



# The Epistles of ST. PAUL'S

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## *A Decade of Simple Prayers and Blessings*

*By Rev. Dr. Scott J. Schiesswohl*

As the Blue room stack of book boxes from my office continues to grow (as do the stacks at home) a shower of memories and images fill my mind and heart. Every book and picture and chalice and cross seems to represent treasured moments of our time together. I believe it was the choice of the 2012 Women's Summer Book Group to read Anne Lamott's "Help, Thanks, and Wow." That fall we shared a small blue prayer card with the two most common and perhaps important prayers daily occupying of thoughts—"Help, Amen" and on the reverse side "Thanks, Amen." Some many of you have asked for replacements and shared how much ours has been used over the years. A little card – A simple prayer - A connection throughout our faithful community.

Even though these pastoral moves in the church tradition happen annually at this time, there are always questions and struggles on the part of both the congregation and the pastor. I offer no logical explanation because that usually is poor wisdom in this case.

However, I have seen a possible spiritual trend in the themes of my daily prayers and journaling. The season of Easter consistently has Jesus meeting us on the road. His questions like this change of ministry take us where we may not wish to go. We pray continually to receive direction and counsel and wisdom as we encounter the amazing challenges and opportunities of life. We even pray for specific instruction for the next leg of the journey. And as we pray and reflect and remember, as we move from the fear of change to the courage of service and faithful leadership, in the end we know that above all Love makes the greatest and lasting difference. We seek the promise of power within but also beyond ourselves because in the end God lives and reigns within our community of faith and care.

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## St. Paul's United Methodist Church

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Our denomination, like our very nation and throughout the globe, is once again divided, finding solutions in power abuse, violence, and the grief and loss of joy. We still dream of a United church, all one, together serving and devoted to the One God, apostolic and universally loving all. Not just united, but welcoming, healing, loving, and incorporating the gifts and blessings of all. Yet, it is like trying to predict the springtime weather in Colorado—just wait and if it is not pleasing to you it will change. This spring there are still a few more ski days possible and at the same time we can't wait for the warmth of sunshine. Our prayers must encompass both ends of the spectrum and still simply remain - "Help and Thanks."

These are and will continue to be very challenging and confusing times. They are also incredibly fruitful times with new leaders and ideas coming to the surface. It kind of reminds me of the last decade or maybe several decades. The world continues to turn and sometimes we feel a little dizzy. Over the last years we have faced a lot together - amazing blessings and deep losses. We have held each other up and celebrated new life, new members and even new generations. Yet, together as the faith remnant, in constancy and faith, we have shared the blessings of God's love and grace over and over again.

As I continue to pack up and prepare to return to my home in the mountains, I know that because of your love and support and God's presence, we will always be family. God continues to re-create and make new our lives and our world. One recent morning I woke sleeping on the floor in Evergreen to elk in the front yard and bunnies in the back. The night before while seeing the incredible sky of stars a bobcat crossed the driveway. The next night in Boulder, friend asked if I have seen the deer just at the edge of the Mesa Trail. I went home to see bunnies in this backyard as well. We may need the prayers of Help and Thanks most frequently, but as I remember you all, my St Paul's family, and beauty and creation of our space and time together, my prayer card needs to have a place for the third prayer—WOW! Thank you Anne Lamont for this title. And I will always be grateful for the blessings of our ministry together. As Paul wrote in Romans 5, "There is more to come", especially as we speak the truth and goodness of our blessed community. Our big tent confesses a mutual discipleship, deep spirituality and sustaining and healing care for each other. May God be blessed by our example of remembering who we are and whose we are. And may the Lord keep your going out and your coming in from this day forward and forevermore. AMEN. O Lord, may it be so! AMEN!

