

This Sunday

Our **Good Enough** series continues. Are you your monitoring your inner voice, questioning your perfectionist motives? This Sunday in worship Rev. Judy Owsley will preach from Luke 13:31-35 in a sermon titled: **It's OK**. Elyse Brunnemer will be helping her in worship and Karen Hobson will be sharing the Children's Message. Kim Crom will be our accompanist with Ernie Prescott on drums. And, our faithful Sound Booth Team will be on hand. What a week we had! The sunshine made me happy, hope it did the same for you. May God be with each of you, as you play, travel, work, play and Worship.

Rev. Deb

Mountain Sky Conference of The United Methodist Church

Annual Conference 2023 is in Colorado Springs starting: Thursday, June 21st - Sunday, June 26th

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.

Stay connected to Annual Conference from June 22-25th with the livestream on our website: <https://www.mtnskyumc.org>

Worship Services will include:

- Opening Worship, Thursday, June 22nd, 4-5:15pm
- Memorial Worship, Saturday, June 24th, 10:30-11:30am
- Ordination Worship, Sunday, June 25th, 9:30-11:30am

Prayers for all, by all of Central UMC.

- Tori Dudgeon fighting a stomach bug.
- Linda Groth as has received the best news! Thank you, Jesus! She does not have any active cancer in her, so no test or treatments!
- 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 battles cancer.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

NEWS Around the Church

Central United Methodist Family and Friends,

Change is so common and yet one of our most challenging human processes. Change is inevitable and necessary to renew our spirits. It is also transformational as we lean into our life journey, but, it can also feel a little reckless. I choose to believe that change opens up possibilities and brings new life.

This past week has been a season of change for our church. In this change, I have in many ways jumped out of the boat just like Peter did in Matthew 14:22-31.

Jumping out of the boat, Peter walked on the water to Jesus. But when he looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet, he lost his nerve and started to sink. He cried, "Master, save me!" Jesus didn't hesitate. He reached down and grabbed his hand. (The Message).

If we are going to change we have to take the first uncertain steps out of the boat onto the water and into the unknown.

Well, I jumped into the water on all our behalf this week. In our need for a web page designer/webmaster I restructured our Church staff. Here's what I did:

1. I hired Victoria (Tori) Dudgeon as our webmaster/designer.
 - a. This position was approved by Staff Parish and Church Council last fall.
 - b. The position also includes the production of our Newsletter and more.
2. In the reallocation of responsibilities, I changed the Office Managers position to an Administrative Assistant and our dear Marie was let go.
 - a. Grace and love marked her departure.
 - b. Cheryl, John, Tori, and I will be covering her responsibilities as we proceed in working out the details of our new reality.
3. I am also (temporarily) closing the Church office on Fridays beginning tomorrow June 23, 2023. We will work a 4-day work week until the board meets in August for deliberation and decision.

Letting employees go is one of the hardest things to do for me. It doesn't feel transformational and way beyond risky. Marie, was a valued employee and was full of grace and love in her departure. We sent her on her new journey with vacation pay and a bonus, along with words of appreciation and hope. I invite those who desire to send her a card to join me in sending her a packet of cards from the church. Please bring your cards into the church in the next couple of weeks and together we will send them to her, as a group.

Also, please be patient with our staff as we climb back into the boat with new people and duties.

In hope and peace, Rev. Debra Wacker
and Diane Black, SPRC Chair



Vacation Bible School is NEXT MONDAY!

Monday, June 26th – Thursday, June 29th

9 a.m. to Noon

It's gonna be MONUMENTAL!

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 UHealth Park stadium

Helpers come at 5 p.m. to the stadium parking lot.

Please pick up your tickets from Cindy Medina beginning this Sunday

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

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

Parking is @2.00 a car.

Dress for the weather.



PLANNING AHEAD



**Mountain Sky Annual Conference
Is happening NOW!**

**Vacation Bible School
June 26th – 29th 9-Noon**

**All Church Vibes Baseball Game
June 28th – Tailgate: 5:15 p.m.
Game: 6:35 p.m.**

**Pastor Deb's Book Club
Come anytime - 6 p.m. – 6898 Tullamore Dr. 80923
July 13th and 20th
August 3rd and 17th**

**Re-Think - Mission Outreach with Peak Vista!
July 22, 2023 – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**We are bringing a hint of our Neighborhood block parties to
Peak Vista Community Health Center on the North Side of Mitchell High School
(4041 E San Miguel St, Colorado Springs, CO 80909).**

**Re-Think has joined with our MHS Partners
to provide educational and interactive booths (there is food too!)
at a Back to School Physicals Event.**

Stop by for a visit, or join us at our CUMC Booth

