

# The Monitor

## October / November 2023

First United Methodist Church of Salida

“Love, Live, Give As You Have Received”

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### ***Reverend's Reflections*** ***Through the Changes***

The touch of the wind on our skin has changed from that of a baking warmth to a soothing chill as we walk about the sidewalks and streets. The colors splashed across the horizon have both deepened and transformed with the passage of time, some to yellow, some to brown, some to orange, some to red.

In the presents of autumn we find the presence of self: our lives matured and developed, our moments moving into new experiences less frenetic and bright, and more comfortable and settled.



As I researched online resources for more information on the Autumnal Equinox (which took place on 9/23/23), I of course had to make my way through all of the sticky trappings of the worldwide web, and was left once again with the realization that the world is changing beyond the seasonal differences before our eyes. Through the many meaningless memes; through the multitude of quotes attributed to people who never spoke the words; through the harsh comments shared between a divided people; through the dozens of photo-morphed selfies, we're left caught up and spun around.

Whether spring, summer, winter or fall, we find ourselves in a time of shallow depth, lack of thorough thought and introspection, and the fast-cash instant gratification of lives poorly lived while surrounded by the “luxury” of more than we would ever want to consume in a lifetime.

As this world turns, it is not a *solution* to these problems we find but a source of *rest* in the churning: the underlying Life of All Things, breathing through our soul in holy encounter along with all the absurdities and beauties of this flawed and fleeting world. As the light changes, casting sunshine and shadow in different places and allowing us to see different creases and corners of daily scenes, we remember we are still here, surviving with beating heart, as a built-upon relic of our loved ones of the past, bearing their faces and form in our own, the sound of their voices rising from our throats, their tendencies shining from our eyes as bearers of our ancestral presence over the dirt of this earth; and we move forward without fear, knowing whatever comes we face it with the strength of the Life which made us, and with the company and assistance of our God—the Constant Reality of existence, within and without all change Who sustains us and carries us through every season until and beyond the end. Amen (And Happy Autumnal Equinox)

***Yours in God's Glory,***

***Rev. Laura***



## October / November 2023 CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

October 4	Jack Gordon
October 4	Nancy Peters
October 5	Thomas Sandell
October 8	Barb Zechman
October 15	Cindy Tietz
October 16	Norma Ricketts
October 19	Cheryl Huntington
October 22	Rhonda Plinske
October 24	Kay Goble
October 30	Anita Scanga
November 1	Beth Urban
November 2	Connie Cole
November 3	Gayle Greene
November 4	Ken Callahan
November 19	Jean Hanfelt
November 22	Ed Kinzie
November 22	Jerry Cunningham
November 23	Donna Henning
November 30	Elaine Adams
November 30	Judith Kinzie

### Anniversaries

October 4	Mary & Robin McConathy
October 7	Allison & Brad Groom
November 30	Tom & Kay Breunich

**THE ONE BOARD TYPICALLY  
MEETS AT 3:00PM ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup>  
TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

**IN OCTOBER WE WILL MEET ON:  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 12:00PM**

**IN-PERSON AND BY ZOOM**



*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**

#### October / November – Liturgists

Liturgist Coordinator: Virginia Imig

October 1	Robin Fladebo
October 8	Karen Yerkey
October 15	Ed Brummel
October 22	Carol Mumma
October 29	Sue Glasgow
November 5	Paul Wilson
November 12	Ed Brummel
November 19	Jim Oberheide
November 25	Tina Oberheide

#### October / November - Ushers

Usher Coordinator Needed - (2 ushers needed each Sunday)

October 1	(2 ushers needed)
October 8	(2 ushers needed)
October 15	(2 ushers needed)
October 22	(2 ushers needed)
October 29	(2 ushers needed)
November 5	(2 ushers needed)
November 12	(2 ushers needed)
November 19	(2 ushers needed)
November 25	(2 ushers needed)

#### October / November – Fellowship Host(s)

Fellowship Coordinator Needed

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

October 1	Salida UMC
October 8	Available
October 15	Available
October 22	Available
October 29	Available
November 5	Salida UMC
November 12	Available
November 19	Available
November 25	Available



Thank you to the hosts of our recent Meet & Greet gatherings. Each gathering has been a wonderful opportunity to get to know Rev. Laura and each other better!

Our last scheduled Meet & Greet gathering is scheduled for Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at the home of Skip & Sue Glasgow, 5622 Pine Ridge Rd., Salida. They have invited folks to come as early as 4:00pm if you'd like to watch the end of the Bronco's Game. Meet & Greet will begin at 5:00pm. A light dinner will be served.

There are a few spots left for this evening, so please let us know if you'd like to be added to the list. Sign-up sheet is in Century Hall.

We will let you know if other Meet & Greet Gatherings are scheduled. Until then, please reach out and get to know Rev. Laura. She would love to meet with you. You can find her Office Hours listed on this page.

