

# The Monitor

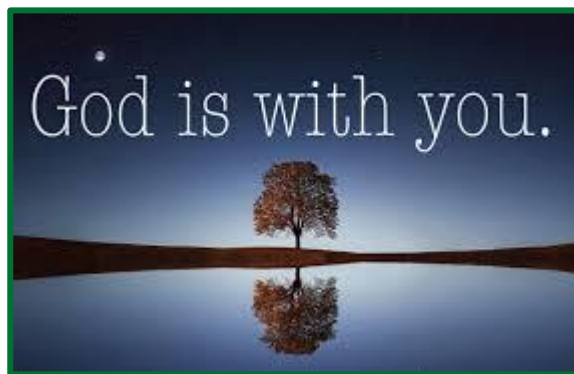
## March / April 2023

First United Methodist Church of Salida

“Love, Live, Give As You Have Received”

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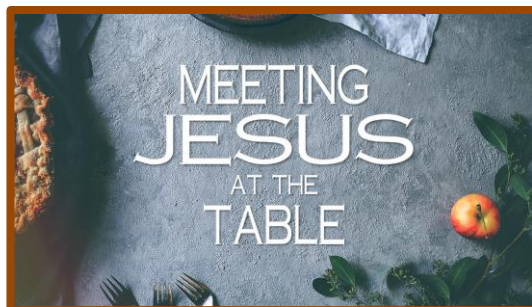
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## Pastor's Ponderings

### Greetings Church!

Before I begin, I have to say once again, how amazed I am at your generosity. When the call went out a few weeks ago about the shortfall in our finances for the year, I could not imagine that we would be able to meet our budget. Your faithfulness in being good stewards reflects your love for this church and for God. I thank you and I commend you all for your generosity and faith.



It is hard to believe that we are into March and Lent. As we travel this Lenten pathway toward Easter, I will be preaching a sermon series called, **Meeting Jesus at the Table**. In the Gospels, especially in the Gospel of Luke, we find Jesus very often eating and drinking. In his day, sharing a meal with someone communicated many things. Women didn't eat with men, other than their husbands in their homes. Social classes never mixed around the table. The very religious of the

day would not sit at a table with those who were ritually unclean. Dinner parties were a really big deal that, if invited, could boost your status or if uninvited could ruin your reputation. Also, food was scarce at times. The average person was only one hardship away from going hungry.

Jesus had things to say about all of these dinner table issues. He would eat with anyone at any time! The religious people of the day often criticized Jesus for how and with whom he broke bread. Yet, as he became more popular, they often wanted Jesus at their tables!

During Lent, some of us may choose to fast in one way or the other. However, while we are together for worship on the Sundays during Lent, I am inviting you to come to the table with Jesus and feast! We will be celebrating communion each Sunday during this series. Be ready for a few surprises as to how we will share Communion together.

I am excited to meet all of you at the table this Lenten season!

**Be the Church,  
Mel**



**March / April 2023**

**CELEBRATIONS**

**Birthdays**

March 3	Dick Isenberger
March 4	Jim Rees
March 7	Susan Little
March 10	Bob Campbell
March 12	Virginia Imig
March 12	Ginny Cunningham
March 12	Randy Bergstrom
March 13	Debbie Jackson
March 20	Licia Iverson
March 28	Alan Adams
March 31	Judy Talla
April 2	Mary McConathy
April 3	Daniella Riggio
April 4	Jane Baxa
April 11	John Hanks
April 18	Sherry Welton
April 25	Brad Groom
April 26	Sunny Tingler

**Anniversaries**

March 25	Judith & Ed Kinzie
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*Request from Licia: Please be sure to let the office know about the dates of the birthdays and anniversaries in your family! We love to celebrate such joys!*

**TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR AT BEDTIME ON SATURDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**



**WE ARE A COMMUNITY**



Ever wondered how you might be of service to the church? Please consider being on the volunteer rotations for one of these three areas of service!

You may sign up to usher or provide refreshments for Fellowship Time on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Century Hall. We are in need of coordinators for these two areas of service.

For more information, please contact the following coordinators:

Liturgists	Virginia Imig	(719) 203-0203
Ushers	Usher Volunteer Coordinator Needed	
Fellowship	Fellowship Volunteer Coordinator Needed	

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS**

**March & April – Liturgists**

Liturgist Coordinator: Virginia Imig

March 5	Robin Fladebo
March 12	Karen Yerkey
March 19	Mike Orrill
March 26	Paul Wilson
April 2	Sue Glasgow
April 9	Rosie Bacun
April 16	Tina Oberheide
April 23	Jim Oberheide
April 30	Karen Yerkey

**March & April – Ushers**

Usher Coordinator Needed - (2 ushers needed each Sunday)

March 5	(2 ushers needed)
March 12	(2 ushers needed)
March 19	(2 ushers needed)
March 26	(2 ushers needed)
April 2	(2 ushers needed)
April 9	(2 ushers needed)
April 16	(2 ushers needed)
April 23	(2 ushers needed)
April 30	(2 ushers needed)

**March & April – Fellowship Host(s)**

Fellowship Coordinator Needed

Sign up with a friend. We have volunteers to help in the kitchen.

