

The Epistle of St. Paul's

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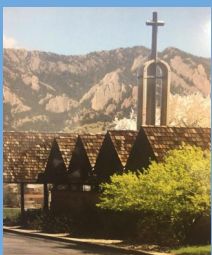
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From The Pastor's Desk...

We did it! We made it through Lent and once more celebrated our faith with our siblings from the Boulder Beautiful Korean Church on Easter morning!! And while we bask in the afterglow of that festive day, we may be tempted to sit back and savor the seasonal joy unfolding around us.

We will begin our worship in April with a special occasion at St. Paul's UMC: Bishop Karen Oliveto will be present on April 7 to preach and to share in a several remembrances. The bishop will be retiring this coming summer after forty years of ministry, and for us to have this opportunity to listen to what, in my opinion, is the finest-preaching bishop I've heard in my years in ministry will make this a day to remember for our church.

The year 2024 is also the 60th anniversary of St. Paul's UMC as a worshipping community! The neighborhood has changed around us since those early days at Southern Hills Junior High, but our faith and our God continue to stand firm. The bishop's visit will also provide the opportunity to celebrate two other accomplishments in our church family in the past few years: The paying off of our mortgage and our becoming a Reconciling Ministries Network church. Sixty years as a faith community, being mortgage-free, and putting "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" into practice shows what being a vibrant faith community can look like!

AND...the month of April will continue to offer each of us opportunities to experience our God's amazing grace each and every day. I invite each person reading this newsletter to make a determined choice to make the weeks leading up to Pentecost in May a time to truly embrace the Christian life and to share that experience with your siblings in Christ here at St. Paul's UMC!

Every blessing,
Pastor Charles

Bishop Karen will visit St. Paul's on Sunday, April 7. She will give the message. **A potluck lunch will follow the service.** Meat and cheese for sandwiches, baked beans, deviled eggs, potato salad, and a variety of other goodies will be provided. Bring a dish to add to the spread or contribute funds for the next event. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear and visit with our bishop.

Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, April 4, at 11:45 a.m. at Parma Trattoria and Mozzarella Bar (1132 W. Dillon Rd., Louisville). R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, April 2, to Myrle Myers (mmyers59@msn.com / 303-810-8004).

Breakfast Fellowship will meet on **Saturday, April 13**, at 8:00 a.m. at Le Peep (2525 Arapahoe Ave, Boulder, next to McGuckin's hardware). No reservations necessary. All are welcome!

Sew What will meet on **Friday, April 19**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Myrle Myers's home. Please R.S.V.P. by April 16 to Myrle via text, email, or phone call (mmyers59@msn.com / 303-810-8004). Folks are encouraged to bring their own lunches/preferred drinks. Some drinks will be provided. Sew What is for those who love to sew, knit, crochet, embroider, and/or enjoy visiting with one another.

The UMC General Conference begins April 23. Please pray for delegates as they prepare. Go to <http://www.mtnskyumc.org/light-a-candle> to express your prayers.

*St. Paul's UMC welcomes and affirms
people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and
gender expressions.*

The **Fun Finance Team** is still navigating its new bookkeeping system, and we've encountered a few glitches. One of the glitches we are encountering is our ability to record checks that have multiple funds designated. Please, if you can, when making donations for more than one fund, write separate checks—one for each fund. We are hoping to find a workaround and will let you know when we have discovered how to more easily record checks with multiple funds designated. Additionally, we are still working on a new online giving option but do not have that set up at this time. Thank you all for your patience as we work with and learn this new system.

Pastor Charles and Belinda would like to extend their deep appreciation to the congregation for the many prayers and thoughtful expressions of care and concern as a result of Pastor Charles's hospital stay last month.

Calling all musicians, friends of musicians, family members of musicians, and lovers of music—we need your help filling out the summer special music calendar. If you or anyone you know would be interested and willing to provide special music this summer, please let Amy Abshire know at amy_abshire@msn.com. Currently, every Sunday except July 21 is available! Thanks in advance for your help.



April Birthdays

4-3 Rebecca Glancy

4-3 Judy Waller

4-10 Gerald Browning

4-15 Larry Esposito

4-19 John Courier

4-22 Sandra Jordan

4-26 Christina Pulaski

4-27 Mawce Glancy

April Anniversaries

Jakeb and Jessica (Bishop) Sawyer

April 9, 2023

Kelly (Roberts) and Justin Smoot

April 10, 2021

APRIL PREACHING SCHEDULE

April 7

Bishop Karen Oliveto preaching

April 14

"How to avoid deception"

Luke 24:36b – 48, 1 John 3:1-7

April 21

"It's not that baaaaad"

1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

April 28

"We cannot do this thing alone"

John 15:1-8, Acts 8:26-39

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