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# CONNECTION

DELTA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Sunday Worship**  
**8:30am & 10:45am**

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## Pastors Corner

Philippians 2:5 says “Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” But what does that mean?

We are taught from a very early age to make determinations and decisions through using comparison, opposition and differentiation, often broad or oversimplified differentiation. We describe things as good or evil, pretty or ugly, smart or stupid, not realizing there may be a million degrees between the opposite ends of a spectrum. This thinking is called “dualistic,” and often manifests itself in an “us versus them” mentality. Sometimes, it works well for the sake of simplification and conversation, and better for sports competition, and worse for political conversations at the Thanksgiving dinner table. We need dualistic thinking in order to function in our daily lives and to make the decisions required to do our work as teachers, nurses, scientists or engineers. I even use dualistic thinking as your pastor many times during my day. But dualistic thinking becomes troubling when it concentrates into some kind of tit-for-tat system of false choices and oversimplified opposites that judge the purity versus the toxicity of someone else’s thinking.

When we try to process things such as infinity, mystery, God, grace, suffering, sexuality, death or love we tend to stumble because we cannot easily wrap our minds around such abstract concepts. To understand, we need to learn to see with different eyes, or with a contemplative consciousness. Jesus tended to be a non-dualistic seer and thinker. A person who is able to see with non-dual eyes ceases to judge everything as good or bad, either/or. One experiences a oneness with all of life rather than a separation from parts of it.

Through this summer I have requested that those in worship give me the names of their favorite hymns. One of my favorites is “Be Thou My Vision” which is an ancient Celtic poem/prayer that was set to the tune of an old Irish melody in 1905.

What would it mean if Christ were our vision? If we could see as Christ sees? How would it change our lives?

It seems to me that our lives would be changed because seeing the world through non-dual eyes would cause us to love as Christ loved. To have a pure and positive gaze upon the world around us. Non-dual thinking or seeing is a contemplative, panoramic, receptive awareness whereby we are able to take in all that a situation, a moment, or event offers without judging, eliminating or labeling.

To have the eyes of Christ is to view the world from this contemplative consciousness. It causes us to not focus on our differences but on how we share a common Spirit. Richard Rohr says this is the most immediate and practical meaning of “dying to self” that Jesus taught.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

May this be our prayer.

- *Rev. Tom Hazelwood*

## August Ministry and Service

### Greeters

August 5	Jean and Early Dimmick
August 12	Doris Myers and Merle Bushman
August 19	Garris Flebbe
August 26	Aaron and Gayla Clay

### Musicians

August 5	Lana Kevan
August 12	Janet Freed
August 19	Sam Kevan
August 26	Sam Kevan

## Missions

### **Missions: DUMC in Ministry in the World**

- The Mission Committee decided to continue The Covenant Relationship with Kennedy Cruz in Cambodia for the next three years. We look forward to hearing more about the important work the CHAD program is doing. We are able to support this mission work with the \$5.00 each member contributes each year.
- The Lord's Table is now going and will go through October. Please share your extra produce, baked goods or crafts. When you take something from the table please leave a donation. The money will help the many local missions we are involved with.
- Remember that coffee, tea, nuts, chocolate and olive oil are available for sale at the coffee cart each

Sunday. By buying the fair-trade products you are benefiting both UMCOR and our local missions. The hot chocolate is great to take on camping trips!

- Another great way to give to missions is to give a gift in honor of someone's birthday or anniversary.
- August means Back to School and Families Plus is in need of school supplies. Look for the list of supplies that are needed in the following article. You can put the supplies in the box outside of the office.
- The Food Pantry the 2<sup>nd</sup> full week of the month and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday are in need of fresh produce by 10:15 Monday –Friday. If you have an abundance of produce or know who has some please consider sharing with the Food Pantry who now serve 500 families a month. They could also use volunteers to pick up donations.
- Grand Mesa Camp will have a work week end on September 21-22 to close up the camp. A great chance to have a day on Grand Mesa enjoying others and completing a much-needed job.

## Kennedy Cruz

The church members have voted to extend our Covenant Relationship with Kennedy Cruz for the next three years. Carol has let him know of the decision and below is his response to her e-mail.

“Hi Carol,  
I cannot say enough how grateful I am for your covenant with me. Later I will share with our accomplishments in 2017 so you will all see how our partnership is changing so many people’s lives in Cambodia. Meanwhile extend my warm regards to our folks at Delta UMC, especially to Pastor Tom, Dr. Sam and Lana as well as Jean and Bill Smith. By the way just came back 10 minutes ago from the province.

Blessings, Ken”

### TRUSTEES

The next regular meeting of the Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee’s next regular meeting is Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Administrative Council next regular meeting is Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

## UMW

The Susanna Wesley Morning circle meets the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Esther Evening circle meets the fourth Thursday at 6:30 p.m. All ladies in the church are welcome to attend.

The next Executive UMW meeting will be Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. ---*Thanks, Cindy*

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

We wish you all a joyous day of celebration!

