

2019



Celebration Times

Non-Traditional

8:00 AM Sundays

Contemporary

9:00 AM Sundays

Bible Study Worship

9:15 AM in Chapel

Sunday School

9:15 AM

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.

Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27) He begins with heart. There is no way to prove that the order suggests a priority, but it does raise the possibility. So, I choose to follow the order of scripture and begin with the heart.

It is an ancient tradition to think of things of the heart as having to do with emotions, feelings and relationship. Poetry, fiction and such speak of the heart as the place of our emotions. The heart is the symbol we use to talk about our emotional life. When we think of loving anything, we think first of the heart, the traditional dwelling place of love.

The essential element of Love is relationship. To love God, requires a relationship with God. Relationship with God connects us with relationships with others, which is indeed the second part of Jesus' summarized law, "...love your neighbor as yourself." To practice emotional fitness requires positive relationships with others and with God. It is not possible to love God while not loving your neighbor. "Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers and sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen." (1 John 4:20)

The United Methodist Church delegates and leaders will gather in St. Louis, Missouri, February 23-26 for a Special Called Session of General Conference to take up significant work on an issue that has caused great division in our church for years. That ongoing division in our church has been caused by not following the Golden Rule of loving God and neighbors. It has been affected by the selfish and deadly sin of hatred and unloved that the author of 1 John 4:20 talks about.

As we approach the Special Called Session of General Conference on February 23-26 with anxiety and doubt, let us remember in prayer those who have been hurt over the course of debate and such, as well as those who serve in leadership throughout the United Methodist Church.

I invite you to join me in prayer for the unity of the United Methodist Church at noon time on Wednesdays, February 6, 13 and 20 at the sanctuary. And if you are not able to come and join me, I invite you to spend some time of your own in prayer, at noon or on your own time, and remember all 864 delegates from all over the world who will be in St. Louis, Missouri on February 23-26.

Grace and Peace,
Sione

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FUMC FINANCIALS

COMMITTEE EXPENSES YTD THRU Dec 2018	
Conference Apportionment	\$ 0
Communication	\$ 3,959.46
Personnel	\$ 257,143.71
Education	\$ 590.82
Caring and Evangelism	\$ 226.00
Membership Activity	\$ 269.34
Worship	\$ 935.32
Board of Trustees	\$ 87,005.89
Administration	\$ 12,717.93
Finance	\$ 1,329.73
Youth/College	\$ 40.73
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 364,218.93
GIFTS RECEIVED YTD THRU Dec	\$ 378,507.33
BALANCE	\$ 14,288.40

The Finance Committee would like to thank the congregation for prayerfully giving a little extra during the last quarter of 2018. As you can see we ended 2018 in the black. This was due not only to your generosity, but to some pre-paid 2019 pledges (this will be rolled over into the 2019 budget) as well. In January, the Finance committee sent \$8,000 to the conference to be credited to our 2018 apportionment giving. The finance committee, as well as other committees in the church, is committed to keeping expenses down in 2019, while offering meaningful ministry opportunities to the congregation and community.



2018 Giving Statements

The church is not mailing out 2018 Giving Statements. Due to the low number of statements we cannot send them out bulk rate and first class is too expensive. A member of the staff or finance committee will be in the East Narthex before and after the 8AM and 10:30AM services during February. If you would like your statement for tax purposes please stop by and pick it up. You can also pick them up in the office during the week. If you have any questions please call Kathy during the week: 353-5522.



Ralph Green	2/02	94 yrs
Ulafay Fry	2/02	90 yrs
MaryEtta Moore	2/02	82 yrs
Ed Bowker	2/04	85 yrs
Beth Hyde	2/05	82 yrs
Fern Beson	2/06	90 yrs
D Joe Moore	2/07	82 yrs
John Elliott	2/09	80 yrs
Dee Sawatzky	2/16	94 yrs
Evelyn Ward	2/17	98 yrs
Virgil Harper	2/19	84 yrs
Lola Buel	2/21	90 yrs
Naomi Kauffman	2/24	95 yrs



Alice Timm	12/18/18
Doug Fitch	12/22/18
Janet Fitzgerald	12/30/18
Barbara Richard	01/22/19

Ehrlich Cares!

Every month Ehrlich Toyota is donating \$6,000 to local organizations and causes with the first place receiving \$3,500. Two organizations will be decided via social media contest. This is where YOU come into play. Here is how YOUR votes count:

1. Ehrlich Toyota will make one official *Ehrlich Cares* Facebook post soliciting votes....go to www.facebook.com/EhrlichToyota Name First United Methodist Church in the comment section. Each user can vote one time a day. Each comment counts as one vote.
2. Onsite voting:
 - a. Buy a car.....10 votes
 - b. Demo a car.....5 votes
 - c. Service completed....5 votes
 - d. Service estimate...2 votes
3. Text "First United Methodist Church" to 970-573-6043

Each month Ehrlich Toyota will announce the winners on Facebook and contact the persons and organizations to claim their prize. FUMC received \$1,500 in July 2018. This is a new calendar year so make sure you vote (and vote often)!

Family Ministries



I hope everyone's New Year is off to a great start! I wanted to let everyone know about a few upcoming events this Month!

MaryEtta will be teaching a confirmation class starting on February 10th from 9am-10:15am. If you or anyone you know would like to join, please let the office know!

