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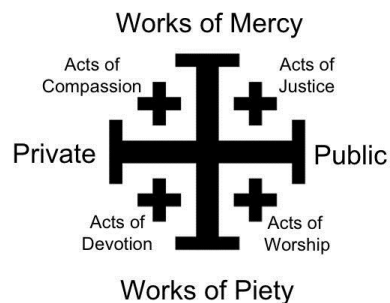
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From the Pastor's Desk

By Rev. Dr. Charles Alkula

Here we are, in the “dog days of summer,” and with August stretched out before us, we might be tempted to just ‘lay-low’ and ease our way to September. The Christian faith however doesn’t permit this type of thinking. Let’s look briefly at just a few of the ways a Christian (and certainly a United Methodist) is called to be an active participant in the life of faith, even during the hottest months!

“Courageous and forward-leaning mission-minded congregations practice spiritual disciplines. Our vital work is a spiritual adventure based in John Wesley’s means of grace. John Wesley taught that God’s grace is unearned and that we were not to be idle waiting to experience grace. We are to engage in means of grace which are ways God works invisibly in disciples, hastening, strengthening; and confirming faith so that God's grace pervades in and through disciples. As we look at the means of grace today, they can be divided into works of piety and works of mercy.” – from UMC.org



These means of grace can be divided into two areas: **Works of Mercy and Works of Piety**. Each area has two parts, individual (or private) acts and communal (or public) acts.

Works of Piety involve those activities that come from a spiritual aspect of our life. Works of Piety follow the example of Jesus as He lived in the presence of His God. Practices that nurture us in this area include:

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Private Practices – These acts of devotion provide the means of going deeper into our faith and can be expressed in reading, meditating and studying the scriptures, prayer, fasting, and healthy living.

Public Practices – Having grown deeper in our spiritual practices, it is essential to remember that it is impossible to be a solitary Christian. We are instructed by scripture to regularly share in the sacraments, to engage in Christian conferencing (accountability to one another), to regularly attend worship, to share our faith with others, and to attend Bible study with others.

Works of Mercy means putting into practice what we profess in our hearts and on our lips. This is where the “rubber meets the road.”

Private Practices - doing good works, visiting the sick and those in prison, feeding the hungry and giving generously to the needs of others.

Public Practices – John Wesley believed it wasn't enough to have sympathy for others unless we sought opportunities to change the conditions in a broader sense. Seeking justice, ending oppression and discrimination (for instance Wesley challenged Methodists to end slavery), and addressing the needs of the poor are examples of the change we can make in the world. It is important to remember to have a balanced approach to your faith with Christ as the example in all aspects of your life. If, as a Christian, you should find yourself putting all or most of your focus on one part of the following illustration, turn to God and to your sisters and brothers in the faith that you would be able to live life into the fullness of God's peace.

Every blessing,

Pastor Charles

EFAA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Emergency Family Assistance Association (EFAA) is an organization whose mission is to help those in our community whose immediate needs for food, shelter and other basic necessities cannot be adequately met by other means, and supports their efforts toward financial stability or self-sufficiency.

EFAA currently needs volunteers in a variety of different places within their organization in their food market, at the front desk, in their children's program, and more. For more information check out EFAA's website at www.efaa.org or if you are interested in volunteering contact Sue McCullough at Sue@efaa.org or by calling 303-442-3042.

COMMUNITY TABLE

Community Table serves food to the homeless. Volunteers are always welcome! The next Community Table will take place Thursday, August 15th from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Please contact Melanie Muckle if you are interested in helping, mjmuckle@aol.com or 303-641-6003.

EFAA THANKS YOU

From EFAA "On behalf of those we serve, please accept our thanks for your April 2019 contribution of Easter baskets filled with eggs and bunnies. Your gift brightened the Easter holiday of children and parents at EFAA.

Your support makes change possible for families facing crisis. From all of us at EFAA, thank you for making a difference in the lives of local families".

UMCOR RESUPPLY HYGIENE KITS

As United Methodist's we are called to stand with the vulnerable and hurting in the world. There is a humanitarian crisis on our border with detained children and families. Regardless of political ideology, we are called to be part of responding with grace, compassion, and justice.

