

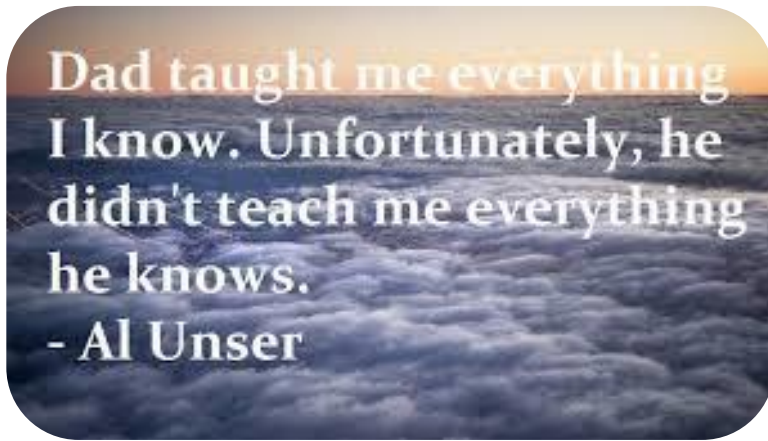


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Father's Day

Persons, places, vistas we have seen



Happy Father's Day to all the fathers, grandfathers, pet fathers, stepfathers, and godfathers in our congregation.

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Absent Fathers

Today, as honor our fathers, let us take a moment to pause and remember all the fathers who are away from home and can't be with their children.

These men are making a great sacrifice to be in foreign countries, sometimes in harm's way to keep the rest of us safe. These sacrifices shouldn't be

forgotten, nor should the hardships experienced by their families because they are away.

So.... As you have your celebrations, dinners, and family gatherings, stop for a moment and remember these brave fathers.

Catherine's Commentary

I know that you have all been praying up a storm for David, and Lenee' too. The good news is that David is now recovering at home. Lenee' has expressed their thanks for all your prayers.

Initially, we had planned for David to return to his work at Grace on Sunday, June 30th. He was also hoping to attend the UM Annual Conference in mid-June. But things are a little less certain than before, so we will have to wait and see. We had already planned for Mike Frosolono to preach on June 2nd and Sharon to preach on June 16th (Thanks Mike and Sharon!). I will be covering my usual Sundays on June 9th and 23rd. If

David is not able to return at the end of June, we'll figure out the schedule as we go along. We will need to be flexible, so if you are expecting a Methodist Sunday and arrive to find an Episcopal service, I hope you don't mind.

Also, in June, we have the St. George meal on June 1st, a community walk on June 8th, Pentecost on June 9th, and the renewal of wedding vows on June 23rd. The choir is hard at work practicing for the July 4th concert and the sewing ladies are busy as usual preparing the Quilts of Valor. All our other regular activities are also meeting. I hope you will join us

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You have made a difference!

David's Column - Gifts



Martha had three sons, Mike, Matt, and Max. For her upcoming milestone birthday, Mike bought his mom a big house in which to live. Matt bought his mom a fancy car. Max, seeking to be creative, thought about his mom's love of reading the Bible, so he traveled around the world to find a talking parrot that memorized the whole Bible. The parrot was so trained that all his mom would have to do is name the chapter in the Bible, then the parrot would do all the work.

On her birthday, Martha said, "Mike, I'm an old lady. Thank you, but I don't need a big house and will have a difficult time taking care of it." "Matt, I'm an old lady. Thank you, but I won't be driving much at all." "Max my dear, thank you for the special chicken. It was delicious!"

Yes, it is an old joke, but it can serve as food for thought. Do we realize and recognize the gifts we have from God? James wrote, "Every good thing given, and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights." We can

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Church Council Report

by Ray Stwalley, Council Member



Items of interest from the May council Meeting Include:

At the request of the district superintendent, the 2020 Methodist Charge Conference will be held on Sunday October 13, 2019. Mark your calendars. Exact

details will be furnished closer to the event. Methodist and Episcopal Sundays the first 2 weeks of October will switch with the Episcopal Sunday on the first Sunday and the Methodist Sunday on the Second Sunday to accommodate the schedule for the charge conference.

David will represent Grace Church at the Methodist Annual Conference in Billings MT. The council voted to reimburse his expenses, which had not been included in the annual budget.

Thanks to David for getting Grace Church included in the Kroger Rewards Program. After Grace members sign up for the program, Grace will receive a percentage of what we spend at City Market or other Kroger stores. Instructions for individual sign up are in this newsletter or a bulletin insert. Please sign up so Grace can benefit from money we spend anyway.

