



NEWSLETTER

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

To Live By Faith, To be Known By
Love, To be the Voice of Hope



PENTECOST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION MAY 19TH FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Prepare to partake in a joyous celebration! On May 19th, we invite you to revel in the Fellowship gathering as we commemorate the church's significant anniversary with a unique twist - an abundance of birthday-themed tables! Stay engaged, socialize, and connect with your fellow celebrants (perhaps even discovering a birthday twin!) And yes, indulge in the delightful presence of cake!

Attention all bakers! We are in need of a delightful dozen cakes to enhance the festivity. Whether you opt for your signature recipe or venture into uncharted culinary territories, diversity is key to elevating the merriment. Kindly register your name on the sheet located in the Kitchen or contact us to disclose your cake choice and the birth month you wish to represent. Furthermore, consider adding your personal flair to your designated table for the month. Let us collectively craft an unforgettable celebration to cherish!

MAY 2024

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

May 12th

Special Guest:

Manuel Calderon

Topic: Mirgrant Bags

UNITED METHODIST SPECIAL OFFERING

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REV. SARAH RETTIG

Each year we celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost, a Jewish harvest festival, was celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. This festival was a joyful celebration of the day when God gave Moses the Ten Commandments and made a covenant with Israel to be their God. Each year Jews from all over would come to Jerusalem to bring the first fruits of their wheat harvest as an offering to God in the Temple.

Acts 2 happened during one such Pentecost. A group of followers of Christ was praying together in a house in Jerusalem. "There came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting." They felt themselves filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking of the wonderful acts of God who raised Jesus from the dead! Many people in the crowd were filled with wonderment, awe, and excitement. The Scripture says that the church grew daily as thousands were baptized. This is why we call Pentecost the Birthday of the church.

Pentecost is more than just a time to celebrate the birth of the early church. It is about celebrating and recognizing the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives today. It is about recognizing the Spirit calling us to renewal and revival. When have we felt the rushing wind fill our lives?

The Hebrew word *ruach* and the Greek word *pneuma* conveyed the concept of "spirit" as well as the concepts of "air" and "wind." Jesus also used the wind as an illustration of the Spirit's "blowing" wherever He wishes.

When has the Spirit moved through our lives, our church, or our community?

How do we celebrate this movement?

Do we have a birthday story to tell of our beginning of this amazing spirit filled movement?

**Bible Study Lord, Teach Us to Pray**

Bible Study: Lord, Teach Us to Pray
Join us for a 4 week study on Prayer. This will be held on Tuesdays at 9:30am on May 7th, 14th, 21th, and 28th. Prayer is a relationship with God that grows and matures over time. During the study we will be looking at how we can become more prayerful, learn about the prayer life of Jesus, learn deeper approaches to personal prayer, and much more.

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Wesley United Methodist



Finance Committee Report
The Wesley Financial report for March was again a good one, Income for the month was a little over budget and expenses were under budget. This is the second month in a row that we have had such a positive report. We are so thankful to our supporter for giving us such a positive financial report.

Jim Stuart , Finance Committee Chair

WHAT'S COOKING?

Cooking Class
Wesley's Youth Group.
Planning to make Indian
Food. This month ,
volunteers need .

May 10th Please Register with
Terry Maestas



The Point

Written by Mrs. Claudine VanBuskirk

A group of committed individuals from Wesley, led by Pastor, undertook a remarkable initiative one Saturday to revitalize the neglected flower beds at the Point. The endeavor commenced with Gerald Yarnell fearlessly taking on the overgrown bushes, igniting a wave of community involvement.

Subsequently, the once untamed gardens have been transformed into a welcoming environment where residents and their pets can now enjoy leisurely moments.

Following this rejuvenation, the Point has evolved into a favored destination for relaxation, reading respites, and spontaneous picnics. Immense gratitude is extended to Gerald, the diligent team, and the exceptional Rev. Sarah for their dedication in revitalizing the Point and transforming it into a cherished community asset.

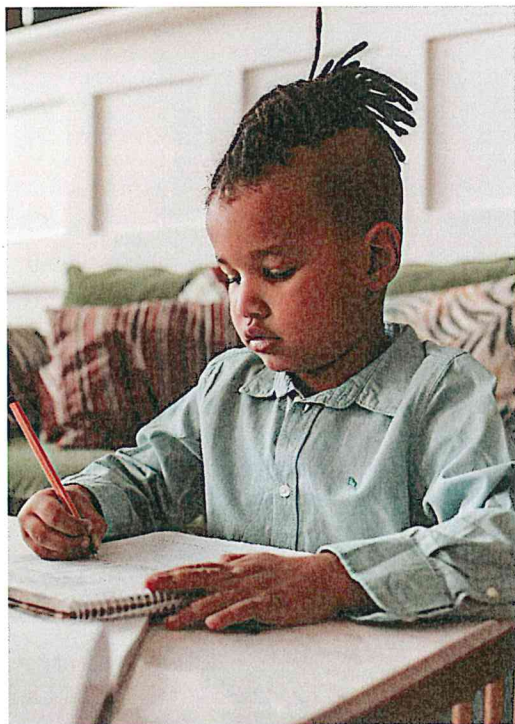


VBS

Starts July 22-25th

9-1 p.m.

