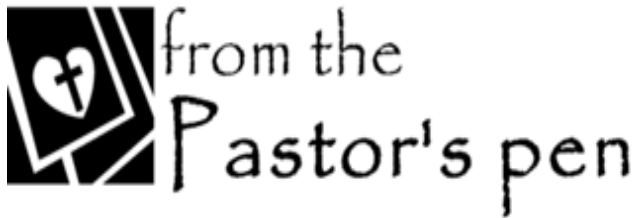


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Aug / Sept 2018



Dr. David Jeremiah is a conservative Christian author. I listen to his Turning Point radio program and have read several of his books. ~ In one of his publications, he wrote about the huge garbage mass that is floating in the Pacific Ocean. It's *three times* larger than France! Dr. Jeremiah commented that "no one person, nation or company produced" the pile...it was one milk jug and one soda bottle and one fishing net at a time that accumulated to the gigantic plastic "island."

What's that got to do with us at landlocked Pikes Peak UMC?

Well, we're about mid-way in the church season of Pentecost. Our aim through the season is to grow into the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ....including sharing what we know about Jesus, as Lord and Savior, and how much we need him in our lives, how much others need to hear about him; how much **THEY** need him, too.

What if we each did a little more to share Jesus with others?

What if we realized we don't have to do it alone, but, that with each moment of compassion....each time we share the truth...each time we *show* the love of Christ in our words and actions...AND THEN JOINED, by God's direction, with others in God's church around the world...**imagine** the enormity of our multiplied efforts...one person at a time! None of us can reach the world by ourselves. We're not expected to. But what IF we could pool our efforts (financially and with emboldened witnessing!?) Would YOU do YOUR part?

Could you do a little bit more? How 'bout share a little louder? Live a little better? Witness with more empowered boldness? Or make up YOUR mind to go to greater lengths to touch the world – starting right in our own neighborhood – for Christ?

I don't know when would be a *better time* to reach the world for Christ. Do you?

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As you read this I am at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas, gettin' "fetched up" to meet the requirements I've been given to be a pastor, keep my appointment with you, and continue to be in ministry with you at Pikes Peak United Methodist Church. This newsletter edition is a two-month collection of announcements, updates and news. Be blessed by all that's happening among our Family of Faith – and be a part of the accumulation of Good Works in the name of Jesus Christ! We've been blessed! Now, go and be a blessing.

Pastor Dea

## **UMW Dorothy's Circle**

**Pikes Peak United Methodist Church  
July and June**

Reports from the June and July meetings of Dorothy Circle are being combined and presented as one report. After reading the purpose of the UMW, at each meeting, we heard the Spiritual Growth reading, then went immediately to the program.

June's theme was for each woman to share what she felt was her God given purpose for her life. We discovered that each woman had more than one gift that she uses to the glory of God. Several ladies had similar gifts.

After each program, President Brown read several thank you notes from previous speakers over the last few months. It is a privilege to host speakers from non-profit groups who strive to serve the least, the lost, and the often forgotten.

July's speaker was from West Side Cares. For the last two years we have heard about the impact that our neighboring organization has made on the westside. They have a new CEO who is smart and very skilled in working with the homeless and disadvantaged! Some remodeling of their facility and many new programs have already taken place.

We heard how West Side Cares helps the 'working poor' (those with jobs but unable to afford even the basic

necessities) who make up 15% of their clientele. It was wonderful to hear how their agency is working with local families and single people to improve the quality of life for these, our needy neighbors! When asked about where the sock donations go, we were told they are carefully rationed. The other item they need are women's hygiene supplies which can be placed into the red wagon each week.

Our membership is pursuing how we might be able to impact a more global community. We will talk about this at our August meeting that will be held on Thursday, August 2, at 1:30. All women are invited to attend. Both June and July meetings were ended with light refreshments provided by our membership. We end each meeting with the United Methodist Prayer which we all read together.

Secretary  
Gretchen





## “God of our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand”

This grand hymn, written by the Reverend Daniel C. Roberts (1841-1907) was first sung in the town of Brandon, Vermont on July 4, 1876. . The citizens of Brandon had long anticipated the celebration of the first century of American Independence and had asked the Reverend Daniel C. Roberts of the Protestant church if he would write an appropriate hymn for them to sing on that special day! All over the country celebrations were exploding as Americans gathered with prayers, speeches, parades and the singing of hymns; thanking God for His blessings and guidance upon their land! This celebration was made all the more impressive as the Civil War had ended only eleven years earlier and there was rejoicing that America still stood, United! Daniel C. Roberts had served with Ohio's 84th infantry, and Brandon's citizens felt it was fitting that a veteran should author their song of praise! It is considered the National Hymn of the United States of America.

Gretchen



**YOUTH AND  
YOUNGSTERS** - bring  
your school backpacks  
on Sunday, August 12 so  
we can bless them  
during worship.



