

# The Monitor

## April / May 2023

First United Methodist Church of Salida

“Love, Live, Give As You Have Received”

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## Pastor's Ponderings

### Greetings Church!

After a few weeks out of the pulpit, due to vacation and a bout with Covid, I am looking forward to being back with you in person on Sunday morning! The bonus is that it is Easter Sunday! I pray that you will be able to join us as we celebrate the empty tomb.

Following Easter, we will start a new sermon series focused on the life of Joseph as seen in Genesis 37-50. I love the story of Joseph. It has everything that you might find in a block buster movie. Joseph rides a roller-coaster of circumstances that will take him from favor with his father, to being sold into slavery, to rising to the top of his household, to being arrested and thrown in prison, to finding favor with the Pharaoh, to being reunited with his family and much more. As we follow the life of Joseph, we will learn how to live faithfully whether we find ourselves in the pit or in the palace. I am looking forward to this series and all that we can glean from it.

I am also looking forward to Spring! There are several things that will be coming up that I want to draw to your attention. First, is that we are beginning to get going on the summer Raft Guide Dinners! At the end of April, on the fifth Sunday, we will be collecting an additional offering to help support this very vital ministry. We will also be presenting the Raft Guide Dinners again at Salida Soup this month so keep your eyes open for that date and how to vote us to the winning soup pot!



Also, in mid-May we will be hosting a “garage” sale at the church in support of our General Fund. There is a scheduled planning meeting for this fundraiser on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> following a brief Fellowship after Worship. Please sign up to help us prepare for this event. As you are doing your Spring cleaning in April, please be on the lookout for items that you may be able to add to the sale. WE ARE **NOT** GATHERING ITEMS AT THE CHURCH YET but I wanted to give you a heads up so you can start thinking about items you may want to donate. We will also be scheduling a couple of clean-up / workdays, one at the church and one at the Parsonage this Spring, so please be on the lookout for those dates.

Another thing that I wanted to bring to your mind before I close is that the search for the next pastor at Salida UMC is on-going. I would ask that you would pray for the Cabinet, our District Superintendent (Chris Carr), our One Board and whoever the future pastor may be.

So much going on! Please be sure and mark your calendars and get involved with all that is going on at Salida UMC!

*Be the Church,  
Mel*

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## April / May 2023

### CELEBRATIONS

#### Birthdays

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
May 2	Norris Miller
May 9	Bob McCormick
May 11	Doris Donkle
May 12	Sandy Gordon
May 13	Kay Breunich
May 13	Ken Shively
May 19	Rob Coe
May 21	Mel Roberts
May 22	Marci Ryan
May 22	Mary Bell Finley
May 23	Mary Reeves
May 25	Burrell Welton
May 27	David Hearn
May 30	Tom Henning
May 31	Judy Eyler

#### Anniversaries

May 1	Rod & Rhonda Plinske
May 4	Hal & Susie Brown
May 16	Debbie & Fred Jackson

*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!*



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

Your additional offering on this day, will benefit the 2023 Summer Raft Guide Dinner Program.

Please write: "5<sup>th</sup> Sunday" on the memo line of your check, or donate to the Raft Guide Dinners online on our "Give Now" page on our website: [www.salidaumc.org](http://www.salidaumc.org)

Thank you for your generosity!

# growing in God's grace



*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:*

<i>Liturgists</i>	<i>Virginia Imig</i>	<i>(719) 203-0203</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Usher Volunteer Coordinator Needed</i>	
<i>Fellowship</i>	<i>Fellowship Volunteer Coordinator Needed</i>	

### THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

#### April & May – Liturgists

Liturgist Coordinator: Virginia Imig

April 2	Sue Glasgow
April 9	Rosie Bacun
April 16	Tina Oberheide
April 23	Jim Oberheide
April 30	Karen Yerkey
May 7	Ed Brummel
May 14	Robin Fladebo
May 21	Rosie Bacun
May 28	Paul Wilson

#### April & May – Ushers

Usher Coordinator Needed - (2 ushers needed each Sunday)

