

# Weekly Messenger

January 25, 2024

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## Worship



This week in worship we will continue our series "Becoming the People of God" with a reflection on how God calls and teaches us to discern. The sermon title is "***Becoming the People of God***" and the scriptures include: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 & Mark 1:21-28.

Those helping in worship this week include: Sara Simon as our worship assistant and Sara Murdaugh will give our children's message. 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

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## Prayers for all, by all - Central UMC

Angie McClelland's Mom, **Nancy Razey** is in Hospice suffering with Body Inclusion Myositis.

**Sandra Noggle** in her passing on January 10, 2024.

**Jim Howard** in his passing on January, 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Angie Edward's nephew, **Chris Roberts** is moving into a rehab center as he learns to live with a wounded leg.

**Ken Wacker Sr.** struggling with Prostate Cancer.

**Smokey Boyer's** congestive heart failure.

**Charlie Carson** is living at Medallion Rehab

**Bob Adams** and his health issues.

**Jack Whitney**, as he waits for hip surgery.

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 7<sup>th</sup> – February 11<sup>th</sup>

**THIS SATURDAY - UMC Men's Saturday Morning Breakfast**

**January, 27th @ Sandy's Resturant - 9:30 a.m.**

**6940 Space Village Drive Colorado Springs**

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

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**Retirement Party  
For Cheryl (and Mark) James**



**Sunday, February 4, 2024 @ 11 a.m.**

**Come CELEBRATE Cheryl as she retires after 10 years of loving service!**

**Scout Sunday** is February 11, 2024

**Super Bowl Party:** Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

Pizza / Football Game / Board Games

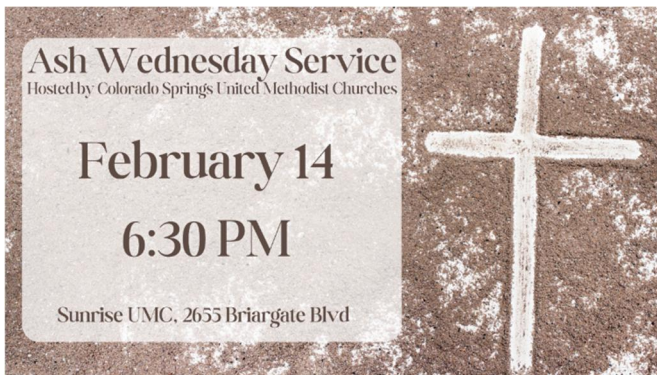
The Family Life Team will be hosting a Super Bowl Party in Fellowship Hall. They will order Pizza, set up the large TV to watch the Football Game, and for those less interested in the football game, there will be Board Games. If you have a favorite board game, please bring it with you.

Lent begins on February 14<sup>th</sup> – **Ash Wednesday.**

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**Remember: Bridge on Galley Closed from the west**

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This year we will join the Colorado Springs United Methodist Churches for an Ash Wednesday Service February 14<sup>th</sup> - 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



*When:* on Presidents Day Weekend:

Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> through Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

*How:* Transportation and All meals are provided.

The **Church Van** will take and return our kids, 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 Youth from our church will venture out with Rev. Deb to John Wesley Ranch. We **will be joined** by others from our UM District. We will be teaching about God's church, but we also have some **fun planned** throughout the weekend. You'll have to wait on those details. **(There's still room and time to sign up)**

*Details* will be **texted** to the participating youth. See Rev. Deb with any questions.

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### District Gathering

With Bishop Karen Oliveto preaching

March 2, 2024

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

@ Calvary UMC, Colorado Springs

ESCO's 2024 District Gathering happens March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Calvary UMC in Colorado Springs, and we'd love to have a grand turnout. Our connection has learned how to stay connected online, yet there is nothing like seeing one another in person. So, put this date on your calendar and encourage others from your church family to do the same.

Registration information will follow later this week. The fee will be **\$20 per person**, and **covers costs of the facility, lunch, and streaming details**. And yes, there will be an online option for worship and workshops, with more details to follow.

