

Bethany

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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I am so grateful this year for this wonderful community. This past year we have experienced consistent attendance and giving, a mark of a stable and grateful church. As we celebrate all that we have to be grateful for this year, let's remember that as part of the Barnum community there is much we can do. Our focus should remain on Barnum Elementary for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Let's see if we can think of some way to give a holiday sparkle for the children of this community. Our United Methodist heritage calls us to seek how we can be of service. Let's do some brainstorming these next few months. I am so thankful for each of you.

Love, Pastor Denise

Report of Annual Conference:

The second half of The Mountain Sky Annual Conference was on October 21 and 22 completely on Zoom. The highlights were Bishop Karen's calling us to continue action of being peacemakers in our world. Votes included 5 disaffiliations, 4 closures of churches. The other major votes. We're to select candidates to endorse at Jurisdictional Conference for Bishop. The Western jurisdiction needs at least 3 new bishops. Our own Rev. Jessica Rooks (our current DS) and Rev. Elizabeth McVicker were endorsed by our Annual Conference.

Charge Conference

It's that time of year again, when faces are glowing with anticipation! Yes, Charge Conference!! Get your reports ready and find your favorite pot luck recipe because we are celebrating another year as a church on Sunday, December 4 after church. Rev. Leah Coleman will lead the meeting beginning at 1 p.m. Prior to our meeting we will share in a pot luck. See Rev. Denise or Curtis if you have any questions.

**A Recent, Weekly Letter To Mountain Sky
Conference from Bishop Karen:**

October 15, 2022

I am praying for the laity and clergy of the Mountain Sky Conference as we prepare to come together for worship.

Yesterday, the Spanish Language/Cultural Immersion trip ended with a day in Mexico City. One of the places we visited was the Museum of Anthropology. The number of items held by the museum was quite impressive. Thousands of years of human cultures were on display.

As I studied the remnants of one civilization after another, there was a thread through all of them: the role of faith in the ordering of community to further humanity in order to touch divinity.

For we Christians, the apex of this search for the elusive God is found in Jesus Christ—when God became one of us. In this way, we discover that God is searching for us as much as we are searching for God. Through Jesus, God gives us lesson after lesson of how to live together so that the ways of community reflect the love this God has for us.

God in Christ keeps pointing us to society's margins: those who the world overlooks are precisely the ones we are to move closer to if we are to see the face of God. The poor, children, those who are ill, the lonely, the ones in prison, those in need, those deemed less-than, those called unclean—these are the ones who Jesus keeps drawing near to and invites us to do the same. This relationship challenges and changes us. We begin to ask questions of ourselves and the world around us. We start to live differently, reordering not only our individual lives but the entire community so that the well-being and dignity of all people (and all living things) are honored.

Perhaps this is what saddened me as I moved through the museum, reflecting on culture after culture (including my own): the failure to truly embrace our faith so that we can help usher in this beloved community. As G.K. Chesterton once said, "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried."

What prevents us from truly living out this faith? Is it the fear of who we might become if we threw our whole selves into our faith endeavor?

With love,
Bishop Karen



Casa De Paz Volunteers needed to write to those in the detention center to keep them connected to the outside world. If you are interested, let Rev. Denise know



Community Ministry Thanksgiving!

Community Ministry is in need of non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Let's be especially generous this year. Thank you.



After Worship Snacks

I so enjoy watching our congregation join together for coffee and snacks after church. We're still not back to homemade snacks, but we are looking for individuals to sign up to bring packaged treats. The sign-up sheet is on a clipboard in the Parlor. Yum!

Here are nine fun facts about Thanksgiving to share around the dinner table.

-The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 over a three day harvest festival. It included 50 Pilgrims, 90 Wampanoag Indians, and lasted three days. It is believed by historians that only five women were present.

-Turkey wasn't on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. Venison, duck, goose, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish were likely served, alongside pumpkins and cranberries (but not pumpkin pie or cranberry sauce!).

-Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on October 3, 1863. Sarah Josepha Hale, the woman who wrote "Mary Had A Little Lamb," convinced Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday after writing letters for 17 years.

-The history of U.S. presidents pardoning turkeys is patchy. Harry Truman is often credited with being the first president to pardon a turkey, but that's not quite true. He was the first to receive a ceremonial turkey from the National Turkey Federation - and he had it for dinner. John F. Kennedy was the first to let a Thanksgiving turkey go, followed by Richard Nixon who sent his turkey to a petting zoo. George H.W. Bush is the president who formalized the turkey pardoning tradition in 1989.

-There are four towns in the United States named "Turkey." They can be found in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, and North Carolina.

-The average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500.

-Butterball answers more than 100,000 turkey-cooking questions via their Butterball Turkey Hotline each November and December.

-The tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876 with a game between Yale and Princeton. The first NFL games were played on Thanksgiving in 1920.

-More than 54 million Americans are expected to travel during the Thanksgiving holiday this year. That's up 4.8% from last year.



Theme for this last season of the Lectionary for 2022.

What would it be like to encounter Jesus face to face? That's the question this series sets out to help us answer. We can't know, of course, but we can get a glimpse of what happened to those who did meet Jesus in the Gospel texts for the next three weeks which ends on November 20 with "Christ's Reign.

November 6, Band of Puzzlers - Face to Face with Jesus Luke 20:27-38*

November 13, Guest Preacher, Maggie Taylor

November 20, Scoffers On a Hill, Face to Face with Jesus Luke 23:33-43

Advent Begins on November 27 Up to Restoration - An Advent Song of Ascents. Matthew 24:36-44



Delores Project Thanksgiving!

Delores Project Shelter for houseless individuals is asking for volunteers to bring food for Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day at 5:00 p.m. This would be a great way to reach out to our community. The list is on a clipboard in the Parlor.

Thank you for your support.

November 2022

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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Michael Seiffert
BIRTHDAY

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Yaylen Rohr
BIRTHDAY

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11AM Worship
Communion
Administrative Meeting

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Lily Bender-Stone
BIRTHDAY

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Youth from
Steamboat Springs

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Youth from
Steamboat Springs

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11AM Worship
Guest Preacher:
Maggie Taylor
Youth from
Steamboat Springs

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Mike Bender
BIRTHDAY

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Katie Seiffert
BIRTHDAY

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11AM Worship

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Thanksgiving

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Naomi Seiffert
BIRTHDAY

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11AM Worship
Advent begins

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Lectionary Readings

November 6, 2022

-Haggai 1:15b-2:9
-Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
-Psalm 98
-Job 19:23-27a
-Psalm 17:1-9
-2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
-Luke 20:27-38

November 13, 2022

-Isaiah 65:17-25
-Isaiah 12
-Malachi 4:1-2a
-Psalm 98
-2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
-Luke 21:5-19

November 20, 2022

-Jeremiah 23:1-6
-Luke 1:68-79
-Jeremiah 23:1-6
-Psalm 46
-Colossians 1:11-20
-Luke 23:33-43

November 27, 2022

-Isaiah 2:1-5
-Psalm 122
-Romans 13:11-14
-Matthew 24:36-44

Liturgists

November 6, 2022

Lataine

November 13, 2022

Mary

November 20, 2022

Eva

November 27, 2022

Lataine