



The Messenger

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PASTOR'S PEN



"The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one . . . so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me" (John 17:22-23).

In the Gospel of John, the Last Supper is the setting for five chapters of Jesus' teachings and prayer. In the first verse of that section, we read, "Having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end." In the last verse of that section, just before Jesus went out to the garden where he was arrested, Jesus prayed to God, "I made your name known to them . . . so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them." Also within that section is the "new commandment" that Jesus gave his disciples while he was washing their feet: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." This life of love, said Jesus, is how people would know and recognize that they were his disciples.

Love is the overarching principle of Christian faith. "For God so loved the world" that we who believe and follow Jesus should and could live as people who love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, and also love our neighbors as ourselves. Love is such an important characteristic of people called Christian that we should not only love those similar to us who live next door, but even those who are different from us, like the Good Samaritan who took care of the wounded Jew. In fact, says scripture (multiple times), we should even love our enemies.

Such love is, of course, a high and difficult calling. The Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend confrontation in Washington, D.C., between Black Hebrew Israelites; pro-life, MAGA-hat wearing, Catholic schoolboys; and Native American drummers—and the various ways the rest of us responded to that incident—is a case study in just how far we all have to go.

Rarely is a tense encounter with another human being just about that particular moment. So often, there's history behind every way that we interact. This year of 2019 is the 400th anniversary of African slavery

and oppression in America. That intense trauma is still ever-present in our country. While Catholics have climbed to high levels of leadership in our country, Protestant discrimination against Catholics is also very much a part of our nation's history. And the Euro-American massacre of Native Americans and the severe devastation of their culture, communities, and leadership is something that our country is maybe just now beginning to reflect upon and grapple with.

In smaller ways, historical traumas and injuries are felt in our everyday personal interactions in our families, workplaces, communities, and congregation. When a husband and wife have an argument, for example, rarely is that conflict just about the immediate moment. Very often the feelings, if not the words, convey a history of concerns and troubles that may or may not have anything to do with that particular relationship or presenting problem.

Love isn't easy. Love must take into consideration so many factors that are both in and out of our control, and both during and before our participation. Love must be willing to offer kindness, forgiveness, and remedies for hurts, insults, and burdens we don't even know about or understand. Love also must be willing to help open the eyes of the blind in a patient and persistent way. Love certainly must not heap on more abuse.

In our efforts to love, we will make many mistakes. But it's important that we keep on trying. As the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 13:10, "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law."

Happy Valentine's month!

Rev. Kim

PLANNING AHEAD

Feb. 10 – Boy Scout Sunday

Feb. 11 – UMM Meeting 6:30PM

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Feb. 23 – UMCOR Volunteer Day 10:00AM – 3:00PM

Feb. 26 – UMW 11:00AM

Mar. 3 – UMM Pre-Lent Breakfast

SCOUTS ARE COMING TO WORSHIP



February 10th is Boy Scout Sunday, and members of our FUMC Boy and Cub Scout Troop 577 will be present with us that day. The boys will serve as greeters and ushers and will ring the bell at the start of the service. They'll be wearing their uniforms, so you won't miss them.

Leaders, scouts from other troops, and former scouts are also encouraged to wear your uniforms that day.

NEW YEAR'S SERMON SERIES

Continuing into the New Year, Rev. Kim will preach a series of sermons on The Apostles' Creed. We will take a new look at this traditional standard of Christian faith and see if we can say, "I believe!"

Feb. 3—"Jesus Ascended"

Feb. 10—"The Holy Spirit"

Feb. 17—"The Church"

Feb. 24—"Forgiveness of Sins"

Mar. 3—"Life Everlasting"

FRIDAY CLASS TO STUDY ALZHEIMER'S/DEMENTIA

The Friday Class (adults, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Wesley Room) has started its study of

Alzheimer's/Dementia: Ministry with the Forgotten.

