

Wesley's Journal October 2018

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

From the Pastor's pen,

"Remember the Spirit that we have in common. Be united to your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind." Phil. 2:1

In coming to earth Jesus was seeking common ground with us. By walking in handmade leather sandals and scraping his knuckles while lining up a plank for his father's carpentry shop and feeling the slight tingle of wine at the wedding feasts, he was seeking common ground with us. Had he appeared draped in armor and displaying a halo the size of the rings of Saturn, he would, perhaps, have impressed more people. But then their conversion would have been based on awe and fear, rather than the relationship he wanted, which was love. He did not come on earth hurling thunder bolts. He did not point out the numerous flaws, sins, and inadequacies of those around him. He sought common ground with people so that he could reach them, and teach them, and love them, where they were. HE even learned their language in a desire to communicate clearly and effectively. He used the words they used. He sang the songs they sang. He dressed like they dressed.

It does not take a genius to see what makes individuals different, but it does require wisdom and patience to determine what different people have in common.

The apostle Paul, a man probably not known for his natural charm, stated that he endeavored to find common ground with an audience before preaching to them. In Philippians 2:1 he shares (in the above scripture), to be on common ground and united in love. In John 17:11, Jesus himself prays over and over again *"that the people may be one, like you and I are one."* He also clearly said that the way others would

recognize that we are his disciples would be by the love we have for one another, not by the relative merits of our strengths versus their weaknesses." *"He who looks down on his neighbor sins,"* advises Proverbs 14:21. When any person or group looks down on others, casting moral judgments, they are making themselves "Wrong."

Diplomatic negotiations proceed much faster when every participant has an understanding of the common needs, values, and ideas of the other parties involved. *"Judge your fellow guests' needs by your own. Be thoughtful in every way." Ecclesiasticus 31:15* Jesus would not be looking for obvious differences among people but would search for the common ground—in conversation, in thoughts, in interests, in goals and in values.

Differences will always make themselves apparent. It is up to us to search for and recognize the silent, persuasive, and important things we have in common. Only then can heart-to-hearts communication occur. *"In this life one's nationality or race or education is unimportant. Such things mean nothing...let love guide your life."*

Colossians 3: 11,14.

"Be tactful with those who are not like you and be sure you make the best use of your time with them. Talk to them agreeably and with a flavor of wit, and try to fit your answers to the needs of each one..." Galatians 3 In Christ's image there is no room for distinction between us. There is only Christ. He is everything and he is in everything.

Let us see what we have in common instead our differences as the sun shines on us all and we all are recipients of God's grace.

Happy Trails,
Rev. Emilie

Welcome Back to Bible Study



Let us gather again to explore the Bible and what it reveals to us as we take a look at the **General Epistles**, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3 John, and Jude. We will meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. at the church library. All are welcome.

Worship Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School. 11:15 a.m.

Children's Sunday School during worship.

Nursery is available during Worship

The Copper Coffee Pot



A copper coffee pot used by the Ladies Aid Society of Northern Avenue Methodist Church as a coffee maker and dispenser was unearthed in the Wesley Library cabinet last week. It is currently in the lobby of Wesley with some fall flowers in it.

When the Northern Avenue Methodist Church was razed

in 1959, the coffee pot was rescued from the debris. A beam had fallen on it, crushing it badly and the lid was missing. The pot has been restored, a new lid made and was returned to the Ladies of Wesley Church as a memento of by-gone days. The project was undertaken and completed by Elmer Bloomquist, a member of Northern Avenue and Wesley since 1917.

The various churches that have made up our current Wesley Church are highlighted in the hallway by the Fellowship Hall so when you have time look at the photos and enjoy our rich history.

Paulette Stuart

Our Deepest Sympathy

To the Family and Friends of:

Ronald Brandsted



Greetings

Hi Folks, Love and miss all of you more each day- it never lets up! God Bless Everyone

Bill & Marlene McCarthy

Annual Church Conference



The time has come again for annual Church Conference to be held on Dec 1st and we need your annual reports in the office, no later than Nov 10th 2018. This year annual Conference will be held at SonRise Church 421 E Spaulding Ave Pueblo Co 81007 (719)545-0557.

Claudine Vanbuskirk

Never Take for Granted

From GOD: Marvel at the wonder of my continual Presence with you. Even the most ardent human lover cannot be with you always. Nor can another person know the intimacies of your heart, mind and spirit. I know everything about you-even the of hairs on your head. You don't need to work at revealing yourself to me.

Many people spend a lifetime or a small fortune searching for someone who understands them. Yet I am freely available to all who call upon me. As Savior. This simple act of faith is the beginning of a lifelong love story. I, the lover of your soul, understand you perfectly and love you eternally.

Sarah Young

"Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid: you are worth more than many sparrows."

-Luke 12:7

Missions

Cooperative Care Center

is in need of:

Canned Fruit & Veggie's



Date Changed

In the September newsletter the dates for the class “Let the Whole Church Say Amen” and the “Basic Course in Lay Servant Ministries” was advertised as being held on October 19th and 20th. The dates have been changed to October 26th and 27th. It will still be held at Wesley UMC. For more information or to register, please call Gene at 719-873-5311.



