



The Epistle of St. Paul's

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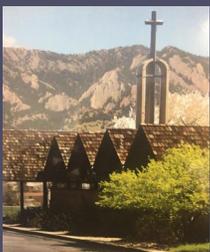
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From The Pastor's Desk..

"Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more..."

(Henry V, Act III, Scene 1)

Shakespeare has King Harry utter those stirring words before the climactic battle of Harfleur, urging his outnumbered troops to give their all in the coming battle or else fall in the attempt. This may not be the typical way to begin a January newsletter article, but I think it may serve us well in the ensuing months as a reminder that a new year beckons us to enter the year ahead with boldness.

The scriptures are chock full of examples of people responding to God's call with either boldness or timidity: Joshua and the conquest of Canaan, King Saul and David vs. Goliath, Paul and Barnabas on Cyprus, and many more. In each scene, God's people had a choice: to trust God or not.

The question being asked of us today is what manner of responding to God's summons to enter the new year will we embrace here at St. Paul's? Will we cower behind the limits of our numbers or lay claim to the opportunities our flexibility affords us? Will we seek out those in our community who have been neglected, and will we use the resources entrusted to us to challenge the systems that encouraged that neglect? Will we stride boldly into 2022, confident in our discipleship, or retreat into the shadows of the past, embarrassed by our timidity?

King Harry's other famous speech in Shakespeare's play, the St. Crispin's Day speech, given on the eve of the battle of Agincourt, once again takes up the challenges faced by the vastly outnumbered English and with stirring words says with confidence that we are enough to do the job in front of us.

I do not have a crystal ball to tell you how this year will unfold. Nor do I have a magic wand that can conjure up solutions to the challenges we will face in 2022. What I do have is confidence that we are enough to do the task God has called us to embrace. We can act with boldness because the Spirit of the Living God surrounds us. I know without doubt that 2022 is going to be an awesome year for St. Paul's UMC.

"Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more..."

Every blessing, Pastor Charles

De-Hanging of the Greens is Saturday, January 8, at 10:00 a.m. If you are able to come earlier in the week, feel free to stop by. Contact Judy Waller if you have any questions.

Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet Thursday, January 6, at The Depot in Boulder at 11:45. Please let Joan Cooper know if you would like to join us.
Men's Breakfast will meet at Le Peep in Boulder at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 8. No reservations needed.

UMW News – 2022 Virtual Mission u Studies

Belinda Alkula is now serving as the Mountain Sky Conference's Mission u Assistant Dean. 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.

Please plan to participate in these no-cost adult virtual Mission u studies in 2022!

Men and women are encouraged to participate!

Sunday Afternoon Classes in February (6, 13, 20, 27), 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Study: "Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action"

Study Leader: The Rev. Waveland King, the United Methodist pastor serving the Mineral County United Methodist Parish in western Montana

Registration: Details TBA.

Wednesday Evening Classes in July (13, 20, 27)/August 3, 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Study: "Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship"

Study Leader: Kathryn Witte, Mission u Dean, the Mountain Sky Conference Secretary for Global Ministries, and The United Methodist Church's General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) Coordinator for the "Mission Together – Nigeria Project." **Registration:** Details TBA.

People do not have to be members of The United Methodist Church to participate. Please direct questions about these studies to Belinda Alkula at 303-916-2349, Belinda.Alkula@gmail.com.

Prayer for Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into His Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen. —*The Book of Common Prayer*, 1979

Church Leadership for 2022

Ministers—All members of the congregation

Pastor Rev. Dr. Charles Alkula

Church Council Chair Scott Glancy

Lay Leader Joey Vander Vorste

Lay Member to Annual Conf. Belinda Alkula

Finance Chair Bob Muckle

Staff/Pastor Parish Chair Claudia Mills

Trustee Chair Peggy Fritschel

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Financial Secretaries Martha Batch, Molly Nunnery

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Fellowship Co-chairs Pat Cleaveland / Louise Cook

Service/Missions Chair Scott Glancy

Communications Chair Tim Cook

Recording Secretary Rebecca Glancy

Bookkeeper Melanie Muckle

A complete list of committee members is available in the 2021 Church Conference booklet. If you did not receive your copy in print or access it online, please contact Rebecca in the office (office@saintpaulsboulder.org).

Thank you all for your faithful service!

Hymn for the Epiphany of the Lord (January 6)

Charles Wesley, 1739

Sons of men, behold from far,
Hail the long-expected star!
Star of truth that gilds the night,
And guides bewilder'd Nature right.
Mild it shines on all beneath,
Piercing through the shades of death;
Scattering error's wide-spread night;
Kindling darkness into light.
Nations all, remote and near,
Haste to see your God appear;
Haste, for him your hearts prepare,
Meet him manifested there!
There behold the dayspring rise,
Pouring light on mortal eyes;
See it chase the shades away,
Shining to the perfect day!
Sing, ye morning stars, again!
God descends on earth to reign!
God in mercy leaves the sky!
Shout, ye sons of God, on high!

Volunteers are needed for liturgist, usher, and flowers in 2022. Sign up at the back of the sanctuary or email the church office.

In remembrance of members lost in 2021 due to death: Linda Bryant, Wally Cleaveland, Jerry Ferguson, Dotty Lindley, Don Lloyd, and Skippy Rollins. Our prayers continue to be with all church family who lost a loved one last year.

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

January Birthdays

1-4 Eric Franz
1-4 Melanie Muckle
1-5 Don Berlin
1-5 Gary Smith
1-11 Brenda Smith
1-14 Karen Richardson
1-21 Joe Wright
1-22 Lylah Bishop
1-29 Jason Dupré
1-30 Dennis Hult
1-30 Sydney Richardson



JANUARY PREACHING SCHEDULE

January 2 / Communion

"The light has come"

Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12

January 9

"Where God finds happiness"

Isaiah 43:1-7, Luke 3:15-17, 22-22

January 16

"What's the big deal?"

I Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

January 23

"Unwrapping the gift"

1 Corinthians 12:13-31a, Luke 4:14-21

January 30

"The greatest of these"

Jeremiah 1:4-10, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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