

**This Sunday**

Our ***Good Enough*** series takes a twist this week as we recognize and celebrate our Vacation Bible School teachers, helpers, KIDS, and the lessons they learned. It is also a holiday weekend, as we remember our country and its journey to independence. Our scripture will be Luke 13:6-9 and the sermon title is ***Lots of things can be medicine - Part A***. Rev. Judy Owsley will be helping in worship and sharing the Children's Message. Jo Jackson our accompanist will join Jon Ainsworth for a special reading from our Declaration of Independence. Special thanks for our Sound Booth Team in helping us worship each Sunday. I am returning from conference last week and coming freshly from helping with VBS. What a week we had! Check out the Messenger article about all that went on. May God be with each of you, as you work, travel, play, and Worship.

Rev. Deb

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

Our Mountain Sky Conference has come and gone for another year. Cindy Lee, Rev. Judy and I have survived the pews at First UMC, Colorado Springs and enjoyed the company of about 600 good United Methodist Pastors and Church Representatives (Laity). Together we did the business of the church voting on 41 Petitions of Disaffiliation, five church closures, including Christ Central, a Korean American congregation in the Metro District, Carter United Methodist Church of Carter, Montana, The Fleming United Methodist Church – Fleming, CO, Redstone United Methodist Church, Colorado, and St. James United Methodist Church of Central City, Gilpin County, Colorado.

We also voted on the allocation of monies received from their closure. All of it is slated to go back into the support of local churches. 15 other petitions dealing with the daily workings of the conference, including the removal of Discriminatory Policies, redistricting our conference, thus leaving Central UMC and all Colorado Springs into a new district with all of South-Eastern Colorado UMC Churches. It was a busy three days with Ordination on Sunday, the forth day.

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

- Jon Ainsworth will have a medical procedure next Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Ruth Schmidt, Sister to John Cox is recovering after a 4-hour successful surgery.
- Bob Adams fell on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> and broke his nose.
- 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 daughter, Amy Williams as she fights 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.
- 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**

### **A Summer Party for the WAVES!**

**Wise And Valued Elders = WAVES**

**Tuesday, July 18, 10:00 a.m.**

**in Fellowship Hall**

**Everyone 80 and older is invited to a deliciously fun party**

**hosted by the Caring Ministries Team.**

**Come and enjoy being together, with a cup of coffee or tea, great conversation, and a special surprise program ... performances by some of our youngest and most talented. Please call the office (719-597-6642) to let us know you can attend and if you need a ride.**



## Vacation Bible School is Finished!

What a wonderful time we had.

**It was Monumental**

**We had 29 kids**

**41 Volunteer helpers**

**And 1 amazing leader**, Thank you to Adrienne Schipfer for a job well done. Adrienne, you are amazing. We saw God this past week because of the energy you brought to the event. The crew, kids, and the church give you a **Monumental** Thank you.

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## Summer Baseball!

The VIBES **Won!**

What a blast we had. The food was great, but the people were the best!

Thanks to all who came, brought food, and cheered the VIBES!

A BIG Thank you to Cindy Medina for her hard work in organizing the event!





# PLANNING AHEAD



## **Pastor Deb's Book Club**

**Come anytime - 6 p.m. – 6898 Tullamore Dr. 80923**

**July 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**

## **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**

