

# The Messenger

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**LET'S REALLY**

**RALLY! RALLY**

**DAY IS SEPT 17TH!**

**WORSHIP ON THE LAWN – POTLUCK, GAMES, AND STORIES!**

## **UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES**

Working copies of the Church Directory are on a table near the South Entrance. Please update your information by writing on one of the copies.

Please verify:

Your Address

Your Home Phone

*(if you don't use yours we should remove it)*

Your Mobile Phone

*(if you want a mobile phone listed as a home phone we can do that. Or, if you want the mobile phone attached to a person we need to know who it goes to)*

Your Email

*(we can have a family email and/or emails for one or more family members)*

Your Picture

*(if you have an updated picture you would rather we use, we would need to know and you would need to bring or email it to the office)*

All changes will need to be in by Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will publish directories for you to pick up and have them available on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS AT CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST**

Dear Church,

'Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

**Matthew 6:9-13**

I love that we are a praying church. In praying, we are not only lifting up the person for healing, we are as St. Therese of Lisieux once said, "Prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

Praying is a way of life. It is how Central UMC has chosen to live its life. Thank you. Many of our members are on our Prayer Chain have been receiving Prayer Requests via email and phone calls. This is a ministry of the church that blesses those experiencing emergencies and surprise. It is a ministry that connects us as church and the people of God, as we live out our call to be ONE in CHRIST. Therefore, it is my desire to open this practice of prayer to the whole church. We will begin by sending all calls for prayer to the whole church email list. If you are reading this, but do not have email, please make sure the church has your phone number and knows that you want to be part of this important ministry.

"Pray without ceasing" - Thessalonians 5:17  
In love and ministry to God's people, Rev. Deb

## **QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED**

*New study on Tuesday mornings*

Jesus challenged his disciples and his audiences by asking questions, such as "Why are you anxious? What do you live for? Who do you say that I am?" Magrey DeVega, Senior Minister of Hyde Park UMC in Tampa, FL, poses six questions, each one based on a passage in one of the Gospels. YOU are invited to join the lively discussion, beginning on Tuesday, September 12, at 9:30, at the church or on Zoom. Books titled "Questions Jesus Asked" (\$14) are available in the office or in class. No Bible knowledge needed ... come and enjoy wrestling with the questions in this friendly group led by Rev. Judy.

## **SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS**

### **A New and Exciting Outlook for "Family Promise"**

Our church has been a vital part of Family Promise since it began in Colorado Springs in 1996.

We were one of the 13 founding churches of the Interfaith Hospitality Network that now is one of several programs of Family Promise.

Through those 27 years, there have been many changes and some ups and downs. Now, the future is very bright. Family Promise's mission is assisting families with children to transition from a place of defeat and housing insecurity to a promising future living in independent affordable housing. The staff of professionals and a vast network of volunteers work with the families, providing them hospitality, along with training and support to assure they will *never* face homelessness again.

*Please help as you are able with a gift for Family Promise. You may write a check made payable to Central UMC and designated "FP." Thank you! You are a blessing for the Family Promise families.*

## **THANK YOU!**

"Thank you for all the calls, cards, and best wishes following my recent hip muscle surgical repair. I am receiving Physical Therapy on a regular basis and improving every day. I know that is a result of the many encouraging cards and notes coupled with faith and prayers. Thank you so very much!

- Maxine Rummel

**Pastor Deb's Fall Travel:** Pastor Deb will be out of town for the following weeks:

September 12th - 15th on a Spiritual Retreat in the mountains, with no phone, no computer, just rest.

September 25-27th at the Conference's *Nurturing Beloved Community Fall Workshop* at Buckhorn UMC Camp.

September 27th - 29th at Clergy Orders in Fort Collins.

IT'S TIME!  
TO COME BACK  
TOGETHER!

