

# Central United Methodist Church

## Weekly Messenger

February 22, 2024


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### Worship

This week in worship we are continuing our Lenten series *“Depths of Love”*. My sermon title is *“For the Sake of the Gospel”* and the scripture is Mark 8:31-38, as Jesus foretells his death and resurrection. Those helping me in worship include: Diane Black as our Worship Assistant, Sara Simon will present the Children’s message and our Sound Booth Team will continue to keep us all connected online and in person. It is my hope that all of you are engaging in some form of Lenten discipline, such as giving something up (like coffee) or adding something (like a bible study). Either way, as we focus on those things that keep us from a fuller relationship with God, the more likely we will know of God’s presence in our repentance and renewed life. Blessings to each of you on this Lenten season.

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### Prayers for all, by all - Central UMC

**Suk Cha (Cha)** Disney passed on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> (her birthday). Our prayers are with James Disney and family.

Please pray for Traci Boyer and family in the passing of her husband Smokey on February 17th. Plans for a service have not been finalized.

Prayers for our Confirmands as they meet with their mentors to explore their faith and prepare to join the multitudes who follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**John Tracy**, Priscilla’s son as he recovers from his injuries.

Angie McClelland’s mom, **Nancy Razey**, is in hospice suffering with Body Inclusion Myositis.

Angie Edward's nephew, **Chris Roberts**.

**Ken Wacker Sr.** struggling with Prostate Cancer.

Our "WAVES", our country and its leaders.

Our World: The people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Gaza.

Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo, Angola, Africa.

## Dates to Remember

### District Gathering

**A joy-filled day of reclaiming, renewing,  
and reviving our connection as United Methodists**

With Bishop Karen Oliveto preaching and Quiet Disciples Celebrated.

Then after lunch, two sessions of workshops will be offered.

Hope to see you there on March 2, 2024

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. w/ lunch \$20 per person

@ Calvary UMC, Colorado Springs

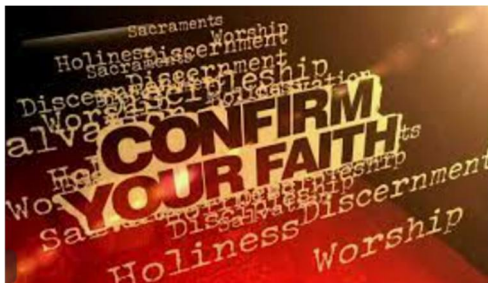
Please register by February 22<sup>nd</sup>, for both in-person and online at this link:

ESCO District Gathering Registration Link: <https://mtnsky-reg.brapp.com/ESCODistrictGathering2024>

I'd love to see some of our leaders join me, Rev. Deb



### Confirmation Class of 2024



1. Austin Shannon – High School Junior
2. Jack Schipfer - High School Sophomore
3. Drew Medina - High School Sophomore
4. Cheyenne Shannon – High School Freshman
5. Oscar Agnew – High School Freshman
6. Trevor Spillar – High School Freshman
7. Sam Schipfer – Middle High 8<sup>th</sup>

Confirmation weekend was amazing, as 14 youths from 4 churches dutifully participated in our teachings, while bonding with new friends, enjoying the recreation room and forging a path through the three + feet of snow on the sledding hill.

Next on their agenda:

Confirmation Take 2 as they gather at Central UMC for time with their mentors!  
**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided.**

Also,

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: BAPTISMS and CONFIRMATION SUNDAY:  
MARCH 31, 2024 - EASTER SUNDAY!**



Thank you to those who give their time.

Thank you to those who are giving their time and love as they mentor our confirmation Youth.

Matt Schipfer, Sarah and Brad Murdaugh, Diane Black, Kim Crom,  
Bob Edwards, and Rod and Joyce Rockwell

Thank you to Diane Black and Joyce Rockwell for providing and bringing lunch to  
the  
John Wesley Ranch and our Confirmation Retreat.



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Sunrise UMC 2655 Briargate Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80920

This week: We are walking from People's UMC on Tamlin Rd. to Sunrise UMC 2655 Briargate Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80920. It's 9 miles via Marksheffel Rd. then east on Woodmen Rd.

