



The Epistle of St. Paul's

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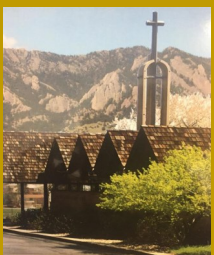
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From The Pastor's Desk..

Two events last month got me to thinking about the future of St. Paul's UMC. The first was the release of the first images from the James Webb Space Telescope, allowing us to see deeper into the cosmos than ever before. The images have been stunning, and the possibilities of further staggering discoveries boggles the mind.

The other event was the heat wave that seemed to have much of the northern hemisphere in its grip for weeks on end. Wildfires, deaths, and shattered heat records (England recorded its highest temperature in history) have contributed to a realization that the time to act to address the perils of climate change is rapidly dwindling.

Here at St. Paul's we are trying to do our part and recycling where possible, using Zoom for meetings (thus reducing our carbon footprint), not using chemicals on the weeds, and watering less often. But is this enough?

Consider this from The United Methodist Church's 2016 Book of Resolutions, The Natural World: Global Climate Stewardship:

"We acknowledge the global impact of humanity's disregard for God's creation. Rampant industrialization and the corresponding increase in the use of fossil fuels have led to a buildup of pollutants in the earth's atmosphere. These 'greenhouse gas' emissions threaten to alter dramatically the earth's climate for generations to come with severe environmental, economic, and social implications. The adverse impacts of global climate change disproportionately affect individuals and nations least responsible for the emissions. We therefore support efforts of all governments to require mandatory reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and call on individuals, congregations, businesses, industries, and communities to reduce their emissions."

I believe that as people of faith, we have an obligation to respond to this crisis with one eye on the scriptures, where in Genesis 1:28 we read, "God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'" This dominion is intended to convey a responsibility for creation, not an exploitation of it.

It does us no good to peer into the depths of the cosmos if we can't be bothered to look into our own hearts. We have no business exploring distant worlds if we can't be trusted to care for the one we're on.

I would ask each person reading this to do two things: first, to consider what you are doing in your own home to be a good steward of what God has placed in your hands. And secondly, to use your voice to speak to your friends, family, neighbors, politicians, businesses, etc. to say there is still time to act and the time to act is now.

Every blessing,
Pastor Charles

Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet Thursday, August 4, at 11:45 a.m., at the Roadhouse Boulder Depot, downtown Boulder (next to the Hyatt Hotel/2366 Junction Place). If you intend to go, **please R.S.V.P. by August 2** to Michele Matthews (mlmatt@comcast.net / 303-817-2541). You can park in the nearby parking garage and pay at the kiosk after lunch.

Men's breakfast will meet on Saturday, August 13, at Le Peep in Boulder at 8:00 a.m. No reservations are needed. Hope to see all of you there!

DINNER CIRCLES

It is time to reshuffle Dinner Circles. That means that it's a good time to get involved! Dinner Circles are a way of getting to know more of the people in our church family and foster stronger relationships. The only thing structured about Dinner Circles is that some kind of a meal is shared by the group: singles or couples, age doesn't matter. The host decides the details, and members contribute to the event. **All are welcome.** Please let Marcia Hult know your plans with a phone call/message, text, or email. If you are already a part of a group, we'll assume that you want to continue in a new group unless we hear otherwise. Come join us. We guarantee you'll have a great time. Marcia can be reached at 720-562-8200 (home), 307-761-0574 (cell), or morandfar39@gmail.com

United Women in Faith News

SAVE THE DATES!

Peaks Pikes Peak District United Women in Faith (UWF)

Annual Meeting, September 24, 2022 (Saturday)

More Details to Follow

Mountain Sky Conference United Women in Faith (UWF)

Annual Meeting, October 7-8, 2022 (Friday, Saturday)

Hybrid Gathering: First United Methodist Church, Cheyenne, Wyoming / Zoom

More Details to Follow



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in Faith

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

Thank you for shopping to support St. Paul's! We will soon receive a check from King Soopers for \$289.64!

A total of 812 pounds of food and other items was delivered to the EFAA food bank following St. Paul's July food drive. Thank you for your generous support and for showing love to our neighbors.

Community Table needs volunteers each night to help hand out Grab and Go dinners. It is outdoors, making it a safe activity during the pandemic; it is located at Grace Commons Annex, 1603 Walnut, from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. See News You Can Use for the link to the online signup sheet.

Workday at the Wesley Center

University of Colorado, 1290 Folsom Street, Boulder

Saturday, August 6, Starting at 8:30 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to paint the bathrooms, to help give the center a good cleaning, and to stain the fence at the parsonage next door to the center. Look for more details to follow in News You Can Use. Four members of the St. Paul's UMC Church Family serve on the Wesley Foundation Board: Don Berlin (Chair), Tim Cook (SPRC), Bobby Dahlstrom (Trustees), and Belinda Alkula (Alumni and Donor Relations).



August Birthdays

8-3 Jennifer McNabb
8-4 Tim Cook
8-4 Amy Abshire
8-5 Sabrina Bishop
8-8 Kelly Smoot
8-9 Ron Polacek
8-15 Rhea Esposito
8-15 Terri Himes
8-15 Kevin Levitt
8-21 Claudia Mills
8-24 Abby Lagemann
8-25 Ella Berlin
8-26 Matt Cook
8-26 Kathy Lloyd
8-26 Vince Wayland
8-30 Mark Leifeste

AUGUST PREACHING SCHEDULE

August 7 / Communion

"The Gourmet"

Luke 24:13-16, 28-35, Revelation 22:1-5

August 14

"Casey at the Pulpit"

Mark 6:1-5, 7-13, Matthew 28:16-20

August 21

"Return of the Living Dead"

John 11:1-45

August 28

"Guess who's coming to dinner?"

Luke 14:1, 7-14, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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