



The Epistle of St. Paul's

February 2022

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*Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.*

Last year, after a year in the grip of the pandemic and in anticipation of a second virtual Easter, I wrote in the February Epistle that “giving up something for Lent” seemed unnecessary when the transformation to which we are invited to enter is possible simply by being present with our God. I was looking forward to this February because after two years of uncertainty and loss, of political turmoil and economic uncertainty, with wildfires and pandemic news ad nauseum, I thought this Lenten season would be different. And then it hit me: Lent doesn't begin for another month!

*Before our Father's throne,
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts, and our cares.*

So does this mean we should merely amble through February until something better comes along? Hardly. Though the journey through this life is seldom (if ever) a straight path, void of challenges or detours, we are blessed to have companionship as we make our way. Early Christians were sometimes called “Followers of the Way,” meaning people who followed Jesus's path of grace, following Him into the presence of God. We are also blessed to have companionship which we find among the fellowship of God's people here at St. Paul's UMC.

*We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.*

I've been grateful since this pandemic broke upon us to be here in Boulder with the people of St. Paul's UMC. I am thankful for the compassion and grace that continues to be shown, in person and online, by this congregation as we continue to seek to follow in the Way of Grace. I look forward to seeing just where God will lead us in the coming years and to growing closer to God and to each of you.

Every blessing,

Pastor Charles

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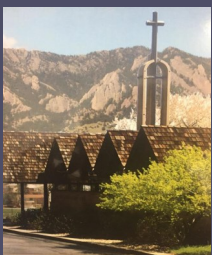
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COVID Update

Due to the continued high COVID-19 case numbers in Boulder County, we will remain in an online-only worship posture for the month of February. This is a fluid situation, and we will continue to monitor the impact of the pandemic on our community along with the recommendations of public health authorities on a month-to-month basis. We invite you to join us from home for worship at 10:15 a.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link is sent out each week by the church office.

For more information, please refer to this link: <https://www.covidactnow.org/us>.

UMW News – Virtual Mission U coming in February 2022

“Climate Justice: A Call to Hope & Action”

February 6, 13, 20, & 27 from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time) via Zoom

Join the Rev. Waveland King for a Mission u virtual study that uses the book *Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action* to deepen your understanding and awareness of climate change and its impact on God’s creation. The study highlights justice, peace, and integrity of creation as important dimensions of partnering in God’s mission today. It offers participants biblical, theological, and ethical insights as the basis of their advocacy on climate justice in churches and in the public sphere.

Register for Mission u at mtnsky-reg.brtapp.com/2022MissionUClimateJustice

The study book can be mailed to a registrant for a suggested donation of \$10 (to cover the cost of postage).

Please direct questions about this study to Belinda Alkula.

Mission u is a transformative adult education program, based on biblically grounded curricula. It is sponsored by United Methodist Women. Curricula are intended to motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to be in ministry for a more just and equitable world, locally and globally.

People do not have to be members of The United Methodist Church to participate. Men and women are encouraged to participate.

Thanks to everyone for their loyalty to the **King Soopers Rewards Program**. Participation in the last quarter of 2021 earned St. Paul’s UMC \$240.91. We look forward to the strike resolution and the reopening of our neighborhood Table Mesa store after nearly a year of loss, remembrance and renewal. Thank you all!

Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet February 3 at the Depot Restaurant in Boulder at 11:45 a.m. Please make your reservation with Louise Cook as Joan will be out of town.

Men's breakfast will be February 12 at 8:00 a.m. at Le Peep in Boulder.

Gifts to honor Don Lloyd may be made to St. Paul's for the Don Lloyd Memorial Fund. Donations can be made via Breeze (select "Memorials" from the dropdown menu) or by check (write "Don Lloyd" in the memo line).

Beginning February 10, "**God: Stories: A Discussion of Faith and Literature**," led by Claudia Mills and Rebecca Glancy. We will read and discuss eight short stories by eight contemporary authors—some people of faith, some not—that explore faith, grace, and mystery in our lives. We will meet Thursday evenings at 7:00 for eight weeks via Zoom. Let Rebecca know if you are interested.

Send a note of encouragement to **Braden Nunnery**, who is at basic training through March.

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Hymn for Transfiguration Sunday (February 27)

Charles Wesley, *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1740

Christ, whose glory fills the skies
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near,
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till Thou inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

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

February Birthdays

2-2 Ryan Sullivan
2-4 Ashlyn Cook
2-4 Benjamin Glancy
2-9 Carol Carbon
2-12 Dr. Bob Muckle
2-13 Diana Bett
2-15 Sally Owen
2-16 Cathy Adams
2-19 Joan Cooper
2-26 Frank Richardson



FEBRUARY PREACHING SCHEDULE

Worship via Zoom

February 6 / Communion

"Fish or cut bait"

Isaiah 6:1-8, Luke 5:1-11

February 13

"Is the resurrection enough?"

Luke 6:17-26, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

February 20

"Did He really mean that?"

Genesis 45:3-11, 15, Luke 6:27-38

February 27

"The veil over us"

Exodus 34:29-35, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

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