor's pen

I love Autumn! Maybe it's a throwback to my childhood when I enjoyed clean notebooks (still do) and new pencils for back-to-school....or the cooler breezes that seem to bring longer nights....or, here in Colorado, the shimmer of changing aspen leaves (yes, we've seen a few.)

We have such an opportunity, as believers in our Savior Jesus, to *serve Christ* by being active...in our homes, neighborhoods, country and at Pikes Peak United Methodist Church (reaching the world with other United Methodists.) It means we worship regularly but also that we further the mission of Christ's church to reach with *ministries to the margins*, to share about him. Sometimes that's more challenging than others; Jesus didn't tell us it would be easy – only that we need to do it!

Autumn is a time to reflect on how our summertime went...quickly....and in a hot way! Kim Sommer did an awesome job coordinating and leading our "G-Force" VBS as well as the Memorial Day parking lot sale and beverages for Territory Days visitors. We used our "change for change" to meet a couple of needs at West Side Cares. The new directory is being put to good (and hard) use. And our weekly attendance didn't noticeably lag all through the summer. That's a **great** summer!

This is also a time to unveil the ways we are going to be in ministry through autumn until Advent. That's right! There's already a lot on the Pikes Peak Family of Faith calendar and there are so many ways in which you can be involved. It's exciting and several things are in this newsletter!

Check out the **Fall Parking Lot sale** announcement. Can you help with donations from your closets and garage? Or water that can be sold, too? How 'bout set-up and take-down. Man of us can do THAT!

The Stewardship committee is presenting a pledging opportunity in October, but until then, we can prayerfully be considering our *oath* to uphold our church with our "**prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.**" We'll engage each petition using our state flower! Our stewardship has to be addressed because our Charge Conference date has been set by the District Office, we are in budget planning (already,) and your pledges to support our congregation's ministries and day-to-day operations are vital.

Our Sunday morning schedule goes back to "regular" on **September 11** – our *rally* Sunday. Choir will rehearse @ 8:30 and adult Sunday school is @ 9:30. We're going to use Max Lucado's book Out Live Your Life to study the first ½ of Acts in the Bible. Join us – for either singing or sharing!

his all sounds like a fantastic "BACK TO CHURCH" time of year! That date is officially September 18 – it's a national AND interdenominational campaign, but couldn't you invite someone EVERY Sunday? ** Couldn't you commit to a Sunday study? ** Help lead Youngster's Sunday School? ** Be a liturgist or greeter? ** Sing in the choir? As it says in the book of Esther "*for such a time as this*" – and we doesn't have to wait for a specific rally day.

Be blessed by the rest of our September newsletter. There are a lot of ways that you can start your own "just do it" among your Family of Faith...and with your extended Family in the Kingdom of God.

Abiding in Him,
Pastor Dea

UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church
June

The August 4th meeting of the United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle began at 1:30 pm with the reading of the Purpose of the United Methodist with eight ladies present.

We started the business portion of the meeting with Spiritual Growth Leader, Beulah Shaw, bringing us a lovely prayer poem about Jesus, from Cokesbury Daily Devotional. Thank you Beulah for this uplifting prayer for all of us!

Today's speaker was Gretchen Arnold with a book report on Queen Esther from the Bible, entitled: *The Decree of Esther* by Aaron Fruh. This small, paperback book gives practical advice on how Esther was used by God to save her people (the Jews) from extinction. After becoming Queen to King Ahasuerus, (also known as King Xerxes) the most powerful man in the world at the time, Esther prayed and fasted and went before the King without being requested. This was a courageous act on her part since to intrude on the King's presence without being called upon was punishable by death! The book follows the story in the Bible very closely, highlighting Esther's victory over the enemy by writing her own decree and giving people of all time an outline for writing their own decrees. The author emphasizes the importance of writing down our requests and presenting them to the Lord as Esther did. Then, he gives an outline on how each of us can achieve great things by writing our own decrees and presenting them to God. To begin a decree, we must be serious about it, and as Esther did, we need to pray about what God would have us do. Remembering that a decree is a powerful tool that will move our faith to a higher level, we present our written decree before the Lord and await His action on our behalf. A decree however never replaces our responsibility to walk in faith while waiting for God's answer. If you would like to read this book, please tell Gretchen as she has the book to share.

