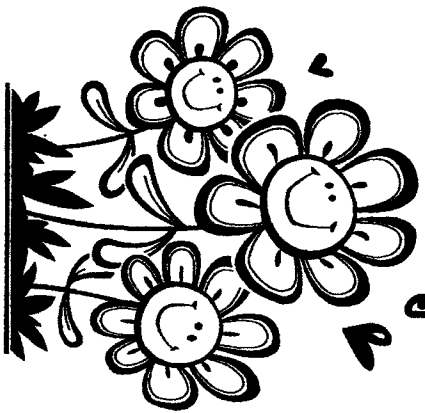


Caring for the Community



A Colorful Lesson

We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors...but they all exist very nicely together in the same box.

Equals at Communion

After saving England from Napoleon's threats in 1815, the Duke of Wellington achieved hero status. One Sunday, as the duke approached the altar for communion, a poor man from London's streets, wearing rags, knelt beside him. The indignant minister whispered fro the vagrant to move away. "Don't you realize this is the great Duke of Wellington?" he asked. When the duke overheard, he responded, "Leave him alone. We're all the same here. The ground is level at the cross." That's the spirit in which we celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday of October, Paul says believers share the Lord's Supper by partaking of the "one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:17). Everyone at the communion table is equal in God's sight, needing his forgiveness and grace.

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Five Loaves Pantry

The Five Loaves Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. The food pantry committee has its own phone number at 719-691-8065.

Five Loaves Pantry is currently needing peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, tortillas, canned chicken, tuna, ketchup, mustard, and mayo. There is a sign-up sheet located on the fellowship table to sign-up for perishable items. The pantry is also collecting personal hygiene items.

Youth Activities

All of the youth activities are back in full swing!

- Seekers meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in the church basement. Each gathering has food, games, and relevant content for the complexities of life. Jr. High meets from 4:15 to 5:30 pm. Sr. High meets from 6:15 to 7:45 pm.
- M&Ms is open to all children preschool age to 5th grade. They meet from 4:00 to 5:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. This is held at the church and includes snacks, songs, and a lesson.
- Basic Bible Skills Class is held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 4:15 to 5:30 pm. This class is open to children in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

Moms In Prayer

Moms in Prayer meets on Mondays at the church at 10:30 am. This intentional time of prayer is open to any woman that desires to lift up children & those that work with children.

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31st, Halloween night. The soup and chili supper hosted by the United Methodist Women begins at 5:30 pm. The outdoor fun starts at 6 pm. The whole community is invited to be a part of this event by dressing in costume, decorating a vehicle, and dispensing candy!

Fall Festival and Big Bale of Hay Contest

The Fall Festival will be on Saturday, November 22nd. Tasting, eating and the auction start at 5:30 pm. Hay entries will be taken on Tuesday, November 18th from 1 to 3 pm. Pie contest entries will be taken on Saturday, the 22nd, at 4 pm with cookies and soup entries taken at 5 pm.

Wiley Volunteers

October 5

Liturgist----- Deby Courkamp
Greeter-----Maggie Pacino
Ushers-----Brinden Williams &
 Arlene Vetter
Hostess-----Billie Colvin

October 12

Liturgist-----Kelly Spitzer
Greeter-----Brinden Williams
Ushers-----Billie Colvin &
 Georgetta Tempel
Hostess-----Janet Erdman

October 19

Liturgist-----Stephanie Dunham
Greeter-----Billie Colvin
Ushers-----Frederick Esgar &
 Julie Esgar
Hostess-----Maggie Pacino

October 26

Liturgist-----Marilyn Pierson
Greeter-----Billie Colvin
Ushers-----Robert Porterfield &
 John Courkamp
Hostess-----Hog Roast

