

Weekly Messenger

February 2, 2024

Worship



This week in worship we will finish our series “Becoming the People of God” by focusing on how we pay attention to God’s calling and cultivate a trust as God pays attention to us. The sermon title is “With Wings Like Eagles” and the scriptures include: **Isaiah 40:28-31 and Mark 1:29-39**. Rev. Judy is helping in worship this week and our communion stewards will be: Ernie and Janet Dunbar. Our Sound Booth Team will continue to keep us all connected online and in person.

Come in, tune in, it’s going to be a great Sunday!

May God be with all of you! - Rev. Deb Wacker

Prayers for all, by all - Central UMC

John Tracy, Priscilla’s son was in a head-on collision last Saturday, he is doing ok, Priscilla?
Jon Ainsworth, as he recovers from outpatient foot surgery this Friday.
Angie McClelland’s Mom, Nancy Razey is in Hospice suffering from Body Inclusion Myositis.
Angie Edward's nephew, Chris Roberts.
Ken Wacker Sr. struggling with Prostate Cancer.
Smokey Boyer: congestive heart failure
Charlie Carson is living at Medallion Rehab
Bob Adams and his health issues.
Jack Whitney’s hip surgery is scheduled.
Our "WAVES", our country and its leaders.
Our World: The people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, and Gaza.
Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo, Angola, Africa

Dates to Remember

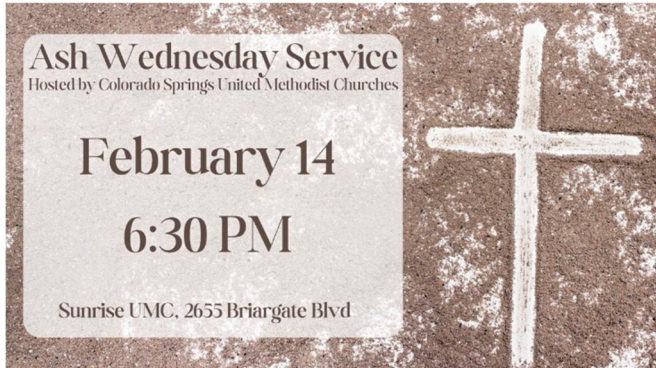
Scout Sunday is February 11, 2024

Super Bowl Party: Sunday, February 11th @ 4-7 p.m.

Pizza / Football Game / Board Games

The Family Life Team will be hosting a Super Bowl Party in Fellowship Hall. They will order Pizza, set up the large TV to watch the Football Game, and for those less interested in the football game, there will be Board Games. If you have a favorite board game, please bring it with you.

Lent begins on February 14th – **Ash Wednesday.**



This year we will join the Colorado Springs United Methodist Churches for an Ash Wednesday Service

February 14th - 6:30 p.m. @ Sunrise UMC

Rev. Deb is also working on an Imposition of Ashes time for the morning of Ash Wednesday.

Remember: Bridge on Galley Closed from the west.

Starting Monday, 1/15/2024, the bridge on Galley between San Miguel and Moffit will be closed. The closure will continue for several weeks. You will need to use alternate routes to get to Central. If you have questions please call the office at 719-597-6642.

District Gathering

**A joy-filled day of reclaiming, renewing,
and reviving our connection as United Methodists**

With Bishop Karen Oliveto preaching and Quiet Disciples Celebrated.

Then after lunch two sessions of workshops will be offered.

Hope to see you there on March 2, 2024

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. w/ lunch \$20 per person

@ Calvary UMC, Colorado Springs

Please register by February 22nd, for both in-person and online at this link:

ESCO District Gathering Registration Link: <https://mtnsky-reg.brapp.com/ESCODistrictGathering2024>

I'd love to see some of our leaders join me, Rev. Deb

Thank you to those who give their time.

Thank you to Cheryl James, Kim Crom, Jack, Sam, and Matt Schipfer for helping Rev. Deb with the sermon last Sunday as we demonstrated how God's word bubbles up from Among the People of God. Thanks, Rev. Deb

Confirmation Retreat at John Wesley Ranch

Registration Packets are on the table in the hall.