Complete minutes of council meetings and financial reports are available in the Parish hall for review by Grace members. If you have questions for the Council, or about what we are actually doing, feel free to contact me, Mike Frosolono, either of our ministers or any council member.

Ladies Sewing Corner

by Bonnie Young

On Thursday, July 4 Grace Church will have a full day of activities along with the town's 4th activities. The Parish Hall will be open to the community 9 am to 3 pm serving free lemonade and cookies. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to volunteer to bring cookies or host an hour or two.

In addition, there will be a craft show of items made by the Grace Ladies Sewing group. Items like table runners, kitchen towels, quilts, shopping bags, dog scarves and knick-knacks will be on display for purchase. The moneys raised will go to support the Grace Church Outreach Projects.

Patriotic Concerts and Quilts of Valor Dedications will be at 9 am and 1 pm. This year there will be a larger choir including Grace members and community members. The concerts feature a wide variety of patriotic music highlighting the meaning of July 4, our Independence Day.

Grace Ladies Sewing group have completed 18 quilts of valor this year that will be displayed on the back of the pews. This is the 14th year of the Concert and QOV Dedication with a total of 294 quilts completed and presented to service people around the USA. Most of the quilts were presented to wounded veterans in hospitals and VAs; Grace presented 8 of the quilts to service people related to a Grace member.



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make a long list of gifts from God: faith, music, creation, love, prayer, family, the Holy Spirit, and remembrance, just to name a very few.

At times, maybe we take gifts from God for granted. Do we recognize and express our gratitude for God's gifts? A young man was given a dictionary for his birthday. Asked if he liked it, he responded, "It's a great gift, but I just can't find the words to thank you enough." We cannot express enough gratitude for the gifts God gives and yet we can express gratitude anytime they come to mind.

Moving forward from the seasons of Lent and Easter, having celebrated the gifts of salvation and new life brought by the death and resurrection of Jesus, we all need to focus on several more of God's gifts to us: faith, music, creation, support, kindness, love, prayer, family, the Holy Spirit and remembrance. These gifts are blessings for our life and can be shared blessings as we live out the Christian life. With the many gifts from our gracious God, let us give joyful witness to the Giver.

Thank God for the gifts he gives you and when possible share those gifts with others so they may know the love of God.

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and support these ministries.

I know you will continue to pray for David's good and swift recovery. You have made a difference!

Catherine

Announcements

Remember to wear red this Sunday, May 9, 2019 for Pentecost.

On June 23, 2019 we will renew our wedding vows. All married people and anyone who has ever been married may participate in this ceremony.

There will be a potluck dinner on Sunday, June 30, 2019. Please bring a covered dish and join us for a morning of fellowship.

The choir has begun practicing for the Fourth of July Concerts. If you would like to participate, see Betty Dethmers.

There will be an open house on July 4th along with a Craft Show in the Parish Hall. If you would like to be a host for the open house, please sign up on the list in Parish Hall.

The Quilts of Valor will be on display in the Sanctuary during the concerts. If you would like to sponsor a quilt, please fill out the form that will be in the Sunday bulletins during the month of June.

TRANSITIONS

Please continue to pray for David and his recovery.

Mike Frosolono fell and injured his shoulder and is facing the possibility of shoulder surgery. He asks for our prayers during this trying time.

Jennifer Wright's friend, Tom Moore had a snowmobile accident and broke 11 ribs and punctured his lung. Jennifer asks for prayers for his rapid recovery.

We need to continue to pray for Ali. She recently had surgery to remove a blockage so she can eat.

Joyce Logan's shoulder surgery went well, and she is recovering at home. Please continue to pray for her.

Prayers are needed for all the people who live in areas of the country that live in the areas experiencing floods and violent weather.

Zoom Meeting

by David Erickson

On Thursday, May 30, Chris Carr, Trinity District Superintendent held a Zoom Meeting in order to meet with clergy and church members of the Trinity District. Chris provided information on his background. He is a cradle United Methodist. His dad is an elder out of Central Texas. Chris has been involved in Church Ministries and other missional ministries. Chris and his wife live in the Denver Metro Area.

Chris wants to get to know about the churches and communities within the district. Chris realizes that what works in one church or community will not necessarily work in another because people and communities are different from each other.

Chris hopes to meet folks as he travels around the district and at events such as the upcoming Mountain Sky Conference Annual Conference in Billings, Montana June 13 - 16.

Chris can be reached through the district office at via email at ccarr@mtnskyumc.org. Major and Sarah Rettig are the Trinity District Congregational Resource Ministers (CRM's) and can be reached at mrettic@mtnskyumc.org and srettic@mtnskyumc.org.