Mission Notes

Pat Blasi --Sunshine District

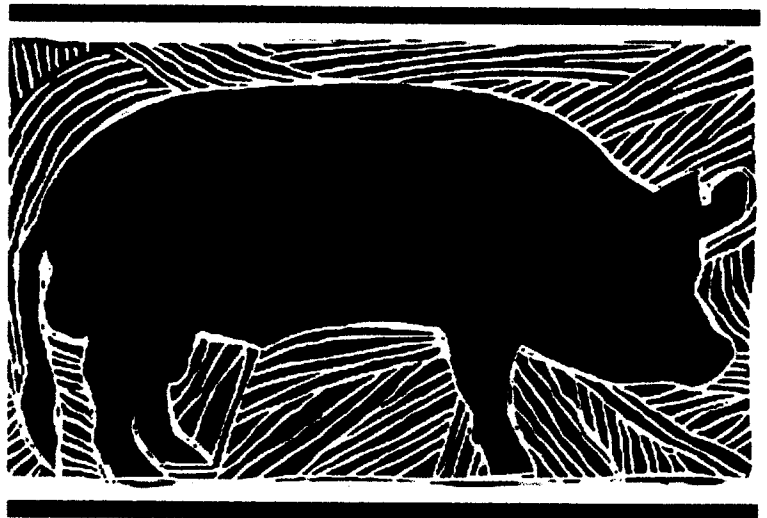
World Communion Sunday is October 5. This is the Special Sunday that celebrates the bridging of many denominations. All have a place at the Lord's Table. It is the opportunity to give money for scholarships that helps to provide financial support to students who are facing financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation that God has given them. Your giving provides scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to serve. Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." The People of the United Methodist Church believe that it is our responsibility to help resource our students to use that tool and by giving on World Communion Sunday you are helping that most powerful tool to change the world to be placed in more hands.



Thursday, Oct. 2 - United Methodist Women -
9:30 - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 12 - Ad Board - After Church

Thursday, October 16 - Pumpkin Carving - 6 pm -
Church



Hog Roast

Sunday, October 26th is the day!
The day for what you ask? It is the day for our annual Hog Roast. Much more goes on at the hog roast besides eating all the good food. Each year there are items to be auctioned off--pies, cakes, cookies, rolls, and baskets of goodies. So come one and all and join in the fun about 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Tickets are: \$6 for adults and \$3 for children



Remember in our prayers and

visits: Lorrie Allen, Bev Barton, Zelma Courkamp, Floyd Downing, Ruth Esgar, Keith Merriman Family, and all those suffering from abuse and grief.

Former pastor, Keith Merriman, passed away Sunday, September 28. Services are at 3 pm, Friday, October 17 at the First United Methodist Church in Greeley, Colorado.



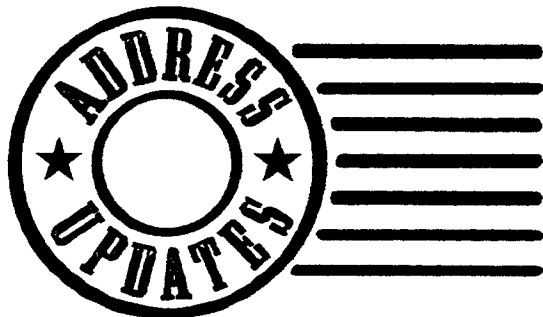
Congratulations!

Mildred Sharp welcomed a new great-grandson on September 12, 2014. Gavin Elijah Creary is the son of Amy and Charles Creary and the grandson of Judy and Randy Tucker.

Kayden Rae Rippe, was born on September 22, 2014. Kayden is the daughter of Karla and Dustin Rippe. Grandparents welcoming Kayden are:, Chuck and Stephanie Dunham and great grandmother, Lucy Dunham.

Congratulations to the newly weds!

Lauri Peecher and Mike Davidson were married August 30 in Lamar.



Keep your address updated to receive your newsletter ! If you have a change notify Pastor Calob Rundell - at church@wileyumc.org or church@mcclaveumc.org. Remember that you can get your newsletter electronically by email -just share your email address with Pastor Calob.

WILEY HAPPENINGS



To all those who were involved in the Sunday School kick off. Thanks to Shea and Matt Reinhardt, Julie Esgar, and Jill Williams for organizing. It is awesome seeing what is being done!

Welcome - New Members

Sunday, September 14 four new members join the Wiley United Methodist Church. Marrissa Castanos, Paige Smartt, Maddie Thompson and Luke Tinnes had all successfully finished confirmation and became full members of the church. Welcome and congratulations!

UMW TO MEET October 2

The United Methodist Women will meet at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Arlene Vetter will present the program and Marilyn Pierson is in charge of refreshments.

The members of UMW will serve a dinner on October 16 for a group.

Members are reminded to save raisin containers and plastic coffee containers to be used for the school gifts in 2015.



Big, little, any age, everyone is invited to come out for Pumpkin carving on Thursday, October 16 at 6 pm. Soup will be provided, bring a side dish and your pumpkins to carve! Call Julie Esgar if you have questions.

