

Weekly Messenger

January 11, 2024

Worship



This week in worship we will recognize Martin Luther King and our United Methodist Human Relations Day through our awareness of social justice initiatives. Human Relations Day offers opportunities for us to listen to God's call to create beloved community together. The sermon title is **"Your Servant is Listening"** as we reflect on Jesus' call in **John 1:43-51** and **1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)** and how God's call changes lives. Those helping in worship this

week include: Pat Dudgeon as our worship assistant; Amy Ray will give our children's message; 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

- Prayers for the family and friends of Sandra Noggle. Sandy passed away Wednesday night in a hospice facility in Tucson with her niece Jena by her side. Sandra suffered a fall last week that resulted in a fatal brain bleed.
- Smokey and Traci Boyer are asking for prayers for Smokey, as his cardiac condition has developed into congestive heart failure.
- Angie Edwards sister, Helen Roberts, continues to suffer from heart disease. She has become weaker, as the Drs. work to help her.
- Prayers for Sara and Mike Simon and family in the care of Aunt Ruth, as she recovers from her stroke.
- Angie McClelland's sister Dawn had surgery on Dec. 21st to remove cancer from her ankle.
- Charlie Carson, is still in the hospital waiting to move into an Acute Rehab center.
- Charlie Carson, as he comes home.
- Bob Adams and his health issues.
- Jack Whitney, as he prepares for surgery on a broken hip.
- Sandy, Josephine Yacoub's sister-in-law, is recovering from Bell's Palsy at 27 years.
- Our "WAVES", our country and its leaders.

Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo: Missionary in Angola, Africa

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

Dates to Remember

It's January, and the church calendar is very busy.
Epiphany begins January 7th – February 11th

Naomi Circle: Thursday, February 1, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m. at the church.

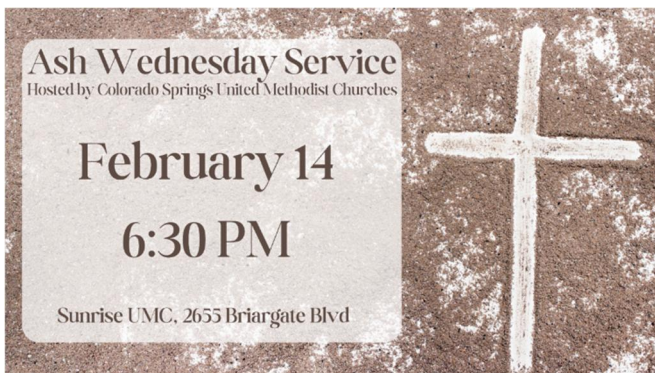
Joyce Witt will do food. The lesson will be done by Wynona Batman.

Super Bowl Party: Pizza / Football Game / Board Games

On Sunday, February 11th, the Family Life Team will be hosting a Super Bowl Party in Fellowship Hall. They will order Pizza and will set up the large TV to watch the Football Game. 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.

Scout Sunday is February 11, 2024

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.

Confirmation Retreat at John Wesley Ranch on

Presidents Day Weekend

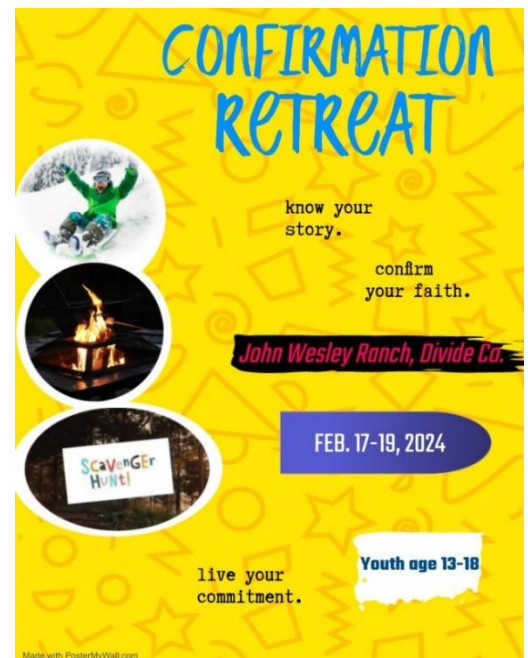
Saturday 11 a.m. February 17th through

Monday 3 p.m. February 19th.

Transportation and All meals are provided.

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

Cost is \$50.00 per person, scholarships are available.



Thank you to those who give their time.

Thank you to all of you who have been helping decorate and un-decorate the church this Christmas Season.

Thank you to those who have been working on cleaning up and out our Resource Room.

Bridge on Galley Closed – Starting Monday, 1/15/2024

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.



Central United Methodist Family,

We are deeply grateful for your kindness and sympathy during our time of loss.

Krystal DeGraffe, DeGraffe Family & Edwards Family

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.

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).

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.

Tuesdays

New Study on Tuesday Mornings

The Lord's Prayer

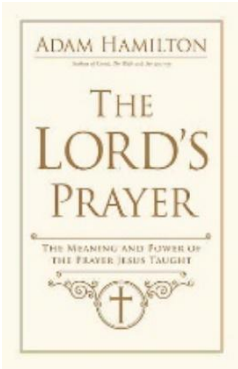
Using a book by Adam Hamilton, Rev. Judy is leading a study of Christianity's best known prayer. We will grow to understand and more fully appreciate the meaning and the power of the words by exploring each rich line and the Biblical context.

