

3.10.2023 Pastor's Page

This week in worship The sermon title is *Give Me Water*, as we look at scripture in both the Old (Exodus 17:1-7) and New Testaments (John 4:5-42). Helping me with worship this week is Diane Black, as our liturgist and Rev. Judy will deliver the Children's message; Jo Jackson is our accompanist; and of course, our Sound Booth Team will keep us up and running. Our hopes and prayers for each of you and may God be with you. Rev. Deb

Worship News

Sunday, March 5th - 26th - Lenten Worship Series - Learning to Live Inside Out

Sunday, March 12th - Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 19th - UMCOR Sunday

Sunday, March 26th - Let's be in prayer.

Easter Schedule

Sunday, April 2nd - Palm Sunday - Worship: Choir Cantata and celebration of the Palms
After Worship: Easter Egg Hunt for everyone!

Thursday, April 6th - Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Worship at 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 9th -

An Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Palmer Park with other United Methodists @6:30 a.m.

Then an Easter Breakfast will be served at the Church @8:00 a.m.

(Come after the Sunrise - the coffee is on)

Easter Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Prayers

Rev. Judy Owsley, Bob and Barbra Morris with Covid

June Salladay still in rehab, doing well.

Ace Heyms. broke his ankle.

Kathy Andrew, Lani and Chelsea Bosick for their health

Norm Pechacek surgery is postponed due to blood clot

Sandy Kirkpatrick, Adrienne Schipfer's mom, as she finishes her treatments.

Lillian Bauserman on a walker and with oxygen but doing very well.

Kathy Cole's son in law, Henry Robinson

Trey Gilbert-DeGraffe, Mike Wheat,

Our "WAVES," our country and its leaders.

In mission: Kutela Katembo, Missionary in Angola, Africa

Turkey, Syria, Russia

News that serves and blesses our community.

Smoky Hill UMC

Use the links below to Happy Walking!

We reached Dakar, the capital of Senegal, West Africa, a country where 95% of the people are Muslim yet their president is Catholic. The ethnic majority are Wolof though French is the official language. We saw many beautiful mosques and minarets topped with green orbs. We experienced an emotional visit to the House of Slaves, a museum and memorial for the processing center used for the slave trade to the Americas. After our lion encounter at the Fathala Wildlife Reserve, we feasted on thieboudienne (fish and rice), the national dish of Senegal. Dakar will host the youth Olympic games in 2026, the first time the games will be played on the African continent.

Total miles walked this week: 997

Total miles walked so far: 4,833

[Click here for the devotional](#)

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Lenten Devotional - Walk to Jerusalem

**BE SURE TO TURN YOUR WEEKLY STEP COUNT INTO THE BOOT
AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.**

And, watch for the grand total for each week as we and other United Methodist
Walk our way through Lent.

Kindness Challenges

Week 3: March 12 - 18 Focus: SERVE AND SHARE

Kindness Challenges:

1. Leave canned goods at a soup kitchen.
2. Be kind with your words. You never know what someone is struggling with.
3. Write a note thanking the nursing staff at a local clinic or hospital.
4. Tell your siblings what they mean to you.
5. Tape some loose change in an envelope next to a vending machine for the next person to find.
6. Be kind to our planet: buy items in bulk from loose bins to reduce packaging.
7. Be kind to yourself: start a journal that captures one good thing each day.



District Gathering - MARCH 18, 2023, 9am-12pm

As a district, we gather at least once a year for fellowship, celebration, and learning. Please find the zoom link at the bottom and join us.

Also, I am happy to let you know that Rev. Jeff Rainwater will help facilitate a very pertinent conversation on ways to learn and know our neighborhood and reach out to our neighbors accordingly. Aging and decline are at the core of the struggle most churches are facing today. So, Rev. Rainwater's insight will benefit everyone irrespective of your church size.

Rev. Jeff has been serving our conference in different capacities for many years and knows the lay of our conference better than most. He currently serves as the Superintendent of Congregational and Community Vitality, and in that capacity, he provides resources and trainings to help local churches to continue to be vibrant, viable and vital in carrying out God's mission. Jeff writes:

"In a culture where 'coming to church' is of less and less value for those not already coming to church, we must turn our focus from our welfare to the welfare of the cities, towns, neighborhoods in which reside. But how do we seek the welfare of our communities? First, we must know our neighborhoods and neighbors. Who are they? What are their lives like? What do they need? Then we need to help them, and often this will mean partnering with them to bless each other.

We will spend some time talking about how to know our neighbor through tools and practices like mission insite demographic data, prayer walks, community conversations,

and more. Who are the champions, servants, and elders we should know? Then we will talk about what partnerships we might form with individuals, organizations, other churches, etc. to make a difference in our communities. For in our community's welfare, we will find our own."

More than any other time, we need each other's support, encouragement, and fellowship as God's people. So, I look forward to seeing and celebrating with you soon.

Shalom - Be Well Always!

Rev. Tezenlo Thong, PhD, District Superintendent, Peaks/Pikes Peak District Mtn. Sky Conference

UMC District is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Time: Sat March 18, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mtnskyumc-org.zoom.us/j/91794347652?pwd=OEIHT0VtaUpMTnBrMXA2OXZxUGNyUT09>



National Slam the Scam Day

March 9, 2023

On National Slam the Scam Day and throughout the year, we give you the tools to recognize Social Security-related scams and stop scammers from stealing your money and personal information. Share scam information with your loved ones. Slam the Scam!

Recognize the four basic signs of a scam:

1. Scammers **pretend** to be from a familiar organization or agency, like the Social Security Administration. They may email attachments with official-looking logos, seals, signatures, or pictures of employee credentials.
2. Scammers mention a **problem** or a prize. They may say your Social Security number was involved in a crime or ask for personal information to process a benefit increase.
3. Scammers **pressure** you to act immediately. They may threaten you with arrest or legal action.
4. Scammers tell you to **pay** using a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire or money transfer, or by mailing cash. They may also tell you to transfer your money to a "safe" account.

Ignore scammers and report criminal behavior. Report Social Security-related scams to the SSA Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

[Report a Scam](#)

Visit www.ssa.gov/scam for more information and follow SSA OIG on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) to stay up to date on the latest scam tactics. Repost #SlamtheScam information on social media to keep your friends and family safe.

Planning Ahead

Sunday, March 12th: Daylight Savings Time - Spring Forward

Sunday, March 12th at 10:am: Worship Sunday—Choir meets at 8:45 am

Sunday, March 12th at 11:00 am: Sunday School

Tuesday, March 14th at 9:30 am: Rev. Judy's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 14th at 6:00 pm: Finance Meeting (Conf Room)

Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 pm: Council Meeting (Conf Room)

Wednesday, March 15th at 7pm: Bells practice

Thursday, March 16th at 5:30 pm: Rev. Deb's Bible Study

Saturday, March 18th at 9:00 am: Zoom Pikes Peak District Gathering

Sunday, March 19th at 10:00 am: Worship—Choir meets at 8:45 am

Sunday, March 19th at 11:00 am: Sunday School