Easter Weekend Bible Reading - Feel like you want to “do something” for Lent? Complete your Holy Week experience by joining our traditional non-stop Bible reading that begins at the close of the Good Friday service and finishes with the opening of the Easter Sunday celebration. You can read or witness; alone or with others. Call Nancy Zaenger at 970-209-2175 for details or sign-up.

Pastor’s Ponderings…

“You Go Joyfully to Love ALL, Serve ALL, and Share Jesus Christ with the World!”

“…God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

—Romans 5:6, 8

The powerful reminder to me in these verses is that Christ was willing to die for me when he knew that I would struggle with sin all my life. Christ took the punishment for all my sin on himself to spare me the fate of death. In that humbling knowledge, I realize that in no way do I have any right to judge others. I am certainly no better—or worse—than any other “sinner” on earth.
I share these sobering words from *In Search of the Beyond* by Carlo Carretto:

> We are not happy because we are unforgiving, and we are unforgiving because we feel superior to others.
> Mercy is the fruit of the highest degree of love, because love create equals, and a greater love makes us inferior.
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> First let us establish three premises:
> Those who do not love feel superior to everyone else
> Those who love feel equal to everyone else.
> Those who love much gladly take the lower place.

Following Christ’s example for truly Godly loving, I realize…

> My job is not to change other people. *My job is to love them as I have been loved.*
> My job is not to fix other people. *My job is to love them as I have been loved.*
> My job is not to judge other people. *My job is to love them as I have been loved.*

Following Christ’s example, we no longer look down on the people whom the world considers the least worthy, least valuable people on earth. Instead, we lower ourselves to the place of serving them in love:

> The incarcerated, the addict, the abuser, the divorced, the adulterer, the homosexual, the refugee, the illegal immigrant, the violent radical, and on and on.

Our church’s Mission Statement: “We Go Joyfully to Love ALL, Serve ALL, and Share Jesus Christ with the World!”

I am continually grateful to be pastor in a church where the people take seriously the United Methodist motto, “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.” I am continually grateful to be pastor in a church where our church family knows that when we say...
HIYA NEWS
High school and Young Adults

Sunday Night 6-8 pm
April 9—Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast
April 16—Easter no group
April 23—Frisbee Golf
April 30—No group

Friday Night
Awesomeness

Friday Nights 7:00-9:00 pm
April 9—Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast
April 21—Games

“Love ALL,” we know “All” means “ALL.”

In Gratitude,
Pastor Steve

MARCH & APRIL 2017

Children’s News
Grand Mesa Camp 2017

Vacation Bible School June 5-8
For Preschool-5th grade

Hero Central VBS will take kids on awesome adventures alongside some of their favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. VBS Hero Central uses epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories to help kids (and leaders) discover their strength in God! Early drop off will be available again this year. This is a great event to invite your children’s friends to! Watch for registration info soon!

Save the Date!
Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast April 9th
Easter Sunday Family Activity April 16

Camp is all about making new friends, being outdoors in the great Colorado Mountains, and taking some time to work on our faith. How’s that relationship with you and God? Come for campfire, boating, crafts, music, fishing, worship, games and more!!

Elementary Camp
July 24-28
Completed 3rd-5th grades. $215 (paid by 6/15)

Family Camp July 28-30
For families of all ages and types! $50 for Adults. $40 for ages 13-18. $30 for ages 6-12. $20 for ages 3-5. 3 and under free
Maximum Family Cost-$175.00
United Methodist Women

--April 3 -Monday- Executive Board Meeting-9.00A.M. Baldridge Hall

--April 12 - Wed. Luncheon -11:30 A.M. - Baldridge Hall- Faith Circle Hostess
--Program: “A Call to Prayer and Self Denial”-Nadine Ward-Bring your coins, bills, checks
An offering will be taken

--April 20 -Thursday-Mary and Elizabeth Circle-7:00 P.M. Hostess-Lisa Armentrout

--April 27 -Thursday-Mary Olive Circle-9:00-A.M. – Hostess: Sally Burrichter

--April 27 - Thursday- Hope Circle-9:00 A.M. - Hostess: Patricia London

--April 27 Thursday -Faith Circle 1:30 P.M.
-Hostess: Bonnie Lamb

Brown Bag Book Club

The Brown Bag Book Club will be meeting Tuesday, April 18 at 11:45 a.m. in Baldridge Hall. This month’s selection is “ The Irresistible Blueberry Bakeshop & Café” by Mary Simses. Bring a sack lunch and join the conversation!
Birthdays

Douglas Zelazny 04/01  Callie Armentrout 04/14
Ryan Shipley 04/02  Tom Pilkington 04/16
Bonnie Lamb 04/02  Micki Kintner 04/16
Janice Becker 04/03  Betty Winter 04/18
Gus Bray 04/06  Brad Bingaman 04/18
Lola Howard 04/08  Joe Evans 04/22
Dylan Farley 04/10  Beckie Pendergrass 04/24
Suzi Reick 04/10  Sharon Jewell 04/26
Ginger Bollinger 04/11  Nancy Johnson 04/30
Mike Richardson 04/11  Steve Gray 04/30

Anniversaries

Butch & Becky Clark 04/04
Jerry & Erin Skees 04/14
John & Nancy Fishering 04/29
Joe & Caroline Evans 04/29
Ed & Karen DeJulio 04/30

Plans are being made for the Utah/Western Colorado District Celebration to be held in our Montrose Church September 8th and 9th. If you would like to join the planning committee or have suggestions, please contact Sharon Hayes at 970-240-3505 email, sshayes@bresnan.net. Your help will be welcomed.

Come join this active group of women!

The Purpose of United Methodist Women: The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is: To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; To develop a creative supportive fellowship; and To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNION STEWARDS are a vital part of our monthly communion experience on the first Sunday of the month. The congregation sees those of us assisting the pastor, but before that can happen, someone must fill the individual cups and baskets of gluten free bread, provide the loaf to be broken and fill the goblets. Then the elements need to be assembled on the table in the sanctuary, and removed after the service. Ideally, the same person would be present on Sunday morning for all three services, but if that is more time than you would commit, we are trying to organize several persons for each day. Training is available and we will organize a schedule. Please contact the office as to interest and we will arrange the training and a calendar for volunteering.
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