

# Wesley's Journal June 2018

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

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From the Pastor's pen:

I have to be, without a doubt, one of the most impatient people our Lord ever put on this earth. Perhaps you're a close second, or heaven forbid, even worse. We live, therefore we wait. It seems endless. Forever we wait on something to happen in our lives—to get a job or get a promotion, to quit a job or to move, to sell a house, to save money or to have children, to start school or to finish school, to get through a difficult time or to overcome a hurt—it's always something. Whoever said "life is short" must have never known the frustration of waiting forever on something that never seems to come.

Sometimes, our days feel like one long checkout line: constantly waiting, barely inching forward, unable to see the obstacles, doubtful of a satisfactory outcome in this lifetime. And then what we're waiting for comes or it doesn't; we adjust, recover, and move on. But are we any better for the wait? Did we find the purpose the Lord had tucked so carefully inside? Did we listen and learn, or did we just complain about the circumstances?

Either way, when that wait is over, we shift our focus to a new wait, and the feelings are all very familiar. Again, we grow impatient. The cycle never ends.

I wish I had a nickel for every time I've asked the Lord for patience. All I have to wait for then would be the latest tally of my money. Of all the countless times I've asked God for patience. I've never gotten it, not even once. Maybe he just grew tired of listening to my same request over and over. Sometimes I wonder where God found the patience to deal with me.

Finally, one day he told me that we can always lean on scripture. The Bible is filled with good advice on how to handle impatience.

*But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31*

God doesn't say wait and hope and sit quietly. God says to *mount up*, to *run*, and to *walk*—these are words that indicate anything but inaction. These words require work. These words come with a purpose. You can fulfill the Lord's purpose for you while you *wait on the LORD*. What a plan.

Having just walked into the month of June with graduations, anniversaries, birthdays, vacations, and preparations for our Vacation Bible School, we will be busy throughout this month. I am sure that at times patience will not be our strong point. But let's make sure that God is in control at all times, realizing that the world revolves around his timing not yours and not mine.

There is no question that we live our lives according to God's timing. After all, it's his world and only he knows how to make the clock work.

*To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Still we want to be in charge and run the place like we want to and use our time as we see fit.

Sitting around waiting for patience is not what God has in mind, God showed me the part of the plan that is moving closer to him, to find out his work for us and do it.

We don't have to wait patiently when we learn to wait purposefully.

*Show me your ways, O LORD; teach me your path.  
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the  
God of my salvation; on you I wait all the day.  
Psalm 25:4-5*

Happy Trails,  
Rev. Emilie

**Worship Sunday 10:00 a.m.**  
**Coffee Fellowship 11:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday School for all ages. 11:15 a.m.**

### Donations

The church office is taking the following donations:

- Empty pill containers
- Can tabs
- Cereal box tops
- Eye glasses
- Empty Ink cartridges
- Soaps and Toiletries
- Clothing, men or women's.

Remember Wesley's Third rule of stewardship:  
"Give all you can."

# THANK YOU!

Dear, Wesley UMC

On Behalf of all our members,  
I sincerely thank you for the use  
of your wonderful meeting room.  
Our Ladies had an enjoyable evening.  
We are so Appreciative that you would allow  
Community groups to use your facility.  
You have a lovely church and fellowship hall.  
Thank you again for kindness.  
Very truly yours  
Dorothy Turner  
PEO-Chapter CG

Thank you to all the willing and helping hands who  
made "Change the World Weekend" a success.

A Cheerful heart is good medicine,  
but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.  
Proverbs 17:22  
She is clothed with strength and dignity;  
she can laugh at the days to come  
Proverbs 31:25

## MISSIONS

### El Centro de los Pobres

Is in need of soups, canned corn, men's jeans  
and long sleeve shirts, men's boots and shoes.

### Cooperative Care Center

June 2018

Is in need of:  
Cereal and Canned Fruit



### Wesley's UMC Rummage Sale

AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup>

9:00A.M. – 3:00P.M.



Are you Spring Cleaning? Do you need to get rid  
of stuff that is usable, but you don't need? Then  
please donate it to Wesley's annual rummage sale  
in August. The Proceeds go to local charitable  
organizations.

Thank you,  
Wesley UMC Mission Committee

### School's Out Drive Careful!

## Hello Everyone

So Sorry we missed church our last trip but was  
in the middle of the week and a quick trip for  
taxes. Hope to get down soon to see everyone.  
Hope everyone is well and doing good. We miss  
you all! Stay well

Bill and Marlene McCarthy

## June 2018

June 14<sup>th</sup>, Flag Day

June 17<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day

June 21st, First day of Summer

## Bring Kids to Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday  
through Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> Call Director Tori  
Mc Clune at the office (719) 561-8746  
if you have any questions, would like  
to sign up your kids, or if you would  
like to volunteer to help. Remember,  
VBS IS FUN!



## Bring Your Dad to

### Church

Calling all Fathers and their  
kids: Let's bring our dads to  
worship on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Happy Father's Day!



## Contribution Statements

Wesley members' Contribution Statements will be  
mailed out this month. If you have any questions or  
corrections, please contact me in the church office. The  
office hours 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. The  
office phone number is (719) 561-8746 and the email  
address is office@wesleyumcpueblo.org.

