

# Central United Methodist Church

## Weekly Messenger

April 5, 2024

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### Worship

Series Title: **We Walk in the Light**

Our Scripture: **1 John 1:1-2:2**

Sermon Title: ***"How We Shall Live"***

This week, as we worship, we will begin a new series (*We Walk in the Light*) where we will work through the Book of 1<sup>st</sup> John. The focus of 1 John is "fellowship," which stands against false teachings and stands firm in the Faith. This fellowship is both with one another (John and his audience) and with God through both the Father and through Christ. I invite you all to read along with me as we learn what God has to say to us about walking in the light. Pat Dudgeon will be our Worship Assistant on this Communion Sunday and Amy Ray will give our Children Message. Our AV Team will continue to balance mechanics and prayer in our AV booth.

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### Prayers

for all, by all - Central UMC

**Deb Perkins** sister-in-law (Ellen) passed away Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> after a heroic battle with cancer. Please pray for Deb and her extended family.

**Anthony Brunner**, a family friend of the Edwards, as he recovers from heart surgery.

**Brian Salladay**, son of June and brother of Christy Malone, hospitalized last Saturday morning at Memorial Central and had surgery in the early hours of April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Delores Neal** as she recovers from a hospital stay.

Priscilla Tracy's daughter **Leslie: recovering through outpatient rehab.**

**Angie McClelland**; in loss of her mother, Nancy Razey.

**Nancy Carson**; in loss of her husband, Charlie.

**Traci Boyer**; in the loss of her husband, Smokey.

**Bob Adams**, fell breaking ribs; at home recovering.

**Norm Pechacek**: hip surgery; at home recovering.

**Jack Whitney** fell on his bad hip, diagnosed with a blood clot; at home waiting to see doctors.

**Jazz** as she travels to Wisconsin to visit a friend for a couple of weeks.

**Ken Wacker Sr.** overcoming Prostate Cancer.

Our "WAVES", our country and its leaders.

Our World: The people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, and Gaza.

Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo, Angola, Africa.

Funeral Services: Charles Carson – April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11 a.m. with lunch reception following.

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**Dates to Remember**

**No Trustees, Finance, or Council Meetings this month.**

**Senior Recognition Sunday will be held on Mother's Day**

**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

**We will be celebrating high school graduates: Will Schipfer, Keagan Hawkins, Dustin and  
Sierra Spillar**

**And, College Graduates: Tori Dudgeon and Christina Cox**

**Galley Rd. will close to traffic between East San Miguel St and Moffat Circle for eight months  
starting on or after April 8th**

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**Thank you to those who give their time.**

**Thank you to our Heavenly Bells and director, Priscilla Tracy, for the beautiful Easter music  
on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.**

**Thank you for our Confirmation Mentors: Rod Rockwell, Brad and Sara Murdaugh, Kim  
Crom, Matt Schipfer, Diane Black, and Bob Edwards.**

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**Groceries for the Backpack Project**

**CANNED VEGETABLES**

We brought enough Mac 'n Cheese for 120 backpacks (2 months' worth)!!

NOW we need to bring canned vegetables:

Cut Green Beans / Peas / Sweet Corn (not creamed corn).

Please bring as many cans as you can to the cart by the south entrance.

Our church fills 60 backpacks every month for 3 schools:

Mitchell HS, Sweigert MS, and Wilson Elementary.

Can we bring enough canned veggies to fill those backpacks?? You bet we CAN!!

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**FAMILY PROMISE**

**April Mission Focus**

**"We are so extremely grateful for your time, energy, effort, and sacrifices!**

## Thank you for ALL THAT YOU DO!"

This lovely message, written on notebook paper with red hearts drawn by children, was left in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 24, after three mothers and six children had packed and left their 'bedrooms' early that morning. They had been the guests of our congregation for seven nights. We provided meals and lodging, hospitality, and friendship for those children and their mothers ... and we were blessed! Many volunteers worked together to make this happen. Thank you!

Family Promise is a national organization with one of its affiliates in Colorado Springs. It is a unique agency that provides shelter and meals in churches and synagogues. Every week the families are hosted by another congregation. During the day, families have access to many supportive services at the Family Promise Day Center, located within First UMC. The center, with showers and laundry facilities, is open 7 days a week, 7:00 - 5:00. Parents are provided strengths-based case management grounded in dignity and collaboration as they work to regain their independence and provide for their children.

We can provide hope and promise for families with our financial support. Please make checks payable to Central UMC, designated Family Promise. Thank you!!

## LENTEN WALK 2024 – The Final Stretch!

We walked 441.76 miles!



Press Release: March 21, 2024, Centennial, CO—Rev. Adam Hamilton & Bishop Karen Oliveto Keynote UM General Conference Webinar Following all the turmoil of denominational disaffiliations and church schism, will United Methodism overcome its historic anti-LGBTQ+ policies and embrace a more inclusive mission and ministry for the future?