The Secretary's report was accepted as read. Treasurer, Jessie Cooper brought us up-to-date on the Bank balances and gave report copies to President Brown and Secretary Arnold. Thank you Jessie!

There are many cards being sent since several of our congregation are in need of prayer or have special events coming up in their lives. Thank you Beulah, for extending this kindness through your card ministry. If anyone has left over greeting cards, we can always use them in this ministry.

We discussed Dorothy Circle giving the Sunday Worship Service on August 21st, we all were excited!

Twink volunteered to help organize this program and get the bulletin ready! Thank you Twink.

President Brown made and printed 50 flyers to give out for Preston Holladay's 100th birthday celebration on Sunday, the 14th of this month. Thank you LaVada, for all your work!

Our September 1st meeting will welcome Twinkle Gordon speaking and on October 6th one of our local mission groups, the Springs Rescue Mission will be here; please plan on joining us for either or both programs. We meet the first Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm. We have a speaker and a short business meeting followed by refreshments. You may stay for any or all of the meeting, we are very flexible and love to have new faces in our meetings!

Ethel Pierson keeps the UMW prayer sheets and passes them out when we end our program at 2:40 pm. Delicious refreshments of fresh fruits and cake were provided this month by Beulah, thank you to both of these dear ladies for their help!

Most Sincerely,

Gretchen



Hymnal History

The Old Rugged Cross

A well-known song often heard at Easter time, **The Old Rugged Cross** was written in 1912 by George Bennard (1873 to 1958). George, born in the coal mining town of Youngstown, Ohio, wanted to be a Christian evangelist, but put that desire on hold for a few years while he supported his mother and sisters when his father died suddenly. After marrying, George and his bride became active in the Salvation Army and preached throughout the United States and Canada. He was an ordained minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church and traveled throughout Michigan and Wisconsin where he was moved to write this song at a revival meeting after being heckled by a group of youth. **The Old Rugged Cross** was first sung publicly at the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Pokagon in Michigan in June of 1913. Since then it has been listed as one of the all-time favorite songs of the century! Throughout the last 103 years, this hymn has reminded us of how Jesus died for our salvation and has become a Country Gospel favorite since it became the title song of Ernest Tubb's 1952 gospel album. **The Old Rugged Cross** has been performed by many recording artists, perhaps you will remember a few of these singers: Anne Murray, Brad Paisley, Johnny Cash, Mahalia Jackson, Roy Rogers, The Oak Ridge Boys, Vince Gill, and Willie Nelson, to name just a few!

Submitted by, Gretchen

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sue Bush
- 2 Kaitlyn Sommer
- 4 Kim Sommer
- 5 Archie Wilson
- 7 Evelyn Hartley
- 8 Ben Herrick
- 10 Oliva Castle
- 11 Ray Pierce
- 12 Ava Olson
- 18 Shirley Trucott
- 19 Barbara Turner
- 21 LeAnn Ladwig
- 22 Kaelyn Gordon
- 24 Elsa Gordon

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Marshel & Rachel Thompson
- 5 Ramon & Marilyn Cowan
- 7 J. D. & Evalyn Drayton
- 18 Kenny & Kelly Baines
- 21 Pastor Gene & Dea Sharp

ALMOND BARS

- 4 eggs**
2 cup sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup butter, melted
1- 1/2 teaspoon Almond Extract
Confectioners' sugar



In a mixing bowl, beat the eggs and sugar until lemon colored. Add the butter, flour and extract, mix well.

Spread in greased 13x9" pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean

In the center. Cool, sprinkle with Confectioners' sugar or instead use sliced almonds on top.

By Cindy Meerpohl and LaVada

Mel's Famous Biscuits & Gravy

MEN'S BREAKFAST

3rd Saturdays

at 9am





Great Food, Fun and Fellowship!

