



# The Epistles of St. Paul's

## From the Pastor's Desk

*By Rev. Dr. Charles Alkula*

*pil-grim-age n.*

*1. A journey to a sacred place or shrine.*

*2. A long journey or search, especially one of exalted purpose or moral significance*

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One of the over-arching themes that come to us from the scriptures is that of pilgrimage or journey. Pilgrimages in the scriptures take many forms. They might call for a physical journey (such as Sarah and Abraham); they can call for a change of vocation (such as Amos the prophet); while some call for a journey of self-discovery (such as Paul's conversion journey).

Some pilgrimages are measured in time. The journey of the Israelites from slavery to the Promised Land took forty years. Jesus' journey to his ministry took forty days.

Many pilgrimages or journeys are taken by individuals, while others involve groups. We know of Moses and the Israelites, of Jonah, and of Noah and his family. We know that some pilgrimages are undertaken willingly while others are reluctant experiences.

There are so many other examples that we may even have a sermon series about this some time! My point here is that each of us is on a pilgrimage of faith. Whether we are cradle United Methodists or are new to the Christian faith, our God is a dynamic, ever-creating God whose very nature calls us to share this life-long journey with God and with each other.

It has taken Belinda and me a long time to get to the Colorado's Front Range and St. Paul's UMC. To paraphrase, —We're not from Boulder, but we got here as fast as we could! Our faith journey has taken a long and winding path, and along the way we've both learned much about ourselves and about our God. And we're not done yet.

I am excited to be afforded this opportunity to walk with everyone

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*By Pastor Charles*

connected with St. Paul's UMC, growing in faith and in love for the world God loves so much. I am so looking forward to hearing about your journey of faith, where it has taken you, what you have learned along the way.

You can learn more about me online at our family blog, [www.alkula.blogspot.com](http://www.alkula.blogspot.com), my doctoral thesis site, [www.revdalkula.weebly.com](http://www.revdalkula.weebly.com), and my art portfolio site, [www.revartmontana.com](http://www.revartmontana.com).

Together, we are going places where God is already at work. Together, we will learn about ourselves and about each other. Together, we will be blessed and be a blessing. To quote the words of Dr. Seuss: — *“Oh, the places we will go!”*

Every blessing,  
Pastor Charles

## Introducing Pastor Charles & Belinda Alkula

Dr. Charles & Belinda Alkula come to us as a committed team, eager to go where they are called to serve, just having completed six years of service at the Stevensville UMC in Montana. Pastor Charles particularly enjoys preaching and teaching, is an ardent student of Wesleyan history, and is a life-long United Methodist, understanding that The Church doesn't always get it right... but believes himself to be a loyal servant of the church, not afraid of tough questions and strongly believes in reconciling ministry.

Pastor Charles is of Finnish heritage, coming from NE Ohio. Experiences in college, the Army, and as a Navy Chaplain appealed to his sense of adventure, taking them to places like Nebraska, Japan, Cornwall (in England), Texas, and Montana before coming here. Belinda serves alongside her husband as a true helpmate; she has many interests and is very active in UMW at the Conference level.

Charles describes himself as focused, loyal, dedicated, likes to learn and be creative, to exchange new ideas, and most importantly considers sharing the faith to be a sacrament.

The Alkula's have a blog if you'd like to see some images and more information – visit [www.alkula.blogspot.com](http://www.alkula.blogspot.com). Additionally, Pastor Charles' doctoral thesis can be found at [www.revdralkula.weebly.com](http://www.revdralkula.weebly.com), and his art portfolio website can be seen at [www.revartmontana.com](http://www.revartmontana.com).



### LUNCH WITH PASTOR CHARLES AND BELINDA

On Sunday, July 7 there will be a light lunch and ice cream after the worship service to welcome Pastor Charles & Belinda on their 1st Worship service with us. This is also the Sunday Hank Troy and Wende Harston will be here for their annual special music service.

## **StemRev — CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

Celebrate Christmas in July by making a donation to STEMrev, the after-school program incubated here at St. Paul's that serves kids living in low-income housing in Boulder. Last year STEMrev offered a hugely successful program at Columbine Elementary, a Family Resource School where 80% of kids get free and reduced lunches. This was free to students because the City of Boulder sponsored the program. The City will cut funding next fall; STEMrev will not be able to continue its program at Columbine unless we can raise enough money to cover the cost of materials and supplies (\$1500 for a semester). Of last year's program the FRS Coordinator, Claudia Urrutia, said "[STEMrev] was the one that provided the most quality and to the students that needed it most." Ask Rebecca Glancy about Jose, Alex, Saadin, German, David, and the rest to understand why this program matters! YOU can help us continue to inspire young learners by making a donation to St. Paul's with STEMrev in the memo line. Thank you!

## **PATH FUND**

On Friday, June 14th Linda Jenks performed a piano concert and the proceeds went to the PATH fund and \$682 were collected.

## **COMMUNITY TABLE**

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

## **OUR THANKS & CONGRATULATIONS**

A special thanks to those who planned Dr Scott's farewell. There were 103 people who attended the event and all went very smoothly. The committee consisted of Martha Batch, Judy Waller, Claudia Mills, Amy Abshire, Pat Cleaveland and the Fellowship committee, Rev. Youngwon Seo, Bob Muckle, Joey Vander Vorste, Alpha & Omega and the Anthem Aires (Wendy Wheaton, Ron Revier, Steve and Martha Batch, Diana Bett, Bob Muckle, and Don Berlin). Well done everyone.

