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Pastor's Page

"(Jesus) went around Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing all kinds of disease and illness among the people. (Sick people) were all brought to him, and he cured them. Large crowds followed him, coming from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judaea, and Transjordan. Seeing the crowds, he went onto the mountain and when he was seated his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak." Matthew 4:23-5:2

All:

As you know, I have been preaching about Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. I believe that the Sermon on the Mount is not just about morality, it is about Jesus. You can see his heart there, in writing. In that sermon, we realize that the more you listen to God speaking within you, the sooner you will hear that voice inviting you to follow the way of Jesus. For Jesus' way is God's way. God's way is not for Jesus only but for everyone who is truly seeking God and the right way to live. But we still have our foibles.

People often say: "Don't worry, things will work out fine." But we worry anyway. We can't stop worrying just because someone tells us to. One of the painful things of life is that we worry a great deal about our children, our friends, our spouse, our job, our future, our family, our country, our world, and endless other things. We know the answer to Jesus' question: *"Can any of you, however much you worry, add a single cubit to your span of life?"* Matthew 6:27. We know that worrying does not help us, nor does it solve any of our problems.

Still, many of us worry and so we suffer a lot. We wish that we could stop worrying, but we don't know how. Even though we realize that tomorrow we may have forgotten what we were worrying about today, we find it impossible to turn off our anxious minds and get a good night's sleep. Can we do anything to worry less and be more at peace? If it is true that we cannot change anything by worrying about, how then can

with anxious ruminations that make us spin around inside ourselves? Jesus says: *"set your heart on God's kingdom first."* There Jesus speaks to the right direction.

Celebrating Lent in God's kingdom is one of those 'right directions.' Lent starts March 1, 2017. This year in Lent, seek God's kingdom first and God's righteousness. All those things will be added unto you.

We will have an Ash Wednesday service on March 1 at 7:00. The next week our Lenten Bible Study begins on Wednesday evenings. Just as in years' past, we will have a light dinner at 6:00 pm followed by a video featuring Adam Hamilton and then a study in small groups. In this year's study we will examine the Apostle's Creed and what it means.

On Palm Sunday the choir will sing their Cantata. Then, on Easter Sunday, we will worship as an ecumenical community at dawn at the Rec Center Skate Park (outside). Perry Bell's church will offer a pancake breakfast for a donation in the Rec Center following the community service. We will then have our regular Easter Service at 9:00 am.

Confirmation will begin March 5 and continue through to Confirmation Sunday on May 21. Classes are scheduled after worship and Sundays, and we have five field trips scheduled. Please keep the young people in prayer as they travel on their Confirmation journey. I am looking forward to working with our teenagers!

This spring is full of meaningful spiritual events at church that can lead us in the right direction – seeking God's kingdom! If you know of someone that may enjoy our Lenten study or our Cantata or the Easter service, please ask them if they'd like to attend! I believe the Holy Spirit can work through our invitations.

Peace,
Pastor Kay

News from the Congregation for the March 2017
Newsletter:

BAPTISMS ~~~ Just a reminder – in 2015 and 2016 we celebrated the baptisms of 18 people.

NEW MEMBERS~~ Just a reminder -- in 2015 and 2016 FUMC received 26 new and returning members.

DEATHS and FUNERALS ~~ Our sympathies and prayers go out to:

The family and friends of **Mike Fisher**, husband of Mary Fisher. His friends and family celebrated his life on January 21, 2017 here at FUMC. Luncheon was prepared and served by the UMW.

The family and friends of **Harmon Reynolds**, husband of Jeane Muse Reynolds. His family and friends celebrated his life on March 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Tabor Funeral Home in Brighton. A reception followed the service at the Brighton Masonic Lodge.

VISIT, CALL, or SEND A CARD to our members:

Marty Martin: Life Care Center of Longmont, 2451 Pratt Street, Longmont 80501

Eloise Martin: 7200 E. Quincy Place #336, Denver 80237

George and Barbara Gaul: 10484 WCR 22, Fort Lupton 80621

Irene Latham: 14410 WCR 10, Fort Lupton 80621

Billie Boss: 15850 Casler Ave, Fort Lupton 80621

Eileen and Newt McPeck, 1190 5th Ave, Hudson, CO 80642, transferred from James

Memorial UMC on December 25, 2016.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS ~~~ our 2017

Confirmation Class. As of this writing, we do not know all of the names of the participants. Confirmation classes will be from March 5 through Confirmation Sunday on May 21, 2017.

If you would like information about a church member or member of your family included in our next newsletter or if we have accidentally omitted someone, please contact the office and we will include that information in the next newsletter.

Lenten Study 2017

Creed, What Christians Believe and Why, Exploring the Apostles' Creed

by Adam Hamilton

What: Meal and Lenten Study, Creed by Adam Hamilton

Dates: Every Wednesday from March 8, 2017 through April 12 in Holy Week.

Time: 6:00 pm meal, followed by the study.

What happens each week: A light supper (a sign up sheet is going around on Sundays for help and food) followed by a video of Adam Hamilton, and then discussion in small groups.

Cost: Books are \$14.00. The purchase of the books has been paid by a member of our Congregation and she needs to be reimbursed. Your reimbursement may be made payable to FUMC, but clearly labeled for "reimbursement to one of our members." If you cannot afford this, please let Pastor Kay know and we will find a way to reimburse our member for your book.

Topic: *The Apostles Creed*, and why it is important.

What do we Christians believe? This study will use the *Apostles' Creed* to examine what Christians believe and why these beliefs are important. Each of the six lessons in this study, covering the six weeks of Lent, will examine a section of the Apostle's Creed.

