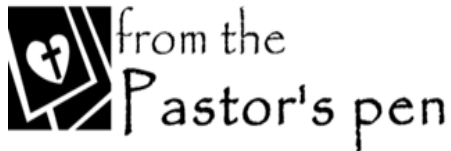


Lamp^{lighter}

November 2018



"Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude." – Denis Waitley

I met a clergy colleague last week who mentioned that his congregation has a "Joy Jar" that they use for prayers of praise and a donation in thankfulness. Those donations, that are plunked into the Joy Jar, become ways that his church is able to DO ministry for others (like West Side Cares or Urban Peak.) What a creative idea!

As we come into November, wouldn't you concede that it's the month of *thankfulness*. Hey, Thanksgiving IS coming! And I'm like most of you – we love a good turkey dinner. But, in our *thankfulness*, *for all God has provided for us* are there ways we can SHOW AND SHARE that? Making a dinner is so easy, but helping at the Food Pantry on "turkey tossing Tuesday" is fulfilling. All one has to do is a random act of kindness to put a finger on just what WE are grateful for...what we'd drop into a Joy Jar.

Some days I am NOT great at gratitude. I wake up and forget to praise God for a bird's chirp or (as I'm writing this) the crisp, new snow.) I forget to say thank you to those dearest (especially my dear husband) who shares and cares with me in our day-to-day life.

I forget to thank the guy that slowed down so I could cross traffic or the lady who held the door for me.

I DO have an *attitude of gratitude* for the ministries, missions, and work that we accomplish together at PPUMC. Would you consider thanking someone you could shower with gratitude? Say something to the one who supports you (and others) in Kingdom Work. Let 'em know how valuable they are! It'll inspire THEM and YOU won't feel bad either. Or invite someone to coffee – someone you worship with or not – to get to know them better. Don't just write an email - reach out. Come up with ways to express your gratitude – and remember to be grateful and be thankful ABOUT YOU. You're "*fearfully and wonderfully made*" (Ps. 139:14) and every day is "*the day that the Lord has made.*" (Ps. 118:24.)

DID I JUST HEAR A DEPOSIT INTO THE JOY JAR??

There's a lot of news and announcements in this edition of the Lamp^{lighter}.

I'm blessed to be in ministry *with* you at Pikes Peak UMC.

Pastor Dea



UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church

October

The October 4th meeting of the UMW Dorothy Circle began at 1:35 pm, with eleven women present including our speaker Cindy Johnson from the Springs Rescue Mission.

After we read the UMW Pledge together, Cindy gave us an update on how the Rescue Mission has been moving ahead since last year's visit. In her program we learned that \$57,000 per homeless person is spent by the public on someone who lives on the streets as opposed to housing that same person at the Rescue Mission for incredibly less as the Rescue Mission works through grants, gifts and private donations. They are opening a new warming shelter this winter in addition to what they currently have that will provide three to four hundred additional beds and they are planning a four story, 65 unit facility for those homeless people with mental illness who are unable to care for themselves. The Mission also partners with 23 other local agencies to allow for a greater arena of care.

In addition they are currently having five shifts of lunch and 5 shifts of dinner served to 65 people in each shift, each day, seven days a week. Sometimes the line of people may wait for 30 to 45 minutes before they can be served a meal and the line is outside in every kind of weather. Therefore, Cindy said they are hoping for a new facility where they can feed more people decreasing the wait time. They have asked for prayer on this. Cindy also told us that the Rescue Mission is Christ centered. Although it may take months or longer to gain the trust of a single homeless person, lives are being changed through the love of Jesus. Applause, many bags of donations and a speakers' fee accompanied Cindy on her way.

After the program, Twinkle read for us an uplifting spiritual growth reading by Karla Dornacher from the Women's Daily Devotional based on Matthew 5:16 that speaks of all of nature celebrating Jesus.

Like the Sun in the day and the Stars at night, Jesus is the light of the world at all times.

Thank you Twinkle for that inspiring reading!

The Secretary read last month's minutes which were approved as read and our Treasurer Jessie Cooper gave us the monthly account. She also provided a copy of that report to the President and Secretary. Thank you Jessie!

President Brown told us that a member of our congregation gave a \$50 donation in memory of Luci Rawlings that Millie proposed and was approved by the entire UMW group to go into our Community Service budget that helps provide for memorial and funeral services. LaVada made a lovely thank you card for her generous donation.

Susie G. has sent out all the UMW cards to shut-ins and the congregation for birthdays, anniversaries and specific needs as were asked for. Thank you Susie!

Sally proposed as many of us as could, meet at the restaurant on 1686 South 21street for a get together luncheon at 11:30 next Thursday, October 11th. Thank you Sally for thinking of such a fun outing!

We ended our meeting with the UMW prayer, followed by delicious home-made pumpkin pie provided by our hostess, Jessie Cooper. Thank you so much Jessie!

