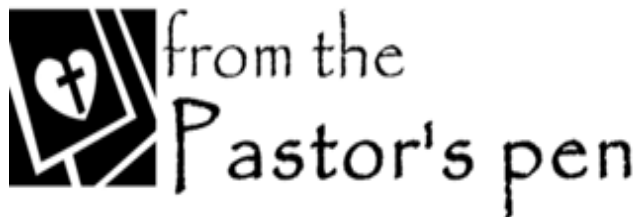


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October 2018



It's hard to believe that we're in the last quarter of the year; less than 90 days until Christmas! But, don't let the calendar dictate too much of your life. We've got some ministry and living to do right now! I want us to consider something quite amazing....

....take a look at yourself. How do you feel? Are issues of health or finances or relationships giving you anxiety?

....take a look around. How are others feeling? Is loneliness or helplessness or even depression permeating their lives?

....and look at the world. Where are people looking for answers or stability? Security or truth?

Fact: Life can be hard. Days can be difficult and nights long.

Another fact: We are overcomers! Yep, you read that right. And I'm here to remind you that our Heavenly Father has prepared us to have ALL the tools we need, all the equipment and "armor" if you will, to take on and overcome the obstacles that are thrown at us.

Don't fall into the misconception that we are "under circumstances" that direct us. We don't have to live UNDER any circumstances; we can live above circumstances because we're children of God, heirs with Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. When's the last time you shared that with a friend OR someone you've noticed living *under* their circumstances?

Remember that Jesus was in the *right* place at the *right* time to say the *right* words? Well, WE have the same calling and can minister to relatives, neighbors and co-workers. The mission, given to us by the right-timed-placed-and-verbalized Christ, hasn't changed. We must grow, confidently in God's Word – 'cause **that's** unchanging **even in an ever-changing** world. Our worship, as community, is more vital than ever before! (Have you invited someone or offered a ride so they don't have that excuse to not come?) What about more involvement in study classes? Or leadership roles and CAN DO needs? Each of us help keep the church healthy and Spirit-led. All these things – are more important than ever before.

We've almost finished the church season of Pentecost wherein we've been learning more about the teachings and mission of Jesus and putting those things to action in our lives....which can make a difference in the lives of others. I pray we'll ALL be a part of it!

Check out all the news and announcements in this newsletter. And consider joining us for the upcoming Sunday school study. I'm blessed to be in ministry *with* you at Pikes Peak UMC.

Pastor Dea

UMW Dorothy's Circle

Pikes Peak United Methodist Church
September

The September 6th meeting of the UMW Dorothy Circle was privileged to have our speaker Craig Summer stepping in for his wife Kim, who had arranged for a live program with a missionary friend from somewhere in Asia, presented live via computer link. **Our deepest appreciation to Kim and Craig for arranging this outstanding program!**

Rebecca, a 20ish young missionary woman called the Dorothy Circle UMW, at 1:30 pm Thursday September 6, 2018. Her time was 3:30 am Friday, September 6, 2018.

Rebecca is not allowed to say just where she is currently serving and her call was sent through a safe connection so the country she is in could not monitor her call. She is working with CRU (pronounced crew) which is an organization based in the USA. It began in 1951 as a College Campus Ministry and Rebecca told us that CRU is a community who is compassionate about sharing Christ.

She is in the first weeks of her one-year mission which is to meet students on 33 college campuses and ask if anyone knows a Christian there. So far, out of the 5,000, 3,000 and 2,200 students on three campuses, there have been only two Christians. The rest of the students had no idea what a Christian is and didn't know who Jesus Christ is or who God is. Although Rebecca said the people were very kind and friendly and would talk to them (through an interpreter), it was amazing how uninformed they were. The government has blocked the internet and any outside information from coming in that would bring Christ to the people.

Rebecca's energy and love for these students was evident even at 3:30 in the morning, as she told us she is "burdened by the need to tell people about faith in Jesus". In that part of the world Christianity is illegal where the government only supports Atheism or at best Buddhism. Any other religious practices will prevent a person from getting a job with the government, who is the major employer in that country.

Rebecca listed the three steps of working with students to spread faith in Christ:

- 1) win people to Jesus,
- 2) build them up in faith through Bible study, teaching and mentoring them in Christ,
- 3) Send them out to reach others everywhere, first at college campuses as student leaders then by sending these new Christians to other parts of the world to bring Jesus to everyone!