When: on Presidents Day Weekend:

Saturday, February 17th through Monday, February 19th.

How: Transportation and All meals are provided.

The Church Van will take and return our kids and Rev. Deb, but WE NEED A DRIVER!

Our church will provide the meals for Sunday lunch and dinner.

See Diane and Joyce for details.

Registration is open for all those 11-18 years old.

Cost: Scholarships are provided!

8-10 Youth from our church will venture out with Rev. Deb to John Wesley Ranch. We will be joined by others from our UM District. Six UMC Pastors will be teaching about God's

church, but we also have some fun planned throughout the weekend. Sorry, you'll have to wait on those details. Registration and Information Packets are available on the Hall Table.

Sundays at Central UMC

Come join us before worship in Fellowship Hall

For a time together with coffee and donuts

Choir practice

Every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Sanctuary doors will be closed for their practice time.

Bible Story Time

During Worship right after the Children's Message

For kids Kindergarten – 3rd Grade
Watch for Melissa, she'll lead you to more fun!
If you are interested in helping or have questions, contact Melissa (719-433-2461).
Can You Help?

Melissa James has been offering Bible Story Time for our Kindergarten through Third Grade children during the Sunday morning service. The children leave the sanctuary after the children's message. To adhere to Safe Sanctuary procedures we need two adults to be present with the children. We're hoping to find a few adults who are willing to be with the children one Sunday a month. This has a two-fold benefit: you'll get to know our children and Melissa will be able to enjoy the service once in a while. Please let Karen Hobson or Melissa James know if you would be interested in this opportunity.

Children's Sunday School

Meets in the Assembly Room at 11:15 each Sunday.

Bring your kids, stay for coffee and adult class.

"The Followers" with Karen Hobson

Meets in the Sunday School Classroom 1 (off of Fellowship Hall)

11:15 a.m. – Noon every Sunday.

The Followers Class

led by Karen Hobson will start a new book on Feb. 18 (probably ☞).

Hope you will join us!

"DOUBT"

Everyone has doubts. Where is God when bad things happen? Does God hear our prayers?

Is there a heaven? How can we know?

Often we treat such questions as the enemy of faith. But uncertainty doesn't mean our belief is lacking. Doubt can be a path to a deeper, richer encounter with God.

In *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith*, join best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton as he discusses some of our most significant sources of doubt and shows how a steady trust in God can emerge from them. You will delve into questions like:

"Does God exist? How can I know?"

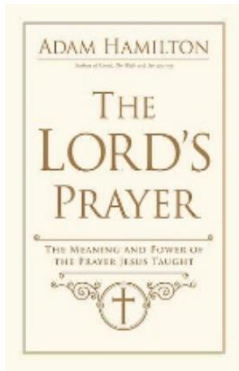
"Is the Bible true?"

"Why do prayers go unanswered?"



Tuesdays
New Study on Tuesday Mornings

The Lord's Prayer



Using a book by Adam Hamilton, Rev. Judy is leading a study of Christianity's best known prayer. We will grow to understand and more fully appreciate the meaning and the power of the words by exploring each rich line and the Biblical context.

YOU ARE INVITED

to join the friendly discussions on Tuesday mornings, 9:30-10:30. Books (\$14) are available in the office or at the first class.

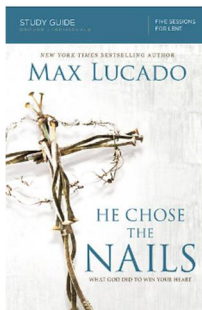
YOU are invited to join us at the church - Classroom 1 off of Fellowship Hall or on Zoom

Wednesdays



Heavenly Bells meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m., with Priscilla Tracy in the sanctuary. Come early to help set up. Call Priscilla to join the fun: (719)660-1433

NOTE: Rev. Deb has canceled her Wednesday class. Members chose to participate in Thursday's class on Zoom



Thursdays

Bible Study with Rev. Deb

Starting a New Lenten Study

"He Chose the Nails" What God did to win your heart.

Books have been ordered.

