

Bethany

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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As I prepare to enter retirement at the end of June, I have been doing much reflecting on our ministry here at Bethany UMC. It has been a dazzling 10 years, and I pray we found mutual spiritual growth through that time. Getting to know each of you better has been a delightful joy that I will carry in my heart. From Sunday school Room to Shower room, from teaching with the children using my own written curriculum, to serving communion and sharing the Lord's table with each of you has been life-changing for me.

And I am especially grateful to be amongst the saints that came before me. Lataine and I have spent months going through our archives and putting them in chronological order. To have the privilege of reading minutes and about the history of this church demonstrates the strong roots you all have had. The lists of names that have come and moved on through their own search for spiritual fulfillment is a very long and poignant list. Single folks, married folks, divorced folks, children, youth; all were



equally invited into this church. Every church has a life cycle through which our own lives are touched by grace. Beginnings are always filled with excitement and anticipation. Endings are always difficult. And, because, you all are a part of a faith community you are stronger and supported by one another.

I am honored to have been a part of your lives and you will always remain in my prayers.

Love, Pastor Denise

PREPARE FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism was on to something when he wrote:

"If thine heart is as my heart," if thou lovest God and all mankind, I ask no more: "Give me thine hand."

2 Kings 10:15.

15 After he left there, he came upon Jehonadab son of Rekab, who was on his way to meet him. Jehu greeted him and said, "Are you in accord with me, as I am with you?"

"I am," Jehonadab answered.

"If so," said Jehu, "give me your hand." So he did, and Jehu helped him up into the chariot.

Annual Conference is in Colorado Springs this year. We will hear from our keynoter, Rev. Janet Wolf who is an elder in The United Methodist Church. She has written several books including *The Gospel of March* and *Radical Discipleship*. She is also very involved with the Children's Defense Fund working on child advocacy to dismantle the cradle-to-prison pipeline. We will also hear from Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth of the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area which is the area encompassing Alaska, Oregon, Idaho, and Washington. He will speak on *Intersecting Identities Are Tools of Liberation*. Bishop Bridgeforth is the first openly gay African American episcopal leader in United Methodism. And the third speaker is Piper Ramsey-Smner who works with youth ministry, homeless outreach, and intentional communal living.

This is the 7th year of what is a routine 4 year stretch between General Conferences. Due to Covid 19, the General Conference was postponed until 2024. We will be voting on some General Conference petitions. Each day on the Mountain Sky webpage there should be an update of voting and discussions. To stay up-to-date with Annual Conference go to mtnskyumc.org and at the top right hand side is AC2023 in a red box, click there for more information about our Mountain Sky Annual Conference.



MISSION TEAMS

We have two mission teams coming to experience Denver's closed doors. Sacred Doors Denver opens doors to places where the marginalized reside.

Our first team is from Cheyenne, Wyoming. On Monday they will be going to Casa de Paz to deep clean the house and offices. Tuesday is Extreme Community Makeover. Wednesday is their "off day" and they plan on going to the Aquarium. Thursday is helping Community Ministry with handing out pet supplies, and Friday they will be at Mercy Housing, Holly Park to help assemble bikes. I will also be teaching about food insecurity. On Friday afternoon we will close with communion.

The second team is coming from Arkansas. They start their week at Food Bank of the Rockies. Tuesday they will help with Extreme Community makeover. Wednesday is their day off. Thursday we will go to Evergreen at 3 Sisters Park where I will lead the group on a hike and teach about environmental theology. Friday we will go to Mercy Housing to plant flowers and tidy the yard. We will close with communion on Friday afternoon, June 30. They will leave on Saturday, July 1 and the new pastor will wish them well as they are on their way.

I am so excited to have these two teams share their mission experience with us. This is a perfect ministry for me to end my appointment with Sacred Stones Ministries, Inc and Bethany UMC.

June 2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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4 IIAM Worship	5 Jade Rohrer BIRTHDAY	6 Len and Nancy Schremmer ANNIVERSARY	7	8	9	10 Tim Coursey BIRTHDAY	
11 IIAM Worship Administrative Counsel	12	13	14	15	16	17	
← Wyoming Mission Team →							
18 IIAM Worship	19	20	21	22	23 Len Schremmer BIRTHDAY	24	
					← Annual Conference →		
25 IIAM Worship	26 Cliff and Jill Thompson ANNIVERSARY	27	28	29	30		
→		← Arkansas Mission Trip →					

Lectionary Readings

June 4, 2023

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

June 11, 2023

Genesis 12:1-9
Psalm 33:1-12
Hosea 5:15-6:6
Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18, 2023

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

June 25, 2023

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

Liturgists

June 4, 2023

Lataine

June 11, 2023

Mary

June 18, 2023

Eva

June 25, 2023

Lataine



July 2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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11AM Worship

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Cliff Thompson
BIRTHDAY

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Eason Thompson
BIRTHDAY

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11AM Worship

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11AM Worship

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11AM Worship
Kathy Leech
BIRTHDAY

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Kevin Leech
BIRTHDAY

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11AM Worship

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Lectionary Readings

July 2, 2023

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

July 9, 2023

Psalm 45:10-17
Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16, 2023

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23, 2023

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19
Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17

July 30, 2023

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Psalm 128
1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Liturgists

July 2, 2023

Mary

July 9, 2023

Eva

July 16, 2023

Lataine

July 23, 2023

Mary

July 30, 2023

Eva

