

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.

As we enter into the New Year, there is great excitement and anticipation within our congregation. This New Year offers new beginnings, new challenges, new expectations, new experiences, new opportunities and possibilities to share our faith and mission throughout our journeys. In the church life, we review our hopes and dreams and try to align them with resolutions or practices that we believe will make life better.

When we are making personal resolutions, it is easy to pick and choose what we want to adopt or drop. But when we are talking about the church we ask these questions: What kind of life should we be pursuing? What kind of things should we adopt or drop?

The United Methodist Church has a Constitution. The purpose of the church is laid out with structure that is designed to support fruitful ministry. Each local church is unique. It is part of a connectional system within the body of Christ.

Being a connectional Church means in part that all United Methodist churches are interrelated through the structure and organization of districts, conferences, and jurisdictions in the larger family of the denomination. The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist church describes, among other things, the ministry of all UM Christians, the essence of servant ministry and leadership, how to organize and accomplish that ministry, and how our connectional structure works. Our church extends way beyond our doorstep. It is a global church with both local and international presence.

We have the capacity, through the gifts that God has already placed within the Church to extend our reach, to touch lives in our community and wherever there is a needy soul. We have a vital mission presence and experienced capable people who serve the UM Committee on Relief and Global Ministries.

As we come to the new year, let us reflect together on these questions: What are our passions? What are we capable of? Where are we going to touch lives? We know where we have been. We can look back to the days of families filling the pews and the classrooms being fully utilized on Sunday morning. But then we have to turn and look at the days to come.

What vision do we have to continue the mission of the church, "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?" Changed lives change the world. If we want to be a part of what God is doing, we have to figure out what practices to adopt and which ones to drop so that we can change lives and make life better.

We are to make disciples. Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20) This is the mission of the church. The possibilities are out there. We have the resources. Do we have the desire? The courage? The passion for the mission?

I pray that God will stir up a compassionate hunger in our hearts so that we may use the gifts the Holy Spirit has given, for the work God has prepared in advance for us to do.

Happy New Year!
Sione

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FUMC FINANCIALS

COMMITTEE EXPENSES YTD THRU Nov 2017

Conference Apportionment	\$	1,390.00
Communication	\$	3,924.17
Personnel	\$	251,664.21
Education	\$	2,203.69
Caring and Evangelism	\$	75.80
Membership Activity	\$	443.09
Worship	\$	1,391.42
Board of Trustees	\$	77,161.29
Administration	\$	12,992.50
Finance		390.51
Youth/College	\$	594.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	352,230.68
GIFTS RECEIVED YTD THRU Nov	\$	317,715.03
BALANCE	\$	-34,515.65

Thank you for your continued support of the ministries and programs at First United Methodist Church. Your tithing reaches many. We remind you that there are several ways to contribute to FUMC: Sunday offering, mail (contact office about new envelope program), on-line giving through our website: www.fumcgreeley.org and automatic giving (this is set up through the office). Speak with Kathy if you have any questions.

The end of year giving statements will be sent out by January 31st. We wish you a happy and prosperous new year.



New Envelope Program

In 2017 the Finance committee decided not to continue the current envelope program as it was costing too much for the number of members using the program. After some feedback that the program was missed we have developed a new program. If you would like to have envelopes mailed to your home in order to make giving easier please let the office know. We will make sure you receive self-addressed envelopes. They will be mailed out quarterly.

Judy Linn	01/03	82 yrs
Doreen Smith	01/08	96 yrs
Helen Lyons	01/13	90 yrs
Lura Hager	01/14	97 yrs
Ed Linn	01/14	85 yrs
Robert Satterlee	01/18	86 yrs
Doris Bunting	01/19	91 yrs
Gary Bracken	01/20	84 yrs
Irene Longwell	01/24	91 yrs
Paul Bechthold	01/25	90 yrs



Jerry & Joyce Carr	01/14	67 yrs
John & Neva Adams	01/28	62 yrs
Terry & Peggy Masters	01/28	52 yrs

Jane Fielder 10/20/2017
Carol Kelly 12/02/2017



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.

Deadline for February Newsletter articles is January 15.

Please send your articles to Ginger: tgjansson@gmail.com



The Youth and Sunday School Kids have been very busy this past month they raised enough money through offering to purchase a shared Pig and also a shared Rabbit for Heifer International, practicing for the Christmas Pageant, Kids Day In, collecting donations for our Family in need, keeping the Blessings Pantry stocked and meeting with the Eaton Youth group.

