

## This Sunday

This week in worship we will be celebrating **Father's Day**, as we pay tribute to those who have been a father to us throughout the years. We will also celebrate Juneteen. I have included information about it below. Our **Good Enough** series continues, as we question how our culture's obsession with achievement and perfection keeps us from the true depths of life and faith. The sermon title is **Ordinary Lives Can Be Holy**. And, our Scripture from **Luke 4:1-13** brings us the reading of **The Temptation of Jesus**. Cynthia Pechacek will be helping me in worship this week with Rev. Judy Owsley sharing the Children's Message. Jo Jackson will be our accompanist. And, our faithful Sound Booth Team will be on hand. Maybe summer can stop, if the Monsoons are finished! May God be with each of you, as you play, travel, work, and Worship.

Rev. Deb

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### **Prayers for all, by all of Central UMC.**

- Prayers for Kurt Brunnemer in the passing of his mother, Audrey.
- Ken William's niece, Amy Williams is fighting 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.
- Linda Groth as she battles cancer.
- 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.
- Sheri Weichers as she heals and 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

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### **Juneteenth**

#### **Staying the Course of Freedom and Flourishing for All**

#### **What is Juneteenth?**

Juneteenth (June 19) marks the day in 1865 when U.S. federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, and many other Southern states, to take control of the state and ensure all African Americans were freed. The troops' arrival came a full two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation had been signed. In reality, the Emancipation Proclamation didn't instantly free enslaved people. The

proclamation only applied to places under Confederate control and not to slave-holding border states or rebel areas already under Union control. Literacy for enslaved Black people had been illegal in many states and written documents carrying such news were controlled by wealthy white people. That meant that any information needed by Black citizens—including news of legal freedom—could be (and was) controlled and manipulated.

However, as U.S. Northern troops advanced into the Confederate South, many enslaved people fled behind Union lines. Other Black people continued to be held in bondage and worked for their white owners for nearly six years after the proclamation was signed. Still, as news spread across Texas, those people freed from bondage celebrated with their families and communities, and an annual time of remembrance and jubilee was born.

*Juneteenth Emancipation Day Celebration, June 19, 1900, Texas; Source: [The Portal to Texas History](#) Austin History Center, Austin Public Library.*



## **NEWS Around the Church**

### **Mountain Sky Conference of The United Methodist Church**

**Annual Conference 2023 is in Colorado Springs starting: Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> - Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Please keep Rev. Deb, Rev. Judy, and Cindy Lee in your prayers as they represent Central UMC as the United Methodist come together this summer as Beloved Community.**



**Vacation Bible School is almost here!**

**Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

**9 a.m. to Noon**

**The week is going to be MONUMENTAL!**

**Wanna Help with this fantastic and fun outreach/mission?**

**Contact Adrienne Schipfer at 719-640-6397 or [mschipfer@yahoo..com](mailto:mschipfer@yahoo..com)**

**Be prepared to have fun watching our children grow their faith!**

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## Summer Baseball!

The VIBES are playing Wednesday, June 28th - Game starts at 6:35pm

**But don't wait for the game, come early for the pre-game potluck**

**And some Summer fun!**

**The Tailgate Party starts at 5:15pm**

in the parking lot of UCHealth Park stadium

4385 Tutt Blvd., Colorado Springs, 80922 (east of Powers and Barnes).

[Look for balloons on a car, hopefully on the north side of the parking lot, near the grass. Bring blankets or chairs to sit on.]

**Dress for the weather.**



## **PLANNING AHEAD**



**Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am: Worship Sunday, Father's Day**

**Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am: Sunday School**

**Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:am: Worship Sunday, Rev. Judy will preach**

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