



November 2017

Wesley's Journal

Wesley United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages 11:15 a.m.

To live by Faith, be known by Love and be a voice of Hope

From the Pastor's pen:

In Luke 17:11-19, we read that Jesus healed ten "untouchables" – ten lepers. As the lepers followed Jesus' command to go show themselves to the priest, they found themselves cleansed. When the lepers discovered their healing, what was their response? Nine went their way while one returned to give thanks. When the one returned, glorifying God for what had been done in his life, Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten? Where are the other nine?" I don't know exactly where the other nine went, but if you allow me to use my imagination, I'll tell you why I think they might not have returned to give thanks.

Perhaps a couple of them didn't return because they took their healing for granted. There was no reason to be thankful because they felt they had been given a raw deal in life. The disease had been unfairly thrust upon them, so the healing was only what they deserved.

There are many people in life who feel that the world owes them a living; they take the blessings that God gives them for granted. When we think of the unemployed, the destitute, and the hungry, what makes us think that we are any more deserving of the jobs we have, or the food on our tables, or the shelter above our heads, than anyone else? If we have been blessed, it's not because we have a right to it, or that we are deserving. There are a lot of deserving people who don't have what we have. We have been blessed because God is good and has chosen to bless us. What I'm saying is that every good and perfect gift comes from above. So instead of taking life for granted, we should live life in gratitude.

There are some church people who feel that if things go right in the church: "It's what we did." But if things go wrong: "It's what the reverend did." Or when good things come our way, we worked for it, it's our accomplishment. The minute something bad happens, our tune becomes: "Why did God do this to me, why did God let this happen?"

When we approach life with an attitude of gratitude, we give thanks in all things.

Not all of the lepers took their healing for granted. Some were grateful and they meant to return to say thank you to Jesus, but became sidetracked and never got around to it. They meant to return to Jesus just as soon as they left the temple. But they decided to go home first and show themselves to their families. They decided to go by the old neighborhood and see their old friends as well as some of the people who had shunned them. Of course, when they were home they started celebrating and before they knew it the day was gone, a month was gone, a year was gone. Before they knew it, Jesus was gone. Before they knew it Jesus had been crucified, and they never got around to thanking him.

They didn't do it purposefully; they had the best of intentions. They meant to thank him, they just never got around to it.

There are lot of people who meant to do things, to visit the sick, to ask someone for forgiveness, so say a kind word, to go to church, to keep all the promises we made. We just became sidetracked. Then we looked around and our opportunities were gone, but we meant to do it.

The one grateful leper had to turn back and retrace his steps to get to Jesus, Perhaps the others were grateful, but they didn't feel like going through the trouble of turning back to give thanks. They found it much easier to go on their merry way.

Yes, the vast majority of people, for one reason or another, fail to give God proper thanks. Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten? Where are the nine?" Ten were healed but only one returned, but thank God for the one. No matter how bad things may get, no matter how many turn their backs on God, someone will return to give thanks. Let that one be you.

Happy Trails,
Rev. Emilie

Income for September \$16,675.26
Expenses for September \$18,738.12

The Mission Committee has hopes that our congregation is willing to donate to the El Centro de Los Pobres in addition to the Cooperative Care Center.

We have an additional container in the Sanctuary entrance labeled for El Centro and the red wagon will remain for the Co-op.

The El Centro is in need of:

Canned corn, Canned tomatoes, Soups
Men's jeans and long sleeve shirts, Men's boots and shoes

Cooperative Care Center is in need of:

November – Peanut butter & Jelly



Stitchers **Just a Reminder!**

November will be the UMW Bazaar and we will need hats and scarves for the Posada Tree. In December we will collect baby items such as blankets, hats and booties for the baby Jesus tree. All items on the tree will go to missions. Your beautiful creations are always deeply appreciated.

Blessings, Susan Frank

Baby Jesus Tree REMINDER!

December will be here before we know it, so now is the time to think about what you can do for the baby Jesus tree

Thanks, Missions Committee



To family and friends of
Sharon Scheulen, Larry Loser, Rolf Herz,
Maria Champagne, Kathleen Monson

God will make our love fruitful, whether we see that fruitfulness or not.
(from Bread for the Journey)

Wesley decided to take a rest from the Crèche Festival this year

Thanksgiving Dinner

Remember Saturday, November 18th is our Thanksgiving Dinner beginning at 5:00 p.m. We will be asking folks to sign up to bring various parts of the dinner: turkey, dressing, potatoes, salads, etc. We will have a sign-up sheet so we know what's coming. Those sign-up sheets will be out November 1st. It's always a wonderful time and remember, guests are welcome.



Hanging of the Greens

Getting ready for the Christmas season at Wesley is always fun! We will be hanging our greenery and decorating trees on Saturday morning November 25th at 9:00 am. It shouldn't take too long with helpful hands. Coffee and donuts will be in the lobby.



Bizarre Bazaar

November 3rd 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

November 4th 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wesley UMC

If you have crafts to donate to the UMW to sale you can leave them in the adult Sunday school room before Thursday November the 2nd please price items, or bring them on November 2nd when you come to help set up times 1-4.

We will also need baked good for the Bakery. We are not selling pies or desserts from the kitchen this year. We will be selling soup at noon so if you want to donate a pot of soup on Friday or Saturday that would be great.