Thursday Evening @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Starting: February 15th - On Zoom

Is your heart unsettled by the chaos of the world? Are you heavy-laden with bad moments, mad moments, or anxious moments? Today, rest in God's self-giving love and leave all your troubles at the foot of the cross.

There were no accidents on the days surrounding Jesus' death. Jesus' last moments were not left up to chance. God chose the path; he selected the nails. Our Lord planted the trio of crosses and painted the sign. God was never more sovereign than in the details of the death of his Son. God didn't have to do all these things, you know. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet he did much more. So much more.

In He Chose the Nails, New York Times bestselling author and pastor Max Lucado will help you: Learn just how much God loves and cares for you.

Take comfort that Jesus understands everything you face in this life.

Remember that there's nothing you can do to earn God's gift.

Stand firm in the promise that you are forgiven, and you are welcome in God's presence.

Search the scene of the cross and listen for God's gentle whisper, "I did it just for you."

Naomi Circle meets on the 1st Thursday of the month @ 10 a.m.

Come visit with the ladies. Have questions, call Wynona Batman at 719-596-1851.

See you on March 7, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m. at the church.

Pat Dungeon will do food. The lesson will be done by Karen Hobson.

Men's Group

Thursday's @ 11:30 a.m. @ Gunther Toody's

Call Bob Morris (719-574-1566) for more information.

ALSO

Monthly – Saturday Morning Breakfast

Call Robert Rummel (719-596-4144) for more information.

FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS

You have been so generous in the past that there is an excess of funds from previous years for "Bundles of Love" to purchase the underwear and socks for Mitchell HS, Swigert MS, and Wilson Elem. BUT! The Backpack Project needs more money due to the rising costs of food. The same three schools receive a total of 60 backpacks each month, and there are families who rely on those groceries and hygiene items to make it through the month.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP X 2: You may bring "Bundles of Love" (socks and underwear) if you wish. That certainly will help! Please contribute all cash or checks for the Backpack Project. Checks may be made to Central UMC, designated Backpack Project.

Food Gifts in February

How Many Cans Can a Food Cart Contain

If Each Can Can Contain Some Fruit??

A silly tongue twister ... or a serious call for help? The pantry at Mercy's Gate needs canned fruit, and other non-perishable food and hygiene items. Let's see how many cans a cart can contain!! (We'll publish the count in the Messenger next month,) You may bring donations to the cart in the entry on any Sunday or weekday. Thanks for caring!





Bulletin and Weekly Messenger Deadlines

Articles for the Weekly Messenger or Bulletin are due by:

Wednesday's by Noon

Email the office at office@cumccs.org

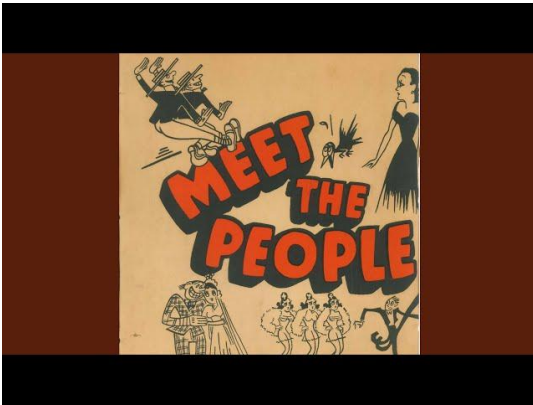
Call the office @ 719-597-6642



Meet the People

January 2024

Our Quiet Disciple has started interviewing people in our church so we can get to know each other. Each month we will include biographies for two of our community.



Reverend Judy Owsley

Judy Owsley was appointed to serve Central as the Minister of Congregational Development from February 2003 until her retirement in June 2012. She and her husband Bud were asked to remain at the church, and she has continued to be actively involved. She teaches the children's Sunday School class, leads the Tuesday Morning Bible Study, serves on the Education and Missions Ministry Teams, and coordinates the Caring Ministries Team.