She asked if we had any questions, and we found out that to get around, she said walking, subway or sometimes a bus would take them. She is able to talk to her mother once in a while, but cannot talk openly even then. For her bravery and courage and the obvious love of Jesus, we gave her a round of applause and we gathered with her in prayer before ending the call. We also promised to pray for her at least once a week for this entire year that she is there. If you would like to join us, please pick a day or days a week that you will lift Rebecca up in prayer for the spreading of Jesus Christ, her own safety, energy and strength for this coming year. Rebecca ended her call with the blessing of the Lord upon us.

Secretary
Gretchen

The September 6th meeting of the UMW Dorothy Circle began at 1:30 pm with these women present: Gretchen Arnold, LaVada Brown, Susie Gallivan, Twinkle Gordon, Rachel Thompson, Beulah Shaw, Sally Simons, Millie Ware, and Chery Wilson. After reading the UMW purpose together, we immediately went to our speaker for the month. Twinkle gave a reading from First Light Devotional by Penelope J. Stokes. As she began the reading she mentioned that we've got the joy of Christ, and all the members broke into singing the old song, "We've got the joy. joy, joy, down in my heart..." and as we finished the first stanza, Twink proceeded to read her devotional that was based on Isaiah 12: 3&4. Thank you Twinkle for another uplifting reading.

The Treasurer's report :

The minutes from last month were read and approved as revised.

We read our UMW closing prayer in unison, We officially adjourned at 2:45 pm.

After the meeting ended, Gretchen asked the membership if they were interested in making t-shirt dresses for the Dress A Girl Around The World organization and the majority of the group agreed that it would be a good project. Gretchen will send around more information on how and what needs to be done. We will plan on meeting at a later date to firm up the needs for this project.





“God of our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand”

This grand hymn, written by the Reverend Daniel C. Roberts (1841-1907) was first sung in the town of Brandon, Vermont on July 4, 1876. .

The citizens of Brandon had long anticipated the celebration of the first century of American Independence and had asked the Reverend Daniel C. Roberts of the Protestant church if he would write an appropriate hymn for them to sing on that special day!

All over the country celebrations were exploding as Americans gathered with prayers, speeches, parades and the singing of hymns; thanking God for His blessings and guidance upon their land! This celebration was made all the more impressive as the Civil War had ended only eleven years earlier and there was rejoicing that America still stood, United! Daniel C. Roberts had served with Ohio's 84th infantry, and Brandon's citizens felt it was fitting that a veteran should author their song of praise! It is considered the National Hymn of the United States of America.

Gretchen



Prayer Shawls/Lap Throws





We have several prayer shawls and lap throws available to distribute. If you know of someone who could use the “hug” of a prayer shawl, please contact Ruth Reed 471-1393 and we will make share that your suggestion of a recipient receives one of these blessed gifts.



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.

October 2018


Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	1	2 1:00pm Seated Tai Chi	3	4 1:30pm Dorothy's Circle 	5	6
7 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:50am Worship World Communion Sunday	8	9 1:00pm Seated Tai Chi	10 6:30pm Contemplative Worship	11 6:00pm Giggler's Group 	12 Lay Servant Training	13 Lay Servant Training 10:00am Outreach Meeting
14 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:50am Worship Chili Cook Off	15	16 1:00pm Seated Tai Chi	17	18	19	20 9:00am Men's Breakfast  3:00pm Game Day
21 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:50am Worship	22	23 1:00pm Seated Tai Chi	24 6:30pm Contemplative Worship	25 6:00pm Giggler's Group  12:00pm Clergy Subdistrict	26	27 11:00am Council Lunch Meeting
28 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:50am Worship Reformation Sunday	29	30 1:00pm Seated Tai Chi	31 HALLOWEEN			

Mel's Famous
Biscuits & Gravy

MEN'S BREAKFAST

at 9am



Great Food, Fun and Fellowship!

Saturday, October 20th



The Dorothy Circle is meeting at 1:30 p.m. on the 1st Thursdays of the month. October's meeting will hear from Springs Rescue Mission. There is a box, in the narthex, for personal hygiene items as well as hats and gloves. The meeting is in Gamber Hall. All women are invited for this time of mission information and fellowship.



MINISTRY

**** Join us for our
committee meeting
on October 13 @ 10 a.m.****

Contemplative Worship

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

@ 6:30 p.m.