Mission Report



Great news! The St. Paul grant request was approved. The Matthew 25 Bags will be able to continue for the rest of this year.

At the end of April or first part of May, after all the funds have been collected from the Lenten calendars, the funds will be sent to Laundry Love. Last year Laundry Love was supported by 5 churches. There are 2 Lady Fair Laundries, one located on Cypress Ave and one on N. Erie that allow homeless people to use the laundries from 9 to 12 am every two weeks.

Last week, Pura Vida Ministries notified us that Jose (one of the children we sponsor in Guatemala) has finished his studies and was working. They suggested that we sponsor another child or continue our contributions that would go to the Un-sponsored Student Fund. The committee voted by email and in person to sponsor the child Pura Vida recommended. His name is Luis. He enjoys reading, drawing and soccer. He is in the eighth grade and his birthday is September 8th. We look forward to getting to know Luis and I will pass on any additional information about Luis as we receive it.

MISSION MOMENT MAY 12TH

Special Guest
Manuel Calderon

TOPIC: Migrant
BAGS

Susie Henry
Missions Chairperson

DISCOVERING PUEBLO FOR MAY

Thursday May 23rd we will be taking a tour of the Center for American Values in downtown Pueblo on the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk. We will meet here at the Church at 11:30 a.m. to enjoy our sack lunches and visit a bit before we carpool to the Center. This location was the dream of Medal of Honor recipient Drew Dix and local businessmen Rudy and Brad Padula. Drew wanted a location where people could come to hear about stories of honor and valor, and meet people who were examples of courage, honor, integrity and patriotism. Rudy and Brad Padula took an old warehouse alongside the Riverwalk area and turned it into a beautiful location for this Center as well as space for offices and a restaurant.

While you will immediately feel patriotic when you enter, it is NOT a political venue.

Come join us on the 23rd . There is no cost for the tour. Please do call the Church office at 719 -561-8746 by Tuesday the 21st , so we have a count to give the Center. Contact Paulette Stuart with any questions.



DISCOVERING PUEBLO FOR JUNE

Discovering Pueblo Tour will be Thursday June 20th at the Hose Company #3 Fire Station at 116 Broadway Avenue in the Mesa Junction area. A private tour just for our group will show you this original fire house and a lot of memorabilia. There is a second floor but only for those able to climb stairs as there is no elevator. Rumor has it there is a vehicle that a ghost drove around the block, but you'll have to attend to hear that story.



NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The newest membership directories have arrived. If you paid for one, they are available in the office. A big thank you goes to Jim Stuart who not only took the individual photos, or added previous photos, but created the cover photo and put the booklet together, then got it printed. When Jim came to Wesley, the church was using a studio to come take the photos and then families could purchase various packages of their portraits. These professional photos were nice but rather expensive. Jim offered to do it and the cost of the booklet is only what it costs to have it printed. This year it was \$6.00 per booklet. If you did not order one and would like to purchase a copy please contact the church office as there are several yet available.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED HUMAN RIGHT CELEBRATION

Join United Women in Faith for an event at Wesley on June 7th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The gathering will include filling 15/18 bags with essential items like 1 bath towel, 1 washcloth, 1 large toothpaste, 1 toothbrush, and 1 soap. These bags are crafted annually by women from various churches in the Pueblo area. Church Women in Faith convene each year to assemble these bags. To contribute to this cause, please reach out to Marsha McDaniel for information on the needed supplies at (719) 480-3387.

Prayer Group

If you are in need of prayer, We welcome you to stay after church in Sanctuary. Look for Jan Baunack, Jan Warner or Rev. Chris Richardson.

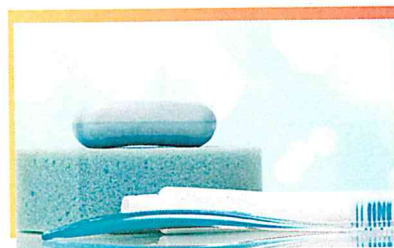


Need a Ride to Church?

Through the Helping Heart and Hands Committee and Lay Leader Co-Chair Nancy Shultz, a coordinated effort is beginning to find those who need a ride to church and match them up with a member who lives close by and is willing and able to drive one or two folks to church on Sunday mornings.