Rev. Judy was born in Beaumont, TX. Her father was in the Air Force, and she moved to Colorado Springs in the eighth grade and graduated from Colorado Springs High School (now Palmer). (In 2012, she was inducted into the CSHS/Palmer Hall of Fame.) She married Bud Owsley in 1960 and graduated from CU Boulder in 1961 with a degree in English and Education. She has two children, Greg and Kristin, three granddaughters, and one great-grandson.

Rev. Judy and her family were members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church for 25 years, and she served as Director of Christian Education for 15 years, until 1993. She was consecrated a Diaconal Minister in 1990, having attended the Iliff School of Theology in Denver while maintaining her part-time position at St. Paul's. In August of 1993, Judy was appointed to First United Methodist Church, Colorado Springs, as Minister of Adult Ministries and Missions. She was ordained in 1996.

Rev. Judy's heart is in service, and her particular joy is that she has been able to continue being in ministry at Central. She loves to preach teach and share her faith with all of us. She also is grateful for the opportunity to have been active in the Russia Initiative which she helped to start in 1993. She has made 16 trips to Russia, visiting our partner churches and orphanages in Novgorod and Arkhangelsk. She currently is Chair of the Board of Family Promise and works closely with our IHN team as we host families for several weeks each year.

Being busy seems to help Rev. Judy to thrive!



Priscilla Tracy

Priscilla Tracy is our Bell Director and has a long history in Music Ministry.

Priscilla was born in Luverne, Alabama. She married Yankee, Irving, in 1961, and they were married 58 years before he passed in 2019. They had three children: Robert, who passed on April 28, 2020 – John, and Leslie. Priscilla has four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Priscilla attended Troy State College (now Troy State University) in Alabama. She graduated in 1962 with a degree in Music Psychology, with applied studies in conducting. She and her family spent 30 years in the Military, mostly in Colorado, where her husband worked for NORAD. They spent 3 ½ years in Germany where she was Music Minister for the Ramstein Chapel System, which included music for outlying chapels. She had a touring youth choir, The Messengers, that would spend six weeks traveling and performing in nine countries of Europe, as Ambassadors to Europe, from USAFE (United States Armed Forces in Europe).

In addition to her Music Ministry positions, Priscilla has worked as a voice teacher and held office as the Executive Director of the Colorado Springs Chorale and Chairman of the Southern Colorado Handbell Association.

Before joining us at Central, Priscilla spent 17 years as the Music Minister of Village Christian Church and spent another 17 years in the same role for St. Paul's UMC. Priscilla has (unsuccessfully, so far) retired several times before she blessed us by becoming our Bell Choir Director.

Collector of Information: Elyse Brunner, Quiet Disciple



February Birthdays

- 2 – Anita Hanson
- 2 – Rose Simon
- 3 – Lee Scheierman
- 10 – Barb Watson
- 14 – Brad Murdaugh
- 14 – Joe Straws
- 15 – Suk Cha Disney
- 15 – Melissa James
- 17 – Julean Heyns
- 19 – Macie Shannon
- 21 – MaKenzie Hawkins
- 22 – Diane Black
- 23 – Cerne Rieves
- 24 – Krystal Shannon
- 26 – Leo Laryea
- 28 – Cole Bowden
- 28 – Tori Dudgeon



February Anniversaries

- 15 – Roger & Vicki Sams
- 22 – Bill & Diane Black



FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6:00A GLEANING WORSHIP 10 NAOMI CIRCLE 6P PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM	2 6:00A GLEANING WORSHIP	3 7:00A GLEANING WORSHIP 9-3 COMFORT QUILTS 10-1
4 8:45 CHOIR 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 1:30-4 GLEANING	5 12-3 QUILTS OF LOVE	6 9:30 BIBLE STUDY 6:00 TRUSTEES 7:00 SCOUTS	7 6:00A GLEANING WORSHIP 9:00A GLEANING BIBLE STUDY 7:00 BELLS	8 6:00A GLEANING WORSHIP 6-9 CSQG 6P PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM	9 6:00A GLEANING WORSHIP 9:30 WORSHIP TEAM	10 7:00A GLEANING WORSHIP 8-12 EGA 10-2 DKG
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