Joyce Hudiburgh

Youth Group Ministry

Thank the Lord for a wonderful month! This past month the Youth Group has been continuing *The Story*. *The Story* is a whole Bible based curriculum where the kids can read the Bible as if it were a chapter book. In this way, the kids can learn the stories of God, Jesus, Paul and more to understand the stories that bring our faith to life. The students have been working really hard to understand what the message of the stories are and how to put them into their own lives.

Again, the overall goal of *The Story* is to prepare the kids for confirmation. My goal is that the youngsters will be able to be confirmed knowing main concepts and lessons from the Bible but also that many of the stories in the Bible have more than one meaning and mean different things to different people. The kids know this and have been working very hard to meet this goal with me. I am very proud of all the students because they have been doing so well with this new curriculum.



The kids are going to be doing a service project for the community that will be getting started in the next few weeks. Look back next month for more

information if you do not hear anything when you are in church.

Tori McClune

September Church Council Meeting



The Church Council meeting on September 13th was attended by most of the usual committee heads, although a few of the regulars not present and they were missed. Some of the highlights are below.

Susan Frank talked for the Christian Education Committee. She was especially excited about the Fifth Sunday potluck “Back to Church” festival. They are planning games and fun for the kids and adults. She said Keith and Joyce Hudiburgh will entertain with their music.

Randy Losey reported for the Estate Sales saying they have a sale scheduled October 5 & 6.

Joyce Hudiburgh reported that the Ministry Development Team will meet October 2 at 11:00am. They had taken the summer off.

Jim Stewart reported for the Finance Committee that the overall income year-to-date is around \$7,646 short of budget.

Marsha McDaniel, Council Chair

Crunchy Homemade Candy Apples



Candy apples are also easy to make at home in your own kitchen! These homemade candy apples are tart apples with a crunchy cinnamon coating 6 ingredients.

8 servings

Produce 8 apples

1 cup Corn syrup, light

2 cups Granulated sugar

½ cup Cinnamon candies, red

½ cup Water, hot

8 wooden skewers

Total: 60 mins

Prep: 20 mins

Cook: 40 mins

Yield: 8 servings

Happy October Birthdays

Dut Whetzel	10/02
Bob Wooley	10/03
Linda Diamond	10/06
Heidi Forward - Kraft	10/11
Gary Hartman	10/11
Treva Bright	10/13
Sherry Buffalo	10/15
Dwight Hunter	10/15
Judith Solanitro	10/17
Alvin Buffalo	10/18
Beverly Jones*	10/18
Jean Allen*	10/19
Beverly Dwight*	10/19
Jay Harder	10/20
Skipp Ladd	10/20
Tom Scheulen	10/20
Orabelle Easton*	10/23
Nancy Shultz	10/23
Eunice Carpenter*	10/24



Happy Anniversary

Deane & Ella Mae Beach 59 yrs

****Proudly Celebrating 80 years or more
If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary.
Please let the Office know at 561-8746***

Thank You



Thank you to everyone who gave their support to the Feeding of the 5000, either by donating money or food or by working at one of the grocery stores. Wesley UMC is in charge of the Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market, but some of our members were also willing to help at other locations. Thanks Tony and Bev and all who participated. We were blessed by your presence and your gifts.

Joyce Hudiburgh
Wesley Coordinator for Feeding of the 5000

Fellowship Committee



Oct 28th we will encourage people to bring candy for the children and have trick or treat time at the tables

November 17th (Saturday) there will be a Thanksgiving dinner at the church and as usual we'll ask for folks to sign up to bring turkey, dressing, potatoes and various parts of dinner. We usually draw about 80 -100 at this gathering.

Saturday, November 24th at 9:00 a.m. we'll be decorating for Christmas "Hanging the Greens". The Following Thursday and Friday we will set up the Creches for the Creche Festival... About 125 -150 nativity scenes throughout the church which will be open to the public Saturday, Dec 1st and Sunday December 2nd.

Paulette Stuart

United Methodist Women Holiday Bazaar

The plans for the Holiday Bazaar are under way! The Holiday Bazaar will be held at Wesley UMC on Friday, November 2, 2018 9:00am – 4:00pm and Saturday, November 3, 2018 9:00am – 2:00pm.

The plans this year will be the bake sale, breakfast burritos, soup for lunch and our awesome vendors.

We would love for everyone's help providing baked goods for the bakery and of course buying baked goods.



We are also going to need a 4 crock pots of soup each day to sale soup bowls at lunch.

We could likewise use the help of a few men or strong women moving tables and chairs back into the Fellowship Hall after the bazaar on Saturday 2:00pm closing.

If you would be willing to help in anyway please contact Marsha McDaniel at 564-7575. If you would like to be one of our awesome vendors please contact Jan Warner at Jmwarner62@gmail.com or Wilma Bard at 564-1012.

Marsha McDaniel

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