This five-lesson study will cover

- The impact and challenges of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia
- The theological basis for church involvement
- Practical and specific ways local congregations can be involved in caring for those with dementia and their caregivers
- Ways individuals can communicate, interact, and even worship with people who have Alzheimer's and dementia

Each class session will include scripture, prayer, video, information, and discussion. This is a very practical study that can help us understand ourselves, loved ones, and friends. Please plan to attend and learn, among a group of wise, warm, and welcoming Christians. Feel free to invite anyone whom you think might benefit.

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Our new church photo directory is now available. If you had your photo taken, you will receive a free directory. If you didn't have your picture taken, they will be available for purchase for \$5.

BEEKEEPING MINISTRY



What's the Buzz?!?

Our Beekeeping Ministry will begin the 2019 season with a meeting on Monday, March 4th at 6:30PM in the Wesley Room.

Come out and find out how you can get involved. We offer opportunities to learn the art of beekeeping, educating local elementary school children on the importance of the honey bee, making beeswax products for our annual Honey Sale and more!

This is a fun and hardworking group of folks who love what they do, and we would love to have you join us.

Questions? Contact the Queen Bee - Kristen Bell at: bellf4m@comcast.net

PROJECT S.W.I.F.T.S

Sustainable Water Initiative--Food to Share

Kristen and Steve Bell are leading this initiative to create a drip irrigation system to efficiently water our church property. Many of you have volunteered to be part of the planning. At our December meeting we created subcommittees to work on different aspects of the project. They are: Design & Cost Analysis, Earth Movers, Outreach, Fund Raising, Grant Application Writing and Garden Growing 2019(before the system is installed).



We invite anyone interested to join us for our next planning meeting on Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Wesley Room. We will break into groups and start brainstorming our approach.

In the meantime, here is an interesting newsletter that one of our Earthkeeper counterparts is publishing as her Earthkeeper project. There are ideas included that we could implement at our church as we seek to care for God's creation.

Here is the link: <https://www.pnwumc.org/news/looking-for-a-new-years-resolution-how-about-zero-waste/>

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GC 2019

February 23-26, United Methodists from around the world will be gathering in St. Louis, Missouri, in a specially-called General Conference to discuss, debate, and vote on highly-charged issues related to human sexuality. The decisions made there have the possibility of making considerable changes to our United Methodist denomination. There is also the possibility that the 864 lay and clergy delegates won't be able to make any meaningful decisions during the short session and will, in essence, kick the can down the road. No one is certain what will happen, so we members of the United Methodist denomination need to be prepared for anything.

If you want to know more about General Conference 2019, we have posted an excellent link on our website. Go to www.fumcogdenut.org. Then click on "About Us", then "United Methodist Links", then "General Conference, Feb 23-26, 2019." Once you click on the GC 2019 link, you will have many other links you can follow to answer your questions about what is happening and why. There is also a link there to a Livestream, if you would like to watch the General Conference proceedings as they happen.

Whatever happens (or doesn't) at GC 2019, please rest assured that there will be no changes in our local FUMC ministry in the immediate future. Even the most radical denominational changes would take months, if not years, to implement.

Rev. Kim is available to discuss these matters with anyone who has an interest or desire. Just let her know.

BOOK TALK

The Book Talk book of the month is [Our Souls at Night](#) by Kent Haruf. Join us on Monday, February 11, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cheryl Thompson for our book discussion. The 2019 book list has been made and is available on the church's website, www.fumcogdenut.org. Bookmarks are also available in the narthex. Check out the selected books and join us this year! Contact Cheryl at [801-389-9864](tel:801-389-9864) for further information.



FUMC YOUTH NEWS

Youth Schedule

Feb 3rd - Planning

Feb 10th - Bowling

Feb 17th - Sledding

Feb 24th - Lantern House



FEBRUARY MISSION EMPHASIS

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PINECLIFF CAMP

The mission emphasis for February is Pinecliff Camp and Retreat Center, located 18 east of Coalville, Utah. Pinecliff encompasses 44 acres of beautiful land nestled in the foothills of the Uinta Mountains. It provides a comfortable and relaxing atmosphere in a rustic setting. Pinecliff Camp is owned and operated by the Mountain Sky Conference of the United Methodist Church and is an outreach ministry. They are deeply committed to a meaningful camp and retreat experience.



