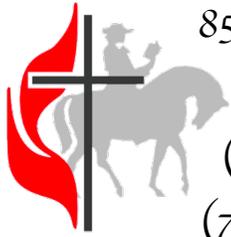


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***To live by Faith to be known by
Love and be a Voice of Hope.***

From the Pastor's Pen

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, o king. But even if he does not we want to know, o king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up" Daniel 3:16-18

One of the most frustrating experiences believers encounter occurs when we find ourselves being persecuted ostracized, in trouble, or suffering when we are trying to do the right thing. We can't help but ask, Why? After all if we are doing the right thing, God ought to make our lot easier than what it is and shield and protect us from those who would do us harm. Why are the evil allowed to give the good so much hell? I cannot and would not dare to try to answer all of the questions about the suffering of the righteous at the hands of the wicked. but there are several things to remember when we have to face persecution for doing the right thing.

First when we do the right thing there will be things we naturally are against and people we naturally oppose based upon who we are, what we *believe in*, and what we *stand for*. *The Nebuchadnezzar's of our lives still build monuments to their limited power. They demand that if we love them, are loyal to them, want to get alone with them, or be their friend, or if we want to advance your career or save our job or our benefits, we must bow down and worship them, sleep with them, kiss*

up to them, or support them in what we know is wrong. If we have standards or convictions about what is right or wrong, if our soul and our integrity mean something to us, if our self-respect is not negotiable if our faith and our religion have said this, far and no father,' then some things we will be against and some people will oppose. Life will demand the we take a stand and make choices.

Everyday life will demand the we take a stand.

Everyday life and the devil will test us to see how far they can push us, how much we will bend, if we will break, and much we are willing to take. When there is moral warfare going on there are no safe and secure positions of neutrality.

When we decide to take a stand on anything we will discover two things. Some ask, Why can't we all just get along? Because we're not all for the same things. And when we take a stand we discover that there are consequences for our taking a stand. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to worship Nebuchadnezzar's god and were thrown into the fiery furnace. But God was with them and rescued them from the consuming fire. When we do right, God will bless us. God will prepare a table for us in front of our enemies. And people will resent us being blessed and persecute us. Let us enjoy our blessings. For if we're doing the right thing, God's blessing will come our way. Shadrach Meshach, and Abednego had an unwavering faith. They knew what was right, no matter the consequences. When facing persecution for doing the right we have to be prepared to go all the way with right. Right is the right thing to do because it's right. We have all been to the mountain top and we all have been in the furnace. When we're in the furnace we may not see God or hear God speak, but God is still with us. How do we know? Because we are surviving in the furnace that was supposed to destroy us. We're walking around in the traps where enemies thought they had bound us. We're walking through that mess that was supposed to discredit us. We're being blessed in the very fire that have consumed us, Shadrach Meshach, and Abednego walked out of the furnace. Jesus got up and out of the grave faith will sustain us and keep us safe in the midst of a storm. *Happy Trails*

Rev. Emilie

Fifth Sunday Pot Luck Dinner

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Finance Committee Jan 2018

Every month the Wesley Finance Committee reviews the church's financial statements, the income and expenses reviews the church's financial statements the income and expenses and evaluates those figures against the budget to make sure we are on the course we have set for the year.

We also make sure our staff are being properly compensated according to agreements arranged by Staff Relations Committee and that vendor's, utilities, etc.. Are all being compensated properly. We establish a budget and evaluate all our financial activities and safeguards closely. Wesley is currently going through a transition in staff that handles the church finances, and we have a learning curve to contend with, but the Finance Committee has full confidence that the funds entrusted to our church by the congregation are being spent properly according to our budget and that good financial safeguards and practices are in place. Finance Committee meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am are open meetings so anyone may attend on behalf of Finance Committee

Jim Stuart, Chairman

~Church Council ~Jan -2018

There were about 14 in attendance at our first meeting for 2018. A few of the main things we discussed were the security system for the doors in the educational wing, the church web site and Ministry covenant with Joyce Hudiburgh.

Dwight Hunter and Safety & Security team have been working for several months trying to figure out how to secure the doors in the education wing for the Office staff. They finally have a bid on equipment for all three doors in the education wing, that includes locking and unlocking systems, cameras and monitors for \$1849.00. We are now trying to find a way to pay for the equipment. We have been assured that the installation can be handled by the trustees.

** We also have been talking about our web page, the consensus is it is underutilized and out of date. We have decided we would each review the site and come back with recommendations at our February meeting. We are also thinking we need one person responsible for sending the information to the Webmaster.*

The Ministry Covenant is between Joyce Hudiburgh, Certified Lay Minister and the Wesley United Methodist Church.

This volunteer position that has the potential to be a great benefit to our church and congregation. We are excited to explore the possibilities and benefits I am sure you will be hearing much more about this in the near future.

This meeting last about a one and a half hours, these are just a few things we worked on. This is an open meeting and you are welcome to join us and if you have ideas that you would like to present let Marsha McDaniel know so she can put you and your ideas on the agenda. The next meeting is Feb 8th @ 7:00.

Coffee Fellowship Intentional Prayer

What better way to get to know our members and visitors than staying after church for coffee and fellowship? Refreshments are provided by generous members who share their culinary talents from week to week in the form of cakes, cookies, breads, cheese and crackers,



fruit, pies, chips n dip, etc. Not all on the same Sunday however! Members sign up on the calendar near the Fellowship Hall and take a particular Sunday, perhaps ask a friend to help that day, then provide enough for about 50 people who stay for a half hour to 45 minutes and visit. These refreshments also make it down the hall into the Adult and Youth Sunday School rooms. Please join us!

Also, please consider signing up for a particular Sunday, the calendar for the entire year is on the bulletin board. We'd prefer that you pick a Sunday rather than just dropping things off on Sunday, some things don't freeze well and we'd like to better plan the Coffee Fellowship each week.