If you feel you can help by offering a ride, please let the office know. If you cannot attend Wesley because you are unable to drive to church, please call the office at 719-561-8746 and let us know by Wednesday each week, and Ride Coordinator Shultz will try to find someone to pick you up.

Please make that call to the church office by Wednesday to allow time to find a person to help you that week



HAPPY Birthday

MAY Birthdays

Ramona Higbee *	05/03
Shirley Lane*	05/09
* Merlene Morrell*	05/12
Judi Burger	05/16
Wilma Bard*	05/20
* Mark Brasby	05/21
Lois Goode	05/21
Cynthia Lewis	05/21
Lew Snow*	05/21
Ken Kraus	05/22
Alyce Bouy	05/26

*celebrating 80 years or more.
If we missed your birthday or Anniversary, Please contact the office at
(719)561-8746

Pueblo Cooperative Care Is
in need of:
Mac & Cheese/ Crackers/
Kids Fruit Snacks



Breakfast

Breakfast

UNITED
METHODIST
MENS
BREAKFAST

MAY 11TH 9:00

**EL CENTRO DE LOS
POBRES**

Sister, Nancy is in need of cooking oil, flour, beans, rice, canned fruit and veggies, household items, diapers, new and used seasonal clothing for men, women and children, blankets, pots pans, small kitchen appliances, toothpaste, brushes, and used eyeglasses

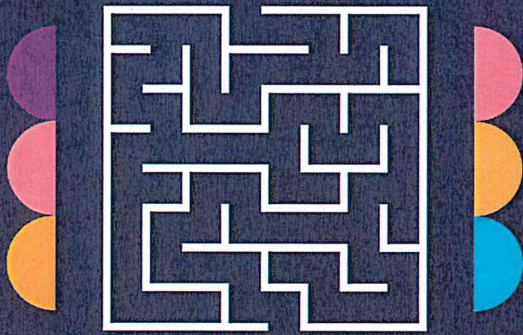
VETERANS BREAKFAST

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May 18th 9:00 a.m.

REMEMBER AND HONOR

**TIME-OUT GROUP
MAY 15TH 2-5 P.M.**



Time-out group just got a makeover with new hours from 2 to 5 p.m.! Get ready for a rollercoaster of laughs at the wackiest events of the month. It's time to give yourself a break and dive into the fun!

THANK YOU SO MUCH

The Kitchen Clean up Friday, April 19th went beautifully thanks to some very wonderful helpers: Larry Frank, Nancy Schiffer, Pat De Haven, Kathy and Wayne Vincent. Guy Bowen, Nancy Shultz, Peg Firth, and Marsha McDaniel. Cupboards were cleaned and wiped out, salt and pepper shakers cleaned and filled, excess silverware was boxed for better storage, and cabinet handles were fixed. While there are still some areas that need work, great strides were made.

Many items were deemed unnecessary and will be saved for the rummage sale this August.

We hope you'll stop by to see the beautiful new curtains made by Lora Snow and notice the edging on the valances. Lora crocheted the edging and each of the little crosses hanging from that edging. Thank you Lora so much!

Now we await the new refrigerator which has been approved by the Trustees. Please, before you bring anything you think the church kitchen could use, check with Paulette Stuart the Fellowship Committee Chairman, to see if it is needed.

Thanks to the KP helpers!!!!

Paulette

ROSES FOR MAMA

Lord, are there roses in your garden
On the Shores of jubilee
Would you pick a dozon of your best
and delvier them for me?
For you see, today is mothers' day
And I can't visit my mom
For it wasn't long ago
The angels came and took her home.
So if there are roses in your garden
On the shores of Jubilee
Would you pick a dozon of your best
and deliver them for me?
Would you take them to my mother
And tell her that I love her.
Tell her that I miss her
In oh! So many ways
But I have joy in knowing
We'll meet again someday
And We'll pick roses together
On the shores of Jubilee.

Lynn Casstevens



Happy Mother's Day &
Happy Memorial
Weekend From
Rev. Sarah and The Staff
of Wesley United
Methodist Church

**GRADUATION SUNDAY
IS APPROACHING, AND WE ARE EAGER
TO CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES ON
MAY 26TH. KINDLY SHARE YOUR
GRADUATION PICTURES WITH US VIA
EMAIL AT
WESLEYUMCPUEBLO@GMAIL.COM FOR
INCLUSION IN THE GRADUATION
SLIDESHOW. THE DEADLINE FOR
PICTURE SUBMISSIONS IS MAY 19TH.**



Remember
Someone's child, left long ago,
A strange land,
Someone's foe.
An unmarked, grave, fields of green,
Resting quiet,
Just eighteen.
Winds of freedom, wash us now,
Remember him,
This I vow.
Victor C. Kleinschmit

MAY 2024

PRAYERS

Praying for Home Bound and our Sick and in need of prayer.