Saturday, Sept 17th

September 2016

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

				1 1:30pm Dorothy's Circle 	2	3
4 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS	5 6:00pm Adult Bible Study LABOR DAY	6 4:45pm TOPS	7	8	9	10 10:00am Children's and Youth Ministry Team
11 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS 12:15pm Potluck!	12 6:00pm Adult Bible Study	13 4:45pm TOPS	14 6:00pm CMC Class	15 6:00pm CMC Class	16	17 9:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 
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25 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult SS 10:50am Worship & Children's SS Blessing of the Animals	26 6:00pm Adult Bible Study	27 4:45pm TOPS	28	29	30	

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.

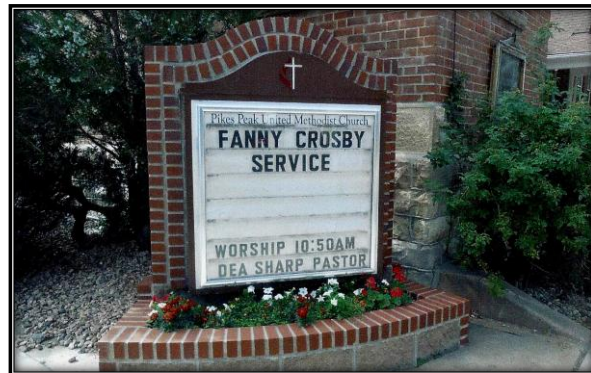
Help us to be the children You have created us to be.

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

LaVada Brown, President of Pikes Peak United Methodist Women's Dorothy Circle gladly accepted the invitation from Pastor Dea to present a Sunday Service on August 21st. So, Dorothy Circle was privileged to give a presentation of the history of Francis Jane van Alstyne, or more commonly known throughout her lifetime as Fanny Crosby.

Several of our Circle ladies read parts, with LaVada doing the opening and overall history of Fanny Crosby; Ethel Pierson, Gretchen Arnold, Twinkle Gordon, and Millie Ware read parts of Fanny's life story. Jessie Cooper was liturgist, reading the scripture and leading the congregation in the United Methodist Women's Prayer which is what we use to open each of our meetings.

Fanny Crosby was a lifelong Methodist, writing more hymns than any one person had in history; more than 8,000 songs, many of which are still familiar to most Methodist congregations! She was known as the 'blind songwriter', because at the tender age of six weeks she became blind. Her inability to see did not hinder her God given ability, when at the age of eight she wrote her first poem that spoke of the joy of life. "Oh what a happy soul am I! Although I cannot see, I am resolved that in this world contented I will be. How many blessings I enjoy that other people don't; to weep and sigh because I'm blind I cannot and I won't."

Fanny was encouraged to continue writing when she learned that many great poets were also blind! Fanny attended the New York Institute for the Blind where she met Presidents: John Quincy Adams, Jefferson Davis, Grover Cleveland and other important governmental men. Grover Cleveland even copied her poems for her when Fanny was sixteen.

When not engaged in song writing, Fanny worked in churches and rescue missions, did public speaking and had four books of poems published. Fanny memorized the Psalms, Proverbs, and most of the New and Old Testaments which were the foundation of her many hymns and poems.

Each song that the congregation sang on Sunday was written by Fanny Crosby, as a tribute to her life and to the love of her Lord! Fanny was born in March of 1820 and died in February of 1915, just short of her 95th birthday. Her response on being blind was this: "... if I had a choice, I would still choose to remain blind ... for when I die; the first face I will ever see will be the face of my blessed Savior."

Submitted by, **Gretchen**

Back to School!!

