

# The Epistles of St. Paul's

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## September 2019

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## From the Pastor's Desk

*By Rev. Dr. Charles Alkula*

Newsletter articles are tough nuts for me to write. I mean, really, what is the purpose of the pastor's article in the newsletter? Should I be witty, giving out jokes and cute stories that are entertaining, with just a touch of insight? Or should I try to plumb the depths of the scriptures, placing these nuggets of truth before the community, a mini-sermon in print form? I have found over the years that when I approach the newsletter as a means of teaching and sharing the Church's message that I have more to share. I hope you'll agree!

This month I wanted to share a thought with the church about the Social Creed of The United Methodist Church. This issue of the Epistle has printed in it Our Social Creed, ¶166 of the 2012 Book of Discipline. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know that anytime an organization tries to define what it believes, it's asking for trouble. For a global church such as ours, the Social Creed speaks not only from an American context, but a global one as well. Coming at the end of the Social Principles, the Social Creed seeks to summarize just how United Methodists are to approach living in the world.

*"The United Methodist Church has a long history of concern for social justice. Its members have often taken forthright positions on controversial issues involving Christian principles. Early Methodists expressed their opposition to the slave trade, to smuggling, and to the cruel treatment of prisoners. The Social Principles, while not to be considered church law, are a prayerful and thoughtful effort on the part of the General*

*Conference to speak to the human issues in the contemporary world from a sound biblical and theological foundation as historically demonstrated in United Methodist traditions. They are a call to faithfulness and are intended to be instructive and persuasive in the best of the prophetic spirit. The Social Principles are a call to all members of The United Methodist Church to a prayerful, studied dialogue of faith and practice.” (See ¶509.) - From The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church - 2012.*

All too often we find ourselves struggling to define our place in the world, trying to sift through conflicting emotions, information, and practices to articulate our faith. As United Methodists, we are not asked to obey a rigid set of rules passed down to us from the “powers that be.” Instead we are asked to engage with other believers and to apply the teachings of the scriptures, along with reason, tradition, and experience, to the life we have been given to live.

John Wesley once offered that “there is no holiness but social holiness.” Stated in the context of understanding the necessity for Christian fellowship, Wesley was trying to help the Methodist movement get away from the notion of privatized religion. He believed that it is only within Christian community that holiness of life is realized. We have a Social Creed, and the Social Principles, because we are in this together. We can make a difference in this community if we remember that our purpose is not to live our lives in isolation from the concerns of our neighbors. It is simply this: *“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”* What do you believe?

Every blessing,

Pastor Charles



## **CURRENT EVENTS BIBLE STUDY**

You are invited to take part in a unique study that looks at current events through the lenses of scripture. Each lesson includes biblical commentary and discussion questions related to a topic in that week’s news. The Wired Word is used at St. Paul’s as a self-guided study that connects our faith to our world.

Participants are invited to join the Wired Word group on St. Paul’s Facebook page on Thursday nights. If you would like to participate contact Pastor Charles at [cjalkula@gmail.com](mailto:cjalkula@gmail.com) or the church office at [sumchurch1003@qwestoffice.net](mailto:sumchurch1003@qwestoffice.net) or 303-494-0615.

## **The United Methodist Social Creed**

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

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## St. Paul's Foodbank

For many years, St. Paul's has maintained a food bank for those in need in our community. Parishioners provide food, cleaning supplies and toiletries to the homeless and food-challenged families. In addition, overstock items and those nearing their expiration date are donated to EFAA (Emergency Family Assistance Association) in north Boulder in the amount of 146.8 pounds to date this year. Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile cause.

Additionally, as part of the PATH fund King Sooper's gift certificates are available to those who need it to allow them to purchase fresh produce or gasoline if needed.

## Volunteer with STEMrev

Do you enjoy working with your hands AND working with kids? Volunteer with STEMrev and make a positive impact on a young person's life! Help fourth graders at Columbine Elementary do hands-on projects (planned and led by Rebecca Glancy) every Wednesdays from September 25 to November 13 from 3:00-4:30ish. A current BVSD background check is required. Contact Rebecca Glancy for more information at [rebeccajglancy@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccajglancy@gmail.com)

## Flood Clean up Kit Building Party

NOCO UMCOR HUB

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

**Keep Those Flood Buckets Coming**

Saturday, September 14, 2019 10AM

**UMC of JOHNSTOWN**

108 King Ave. Johnstown, Colorado

[www.Johnstown.Church](http://www.Johnstown.Church)

Please help or donate money to build as many buckets as possible to stock the Northern Colorado UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Hub for Flood clean up kits.