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.

At the church or on Zoom

Classroom 1 off of Fellowship Hall



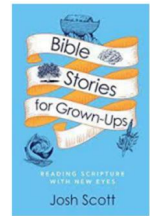
Wednesdays

Bible Study with Rev. Deb, Wednesdays @ 10 a.m. in the conference room.

We'll take a new look at the Bible stories we learned as kids.

Never too late to join.

Books (\$14) are in the office.



Heavenly Bells meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

With Priscilla Tracy

Call Priscilla to join the fun: (719)660-1433

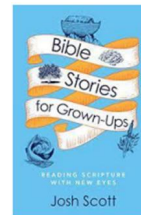
Thursdays

Bible Study with Rev. Deb

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

On Zoom

Books are in the office.



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.

MISSIONS

JANUARY MISSION FOCUS

Building a Grandmother's House

In memory of Trae Gilbert-DeGraffe

During December, we gave almost \$2400 toward the \$3000 needed for our church to finance the building of a "Grandmother's House" in Kenya. Grandmothers who are extremely poor "inherit" their grandchildren when the parents die of AIDS. They and the children struggle in many ways, living in rundown shacks.

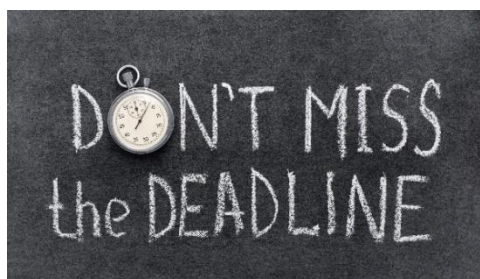
The Maua Methodist Hospital organizes and oversees the building of small homes (\$3000 each), and when completed, each new home is dedicated in the name of the church that provided the funding or to a person that the church selects.

Our December and January gifts will finance the building of a Grandmother's House, and our Missions Committee is hoping to dedicate the house in the name of Trae Gilbert-DeGraffe, our young member who died on November 8, 2023, the grandson of Bob and Angie Edwards.

If you can help, please make checks payable to CUMC, designated "Grandmother's House," or drop coins into the loose change jug on Sundays.

Food Gifts in January Hot Soup on a Cold Day

Hungry families in Colorado Springs will appreciate some soup or other meal items as the winds blow in January. Hundreds of families come to Mercy's Gate each month for food and other assistance, and we can offer them the warmth of God's love. Please bring soup or any non-perishable food items to the grocery cart in the church entry area any time during January. Mmm, good!



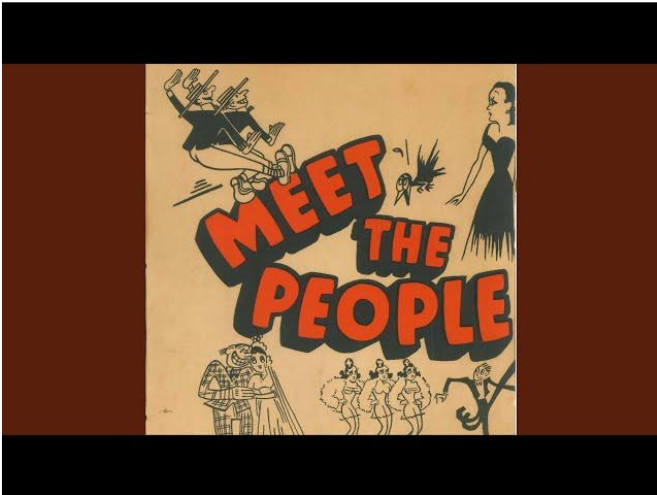
Bulletin and Weekly Messenger Deadlines

If you are wanting to have an article put into either the insert in the bulletin or the Weekly Messenger you need to email the information to the office at office@cumccs.org OR call the office with the information by noon on Wednesday. This gives the office time to include and proof the information you have sent. If it comes after that time it will be included the following week. Also please note items such as our Thank you's and items that are not church activities will be included in the Weekly Messenger rather than the insert to the bulletin.

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 parttime 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 and 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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays

5 – Josephine Yacoub
6 – June Salladay
8 – Elyse Brunner
9 – Laura Ethridge
18 – James Aud
19 – Shelby Pechacek
22 – Cynthia Pechacek
25 – Ryan Laryea
25 – Becky Suter
27 – Danny Aragon
29 – Jim Downs
30 – Sandra Noggle
31 – Sharon Irwin

January Anniversaries

28 – Wayne & Cindy Medina



January

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed	2 6:00 Trustees 6:30-8:30 Boy Scouts	3 6:00a Gleaning Worship 9:00 Gleaning BibleStudy 10 Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 Bells	4 6:00a Gleaning Worship 10:00 NAOMI Circle	5 6:00a Gleaning Worship	6 7:00a Gleaning Worship 10-1 Parkinson 9-3 Comfort Quilts
7 8:45 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:15 Sunday School 1:30-4 Gleaning	8 12-3 Quilts of Love	9 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Finance 6:30-8:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Council	10 6:00a Gleaning Worship 9:00 Gleaning BibleStudy 10 Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 Bells	11 6:00a Gleaning Worship 6-9 CSQG 6:00 Pastor's BibleStudy on Zoom	12 6:00a Gleaning Worship 9:30 Worship Team	13 7:00a Gleaning Worship 8-12 EGA
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