#### August Birthdays

Donald Mitchell	08/04	Kathy Coatsworth	08/17
Gwen Conrad	08/09	Chad Oeltjenbruns	08/23
Claire Corbasson	08/09	Sam Kevan	08/21
Joseph Settle	08/09	Emma Corbasson	08/22
Aaron Clay	08/11	Tom Warren	08/22
Bernice Musser	08/15	Phyllis Charlick	08/25
		Justin Siettmann	08/26

#### August Anniversaries

Tom & Cindy Warren	08/03	John & Susan Triebwasser	08/18
John & Karen Saltysiak	08/07	Ernie & Donna Widner	08/21
Bill & Mary Ellen	08/09	Carl & Del Pifer	08/23
Aaron & Gayla Clay	08/17	Don & Peg Lucy	08/27

### Just for Fun!

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a “show and tell” assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object that represented their religion to share with the class. The first student got up in front of the class and said, “My name is Benjamin, and I am Jewish, and this is a Star of David.” The second student got up in front of the class and said, “My name is Mary. I’m a Catholic and this is a Rosary.” The third student got up in front of the class and said, “My name is Tommy. I am Methodist, and this is a casserole.”

Compliments of Bill Sutton

## Happenings/Announcements

### **Ice Cream Social**

What: DUMC Annual Ice Cream Social

When: Wednesday, August 8 @ 6:30 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

What to bring: Your favorite ice cream to share!

### **Families Plus - Back to School Supplies**

Families Plus, serving needy children in our community, is asking for donations of school supplies for families that cannot afford to purchase them. Please drop off your donations in the box located in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall by Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Below is a list of items.

Pencils, pens, colored pencils, crayons, backpacks, large erasers, 3 ring binders, zippered pencil pouches, loose leaf paper, highlighters, steno pad, math flash cards, spiral notebooks, markers, Post It Notes, glue sticks, Ziplock bags (gallon and snack), pocket folders, tissues, scissors.

### **Children's Church Leaders**

We are in need of additional leaders for the Children's Church. If you are interested in volunteering contact Alisa Johnson at 970-901-8469 or [alisacjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:alisacjohnson@gmail.com).

## *FALL RETREAT DAYS WHITewater BENEDICTINE COMMUNITY*

### **August 25 LABYRINTH DESERT RETREAT**

Walking the labyrinth is a spiritual practice that invites us to our center, to our heart. The rock labyrinth is only 10 minutes from the Whitewater C. where Tim Casey will welcome us to walk on his desert property with magnificent views of the Grand Mesa and the Uncompahgre. Most of the morning will be for walking and silent prayer; lunch at the Sisters with sharing in the afternoon.

**Presenter** is Tim Casey, professor at Colorado Mesa University

### **September 22 CENTERING PRAYER DAY**

Sessions of CP in the morning with silence and time for walking outside. Reflections from the Sisters and sharing after lunch.

Presenters are Sister Anne Brost and Sister Mary Glenn

*(Fall Whitewater Benedictine Community  
Retreat cont.)*

October 13 **NATURE MYSTICISM**

A day with the spirituality of four contemporary mystics: Black Elk, Beatrice Bruteau, Ety Hillesum and Thomas Berry.

**Presenter** is Rick Klein, teacher and retreat leader at Benet Hill

Monastery. This day is from 9-3pm.

November 3 **YOGA RETREAT DAY**


An introduction to basic and gentle yoga techniques and the practice of awareness.

**Presenter** is Michelle Akcar, a certified yoga instructor and spiritual Director.

**All the retreats are on Saturdays** at the Whitewater Benedictine Community, 8250 Kannah Creek Rd., Whitewater, CO 81527.

**All are from 9am to 2pm and include lunch. Suggested donation is \$25.00. Register by calling 970-241-3847 or e-mail [amatkannahcreek@peoplepc.com](mailto:amatkannahcreek@peoplepc.com).**

# AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>  7:00 pm Emmaus Reunion	<b>2</b>  11:30 am – 4:00 pm Chapter GT PEO Fellowship Hall  7:30 pm Spanish Congregation	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Harris' 65 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fellowship Hall
<b>5 - 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>  8:30am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:30am Men's Group C & J Café  4:45pm Girl Scouts	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  7:30pm Spanish Congregation	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Harris' 65 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fellowship Hall
<b>12 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:30am Men's Group @ Fellowship Hall  4:45pm Girl Scouts  6:00pm Finance Committee	<b>15</b>  7:30 am – 6:00 pm Lifeline Screening Fellowship Hall	<b>16</b> 9:30 am Susanna Wesley Circle – Fellowship Hall  7:30pm Spanish Congregation	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 8:30am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation	<b>20</b>  6:00 pm Administrative Council	<b>21</b> 7:30am Men's Group @ Fellowship Hall  4:45pm Girl Scouts	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30 pm Ester Evening Circle  7:30 pm Spanish Congregation	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:30pm Men's Group @ Fellowship Hall  4:45pm Girl Scouts	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00pm – 7:30pm Girl Scout Leaders  7:30pm Spanish Congregation	<b>31</b>	