

2018



Celebration
Times

Contemporary

8:00 AM Sundays

9:15 AM Bible Study
Worship

Sunday School for all
ages – Sept. - May

Traditional

10:30 AM Sundays

***"We are God's
People Sharing the
Love of Christ!"***

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Brothers and Sisters in the Family of Faith,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

We are so grateful to the Lord for the way God has provided for his Church, as well as each individual and family who call First UMC their home church. God is so powerful and faithful. So, I want to thank each one of you for your generosity towards the work of God through the church. God has done great things and it is very exciting to see it all.

Like most churches, we have seen our share of highs and lows over the years. During times of growth and ministry success, we ask for more. When giving does not meet budget, we ask for more. When children's ministry wears out volunteers, we seek fresh recruits. Our practice is to ask for more out of those who already gave so much.

When our church has great needs, the offering appeal can be primarily about asking for generosity. So, I want to say, "Thank you for your generosity," as Paul did often to the churches that supported him: *"Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God."* (Philippians 4:17-18).

This is one "thank you" that gets lost in the "we need more volunteers" pleas. We don't serve to be recognized, but giving words of affirmation to those who serve says, "What you do is important and makes an unending difference." Our greeters, Sunday School teachers, coffee brewers, ushers, choirs, Bible Study Leaders, members of all committees and others need to know that they make a difference.

It is easy to move down the road to the new church in town every couple of years. But you stay, serve, give, and support through the valleys; and I need to say, "Thank you. The tough times make us stronger. You are teammates. With love for Jesus and a smile, you lean over the plate and take the hit for our church. It is an honor to be on your team."

We know the church grows primarily by word of mouth. Changed people are contagious. When you tell your family and friends how Jesus changed your life, the Gospel goes out. I love hearing on Sunday morning, "I started coming to this church when my friend invited me."

The grateful leaders inspire people to give, serve, support, and invite. Instead of asking for something on every Sunday, let's lead out with, "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you."

Friends, we are called to starting something new in ministry. We are called to say thank you and appreciate all we have received. We are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. May God bless us and guide us as we continue ministry together.

Blessings, Sione

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Generosity = Balanced Budget

The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone who gave extra donations in November and December 2017. With your extra generosity, we were able to balance the books to close out the year.

They are still encouraging all committee and commissions to continue to hold the line with spending in the New Year. The finance committee has been working on new ways of giving. These include credit card, debit card, and phone pay in addition to online giving with your e-check and auto-pay through your banking institution.



New Envelope Program

If you would like to have quarterly envelopes mailed to your home please let the office know. We will make sure you receive self-addressed envelopes for each month. This is a way to help serve as a reminder or help make giving a little easier for you.



His Ride Bus Takes a Hit and =Run=

Early on Christmas Eve morning the His Ride Bus was hit while in the parking lot and the door glass was broken out and the door frame was bent. Witnesses reported to the Church a description and license plate number; however the plate number did not match the vehicle involved. The driver left the scene without leaving any information.

Due to the nature of the damage, it is not safe to drive and pick up passengers. Also, with the holidays, there have been delays in getting insurance coverage approved. Progress has been made, at this time it is now in for repairs and should be back on the route again in mid-February.

We are sorry for the inability to pick up our normal passengers and look forward to serving you again soon. The office will contact you as soon as the bus is back in service.

Ralph Green	02/02	93 yrs
Ruth Fischer	02/02	90 yrs
Ulafay Fry	02/02	89 yrs
MaryEtta Moore	02/02	81 yrs
Ed Bowker	02/04	84 yrs
Beth Hyde	02/05	81 yrs
Fern Beson	02/06	89 yrs
D Joe Moore	02/07	81 yrs
Delores Sawatzky	02/16	93 yrs
Evelyn Ward	02/17	97 yrs
Virgil Harper	02/19	83 yrs
Lola Buel	02/21	89 yrs
Naomi Kauffman	02/24	94 yrs



Email Addresses

The church office is in the process of updating records. If you have a new address, phone number or email address; if you have not been getting church notifications by email and would like to be added to the list; if you would like to receive the newsletter via email instead of snail mail, please let us know. By doing these updates we feel like we can improve communication between the office and church family. Speak with Kathy if you have any questions. You can email the office with your information: office@fumcgreeley.org.

