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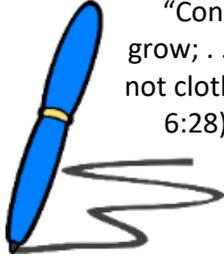
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PASTOR'S PEN



"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; . . . even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these" (Matthew 6:28).

I remember one May Day, when I was a pre-school girl. My mom helped my brothers and me to make some small paper cone-shaped baskets with handles. We picked some wildflowers, and placed them in the paper baskets and then went to some neighbors' houses. We hung the flowers on their doorknobs and either knocked or rang their doorbells. Then we hurried off. The point was to leave them a little anonymous surprise.

I don't know if the neighbors found their flowers before they wilted, and I don't know if they appreciated our efforts. But that May Day experience obviously left an impression on me, since I remember it nearly 60 years later.

What I gained from that day was a positive memory of my mother, trying to teach my brothers and me to do nice things for other people. It was also one of thousands of lifetime impressions of how much my mom has loved flowers: wildflowers, garden flowers, flowers in vases, and flowers pressed and dried in books with carefully-written common and Latin names.

May is a great time to enjoy the flowers that God has given us, all dressed in their splendor and glory even greater than King Solomon's royal finery. This Bible verse about flowers comes in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount where he was advising his listeners not to worry so much about the needs of life like food and clothing. As God takes care of the birds and flowers, said Jesus, so God will take provide for us.

So, in this month of May, let's remember how God has nurtured and cared for us through the love of mothers and the visual beauty of God's magnificent creation. Thanks be to God for mothers and flowers!

Happy May Day! Happy Mother's Day!

Rev. Kim

NEW FRIDAY STUDY

The Friday Study group will begin a new book on May 6. Everyone is asked to order (online) their own copy of *I Love Growing Older, but I'll Never Grow Old* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. There are many used and inexpensive copies available to purchase. Here's a description of this 2013 book that reflects on aging from a spiritual and biblical perspective:

Growing older is a process. Growing old is a conclusion. If you're growing older, you see some hope because you have perspective and you keep learning. If you've grown old, you may cynically think that times have never been as bad as they are now, and that they can only get worse.

This book is about learning how to "make peace with where you are right now." It's about learning from the past and then moving past it. It's about growing—personally, spiritually, and in our relationships with God and with others. If we think properly about growing older we'll never have to grow old.

All are welcome to join us in this study, which will last through mid-June. We will meet via Zoom.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Throughout May and June, the Adult Sunday School class will be using a video series called "Serious Answers to Hard Questions." Each week's video (27-32 mins) features a theologian/Bible scholar with a specialty in that topic. We began on April 24 with a lesson on Resurrection. The May topics will be Evil, Religion and Science, Other Religions, Evangelism and Tolerance, and The God of the Old Testament. After each video segment, the class will have a discussion. All are welcome at 8:45 a.m. in the Wesley Room.

MAY MISSION EMPHASIS IS YOUTH FUTURES



YOUTH FUTURES

Founded by Kristen Mitchell and Scott Catuccio, Youth Futures has shelters in Ogden and St. George for young people aged 12-18. Both Kristen and Scott have had experiences with homelessness. As a single mom, Kristen sometimes had to search the streets for her oldest son during a difficult time in his youth. Scott personally experienced times of homelessness as a young person.

In 2015, Kristen and Scott opened Utah's first homeless Residential Support Temporary Youth Shelter with 14 overnight shelter beds located in downtown Ogden. Please think about giving your own generous donation for this vital outreach as a designated offering through FUMC or through loose coins left in our church offering plates on Sundays during the month of May. Below is a description of Youth Futures services followed by their website:

OVERNIGHT SHELTER

Located in the heart of downtown Ogden and St. George, Utah. Youth Futures provides emergency shelter, temporary residence and supportive services for runaway, homeless, unaccompanied and at-risk youth ages 12-18. The shelter is open 24 hours per day.

DROP-IN SERVICES

Available to any youth ages 12-18. Drop-in services allow for the youth to access food, clothing, hygiene items, laundry facilities, computer stations, and case management. Drop-in hours are 6:30 am to 8:00 pm every day of the week.

STREET OUTREACH

Youth Futures' Street Outreach is conducted twice per week and provides outreach and crisis services on the streets to youth in Ogden and St. George, Utah.

