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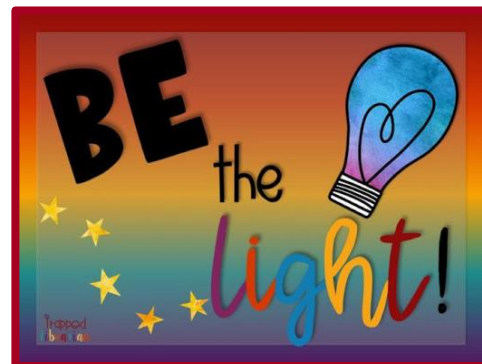
June / July 2023

First United Methodist Church of Salida

“Love, Live, Give As You Have Received”

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Pastor's Ponderings

Greetings Church!

What do I say in my last newsletter as your pastor? I honestly am not sure quite yet so let me focus on a few things that are going on this month.

First, things first! RAFT GUIDE DINNERS! Our annual dinners to support local raft guides over the summer will begin on Wednesday June 7 and will continue every Wednesday through July 26. There are opportunities to help no matter your abilities. Please keep an eye on the sign-up tables in Century Hall.

On June 9 at 5:30 pm we will be showing the documentary, The Quiet Epidemic. This documentary focuses on Lyme Disease and the challenges that doctors and patients alike face. As someone who has been living with Lyme for the past 37 years, I would love for you to learn more about this Quiet Epidemic. We will provide popcorn and drinks and I will be available after the screening to answer any questions.

On June 26 at 10:30 am I am asking for your help as I am loading the moving truck that will take Kasey and I to Montana. Again, you may not think you are able to help physically, but I will also need help cleaning up as we move things out. I will have lunch for folks and even if you can't help, I

would welcome folks stopping by the parsonage to say good bye.

Ok, now I think I know what to say in this last newsletter. I am going to borrow from a liturgy for saying good bye to a congregation. *

I thank you, the members and friends of Salida United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new pastor, Rev. Laura Blackstone.

Hear now this prayer:

Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Be the Church,
Mel***

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Let's Celebrate

June / July 2023 CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

June 3	Lonnie Pywell
June 3	Jim Greene
June 9	Scott Sandell
June 20	Kasey Roberts
June 23	Cole Shively
June 23	Lila Shively
June 24	Mark Goble
June 25	Ralph Eyer
June 27	Jody West
June 27	Iris Hyde
July 2	Fran Tulley
July 7	Catherine Hayden
July 12	Marte Kelley
July 13	Paul Wilson
July 22	Rex Montgomery
July 28	Andy Dunning
July 31	Stephanie Shively

Anniversaries

June 10	Cynthia & David Hearn
June 12	Kay & Mark Goble
June 29	Gayla & Andy Dunning
July 2	Lori & Dick Isenberger
July 7	Elaine & Alan Adams
July 15	Licia & Wayne Iverson
July 26	Janice & Rex Montgomery



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

June/July – Liturgists

Liturgist Coordinator: Virginia Imig

June 4	Tina Oberheide
June 11	Rosie Bacun
June 18	Libby Stuyt
June 21	Phil Harsh
July 2	Ed Brummel
July 9	Libby Stuyt
July 16	Tina Oberheide
July 23	Sue Glasgow
July 30	Carol Mumma

June/July - Ushers

Usher Coordinator Needed - (2 ushers needed each Sunday)

June 4	(2 ushers needed)
June 11	(2 ushers needed)
June 18	(2 ushers needed)
June 21	(2 ushers needed)
July 2	(2 ushers needed)
July 9	(2 ushers needed)
July 16	(2 ushers needed)
July 23	(2 ushers needed)
July 30	(2 ushers needed)

June/July – Fellowship Host(s)

Fellowship Coordinator Needed

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

June 4	Celebration Luncheon
June 11	Available
June 18	Available
June 21	Available
July 2	Available
July 9	Available
July 16	Available
July 23	Available
July 30	Available

FOR NOW... THE ONE BOARD WILL MEET MONTHLY AT 3:00PM ON THE 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. NEXT MEETING: JUNE 20TH.

Encourage
One
Another

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:

- **Prayers for Chris Porth** – who was recently hospitalized in Florida with kidney stones and a perforated bowel which ultimately required multiple surgeries. Chris is now recovering at home and we pray for his full recovery and their return to Salida for the summer.
- **Thank You!** – Thank you to everyone who donated items and helped with the Timeless Treasures INDOOR Garage Sale. This fundraiser brought in over \$2800 for our church. A very special thank you to Mary Sandell for her leadership in coordinating the sale and facilitating all financial transactions at the sale. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with set up, sprucing up the tables during the sale, clean-up after the sale, transporting left over items to their next donation location and/or disposing of them. It really was a fun day because of all of you. AND those who shopped were happy to take home their new-found treasures.
- **Mend It Monday** – The next two Mend It Mondays will be on Monday, June 19th and July 16th 1:00-3:00pm. FREE light mending!
- **Mel's Request: Volunteers needed on Monday, June 26th, 10:30AM**, to help load Mel's moving truck at the Parsonage. Lunch will be provided. Check with Mel if you have any questions. She'd love to see you if you can stop by!
- **The Shower Ministry** now offers showers ONLY on Thursdays from 12:00-3:00. Those wanting a shower need to be in the basement by 2:30, when the outside door will be locked.