For over 55 years, Pinecliff Camp and Retreat Center has offered Christian camps for Elementary, Jr. High and High School age youth during the summer. Retreats are also available for families and groups. It provides a safe, wholesome, and serene environment away from our noisy, scattered world, where people, especially our children and youth, can have fun, learn and grow.

Your support of Pinecliff Camp, both through volunteering your time and monetary donations, will ensure that the ministry of the camp continues into the future. Seventy-five percent of donations go towards scholarships for young campers to attend sponsored camps and the remaining 25% go towards the camp's general fund. Monies given as our mission emphasis during the month of February and loose change in the offering plates will support Pinecliff Camp and Retreat Center. Thank you for your generosity.

2019 Pinecliff Camp Dates

Elementary Camp: (Grade K-6) July 15 to 19, 2019. Fee before July 1, \$180.00

After July 1st \$215.00

Junior High Camp: (Grade 6-9) June 5-9, 2019. Fee before May 15 \$180.00

After May 15th \$215.00

High School Camp: (Grade 9-12) July 22 to 26, 2019, Fee before July 1st \$180.00.

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

UMW ladies are invited to participate in UMCOR Day again from 10:00 to 3:00 on February 23rd. You can sign up on the clipboard Sunday mornings during worship or let Marty Smith or Julie Coley know if you are interested in volunteering.



No meeting will be held in February. Instead, we will tour the Golden Hours Senior Center at 11:00 on February 26th. Golden Hours is between Madison and Jefferson Avenues on 25th Street. We will also have lunch there afterwards. The cost is \$3.00. All women of the church are invited to these events.

UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS



The UMM are meeting Monday, February 11th at 6:30PM. For more information contact Tim Stenner or Mitch Boren.

Hungry before church? Come to the pre-Lent breakfast cooked by the UMM on Sunday, March 3rd. We plan on serving pancakes, eggs, bacon and sausage from 8:15-9:30AM. Any donations will go to our scholarship fund.

UMCOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We will again be joining with our sister church, Community UMC on Saturday, February 23, 2019, for our next volunteer day at UMCOR West Depot (1479 S. 700 W., Salt Lake City).

We will be volunteering from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Besides working in the warehouse assembling and sorting kits, they have many projects to work on in the sewing room. So, if you are a seamstress, please think about volunteering. UMCOR stands ready to help. Our task is to help UMCOR be prepared to respond. If you are interested in volunteering on February 23, sign up on the clipboard during worship. Contact is Marty Smith, 801-644-5155 or skiingsmith@ovalley.net. Our next opportunity to serve will be March 23rd.



MISSIONS CORNER 18+ PROJECT IN MUTARE, ZIMBABWE

Tawanda Chandiwana in Mutare, Zimbabwe who works with the 18+ project advocates for the criminalization of child marriages. He states that currently child marriage is not a criminal offense. It is

noteworthy that the problem of child marriages rises mainly because of poverty, but traditional beliefs and religion also play a big role.

He states, "As part of the 18+ project to end child marriages, we raise awareness through meetings, forums and media campaigns. We also promote second chance education for the women who might have dropped out of school because of pregnancy. We speak to families and headmasters to encourage young mothers to go back to school and to create an environment that doesn't discriminate or is uncomfortable for young mothers.

Some of the young mothers have received college funding so they can complete their education. The 18+ program provides safe places for young mothers. These are places where women meet and participate in income generating projects such as chicken rearing to sell, garment construction, floor polish making, buying and selling other goods among other projects to get income.

There are also village saving and lending institutions where women save and borrow money to fund their income generating activities. The program provides capital to start projects and necessary training. Also, in due course monitoring and evaluation of progress is done.

In time I look forward to empowered women in our communities."

BIRTHDAY CARDS NEEDED

Sylvia Brooks sends out dozens and dozens of birthday cards to our UM missionaries (along with many of us in the FUMC congregation). If you have extra birthday cards at your house that you would be willing to donate to her cause, please bring them to the church. They don't have to be fancy.



