

Bethany

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Wow. I don't know about you.

but I am getting very weary and concerned about our friends, family and neighbors who continue to struggle with issues that we shouldn't have to worry about in 2020. After centuries of learning about Jesus' messages of love and grace and caring for each other, we have people breathing into each other's faces, disrupting violin vigils, holding up a privilege of whatever heritage they may have experienced as superior to others.

Jesus says, "Don't. Just don't." What about loving God, one another, and ourselves is so hard to do?

My experience lately with employees of the Apple Company, of my infusion center, of Medicare, and others is that their weariness is expressed in being terse and impatient. Is this just a reflection of our current situation? I have heard, especially from my dad, that there have been challenging times for every generation, and I am sure there have been. What we must remember is that we are meant to be in community. We are meant to be seen and touched and honored.

So, we hold on to the faith we have in our loving Christian beliefs, we support each other with prayers and phone calls, and we turn to Jesus' message of hope, love, and grace. We can do this - we are Bethany Strong!

Love,

Pastor Denise

MOUNTAIN SKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020 SUMMARY

Beloved Community of the Mountain Sky Conference,

The 2020 Annual Conference Session was significant in several ways:

- It was the first-ever digital annual conference session!
- It was efficient and cost-effective (average savings of \$600-\$800/ person).
- Most importantly, it was affirmed that the MSC desires to create Beloved Community through a commitment to racial justice and anti-racism ministries.

Throughout the vast geography of the Mountain Sky Conference, laity and clergy logged in and connected through worship, learning, legislation, and commitment to the next year of ministry.

2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE WRAP-UP

Offerings and online giving

Totals from 2020 Annual Conference offerings/fundraising

- Total Collected = \$23,065
- Miles-o-Love: \$16,395
- Annual Conference offerings*: \$6,670

*Amounts divided by ministry area will be given next week after checks are collected. You can still give online: www.mtnskyumc.org/give

Legislation report

Results of the legislative work of the 2020 Mountain Sky Annual Conference are available on the 2020 Conference Petitions page online (<https://www.mtnskyumc.org>) with links to original petitions.

Elections

Congratulations to Nancy Flint and Barry Welliver on being elected the new co-lay leaders for the Mountain Sky Conference! They join Gayla Jo Slauson, who was elected in 2018.



The theme of "Repairers of the Breach" guides our ministry going forward. How can new people hear this good news? How can you participate in repairing breaches in your church and community? The gospel message that calls us forth is deeply transformative and it asks that we immerse ourselves in a journey that is both personal and communal. Together, we can create Beloved Community!

sacred doors



VIRTUAL 2020

UPDATE: SACRED DOORS MISSION CENTER

With COVID 19 still running rampant, our Sacred Door Mission Trips have gone virtual.

We have at least five church youth groups tuning in to our mission experiences.

We have finalized the schedule with Habitat, Casa de Paz, Max Fund,

Dry Bones, ECM, Phamaly, and a local artist.

I will be recording the sessions and will put them on our website come the Fall.

**If you have any interest in
the Virtual Mission Trips,
or would like more
information,
contact Pastor Denise.**

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE
bethanyumcdenver.com

www.bethanyumcdenver.com is our new website.

We will be populating it with more information this month.

Thank you to Elephant Rose, Inc. who has prepared it and will be working with Sacred Stones Ministries to keep it updated.

July 2020

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1 2 3 4

5 6 7 8 9 10 11

11AM Worship

JIM KAISER
BIRTHDAY

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

11AM Worship

19 20 21 22 23 24 25

11AM Worship

KATHY LEECH
BIRTHDAY

26 27 28 29 30 31

11AM Worship

KEVON LEECH
BIRTHDAY

Lectionary Readings

JULY 5, 2020

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45:10-17
Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

JULY 12, 2020

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 19, 2020

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 86:11-17
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Isaiah 44:6-8
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

JULY 26, 2020

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

Focus Scripture

July 5, 2020

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

July 12, 2020

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 19, 2020

Matthew 13:1-9

July 26, 2020

Matthew 13:24-35

Liturgists

July 5, 2020

July 12, 2020

Kathy Caughran

July 19, 2020

John Staley

July 26, 2020

Eva Staley