

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.

The Season of Lent is approaching us. It is on its way. It starts with Ash Wednesday on March 6, 2019. Ash Wednesday marks a beginning of a time of self-examination, repentance, and preparation for the celebration of Easter.

In the early church, Lent was first practiced as a few days of fasting for those who would be baptized on Easter. Ultimately, this time of preparation was lengthened to 40 days, and the practice of fasting was extended to all Christians (Catholic and Orthodox). It is only in the last few decades that the idea of fasting (giving up something) has become more popular among Protestant churches.

This year, I am hoping that as a congregation, we can focus less on what we should give up and more on the idea of self-examination and preparation for Holy Week followed by the joy and the celebration of Easter.

I would like to ask you to take a look at our church and our ministry in different levels here in the FUMC and throughout the community. While this may be tricky and uneasy, self-examination is an important aspect of Christian discipleship and of being the church. Without self-examination, we become stagnant in our spiritual journey.

So, I'm asking you to consider the following questions over the next few weeks: Where and how has God been calling you in your own spiritual journey? Where is God calling you now? How have you responded to God's call to discipleship? Where and how has God been calling the FUMC to be the Body of Christ (God's hands and feet)? Where is God calling us now? How have we, as a congregation, responded to God's call? Do we believe that with God's help, we can grow and flourish into what God calls us to be?

When you receive the Messenger, I invite you to start the process of self-examination and preparation for the Holy Week and the joy of Easter. I invite you to spend some times pondering each question in the presence of God. I also invite you at the beginning of each week to ask God to show you the answer(s) to the question(s), and then to spend the rest of your week truly open to God's direction.

I would love to hear how this is going for you. If you find it helpful, let me know. If you find it difficult or not at all helpful, please let me know of that, too.

Blessings,
Sione

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FUMC FINANCIALS

COMMITTEE EXPENSES YTD THRU Jan 2019

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| Conference Apportionment | \$ | 0 |
| Communication | \$ | 609.00 |
| Personnel | \$ | 23,531.35 |
| Education | \$ | (11.90) |
| Caring and Evangelism | \$ | 0 |
| Membership Activity | \$ | (25.00) |
| Worship | \$ | 0 |
| Board of Trustees | \$ | 8,554.81 |
| Administration | \$ | 943.12 |
| Finance | \$ | 83.09 |
| Youth/College | \$ | 21.50 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ | 33,705.97 |
| GIFTS RECEIVED YTD THRU Jan | \$ | 3,893.17 |
| BALANCE | \$ | 187.20 |

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. You can pick them up in the church office during the week. If you need yours mailed to you, please let Kathy know. If you have questions, please stop in or call us at 353-5522.

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:

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.

Text "First United Methodist Church" to 970-573-6043...or

Stop by the dealership for more details on how to earn points.



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| Barb Newton | 3/04 | 88 yrs |
| Dale Mikkelson | 3/05 | 86 yrs |
| Alberta Lutz | 3/06 | 82 yrs |
| Dorothy March | 3/07 | 87 yrs |
| Marilyn Hartley | 3/10 | 81 yrs |
| Ruth Roden | 3/11 | 87 yrs |
| Ed Stromberger | 3/15 | 89 yrs |
| Betty Baney | 3/27 | 87 yrs |



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| Dick & Mary Cay Utterbach | 3/7 | 50 yrs |
| Joe & Anita Warmbrod | 3/31 | 62 yrs |

Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 10th
Don't Forget to "Spring Forward"



Ash Wednesday Service
March 6th, @ 7PM

Combined Service, March 31st at 10AM.
NO Potluck this Sunday.



Easter Eggs Needed



FUMC will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 13th**. The Education Committee is collecting plastic Easter Eggs and candy for the Egg Hunt. These can be dropped off in the church office. This year we are expecting an appearance by the Easter Bunny!

Food Bank News

BackPacks for Kids are filled by volunteers from FUMC once a month, typically on the first Monday of each month during the school year. There is a sign-up sheet outside the church office and date and times are in the bulletin prior to the date. You can also meet the team at The Weld Food Bank, 1108 H Street, around 9am. Come when you can....stay as long as you can. Our volunteers fill anywhere from 1,000 to 2,500 each time.

Donation boxes are kept out year round (even when we aren't doing a food drive). These are for non-perishable items. Please know the Weld Food Bank will not accept items that have passed the "Best if Used by" or "Expiration" date. Please check these before leaving them at the church. They also cannot accept items that have been opened or used.

Worship Commission Update



Do you believe in the power of prayer? Have you ever considered yourself a prayer warrior? We've got two opportunities for you! First, join us every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm for a short prayer service specifically designed to pray for our church and it's leadership. We take turns praying aloud, or you can pray silently if you wish.