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)
May 7	(2 ushers needed)
May 14	(2 ushers needed)
May 21	(2 ushers needed)
May 28	(2 ushers needed)

#### April & May – Fellowship Host(s)

Fellowship Coordinator Needed

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

April 2	Salida UMC
April 9	Families of Our Confirmands
April 16	Available
April 23	Available
April 30	Available
May 7	Salida UMC
May 14	Available
May 21	Available
May 28	Available



**Our next  
Church Work Day  
Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am-2:00pm**

**Watch for the sign-up  
sheet and let us know  
if you can help.**

**We will take  
care of several things  
in preparation for  
summer!  
Volunteers Needed!**



**Salida  
Youth Choir**

Presents

**Spring  
Choir  
Showcase**

**FREE!**

Join us for an evening of beautiful music presented by some of Salida's most talented youth singers.

**May 5th, 7 PM**  
Salida Methodist Church  
228 E. 4th Street, Salida

**SANDELL STUDIO**  
Music Lessons & Classes

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**SALIDA YOUTH CHOIR  
CAMP**

For students ages 7 -13

**WHEN** - Monday, July 10th - Friday, July 14th, 8:30 - noon  
**WHERE** - Salida United Methodist Church Choir Room, 228 E 4th Street - (corner of 4th and D street)  
**CONCERT DATE:** Friday, July 14th at 11:30 AM

Join us for a week of singing. Students will spend their week preparing a concert that will be presented to family and friends at 11:30 on Friday, July 14th.

Cost - \$200 per student  
Register and pay before March 31, for a \$20 discount.  
Questions: email Mary Sandell at [mary@sandellstudio.com](mailto:mary@sandellstudio.com)

**Sign up at [www.sandellstudio.com/contact](http://www.sandellstudio.com/contact)**

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Fast | Simple | Secure.

**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!

May we have eyes that see,



Hearts that love

And hands that are ready to help.



Photo by: Licia Iverson

# Sharing 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:

- **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!
- **Mend It Monday** – The next two Mend It Mondays will be on Monday, Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. See info on this page.
- **Prayers for Chris Porth** – who was recently hospitalized in Florida with kidney stones and a perforated bowel that required surgery. Prayers for Chris and Jean as he recovers from these challenges.
- **Prayers for Wayne Iverson**, Licia's Husband, as he prepares for a hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Prayers for Judy Eyler** - Please continue to pray for Judy Eyler as she recovers from a recent back surgery. Judy is currently in a residential rehab center in Denver. We pray for her full recovery and that she is able to come home soon.
- **Continued Prayers for Pastor Mel and Kasey** – Following their wonderful vacation, Pastor Mel came down with COVID and Kasey had a terrible stomach bug. Mel is doing much, much better and unfortunately, Kasey recently came down with COVID.
- **Thank You** for recent donations to the Shower Ministry. With the donations we've been able to purchase dispensers for the showers for shampoo, cream rinse and body wash. We will use donations to the Shower Ministry to provide hygiene items and for specific needs to this critical outreach.

## Shower Ministry Needs

The Shower Ministry would appreciate any of the following donations. We are happy to provide you with an in-kind donation if requested. All financial donations to Salida UMC on behalf of the Shower Ministry will be used only for Shower Ministry needs. Currently, we are in need of the following items:

- Large refill bottles of shampoo, conditioner and body wash for the new dispensers that are going to be put in very soon.
- Travel size shaving cream
- Disposable razors
- Travel size moist towelettes
- Deodorant
- Dental floss
- Spray bathroom/shower cleaner
- Paper Towels



Thank You to the following people who provided our Easter Flowers to help beautify our sanctuary.

