

Weekly Messenger

September 7, 2023

Email Scam – PLEASE READ

Recently an email scam was sent out to members of our congregation, which used my name (Rev. Debra Wacker) to ask for contributions to help a friend with a medical condition. To date I know of three of you who were contacted, but there could be others. A report was filed with the Colorado Springs Police Department, after which an officer contacted me asking for help. His request was that anyone who had contact with these thieves should file a report. Reporting helps them gain enough information to solve a case and make charges stick. Much like the church, we are stronger together. I encourage you to report if you have been contacted. Place a service call to the Non-emergency number 719-444-7000 and leave a contact number. A fraud team officer will return your call and take your report. Thank you and I am sorry this has happened.

Worship



Worship this week continues as we look at Jesus' lessons at the last supper. This week the sermon title is **Come to the Table of Love**. Cheryl James will be our Worship Assistant, with Mark and Cheryl James, and Robert Rummel doing a dramatic reading of our Scripture from Romans 13: 8-14 and Matthew 18: 15-20 (MSG). **Melissa James** will give our Children's Message. Kim Crom will be our

accompanist. And, our Sound Booth Team will bring us closer to each other through our sound, slides, and broadcasting. May God be with each of you, as you work, travel, play, and Worship. Rev. Deb

Prayers for all, by all - Central UMC

- Jack Whitney is waiting for surgery on a broken hip he sustained he fell earlier this summer.
- The niece, Juanita Phillips, of Anita Hanson, passed away August 30th from cancer. She and Anita's sister attended Central in 2013. Juanita was 74 years old and mentally handicapped, was living in a private assisted living home in Colorado Springs.
- Rena Prescott for health issues.
- Sandy, Josephine's sister-in-law has Ball's Palsy at 27 years.
- Jo Jackson as we prepare for Edna Mae's Celebration of Life.
- Lillian Bauserman's niece's daughter, Lori Friday, she has diagnosed with stage 4 liver cancer. She is 52 and has two boys. No available treatment.
- Jazz Dudgeon as she waits to move into a new home.

- Wanda Heynes with health issues.
- Our "waves," our country and its leaders.
- In mission: Kutela Katembo, missionary in Angola, Africa
- Our World: Turkey, Syria, Russia, Ukraine

Choir will come together on Sunday's at 9 a.m.

Rehearsals will commence on **September 10th**

Choir is starting up again! Join us as we embrace the joy of singing together and create beautiful harmonies that touch hearts and souls. Whether you're a seasoned vocalist or a newcomer, all are welcome to be part of our harmonious community.

Let's fill the air with the magic of music once more! See you there! Contact John: (719) 570-7886

It's happening!

Centrals Youth are gathering again.

This time to **Manitou Springs Historic Penny Arcade**

We will gather after worship on **This Sunday, September 10th, 2023**

Our Destination: 930 Manitou Ave. Manitou Springs, CO 80829

We will travel as a group to Manitou Springs where the church will buy us lunch, where we will talk about other activities, including the Fall Carnival on Halloween weekend. Then we will find our way to the Historic Penny Arcade. The youth will need to bring their own money for the arcade, except for those who need a sponsor. All youth need to have a signed permission slip to go. Check your emails!

Signed: Matt, Sara, Brad, and Pastor Deb

Bible Story Time

Begins this week – September 10th

For kids Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

Kids should follow Melissa out of the sanctuary after children's time.

If you are interested in helping or have questions contact Melissa (719-433-2461).

Thank-you

"A huge "thank you" for the recent blessings - hugs, love, tears, words of comfort and sharing of memories of Ken, after his passing. How he touched your heart, too! Special thanks to Bob Morris for sharing his beautiful tribute. I'm starting the process of healing. You are all so wonderful. I love my church family! *Patsy Williams*

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 11:15 a.m.

What Christians Believe by C.S. Lewis

Join this great class for fellowship and dynamic conversations

Led by Karen Hobson

Classroom 1 off of Fellowship Hall

LET'S
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RALLY!



RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 17TH!