**THANK YOU FROM DR. SCOTT**—Thank you so much to everyone for all the warm wishes, cards, presents, and monies you gave me. I am impress and overwhelmed by your generosity now as always. St. Paul's will always hold a special place in my heart.

## LADIES LUNCH BUNCH AND SEW WHAT

The Ladies Lunch Bunch and Sew What will not meet again until September.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

The men of St. Paul's gather on the second Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. They will be meeting on Saturday, July 13th at LePeep restaurant located 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. We also laugh a lot and have yummy snacks. Please consider joining us this summer.

## THEATER NOTES

Here are schedules for BDT Stage and Candlelight Dinner Playhouse from Spring, 2019 into Spring, 2020. If any of these shows look interesting to you let Judy Waller know.

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 (already seeing some interest In this one)

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

## WOMEN'S CHORUS

On August 4th the Women's Chorus will be singing under the direction of Wally Cleaveland. Whether you sing in the Chancel Choir or not you are welcome to sing. Please let Wally know soon if you would be willing to sing so he can order music. Contact Wally Cleaveland at [patcleaveland@msn.com](mailto:patcleaveland@msn.com)



## **ANNUAL YARD SALE — AUGUST 24**

St. Paul's Annual Yard Sale is August 24. You may bring your items to donate to the Scout Room now. If possible, please hold onto larger items until the week of August 18. All kinds of items are welcome, with the exception of CRT TVs, computer equipment, mattresses, box springs, child safety seats, strollers, and hazardous materials. Contact Tim & Sandi Cook if you have questions or need assistance with getting your donations to the church.

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.

## **ADDRESS CHANGE**

Dr. Scott's new addresses

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Rev. Dr. Scott Schiesswohl

123 Eureka Street

Central City, CO 80427

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<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/centralcity/churches-0>

Home address

6539 Jungfrau Way

Evergreen, CO 80439

303-718-1124

## TUTORING PROGRAM

Our tutoring program has run its course. But, thanks to Rebecca, it was a successful program for three seasons due to her creation, implementation, and dedicated leadership. Rebecca has coordinated a very meaningful outreach to students and mentors as an arm of St. Paul's in the community for the last three years. We have appreciated her dedicated leadership and give her our deepest thanks.

### JULY PREACHING SCHEDULE

July 7th	<i>“Boomerang Church”</i>
Green	2 Kings 5:1-7
July 14th	<i>“Oh, this is <u>that</u> parable”</i>
Green	Colossians 1:1-2, 9-14 Luke 10:29-37
July 21st	<i>“It’s not that kind of wisdom”</i>
Green	Colossians 1:15-20 Colossians 1:21-28
July 28th	<i>“Does being persistent pay?”</i>
Green	Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 11:1-13



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7-1 Michele Matthews
- 7-3 Nikki Campisi
- 7-3 Marcia Roberts
- 7-7 Robin Berlin
- 7-14 Heidi Soha (Roberts)
- 7-15 Bobby Dahlstrom
- 7-18 Austin Cooper
- 7-19 Alex Wright
- 7-22 Steve Batch
- 7-24 Marcia Hult
- 7-27 Skippy Rollins
- 7-29 Jerry Beaber
- 7-29 Bob Berlin
- 7-31 Ruth Campisi

### NOTES ON FELLOWSHIP

**July 7** We will not have Fellowship before Worship since there we will have a light Lunch and Ice Cream after.

**July 14, 21, and 28** Fellowship will be at 9:45 a.m. as usual.

### VOLUNTEERS

	07/07	07/14	07/21	07/28
<b>Fellowship</b>	11:30 a.m. Light Lunch & Ice Cream	Batch & Nunnery	Pat Cleaveland	Bob & Melanie Muckle
<b>Flowers</b>	Louise Cook	Sandra Jordan	Pat Cleaveland	Bob & Melanie Muckle
<b>Lay Liturgist</b>	Tim Cook	Amy Abshire	Amy Abshire	Amy Abshire



# JULY 2019

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Yoga class</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b> <b>HOLIDAY</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>Rev. Dr. Charles Alkula's 1st Sunday</b> <b>Hank Troy &amp; Wende Harston</b>	<b>8</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Yoga Class</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>3:00 p.m.</b> <b>Women's Summer Book Group</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>Men's Breakfast @ Le Peep</b>
<b>14</b> <b>9:45 Fellowship</b> <b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>15</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Yoga Class</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>3:00 p.m.</b> <b>Women's Summer Book Group</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>9:45 Fellowship</b> <b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>22</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Yoga Class</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>3:00 p.m.</b> <b>Women's Summer Book Group</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>9:45 Fellowship</b> <b>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>29</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Yoga Class</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

*Have a submission?*

*Email your submission*

*to:*

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*by the 20th of the month.*

**Coming in  
AUGUST**



**St. Paul's YARD SALE,**

**August 24, 8:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.**

**Hispanic Heritage Month**

**September 15—October 15**

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