YOUTH FUTURES UTAH:

<https://www.youthfuturesutah.org/>

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME



First Sunday Fellowship Time will be provided by the Finance Committee on May 1st. Other committees and groups are asked to sign up to provide snacks on successive first Sundays.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School has returned to its regular format. All children, ages 3 years old – 5th grade, are welcome! Children will start in worship with their families and then head to Sunday School during announcements. One change is that children will be in worship the entire service on the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday). Kid's Corner will be available on Communion Sunday. Class will be held the other Sundays of the month through May 29. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Boren at b.boren34@gmail.com or 801.866.9698.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022



Register now for the best week of the summer! Mark the dates of August 1-5, 2022, from 5:30-8 p.m. At Rocky

Railway VBS, kids will discover that Jesus' power can pull them through life's ups and downs. The week will be filled with amazing experiments, creative games, surprising adventures, and incredible music. This mountaintop adventure is open to children ages 3 through 6th grade. Register online at fumcogdenut.org.

Want to volunteer for VBS? The following opportunities are available. Please contact Brenda at b.boren34@gmail.com or 801.866.9698.

Crew leaders - Crew leaders will lead 5-6 elementary children through 4 stations during the course of the evening where you'll learn important Bible truths and have a lot of fun! And you won't be alone. You'll have a youth helper assigned to your crew and will travel to your stations with 2-3 other crews.

Youth crew leaders - Youth crew leaders bring the excitement and energy to our VBS that helps the children get excited about learning the Bible truth for that day. You'll be placed in each crew to help the crew leaders guide their children from station to station. You'll get to play with the kids and participate in helping them do the activities planned each day.

Decorating Team - If you want to be involved in VBS, but can't help out during the week, this could be the perfect job for you! As part of the decorating team, you are responsible for bringing Rocky Railway to life for the kids. We have ideas and need folks to implement them.

SUMMER CAMPS AT PINECLIFF

Pinecliff Camp is located 18 miles east of Coalville, UT, about a one-hour drive from Ogden. Campers will come to know and understand the God of creation. Campers will join cross-age family groups and same age cabin groups for activities. Explore God's presence in all aspects of life, meet old and new friends in singing, stories and sharing. Dates and costs are listed below. Camperships (scholarships) are available. Contact Brenda Boren for more information and registration forms. For more information about Pinecliff Camp, visit www.pinecliffcamputah.org.



Elementary Camp: (Grade K-6) July 18 to 22, 2022. Fee before July 1, \$180.00. After July 1, \$215.00 (Note: Kindergarten campers must have an adult stay during camp.)
Junior/Senior High Camp: (Grade 6-12) July 25 to 29, 2022. Fee before July 1, \$180. After July 1, \$215.00.

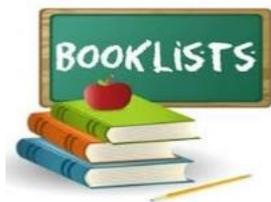
BOOK TALK



The Book Talk book of the month is *Indian Killer* by Sherman Alexie. Join us on Monday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Cheryl at [801-389-9864](tel:801-389-9864) for further information.

2022 BOOK TALK READING LIST

May - *Indian Killer* by Sherman Alexie
 June - *Freefall* by Jessica Barry
 July - *The Evening and the Morning* by Ken Follett
 August - *Whose Names Are Unknown* by Sanora Babb
 September - *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles
 October - *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore
 November - *Howard's End* by E.M. Forster
 December - *Three Weeks with My Brother* by Nicholas Sparks & Micah Sparks



HERITAGE/MEMORIAL DAY

As is our annual tradition, on **May 29, 2022**, our worship service will honor our 50+ year members, and we will dedicate memorials. After worship, we'll have a special fellowship time with a cake. We hope you'll be here for the celebration!



BEEKEEPING MINISTRY

May is the month when the beekeepers visit local schools to spread the good news of the hard working honey bee. We have partnered with the kindergarten classes at Voyager Academy in Clinton for nine years. We do a show and tell presentation on keeping bees for the students. We play a few games to keep it fun. These classes always do a unit on the honey bee and it is rewarding to see how much they know. We try to answer their questions. We will also visit Karissa Barron's first grade class at Vae View Elementary with our traveling show. And finally, Venture Academy, just up the street from the church, plans to come and do a day of service at our bee hives and garden. The beekeepers always enjoy interacting with the children and sharing our knowledge of beekeeping.



