

Weekly Messenger

February 9, 2024

Worship



This week in worship we celebrate Transfiguration Sunday, but we also are celebrating Boys and Girls Scouting Sunday. My sermon title is "Crossing Over" and the scriptures include: 2 Kings 2:1-12 and Mark 9:2-9. Our Boy Scout Troops 220 will be presenting the colors along with Devin, and Trevor Spillar from Troop 71. The Spillars will also be helping out in worship along with Evie Schipfer, Brownie Troop 44930. Rev. Judy will present our opportunities and 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

Please pray for Sara Simon in the passing of her aunt **Ruth Hooper**.

Prayers for our Confirmation kids and their journey to John Wesley Ranch on February 17-19th, Austin, Jack, Drew, Gael, Danny, Oscar, Trevor, Cheyenne, and Sam.

Prayers for our scouts Troop 220, 71, and 44930.

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

This Sunday:

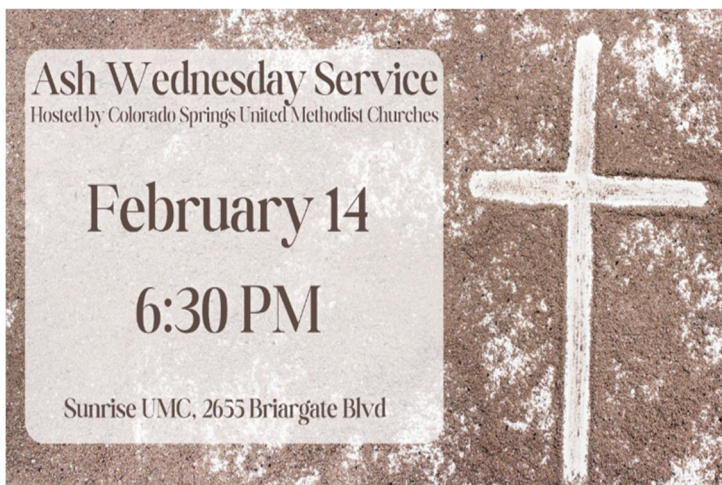
Scout Sunday is February 11, 2024

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.

Ash Wednesday - Next Wednesday, February 14, 2024



@ Central UMC – 10 a.m. – Impartation of Ashes

Come for a time of prayer and meditation. Light a candle as a reminder of the season before us. A season of spiritual inventory and then receive ashes from Rev. Deb symbolic of the work we need to do as we clean out everything which hinders our relationship with Christ.

@ Sunrise UMC – United Methodist Community
Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Tiffany Keith and Sunrise UMC has invited us to a pre-gathering of snacks before the service begins, leaving the closing to be somber in nature. Please bring hors d'oeuvres to share at 6:00 p.m.



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 or our leaders join me, Rev. Deb

Thank you to those who give their time.

Thank you to Diane Black, Joyce Rockwell, and all those who helped behind the scenes with Cheryl James Retirement Party last Sunday.

Thank you, Cheryl for being our Office Manager, Administrative Assistant, and Bookkeeper over the last 10 years.

Thank you from Judy Lykins

Thanks to my church family for all the beautiful cards.
I love them very much. Hope to see them soon.

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.

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.

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!



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 with Safe Sanctuary procedures, we need two adults to be present with the children. We’re hoping to find a few adults that 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 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

We are doing something new!

Lenten Bible Study with Rev. Deb

"He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado

What God did to win your heart.

Rev. Judy has graciously agreed to let me teach during her class time. Her study on *"The Lord's Prayer"* will pick up again after Easter on April 2, 2024

Rev. Deb's Lenten class will meet twice each week Feb. 15-Mar. 26

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 -10:30 a.m.

Thursday evenings at 6:00 -7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Books (\$14.00) are available in the office.

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."



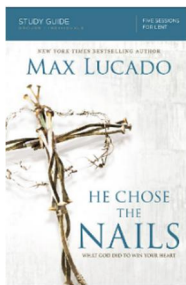
Wednesdays



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



Lenten Bible Study with Rev. Deb
"He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado
What God did to win your heart.
Thursday Evening @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Starting: February 15th - On Zoom
More information is above on Tuesday's schedule.

Naomi Circle

meets 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.



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

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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