



# The Messenger

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Next Messenger: Oct 7th

### Times of worship -----

Saturday Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday Family Worship 10:30 a.m.

### COMING WORSHIP SERVICES

September 29 Matthew 11: 28-39

#### "Resting in Jesus"



Jesus proclaims that for those who are weary there is a place of rest. But it has to do with putting on the yoke of Jesus,

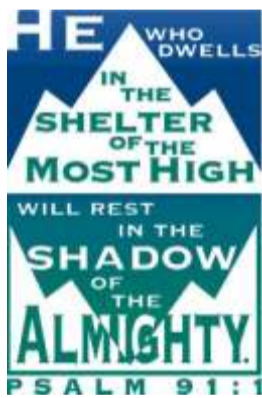
following His lead and surrendering to His way.

OCTOBER 6 Psalm 91: 1-2, 14-16

#### "Living in the Secret Place"

In this sacred psalm we find the direction God desires for our lives.

Abiding in God's "secret place" or in other words, His shelter. If we do this then the results are God's protection and provision.



### THOUGHTS FOR THIS WEEK-----

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You will be with me....." (Psalm 23:4)

Sometimes we find ourselves calling out in prayer, "Lord show us the way, and let us walk in Your paths." Often God's answer is to have us walk alone in the darkness filled with an uncertain future and faltering steps. But that is God's way. He would rather have us learn to trust Him in the darkness than to "know" the future and depend on our own

insight.

Dr. Gardner Taylor, a pastor many years ago in New York, shared the time he was preaching as a very young pastor in Louisiana during the Depression. Electricity was just coming into that part of the country, and he was out in a rural, black church that had just one light bulb hanging down from the ceiling to light up the whole sanctuary. He was preaching away and in the middle of his sermon, all of a sudden, the electricity went out. The building went pitch black, and Dr. Taylor didn't know what to say, being a young preacher. He stumbled around until one of the elderly deacons of the church cried out, "Keep on preaching preacher! We can still see Jesus in the dark."

What a great statement of faith. Don't be afraid when everything seems uncertain and you walk with faltering steps in the dark. That is God's way! He wants us to trust in Him and live by faith, certain of things that we can't see, and secure in the things we are "waiting on" the Lord for!

May God be with You!

Pastor Dennis Bailey

### COLORADO FLOODING

Some have wanted to know, "How can we help in the midst of the Colorado flooding that has taken lives and homes?"

We are so fortunate in the United Methodist Church to have a very effective way to help. UMCOR is the task force that goes into area to help, give relief, and to share in the needs during devastations such as these.

If you would like to help, designate your gift with the word "FLOODING" and put it in the collection plate at worship or send to the church. We will collect money given over the next 3 weeks and then send it to UMCOR. The money will go 100% to this project.

### MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

Total attendance for services		
Sept 14 & 15	6:00 p.m.	19
	10:30 a.m.	186
Sept 21 & 22	6:00 p.m.	42
	10:30 a.m.	134



We have tickets to Women of Faith on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Ticket prices are \$89 and we try to share motel rooms to make it more affordable. Please contact Suzi if you would like to go or want more information. We need to know soon in order to get the motel rooms reserved. It is a very inspiring weekend! The Women of Faith Believe God Can Do Anything tour is THE life-changing, live Christian event for today's woman, where chart-topping music artists and world-class authors and Bible teachers create an unforgettable, day-and-a-half experience for women from all walks of life. God can do anything! —Luke 1:37 NCV



- John Debolt and family in the death of his mother
- The family of Nona Warford
- Wayne & Hazel Daniels on their 69<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Cards may be sent to: Apt. 147, 1024 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Carroll
- Bob Ware has moved to Carroll Health Center



REMINDER – Friends Breakfast – First Thursday of the month at Family Table, Anyone is welcome. 9:00 a.m. Dutch Treat. If you need a ride, call Marsha Nuckels (792-9217) or Sara Anderson (792-4680). Next one is October 3<sup>rd</sup>

DISHES—DISHES—DISHES— Please check the table in the hallway!! We appreciate it so much when you are called to bring cakes, salads, etc for serving at times but now we need you to check your cupboards and see if you have picked up your containers before the next All Church Supper!

The All Church Pork Chop & Chicken Breast Supper will be October 13<sup>th</sup>, 4-7:00 PM.

You will save the committee a lot of calling if YOU call us! Let us know when you could help on that day.

Tickets are available at the office and they will also be sold at the door. Proceeds will be divided between the Food Pantry and No More Malaria. Questions? Call the office 7:30 – noon. \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for under 10 years old.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS.....

Oct. 3 Jewelry Sale at Hospital

Friday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> – Annual Carroll Lions Club Soup Day at Graham Park helter from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Adults \$7, 10 & under \$4. Chili, Chicken Dumpling, Cheesy Potato Soup, Ham Sandwiches, Drink & Slice of Pie. Candy & Nut Sale also.

Sunday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – Annual Smorgasbord Supper, Manning Presbyterian Church, 4 – 7:30 p.m. Adults \$9, 12 & under \$4.