**May our loved ones be honored and remembered.**

- **Debbie Jackson** – In Honor of My Parents: Fred & Norma Briola
- **Skip & Sue Glasgow** – In Honor of Harriet Glasgow
- **Virginia Imig** – In Honor of Our Parents: Hubert & Louise Norris and Warner & Norma Imig
- **Licia Iverson** – In Memory of My Amazing Sister, Judy Toland
- **Ed & Judith Kinzie** – In Honor of Our Children and Grandchildren (2 plants)
- **Mary Lou McCausey** - In Memory of My Husband, David and My Grandson, Victor.
- **Judy Naviaux** – In Memory of Bill Hoff; In Honor of My Three Sons and their families (2 plants)
- **Bev & Mike Orrill** – In Memory of Charles & Beverly Orrill and Bill & Bernadine Florent
- **Ardel Reyes & Patrick O'Brien** - In Memory of Joni McCoy ~ Loving Aunt and Arturd Reyes ~ Caring Father (2 plants)
- **The Shively Family** - In Memory of Harlan Shively
- **Libby & Jeff Stuyt** – In Memory of Marjorie Smith and Betty & William Bradbury (2 plants)
- **Paul & Cindy Wilson** – In Memory of Mom & Dad Wilson and Mom & Dad Yoost
- **Karen Yerkey** – In Honor of My Friends and Family!
- **Barb Zechman & Family** – In Memory of Marvin Tyson & Family and Gerry Tayler & Family (2 plants)



**The Noteables** will present their spring concert series, **Earth Songs**, May 5-7, in Salida and Buena Vista.

Under the direction of Linda Taylor and guest director, Rebecca Poos, the chorus will perform a wide variety of music, focused on our role as stewards of the Earth.

The concert will include songs that celebrate our connection to the rivers, mountains and forests, reminding us that our world is fragile and precious. They will bring awareness to our integral role of finding balance, harmony and common ground with each other in order to bring peace to the planet.

Selections include Harry Belafonte's calypso *Turn the World Around*; Irving Berlin's *Blue Skies*; Celtic Thunder's *A Place in the Choir* and the hilarious *The Picnic Of the World*.

More contemplative songs encompass *Just One Planet*, *We Can Plant A Forest*, and Louis Armstrong's *What A Wonderful World*. Also included will be selections from Native American and Celtic tradition.

The concert will feature guest instrumentalists: Sarah Green, drums; Clara Streeter, trumpet; Kate Chiras, electric bass; Brenda Covert, flute; and Noelle Hogan, violin.

**Performances:**

- **Friday, May 5, 7:00pm** at Clearview Community Church, 457 Rodeo Road, Buena Vista.
- **Saturday, May 6, 7:00pm** at United Methodist Church, 228 E. 4th Street, Salida.
- **Sunday, May 7, 3:00pm** at Salida SteamPlant, W. 220 Sackett Ave

Suggested donation is \$10 to help pay for the cost of music and publicity. For more information, call Linda Taylor, 719 539-2428 or visit [www.salidasings.org](http://www.salidasings.org)



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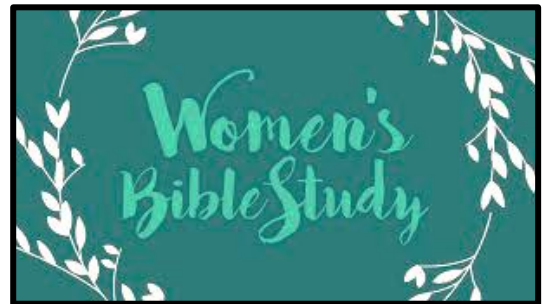
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SteamPlant Event Ctr. Salida

Suggested Donation: \$10.00

Information:  
719-539-2428  
[salidasings.org](http://salidasings.org)



**This open Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am to 10:30am. If you'd like to participate in person or by Zoom please let Ginny Biglow or Licia Iverson know and we'll add you to the group email list. Reminders are sent out every Tuesday and the Zoom link is included in the email. Let us know if you'd like to be added to this email list.**





**Men's Life Group meets on the first Wednesday evening of the month at 6:00pm. Call Brent Wiescamp 970-481-7562 for location! They often meet at Tres Litros, but location is subject to changing.**



Thank you to everyone who attended the Raft Guide Dinner Information Meeting held on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> following worship and a brief Fellowship. We are so excited about Season 11, which is just around the corner!

