

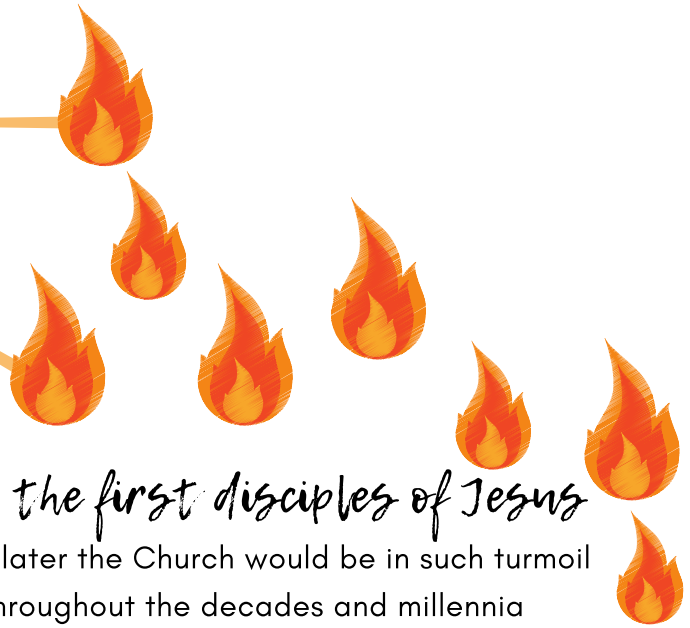
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pentecost



Little did the first disciples of Jesus

suspect that 2,000 years later the Church would be in such turmoil about her own definition. Throughout the decades and millennia

the Church has tried on many different looks. As the Bride of Christ, the relationship of true love and intimacy, the Church has always seemed to struggle as to her identity.

The very first Christians saw themselves as the Church without having a building to designate as the church building. The Jewish Temples and other sacred places were a creation of humans to gather all together. And Temples were destroyed, and churches gathered in catacombs, and yet our relationship with God continued.

So, here we are, people of the Church - capital C - Church. Meeting under the ceiling of our houses, protected from the invisible storm that rages throughout the world. As Christians, we are called to care for each other - no matter who "each other" might be. And what does that care look like? It looks like a computer screen with smiling faces in little boxes; it looks like spruced up yards from staying home; it looks like masked faces, and soapy hands. We are the Church. We will always be the Church whether in our building on 1st Ave in Denver. Colorado or whether we are in our homes.

My prayer is that as the Holy Spirit sweeps over this land with her message of hope, that you will be part of that message of hope to others. Amen.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Denise

A SUMMARY OF BISHOP KAREN'S PLANS FOR MOUNTAIN SKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Bishop Karen and her Return Team would like for us
to keep in mind the message of John Wesley
to "Stay In Love With God," "Do Good," and "Do No Harm."

Precautions for Return

Church guidelines from Bishop Karen Oliveto and the Mountain Sky Annual Conference Return Team



Red Light: "Stay in Love with God"

During this first phase we are asked to stop all activities that require close contact with others. In other words, the Church buildings are closed. At this time, the Red Light expires on May 31, although there are many, many churches which will continue to follow the Red Light protocols.

Yellow Light: "Do Good"

This phase will likely be in place through this year and into 2021. In this phase the churches are required to clean everything thoroughly with disinfectant. There is to be limited contact as groups of 10 might resume some in-building services only on Sunday mornings. There are to be no other groups in the building, those over 60 are not to be present, social distancing, masks and temperatures are required. There will be no food or coffee shared. Parishioners are asked to go straight to their seat, and at the end of the service the pastor will dismiss each person so that only one person leaves at a time. Yellow status begins when the state and local officials have reported a 14-day downward trend of cases.

Green Light: "Do No Harm"

With all sanitation practices in place, the church may open with the Bishop's permission.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS

The Mountain Sky Conference of The United Methodist Church will meet virtually this year. The theme this year is Living Into Beloved Community. We will be meeting virtually on June 19 and 20th. The business of this Conference will be light this year, but it will be good to gather with our sisters and brothers from around our Conference.



UPDATE: SACRED DOORS SHOWER PROJECT

June 3 - Asbestos Abatement

June 4 - Construction begins!

Although it may not be in the way we first planned, Mission Trips will still happen through Sacred Doors this summer - virtually! Three Virtual Mission Trips are already scheduled. The idea has already gained some excitement from different agencies. Participants will hear from the leaders of various non-profit groups around Denver, and then plan projects that further the mission of that group in their own neighborhoods. We will be treading on new ground; it's exciting to see God moving in these ways.

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

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June 2020

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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Nancy and Len Schremmer
ANNIVERSARY

7 8 9 10 11 12 13

TRINITY SUNDAY
11AM Worship

JADE BEALS
BIRTHDAY

TIM COURSEY
BIRTHDAY

14 15 16 17 18 19 20

11AM Worship

21 22 23 24 25 26 27

11AM Worship

LEN SCHREMMER
BIRTHDAY

Rita and Jerry Goddard
ANNIVERSARY

28 29 30

11AM Worship

Lectionary Readings

JUNE 7, 2020

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

JUNE 14, 2020

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 21, 2020

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm 69:7-18

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

JUNE 28, 2020

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm 13

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

Liturgists

June 7, 2020

Lataine Shaw

June 14, 2020

Kathy Caughran

June 21, 2020

John Staley

June 28, 2020

Eva Staley