## Update on STEMrev

STEMrev has finished our third year of programming, and we just keep growing! We brought STEMrev to four locations this spring: Manhattan Community Center, Diagonal Court Community Center, Broadway East Community Center, and Columbine Elementary School. We continue our partnerships with Boulder Housing Partners and I Have A Dream Foundation and began a new partnership this year with the City of Boulder, working in a Family Resource School. We expanded our programming beyond middle school to serve kids from 3rd to 9th grade: about 60 kids every week! We recruited five volunteers from the University of Colorado in fields from computer science to civil engineering to aerospace. Many, many thanks to them for their energy and enthusiasm!

For the first time this summer we will offer a week-long STEMrev summer camp at the Temple Grandin School, and we have already been invited to expand our programming for Boulder Housing Partners next year.

Our heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors and supporters who got us off the ground and made our continued growth possible. Thank you for being part of the STEMrev-olution!

~ Rebecca Glancy



## **WOMEN'S CHORUS**

On August 4 the Women's Chorus will be singing under the direction of Wally Cleaveland. Whether you sing in the Chancel Choir or not you are welcome to sing. Please let Wally know soon if you would be willing to sing so he can order music. Contact Wally Cleaveland at [patcleaveland@msn.com](mailto:patcleaveland@msn.com)

## **Congratulations To Our Graduates**

**Ashlyn Cook** who graduated from Fossil Ridge High School in Ft. Collins.

**Anna Dahlstrom** who graduated from Fairview High School.

**Jack Himes** who graduated from CSU. He will continue his education to become a P.A.

**Claire Muckle**, daughter of Andrew, who graduated from Monarch High with a Colorado State Seal of Biliteracy and Magna Cum Laude and is going to go to CU.

**Sydney Richardson** who graduated from Augustine in Rock Island, Illinois. She will continue her education in Veterinary School.

## **ANNUAL YARD SALE**

Our Yard Sale is now scheduled for Saturday, August 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You may begin to bring your donations to the church where they will be stored in the lower level Scout Room. We have reserved Franz Hall for August 17-24 to set up and organize. If you have large items, it's best to wait until the week before the sale to bring them in. We will take household goods, sports equipment, clothing, books, and toys. Electronics need to be less than five years old. We need help with the set up of tables, fireman's brigade, sorting and pricing the week before, and receiving donations during the day/evening. If you can help or have questions please contact Sandi Cook at (303) 884-4123 or [sjcook65@gmail.com](mailto:sjcook65@gmail.com).

## **LADIES LUNCH BUNCH**

All are welcome! Come and have great conversation on Thursday, June 6th at the 3 Margaritas Restaurant in Boulder, 11:45 a.m. Please RSVP to Joan Cooper 303-499-8591 or [ajcooperjr@comcast.net](mailto:ajcooperjr@comcast.net)

## **SEW WHAT**

The Sew What ladies group will not meet again until September.

## **WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK GROUP**

The Women's Summer Book Group will meet in the Blue Room at 3 p.m. Thursdays beginning June 6. The book we have selected this year is "Almost Everything: Notes on Hope" by Anne Lamott. We will meet weekly during the summer to discuss chapters from the book, to share our own stories, and to offer support to each other. We also laugh a lot and have yummy snacks. Please consider joining us this summer.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP**

The men of St. Paul's gather on the second Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. They will be meeting on June at LePeep restaurant located at 2525 Arapahoe Ave. in Boulder. There is no need to RSVP. Just come and enjoy!

## **THEATER NOTES**

Here are schedules for BDT Stage and Candlelight Dinner Playhouse from Spring, 2019 into Winter, 2020. If any of these shows look interesting to you let Judy Waller know.