The crisp cool morning air tells me that fall is right around the corner. The top of Pikes Peak is dusted with white and we are continuing on our journey with the children and youth through the Bible. Have you ever noticed yourself saying, "Things will slow down a bit when _____ is over."? At this time of year, it's "when summer break is over," or "when the beginning of school rush is over." Long ago I realized that life doesn't have a particular "slow" period of time. We just change the activities we participate in. Now, we are getting ready to "kick-off" the fall season at church and I am so excited about the things the youth and children will be doing. Rally day is September 11 and we will be dedicating the remodeled main room of the basement. A great big "THANK YOU" to Rachel Thompson, the generous angel who provided the carpet, and the youth/children that helped with the remodel. We have already been utilizing the scenes with our studies and they help to bring the stories to life for the children. A reminder to all youth interested in participating in the mission trip next summer: Your letter of intent signed by you and your parents is due by September 15th and the \$50 deposit is due by October 1. Let me know if the deposit is a hardship for you, help may be available. If you have not received the letter/information either in person or by email, please contact me. **719-210-7394**



Yours in Christ, *Kim Sommer*

Fried Chicken Potluck!



The annual reunion day gathering will be on Sept. 11th following the morning service. There will be a potluck with fried chicken provided by the church. The rest of the meal will be potluck so bring your favorite summer salads, or other side dishes or dessert. There is always lots of good fellowship so come and enjoy the food and fellowship with your appetites.

Blessings and love to all, *Sally*

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 10- *Children's Ministry Team Meeting 10 am* – TO ALL VOLUNTEERS WITH YOUTH AND CHILDREN- WE WILL BE HAVING A SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING DURING THIS MEETING. IT IS A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL PEOPLE WHO WISH TO WORK WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE- IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND ON THIS DATE, PLEASE NOTIFY ME TO ARRANGE AN ALTERNATIVE TRAINING DATE –THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN IS A TOP PRIORITY THANK YOU!

Sept. 11- RALLY DAY and Reunion Sunday! Activities Start at 9:30 Today! Music, Drama, Games! Potluck after church

Sept. 18 –Youth Hand out water bottles and wash windows in the Costco parking lot after church

Sept. 24- Yard sale Fundraiser for Mission 6 am- 2:30 pm

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



Summer is almost over and September will be here in a couple days.

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 on September 8 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
Harmon Hammitt
Kathy Handley
Preston Holladay
Ann Keetch - for Karen Wiest
Leeann Ladwig
Rose and Frank Martinez
Ruth Reed - for Cletis
Brad Remington
Lola Satterfield
Shirley Trucott
Rachel Schilowsky
Mel Simmons - for Jim Gerkin
Archie & Chery Wilson

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 12.

The next Westside Cares project will be the Thanksgiving baskets. Pikes Peak United Methodist Church has been ask to provide 80 tubes of Cool Whip. They are due by November 15.

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. Westside Cares depends on many volunteers to carry on their missions. They would appreciate a couple hours of your time.

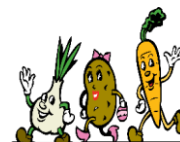
Contact Deb at

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or call 719-389-0759 ext. 108.

Archie and Chery Wilson

**we can
help**



Pastor Dea's Sermon Calendar
September 2016

- September 4 ~ 16th Sunday After Pentecost
With Holy Communion/Labor Day
"Discipleship is Demanding"
Luke 14:25-33
- September 11 ~ 17th Sunday After Pentecost
Rally/Reunion/Revival Sunday
"Quitting Ain't An Option"
Luke 15:1-10
- September 18 ~ 18th Sunday After Pentecost
"Unjust Steward"
Luke 16:1-13
- September 25 ~ 19th Sunday After Pentecost
Blessing of the Animals – Outdoor Service

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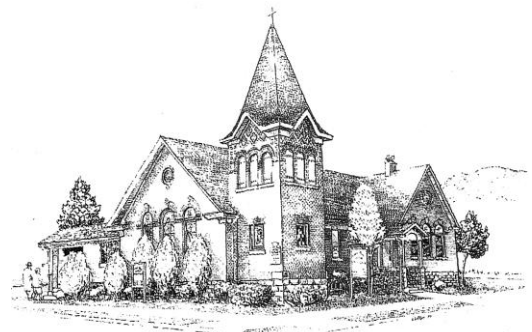
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