Chris indicated that he plans to have additional Zoom Meetings in the future to share information across the district. The next one may be in July after the annual conference

Margaret Gilliken Reassigned from the Mountain Sky Conference

After five years of serving on the Cabinet as a District Superintendent, the Rev. Margaret Gillikin will be returning to the local church as Bishop Karen Oliveto intends to appoint her as the lead pastor of Helena United Methodist Ministries in Helena, Montana. Her appointment will be effective July 1, 2019. We thank Margaret for her many years of service in the Mountain Sky Conference.

"Margaret has served the people of Trinity District faithfully, listening deeply, helping dream, and equipping pastors and laity for their ministries," said Bishop Oliveto. "She brought tremendous wisdom as well as joy to the Cabinet table. My prayers are with her and the Helena United Methodist Ministries as they prepare for their life together."

As superintendent of the Trinity District, Margaret has focused on helping congregations shift the focus of their attention from surviving to thriving through missional engagement in local communities, so that our churches might increasingly embody Jesus' calling in Matthew 25. During her tenure on the Mountain Sky Cabinet, Margaret has become the "Fun Fairy" - not just for the Cabinet, but for the whole Conference - sharing the energy of rejoicing in the Lord always through play.

Before becoming district superintendent, Margaret served as pastor at Salida United Methodist Church in Colorado from 2008 to 2014; First UMC in Casper, Wyoming from 2003 to 2008; and in Brandon, Wisconsin. She was ordained an elder in 2006. She also volunteered in youth ministry as a lay person at Littleton UMC in Colorado.

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Additionally, Margaret is a certified mediator in the state of Colorado and enjoys painting landscapes with pastels. She looks forward to resuming choral singing, serving in community organizations like Habitat for Humanity and most of all, "delighting in the rhythms of congregational life."

"It has been a blessing to journey beside God's beloved in southeast Colorado, lay and clergy alike, for the past five years," Margaret said.

"You have been generous in sharing your resilience and receiving my hope as we have made our way in faith together. Shalom."

Helena United Methodist Ministries in Montana includes St. Paul and Covenant United Methodist churches.

Father's Day Poem

"Walk a little slower daddy,"
said a child so small.
"I'm following in your footsteps
and I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast,
Sometimes they're hard to see;
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up,
You're what I want to be;
Then I will have a little child
Who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right,
And know that I was true;
So, walk a little slower, Daddy,
For I must follow you."

Author: unknowns



Chris Carr, new district superintendent of the Trinity District of the Mountain Sky Conference of the United Methodist Church.



Margaret Gilliken, former District Superintendent of Trinity District, Mountain Sky Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Kroger Rewards Program

Did you know that you can earn Kroger (e.g., City Market and King Soopers) rebates for Grace Church with your loyalty card? Grace Church is now enrolled in the Community Rewards Program. So, you can now enroll your personal loyalty card online.

Using your loyalty card, also referred to as "City Market card" or "Kings card" will earn rewards for Grace Church.

If you already have a City Market, King Soopers or other Kroger account:

- Go to the official site (e.g., citymarket.com or kingsoopers.com)
- Click on my account
- Put in your password and login
- On the left side of the screen, click community rewards
- Search for Grace Church or our organization # which is: YY602 under "find an organization." Either will work.
- When search comes up with Grace Church's name, click on enroll

It is not possible to support 2 or more organizations simultaneously, but you may switch between organizations, by clicking on change organization.

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To create a personal account if you do not have one:

- Go to City Market's official site citymarket.com
- Click on Welcome / sign-in pulldown
- Click sign in
- At the bottom of the page on left, click create an account. You will need an email address
- Create a password
- Enter the # of your loyalty card found on the reverse side. An alternate ID may be used at any time at the store once you are personally enrolled and that alternate ID has been entered. Most use the 10-digit phone #
- Do not forget to go all the way to the bottom and click "create an account" on the bottom left

On a quarterly basis a rebate check will be sent by the appropriate Kroger Company to the church office.

Mother's Day Prayer Shawls

On Mother's Day this year, Jennifer Wright asked the entire congregation to wear our prayer shawls to honor her mother who started the prayer shawl ministry. If someone came without a prayer shawl, they were given one to wear. It was a sight to see all the prayer shawls in the congregation.



Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday, Carol

Photo by Peggy Finkowski

Birthdays

6/3 Becky Arthur
 6/8 Mary Hallman Lee
 6/8 Carol Slater
 6/13 Keith Baker
 6/18 Ray Stwalley
 6/22 Margaret Butler
 6/25 Danny Simpson
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 6/27 Lenee Erickson



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