

This Sunday

Our **Good Enough** series continues with a deeper look at **Luke 13:1-9** and the story of the barren fig tree. The sermon title is **Lots of things can be medicine - Part B**. Sara Simon will do the Children's Message and Pat Dudgeon will be our worship assistant. Kim Crom, our accompanist and the Sound Booth volunteers will round out the team that will bring us worship. It is our hope that God be with each of you, as you work, travel, play, and Worship. Rev. Deb and the Worship Team



From the Bishop

Dear friends,

On our first night together last weekend during the 2023 Annual Conference, we released 38 churches that formally disaffiliated from The United Methodist Church. Below are the words I shared at the conclusion of the evening...



As we release these churches, we want the clergy and members of the disaffiliated churches to know we are holding you with tender prayers. May God bless you as you establish a new identity apart from the Mountain Sky Conference and The United Methodist Church and may God bless your ministries.

At the same time, I want to acknowledge the grief we hold in this moment. Our own identity as the Mountain Sky Conference has been shaped by your presence among us, as clergy colleagues and as laity sharing in ministry. We, too, have a new identity to establish as the Mountain Sky Conference. We, too, have ministries to strengthen, a witness to be even bolder as we seek to share the love of Christ Jesus in tangible ways across our conference.

If your church has disaffiliated yet you wish to remain United Methodist, you may transfer your membership to another UMC. If there are none in your area at this time, or you haven't found the right church yet either online or in person, you may transfer your membership to the conference and we will hold your membership until you find a UM faith community.

I want to be clear that even as we change because there are some who no longer want to be in relationship with us as United Methodists, there are some things that are unchanging:

We will continue to serve our triune God.

We will continue to follow Jesus Christ.

We will continue to be led by the Holy Spirit.

We will continue to affirm our faith as Christians.

We will continue to ground ourselves in Scripture and hold it as an authority for our lives.

We will continue to allow our faith to be informed by the unique ways we United Methodists do theology, which is through the primacy of Scripture as informed by Tradition, Experience and Reason.

We will continue to be Wesleyan, grounded in grace, grace and even more grace.

We will continue to affirm our connectional system, knowing that we can make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world more effectively in our neighborhoods and around the world together than we ever could separately.

We will continue to ensure the dignity of every child of God, and make sure they are welcomed in our churches for who God has created them to be, not who we think they ought to be.

Within the DNA of our denomination as United Methodists are the stuff of schisms and splintering, yet also the stuff of reunions and reunitions.

Who knows what God holds for us, whether disaffiliating or remaining United Methodist. However, I do believe God seeks a unity that defies our own desires.

As I have held this in my heart and pondered this in my prayers, a voice keeps coming up, "I'm Tom Bodette for Motel Six, and we will leave the light on for you."

With love,
Bishop Karen Oliveto



NEWS Around the Church

A Summer Party for the WAVES!

Wise and Valued Elders = WAVES

Tuesday, July 18, 10:00 a.m.

in Fellowship Hall

Everyone 80 and older is invited to a deliciously fun party

hosted by the Caring Ministries Team.

Come and enjoy being together, with a cup of coffee or tea, great conversation, and a special surprise program ... performances by some of our youngest and most talented.

Please call the office (719-597-6642) to let us know you can attend and if you need a ride.

Prayers for all, by all of Central UMC

- Dorthy Clark, mother of Cheryl James died early Wednesday morning, July 5th.
The family is also on vacation in Wisconsin.
- Sandra Noggle is now in her new home after 7 months of rehab and searching.
- Jon Ainsworth had a medical procedure last Friday, July 7 th .
- Ruth Schmidt, Sister to John Cox is recovering nicely from her surgery.
- Bob Adams fell on Friday, 23rd and broke his nose.
- Linda Groth as has received the best news! Thank you, Jesus! She does not have any active cancer in her, so no test or treatments!
- Prayers for Kurt Brunnemer in the passing of his mother, Audrey.
- Ken William's daughter, Amy Williams as she fights cancer.
- Max Bennett as he settles into his new home and new life.
- Deb Perkin's sister-in-law, Ellen Fields, as she is not responding to Chemo treatment, or keeping liquids or food down.
- Maxine and Robert Rummel as Maxine will be having surgery later this summer and Bob is on his feet giving that new pacemaker a good workout.
- Kim Roman (Ashley's mom, Danny/Martha's Grandmother as she fights cancer).
- Judy Day's brother Roger Hanousek for spiritual, physical healing and comfort.
- Norm Pechacek as he waits for surgery, Travel mercies for all!
- Our "waves," our country and its leaders.
- In mission: Kutela Katembo, missionary in Angola, Africa



PLANNING AHEAD



Pastor Deb's Book Club

Come anytime - 6 p.m. – 6898 Tullamore Dr. 80923

**July 13th and 20th
August 3rd and 17th**

Re-Think - Mission Outreach with Peak Vista!

July 22, 2023 – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**We are bringing a hint of our Neighborhood block parties to
Peak Vista Community Health Center on the North Side of Mitchell High School
(4041 E San Miguel St, Colorado Springs, CO 80909).**

**Re-Think has joined with our MHS Partners
to provide educational and interactive booths (there is food too!)
at a Back to School Physicals Event.**

Stop by for a visit, or join us at our CUMC Booth