"SOUPER BOWL OF CARING"



Our annual "Souper Bowl" food drive competition vs. Community UMC (Washington Terrace) and Aldersgate UMC (Brigham City) is in full swing. Please watch for the

case lot sales and stock up on canned and dry foods to bring to the church by February 3. After the contest, the food will be taken to the Joyce Hansen Hall Food Bank at Catholic Community Services (and a food pantry in Brigham City). The church that collects the most food items (per average worship attendance those three Sundays) will win the treasured trophy. We here at FUMC have possessed the trophy since the 2018 contest, but we don't want to take anything for granted. Let's rally the team and prepare for victory! Of course, the real winners will be those hungry persons who benefit from the food we donate. When you bring food to the church, please note there will be one table designated for counted food, and one table for not-yet-counted food. Please be sure to place new food at the not-yet-counted table.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for the support and expressions of sympathy in the death of my sister, Shirley. Your thoughts and prayers were very comforting and heartwarming. God be with you and continue to bless you all.

Sandy Latimer

Thank you for your cards, prayers, and phone calls at the sudden passing of our brother-in-law and son-in-law, Tom. It was comforting to know that so many were thinking of us during this difficult time. We are thankful to be a part of such a caring church family.

*Mitch and Brenda Boren
Cecilia Tank*

Thank you for your donations to the Christmas Gift tree and the Baby Jesus tree. Donations to the Gift tree helps to lower our budget costs for supplies from toilet paper to pens and stamps. The items collected for the Baby Jesus tree were donated to Your Community Connection (YCC) and Catholic Community Services. Items included onesies, diapers, formula, bibs, socks, pajamas, outfits and receiving blankets. We are blessed to have such a generous congregation.

REV. KIM'S REFLECTIVE LEADERSHIP GRANT

As previously reported, with the blessing of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, Rev. Kim applied for and received a \$15,000 Reflective Leadership Grant from Duke University. This grant, which covers January 2019-June 2020, is to allow Rev. Kim to take time away from her day-to-day duties at FUMC so she can do research. Her big project is to reflect upon the possibilities and desirability (or the opposite) of developing a faith-based senior living community on land next to our church. Such a development could be something like small patio homes, one big assisted living building, or some combination of those. This development could be built on the land the church already owns south of our parking lot, and/or could involve purchase of the frontage land on 400 North. Please note that all this is simply research, and any decisions will be made by our congregation in the future.

To do this reflective study, Rev. Kim is tentatively planning to be away from FUMC approximately one week per month beginning in March. Whenever Rev. Kim is gone, Rev. Olga Hard, a recently-retired UM pastor living in West Jordan has agreed to give Sunday worship leadership and provide pastoral care. Rev. Olga's cell phone is 719-892-0295, and her email is olgahard@earthlink.net.

Here are some of the places and programs Rev. Kim is currently planning to explore over the next few months:

Summit Vista in Taylorsville, UT; Minka Houses class at the Univ South Indiana (Evansville); Wesley Manor (a UM continuum of care) in Louisville, KY; United Methodist Association (of senior living communities) annual meeting and (UM) Shell Point Retirement Community, Ft. Myers, FL; Minka Senior Housing Community, Loveland, CO; and Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising, Nashville. Rev. Kim will also be consulting with local leaders at Weber Human Services, Marriott-Slaterville Planning Commission, Intermountain Healthcare, etc.

YOUR UMCOR DONATIONS AT WORK

Over the past two years, the United Methodist Committee on Relief gave out grants for hurricane recovery totaling \$53,089,239. This benevolence was made possible by United Methodists around the world contributing and working together. Here are the details:

- Hurricane Harvey - \$15,083,849
- Hurricane Irma - \$9,060,300
- Hurricane Maria - \$22,097,001
- Hurricane Hermine - \$475,000
- Hurricane Florence - \$1,922,886
- Hurricane Matthew - \$3,608,164
- Hurricane Michael - \$842,039