We provided a brief overview of the history of the Raft Guide Dinners and how the original intent to provide these dinners remains a guiding light of this summer outreach. We discussed the various

financial needs of the dinners and the many ways volunteers are utilized to make the season a success.

**Our next planning meeting will be on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** when we hope to firm up the volunteer teams and determine how to proceed on our menu planning and meal partnerships with local restaurants. The sign-up for this dinner is on the table in Century Hall.

We are waiting the results of some preliminary granting efforts and more were discussed to approach. We are actively seeking donations and sponsorships of our Hygiene Table at \$250 per week and weekly sponsorship for the meals at the amount of \$500. Please let us know if you, or an organization you are affiliated with, would like to sponsor one of our meals or the Hygiene Table this summer.

Just as a reminder of the impact this amazing outreach has on our Raft Guide community, please read the following comments shared with us, last summer:

- Pastor Mel & Volunteers, I wanted to express my deep gratitude for the welcoming spirit and "soul food" that have been a part of the church dinners at Salida UMC. Living in the polarized world around us and experiencing prejudice in a new, malevolent intensity this last year, church dinners in their simplicity of sharing in a meal were a

balm and a reaffirmation of the inherent goodness, the shared kinship of humanity. Thank you all so much.

- I was hesitant to come to my first dinner – I am Jewish and usually am uncomfortable at churches. I'm so glad I did. Every week I feel welcomed, accepted, affirmed, at home, and of course....full. Thank ya'll so much for everything.
- Wednesday nights in Salida are the highlight of my week! We appreciate all the hard work you put in to feed us hungry guides.
- This was my first dinner and it was wonderful. I am part of the lbg community and felt very welcomed and comfortable. That means everything. The meat and dairy free options were incredible! I am beyond grateful for what you all have done.
- Love the themes and effort you all put into these dinners. Thank You!!
- Thank you so much for:
  - ★ bringing everyone together for a family dinner vibe!
  - ★ feeding everybody good food!
  - ★ making sure we get healthy food this summer!
  - ★ teaching us about Love Bubbles!
  - ★ being so positive & uplifting & loving
  - ★ being a beacon of Light in the world!

We Love You

Last summer we served over 645 meals to 175 different guides and 51 volunteers over the 8 weeks of dinners. These guides came to us from 38 states and 4 countries and were employed by 16 different rafting companies in our valley.. Many of the guides attended the dinners week after week and many of them had attended in previous years..

Thank you to Luke Pinneo, a raft guide himself, who approached us in 2012, about the possibility of providing a free dinner in the valley for the raft guides. And the fact that we had showers to offer made the possibility even more appealing!

Luke and his family, who live in the Pacific Northwest have remained an integral part in supporting these Raft Guide Dinner over the years and we are forever grateful.

Here is a photo of Luke and Linda Taylor in 2012 at one of the earliest dinners. After leaving the Arkansas Valley, Luke has popped in occasionally over the years and it is always a pleasure to see him and express our gratitude for what he started. He saw a need, spoke up and got involved. The rest was history....



Perhaps you know of someone looking for meaningful work? Invite them to attend the next Informational Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm.



**JOIN OUR TEAM!**

## FREE EVENT TO LEARN ABOUT CAREER PATHS

Enjoy dinner and learn how you can start a career in behavioral healthcare. High School graduates, EMT's, CNAs, Nurses, are all eligible for current positions at the Regional Assessment Center!

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023  
RSVP AT THE QR CODE BELOW

**Solvista Health is hiring at the Regional Assessment Center (RAC) in Salida. Entry level positions available.**

***Join us for dinner and learn more!***

**RSVP here:**



**Dates:** Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

**Time:** 5:30 pm

**Location:** Methodist Church (228 E 4<sup>th</sup> St., Salida)

**RSVP:** Register for one of these free events using the QR code above

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**To learn more about current job openings at Solvista Health, use this QR code:**



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**www.solvistahealth.org**