OFFICE HOURS: 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 (noon) & 1:00 to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

**NOTE: Our Sunday services are now shown Monday through Friday on Mediacom CH. 6 at 1:00 and on WIN Ch. 36 Thursdays at 4 PM & Fridays at 9 PM**

## The Calendar

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 28</b>
8:30-noon.	Girl Scouts
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Family Worship
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Sept. 29</b>
9:15 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m.	Family Worship
3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Sept. 30</b>
5:30 p.m.	TOPS
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>October 1</b>
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Oct. 2</b>
12:45 p.m.	UMW Executive Board Meeting
1:30 p.m.	UMW General meeting
	Hostesses: Becky Tipton & Joan Hutcheson. Pledge Service by Marsha Nuckels
3:30 p.m.	U M Kids
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30 p.m.	Jr. UMYF
6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
6:30 p.m.	Staff/Parish meeting
7:00 p.m.	Sr. UMYF
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Oct. 3</b>
9:00 a.m.	Friends Breakfast at the Family Table
	Alanon
5:30 p.m.	NA
7:00 p.m.	NA
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Oct. 5</b>
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Family Worship
	Communion
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Oct. 6</b>
9:15 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Family Worship
	Communion
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Oct. 7</b>
5:30 p.m.	TOPS
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Oct. 8</b>
8:30 p.m.	Alanon
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Oct. 9</b>
3:30 p.m.	U M Kids
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30 p.m.	Jr. UMYF
6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
6:30 p.m.	Finance Commission
7:00 p.m.	Sr. UMYF
7:30 p.m.	Ad Council meets
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Oct. 10</b>
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
6:00 p.m.	Lion's Club makes soup here
7:30 p.m.	Compassionate Friends
7:00 p.m.	Sr. UMYF

UM Kids is off to a great start! October 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be meeting at church and start earning our first badges. October 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be going to a pumpkin patch. Please let me know if you are able to help drive and would like to come along.



## CHILDREN IN CHURCH

*Jamie Bruesehoff: Blogger, 'I Am Totally \*That\* Mom'*

You are doing something really, *really* important. I know it's not easy. I see you with your arms overflowing, and I know you came to church already tired. Parenting is tiring. Really tiring. I watch you bounce and sway trying to keep the baby quiet, juggling the infant car seat and the diaper bag as you find a seat. I see you wince as your child cries. I see you anxiously pull things out of your bag of tricks to try to quiet them.

And I see you with your toddler and your preschooler. I watch you cringe when your little girl asks an innocent question in a voice that might not be an inside voice let alone a church whisper. I hear the exasperation in your voice as you *beg* your child to just sit, to be quiet as you feel everyone's eyes on you. Not everyone is looking, but I know it feels that way.

I know you're wondering, is this worth it? Why do I bother? I know you often leave church more exhausted than fulfilled. But what you are doing is so important.

When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do isn't about bible study or personal, quiet contemplation but coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where we share in the Word and Sacrament together. When you are here, I have hope that these pews won't be empty in 10 years when your kids are old enough to *sit quietly and behave in worship*. I know that they are learning how and why we worship now, before it's too late. They are learning that worship is important.

I see them learning. In the midst of the cries, whines, and giggles, in the midst of the crinkling of pretzel bags and the growing pile of crumbs, I see a little girl who insists on going two pews up to share peace with someone she's never met. I hear a little boy slurping (quite loudly) every last drop of his communion wine out of the cup, determined not to miss a drop of Jesus. I watch a child excitedly color a cross and point to the one in the front of the sanctuary. I hear the echoes of "Amens" just a few seconds after the rest of the community says it together. I watch a boy just learning to read try to sound out the words in the worship book or count his way to Hymn 672. Even on weeks when I can't see my own children learning because, well, it's one of *those* mornings, I can see your children learning.

I know how hard it is to do what you're doing, but I want you to know *it matters*. It matters to me. It matters to my children to not be alone in the pew. It matters to the congregation to know that families care about faith, to see young people... and even on those weeks when you can't see the little moments, it matters to your children.

It matters that they learn that worship is what we do as a community of faith, that everyone is welcome, that *their* worship matters. When we teach children that their worship matters, we teach them that they are *enough* right here and right now as members of the church community. They don't need to wait until they can believe, pray or worship a certain way to be welcome here, and I know adults who are still looking to be shown that. It matters that children learn that they are an integral part of this church, that their prayers, their songs, and even their badly (or perfectly-timed, depending on who you ask) cries and whines *are* a joyful noise because it means they are present.

I know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church. Please know that your family -- with all of its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy -- are not simply tolerated, you are a vital part of the community gathered in worship.



### The Heavenly Bound Book Club

is inviting you to come join the discussion and the fun we have every month. **October's date is Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at Queen Beans or 7:00 at church or come the following Thursday (the 17<sup>th</sup>) at noon at Queen Beans.** The Queen Beans Coffee Bar provides a private room and great food. It is Dutch treat. September's book is "**Unglued**" by Lysa Terkeurst. Unglued will equip you to:

- \*Know with confidence how to resolve conflict in your important relationships.
- \*Find peace in your most difficult relationships as you learn to be honest but kind when offended.
- \*Identify what type of reactor you are and how to significantly improve your communication.
- \*Respond with no regrets by managing your tendencies to stuff or explode
- \*Gain a deep sense of calm by learning how to respond to situations out of your control.

Feel free to join us for discussion even if you didn't have a chance to read or finish the book.



The Youth Group is up and going again this year! We have lots of fun and faith building activities lined up over the next few weeks. We will be having a fun game night next Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup> and then we will be helping the Mission commission put together school kits for the In-Gathering on both October 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The youth group will also have the opportunity to go to the Greenfield United Methodist Church and participate in the In-Gathering activities on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have done this for the last couple of years and it seems to be a great way for our youth to have a chance to meet other youth from around the state that are also active in their churches.

We now have sign-up sheets for anyone wanting to either prepare a meal for our youth or help out on Wednesday evenings. We would love the help and what better way to show our kids just how important they are to us!

Please continue to pray for our youth and the programs that we are offering to them.

God Bless Jason

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## WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.  
Sundays

6:00 p.m.  
Saturdays