## EFAA Thanks You

Dear friends:

On behalf of those we [EFAA] serve, please accept my thanks for your June 2019 in-kind contribution(s) of 44.4 pounds of food. Your in-kind gift will help to meet critical needs.

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

Warmly, Julie Van Domelen

## Where do we go from here?

The United Methodist Church is at a crossroads. For forty-eight years United Methodists have been in conflict over the official position of the denomination regarding God's welcome of, and how the church will be in ministry with, LGBTQ persons. 2020 will be a defining year for the UMC as General Conference seeks to come to a resolution of the conflict. What will this mean for our church? For the future of United Methodism?

The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas is hosting Leadership Institute 2019 September 24-27. The event is aimed at helping United Methodist leaders navigate and lead through the next steps for the denomination. Pastor Charles will be attending this exciting event.



## We now have a new process for financial giving statements!

Beginning with the third quarter financial statement period, we will now either be emailing or mailing your quarterly financial statements. We have decided this is more secure than handing out paper copies during church. Please either fill out the bulletin insert (beginning September 1), or, email [marthabatch@gmail.com](mailto:marthabatch@gmail.com) or [molly.nunnery@gmail.com](mailto:molly.nunnery@gmail.com) with your preference. We need your reply by September 30.

## Let's get ready to learn!

Are you busy but still want to grow in your faith? Then consider "**What it means to be a United Methodist,**" a free online course from UMCommunications. This online course is designed for new United Methodists and anyone wanting to learn more about what it means to be a United Methodist. Are you a lifelong or long-term United Methodist? The course includes 4 modules that contain many interactive features. Each module takes approximately one hour to complete.

Course Start Date: What it Means to be United Methodist is an open enrollment course; students can register for this class at any time. Students will have access to the online course for three months starting from the day of registration.

What will I learn?

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

**Identify the structure of the United Methodist Church.**

**Identify the historical roots and beliefs of United Methodists.**

**Identify the growth and core principles of Modern Methodism.**

Visit <https://www.umctraining.org/product?catalog=What-It-Means-to-be-United-Methodist> to register. Please let the church office know if you are taking part in this online course.

# 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:    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 of 27 going to see a performance of Mamma Mia! at BDT Stage Sunday night, October 27<sup>th</sup>. We get a deal for booking and paying early (\$51 per ticket), as well as better tables and the usual group amenities. We can always add more folks to our group. If you are interested in joining us please let Judy Waller know 303-494-8700 or judy38waller@gmail.com.

*What's your favorite Christmas Carol/Hymn?*



It's time to begin thinking about **Advent** and **Christmas!**

Pastor Charles is inviting the congregation to participate in the creation of an Advent/Christmas devotional. The theme for this year's St. Paul's UMC devotional is ***"The music of Faith."***

### **Three easy steps:**

1. Select one of the hymns or carols that speak to you about the coming and/or birth of Jesus.
2. Write a one-two paragraph reflection on what that hymn/carol means to you.
3. Submit it to the office by November 1 either in writing or via email.

Entries are needed for the Season of Advent, December 1 - 24. Pastor Charles will provide entries for the Twelve Days of Christmas and the Day of Epiphany. A sign-up list will be available outside the church office, call the office (303-494-0615) or email with your choice. If someone else has already chosen a hymn/carol you will be asked to make a new selection.

Printed copies of the devotional will be available on November 24. We will post daily entries on the blog and on Facebook each day of Advent (beginning December 1) and continuing on the Twelve Days of Christmas, concluding on the Day of Epiphany (January 6).

### **Thanks from Pastor Charles and Belinda**

Thanks to everyone who came to the first annual parsonage open house last month. It was a joy to be able to share with each of you just what has been done since our arrival both inside and outside the house! We are happy to welcome visitors to our home and your parsonage!

Pastor Charles & Belinda

# Loving God & Creating Hope & Changing Lives

## Fall Kickoff /Picnic

### Sunday, September 8th

Join your St. Paul's family for the Fall Kickoff "Indoor Picnic" on Sunday, September 8th right after the service. Barbecue sandwiches and lemonade will be provided. Bring a potluck side dish to go with the sandwiches or contribute toward the cost of the sandwiches.