What is covered each week? The study begins, as the creed does, with **God**. The next week we focus on who **Jesus** is, historically and as the Son of God. The third week we explore the **Holy Spirit**. The fourth week we will explore our belief in the **holy catholic church and the communion of saints**. In the fifth week we will examine what it means to believe in the **forgiveness of sins**. And finally in the last week we will discuss the **resurrection of the body**.

As you know, because of Easter, Christians believe that death does not have the final word. We do not know exactly what life after death looks like. But we believe in Jesus' promise, "*Because I live, you will live too.*" John 14:19b.

Please come and participate!

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Thank yous

From Jim & Kay Penfold

Thank you so much for all your support, cards, and all during JL's illness and passing. We know he wanted so much to be with his family and friends for at least a few more years. It didn't seem to be the Lord's wish. We must accept that he is at peace and at rest. At least we shall be together again.

From Blessings in a Bag

Dear Church family, Trustees, and Pastor Kay,

The Blessings in a Bag volunteers would like to send a very sincere thank you for making it possible

to use the Miracle House as our headquarters to serve Butler, Twombly and the Middle School their weekly food bag distribution.

We are very grateful for this convenience to be able to serve our community.

Best Wishes and thank you again.

From Paula Larson

Thank you for the prayers and cards this last month.



March and April Birthdays



Donald Rosenbrock	03/01
LaLani Dockter	03/02
Amanda Ceretto	03/02
Lindsey Woodruff	03/03
Kacey Payne	03/04
Tina Powell	03/04
Robyn Rhoades	03/04
Susan Francis	03/04
Carri Edgar	03/04
Irene Latham	03/07
Ricky Bucher	03/07
Franki DeBerg	03/10
Tisha Larson - Cullen	03/13
Zavier Mangus	03/13
Aydin Nunez	03/15
Kathy Bucher	03/17
Pat Terry	03/17
Mary Martin	03/17
Tina Ceretto	03/18
Scott Frazier	03/20
Sandee Saar	03/20
Kristyn Clark	03/21
George Breickler	03/22
SuzAnn McCrumb	03/22
Vicki Wamsley	03/24
Gary Johnston	03/24
Evelle Brock	03/27
Sammie Bucher	03/27
Jacob McCartney	03/27
Dale Boss	03/28
Sherrie O'Neil	03/28
Barb Floodeen	03/28
Roland Purifoy	03/29
Jon G. Frazier	03/29
Levi Hunziker	03/29
Tyler Duncan	03/30
Ava Tijerina	03/31
Alan Sandberg	04/01
Michelle Gross	04/01
Jullian Rentz	04/02
Gene Edgar	04/03
Suzan DeBerg	04/07

Madison Hood	04/09
Megan Hood	04/09
Angela Standeford	04/10
Kristy Lee -Wood	04/12
Robert Kerr	04/12
Jamie Wood	04/15
Alice Easterday	04/15
Krystin Floodeen	04/15
Jan Brown	04/16
Jesus Chacon	04/17
Zayden Larson	04/17
Terri Ryan	04/18
Taylor Leyba	04/21
Michael Ogg	04/24
Teddy Duarte	04/24
Judy Ceretto	04/26
Jamie Pelis	04/26
Jennifer Norby	04/28
Lorra Floodeen	04/28
Jeff Kerr	04/29
Gary Ketcher Johnston	04/30

Anniversaries



Darrel & SuzAnn McCrumb	03/10
Tracy & Suzan DeBerg	03/10
Mike & Michelle Bettger	03/18
Jim & Vada Roedel	04/07
Ron & Jan Brown	04/07
Larry & Sharon Fehr	04/17
Mike & Laura Hayden	04/19
Glenn & Donna Gaul	04/22
Bob & Kathleen Payne	04/22
Troy & Jennifer Norby	04/24

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9 Worship Service 9 Sunday School Preschool - Hig 10:30 Adult Sunday School	27	28 7p Executive Council	Mar 1 10 Bible Study 3:30p Christian Life Club 6p Youth Group 7p Ash Wednesday Service 7p Choir	2 7p Finance meeting	3	4
5 9 Worship Service 9 Sunday School Preschool - Hig 10:30 Adult Sunday School	6	7 11:15 Worship Planning meeting	8 10 Bible Study 3:30p Christian Life Club 6p Youth Group 6p Soup & Salad - Lent Service 7p Choir	9 6p Blue Ribbon Meeting	10 5p Mission Trip Spaghetti Dinner	11
12 Daylight Saving Time starts 9 Worship Service 9 Sunday School Preschool - Hig 10:30 Adult Sunday School	13 7p Foxy Quilters	14 7p Trustees Meeting	15 10 Bible Study 1:15p Lunch Bunch -Dragon Phc 3:30p Christian Life Club 6p Youth Group +2 more	16	17	18
19 9 Worship Service 9 Sunday School Preschool - Hig 10:30 Adult Sunday School	20 6:30p Many Blessings 6:30p Mary Circle/UMW	21	22 10 Bible Study 3:30p Christian Life Club 6p Youth Group 6p Soup & Salad - Lent Service 7p Choir	23	24	25
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9 Palm Sunday 9 Worship Service 9 Sunday School Preschool - Hig 10:30 Adult Sunday School	10 7p Foxy Quilters	11 7p Trustees Meeting	12 10 Bible Study 3:30p Christian Life Club 6p Youth Group +2 more	13 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday 7p Maundy Thursday Service	14	15
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