Dear Raft Guide Dinner Friends and Supporters,

We are SO excited for Season 11 to start **NEXT week on Wednesday, June 7th for "Grill Night"**! Volunteer sign-up sheets for the first 3 weeks are out in Century Hall, so please stop by and sign up for when

and where you'd like to help or call the office (719-539-2755) or reply to this email and let me know and I'll put you down on the list.

Here are a few important changes this year:

1. **The days/times for food prep prior to the dinners will be on: Tuesdays 11:00AM – 1:00pm and Wednesdays 1:00 – 3:00PM.** We will not be doing food prep on Mondays, as in previous years, because the Chaffee Community Clinic is in full force here at the church on Mondays....and we are grateful they are here!
2. For those of you interested in **helping with set-up**, please be here at the church by **3:00PM on Wednesday afternoon.**

Once everyone gets familiar with the set-up routine, that time can be moved to later in the afternoon. But for now, we'll see you at 3:00PM.

3. If you are coming **on Wednesdays to help with the final preparations for the dinners and the dinner itself, please be at the church by 5:30PM.**
4. And please let us know if you are planning to volunteer this year, and if so, when, so that we can put your name on the list where you'd like to help. It will help us know what areas may still be in need of volunteers.
5. Also, we welcome your donations of **clean, plastic containers with lids** to add to our collection of take-away containers for the guides to take home our leftovers at the end of each dinner. We do provide compostable takeaway containers for their use, but some guides like to use the same reusable containers all through the season. If you have any to share, we'll take them!!

Each week, as part of the sign-in sheet, there is a list of needed items for that week's dinner. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items and bringing them to the church by noon on Wednesdays, that would be very much appreciated. We can reimburse you for your purchases. Just bring me your receipt(s). This week, June 7th, we are in need of desserts and hamburger/hot dog buns. Feel free to give me a call and I can give you the updated details.

Thank you so much to all who have helped us fundraise for this season. **YOU have made this season possible!!** We are still accepting donations to support these dinners. Just so you know, we recently met a matching grant for individual donations up to \$1000. Thank you, Thank you!! We also have a current matching grant available to match any donations from **the rafting companies in the valley**, for their donations up to \$1000! We welcome their support these dinners. So if you know any rafting company owners, please share this ask with them.

We are grateful for the financial support of the Chaffee County Community Foundation, The National Christian Foundation Northwest, Salida Soup, Salida United Methodist Church Endowment Fund and the many, many individual donations and sponsorship of dinners and/or the hygiene table! We have a very exciting summer of dinners planned, partnering with community partners and meal partner restaurants. We look forward to seeing the guides...new and returning... and working with all our amazing volunteers! Watch for weekly updates and photos to come.

Attached you will find copies of this summer's menus for the 8 weeks of dinners. Please share them with any raft guides you know so that they can participate in these dinners.

Please let us know if you have any questions!!!

With Gratitude,
Licia... for all of us with the Raft Guide Dinners

A WELCOMING ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ED BRUMMEL...

Dear Salida UMC Family,

It is with delight that I add my joyful noise in welcoming our soon-to-be Pastor, Rev. Laura Blackstone. She has already made an impressive impression on those who were able to meet with her last week via Zoom. She is champing at the bit to assist our congregation in the incredible work we've been doing, and to guide and assist us onward and Godward.

Below is a copy of the Announcement Letter from our District Superintendent, Chris Carr, which was read last Sunday morning during worship. Also, copies of Rev. Laura's resume are available, for your review.

Fear not, continued vibrant and glorious times are ahead.

In the love and grace of God that brings us to our knees,

Ed Brummel
One Board Chair
Staff/Parish Relations Committee Chair



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Dear Family in Christ,

Grace and peace to you. I am writing to share that Bishop Karen Oliveto intends to appoint the Reverend Laura Blackstone as the pastor of Salida United Methodist Church in Salida, Colorado, effective August 1, 2023.

Reverend Blackstone is currently serving the people of Buffalo, Wyoming. Please pray for God to bless Pastor Laura, her husband Joseph, and both congregations during this time of transition. May gifts of grace be realized by all involved.

I pray the Holy Spirit will enliven you all in your growth as disciples of Jesus Christ through a deepened faith, enhanced congregational vitality, and committed missional presence in your community.

In Christ's peace,

Chris Carr
Trinity District Superintendent

cc: Bishop Karen Oliveto, Natalie Marionneaux, Leslie Chamberlin, Ed Brummel, Laura Blackstone