

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 entering into the season of Lent: 40 days from Ash Wednesday, February 14, to sunset on Holy Saturday, March 31 (the day before Easter). Since the time of the early church, Christians have used the 40 days prior to Easter as a time of preparation for the Good Friday and the Easter Sunday, the days we remember and celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection. The number 40 is very symbolic in the Scripture.

40 years was the journey through the desert from Egypt to the Promised Land. Moses fasted for 40 days when he communed with the Lord on Mount Sinai (Ex. 34:28). Elijah fasted for 40 days on his journey to meet God at Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8). Jesus fasted for 40 days in the desert to prepare for his ultimate public ministry on earth (Matt. 4:1-11).

During Lent, Christians have traditionally engaged in practices of self-denial, like fasting, meant to orient our hearts and minds to the sufferings of Christ. Perhaps we give up some type of food, a habit, an activity or an addiction. In making a sacrifice, we can become more aware of Jesus' sacrifice for us and let go of whatever keeps us from preparing our spirit for the celebration of Easter. ***Giving up*** is a wonderful spiritual discipline.

Yet, there is another discipline that has emerged in recent years that I find even more powerful and life changing. It is the discipline of ***giving back***. Imagine every day during Lent, waking up in the morning, and in prayerful reflection asking yourself:

- How can I offer peace to someone today?
- How can I bring a smile to someone's face?
- How can I say positive words of healing?
- How can I show love to someone?
- How can I forgive someone?

Everyday becomes an opportunity to recognize God's love in your life and give back that love to those who God sends in your path.

Every day it becomes a walk with Jesus toward the cross, by doing what Jesus did. Sometimes it may involve a material gift, sometimes a gift of time, other times, a gift of self.

Every day though, it requires paying attention to God and those who are in your life or happen to cross your path.

Consider ***giving back*** this Lent. It will change your life and the life of others. It will fill your life and the life of others with so many blessings!

Blessings,
Sione

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FUMC FINANCIALS**COMMITTEE EXPENSES YTD THRU January 2018**

Conference Apportionment	\$	0
Communication	\$	601.66
Personnel	\$	23,212.68
Education	\$	(1.96)
Caring and Evangelism	\$	0
Membership Activity	\$	0
Worship	\$	24.76
Board of Trustees	\$	12,154.06
Administration	\$	1,319.13
Finance	\$	47.37
Youth/College	\$	61.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	37,418.70
GIFTS RECEIVED YTD THRU Jan	\$	32,443.23
BALANCE	\$	-4,975.47

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.

Grocery Cards

Did you know the church is enrolled in the Community Giving Grocery Card Program? If you do your grocery shopping at King Soopers or Safeway, please consider using a re-loadable grocery card. These cards are very easy to use. Just load up whatever amount you choose at either the service counter or a register and then shop! Each time you load the card the church gets a percentage of that amount back. The cards cost \$5 (they come with a \$5 balance already loaded) and should be available by March 15th in the church office.

Bus Update

Bus update - we are still waiting on parts for the bus. It's in the shop in Denver. We will have it back in service ASAP!

Barb Newton	03/04	87 yrs
Dale Mikkelson	03/05	85 yrs
Alberta Lutz	03/06	81 yrs
Dorothy March	03/07	86 yrs
Helen Schump	03/10	93 yrs
Marilyn Hartley	03/10	80 yrs
Ruth Roden	03/11	86 yrs
Ed Stromberger	03/15	88 yrs
Ralph Boehner	03/21	101yrs
Betty Baney	03/27	86 yrs
Clifford Kahl	03/28	84 yrs



Ralph & Lou McElrath	03/17	69 years
Joe & Anita Warmbrod	03/31	61 years

Herbert Shrader	1/16/18
Dwane Raile	1/21/18



Dear members and friends of our United Methodist Church. I'm sending this message to you to let you know that recently I gave your memorial gifts for Keith Merriman to the church's roof repair fund. Each week in the bulletin the giving for that fund didn't seem to change and church debts were always a concern to Keith, so I believe he would like to know he helped change that.

Thank you and God Bless You,
Jeannie Merriman & Family

A few activities that are coming up!



Italian Dinner

The Youth held a successful Valentine's themed Spaghetti Dinner this past month and raised just shy of \$400 to go towards Youth and Family Ministries here at the church. Thank you to all who helped in the kitchen, donated items and also to those who attended! I really appreciate the continued support of the Youth and Children's Ministry activities. It wouldn't be possible without all of you!



Easter Egg Hunt

We will be hosting a community type Easter Egg hunt on Saturday March 24th. Times are TBD but it will most likely be held in the morning here at the church. We are asking for plastic egg donations as well as individually wrapped candy. You can drop those items off in the office.