On February 9th, we will be hosting a Parent's Night Out event at the Church! Parents from around town can bring their children to the church and we will entertain them from 5:30pm-8:30pm. There will be pizza, games and a movie. This is a fundraising event and cost is \$15/child. Funds will be going towards family ministries (VBS). If you have any question or interest in helping that night, please let me know! Another family oriented activity that starts on February 20th is our monthly Mom's Playgroup. We will be meeting from 10am-11:30am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month to let the kids play while the Moms have an opportunity to mingle.

The bulletin board near the Sanctuary has been updated with ways to help. You can also 'lend a hand' by grabbing one of the hand prints off of the board and bringing that item to the office for Sunday School snacks.

Thank you for everyone's continued support and willingness to help!

Nikki

Education Committee

First allow me to say a huge thank you to Jennifer Kerr who has done an outstanding job as our chair for the last several years. I believe this will be my third year to serve on this commission for our church. It was a pleasure to serve under Jennifer's excellent leadership.

Our commission helps to lead the charge in activities related to Sunday School, Youth, Confirmation, and other things which have to deal with the "education" or training of aspects within the church. Our committee is made up of Nikki Barrios (Director of Family Ministries), Linda Beattie, Laurie Poeschl, Joyce Langham, Suzie Jones, Kim Hilmes, Rev. Sione Tukatua, and myself, Connie Long. Please let anyone of us know if you have ideas to share. We will be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, at 6:30. Our next meeting is Feb. 5th.

Nikki will be sharing lots of the ideas we talked about in another article. We do want you to know that the McNulty Scholarship information will be out shortly. Please look for it in the bulletin in mid February with deadlines.

Thanks, Connie Long, longconnie@comcast.net 970-371-5277.



Local & Global News

With your generous contributions during the Christmas services, we will be able to continue supporting our local and global outreaches. Some of the local groups are Habitat for Humanity, Kids Hope, A Woman's Place, Abundant Life Lunches, and others; Globally -- Peace Corps-Ghana School, Kenya Methodist University and more.

For more information, contact any member of the Local and Global Commission .

We can be proud of the outreach, of First United Methodist Church of Greeley, to help feed the hungry and provide help for those in need in our community and around the world.

Thanks to ALL of you!

The Local & Global Concerns Committee is asking for your help. We have a commitment to provide a meal for the homeless at The Abundant Life Church on the second Saturday of every month. Some food is available from the food bank for these meals, although not all that is needed. Various groups from our church volunteer to make and serve these meals, but we are still in need of a couple of groups to volunteer; one for June and one for July and possibly one other month, depending on people's schedules. You might be an organized group at church or two groups who would work together, or you might be an informal group of "you and friends" who would be willing to sign up for one of these commitments. Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry, and contact Angie Rains (970-978-4257) or Joyce Langham (970-702-4482) to volunteer or to ask questions. Thank you if you are already a part of this ministry! Thank you for considering this request, and God bless you!

Alleluia Ringers

The ringers began practicing on Jan. 9th. We are planning to play on Jan. 27th, Feb. 17th, March 17th, Easter Sunday April 21st, and Mother's Day May 12th. We hope you will mark your calendars to come be with us for worship. Stay tuned for future updates.



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YOU!

Thank You from Cultural and Language Diversity (CDL) Students

In December, Sewing for Service donated 10 quilts to students in the Newcomers Class at Greeley Central High School. CDL (Cultural and Language Diversity) used to be ELL (English Language Learners).

Several students who received quilts and the teacher wrote Thank You notes to the group. Here's some of what the teacher wrote: "Thank you for the generous donation of quilts. Ten students from the Oral Language Newcomer class received the quilts. Our class consists of students from Ethiopia, Eritrea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Morocco, Malaysia, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. The students are highly motivated to learn English and do well in school. They have many challenges as some of them have had little opportunity to go to school prior to coming to the United States. Others have a strong educational background and they make huge strides in a short time.

Samiya is a student from Ethiopia. She is a very new learner and has not had much school prior to coming to the U.S. She speaks Oromo and does not have anyone else in school who speaks her language. She is making progress every day and is a joy to have in class.

Micaela is a new student from Guatemala who had never been to school until coming to Central. She speaks a Guatemalan indigenous language Q'anjoba'l. Spanish is her second language. She is adjusting to what it is like being a student and also makes great progress every day. She will be trilingual.

The students were so appreciative of the quilts and quite excited to take them home. Thank you for thinking of our class."

Did you know that one family, the Jim and Pat Bornemeier family, has been decorating First UMC as a personal mission for years? That also means they are financing these decorations. First, I want to say to them "Thank You! You do a beautiful job!" Elaine and her brother Mark do this work alone. I KNOW they are here for hours, working into the night sometimes. When my husband John spoke to Elaine about everything she was doing for Christmas, we volunteered to help. I can decorate a Christmas tree, more than one! They really appreciated our help. Elaine already has big plans for decorations next Christmas! John and I will be helping just because we enjoyed helping and because we have time. I'm sure if anyone would like to help and/or make a financial donation to the cause, your donation would be cheerfully accepted! (I'm going to approach the UMW about a donation). Since I'm stepping out, if you have questions call me at 720-951-2673. – Marcia Hull



Announcing...

The deadline for the **March Messenger** is **Monday, February 18th**. I'm not available so please send your articles to **Kathy at: office@fumcgreeley.org**. If you send them to me I can't guarantee that they will be in the newsletter. Thank you.



*Welcome
To our Church*

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- 9:00 am - Contemporary
- 9:15 am - Sunday School
- 10:30 am - Traditional