So far, so good at the beehives! We have three hives that overwintered and are going strong, despite the cold snap recently. We anticipate the arrival of one nucleus hive in May. This is a half size hive with a queen. One of our hives has an aging queen and this new hive is a replacement if needed.

We still have honey for sale at www.kristenshoney.com or call Kristen at 801-782-9347. We are planning work days to make more products to restock the website, soon.

Many thanks to our hard working beekeepers! If you would like to join in the fun, contact Kristen Bell at bellf4m@comcast.net.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School in-person & Zoom
 10:00 a.m. In-person Worship and via Facebook Live
 10:00 a.m. In-person Children's Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SUNDAY

On **Mother's Day, May 8**, our worship service will feature United Women in Faith. We will honor mothers and women, as our church ladies give leadership as Greeters, Ushers, Song Leader, and Liturgist and make their annual presentations.

Our May meeting is **Tuesday May 24, 2022** 1:00 pm in the Wesley Room. We invite all women to our last meeting before summer break. (No monthly meetings for June, July and August).



We anticipate a program presented via Zoom by personnel in our District leadership. The focus may be an update connected with the name change. There may be a presentation fresh from the quadrennial denominational-wide Assembly held in Florida earlier in May. We have so many resources for sharing. Bring questions on May 24th.

Be watching for Craft Fair updates in newsletters and weekly emails. (Dates: Oct. 21 and Oct. 22, 2022)

UNITED METHODIST MEN



Students:

Scholarships for college and technical school are available to members/constituents

of FUMC. To apply, fill out the William H. & LaDean Stobaugh Scholarship application form on the church's website under the UMM link. This fund is in honor of the Stobaugh's who were long time members of our church and fervent advocates of higher education. The deadline for submissions is June 25th.

Bowlers: come join the UMM on Sunday, May 22nd at 2pm at SpareTime Lanes in Roy as we knock down pins in a fundraiser for our scholarship fund. Contact Paul Kriekard or Tim Stenner if you're interested in bowling. If you're not a bowler, please consider sponsoring a UMM bowler to help FUMC students pay college expenses.



RESURFACE YOUR PARKING SPACE

Last summer, we started noticing weeds growing through the cracks in the church parking lot. Since then, the cracks have gotten even bigger. So the Trustees have received bids from five different companies for filling the cracks, resealing the pavement, and then repainting the stripes. We are responsible for the parking area and our access road. As this newsletter goes to the post office, the bid winner is being finalized. The Trustees are taking care to make the best choice, and we expect the decision and work to happen soon.



The cost will be approximately \$15,000. Over the past several years, the United Women in Faith have given half of their Craft Fair proceeds to the Trustees Fund. That will help get us started. But now we need the congregation to raise some additional funds. If we divide the \$15,000 by our 98 parking spaces, the cost per space is \$153.00. Would you be willing to pay for one or more spaces? If so, please give your donation to FUMC with the notation "Parking Lot."

Some of you have asked when the lot was last resurfaced. We did it in 2018. When the paving occurs, there will be some days we won't be allowed to drive or park at the church. If need be, we can probably use the neighboring property that used to be an equine hospital and now belongs to Marriott-Slaterville City.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES

In this newsletter you will find a United Methodist Special Sundays offering envelope. In this month of



May, you can use that envelope to donate to United Methodist Native American Ministries throughout our country. In our own Mountain Sky Conference, we have two Native American Ministries: Native Grace in the Four Corners area and the Blackfeet United Methodist Parish in Montana. Both of those ministries will benefit from your generosity.

IRAs + RMDs + QCDs = TAX ADVANTAGED GIVING

Do you have an IRA (Individual Retirement Account) with a RMD (Required Minimum Distribution)? If so, you might want to consider having the annual RMD sent directly (in full or in part) to FUMC, as a QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution).

If you receive your distribution yourself, you incur tax liability on the distributed income. But if you have the check sent directly to the church, you can avoid that taxation—all the while making all or most of your pledged donation to the church in one easy payment. Due to the time required for processing paperwork, we suggest that you inform your IRA institution before November, if you want the donation to occur in the current calendar year. Otherwise, you might consider it for your 2023 pledge. This RMD option to give a Qualified Charitable Distribution is especially advantageous now that most people are taking the IRS Standard Deduction and are limited to a \$300/\$600 (single/couple) tax advantage for charitable giving.