We will be Worshipping on the Lawn

Then inside for a Pot-Luck (bring your best dish)

Afterwards, we'll play games and share stories.

Celebrations of Life for Mike Wheat and Edna Mae Ulmer

- Mike Wheat's Celebration of Life will be Monday, September 18th at 10 a.m. with a light lunch to follow before we leave at 12 noon for Pikes Peak National cemetery and a 1 p.m. interment.
- Edna Mae Ulmer's Celebration of Life will be at Central United Methodist on Tuesday, September 19th at 11 a.m., with a light lunch served afterwards in our Fellowship Hall.

"Questions Jesus Asked"

YOU are invited to join the lively discussion

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

September 12th at 9:30 a.m.

at the church or on Zoom.

With Judy Owsley

Jesus challenged his disciples and his audiences by asking questions, such as Why are you anxious? What do you live for? Who do you say that I am? Magrey DeVega, Senior Minister of Hyde Park UMC in Tampa, FL, poses six questions, each one based on a passage in one of the Gospels.

Books titled "*Questions Jesus Asked*" (\$14) are available in the office or in class. No Bible knowledge needed, come and enjoy wrestling with the questions in this friendly group led by Rev. Judy.

Classroom 1 off of Fellowship Hall

Heavenly Bells will come together on

Wednesday, September 13th at 7 p.m.

With Priscilla Tracy

We are delighted to announce the return of our Heavenly Handbells program!

The enchanting sound of bells will once again fill the air as we gather for this unique musical experience. We invite everyone to join us in creating captivating melodies together. Come and be a part of this harmonious journey as we rediscover the joy of making music with hand bells. Looking forward to ringing in the new season with you all! Priscilla: (719)597-8973

MISSIONS

COMPANY'S COMING!

September 17th – October 1st

Our church will be "home" for 4 struggling families for two weeks, beginning **next**

Sunday, September 17th.

We need overnight hosts!!

Please stop by the sign-up table in Fellowship Hall TODAY and talk with Pat Dudgeon.

September mission focus A New and Exciting Outlook for Family Promise Our church has been a vital part of Family Promise since it began in Colorado Springs in 1996. We were one of the 13 founding churches of the Interfaith Hospitality Network that now is one of several programs of Family Promise. Through those 27 years, there have been many changes and some ups and downs. Now, the future is very bright. Family Promise's mission is assisting families with children to transition from a place of defeat and housing insecurity to a promising future living in independent affordable housing. The staff of professionals and a vast network of volunteers work with the families, providing them hospitality, along with training and support to assure they will never face homelessness again. Please help as you are able with a gift for Family Promise. You may write a check made payable to Central UMC and designated FP. Thank you! You are a blessing for the Family Promise families.

September Food Collection

Fresh and Clean for school and work!

The pantry at Mercy's Gate is requesting donations of toiletries, such as shampoo, deodorant, shaving foam, razors, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soaps and feminine hygiene products. These are items not covered by food stamps. Please bring donations to the cart at south entrance or any weekday or Sunday.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1 – Jayden Miller	11 – Kiera Hawkins	24 – Daniel Pechacek
1 – Marcus Rowles	11 – Herb Scheierman	24 – Edna Dungan
3 – Chris Yoon	11 – Evie Schipfer	26 – Nancy Carson
4 – Rod Rockwell	12 – James Rowles	27 – Elizabeth Malone
4 – Bob Spaete	18 – Lee Helmbrecht	29 – Ed Bollack
5 – Jeanna McMahon	18 – Chloe McMahon	
7 – Vanessa Russell	19 – Ace Heyns	2– Norman & Cynthia Pechacek
8 – Cheryl James	21 – Cindy Lee	10 – James & Lisa Rummel
8 – Elliott James	23 – Lindsey Ainsworth	

Pastor Deb's Fall Travel

Pastor Deb will be out of town for the following weeks:

September 12th - 15th on a Spiritual Retreat in the mountains, with no phone, no computer, just rest.

September 25-27th at the Conference's *Nurturing Beloved Community Fall Workshop* at Buckhorn UMC Camp.

September 27th-29th at Clergy Orders in Fort Collins.