BDT Stage: Beauty and the Beast - May 4 – September 21

Mamma Mia! - October 5 – February 22, 2020

Candlelight: Disney's Tarzan – June 6 – August 25

The Hunchback of Notre Dame – September 5 – November 17

## June Preaching Schedule

**June 2** Rev. Dan Daniels  
White

**June 9** Tim Cook  
Red

**June 17** Amy Abshire  
White

**June 23** Rev. Dr. Scott Schiesswohl  
Green

**June 30** Rebecca Glancy  
Green

## June Birthdays

6-4 Jessica Bishop	6-17 Maurine McKibben
6-4 Diana Herrell	6-19 Janette Hosford
6-5 Wally Cleaveland	6-21 Caitlin Small
6-9 Harry Owen	6-22 Zack Nunnery
6-13 Barbara Hancock	6-26 Betty Herrell
	6-29 Alan Polacek

## Sunday Volunteer Schedule

	06/02	06/9	06/16	06/23	06/30
<b>Fellowship</b>	Pat Cleaveland	Matthews'	Bishop's	Potluck after church	Joan Cooper
<b>Flowers</b>	Pat Cleaveland	Bishop's	Sandra Jordan	Cook's	Joan Cooper
<b>Lay Liturgist</b>	Rebecca Glancy	Rebecca Glancy	Martha Batch	Amy Abshire	Claudia Mills

# JUNE 2019

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> Rev. Dan Daniels preaching Holy Communion Fellowship 9:45	<b>3</b> 9:00 a.m. Yoga  Office Closed	<b>4</b>	5	<b>6</b> 11:45 a.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch  3:00 p.m. Women's Book Group	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast LePeep
<b>9</b> Pentecost Sunday  Tim Cook preaching	<b>10</b> 9:00 a.m. Yoga  Office Closed	11	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 3:00 p.m. Summer Women's Book Group	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Father's Day  Trinity Sunday  Amy Abshire preaching	<b>17</b> 9:00 a.m. Yoga  Office Closed	18	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 3:00 p.m. Summer Women's Book Group	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Rev. Dr. Scott Schiesswohl Preaching  Dr. Scott Farewell & Potluck	<b>24</b> 9:00 a.m. Yoga  Office Closed	25	<b>26</b>	27 3:00 p.m. Summer Women's Book Group	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 3rd Sunday after Pentacost  Rebecca Glancy preaching						

NOTE: Beginning June 2nd, through the end of the summer, Fellowship will begin at 9:45 a.m. BEFORE the Worship service instead of after. Worship services will remain at 10:15 a.m.

## **Kelly Johnson – A Fond Farewell**

### **And Thank You to Michele**

Sadly, we wish a very fond farewell and best wishes to Kelly Johnson, our wonderful Administrative Assistant, who has found it necessary to seek full-time employment with health benefits close to where she now lives in Highlands Ranch. Kelly became well-acquainted with our church family in her short time here and we enjoyed getting to know her and her sweet baby son, Wyatt. She has been a delight to work with and we will miss her cheerful ways. Michele Matthews has been working with her and is stepping in, as she often does, to help out until a decision is made. We appreciate them BOTH!

### **Summer Celebration**

Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 7st, 2019. Hank Troy will return to St. Paul's UMC for special music for the Sunday service, bringing with him vocalist Wende Harston. A Sandwiches and Ice Cream lunch will be served after the service for all. Fellowship Committee will provide the food. A basket for donations for food costs will be available. There will NOT be fellowship time before the service for this day.



## **KING SOOPERS REWARDS**

If you haven't already done so, please go on line and register with King Soopers so that with any purchase you make, St. Paul's may continue to earn cash rewards. This is worth several thousand dollars to our church budget, so your support is *needed and very much appreciated*.

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scroll down to "Enroll Now"

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Any **questions or problems?** Call or text Terri (303-579-6123) or Joey (303-819-0270)

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW PASTOR**

Our new pastor will begin at St. Paul's on July 7. Come and meet Pastor Charles Alkula and his wife Belinda at our ice cream social after church.

*Have a submission?*

*Email your submission*

*to:*

*sumchurch1003@qwestoffice.*

*net by the 15th of the*

*month.*

# Coming in JULY



**Welcome to our new pastor,  
Charles Alkula & his wife,  
Belinda, July 7**

**Hank Troy and Vocalist Wende  
Harston, July 7 Concert**

**at St. Paul's**

**Sandwiches & Ice Cream**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!**

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