While UMCOR is barred from the facilities that hold migrants, our United Methodist connection continues along the US-Mexico border. In the past three months, UMCOR has delivered 46,128 hygiene kits to six church-run transitional shelters.

The General Board of Global Ministries asks us to respond in multiple ways. The best option to help restock UMCOR's hygiene kit supply is to work with UMCOR directly at <https://www.umcmmission.org/umcor/serve/relief-supply-network/hygiene-kit> or via The Advance at <https://advance.umcor.org/p-616-material-resources.aspx>.



ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL YARD SALE

The Yard sale month is upon us! This year's sale is August 24. This all-church event is a major fundraiser for St. Paul's. Please sign the clipboard on Sunday mornings to help or call Sandi Cook at (303) 884-4123. We will especially need all hands on deck on Sunday, August 18, immediately after worship for the traditional "bucket brigade," as well as to take items to the yard on the 24th, and for clean-up after. See the schedule for the week below.

You may continue to bring your items to the Jerry Beaber Scout Room, though it is most helpful to wait and bring in larger items during the week of the sale. We will accept almost anything, with the exception of computer equipment, CRT TVs, child safety seats, mattresses and box springs, and hazardous materials. Contact Tim or Sandi with questions.

Please help make this year's sale a success!

Please make note of the following dates:

Saturday, August 17 Franz Hall Set-Up 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 18 "Fire Brigade" Bringing Up Items from Basement immediately after worship (be sure to dress appropriately)

Monday, August 19 - Friday, August 23 Pricing (morning & afternoon/early evening shifts)

Saturday, August 24 - Carry Items to Lawn 7:00 a.m.

Cashiers and Attendants 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Clean-Up 1:30 p.m.

Thanks for helping us feel welcome

Dear St. Paul's Church Family,

Belinda and I want to thank you for the loving way you have welcomed us and invited us to join with you in the weekly activities of the church. Our beginning to get to know you is our delight. We thank God for bringing us to St. Paul's!

May you and yours enjoy a safe, fun summer of activities -- time to create new memories along "The Way."

Every blessing, Pastor Charles and Belinda

Parsonage Open House

You're invited to the parsonage following worship on August 25th at 11:30 a.m. for the first annual parsonage open house!

There will be root beer/coke floats on the backyard patio and tours of Pastor Charles' button collection in the basement!

Come and see what your parsonage is like on the inside!!!

Check Out St. Paul's New and Improved Website

Pastor Charles has created a new website and blog for St. Paul's. Be sure to check them out

- Please visit our new website, www.stpaulsboulder.com (the .com extension is new)
- Our new blog at www.bolderstpauls.blogspot.com and
- Don't forget to **Like** us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stpaulsboulder/

Directory Updates

Please add the following to your Church Directory

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Belinda's Email—belinda.alkula@gmail.com

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will not meet in August but will resume meeting beginning September 5th at Ted's Montana Grill in Westminster.

SEW WHAT

Sew What will not meet in August but will resume meeting beginning September 27th at the home of Joan Cooper.

MEN'S BREAKFAST The men of St. Paul's gather on the second Saturday of the month for breakfast and fellowship. They will meet on Saturday, August 10th at 8:00 a.m. at Le Peep's Restaurant at 2525 Arapahoe Avenue in Boulder. There is no need to RSVP. Just come and enjoy!

WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK GROUP

The Women's Summer Book Group will meet in the Blue Room at 3 p.m. on Thursdays. 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. Not to worry that we're nearing the end, there is always something to discuss and learn.

THEATER NOTES

Here are schedules for BDT Stage and Candlelight Dinner Playhouse from Spring, 2019 into Spring, 2020.

BDT Stage: Beauty and the Beast - May 4 – September 21
Mamma Mia! - October 5, 2019 – February 22, 2020
Ragtime – March 7, 2020 – May 30, 2020

Candlelight: Disney's Tarzan – June 6 – August 25
The Hunchback of Notre Dame – September 5 – November 17
Holiday Inn – November 29, 2019 – January 19, 2020
Jekyll and Hyde, the Musical – January 30, 2020 – March 29, 2020

We have a group going to see Mamma Mia at BDT Stage this fall – Judy has tables for 20 reserved for Sunday night, Oct. 27th. We get a deal for booking early (\$51 per ticket), as well as better tables and the usual group amenities. Payment is not due till early September. If you are interested in joining us please let Judy Waller know at judy38waller@gmail.com or 303-494-8700.