Prayer Shawls and Scarves Ministry

We continue to welcome the items made by our women (men are welcome to share as well). We currently have shawls that could use a home. We also have scarves and port pillows available. This is one of our ongoing ministries that you all can share in by letting us know who can use one of our items or by making a shawl, scarf, pillow, or hat. Shawls can be custom made if we have enough time before an occasion such as surgery, wedding, new baby or graduation.



Please remember this Ministry as we begin a new year of service. Contact the office at 353-5522 or Raylene Shively at [970-576-0868](tel:970-576-0868) for more information or to let us know who needs one of our items.



WORSHIP COMMISSION

Worship Commission reminds you that the Prayer Book is located on the table in the southeast corner of the sanctuary. Take a moment and share your joys and concerns!

A few activities that are coming up!

Make and Take Wood Decor

In the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Feb 3rd @ 10:00am-Make and Take with Queenwood Designs. Queenwood Designs, who participated in our Holiday craft show in November, will be coming to walk us through creating our own decorative signs. There will be 6 signs to choose from and \$10 from each will go towards VBS. You don't have to be crafty to participate! Drinks and a light snack will be provided.



Youth Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner



Italian Dinner

Feb 10th @ 5:30pm-Youth Spaghetti Dinner. Tickets are \$10/person or \$18/couple. Tickets include drinks, bread, dinner salad, spaghetti and a dessert. Child care will be available if needed. Please purchase tickets in the narthex! All funds raised will go towards youth and family ministries.

Youth Challenge

The Youth have been challenged to 'make a lot from a little'. Each had to come up with a plan and bring it to me; I then gave them \$20 to use however they needed for their activity. Whatever profit they make will go towards revamping the Youth-room. Anna had a VERY successful bake sale! Evan Cozad and Wyatt Benson will be available to do yard work or clean up for a donation. Let Nikki know if you have work for these youth. This will go on through March so keep an eye out for other activities.

The Sunday School Kids are Digging Into the Bible and will learn about Psalm 119:105 for a total of 6 weeks. We have tried foods that people ate during Bible times, played games and learned about the stories and all of the books contained in our one Bible.

Nikki Barrios

McNulty Scholarship Applications

Applications for the McNulty Scholarship will be available in the church office on February 15th and will be due back to the office by March 31st. The purpose of the McNulty Scholarship is to promote continuing education for members of the Greeley First United Methodist Church. Rewards of these scholarships are based on the individual's involvement in the church and community as well as the importance of faith in the individual's life. Recipients must be able to show proof of acceptance and enrollment in an accredited program, college, or university in order to receive the award. Awards have varied between \$500-\$2500.

Jennifer Kerr



Everyone is invited to a small group Lenten study on Tuesdays at 10:30 am in the Holy Roast Room at the church starting February 20. We will use the book by Rowan Williams Meeting God in Mark. Leaders are Carolyn Tarman, Kim Hilmes, and MaryEtta Moore.

CEMAC Happenings

Coming soon - FUMC business cards! Have you ever been with someone who asked about your church? CEMAC has ordered business cards with all the pertinent information. We'll be encouraging each person to take 3 or 4 cards to have in their wallet or purse for just such an occasion. We'll let you know when they arrive!

Sunday, March 19 - get your green on for our annual Green Potluck! It's not a chance to clean out your fridge, but it is an opportunity to get creative with green foods. Peas, green beans, avocados, green pasta, salads - just a few ideas to get you started!

Thinking ahead - April has a fifth Sunday - the 29th. That means potluck, and perhaps entertainment. Dust off your musical ability, your comedy routine, your dancing shoes, or your own unique talent for our first-in-a-long-time talent show! More info to come!