Kids Day in was a great success! The kids enjoyed practicing for the play, playing games, making crafts, eating pizza and they even got a visit from Santa himself! The Youth and Sunday School kids also collected donations for a family in need this holiday season. Thanks to the help from the congregation, we were able to collect close to \$400 in gift cards for the

family in addition to numerous food items to keep them stocked for a little while, a turkey and some gifts for the 4 year old boy to open on Christmas Day. It was a collective effort that really paid off so THANK YOU ALL! We are continuing on with Sunday School and will really be able to focus on our Bible Lessons now that the hustle and bustle has calmed down a bit. We have a lot of exciting things planned for this upcoming year so keep an eye out!

Our Youth have been working hard keeping the Blessings Pantry stocked and running! We have been stocking it every couple of days! Thank you again to everyone who has brought in items to go into the pantry. It has been very successful and the community is definitely utilizing the items being offered! In addition to the Youth meeting on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour, we have been meeting with the Eaton Youth group periodically! In November, they invited us to their church for a 'friendsgiving' dinner. We ate, played reverse charades and got to know each other a bit. In December, we invited their group to our church where we did a white elephant gift exchange, played games and had pizza. We look forward to more fellowship with the Eaton group this next year!

Thank you to everyone who has donated their time, money and requested items to the Sunday School Kids and Youth this past year. We couldn't have done it without you and we are very excited for what's to come!

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. Reward 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

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

Starting in February, our church will join other local churches in a Faith Build with the Greeley Area Habitat for Humanity. This is a commitment to raise money, to volunteer at a work day on the house, and to provide a meal for members of another church on their work day.



Here are some facts about Greeley Area Habitat for Humanity:

- Over the past 30 years Greeley Area Habitat for Humanity has built over 130 homes.
- Mentoring and homeownership support is provided throughout the home building process, ensuring homeownership success.
- In Greeley, renters pay over 50% of their pretax income on housing, leaving precious little for food, healthcare and transportation.
- In the past four (4) years Greeley Area Habitat for Humanity has put \$4.9 million back into the local economy in new construction dollars.
- 92% of Habitat homeowner children graduate from high school.



Habitat for Humanity believes that by working together, side by side, we can promote understanding and self-reliance. Having permanent and stable homes helps build strong, safe and stable communities. With a little help, we can help families in our community achieve the strength to stand on their own and thrive.

Watch for more information about this project!

Local and Global Concerns Commission

Solomon Amuzu featured in Worldview Magazine

One of the projects that our church supports through the Local and Global Concerns Commission is Call to Nature Permaculture in Ghana. The founder of this organization, Solomon Amuzu, was recently featured in an article in Worldview Magazine, a publication of the National Peace Corps Association. Solomon has worked with US Peace Corps environmental volunteers and also studied natural and sustainable agriculture at the Institute of Tropical Agriculture.

Call to Nature Permaculture has planted 20,000 trees so far. The goal is to plant 100,000 trees by the year 2020. They've begun training volunteers and employees and plan to expand to ten acres and build a base camp of 10 small houses and a training center built out of bamboo, straw, wood, mud and waste car tires.

The article was written by Averill Strasser, chief operating officer of the nonprofit Water Charity, which has funded more than 3000 water, sanitation and public health projects in 72 countries. Strasser wrote about Solomon, "I was impressed by his drive, confidence and inspiration."

Thank you for your contributions to the Easter and Christmas Offerings, which help us support this worthwhile project in Ghana.



Solomon Amuzu in Ghana

Local and Global Concerns Commission

CEMAC Happenings



Celebrate your birthday (and everyone else's) at our giant birthday potluck on January 21 at 11:30. Bring a dish to share. We'll have birthday cake, decorations, and games! Each month will have a table, so you'll get to know other people born in the same month as you. What better way to start a new year! If you have questions, call Linda Kautz at 590-3118.

United Methodist Women News



Happy New Year. Greeley United Methodist Women has completed the first year of transition from multiple circles to a single "Unit". We have learned more about the service organizations we support as well as the prison ministry that is Kairos and enjoyed sharing fellowship with our sisters who are members of Greeley United Methodist Women.

Work has begun on planning for the new year and programs are determined for the first quarter of the year. January 11th we will meet for lunch at 11:30 am and share our annual Pledge Service. Learning more about the ways we support our United Methodist Women around the world.

February 8th we will again meet at 11:30 am for lunch and encounter a program presented by Georgia Fitch for our Prayer and Self-denial support. This year learning about the importance of our commitment to leadership development and the empowerment of women and girls.

The 2018 United Methodist Women program book is entitled "Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor." Your leaders are looking forward to planning for the remainder of the year and working to include even more of our members in as many ways as we can find as we learn and share our own "Sacred Spaces."

"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. Current

collections will count for 2018 so please continue to leave your pennies in our containers. Our current total for 2018 as of December 18 is \$22.69 and our total since we began the project in 2015 is \$1383.78. Look for information on where the "pennies" are working on the United Methodist Women website www.unitedmethodistwomen.org, on *Facebook* and *youtube* as well as in the copies of Response and New World Outlook available with our map display showing the world sites supported by United Methodist Women.