WEB SITE DESIGN SEMINAR

From Screen to door

A two-day practical and hands on experience in how to reach new people through social media (Friday) and create inviting and welcoming real word experiences (Saturday). You are welcome to attend either or both days.

This event is for lay and clergy local church leaders. Great for pastors, communicators, office managers, and outreach / evangelism teams. Only a minimum of technical skill is required. If you can take a picture with your smartphone and download an App you can participate in the Friday event.

WHEN: Friday, August 9, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. / **Saturday, August 10, 2019** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Johnstown UMC, 108 King Ave., Johnstown, CO 8053

Contact: 970-587-4444 / Pastorjeremy@johnstown.church

SUNDAY MORNING TELLERS NEEDED

Calling all church members! The Finance Committee needs your help! Due to various and sundry reasons, we are finding ourselves short on people who are able and willing to serve the church as Sunday morning Teller (money counter). This is now a very easy and very quick job which is done immediately following the church service. If you are looking for a way to help the church, then this may be just the job for you. There are written instructions and trainings available.

We are looking for people who can serve for an entire month as part of a team. However, we are also looking to gather a list of folks who would be available as a substitute or to fill in from time to time. If you would prayerfully consider this request and let Louise Cook know if you would be interested, that would be an amazing help to our committee.

Louise can be reached at louisecook916@gmail.com or you can speak to her at

THANK YOU TO OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Terri Himes has been our Financial Secretary for 15 years. She will be stepping down after she finishes training her replacements. We are all very grateful to her for her many years of excellent work.

Thank you also to Martha Batch and Molly Nunnery who are our new Financial Secretaries. They are sure to do a great job.

Happy Birthday!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 8-3 Jennifer McNabb
- 8-4 Tim Cook
- 8-5 Sabrina Bishop
- 8-7 Lynne Levin
- 8-8 Kelly Roberts
- 8-9 Ron Polacek
- 8-12 Ken Kendrick
- 8-13 Wyatt Johnson
- 8-14 Grace Clark
- 8-15 Rhea Esposito
- 8-15 Terri Himes
- 8-15 Kevin Levitt
- 8-20 Tammy VanMeter-Heartly
- 8-21 Claudia Mills
- 8-24 Abby Lagemann
- 8-25 Ella Berlin
- 8-26 Matt Cook
- 8-26 Vince Wayland

AUGUST PREACHING SCHEDULE—2019

August 4 “This Very Day”

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

August 11 “Is faith enough anymore?”

Luke 12:32-40

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

August 18 “Not for the faint of heart”

Isaiah 5:1-7

Luke 12:49-56

August 25 “The voice of God”

Luke 13:10-17

Jeremiah 1:4-10

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	08/04	08/11	08/18	08/25
Fellowship	The Bishops		Suzanne & Melanie Muckle	No Fellowship
Flowers	The Bishops	Sandra Jordan	Lorie Courier	The Coopers
Lay Liturgist	Diane McKnight		Bob Muckle	

AUGUST 2019

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 8th Sunday after Pentecost	5 Yoga 9:00 a.m.	6	7	8	9	10 Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m., Le Peep
11 9th Sunday after Pentecost,	12 Yoga 9:00 a.m.	13	14 .	15 Community Table, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Deadline for Epistle articles	16	17
18 10th Sunday after Pentecost “Bucket Brigade” for Yard Sale items	19 Yoga 9:00 a.m. Sorting, labeling for Yard Sale	20	21	22	23	24 St. Paul's YARD SALE 8:00—2:00
25 11th Sunday after Pentecost Parsonage Open House 11:30 a.m.	26 Yoga 9:00 a.m.	27	28	29	30	31

Have a submission?

Email your submission to:

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by the 15th of the month.

Coming in **SEPTEMBER**



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

September 15th-October 15th

CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES

September 4

UMC FALL RENEWAL & PICNIC

September 8

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