VBS

For those of you who like to plan ahead, we have picked our VBS dates for this coming summer! VBS will be held on Monday, June 4th-Thursdays, June 7th from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Please let me know if you would like to help in any way! We will be asking for specific items to be donated sometime after the Easter season. This year's theme is Rolling River Rampage so sort through your outdoor and camping gear as we will be looking for items to help make this an exciting atmosphere!

Need yard work done? The youth are available to help.

As always, thank you again for your continued support!
Nikki Barríos

Education Committee

McNulty Scholarship applications are now available in the church office. The purpose of the McNulty Scholarship is to promote continuing education for members of Greeley FUMC. Reward of this scholarship/s is based on involvement in church and community activities and the importance of faith in your life. Applications will be considered for students seeking a degree or certificate of continuing education. The application deadline is March 31st and should be returned to the church office by this date. No partial or late applications will be considered. The scholarship/s will be awarded on Education Celebration Sunday, April 29th.

Education Celebration Sunday will be Sunday April 29th when we will announce the recipients of the McNulty Scholarship/s and also honor our dedicated Sunday School teachers and staff. We also celebrate any high school, college or trade school graduates on this Sunday. If you will be graduating this year, please help us to celebrate your accomplishments by contacting Jennifer Kerr at 970-590-3618, either call or text your information.

Giftz Clinic

March 11, 2018
 April 8, 2018
 May 6, 2018
 June 3, 2018



Blood pressure clinic 9-10:30 AM
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News from the Giftz Clinic

Have you ever wanted to talk to a counselor, but did not want to go to their office? Time, fear of seeing someone you may know, or just wanting to stay in the comfort of your own home may play a part. Technology has allowed the healthcare industry to move ahead and offer counseling using your smart phone. Most insurance companies may offer this as a benefit. You will need to contact your insurance company to determine if this is a covered benefit. TeleTherapy or TeleHealth are the programs.

Medicare does not allow patients to call from their home, but instead can go to their provider's office and have the privacy to speak with a counselor in a private exam room via video. This type of visit can be covered by Medicare. Check with your provider to determine if they offer this service.

We must remember that we need to take care of our mental health just as we care for our physical health. Topics which can be discussed can be for depression, anxiety, marriage or children difficulties, cancer diagnosis or new diagnosis of health problems such as diabetes.

Blessings,
Lydia Pyle, Parish Nurse



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!



Attention Methodist Men. The United Methodist Men of FUMC meet on the third Saturday of each month. The March meeting will be on Saturday, March 18 at 8AM. We will be meeting at FUMC in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited. Hope to see you there.

United Methodist Women News



Happy Saint Patrick's Day from your Leadership Team. We celebrated February with an excellent program on Prayer and Self-Denial presented by Georgia Fitch and attended by our Shepherdess Lauri Kiel and about 25 of our members. If you still want to participate in the Prayer and Self-Denial offering, calendars are available near the west entrance in the flier pockets or simply write

a check and designate Prayer and Self-Denial. Thanks for your support of United Methodist Women.

When we meet on March 8 at 11:30 am for lunch, we will be celebrating Easter as we continue through the Lenten season. Our program will be a Special Easter Message presented by Mary Cay Utterbach.

This is just the beginning of a very busy month. United Methodist Women will be 149 years old this year as of March 23 and as part of this celebration we are encouraged to donate to the Legacy Fund. This fund will be used to maintain our facilities and support staffing for the next 150 years. Contributions made on March 23 will be leveraged by an anonymous donor this year. Envelopes for this purpose can be found on our "Pennies" table or the contribution can be made on the United Methodist Women website.

The Annual Palm Sunday bake sale for Greeley United Methodist Women will take place March 25. We will be looking for contributions of baked goods and/or a cash donation in support for this fund raising effort.

We also would like to encourage your attendance at the 2018 Spiritual Life Retreat April 27-29 at YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park. Note: this will be the last retreat in Estes Park as it will be moving in 2019 to Colorado Springs. The theme is Spiritual Rhythm led by Sally Vonner, Assistant General Secretary for Membership and Leadership Development for United Methodist Women. Registrations are due March 21 to get the best registration rate. More information available at RMCUMW.org.

Other items for March to keep in mind are the designated days of International Women's Day on March 8, World Water Day March 22 and the United Methodist Women Day of Giving for the Legacy Fund.



"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 \$70.26 and our total since we began the project in 2015 is \$1431.35.**

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.

Please pray for the mission focus items listed in our weekly bulletin as International Women's Day celebrated on Thursday March 8th.

Raylene Shively, UMW President

CEMAC Happenings

Save the date - March 18th will be our third annual Green Potluck! Get creative and whip up your favorite green entree, salad, or dessert and share with your church family! There might be some Irish trivia as well! We might be a day late for St Patrick's day, but wear your green and we'll eat green!

April 30th will be our first Fifth Sunday of 2018. As usual, a potluck lunch will follow the single 10:00 service. And we'll feature do-it-yourself entertainment - a talent show! Dust off that old flute or guitar; rehearse those dance moves, whatever you do, share with us!