Practicing *Lectio Divina*

Walking Group

Saturdays @ 7 a.m.

Gentle Tai Chi – led by David Hays

Tuesdays @ 1 p.m.



**"Sermon of
the Amount"**

Monthly Giving 2018

Monthly budget \$6451

July – \$5417

August - \$4288

September (to 9/23) \$4623



Birthdays

- 6 K.J. Baines
- 8 Alice Shartran
- 10 Carol Stephenson
- 18 Ruth Pierce
- 19 Margo Bowler
Rachel Thompson
- 22 Susie Gallivan
Melissa Gordon
Raymond Marshall

Anniversaries

- 4 Josh & Stephanie Allen
- 20 Seth & Millie Ware (#67)



Preston Holladay celebrated his 102nd birthday with us in August. We didn't get a picture of him with the wonderful cake that was served during fellowship, but Mel Simmons was able to catch Preston on another day. Happy birthday, always, Preston!

Westside

Cares



SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

***October 6; Creek Week culminates in a Creek Clean-Up effort in partnership with City Serve, the City of Colorado Springs, and Bal-Seal from 9 AM – Noon. In addition to warm bodies we also need work gloves, snacks (granola bars, potato chips, fresh fruit, dessert items), sunscreen and bottled water. Donated supplies can be dropped off at Westside Cares during business hours prior to Oct. 6.**

***October 6; Coat Fest, a musical coat drive at the Westside Community Center, 2 – 5 PM.**

In need of 2 volunteers who could represent WSC from 2-4 and one other volunteer from the 4-5 shift which includes bagging and bringing items to the office.

***October 13; Westside cares Victory Gardens program needs some hardy souls to shovel Alpaca poo into several of their garden beds. 9:30 AM – Noon.**

***October 27; Westside Cares at Harvest Festival at Wilson United Methodist Church.**

***October 31; Help staff the Westside Cares table at Halloween Safe Treats in Old Colorado City from 2 – 4 PM.**

Continuing needs are:

Adult socks

Men's jeans – size 30 -36

Men's shirts – please, no button ups or undershirts

Tampons and pads

Diapers size 5

Pull Ups size 2/3 and ¾

Baby formula

Used pill bottles

Plastic grocery bags

*****NO HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, PLEASE**

Non-perishable foods for the food pantry is greatly appreciated.





Summer is over so how about joining the K & C Giggles for a fun evening? We meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Some of our ladies are learning to crochet pot holders/placemats/afghans/purses/shawls and other things. If you want to knit you can do this also. I can help you with your crocheting or knitting items. If you want to do some cross stitch you can do that. We welcome any and all crafts (and crafters.) If I am unable to help you with your project there might be someone else who can help you. We have lots of fun while we work. Since the weather is to change at any time I just want you to know that we do not meet if there is snow on the ground. I will contact each person that is signed up for the group and let them know if we will not be meeting. Love to have you join us. If you have questions please call me at 471-1393 Ruth Reed.



Sunday, October 14 we will enjoy our annual Chili Cook Off.

We always have many wonderful pots of chili to sample and enjoy!

For those of you who do not make or eat chili you are very welcome to bring other dishes (suggestions: casseroles, salad, desserts, crackers or grated cheese.) I will have a prize for the chili that is voted "best chili."

So bring your appetite and enjoy the fellowship! I want to also thank everyone that brought food and everyone that enjoyed the food at our Rally day potluck. Love and blessings to all, Sally



- Susie Gallivan
- Rosie Martinez – post knee surgery
- Our shut ins: Dick & Sue Bush, Evelyn Hartley, Hal Smith, Shirley Harr, Jim Hodges, Bill Edwards, Harmon Hammitt, Maria Castle, Rachel Schilowsky
- Persons and families experiencing crisis
- The ministries of our church
- Neighbors – those we know; or not

Family and Friends of Luci Rawlings

TABLE GRACE

God, many hands made this meal possible. Farmers grew it. Truckers drove it. Grocers sold it. We prepared it. Bless all those hands and help us always remember our dependence on You. Amen.

Luci Rawlings 



We lovingly remember our friend, Luci Rawlings. Her memorial service will be on Tuesday, October 2 at 10:30 a.m. with a reception served by the Dorothy Circle afterward.



Sunday, October 7

A great day to invite someone to join us!



ROOSTERS & REFORMATION
SUNDAY October 28

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