Please join us each week in prayers for some of the mission projects financed with a portion of our "pennies" as listed in the Prayer Calendar.

These will be included each week in the church bulletin. For January keep these days in your prayers: January 11; Human Trafficking Awareness Day and Sunday January 14; Human Relations Day.

Raylene Shively, UMW President

DID YOU KNOW?

What is the meaning of the logo? The logo of United Methodist Women depicts the symbols of the cross and the flame - symbols that also appear on the United Methodist Church emblem. Both symbols are reminders of the opportunities and obligation of discipleship. As parts of the logo, the cross and flame remind us of the PURPOSE; that we are to grow in our understanding of and willingness to participate in the global ministries of the church. They are also a reminder of the heritage of women who pioneered in service for the church at home and in other countries.

What are the opportunities of joining locally? The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2012, states. "In every local church there shall be an organized unit of the United Methodist Women". However, not every church has a local unit. When the numbers of women of a single church are too few to organize a unit, a unit may be formed by women from multiple churches.



Backpacks for Kids

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who every month would come and help fill backpacks at The Weld Food Bank. We had 89 volunteers fill 4,696 backpacks from Sept-Dec 2017. If you would like to join this fun group and worthwhile cause please join us in January. Watch the bulletin for the date and time.

Barb Shaw

Attention Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men of FUMC meet on the third Saturday of each month. The January meeting will be on **Saturday, January 20th at 8AM**. We will be meeting at *The Egg and I* on 23rd street. All men are invited. Hope to see you there.

3rd Floor Changes

As you may have heard the Global Refugee Center is no longer occupying the 3rd floor at FUMC. Their programs and classes had grown so rapidly that they needed more space and have found a new location. The Board of Trustees is in conversation with the home school organization, CHESS, who wishes to use some of the classrooms 2 days a week. CHESS already uses FUMC for class on Mondays as well as concerts and graduation. The Trustees will keep the congregation informed as to the direction this takes. Also with all the changes The Trustees felt it necessary to change the locks on the outside doors of the building. This will be happening before the end of the year.

Dear Beautiful Congregation:

Wow, you are generous in more ways than anyone can fathom. First of all, the Angel tags were all gone from the tree in exactly eight days. Your thoughtful and loving gifts (for those less fortunate) have been delivered to the Salvation Army for distribution to these children on December 19.

Then, the "Hat and Mitten" tree is filling up. Please feel free to continue to bring items for this tree and we will deliver (the hats, mittens and scarves) to children who are cold near the end of January (2018~~can you believe it). The tree looks wonderful with your meaningful handmade knitting and other warm goodies. I can just imagine children donning these and feeling warm all over.

I did help Rod (to the best of my ability) with the "all church" Thanksgiving meal we served to the congregation (and friends) the Sunday before the "turkey day". My heart was warmed seeing the amount of turkeys cooked, the pies made and donated, and most of all, the wonderful congregational members (young and aging) who stepped up to cook, debone turkey, serve and WOW, clear the tables and wash dishes. We were done in record time and laughed a lot. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone. We walked away with aching backs and smiles on our faces. "It was a good day".

Just a member of our FUMC home, Lynette



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.



Blue represents heaven and is therefore viewed as a heavenly color. Sapphires reflect a beautiful sky reminding us of heaven where God dwells. It is used a symbol of wealth with its counterpart corruptions, such as vanity and idolatry. In Exodus it describes what the elders saw on Mt. Sinai. In the Old Testament blue describes hangings in holy places. An associated symbol would be water.

The **Dove** is the symbol of peace and the Holy Spirit. It is shown facing down to represent the Holy Spirit that appeared as a dove when Jesus was baptized.

White is sanctification and is in the presence of all light in the visible spectrum. It is a symbol of purity and righteousness. It is used to describe things in nature. White describes the body not only when healthy and beautiful but also when sick. It points to the righteous One and the righteousness He imputes to all who come to Him in faith.

The **Shell** is a symbol of baptism. It is also a sign of pilgrimage, as Pilgrims to the Holy Land (Israel) would use a shell as a drinking vessel.



Mary Did You Know

Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy would one day walk on water?
 Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?
 Did you know that your Baby boy has come to make you new?
 This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you.
 Mary, did you know that your Baby boy will give sight to a blind man?

Mary, did you know that your Baby boy will calm the storm of His hand?

Did you know that your Baby boy has walked where angels trod?

When you kiss your little Baby you kissed the face of God?

Mary, did you know.....ooo ooo~~

The blind will see.

The deaf will hear.

The dead will live again.

The lame will leap.

The dumb will speak.

The praises of The Lamb.

Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy is Lord of all creation?

Mary, did you know that your Baby boy would one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your Baby Boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?

The sleeping Child you're holding is the great "**I Am**".

A
New
Year
Begins