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 encourage each person to take 3 or 4 cards to have in their wallet or purse for just such an occasion. They can be found in the east narthex.



Local & Global Commission

Our committee asked for your help in collecting trial size hygiene items for the Abundant Life Christmas bag project. These bags are given annually to the underserved persons in our community. And once again you have generously given to this project. Our church and several others filled bags for 65 men, 20 women, & 3 children with hygiene items, warm scarves, socks, gloves, hats, treats, etc. Each church donated one special item and ours was men's heavy gloves.

We and the recipients are so appreciative of your help each year. THANKS!



First, we would like to thank everyone who has come up to the church and helped out with Ray's duties while he has spent an extended time in the hospital. He is now at home recovering and re-gaining his strength. We have had 15 people spend anywhere from an hour to a full day cleaning, organizing and doing some simple building maintenance.

In the hopes of continuing to spruce up more areas of the church, we would like to designate March as Spring Cleaning Month. We decided to choose the whole month rather than a specific day or two to make it easier for volunteers to work around their schedules. We are compiling a list of project suggestions, areas that could use a deep cleaning. You can help as well by sending your thoughts to Kathy at office@fumcgreeley.com or 970-353-5522.

You can either bring your own supplies or we can find what you need here at the church. Let us know when you are coming and what areas you would like to tackle. Thanks.



Habitat for Humanity News

First United Methodist Church is one of 15 churches participating in the Faith Build, a Habitat home that will be built and funded by members of local churches. Each church will have one Work Day, when we help with construction at the site, and one Lunch Day, when we provide the noon meal for the members of another church working that day. **Our tentative dates are Saturday, April 14th to work and then Saturday, April 21st to provide the meal. These dates could change,** as construction schedules change, so watch for more information. Please plan to sign up and help build or provide lunch, or both!

The Faith Build house is for the Bonifacio family. Originally from Peru, the family consists of Chela and her three (3) children, Albert (25), Keley (23), and Ariana (6). Chela came to the US 14 years ago, leaving Keley and Albert behind with her parents. Both Albert and Keley got their college degrees in Peru and are working on transferring their degrees. Chela has worked at the WalMart Distribution Center for the past five (5) years. Ariana has Down Syndrome. They currently live in a basement apartment. Chela is eager to have a home with enough space for Ariana and her special needs. We can be part of helping Chela achieve her dream.

Several members of the Local and Global Concerns Commission attended the groundbreaking ceremony in January for the Bonifacio family. We plan to have a fundraising event for the Habitat Faith Build. More details will be coming.



Bonifacio Family



Meanwhile, Sewing for Service provided beautiful quilts for the seven children in the two Habitat homes dedicated on February 24th. One family is originally from Burma and the other family is from Eritrea. These homes were built by the Jefferson High School Construction classes.

Questions? Contact Marian Ruge, 970-584-4199

Sunday, March 11 is Daylight Savings Time.
Be sure and change your clock 1 hour forward.



Alleluia Ringers



The Alleluia Ringers are planning to play at worship services on March 11th, Easter Sunday (April 1st) with a violin soloist, our 5th Sunday service on April 29th, and then on May 13th. We hope you enjoyed our Feb. 11th sharing of our introit, "Morning Has Broken" and our anthem, "In Remembrance", as much as we did. Depending upon players schedules, we try to play at least once a month. Due to vacations, family issues, sickness, and other conflicts, it is always like a puzzle to make things work. I am grateful to all the ringers for their excellent dedication, commitment, work, and support to one another. I look forward to our practices on Thursday evenings as well as the times we get to share with our congregation and community. I hope to see each of you in worship to hear the blessings this fine group. Thank you, members of our congregation, for your continued support of the music ministries of our church.

Blessings in Christ, *Connie Long*

Something New for Fellowship Time

Cinnamon rolls? Sweet Breads? Cookies? Would you like to share some of your homemade goodies at Fellowship Time? There is a sign-up sheet for the opportunity to provide something different, or maybe the same (it is up to you) for Fellowship Time. We are asking to provide enough for about 48 servings. Be sure to leave your email address, text number, or phone number so the office can send out reminders. If no one signs up, the Church will provide doughnuts.



A Big thank you to all our church angels who are happily and faithfully cleaning our "home" while Ray continues to heal. Rest well Ray, the angels will continue to work until you are back to 100%. Your paycheck is assured as we know you would help us in our time of need.
The FUMC Faithful

Jesus remember me... Thank you Sione for the thoughtful Ash Wednesday message in your service (tonight). I am blessed to understand the meaning of "ashes", "sign of the cross", and "palm fronds". I came home educated and filled with the goodness of God this evening. Feeling blessed.

The Messenger Deadline

The deadline for the April *Messenger* is **Monday, March 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.



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