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Be In That Place

If you've been in worship over the past month, you may have noticed that I've added a new invitation as we enter into prayer. I say something along the lines of, "Be in that place where you feel close to God, and where God feels close to you."

Staying spiritually, emotionally, and cognitively close to God is our primary task as followers of Jesus. It is also our main resource as we navigate life, and it can also be our main strength as we go through life's ups and downs.

One way to look at the complete narrative we find in the Bible is a story of God longing and working to be close to God's creation, particularly us as humanity. We see this divine longing take on radical form in the incarnation of Jesus. Through Jesus, we intimately experience Emmanuel, God with us. God willingly and out of deep love took on flesh, so that we could be in unending relationship with God.

Through the mysterious work of the Holy Trinity, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, each one of us is invited to the thin places where we feel God close to us and where we feel close to God. Now, those thin places look different for each and every one of us. They can be planned or completely unexpected. They can involve set rituals or can be spontaneous. They can be with other people or they can be in solitude.

I encourage each of us to make it a priority to spend time in those moments when we feel close to God. For some, that may be a time of quiet prayer in an isolated place. For some, there may be a lot of noise and energy involved. It may be in church, or it may be in the middle of the prairie.

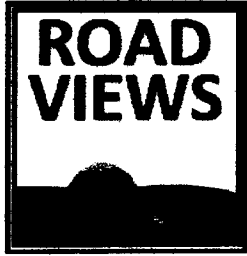
Whatever your thin place looks like, cultivate it and practice it regularly. Because each one of us desperately needs God.

When you find yourself feeling God's presence, hold on to that moment. Remember that moment. Learn from that moment. That moment will be a guide and a resource for you in your journey with God.

When you are anxious and stressed, go to that place where you feel God close to you. When you need to rejoice and give thanks, go to that place where you feel close to God. That place is where you will find life, peace, and fulfillment.

If you would like resources or encouragement in helping to cultivate that place in your life, you're welcome to contact me.

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Dear Friends,

During Bishop Elaine Stanovsky's first year in the Rocky Mountain Conference, she issued a challenge to "Be creative. Take risks. Don't be afraid to try new things. Fail!" Most of the clergy who heard this were taken aback by that last one. Weren't we supposed to be successful?

Bishop Elaine shared that she was more interested in our faithfulness. Her experience was that such faithfulness in following Jesus would lead us to practices of risk-taking, trial, error (aka "failure"), learning and eventually... fruitfulness.

She invited us to share our failures in the future. So, the next time I saw her, I told her all about Salida UMC's efforts to minister to the raft guides who worked the Arkansas river during the summer. A small group had met for months, planning an outdoor worship/prayer group. We put together a lovely ministry plan, did some creative partnership (with the community's LDS missionaries among others), got outside the church's box by developing a Facebook page and experimented like crazy. We launched our evening ministry and the planning team met all summer long at our carefully chosen location... without ever making a single invitation to a raft guide to join us, much less getting one to attend. If all we had wanted to do was have meaningful small group time, it would've been awesome. But in terms of actually achieving our stated purpose of "ministry with raft guides," it was a spectacular failure.

The Bishop's response? "That's GREAT!" (Really???) I was stunned that she was genuinely excited by this story.) "What have you learned?" (Among other things, don't hold outreach events in places where you can't be seen.) "What's your plan for the next phase of this experiment?" (Umm... next? What do you mean, "next"? We tried and we failed, doesn't that mean we're done???)

Nope. When it comes to risk-taking experimentation in ministry, "done" is a concept that never really enters the conversation. Instead, there is assessment of how things have gone, discovering what this teaches us and applying our learning to the next attempt.

Bishop Elaine's attitude taught me that the "negative" results of "unsuccessful" efforts that used to make me feel badly, weren't indictments of my character or abilities. They were simply information. The most important lesson I learned through that foray into the land of ministry experimentation, was that grace made ALL the difference.

My friends, I encourage you to let God's perfect love cast out all your fears (1 John 4:18a)... especially your fears of failure! Instead, let the grace of Jesus Christ give you a spirit of hope and perseverance as you experiment in your neighborhood with new ways to offer the love and life of Christ to a hurting world.

So get out there and fail! Be sure to tell me all about it.

Peace and God's blessings from your District Superintendent,

Margaret