## **PPUMC's Crafters**

The group will restart on Thursday, August 23 at 6 p.m. The crafting group meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Use the ramp entrance at the back of the church. You can bring your projects ~ especially if you have questions to work through.

**Call Ruth Reed 471-1393**



Stampin' Up card-making group meets  
LAST Tuesday evening of the month  
at 6:30 in Gamber Hall.  
Talk to Sally or Susie about the group.

# August 2018

**Sunday**

**Monday**




**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

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| <b>5</b><br>9:30am<br>Choir<br>Rehearsal<br>10:50am<br>Worship                                      | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>1:00pm<br>Seated Tai Chi<br><br>7:00pm<br>Mineralogical<br>Society | <b>8</b><br>6:30pm<br>Lectio Service  | <b>9</b>                                                                                                                                                               | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b><br>9:00am<br>Admin<br>Meeting                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>12</b><br>9:30am<br>Choir<br>Rehearsal<br>10:50am<br>Worship<br><br>Blessing of<br>the Backpacks | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>1:00pm<br>Seated Tai Chi                                          | <b>15</b>                             | <b>16</b><br>Back to<br>School                                                                                                                                         | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b><br>9:00am<br>Men's<br>Breakfast<br><br>2:00pm<br>Grief Group<br>3:00pm<br>Game Day |
| <b>19</b><br>9:30am<br>Choir<br>Rehearsal<br>10:50am<br>Worship                                     | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>1:00pm<br>Seated Tai Chi                                          | <b>22</b><br>6:30pm<br>Lectio Service | <b>23</b><br>6:00pm<br>Giggler's<br>Group<br>                                      | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>26</b><br>9:30am<br>Choir<br>Rehearsal<br>10:50am<br>Worship                                     | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b><br>1:00pm<br>Seated Tai Chi                                          | <b>29</b>                             | <b>30</b>                                                                                                                                                              | <b>31</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                   |



**Third Saturday Every Month**



The Dorothy Circle is meeting at 1:30 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays of the month. August's meeting will hear from Urban Peak, the homeless teen ministry in Colorado Springs.

Donations of new pillows and blankets for the shelter are being collected. The meeting is in Gamber Hall. All women are invited for this time of mission information and fellowship.



## **MINISTRY EVENTS**

**Contemplative Worship**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.

Practicing *Lectio Divina*

**Walking Group**

Saturdays @ 7 a.m.

**Grief Group**

Third Saturdays, @ 2 p.m.

**Gentle Tai Chi – led by David Hays**

Tuesdays @ 1 p.m.

**Contact: Ruth Richey 685-9480**



## **Monthly Giving 2018**

Monthly budget \$6451

May \$5766

June \$4656

July – up to 7/22 - \$5108



1 LaVada Brown  
 8 Ron Reed  
 11 Kenneth Baines  
     Randy Keating  
 15 Colin Gordon  
 16 Don Shartran  
     Preston Holladay (will be 102!)  
 18 Ken Shreck  
 19 John Richey  
 27 Russ Van Der Wege  
 28 Jackson Wood  
 30 Luci Rawlings  
 31 J.D. Drayton

### ANNIVERSARIES

3 Rick & Ann Keetch  
 5 Craig & Kim Sommer  
 29 Bernard & Rachel Schilowsky

1 Sue Bush  
 2 Kaitlyn Sommer  
 4 Kim Sommer  
 5 Archie Wilson  
 7 Evelyn Hartley (will be 98!)  
 8 Ben Herrick  
 11 Ray Pierce  
 18 Shirley Trucott  
 19 Barbara Turner  
 22 Kaelyn Gordon  
 24 Elsa Gordon



### ANNIVERSARIES

1 Marshel & Rachel  
 Thompson  
 7 J.D. & Evalyn Drayton  
 18 Kenny & Kelly Baines  
 21 Pastors Gene & Dea

## Westside Cares



### SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Bridges of Hope** - "Mental Illness doesn't discriminate based on age, race, gender...or denomination." Join NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and faith community leaders for one of the remaining two free breakfasts in 2018 to explore questions surrounding mental illness and the role of faith communities in helping people and families touched by serious mental illness.

**Dates:** July 24 or Oct. 23

**Time:** 8:30 – 10 AM

**Location:** Mission Medical Clinic, 2125 E. La Salle St., Colorado Springs

**Registration Required:** 719-473-8477, [info@namicos.org](mailto:info@namicos.org)

### Just Faith Ministries Awareness Raising Program

(<https://justfaith.org/programs/justfaith/>)

Westside CARES Member Faith Communities have chosen to *make a difference* by responding generously to the needs of our community. Some of you give so much that you need to "recharge your batteries." Others give regularly and want to deepen your commitment. Some members of our faith communities would like to be involved but hesitate to begin. If you or someone you know are in one of these situations, the small group program called JustFaith may be of interest.