March 5	Salida UMC
March 12	Cindy Wilson, Ginny Biglow and Mary Lou McCausey
March 19	Licia Iverson
March 26	Available
April 2	Salida UMC
April 9	Available
April 16	Available
April 23	Available
April 30	Available

## Sharina Our Prayers, Praise, Needs & Celebrations

Please continue to hold these prayer requests deep within your heart. We will keep you posted, as we know more:

- **Thank You** to all those who expressed interest in helping with the Shower Ministry outreach. We were able to add a few more names to our volunteer team! Thank you to our volunteers!!!
- **Linda Bergstrom:** Please continue to pray for Linda Bergstrom as she bravely and patiently moves through the healing process of an extended illness. May she feel better soon and begin to have more and more good days! Prayers for Randy too!
- **Continued prayers** for Mel, Kasey and their family following the unexpected passing of Mel's dad, Frank Roberts. There will be a family gathering in Georgia to celebrate his life in Mid May!
- **THANK YOU** to Rev. Brent Wiescamp and the First Christian Church for welcoming us on Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, when Mel was unexpectedly out of town. Ours is a supportive and grateful relationship!!
- **Please continue to pray for, Garrett Jackson,** Debbie & Fred Jackson's 12 yr. old grandson. He is in Children's Hospital in Denver being treated for a serious case of pneumonia. He was expected to have a surgery on Friday night, but fortunately his body started to respond as needed and the surgery was cancelled for now. We will keep you posted as we know more. Please pray for Garrett, his family, his medical team and all those who love him.
- **Mend It Monday** – The next two Mend It Mondays will be on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. See info on this page.
- **Daylight Saving Time Begins on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.** Turn your clocks forward ONE HOUR before bedtime on Saturday night, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

### A Message from Pastor Mel...

Dear Church,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, texts and phone calls during this time of grief following the death of my Dad. I felt your love even while I was in Georgia. This grief is not going anywhere soon so I ask that you continue to pray for me and the rest of my Dad's family. Thank you as well for being flexible as I needed to be unexpectedly away on a Sunday.

Mel



Our NEXT 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Giving Opportunity will be on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Your additional offering will benefit the 2023 Summer Raft Guide Dinner Program.

Please write: "5<sup>th</sup> Sunday" on the memo line of your check.



## Mend-It Mondays

[Third Monday of Every Month]

Want to get more use out of your clothing, but don't have the skills or equipment to repair them?

Bring your items to Mend-It Monday and we'll see what we can do to give your clothes new life!

Methodist Church basement  
228 E. Fourth Street  
(enter from parking lot)

1:00-3:00 pm

~ Clothing must be clean ~  
Same day repairs only!  
(No zipper repair or work on leather accepted)



Even if you don't see yourself as a fashionista, consider this: The fashion industry — all the phases responsible for getting us dressed each day — creates more CO2 emissions than international flights and maritime shipping combined. Repair and Reuse!



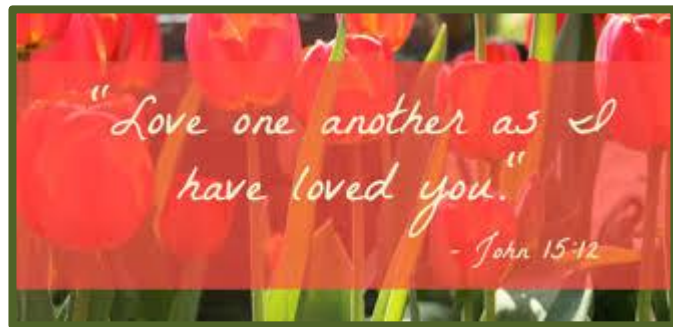


**Check THIS Out!** Have you tried our safe and secure, Online Giving Opportunity?



Just scan this QR code with your smart phone or go to the **Give Now** page of our church's website: <http://www.salidaumc.org/give>

There you will find all you need to complete your online giving. Please let us know if you have any questions! Thank you for your generosity!!



**We will be ordering Spring Flowers for our Easter Memorial Flowers.**

**Order Forms will be available soon!!**

*"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone." Amen.*

-Thomas Merton, Thoughts In Solitude

### Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

**WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION!!**

**THE NEXT ONE BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 3:00PM. WE WILL MEET IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM!**