Fellowship Committee

## Thank you summer musicians

There's no better way to say it, to all of our gifted musicians who blessed us with your time and talents this summer—Lorie Courier, Wendy Wheaton, Chris Wahl, Hannah Gu, The AnthemAires, Hank Troy and Wende Harston, Wally Cleaveland, Joey Revier, Chaundra Revier, Carole Wickham, Michele Matthews, Rebecca Glancy, Youngwon Seo, The Women's Chorus and all of the congregation!



## Community Events

**Men's Breakfast**—Meets the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m., In September they will meet September 14 at Le Peep restaurant at 2525 Arapahoe Avenue in Boulder.

**Ladies Lunch Bunch** —Meets the first Thursday each month. This month they will meet on Thursday, September 5 at 11:45 a.m. at Ted's Montana Grill at 11950 Bradburn Blvd in Westminster. Please let Joan Cooper know if you can attend, 303.499.8591.

**Sew What**—Meets the 4th Friday each month at 10:00 a.m. This month it will be hosted by Joan Cooper's at 3031 Thunder Lake Circle in Lafayette. Please let Joan know if you can attend, 303-499-8591.

**Join us for Yoga at St. Paul's** — Rebecca Glancy offers Yoga at St. Paul's every Monday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. We meet in the library. This class is intended for everyone from beginners to seniors. All poses, postures, and movements can be modified to accommodate injuries, past surgeries, and other physical limitations. Increase flexibility, strength, and balance. Bring your own mat, or Rebecca has some to share. Everyone is welcome. Join the fun!

## Directory Updates

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Longmont, CO 80501

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Erie, CO 80516

### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday—10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday—Friday, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

**Deadline for Epistle, the 15th of the Month**

**Deadline for Bulletin, Wednesday prior to Sunday**



- 9-1 Jack Himes
- 9-4 Heather Laybourne
- 9-6 Dave Bishop
- 9-6 Jackie Bishop
- 9-8 Dan Clark
- 9-10 Angela Baker
- 9-12 Elaine Morrison
- 9-15 Christopher Wahl
- 9-16 Lisa Berlin
- 9-19 Pat Muckle
- 9-20 Jessie Muckle
- 9-27 Steve Matthews
- 9-30 Joyce Brassem
- 9-30 Kelly Johnson

## SEPTEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

- September 1 “Check Your Ego At the Door”**  
Hebrews 13:1-3, 6-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14
- September 8 “Asking a Favor in Faith”**  
Philemon 1-11  
Philemon 12-21
- September 15 “Lost & Found Department”**  
I Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10
- September 22 “Let Me Get This Straight”**  
I Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13
- September 29 “Can You Hear Me Now?”**  
I Timothy 6:10-16  
Luke 16:22-31

## VOLUNTEERS

	09/01	09/08	09/15	09/22	09/29
<b>Fellowship</b>	Claudia Mills	Fall Indoor Picnic *		Fritschel	Bishop’s
<b>Flowers</b>	Gary & Brenda	Suzanne Polacek	Sandra Jordan	Fritschel	Bishop’s
<b>Lay Liturgist</b>	Claudia Mills	Steve Batch	Steve Batch	Rebecca Glancy	Rebecca Glancy

\* Fellowship returns to 11:30 a.m. beginning September 8

# SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 12th Sunday after Pentecost / Communion	<b>2</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b>  No Yoga <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Chancel Choir, 7:30</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Lunch Bunch, 11:45 a.m.</b> <b>Ted's Montana Grill</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 13th Sunday after Pentecost <b>Fall Renewal &amp; Picnic</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Yoga 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>Chancel Choir, 7:30</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m., Le Peep</b>
<b>15</b> 14th Sunday after Pentecost,  <b>Church Council Meeting, 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Yoga 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Chancel Choir, 7:30</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>Community Table, 4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 15th Sunday after Pentecost	<b>23</b> <b>Yoga 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Chancel Choir, 7:30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Sew What, 10:00 at Joan Cooper's</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 16th Sunday after Pentecost	<b>30</b> <b>Yoga 9:00 a.m.</b>					

*Have a submission?*

*Email your submission to:*

*sumchurch1003@qwestoffice.net*

*by the 15th of the month.*

## Coming in OCTOBER



**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**  
**September 15th-October 15th**

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
**October 6th**

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Our Blog at [https://www.yelp.com/  
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