

Dear Central UMC,

Sunday, January 22nd - Our scripture will be Ephesians 4:1-16 and our sermon title is **In Water and Spirit**. This Sunday is special because we will be baptizing Bob and Angie Edward's grandsons, Ace Leonardo Heyns and Julean Royal Heyns, along with reaffirming brother, Trey Isaiah Gilbert-DeGraffe. We will also hear soloist, Janet Dunbar. Our liturgist is Pat Dudgeon, Diane Black will bring our Children's message, and Kim Crom will be our accompanist.



WE ARE HIRING

Central United Methodist is Hiring!
A Youth Ministries Director
KNOW ANYONE?

We are looking for an individual to lead our Youth and Children's Activities
The job is part-time at \$20/hour. Must be 25 years or older.
Experience with youth required.

Contact Central UMC Office @ 719-597-6642 for application and appointment

Worship News

Sunday, January 23rd - February 12th - is the ordinary time of the Season of Epiphany
Sunday, February 19th - Transfiguration Sunday and "Super Sunday". Yes, it's Football!

Planning Ahead

NEWS from the District Superintend

We have an exciting event coming up in February 2023. Early next year, we will send out reminders but wanted you to have the dates saved early enough to make yourselves available.

On February 23, 2023, Tuesday, 1pm, our Peaks/Pikes Peak and Plains District will host a training on the Colorado Universal Pre-School Program. As many of you are aware, the Colorado Universal Pre-School Program will be implemented in the fall of 2023. The training will address how this impact our church and how we might collaborate with the county/state to provide service to our community.

Jeremy Scott will once again pick up from where we left and facilitate the conversation on the upcoming Pre-School Program. We are also hoping to learn from the directors and key leaders

of existing pre-schools. Please invite all who are involved and interested in pre-school ministry and engage in this important conversation.

Please let Rev. Deb know, if you are interested in this meeting.

Shalom - Be Well Always! Rev. Tezenlo Thong, PhD
District Superintendent, Peaks/Pikes Peak District, Mountain Sky Conference of the UMC.

Prayers

Trey Gilbert-DeGraffe, Billie Owings, Kathy Andrew, Chelsea Bosick, Mike Wheat,
Sandra Noggle, and Kim Crom's Father, Wen Anderson

"WAVES," our country and its leaders.

In mission: Kutela Katembo, Missionary in Angola, Africa

A Blessing from a friend of Rev. Debs

Every month like clockwork I receive a family email from a friend, who I have known for over 35 years. She is a Nebraska teacher and an incredible writer. She is also profoundly connected with God, family, friends, neighbors, people. She is probably one of the five most people who have shaped my life. This month, she wrote the most awaking statement speaking to our world today. I prayer it evokes your prayers to go deeper, and more often. Here are her words:

Even as we are blessed to gather I realize we are just broken people doing our best on this journey in need of grace, mercy, and a Savior. I asked students this week what was the best part of break? School has been hard, students are still thankful..."I got new shoes... my Grandma came to visit from Guatemala... family came to visit from Togo... we don't celebrate Christmas but we slept in and saw family... I got a gaming console... I got a gift card... we went skiing in Aspen...I got to spend time with my friend...I got to go ice skating... I got a guinea pig from my dad before he went to prison..."

Generosity is not just a matter of money, it is a matter of heart.

Denise Pedersen