One more note: While the age for Required Minimum Distributions has recently been raised from 70.5 years to age 72, anyone age 70.5 or older can take advantage of the tax advantage in giving to the church through a Qualified Charitable Distribution.

SMITH'S INSPIRING DONATIONS



We were just notified that, during the first quarter of 2022, we earned **\$86.46** in donations from Smith's grocery and pharmacy. Thank you to the 24 households who have linked your loyalty cards to FUMC! If you haven't yet done this, please stop by the customer service counter the next time you are at Smith's and ask them to help you make these easy donations to our church.



First United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$765.00 on February 4, 2022 and \$166.49 on March 9, 2022 to support Catholic Community Services of Utah's (CCS) programs. Your generosity has helped us provide comfort and relief during one of the most challenging times facing our country. CCS is working diligently to ensure that we are able to assist thousands of people, while at the same time keeping our staff and clients safe.

The doors of CCS have remained open to provide essential services to vulnerable people who have few if any, other options for help during these uncertain times. The Bishop Weigland Homeless Resource Center has remained a safe haven for our homeless friends, especially during the shut-down. The St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall is once again providing a sheltered place to enjoy a meal instead of the curbside service and sack lunches we utilized previously, and we have continued to deliver meals to all three Homeless Resource Centers. The Joyce Hansen Hall Food Bank has been providing food assistance to thousands of families in northern Utah, including those who may have lost work due to the pandemic. Our Migration and Refugees Services continue to provide case management to new and previous refugee families resettled by CCS, and we are seeing a greatly increased need for our Immigration and Refugee Foster Care services.

Your gift, along with the gifts of others, allows CCS to *provide help and create hope* during one of the most challenging times in our nation's history, making your support more vital than ever. CCS will continue to be a source of help during troubled times.

Sincerely,
Bradford R. Drake
Executive Director, CCS of Northern Utah

Dear FUMC Family,

Just a quick note to thank you for all the cards and good wishes I have received. They have made a big difference in my life and I really appreciate your loving concern.

Sincerely, Wendy Zvon

Friends,

As the chair of the Angola Advocacy team for the Mountain Sky Conference, I want to thank you for your contribution to the "Need for Seed". Your contribution makes a big difference in the lives of Subsistence farmers in Angola. Kutela Katembo, missionary and Agriculturist at Quessua United Methodist Mission, recently sent photos of the harvesting of the maize and the planting of beans. Your contribution will make possible the next planting!

The agricultural project at Quessua, let by Katembo, is teaching villagers about best ways to grow their own food: it provides seeds to villagers, shares the harvests with villagers, as well as introduces ways to improve their diets.

Thank you for helping reach the love of Christ around the world!

Sally McConnell
Chair, Angola Advocacy Team
Mountain Sky Conference

Dear brothers and sisters of First UMC of Ogden,

I would like to thank you for the blessing of your support in my ministry. Your faithfulness in financial and prayer support is what enables me to be present in Angola and ties our church together in connections around the world. Together we continue to lift up God's mission in Angola where I do serve with vulnerable communities. Your gift brings joy and love in the many households in the Quessua communities.

Thank you for your support of the seed bank of the Quessua Agriculture Center. May God bless you abundantly. I will continue keeping you informed of our work in Angola and share other concerns regarding my ministry that is God's mission.

Please let me know if there is anything that I can be holding in prayer for you during the month to come for your ministry.

Sincerely,
Kutela D. Katembo
UMC Quessua Mission/East Angola

Dear First United Methodist Church,

I wish to personally thank you all for your recent donation of \$1,000.00. We truly appreciate your support for the veterans and spouses at the George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home.

All cash donations are placed in a restricted fund. The veterans influence how the funds are used during

their monthly resident council meeting. Often times they vote to use the funds for quality entertainment and for outings outside of the facility.

Thanks again for your kindness and generosity and always being a kind partner to the GEWOVH.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Peterson
State Officer



RECYCLE FOR THE YOUTH

Thanks to all that have been bringing their aluminum cans to the church for the youth ministry. This money is used for activities and future trips. It's a great way to support our youth and save the planet at the same time! Find the bin in the Wesley Room. Every dollar adds up!! PLEASE – aluminum cans only!!