Choir is starting up again! Join us as we embrace the joy of singing together and create beautiful harmonies that touch hearts and souls. Whether you're a seasoned vocalist or a newcomer, all are welcome to be part of our harmonious community. Rehearsals will commence on Sunday's at 9 a.m. Starting September 10<sup>th</sup> Let's fill the air with the mag of music once more! See you there! 🎵 Contact John: (719)570-7886

We are delighted to announce the return of our **Heavenly Hand Bells** program! The enchanting sound of bells will once again fill the air as we gather for this unique musical experience. We invite everyone to join us in creating captivating melodies together. Our first practice will be held **Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Starting September 13<sup>th</sup>** Come and be a part of this harmonious journey as we rediscover the joy of making music with hand bells. Looking forward to ringing in the new season with you all! 🎵  
Pricilla: (719)597-8973

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1 – Jayden Miller	11 – Kiera Hawkins	24 – Daniel Pechacek
1 – Marcus Rowles	11 – Herb Scheierman	24 – Edna Dungan
3 – Chris Yoon	11 – Evie Schipfer	26 – Nancy Carson
4 – Rod Rockwell	12 – James Rowles	27 – Elizabeth Malone
4 – Bob Spaete	18 – Lee Helmbrecht	29 – Ed Bollack
5 – Jeanna McMahon	18 – Chloe McMahon	
7 – Vanessa Russell	19 – Ace Heyns	2– Norman & Cynthia Pechacek
8 – Cheryl James	21 – Cindy Lee	10 – James & Lisa Rummel
8 – Elliott James	23 – Lindsey Ainsworth	

**Sunday Morning Bible Study  
meets every Sunday at 11:15 a.m.  
in Classroom 1 off of Fellowship  
Hall. Join this great class for  
fellowship and dynamic  
conversations, led by Karen  
Hobson**

**Central UMC to Host IHN  
September 17<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>  
More Details to come**

**Naomi Circle  
Thursday, September  
7, 2023  
10 a.m. @ Central  
UMC  
Wynona Batman,  
Leader  
Fellowship Hall**

**Thank you to everyone that  
supported me through this  
journey and I am hoping to  
continue with your support.**

**-Tori**



**Bible Story Time**

**Bible story time will be  
starting again for kids K-2  
after children's time.**

**If you have questions  
contact Melissa  
(7194332461).**

**If interested in helping  
also reach out to Melissa.**

## STEWARDSHIP, SEPTEMBER 2023

### Where There's a Will... ?

There are many conclusions to that statement; one of the better-known being "there's a way!" Conversely, I would like to offer an opposing thought process to that saying; "when there is no will, there may not be a way." Yes, we are referring to a written will; one that may symbolize financial gain for the beneficiary, or a document that might invoke sadness and misery. However, the primary intent is that the last wishes and instructions of the originator, be carried out, regardless of the result.

Just recently, a retired military close friend passed away. He was genuinely concerned and involved with making sure his last wishes were carried out. I will not offer comments or personal opinions, so I will only mention that his will had not been reviewed, changed, or "clarified" in several years. There were several significant situations which had changed since he signed the will, and it took numerous phone calls and discussions with appropriate agencies to comply with his desires, or ensuring those directions were carried out.

If you have a will (you should!!!) and you wish to designate something specific to anyone (such as a friend or family member) you may do that with a "Codicil" in most states, but, specifically in the State of Colorado. It's simple, it may be implemented by the mere signature of witnesses; however, a notary is 'recommended'. The codicil should be included as an addition/clarification of the will and remain with the will to ensure it's available and implemented. I'm not an attorney and I don't play one on T.V., so check with your attorney or the one who prepared or helped prepare your will for further instructions regarding that document.