### **Focus #8: Listening**

*Bible Verse: James 1:19 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.*

Words of Wisdom from Mr. Rogers: "I think the most important part about communicating is the listening we do beforehand. When we can truly respect what someone brings to what we're offering, it makes the communication all the more meaningful. Listening is where love begins. Listening to ourselves and then to our neighbors."

**BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR CHALLENGE: This week, call someone who you have not spoken to in a while. Make sure to listen to what they are saying to you.**

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**Remember: Bridge on Galley Closed from the west.**

Starting Monday, 1/15/2024, the bridge on Galley between San Miguel and Moffit will be closed. The closure will continue for several weeks. You will need to use alternate routes to get to Central. If you have questions please call the office at 719-597-6642.

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## **FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS**

You have been so generous in the past that there is an excess of funds from previous years for “Bundles of Love” to purchase the underwear and socks for Mitchell HS, Swigert MS and Wilson Elem. BUT! The Backpack Project needs more money due to the rising costs of food. The same three schools receive a total of 60 backpacks each month, and there are families who rely on those groceries and hygiene items to make it through the month.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP X 2: You may bring “Bundles of Love” (socks and underwear), if you wish. That certainly will help! Please contribute all cash or checks for the Backpack Project. Checks may be made to Central UMC, designated Backpack Project.

### **Food Gifts in February**

How Many Cans Can a Food Cart Contain  
If Each Can Can Contain Some Fruit??

A silly tongue twister ... or a serious call for help? The pantry at Mercy’s Gate needs canned fruit and other non-perishable food and hygiene items. Let’s see how many cans a cart can contain!! (We’ll publish the count in the Messenger next month,) You may bring donations to the cart in the entry on any Sunday or weekday. Thanks for caring!



### **Sundays at Central UMC**

Come join us before worship in Fellowship Hall  
for a time together with coffee and donuts.

#### **Choir practice**

Every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
Sanctuary doors will be closed for their practice time.

#### **Bible Story Time**

During Worship right after the Children’s Message  
For kids Kindergarten – 3rd Grade  
Watch for Melissa, she’ll lead you to more fun!  
If you are interested in helping or have questions, contact Melissa (719-433-2461).  
Can You Help?

Melissa James has been offering Bible Story Time for our Kindergarten through Third Grade children during the Sunday morning service. The children leave the sanctuary after the children’s message. To adhere with Safe Sanctuary procedures, we need two adults to be present with the children. We’re hoping to find a few adults who are willing to be with the children one Sunday a month. This has a two-fold benefit: you’ll get to know our children and Melissa will be able to enjoy the service once in a while. Please let Karen Hobson or Melissa James know if you would be interested in this opportunity.

## **Children's Sunday School**

Meets in the Assembly Room at 11:15 each Sunday.

Bring your kids, stay for coffee and adult class.

"The Followers" with Karen Hobson

Meets in the Sunday School Classroom 1 (off of Fellowship Hall)

11:15 a.m. – Noon every Sunday.

## **The Followers Class**

led by Karen Hobson will start a new book on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> (probably ☺).

Hope you will join us!

## **"DOUBT"**

Everyone has doubts. Where is God when bad things happen? Does God hear our prayers?

Is there a heaven? How can we know?

Often, we treat such questions as the enemy of faith. But uncertainty doesn't mean our belief is lacking. Doubt can be a path to a deeper, richer encounter with God.

In *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith*, join best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton as he discusses some of our most significant sources of doubt and shows how a steady trust in God can emerge from them. You will delve into questions like:

"Does God exist? How can I know?"

"Is the Bible true?"

"Why do prayers go unanswered?"



## **Tuesdays**

We are doing something new!

**Lenten Bible Study with Rev. Deb**

**"He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado**

What God did to win your heart.

Rev. Judy has graciously agreed to let me teach during her class time. Her study on *"The Lord's Prayer"* will pick up again after Easter on April 2, 2024

Rev. Deb's Lenten class will meet twice each week Feb. 15-Mar. 26

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 -10:30 a.m.