Through an 8-week program of reflection, discussion and encounter, participants explore today's issues through the lens of their faith, engage in dialogue around those issues, and formulate a personal/group response. Participants are invited into a process of learning and discovering how to live more simply and compassionately, while getting to know each other and grow in their faith and outreach together.

Across the country, JustFaith has been known to stir individuals and groups to engage more deeply in their relationship with God and with each other. Many participants have found JustFaith to be a springboard for collaborative action in the living out of their faith values, and an opportunity to re-energize their commitment to service. For this reason, **Westside CARES** is gauging interest in forming a JustFaith group. If you are interested in learning more about possibly forming a small group with representatives from our 21 Member Faith Communities, please contact Donna at [justfaithcos@gmail.com](mailto:justfaithcos@gmail.com) or 970-682-0075.

### Back-to-School Backpack Program

Please deliver your designated school supplies to Westside CARES no later than Wednesday, August 1. Questions? Contact Georgia Thompson at [gthompson71513@q.com](mailto:gthompson71513@q.com) or 632-0711

### WESTSIDE CARES NEEDS...

- **Adult socks**
- **Men's Jeans – size 30 -36**
- **Deodorant**
- **Tampons and pads**
- **Sunscreen**
- **Reusable water bottles**

\*\*\***No household items, please.**

**Westside CARES August Closures:** Tuesday, August 7 for a staff in-service.

Topic: Emergency Evacuation and Life Safety Plan updates



**we can  
help**







## SONG LYRICS

During my morning devotional time I came across something that spoke to my soul...perhaps it will to yours as well.

It is called "Water" by Daniel Nahmod. "I want to be like water, flowing where I'm carried by life." I believe most everyone at some time or another has wanted...even for just a moment...to disconnect and go to a peaceful place.

Several years ago we rented a cabin on a horse farm in Sussex County N.J. That was a difficult time. I would sit at waters edge by a rippling brook and gaze at the water flowing freely and with ease over the river rocks.

The peaceful sound and the cool breeze helped me put things in perspective...that is of course until a horse 17 hands high came up behind me and greeted me.

To this day, just picturing that beautiful experience, brings a smile and gives peaceful pause to the start of each new "God Given Day" Starting the day with reverent time with God allows one to reflect on and pray for guidance for what GOD HAS PLANNED FOR US.

We might share our requests in prayer but asking for the Holy Spirit to walk beside us and guide us makes perfect sense.

Life brings rewards and challenges.  
God wants to be in our lives at all times. Joyful and Challenging.  
"He leadeth me beside the still waters...He restoreth my soul." Psalm 23

**Let us pray:**  
**Holy Spirit of God,**  
**Please help me to serve You by serving others in this life.**  
**May our souls find peace... resting in Your Presence.**

Twink



- Rachel Schilowsky
- Rachel Thompson
- Jessie Cooper
- Susie Gallivan
- Our shut ins: Dick & Sue Bush, Evelyn Hartley
- Persons and families experiencing crisis
- The ministries of our church
- Neighbors – those we know; or not
- *Pastor Dea sends a weekly prayer email with a more detailed list. Are you on the e-mail list?*

## Family and Friends of Jerry Parks

### TABLE GRACE

You are mighty, Lord, and all providing. We thank you for this food that we've been given for nourishment and delight. We ask a special blessing on those who prepared this meal with love and care. Amen.



### James T. Caudle

My dear friend Jim Caudle passed away June 9, 2018. I remember Jim bringing his truck when we had a big snow at the church and he would blade off the parking lot and I would just clean off the sidewalks.

In the Fall each year, Jim blew out the sprinklers and winterized them. He would always be there at a moment's notice to help me

with whatever was needed.

I have fond memories of Jim and he would go with LaVada and I to Rev. McPherson's house to pick the flowers to enter at the Fair in Calhan and then next week, we would also pick the flowers from his yard to take to the State Fair in Pueblo. Rev. McPherson won first place many times at the Fairs!

Jim was a good Christian man and did a lot of work here at the church. I have many fond memories of him.

He was always there to do and help with anything that was needed.

Joe Brown



YOUTH NEWS & VIEWS

# YOUTH MISSION WEEK!






# ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE



# September 2018

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

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| <b>9</b><br><b>9:30am</b><br>Choir Rehearsal<br><b>10:50am</b><br>Worship<br><br><b>Rally Sunday</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>10</b>                        | <b>11</b><br><b>1:00pm</b><br>Seated Tai Chi                                              | <b>12</b><br><b>6:30pm</b><br>Lectio Service | <b>13</b><br><b>6:00pm</b><br>Giggler's Group<br><br> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br><b>9:00am</b><br>Men's Breakfast<br><br><br><br><b>2:00pm</b><br>Grief Group<br><b>3:00pm</b><br>Game Day |
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