If no one signs up we may just have coffee, tea and water that Sunday. Contact Paulette Stuart at 544-2435

or email jhmpstuart@comcast.net to see if a particular Sunday is open.

Thanks to those dedicated souls who have made this happen each week for so many years!!!

PRAYER REQUEST EMAIL

This past year those of you who have emails registered with us here at the Church may have been getting an 'email BLAST' when a PRAYER REQUEST comes through to the church. Paulette Stuart has been handling this for us and usually the request goes out the same day it comes in to her. She will continue this for 2018. If you do NOT want to get these emails let the church office know or Paulette directly. It's best to call the church office so the Pastor knows of prayer concerns right away, then also let Paulette know.

Welcome our New Staff Members

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our two new staff members. Mark Brasby is our new Custodian. Mark recently retired from Parkview Hospital where he worked in mechanical and Nutrition department. You can find Mark most days at the Church.

Jesse Furney is our new Nursery Director. You probably know Jesse as the mother of Remi and Rossi who bring us so much joy during the children's moment on Sundays. Jesse volunteers at her daughter's school in District 70 and has been a frequent volunteer in our nursery on Sundays.



When Bad Things Happen To Good People.

This book, authored by Harold S Kushner, will be the topic of discussion in an ongoing group that meets on Thursday @ 10:30 am in the church library. The discussion group will began on Feb-8th. * Books are available For more info. Contact *Treva Bright* @ 561-1108



Valentine's Dinner The United Methodist Men

Will Again be preparing a Valentines Dinner on Saturday Evening February 10th at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each and there are only 100 tickets available. Purchase your tickets from any UMM member. Boy Scout Troop 19 will once again be assisting as part of their community service program. This is the Major Fundraiser for the UMM and we appreciate you support



**Our Deepest Sympathy's
To the Family and Friends
Of Jacquie Easton
Of Joan Hillestad
Of Verle Hilton**

The El Centro is in need of:

**Soups, canned corn
Men's jeans and long sleeve shirts, Men's boots and shoes**

Cooperative Care Center

January need of:-Toilet Paper



There is no fear in love .but perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment .The one who fears is not made in perfect in love. We love because He first loved us.

1 John 4:18-19

United Methodist Men Lenten Breakfast

**Schedule
February - 17th Vineland UMC
24th Sonrise UMC
March - 3rd First UMC Pueblo
(also District Conference)
10th Wesley UMC
17th Avondale UMC
24th Beulah UMC
31st Rocky Ford UMC**

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United Methodist Women/Just a little history Shared from the United Methodist women handbook.

God’s mission has been on the heart of our members throughout the organization’s history. With faith, hope and love, women have been responding to God’s call in their lives: The women who anointed Jesus’ head with precious perfume: Ester, who despite her social standing, boldly proclaimed Christ and brought salvation to her community are all among the ranks of faith-filled



women. They are part of a long chain of prayerful, loving, giving, courageous, caring and compassionate women who might have been called bold, brash, radical, unorthodox or even unreasonable and have faithfully lived out God’s

mission in the world. They lived by grace and set the example for our foremothers who met in 1869 at the church on Tremont street in Boston ,who displayed wisdom and collected the resources to send the first women missionaries to India.

Likewise, Isabella Thoburn and Dr. Clara Swain answered the call to serve women in India at a time when women with little means had neither status nor standing in society: Theresa Hoover raised up women leaders in the 1950’s and went on to be the deputy general secretary of the women’s Division of the United Methodist Church: and Virginia Laskey Established a scholarship fund for theological education

For women and continued the tradition of breaking out of confining structures that impede God’s ongoing mission.

Announcement

Jim & Bette are sending a BIG Huge Thank you to Jim & Paulette


Stuart and Tony & Bev Ashworth for all the planning and work they did preparing The Retirement Celebration for Jim & Bette Lunn on Dec 30th @1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We appreciated excellent tables and delicious treats the also like the decorations including the balloons. The attendance was nice and also including some outsiders who knew Jim & Bette years ago Jim and Bette enjoyed visiting their current members of Wesley most of them were known since they started at Wesley 14 years ago they appreciative of the flowers that were given and the balloons. They enjoy their time involvement with the church music. Betty also enjoyed her time working with the Sunday school and many children who have now grown up they liked environment with the Bell Choir. They will now be able to see their family who lives in Fort Collins and Laramie Wyoming and 14 years Jim was employed here he only used “2” leave days no sick days they said they will always cherish the memories of their friendship at Wesley. ~Bette Lunn~

Thank you all for the prayers of support, cards of sympathy, flowers and those of you who were able to come to Yolanda Cromer’s funeral ,your support touched my heart and was truly appreciated .Wesley congregation is the most loving and accepting. May God bless you all. With Christ’s love

 ~Sara Carpenter

Newsletter Deadline

Newsletter FEBRUARY 14TH
 2018


Happy February Birthdays

02/05 Betty Hixson*

02/13 Rosa Pratt*

02/17 Bob Mangin*

02/21 Leon Bright*

02/21 Bob Schade*

02/21 Kathy Urban*

02/22 Kelley Mangin

02/25 Timothy Pankey

02/27 Steve Rose

02/28 Bill Mccarthy*

02/28 Helen Reichert

***Proudly celebrating 80 years or more**

**If we missed your birthday please let us
know at 561-8746**

Happy Anniversary

**If we forgot your Anniversary please let us
know @ (719) 561-8746**

Intentional Prayer

Our Father, we have some unsettling times in our Church, we have listened to the rumors, that have made us question our friendship and fellowship Christians. God open our hearts and minds and out the doors of our church. Please be with us and guide our hearts and minds back to you and your teachings.



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