The day will begin at 10:00 with fellowship time, with worship to start at 10:30 featuring Bishop Karen Oliveto as our preacher. Lunch is included, during which we will recognize Quiet Disciples. Six afternoon workshops, with two sessions, will wrap up the day by 3:00 so all can get back home.

It will be a joy-filled day of reclaiming, renewing, and reviving our connection as United Methodists. Hope to see you there!

Peace, **Chris Carr**, Eastern/Southcentral Colorado District Superintendent



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

Thank you to all those who venture out for Bible/Book Studies throughout the week.



Central United Methodist Family,

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

Krystal DeGraffe, DeGraffe Family & Edwards Family

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### **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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

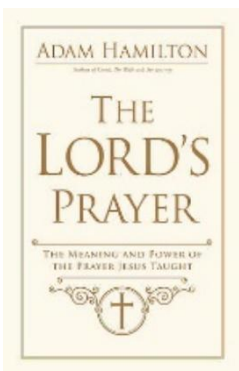
##### **New Study on Tuesday Mornings**

##### **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.**

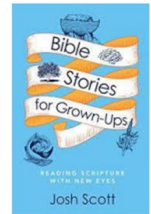


**Books (\$14) are available in the office or at the first class.  
YOU are invited to join.  
At the church or on Zoom  
Classroom 1 off of Fellowship Hall**

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**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.

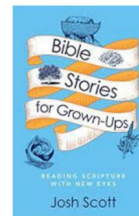


**Heavenly Bells meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m., with Priscilla Tracy**  
In the sanctuary. Come early to help set up.  
Call Priscilla to join the fun: (719)660-1433

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month @ 10 a.m.**  
**Come visit with the ladies. Have questions, call Wynona Batman at 719-596-1851.**  
See you on February 1, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m. at the church.  
Joyce Witt will do food. The lesson will be done by Wynona Batman.

**Men's Group**

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

ALSO, **TOMORROW!**

**Monthly** – Saturday morning Breakfast  
January, 27th @ Sandy's - 9:30 a.m.  
6940 Space Village Drive Colorado Springs  
Call Robert Rummel (719-596-4144) for more information.

## 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.

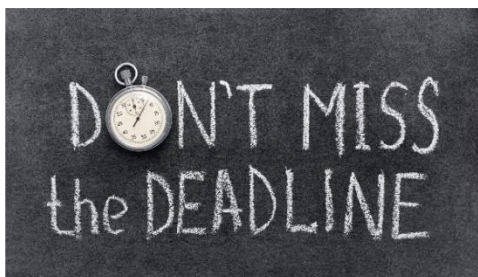
The Maua Methodist Hospital organizes and oversees the building of small homes (\$3000 each), and when completed, each new home is dedicated in the name of the church that provided the funding or to a person that the church selects.

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!



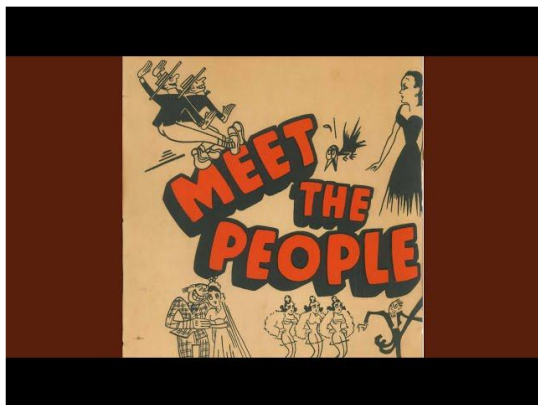
### **Bulletin and Weekly Messenger Deadlines**

Articles for the Weekly Messenger or Bulletin are due by:

Wednesday's by Noon

Email the office at [office@cumccs.org](mailto: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 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

# 2024

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 <b>10-1 Parkinson</b> 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 <b>6-9 CSQG</b> 6:00 Pastor's BibleStudy on Zoom	12 6:00a Gleaning Worship 9:30 Worship Team	13 7:00a Gleaning Worship <b>8-12 EGA</b>
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