Then, on **March 2nd and 3rd**, we will celebrate World Day of Prayer with a 24-hour prayer vigil beginning at 10:45 Saturday morning and ending at 10:45 Sunday morning. Sign-up for a 30 minute shift to pray. We will pray for world, local and national concerns. The church won't be open, but you can pray in the comfort of your own home. All series on Sunday, March 3, will feature a time of prayer to wrap up the 24 hours.

Mountain Sky Conference of the United Methodist Church **DISTRICT GATHERING**

This is a conference-wide event, featuring Diana Butler Bass, author of *Grateful*. It will be held on March 30, from 9:30am to 3:00pm. More information will be coming soon. You can also visit www.mtnskyumc.org/districtgathering to register.

CEMAC NEWS

CEMAC has a busy month of March planned:



March 5th – Fat Tuesday – we will host a Pancake Supper at **5:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage and juice will be served. Donations accepted. Who says you can't have breakfast for supper?

March 17th ...Green Potluck... after the 10:30 service. Start thinking now of green recipes....or ways to make favorite recipes green! There might be a bit of St. Paddy's Day shenanigans!



April 18 - We are exploring the possibility of hosting a Seder meal on **Maundy Thursday**. Stay tuned for more details.

From UMCOR

Kit Building Day, Saturday, March 16 10AM @ Johnstown United Methodist Church

You might already be aware that the UMC of Johnstown is a local UMCOR Hub. This means they collect Flood Buckets and Hygiene Kits from area churches and store them until they are transported to UMCOR West in Salt Lake City. From there, UMCOR distributes these to help people dealing with disasters around the United States.

On **March 16th** UMC Johnstown will host a "Kit Building Day". Everyone is invited to participate. The schedule for build day is:

- 10:00AM – Welcome and short presentation on UMCOR
- 10:15 AM – Kit Building
- 12:00 Noon – Pot-luck lunch

We will be collecting items for both Flood Buckets and Hygiene Kits. A list of contents is available in the East Narthex.

The Johnstown team would like to request a RSVP by Sunday, March 3 for those attending the Build Day. If you would like to attend, please sign-up and we will let the church know how many to expect.

United Methodist Women

“Pennies for Mission” 2019

The Leadership team for Greeley United Methodist Women would like to extend our many thanks and appreciation to all who continue to generously 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 total for 2019 is **\$51.13** and the total of giving since we began in 2015 is **\$1,718.27**.

Please continue to look for information to see where the “Pennies” are working on the United Methodist Women website, www.unitedmethodistwomen.org, on *Facebook* and *YouTube*. That information can also be found in the copies of *Response* and *New World Outlook*, available in the hallway with our map display showing the home and world sites supported by United Methodist Women.

Please join us in prayers for the church leaders as they begin to implement decisions made by the special called General Conference and that we may continue to work wisely for the rest of the year as our United Methodist Women continues to make adjustments for growth and change as the organization celebrates 150 years.

United Methodist Women News

Greetings from your Leadership Team. Our members met on January 10th to share the new year celebration by pledging our support for the new year. The annual program was presented by Ulafay Fry and supported by Marcia Walters, our new co-treasurer who was not able to be with us that day. A tasty lunch served by Ramona Stotts and Pamela Austin began our time together. Our apologies for not sharing this in the February newsletter as this year has started with a BANG for activities.

Five of your leaders attended the annual Leadership Training at Boulder Pikes Peak church on January 26 and are ready to pick up the reins of leadership for the next two years.

Our February meeting was held on Valentine’s Day with 15 members and one guest in attendance to share lunch and enjoy a special Valentine treat arranged by Gary and Maxine Bracken. A barbershop quartet from Loveland stopped to serenade our group. Our program was learning about the 2019 Prayer and Self-Denial focus. We will use a calendar from the October Response, published to use for World Thank Offering. This includes suggestions similar to the calendar we have been using and will give us some new perspective on how blessed we are to live in “luxury” compared to those in other countries.

The funds generated by the 2019 Prayer and Self-Denial will be used 100% for the support of programs for children and youth at home and around the world.

In other news, it has been determined by your leaders that a set monthly meeting time will work to everyone’s advantage. We have settled on 1:30 pm each second Thursday (except July and August) for the rest of the year, beginning with March 14. We will begin with a Birthday Celebration on that day for United Methodist Women and their 150th year of service in mission. Please join us to share with your sisters in mission.



From Boy Scout Troop 245

Troop 245 would like to invite the members of FUMC to attend their annual silent auction and dinner on **Saturday, March 30th at 5:00pm**. This will be located in the Fellowship Hall. Cost will be \$5.00 per person and \$20.00 per family. Tickets are available at the door, or contact Jeff Cozad at 978-6426 to purchase beforehand.

Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos is an interdenominational, worldwide ministry that brings the love of God and the light of Christ into prisons. An army of volunteers rally to become the hands and feet of Christ for inmates who come seeking a new way of life. Their Vision: A community spiritually freed from the effects of imprisonment reaching all impacted by incarceration, through the love, hope and faith found in Jesus Christ. Their Mission Statement: The mission of Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

How you can help: Prayer (greatest need), serve on a team, attend a closing, sponsor an inmate or donate new bibles. For more information please contact RuthMary Lyons at 970-405-0263 or rm80620@hotmail.com

From United Methodist Men

Just a reminder that the United Methodist Men meet in the Fellowship Hall every third Saturday for breakfast and a devotion. The next meeting will be **Saturday, March 16th at 8am**. ALL men of the church are invited to join in food and fellowship. Please sign up so enough food can be prepared for all.



March 24 - First United Methodist Church is hosting a Garth Englund Blood Center Mobile Blood Drive from **8:30am – 1:30pm**. Blood Donor information forms can be picked up in the East Narthex any time during March. “Donate Blood, Save Two Lives”.



The deadline for the **April Messenger** is **Monday, March 18th**. Articles can be emailed to Ginger Jansson at tgjansson@gmail.com

"What a Privilege we have been given by God to be able to spend our lives giving his Love away."-Don Lessin

On Sunday January 27, 2019 those of us attending the 10:30 service were privileged to receive love from so many directions.

- ❖ We were welcomed with joy by members of the church.
- ❖ *The Bell Choir was extraordinary busy, they performed many pieces of music.*
- ❖ The Chancel Choir had to switch leadership at the last moment, and did it with Grace.
- ❖ Our ushers are always on top of their duties from greeting each person to passing out the bulletins, the collection plates and on the look out for things out of place and of course tiding the area after we leave.
- ❖ *A warm smile for those who assist in the service each week. Their contributions provide a spirit of sharing their talents.*
- ❖ Hidden are the behind the scene are many members who volunteer for various positions; such as Commission and Committee groups, Educational opportunities, Office agenda's that depend on volunteers to provide information for each of us.
- ❖ **There are so many more and each one - each action provide value to our congregation and beyond.**

"Thank you for the ways you invest your life in the lives of others"

Hallmark card

Martha Bandy, Member-at -large to the Administrative Council

Did you know....in 2020 First United Methodist Church, Greeley will be celebrating 150 years?
Here is something interesting you might not know:

- 1870 The town of Union Colony (later renamed Greeley) was established in Colorado.
- 1870 Six churches were begun in Union Colony, one of which was the Methodist Episcopal Church.
- 1871 The Methodists began construction of their first church building. They moved into the building in March 1872.
- 1873 Construction of first parsonage beside church began.
- 1879 Debt on first church building retired.
- 1891 Replacement parsonage (#2) built next to church.
- 1906 Second church building constructed on same site.
- 1910 Debt on second building retired.
- 1922-1925 Sunday School unit added to second church building.
- 1941 Name of church changed from Methodist Episcopal Church to First Methodist Church (due to denominational merger).
- 1954-1956 Education Building constructed north of parsonage.
- 1956 Debt on Education Building retired.
- 1959 Parsonage purchased at 1303 23rd Avenue Court.
- 1961 Second parsonage purchased at 1808 27th Street. (The old parsonage between sanctuary and education building was then torn down.)
- 1963 Third (current) church building constructed. This included the sanctuary area, plus the hallway connecting sanctuary and education building. The "hallway" included church offices and library - all in one story, at that time.
- 1965 First Methodist Church of Greeley gave \$8,000 to the Rocky Mountain Conference of Methodist Church for the purchase of land for an additional Methodist Church in the Greeley Area. A site was then purchased by the Conference on 35th Avenue, just East of Greeley West High School.
- 1969 Church name changed to First United Methodist Church (due to denominational merger).
- 1970 Centennial of FUMC. Retired debt on 1963 construction.
- 1984 Property at 2400 block of 35th Avenue sold by the Rocky Mountain Conference of UMC to Light & Light Fellowship - a Free Methodist Church. Reasons: second thoughts on suitability of location and need for a 2nd United Methodist church in Greeley.
- 1987-1988 Renewal of building that included redecorating sanctuary, new entryway on west side, second floor in connecting "hallway", elevator to all five levels of building, remodeling of offices and library, and installation of two new handicapped accessible restrooms.
- 1995 125th Anniversary. Renewal debt paid off. Mortgage burned on Easter Sunday.

A Celebration Committee is forming and will be meeting soon to start plans for a 150 year celebration. If you would like to be a part of this committee please let the church office know. Or sign up at the table outside the office.



Scriptures for March:

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| March 3 | Luke 9:28-36 |
| March 10 | Luke 4:1-13 |
| March 17 | Luke 13:31-35 |
| March 24 | Luke 13:1-9 |
| March 31 | Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 |