

## 4.21.2023 Pastor's Page

This week in worship the sermon title is *Loosening the Bonds – A living Hope*, as we continue to look at Hope through **1 Peter 1:17-23** and experience hope through Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19. Helping me with worship this week is Bob Spaete, as our Worship Assistant and Amy Ray will deliver the Children's message. Kim Crom is our accompanist again this week before she heads for sunny shores; and of course, our Sound Booth Team will keep us responding to our call. This Sunday is also the beginning of our IHN week with four families coming to stay at our Home away from Home! If you can and haven't signed up yet, please do. I don't think Judy and I can do the week by ourselves. Our hopes and prayers for each of you this week, as God's light shines in and through you. Rev. Deb

### Prayers

We continue to keep John Cox's family, Randy and his wife Mary Antal of Missouri in the loss of their home, Jo Jackson, Linda Groth, Don Bunce's daughter, Sheri Weichers Carol Zemple, Henry Robinson, Norm Pechacek, Trey Gilbert-Degraffe, Ace Haynes, Our "waves," our country and its leaders.  
In mission: Kutela Katembo, missionary in Angola, Africa  
Our World: Turkey, Syria, Russia

### NEWS Around the Church

#### United Methodist Men Breakfast

The United Methodist Men will have their monthly breakfast in Fellowship Hall  
Next Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 AM.  
If you plan to attend, please sign up TODAY at the table near the parking lot exit.

**Vacation Bible School** will be held the week of June 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer to make a difference in our kid's lives. Talk to Adrienne Schipfer and look for our Volunteer Sign-up.

#### Time to Start Planning for your Summer Baseball Game!

Cindy Median is working on getting us "Out to the Ball Game" this June!  
The evening of June 28<sup>th</sup> to be exact.  
Put it on your calendar! \$2 Tickets.  
Join the VBS volunteers and families in having some summer fun!

**2023 Annual Conference is looking for your participation!**

Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

The Peaks/Pikes District needs equalization members for the 2023 Annual Conference this June in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The United Methodist Church is committed to having equal numbers of clergy and laity voting at annual conference meetings. This is a wonderful opportunity for new volunteers to experience the Annual Conference. If you would like to attend with Pastor Deb let the church office or Deb know ASAP.

Also, Amanda Daniel from our Conference Office is asking if we can provide Child care workers (\$20 hr.) for Annual Conference, as it is in Colorado Springs. If you are interested please let me (Rev. Deb) know and I'll connect you too the right people. This is what I know about the program. There is a sign-up:

Infant/Toddler - 2-3 Needed per shift	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8:30am - 12:30pm	X			
	X			
	X			
12:30pm - 4:30pm	X			X
	X			X
	X			X
4:30pm - 8:30pm (4pm on Thursday)				X
				X
				X
Pre-school/Older Elementary, 2-3 Needed per shift	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8:30am - 12:30pm	X			
	X			
	X			

More information:

*Infant/toddler care: birth-2 years old.*

*Preschool/Early Elementary Age kids: 3-6*

*Older Elementary Age kids: 7-11/12 year olds*

**Requirements for childcare workers:** Must be 18 or older, unless accompanied by two other adults. You must have completed or be willing to complete a background check and meet all Safe Sanctuary requirements. First Aid/CPR training is a plus.

**Compensation:** We are able to compensate our childcare workers at a rate of \$20/hour. There is not a limit on the number of hours you can sign up to work.

**Expectations:** It is expected that all child care workers meet the requirements as related to Safe Sanctuaries. It is expected that you will remain on shift and present with the children during the time you signed up. You are expected to pay attention to your surroundings and notify the Annual Conference Safety Team of any concerns.

DID YOU KNOW?

**Abundant Health 2023 Grant**

Central UMC and it's Community Partners is in the process of applying for an Abundant Health Grant to help in providing school (and sports) physicals to Mitchell High School and their feeder schools. Our deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>, keep us in your prayers.



**NATIONAL DAY OF  
PRAYER 2023**

Pray fervently in righteousness  
and avail much. James 5:16b

The National Day of Prayer is May 4, 2023

I want to enlarge your view of resurrection from a one-time miracle in the life of Jesus that asks for assent and belief, to a pattern of creation that has always been true, and that invites us to much more than belief in a miracle.

—Richard Rohr

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**Planning Ahead**

**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:am: Worship —Choir meets at 8:45 am**  
**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am: Sunday School**

**Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am: Rev. Judy's Bible Study**

**Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: Bells practice**

**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:am: Worship —Choir meets at 8:45 am**

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**Please note:** Rev. Deb's bible study class will resume in the Fall.