*Mrs. Claudine VanBuskirk Wesley Office  
Administrator*

## Our Deepest Sympathy

### To the Family and Friends of:

Phyllis Brown



## The United Methodist Women Reading Program

Last month I mentioned a few of the newer books we have. We also received a donation of a Kindle e-reader and have a few books on the reader. If you are not familiar with using the e-reader and would like to read any of the books, please contact me and I'll show how it works. One of the books we have is: "America and its Guns, A Theological Exposé."

The Rev. Atwood, an avid hunter, contends that one cannot understand the 30,000 American deaths per year apart from our national myth and cautions that absolute trust in guns and violence morphs easily into idolatry. Having spent 36 years fighting against easy access to firearms he uses his experience and theological understanding to document how Americans have been deceived into believing that the tool of violence, whether in war or in the bedside stand, will provide security.

*Jan Warner*

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE

#### *Volunteer this summer*

Join in the fight against illiteracy. Why? 61% of Colorado 4<sup>th</sup> graders do not read proficiently.

- No prior tutoring experience necessary
- Must be 14 years of age or older
- Training is provided
- Strengthen your resume
- Gain community service hours



Location Bradford Elementary school.  
107 S. La Crosse Ave. Pueblo 81001  
For MORE Information Contact  
Pamela at  
Pamela@childrensliteracycenter.org

### Intentional Prayer for June 2018

Lord, May the Holy Spirit fill us.  
May we pray the prayer of Jabez as a church.

“Oh, that you would bless us and enlarge our territory! Let your hand

be with us and keep us from harm so that we will not cause pain.”

Let us be as the children and believe that with the Holy Spirit in us all things are possible. Help us to grow your church, share your teachings and love. Amen



## *Happy June Birthdays*

Kim Diamond	06/02
Marie Earnest*	06/02
June Kochis *	06/03
Connie Blanchard *	06/07
Bob Frantz *	06/10
Tom Augustine *	06/12
Preston Buffalo	06/12
Lois Jean Mock *	06/15
Frank Dwight *	06/15
Paulette Stuart	06/27
Jesse Furney	06/28

\* Proudly celebrating 80 years or more

## *Happy Anniversary*

Mabel & Jamie Baker	51 yrs
Dean & Dorothy Rush	68 yrs
Tom & Sheryl Augustine	65 yrs
Jim & Bette Lunn	61 yrs
Bill & Orabelle Easton	69 yrs

If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary,  
Please let the Office know at 561-8746.

## United Methodist Women

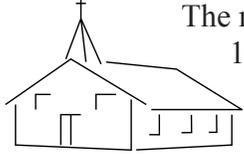
We have several things coming up and our meeting on June 6, 2018 at 1:00 will busy planning and forming committees to accomplish these activities. I hope everyone will try to attend the meeting. We are not meeting in July, so the committees will have to plan UMW Sunday for August and also the burrito sale we have during the rummage sale. Anyone interested in helping with these events please join us.

We are also hosting the Church Women United meeting June 1, 2018 at 9:30. This will be the Human Rights Coffee, "In Solidarity with God's Creation." This will be when we bring the Migrant bags we have made and give them to the Migrant Education Program here in Pueblo. The speakers will also be from the Migrant Education Program featuring Joe Gonzales.



## Church Council

The Church council meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the church library. This is an open meeting, and everyone is invited to attend. The chairperson from every church committee is asked to attend and report on their committees, activities.



The main things that came up at our May 10th meeting was from Larry Frank reporting for trustees. Larry reported that he had received 3 bids for the repairs on the roof of the

educational wing ranging from \$3700.00 to \$8000.00. He also reported that the three contractors he had received bids from had felt with the repairs the roof should last several more years. This gives us more time to raise the money needed to put a new roof on, but at the same time the prices are just going up so we will have to raise even more money to pay for the new roof when the time comes.

Larry also reported that he and Howard Mangin had taken down the TV in the sanctuary and closed the old framed hole and hung the new larger TV.

Susan Frank reported on the plans for Change the World Sunday. She also talked about the need for help for Vacation Bible School because with out more help it may have to be canceled.

Dwight Hunter reported the United Methodist Men had purchased 10 "Pray for Pueblo" signs and they were in the church office for anyone that wanted one free of charge. He also reported they had election of officers, Dwight is President, Tom Augustine is Secretary and Larry Frank is Treasurer. They also had a representative from Boy Scout Troop 19 meet with them.

Dwight also reported for the Tech Committee. He reported that Jim and Paulette Stewart had given him over 4000 photos that they had taken over the years to use on the web site.

## PTSD SUPPORT WEBSITE

*For 24 hour Support*



Although the world is full of suffering, it is full of the overcoming of it. Having PTSD, we're all survivors in one way or another, and we are in the process of recover. Although it is not easy on the road to recovery, change will come. Never give up hope.

If your experienced severe trauma or life – threatening event whether during a time of war or in a noncombat situation- or posttraumatic stress, **Also Known as PTSD. YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**

[WWW.PTSDSURVIVORS.SITE](http://WWW.PTSDSURVIVORS.SITE) OR (405) 503-4729

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**Daddy, you are**  
**As smart as IRONMAN**  
**As strong as HULK**  
**As fast as SUPERMAN**  
**As brave as CAPTAIN AMERICA**

**You are my favorite super hero!**



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