FAITH ✿ HOPE ✿ LOVE



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**Sunday,  
October 29<sup>th</sup>  
will be our 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday Giving  
Opportunity.  
More details to  
come soon!**

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## PASTOR'S HOURS

REV. LAURA IS AVAILABLE FROM 10:30AM-6:30PM\* FOR OFFICE, HOME, MEAL, PHONE, OR VENUE APPOINTMENTS

PLEASE CALL/TEXT  
**(720) 635-9172**

OR E-MAIL

**REVLAURABETH@OUTLOOK.COM**

TO SET UP A TIME TOGETHER



UNAVAILABLE UNLESS IN EMERGENCY:  
THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS (OFF)

NO APPOINTMENTS:  
SATURDAYS (HOME OFFICE, SERMON-WRITING DAY)

\*HOURS WILL OCCASIONALLY VARY RE: EVENING MEETINGS, PASTORAL CARE APPOINTMENTS, OR SPECIAL EVENTS

**Mend It Monday** – The next two Mend It Mondays will be on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 1:00-3:00pm in the basement. Light mending of clean items! FREE & Donations appreciated.







## 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:

**HELPING Joe Blackstone** – Please continue to pray for Rev. Laura’s husband Joe Blackstone. Joe has been making significant progress during this last month and a half while at Craig Hospital in Denver. He is scheduled to be discharged from on October 25<sup>th</sup>. We will keep you posted as we know more.

There is a **GoFundMe** account established for Joe – to help with the medical costs (known and unknown) following his life threatening stroke on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Please consider donating if you can...every amount will help! Thank you for considering this need.

Simply go to: [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) and type in: “Help Joe Blackstone”



**Daylight Saving Time Ends  
on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>  
TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE  
HOUR ON SATURDAY  
NIGHT, NOVEMBER 4TH**

## A Delicious Fundraiser for SUMC



**Remember ...** Using our Safeway cards, raises money for our church. Get your cards today.

This fundraising program is year round. But especially as we approach this time of the year, when many of us are planning delicious meals for family and friends, please consider using our Safeway gift cards for your purchases at Safeway.

You may pick up a reloadable gift card for **FREE**. Take it to Safeway, and then, before scanning your items, just have the cashier add your desired amount to the gift card and you’re ready to go! **You can also do this at the Customer Service desk before shopping!**

We also have Safeway Gift Cards in denominations of \$25, \$50 or \$100, which make fabulous gifts!

Your Safeway card can also be used at the Safeway pharmacy and their gas stations at stores that provide that service.

**Our church receives 5% of your purchases.** This is a very convenient fundraiser for our church and your participation is greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions, please see Allison Groom, or Licia in the office.

*Your gift cards are waiting for you....*



**HAPPY THANKGIVING**

# Salida Winter Shelter

Opening November 1<sup>st</sup>

**PLEASE HELP ANY WAY YOU CAN!!**

Chaffee County Hospitality Inc. will once again operate two winter shelters for those experiencing homelessness. Basic details:

- Open every night from November 1st - April 30th, 8:30pm - 8:30am. Shelter is free, no reservations needed and no limits on length of stay.
- Men's shelter at the Salida First Christian Church (302 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street)
- Women's shelter at the Salida United Methodist Church (228 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street).
- Sleeping bags, pads, pillows and blankets provided.
- Meals served most nights.
- Families with children and those identifying as trans or non-binary will be lodged in local motels with limits on length of stay.

We are in the process of hiring night managers who provide direct oversight of the shelters each night. We pay \$150/night. If you know of a responsible person who might be interested, please have them contact Brent Wiescamp at 970-481-7562

CCHI is also seeking to raise \$75,000, which will be used to pay the night managers. There are 3 ways to donate:

1. Through checks payable to Chaffee County Hospitality Inc. and mailed to the First Presbyterian Church, 7 Poncha Blvd., Salida, CO 81201.
2. Through the CCHI website: <https://www.chaffeecountyhospitalityinc.org/>
3. Through our Go Fund Me page: <https://gofund.me/e2b29211>, or search "Salida Winter Shelter".

Questions? Please contact Tom Abbott at 719-539-6422, [tom@salidapresbyterian.org](mailto:tom@salidapresbyterian.org)

Thank you for your time,  
Peace,

Mike Orrill  
[michael.orrill.2@gmail.com](mailto:michael.orrill.2@gmail.com)  
719-221-5418



# Adult Piano Lessons

For beginner and intermediate players

Have you ever wanted to play the piano but never had the time?

Maybe you took lessons earlier in life and want to get back into playing.

I have over 20 years of experience teaching adults to play the piano. Sign up for lessons today!

Register online at:  
[www.sandellstudio.com](http://www.sandellstudio.com)

OR

Call: 970-217-0051

Email: [mary@sandellstudio.com](mailto:mary@sandellstudio.com)

Mary Sandell, MM, MMEd




*Watch for more information  
to come about ....*



## FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED!

*Please consider signing up with a friend to provide light refreshments for Fellowship Time after worship, on a Sunday. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Century Hall. We have volunteers to help you in the kitchen with set-up, serving (if needed) and clean-up! Thank you!*



# Dark Praise

FRIDAY READING

FEATURING POET ROSEMERRY WAHTOLA TROMMER  
AND GUITARIST STEVE LAW

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 7:00-9:00PM  
CONGREGATIONAL UCC  
217 CROSSMAN AVE. BV  
(SUGGESTED DONATION \$20)

## SATURDAY WORKSHOP

JOIN ROSEMERRY FOR A HALF-DAY WRITERS' WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 FROM 9 TO NOON. YOU WILL EXPLORE HOW TO DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD AROUND YOU USING METAPHOR AS A TOOL AND WONDERMENT AS A PRACTICE. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. TO REGISTER EMAIL [REVBECCA@ICLOUD.COM](mailto:REVBECCA@ICLOUD.COM) WORKSHOP FEE: \$25