Thursday evenings at 6:00 -7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Books (\$14.00) are available in the office.

Is your heart unsettled by the chaos of the world? Are you heavy-laden with bad moments, mad moments, or anxious moments? Today, rest in God's self-giving love and leave all your troubles at the foot of the cross.

There were no accidents on the days surrounding Jesus' death. Jesus' last moments were not left up to chance. God chose the path; he selected the nails. Our Lord planted the trio of crosses and painted the sign. God was never more sovereign than in the details of the death of his Son. God didn't have to do all these things, you know. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet he did much more. So much more.

In *He Chose the Nails*, New York Times bestselling author and pastor Max Lucado will help you:

Learn just how much God loves and cares for you.

Take comfort that Jesus understands everything you face in this life.

Remember that there's nothing you can do to earn God's gift.

Stand firm in the promise that you are forgiven, and you are welcome in God's presence.

Search the scene of the cross and listen for God's gentle whisper, "I did it just for you."



### Wednesdays



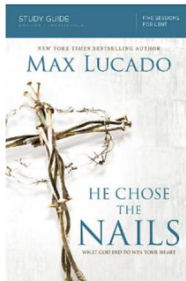
Heavenly Bells meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m., with Priscilla Tracy

In the sanctuary. Come early to help set up.

Call Priscilla to join the fun: (719)660-1433



### Thursdays



**Lenten Bible Study with Rev. Deb**

**"He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado**

What God did to win your heart.

Thursday Evening @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Starting: February 15th - On Zoom

More information above on Tuesday's schedule.

### Naomi Circle

meets on the 1st Thursday of the month @ 10 a.m.

Come visit with the ladies. Have questions, call Wynona Batman at 719-596-1851.

See you on March 7, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m. at the church.

Pat Dungeon will do food. The lesson will be done by Karen Hobson.

## Men's Group

Thursday's @ 11:30 a.m. @ Gunther Toody's  
Call Bob Morris (719-574-1566) for more information.

ALSO

United Methodist Men's Breakfast and Meeting.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month  
Call Robert Rummel (719-596-4144) for more information.



Bulletin and Weekly Messenger Deadlines

Articles for the Weekly Messenger or Bulletin

Due by: Wednesday's by Noon

Email the office at [office@cumccs.org](mailto:office@cumccs.org)

Call the office @ 719-597-6642

## February Birthdays

- 2 – Anita Hanson
- 2 – Rose Simon
- 3 – Lee Scheierman
- 10 – Barb Watson
- 14 – Brad Murdaugh
- 14 – Joe Straws
- 15 – Suk Cha Disney
- 15 – Melissa James
- 17 – Julean Heyns
- 19 – Macie Shannon
- 21 – MaKenzie Hawkins
- 22 – Diane Black
- 23 – Cerne Rieves
- 24 – Krystal Shannon
- 26 – Leo Laryea
- 28 – Cole Bowden
- 28 – Tori Dudgeon



## February Anniversaries

- 15 – Roger & Vicki Sams
- 22 – Bill & Diane Black



# FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6:00A GLEANING WORSHIP 10 NAOMI CIRCLE 6P PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM	2 6:00A GLEANING WORSHIP	3 7:00A GLEANING WORSHIP <b>9-3 COMFORT QUILTS</b> <b>10-1</b>
4 8:45 CHOIR 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 1:30-4 GLEANING	5 12-3 QUILTS OF LOVE	6 9:30 BIBLE STUDY 6:00 TRUSTEES 7:00 SCOUTS	7 6:00A GLEANING WORSHIP 9:00A GLEANING BIBLE STUDY 7:00 BELLS	8 6:00A GLEANING WORSHIP <b>6-9 CSQG</b> 6P PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM	9 6:00A GLEANING WORSHIP 9:30 WORSHIP TEAM	10 7:00A GLEANING WORSHIP <b>8-12 EGA</b> <b>10-2 DKG</b>
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