O DEAREST COMFORTER OF THE TROUBLED, ALLEVIATE OUR WORRY AND SORROW WITH YOUR GENTLE LOVE, AND GRANT US THE GRACE AND STRENGTH TO ACCEPT THIS BURDEN. DEAR GOD, WE PLACE OUR WORRIES IN YOUR HANDS. WE PLACE OUR SICK UNDER YOUR CARE AND HUMBLY ASK THAT YOU RESTORE YOUR SERVANT TO HEALTH AGAIN.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF ANY CHANGES
(719) 564-8746 EMAIL WESLEYUMCPUEBLO@GMAIL.COM

HOME BOUND

MARY JANWOSKI - EUNICE CARPENTER-
BILL EASTON - RAMONA HIGBEE -BOB MANGIN -
TOM & LOIS JEAN MOCK -HELEN STEWART -HELEN
CLOUSE -JAMIE & MABEL BAKER - GARY & DONNA
HARTMAN - MARILYN SNOOK - RICHARD &
SHIRLEY LANE- SARA CARPENTER- MERLENE
MORRELL- SUSIE ELLIS-

SICK AND IN NEED OF PRAYERS

HEIDI FLEMING - CARTER ELWELL-
DE MATEO FAMILY - KELLY HUDGENS -
JAMES WALT- PHYLLIS CAGE
(CATHY) ROSA PRATT'S DAUGHTER-
KYRA HOGUE - JUDI PORTER -
BECKY GOYETTE & DWIGHT HUNTER
MARIE WATTS - SANDY THOMAS - BOBBY &
AUBREY DARREN BEACH- DANNY
TRUJILLO- MARY JANE LOPEZ- DALE FISH- -
CAROL RIVERA- JAY & RUTH HARDER- THE
LOSEY FAMILY - CHUCK HILLESTAD -
LEDEMA RENFROW- JAKY DABERKOW -
JUSTIN BROWN -CHRIS BRASBY -SHLEY TOBY
- GENE RICHARDS- FLOYD FONCANNON -

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE U.S. MILITARY

**STEVE GARCIA ARMY
(GREAT-GRANDSON OF BILL EASTON)**

**JASON COSBY ARMY
(GREAT- GRANDSON OF LEDEMA
RENFROW)**

**SCOT FERGUSON ARMY
(NEPHEW OF LISA FERGUSON)**

**THOMAS SLAUGHTER ARMY
(GRANDSON -IN-LAW OF WAYNE &
KATHY VINCENT)**

**CYRILLE SANDUSKY NAVY
(GRANDSON OF DON BOLLACKER)**

**BRANDI MIRELES NAVY
(STEPDAUGHTER OF RANDY LOSEY)**

**LEE THOMAS & MATTHEW FLEMING NAVY
(NEPHEW OF HEIDI FLEMING & ALYCE BOUY)**

**JEFF LAW & DREW SELBY NAVY
(GRANDSON OF MARILYN RUFF)**

**JONATHAN SURUWATANA ARMY
(GRAND-NEPHEW OF TREVA & LEON
BRIGHT)**

SonRise School for Working Kids

“Thanksgiving in May”



Fundraiser Dinner



Saturday, May 4, 2024 - 6pm

Adults \$15.00 / Ages 5-12 \$5.00 / Under 5 Free

Tickets available from church office (719-545-0557) or at the door.

**ROASTED TURKEY, MASHED POTATOES, GRAVY, DRESSING, GREEN BEANS,
ROLLS, JELLO, FRUIT COCKTAIL,
ASSORTED PIES**

**ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY
JACK LITTLE & THE ENTERTAINERS**

**DESSERT SILENT AUCTION SPONSORED BY
SONRISE YOUTH GROUP**

May 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	9:30 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Tai Chi 1:00 p.m. Tai Chi	9:00 a.m. Lectionary 9:00 a.m. Handweavers Mtg 12:00 a.m. Prayer Time 1:00 p.m. UWF 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	11:00 a.m. Tai Chi 1:00 p.m. Tai Chi	Youth Cooking class 2:00 P.M. Indian Food	9:00 a.m. UMM Breakfast
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:00 a.m. Worship MISSION MOMENT(Manuel Calderon) 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School	10:00 a.m. Helping Hands & Hearts 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	9:30 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Tai Chi 1:00 p.m. Tai Chi	9:00 a.m. Lectionary 10:00 a.m. Finance Mtg 10:30 a.m. Church Council Mtg 12:00 a.m. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	11:00 a.m. Tai Chi 1:00 p.m. Tai Chi		9:00 a.m. Veterans Breakfast 12-3 p.m. NFB Mtg
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