Abundant Life Meals

We have had another successful year of preparing and serving a hot meal to the hungry at Abundant Life Church. Thanks to so many that say "yes" when called to help. We serve the second Saturday of the month and we are always happy to have new people volunteer. We also thank all of you that generously contributed small hygiene items for the Christmas bags that were distributed at the Saturday before Christmas meal, you have represented God and His love to those in need in a very real way.

With appreciation- *Angie Rains* with the Local and Global Commission.



Attention Methodist Men. The United Methodist Men of FUMC meet on the third Saturday of each month. The February meeting will be on Saturday, February 17 at 8AM. We will be meeting at *The Egg and I* on 10th street. All men are invited. Hope to see you there.

United Methodist Women News



Happy Valentine's Day. Our January Pledge service was a success with your leadership team providing lunch and sharing this day with about 17 or so of our members and a few snow people for décor. The Pledge to Mission is the first item of the new year and allows us to begin knowing your support will help meet our Unit pledge to the District and beyond.

February will be a celebration of Prayer and Self-denial. Please pick up one of our fliers with the calendar that reminds us of our "wealth" as we use the calendar to help decide how much to give for this special offering. The focus this year is on Leadership Training and the empowerment of women and girls. Our program will help us learn more and will be presented by Georgia Fitch on February 8 with lunch at 11:30 am.

As 2018 progresses we will continue to explore the United Methodist Women program book entitled "Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor." Please pick up your new year book in the office and join us whenever you can to learn with us and share the fellowship of Greeley United Methodist Women.



"Pennies for Mission" 2017



The Leadership team for Greeley United Methodist Women would like to thank all who continue to support our "pennies" project. We will continue to collect pennies each year until United Methodist Women and Greeley FUMC have celebrated 150 years in service. **Our current total for 2018 is \$46.62 and our total since we began the project in 2015 is \$1407.71 as of January 15.**

Please continue to look for information on where the "pennies" are working on the United Methodist Women website www.unitedmethodistwomen.org, on *face book* and *YouTube* as well as in the copies of *Response* and *New World Outlook* available with our map display in the hallway showing the home and world sites supported by United Methodist Women.

During February please remember it is Black History month and United Methodist Women will focus on Prayer and Self-Denial as well as the Charter for Racial Justice.

Raylene Shively, UMW President

Something New for Fellowship Time



Cinnamon rolls? Sweet Bread? Would you like to share some of your homemade goodies at Fellowship time? There will be a sign-up sheet for a chance to provide something different or maybe the same, it is up to you, for fellowship time.

If no one signs up, the Church will provide doughnuts, otherwise please provide enough for about 48 servings. The office will remind you the week for which you have signed up. Be sure to include an e-mail address or text number to contact you.

Meanings & explanations of the colors and pictures in stained glass

Colors of the Bible have symbolic significance that can remind us about God and His plan of Redemption.



Yellow is not as prominent as gold and is commonly used to also describe leprous hair. It is a color of glory and divine good. Just a lamp radiates glory so does human life but in the human body it is not a sign of strength

The three circles are a symbol that represents the "Trinity" of God, Jesus and the Holy spirit. The three equal circles intertwine to form whole.

Amber is only found in the King James Version of Ezekiel. Its use demonstrates God's overbearingly bright and immediate presence. The color symbolism is Christ as the Glory of God.

The **fish** is the oldest symbol for Christians. Early Christians, with a stick or stone would draw half the fish symbol in dirt or sand and another Christian would add the other half. This would identify one another as Christians.



The Messenger Deadline

Just a reminder we will be going back to monthly newsletters. The deadline for the *March Messenger* is **Monday, February 19th**. Please send your articles to Ginger: tgjansson@gmail.com. We encourage committee chairs to submit information on your ministry and what you have coming up. Also to all FUMC family: if you have a positive story or insight you are welcome to submit these as well. We just ask that you keep it brief and positive. Thank you.





Wednesday, February 14-

Ash Wednesday service 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 29-

Maundy Thursday service 7:00 pm

Friday, March 30-

Good Friday services Noon and 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 1-

Easter services-6:00 am, 8:00 am, 9:15 am, 10:30 am