In closing, please remember that your gifts and your giving help more people than you will ever know. Financial gifts sustain the operating fund and pay the bills; but equally important are things like singing in the choir or spending countless hours as a greeter for Sunday morning worship. Two angels, Edna Mae Ulmer and Mike Wheat recently joined our Lord and His heavenly host. Their voices in the choir or greeting others as they enter will be genuinely missed at Central United Methodist Church, but they will remain in our hearts and memories as they offer their talents to our Lord and Savior. Please keep the friends and family they left behind in your thoughts and prayers. *On behalf of your Stewardship Committee -*

## **EMAIL SCAM – PLEASE READ**

Recently an email scam was sent out to members of our congregation, which used my name (Rev. Debra Wacker) to ask for contributions to help a friend with a medical condition. To date I know of three of you who were contacted, but there could be others. A report was filed with the Colorado Springs Police Department, after which an officer contacted me asking for help. His request was that anyone who had contact with these thieves should file a report. Reporting helps them gain enough information to solve a case and make charges stick. Much like the church, we are stronger together. I encourage you to report if you have been contacted. Place a service call to the Non-emergency number 719-444-7000 and leave a contact number. A fraud team officer will return your call and take your report. Thank you and I am sorry this has happened.

## **IT'S HAPPENING!**

Centrals Youth are gathering again.

This time to Manitou Springs Historic Penny Arcade  
We will gather after worship on Sunday, September 10th, 2023  
Our Destination: 930 Manitou Ave. Manitou Springs, CO 80829

We will travel as a group to Manitou Springs where the church will buy us lunch, where we will talk about other activities, including the Fall Festival on Halloween weekend. Then we will find our way to the Historic Penny Arcade. The youth will need to bring their own money for the arcade, except for those who need a sponsor.

All youth need to have a signed permission slip to go. Check your emails!

Signed: Matt, Sara, Brad, and Pastor Deb

## PRAYERS FOR ALL, BY ALL

- Julian Heynes had his tonsils taken out last week. He is back in school.
- Wanda Heynes with health issues.
- Lillian Bauserman's niece's daughter, Lori Friday, she has diagnosed with stage 4 liver cancer. She is 52 and has two boys. No available treatment.
- Mark James is home recovering after a successful surgery on his shoulder to remove old metal.
- Elyse Brunnermer COVID, it seems to be going around. Please keep yourselves protected.
- Sara Simons' friend, Richard Von Luhrte (pronounced lure-tee) is home recovering from a blood infection.
- Judy Day hip injection was this past week.
- Jazz Dudgeon as she prepares to move into a new program and home.
- Max Bennett is in Bear Creek Memory Care. I encourage those who know him to visit.
- Our "waves," our country and its leaders.

Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo: Missionary in Angola, Africa  
Our World: Turkey, Syria, Ukraine, and Russia

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2	3 10am Worship 11:15 Sunday School 1:30-4 Gleaming
Office Closed 4	9:30 Bible Study 6pm Trustees 6:30-8:30 Scouts 5	6	10am NAOMI 7	8	8-12 EGA 9	9am Choir 10am Worship 11:15 Sunday School 1:30-4 Gleaming 10
9-3 Quilts of Love 11	9:30 Bible Study 6:30-8:30 Scouts 6pm Finance 7pm Council 12	7pm Bells 13	5-9 CS Quilts 14	15	9-3 CS Quilts 16	9 Choir 10 Worship Rally Day 1:30-4 Gleaming IHN Starts 17
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## PRAYERS FOR ALL

Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE FOR MIKE WHEAT AND EDNA MAE ULMER**

- Mike Wheat's Celebration of Life will be Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. with a light lunch to follow before we leave at 12 noon for Pikes Peak National cemetery and a 1:00 p.m. interment.
- Edna Mae Ulmer's Celebration of Life will be at Central United Methodist on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m., with a light lunch served afterwards in our Fellowship Hall.

**FRESH AND CLEAN FOR SCHOOL AND WORK!**

**September Food Collection**

The pantry at Mercy's Gate is requesting donations of toiletries, such as shampoo, deodorant, shaving foam, razors, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soaps and feminine hygiene products. *These are items not covered by food stamps.*

Please bring donations to the cart at south entrance or any weekday or Sunday.