***YOUR WORDS ARE
WINDOWS TO YOUR HEART.***

Thank You

As a Board Member for the Feeding of the 5000, I would like to thank Tony and Bev Ashworth for the many hours spent in helping provide food for the hungry in Pueblo. Thanks to Eddie Bedlien for coming every morning to set up the canopies and work the first shift at the Walmart Neighborhood Market. Also, a special thanks to each of you who worked a shift or two or donated food. It was a joy to see the smile on the faces of those who dropped off food. They knew they were making a difference as have all of you.

Thank you so much.
Joyce Hudiburgh

The "Sweet Life Cafe" has been dismantled, but the friendships that were formed remain strong.

Thank you to the team for providing this special event for the women of the church:

Directors: LaVilla Shriver, Marsha McDaniel, Joyce Hudiburgh

Publicity and Registration: Wilma Bard and Marsha McDaniel

Supplies: Jane Bailey, Phyllis Cage, Cathy Woolley

Decorations: Debbie Harris and Joyce Hudiburgh

Food: Nancy Shultz, Jan Warner, Marsha McDaniel, Kathy Vincent

Music: Bev Ashworth and Lisa Ferguson

Photographer: Becky Fiscus

Readings: Bev Ashworth, Lisa Ferguson, Chelsea Frantz, Phyliss Cage

Session Leaders: LaVilla Shriver, Rev. Emelie Forward, Wilma Bard, Doris Carson, Gayle Kraus, Joyce Hudiburgh

Thanks also to everyone who participated.

Thank you to Walt Forward and Rev. Emelie for picking up leftover wood in my yard. It helps me big bunches! Thank you guys and thank you to Wesley congregation for the huge blessing you all are to me. I love you all. Sara Carpenter

Thank you Emelie. Appreciate you.

Thank you WUMC, for allowing us to have our special day Oct 7th also the 6th to set up. It was a wonderful day. All 45 of the family was thankful for quiet place to enjoy lunch a being able to display the 10 Veterans quilts. Yours, Frances Bedlien

Don't forget to change your clock's back Nov 5.



Wesley's new Facebook page

We now have a page on Facebook. If you utilize Facebook please look us up at Wesley United Methodist Church Pueblo, "Like" the page and be kept up to date through pictures and announcements daily on what is going on at Wesley.

Living Well With Pain and Illness Discussion Group

On Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a discussion group will meet in the library. The book Living Well with Pain and Illness is being discussed. This is a drop in group so feel free to attend if you can. For more information please contact Treva Bright at 561-1108

Happy November Birthday!

- 2- Dora Martinez*
- 7 – Don Mangin
- 9 – John Pankey
- 10 – Helen Murley, Kathy Frantz
- 13 – Nancy Whetzel
- 17 – Judith Solanito
- 18 – Jamie Baker
- 19 – Olivia Baker
- 20 – Margaret Frantz, Ivana Zacher
- 22 – Jean Renfrow, Eddie Bedlien
- 25 – Ledema Renfrow*
- 27 – Carol Rivera
- 28 – John Amidon
- 30 – Karl Henrich* (Emilie's dad) 94



***Proudly celebrating 80 years or more**
If we missed your birthday, please let us know at
561-8746

Happy November Anniversaries!

11/05 – Richard & Louis Goode
11/10 – Don & Shirley Sanchez* (50 years)

***Proudly celebrating 50 years or more.**

If we missed your anniversaries, please let us know at
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
November 22nd

You are sent into this world to believe in yourself as God's chosen one and then to help you brothers and sisters know that they also are beloved sons and daughters of God who belong together.

We hope to fill our altar with beautiful poinsettias for the Christmas Season. The cost is \$15.00 each and will be ordered after the order forms have been received. If you like to purchase one in honor, celebration, or memory of a loved one, please call the office at 561-8746, or fill out the following form and return it to the church office by November 20. The poinsettia is your to keep after our Christmas services are over. The person (s) being honored or memorialized will be listed in a bulletin insert in December.



Yes, I would like to order a poinsettia for the church altar.
Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ plant (s)

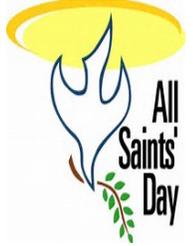
Worship Outreach

Worship Outreach Seminar will be held from November 13 through 15 at Wesley United Methodist Church. The event is designed for churches of all sizes, budgets and means. This

seminar has something for everyone. The registration fee is \$75. For a team up to five people.

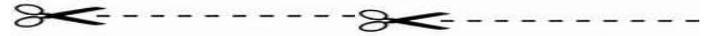
All Saints Sunday Nov. 5th 2017

On November 5th during our morning worship service we will remember the saints who have gone before us this last year. Come, support the family members and share memories as we remember our loved ones. As a community of the faithful we are thankful for those who have faithfully followed in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.



Annual Church Conference

Our Church Conference for 2017 will be held on November 11th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We will worship and celebrate the ministry of Wesley United Methodist Church. **Everyone** is encouraged to attend.



(Please make checks payable to Wesley UMC)

Your Name: _____

Your phone: _____

Poinsettia in honor, Celebration or Memory of

Please return to: Wesley UMC
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