Exploration of these and other questions will be the subject of a free Zoom webinar sponsored by the United Methodist Association of Retired Clergy and Friends (UMARC) on Tuesday, April 9, two weeks before the opening of General Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Keynoters include Rev. Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of the 24,000-member Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, Kansas, and Bishop Karen P. Oliveto, episcopal leader of the Mountain Sky Conference, Denver, Colorado, and the first openly lesbian bishop in the denomination.

**Register now for the Zoom webinar at [www.umarc.org](http://www.umarc.org)** for a conversation focused on “The Resurrection of an Inclusive Church: United Methodism’s Upcoming General Conference.” The two-hour session begins at 5 pm Mountain Standard Time (7 pm. Eastern).

Other well-known speakers include Rev. Dr. Israel Alvaran of the Philippines Annual Conference, Rev. Dr. Lydia Muñoz of the National Hispanic/Latino Ministry, Rev. Dr. Mark R. Holland of Mainstream UMC, and Dr. Randall Miller, a leading layman from the California Nevada Conference. Facilitators will be UMARC Co-Chairs, Rev. Dr. Harvey Martz, retired senior pastor, St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Highlands Ranch, and Rev. Dr. Donald E. Messer, Executive Director, Center for Health and Hope, Centennial, Colorado.

Martz and Messer note that “United Methodism was created in 1968 to move the church beyond segregation and exclusion towards inclusiveness. But that dream got curtailed by persistent racism and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation. The upcoming General Conference offers a hopeful window of opportunity for the resurrection of an inclusive community of faith.”

Submitted by Rev. Dr. Donald E. Messer, [globalaids@gmail.com](mailto:globalaids@gmail.com) or 303 877 1955.



## **Recurring Calendar Events**

### **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**

**BIBLE STORY TIME RESUMES ON April 7<sup>th</sup>**

For kids Kindergarten – 3rd Grade

### **Children’s Music**

11:00 -11:15 every Sunday

Meet in the Assembly Room.

Children are invited to enjoy singing and learning to play bells.

### **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 Class**

Led by Karen Hobson

Book Study: *"Doubt"*

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

11:15 a.m. – Noon, every Sunday.

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**

Bible Study led by Rev. Judy Owsley

9:30 -10:30 in Classroom One

"The Lord's Prayer"

By Adam Hamilton

The Tuesday study of *The Lord's Prayer* will resume on

Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. It's not too late to join!!

Books (\$14) are available in the office.

**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



**Thursdays**

Rev. Deb's Thursday class will take a hiatus.

Stay tuned for our next study this summer.

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

Starting: This Summer - On Zoom

**Naomi Circle**

Meets the 1st Thursday of each month @ 10 a.m.

Come visit with the ladies.

Call Wynona Batman (719 596-1851) for more information.

See you on April 4, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m. at the church.

Pat Dudgeon will bring refreshments. Wynona Batman will present the lesson.

## Men's Group

Thursday's @ 11:30 a.m. @ Gunther Toody's  
Call Bob Morris (719-574-1566) for more information.

ALSO

United Methodist Men's Breakfast and Meeting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month

Next Saturday: April 20<sup>th</sup> – Location to be announced.

**...still at 9:30 AM.**

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



4 – Tyler Bosick  
7 – Carole Zempel  
8 – Bill Lee  
9 – Chelsea Bosick  
12 – Alex Gaines  
15 – Luanne Cozad  
15 – Vicki Sams  
16 – Roger Day

16 – Dan Mark  
16 – Norm Pechacek  
16 – Saige Stephens  
18 – Cindy Stoudt  
20 – Natalie James  
21 – Clem Malone  
26 – Wayne Medina  
28 – Meghan Brunnemer



Ernie and Janet Dunbar – April 29<sup>th</sup>

**May each of you be blessed  
and held firmly in the light of God's presence.**

Rev. Deb



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 12-3 QUILTS OF LOVE	2 9:30 BIBLE STUDY 7 SCOUTS	3 6 GLEANING 6:30 OA SCOUTS 7 BELLS	4 6 GLEANING 10 NAOMI CIR 4 BOYER MEMORIAL SVC	5 6 GLEANING	6 7 GLEANING 9 COMFORT QUILTS 10-1 PARKINSON'S
7 8:45 CHOIR 10 WORSHIP 11:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 1-4 GLEANING CHURCH 4 SCOUTS COURT OF HONOR	8 12-3 QUILTS OF LOVE	9 9:30 BIBLE STUDY 7 SCOUTS	10 6 GLEANING 7 BELLS	11 6 GLEANING 11 CARSON MEMORIAL SVC 6 CSQG	12 6 GLEANING 9:30 WORSHIP TEAM	13 7 GLEANING 8-12 EGA 9-3 CSQG WORKSHOP
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