Secretary
Gretchen





“O’ Little Town of Bethlehem”

This long-time, inspirational Christmas hymn was written by Reverend Phillips Brooks in 1868, after a trip to Bethlehem on Christmas Eve in 1867. As he walked across the open fields and watched shepherds keeping their flocks of sheep, the quiet of this holy scene became so deeply etched into his conscience that after arriving back home, he began writing a poem dedicated to his experience. A year later, in 1868, he presented his poem to the organist of Trinity Church in Boston, Mass. and asked, could he compose a suitable tune for it?

After read the poem, the organist and musician, Lewis H. Redner was, in his own words, “roused from sleep late in the night hearing an angel-strain whispering in his ear, and seizing a piece of music paper, jotted down the treble of the tune as we now have it and on Sunday morning before going to church he filled in the harmony.” Thus began the long life of one of our most beloved Christmas Hymns as on that morning, O’ Little Town of Bethlehem was sung in Reverend Brook’s home church in Boston. Reverend Brooks died in 1892, never having married but devoted his entire life of 58 years, to the work of God and to the service to his fellowman.

Gretchen



We (**usually**) meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the evening from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. **There will not be a meeting on November 8 as I am out of town.** Please feel free to come join us. We work on Knit, Crochet, or anything else that you want to. If you need help with an item, please feel free to bring it and I will try to help you with it. We are hoping that more of you will join the 5-6 of us now meeting. We have a great time. Please use the ramp entrance.

For info please call Ruth Reed at 471-1393.



Stampin' Up card-making group meets **LAST** Tuesday evening of the month @ 6:30 in Gamber Hall. Talk to Sally or Susie about the group.

November 2018

Sunday

Monday





Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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| | | | | 1 1:30 pm Dorothy's Circle  7:00 pm Mineralogical Society | 2 | 3 2:00 am Change clocks back |
| 4 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult Sunday School 10:50 am Worship All Saints Sunday | 5 | 6 1:00 pm Gentle Tai Chi 7:00 pm Mineralogical Society | 7 | 8 6:00pm Giggler's Group  | 9 | 10 9:00am Outreach Meeting |
| 11 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:50am Worship Veterans Recognition 5:00 pm Contemplative Worship | 12 | 13 1:00pm Seated Tai Chi | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17  9:00 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Cleaning the Church 3:00pm Game Day |
| 18 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult Sunday School 10:50 am Worship | 19 | 20 1:00pm Seated Tai Chi | 21 6:30pm Contemplative Worship | 22  | 23 | 24 11:00am Council Lunch Meeting |
| 25 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Adult 10:50am Worship Christ the King Sunday 5:00 pm Contemplative Worship | 26 | 27 1:00pm Seated Tai Chi | 28 | 29 | 30 | |



Saturday, November 17th



The Dorothy Circle monthly meeting is at 1:30 p.m. on the 1st Thursdays of the month in Gamber Hall.

December's meeting is our Christmas dinner at 11:30 a.m.

All women are invited to join us.



MINISTRY

****Join us for our committee meetings 2nd Saturdays 9 a.m.****

Contemplative Worship
2nd & 4th Sunday @ 5 p.m. **note day/time change

Gentle Tai Chi – led by
David Hays
Tuesdays @ 1 p.m.



**Card Shower
for Esther
Sunday November 11**



Monthly Giving 2018 **Monthly budget \$6451**

August - \$4288
September \$5381
October \$4009



Birthdays

- 2 Shirley Harr
- 4 Terry Peet
- 9 Esther Kennedy
- 11 Chery Wilson
- 18 Rick Keetch
- Chopper Cometto
- 26 Dick Bush

Anniversaries

- 3 Mel & Dee Trafton



Fall Back

Change your clocks **BACK**
Before you go to bed Saturday,
November 3rd
Don't be late for church on Sunday!

Saturday, November 17
@ 10 a.m.



Westside Cares



WESTSIDE CARES HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AND SOCIAL

We look forward to gathering in gratitude and celebration
with our friends. Please join us if you can.

Date: Tuesday, November 13

Time: 4 PM – 6:30 PM

Location: Westside CARES office, 2808 W. Colorado Ave

RSVP to Maryann at 389-0759 ext. 104 or

Maryann.Stadjuhar@westsidecares.org

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE AND PIE SOCIAL

Wednesday, Nov. 21 from 7 PM – 8:30 PM

Location: The Sanctuary Church, 1930 W. Colorado Ave.

Join us as we commemorate the inception of Westside CARES
and share in thankful fellowship with our member faith
communities, our neighbors, and the community as a whole.
The worship service will be led by the pastoral staff of Sacred
Heart Church, and pie donations will be gratefully accepted.

CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

If you, your faith community or your business is interested in
lending a hand to a family struggling to make ends meet this
holiday season, please consider participating in the Westside
CARES Adopt-a-Family program. For more information about
the program or to sign up as an adopter, please contact Deb
Mitguard at 389-0759 ext. 108 or

Debra.Mitguard@westsidecares.org.

WESTSIDE CARES NEEDS...

Critical

- *Adult socks*
- *Adult winter gloves*
- *Men's winter coats: L, XL, XXL*
- *Men's Jeans – size 30 -36*
- *Men's shirts – please, no button ups or undershirts*

Ongoing

- *Tampons and pads*
- *Diapers size 5 and 6*
- *Pull Ups size 2/3 and 3/4*
- *Baby wipes*
- *Used pill bottles*
- *Plastic grocery bags*

NOVEMBER CLOSURES: Thursday, November 15 in
recognition of Veteran's Day and Thursday, Nov 22 for
Thanksgiving.





Pastor Dea leads a litany of blessing for Twinkle Gordon and Margo Bowler on October 28th as they will move their membership and Twink's CLM certification away from Pikes Peak UMC.

The Fruit of the Spirit item in Twink's note below is in my office-Dea

10.28.18 Dear Family of Faith, I am sure you all familiar with the scripture Ecclesiastes 3:1 (ESVUK) For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

A Reason – As a CLM to help in any and all ways for which I was trained.

A Season – To be “the constant” as ministers moved through to complete their formation. Since 2013 – and now it is time...my task is complete.

A Lifetime – As long as one draws breath we know who we are and whose we are.

I do not believe in luck or coincidence. but God's will and purpose through the Holy Spirit's guidance.

I have prayed for some time now that God would direct me...

To places where the gifts HE has bestowed upon me might be received and respected.

My prayers have been answered and the windows and doors of opportunities have been revealed and received with joy.

I am grateful to have had this time of serving God, and fellowship...and anticipate with excitement the journey God has planned.

The Fruits of the Spirit are not just words to be repeated, but savored for servant hood daily. I have attached a copy that we might be challenged to take “the high road” in our lives.

May God continue to bless you and those you care for and about. I will always keep you in my prayers and ask that you would do the same for me.

That way we will continue to be Sisters and Brothers in Christ. God be with you until we meet again.

Twink



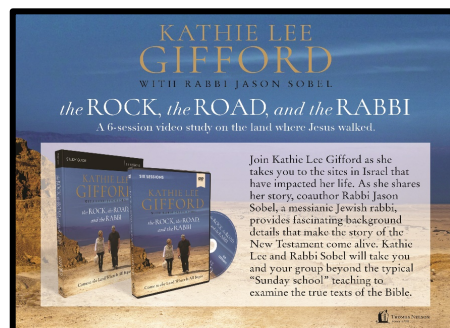
Prayer
Corner

Maria Castle

- Our shut ins:
Dick & Sue Bush, Evelyn Hartley, Hal Smith, Shirley Harr, Jim Hodges, Bill Edwards, Harmon Hammitt, Rachel Schilowsky
- Persons and families experiencing crisis

The ministries of our church, neighbors – those we know; or not.

Pastor Dea sends a weekly prayer email with a more detailed list. Are you on the e-mail list?



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

The ROCK, The ROAD, and the RABBI
Join us for enlightening discussion
that will lead us to Advent
(beginning of December). Hope
YOU'LL join us!



Due to the increased need for safety, we will be locking the doors to the building at the start of worship on Sunday mornings.

Please don't let this deter **you** from joining us – ring the bell at the front door or knock at the back door and an usher or trustee will let you in.

The Administrative Council, following the lead of other churches in the area, is investigating additional security ideas. Your cooperation for being vigilant about personal **AND** church safety is appreciated. If you have concerns, talk to a Council member.



TALENT SHOW COMING SOON

Outreach Ministry wants to put together
a **TALENT SHOW** in the near future and
they **NEED YOU!**

What's **YOUR** hidden talent? Dancing?
Kazoo? Magic tricks? Singing? What do
you do that we **DON'T** know about?

SAVE THE DATES - DECEMBER

Joint-choir Cantata "Mary Did
You Know"

Sun, Dec 9 @ 1 p.m.

At Trinity UMC

Rides provided as needed

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Worship of Hope Service
Victim to Victor"

Wed, Dec 12 @ 6:30

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Christmas Eve Service
5:30 p.m.



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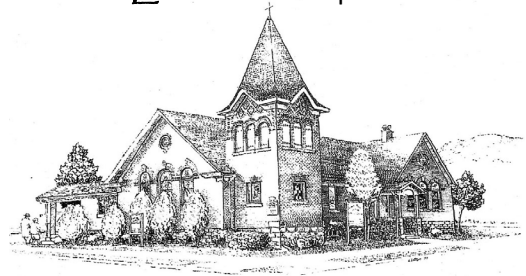
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