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# CONNECTION

DELTA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

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## Pastor's Corner



It was one of the most important questions ever asked.

It was asked of Jesus in a time when he was being grilled with questions. They were trying to get him to answer one wrong. They asked him questions like,

“Should we pay taxes to another king if God is our king?”

“Who will you be married to in heaven if you were married more than once on earth?”

Tough questions for sure, but Jesus gave answer after answer that left them scratching their heads. He gave answers they didn't expect. He gave answers that were filled with a truth that they had never encountered. But none of their questions was as important as the one asked that day by an expert in the law. It was the one they all wondered about—with page after page of rules, and rules about rules, with scrolls and then scrolls about scrolls.

The question: “Which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Ha! Surely, they had him now. Would he say, “Do not murder” and neglect to mention “Honor your father and mother?” Would he say, “You shall have no idols” and forget “Don't covet your neighbor's wife?”

They had him. There was no right answer. How could he give an answer saying one commandment was more important than the other when they were all sacred? For the first time, he would trip over his words.

Jesus took a deep breath as if to say, “Good question.” He gathered his thoughts, but he didn't pause long. His answer echoes through the centuries:

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength* (Mark 12:30 NIV).

Ah, this was not one of the Ten Commandments, but it was still found in the law of Moses. Jesus shared a phrase every Jew would know. It would have been recited in their worship services as a part of the *Shema*. They had heard it a thousand times.

Just as they considered Jesus' answer, though, Jesus kept talking. He said, “This is the first and the greatest, but the second is like it.” They had only asked for one. They had only asked for the greatest. Jesus couldn't stop:

*Love your neighbor as yourself* (Mark 12:31 NIV).

This one was a little more obscure. It is found in the Book of Leviticus sandwiched in between dozens of other rules. It falls right before “Don't mate different kinds of animals” and “Don't wear cloth woven of two kinds of materials.”

But to Jesus it was of almost equal importance as the first.

Love is the greatest thing we can do.

Love God. Love people.

## Pastor's Corner Cont.

For Jesus, everything hangs on love.

And his answer silenced the crowd.

Beginning September 16, I will preach and teach a four-week series is about loving. **Loving large.** Not just talking about it, but doing it. It will involve loving God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind. And this love for God will be closely linked with loving people in a way that is a lot like how you love yourself.

Jesus wanted us to infuse our world with a love that we have received and learned from God. This kind of love can, in fact, change our world. So, in a world that seems to run on so many things (money, greed, oil, power, and so forth), what would our world look like if it ran on love? I will give real opportunities for you to love God and love neighbors in the hopes of a changed world, a changed Delta, and a changed you.

Be sure to pick up a book of daily readings and invite someone to come with you to worship at either 8:30 or 10:45 and also come to our adult Sunday School at 9:30 am each Sunday.

Hope to see you there!

Tom

- Rev. Tom Hazelwood

## September Ministry and Service

### Greeters

**September 2** Virginia Harding and Carlene Dougan  
**September 9** Sarah and Matt Lebsack  
**September 16** Shirlea Boyden  
**September 23** Larry and Karen Selman  
**September 30** Nathan and Amanda Clay

### Musicians

**September 2** Lana Kevan  
**September 9** Janet Freed  
**September 16** Sam Kevan  
**September 23** Janet Freed  
**September 30** Sam Kevan

Julia Nicholas is the song leader for the Contemporary Worship Services.

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

- Thank you all for bringing school supplies for Families Plus families. Many children in Delta County were able to start school with all the supplies they needed. This will enable them to have a successful start to the new year.

- Our church was able to send another donation to Fairmile School in Nairobi, Kenya. Fern Esuchi wrote back.

*Today I was praying to God to enable me to pay salaries this week. You and the church have come to my aid and enabled me to take a deep breath. I am grateful for your timely help. I have been interviewing a therapist to send out to the western school, at least now I know I can place one out there for three months as I work out the future. Thank you*

### Missions cont.

- The Lord's Table will continue through September. Plan to share your produce and donate to missions.
- Another great way to give to missions is to give a gift in honor of someone's birthday or anniversary.
- Grand Mesa Christian Association Camp will be having their camp clean-up days on September 21 & 22. Plan now to go and volunteer.
- John Wesley believed all should live an abundant life by eating well, drinking adequate water, exercising, reading, meditating and praying daily. As part of our Abundant Life a Tai Chi class will be starting on September 6, at 4:00 p.m. The classes will be every Monday and Thursday. Call Carol Phelps for more information 874-7310.
- **Save the date!! October 13** is the work day at The Abraham Connection.

### TRUSTEES

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

The Trustees have hired a contractor to paint the stained-glass window trim outside and the doors to the sanctuary building this fall. Also, they are planning to prepare the buildings and grounds for the winter season.

If you notice any maintenance needing attention, please contact a Trustee.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee's next regular meeting is Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Administrative Council next regular meeting is Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 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!

#### September Birthdays

Ronald Mills	09/01	John Thrasher	09/18
Lana Kevan	09/04	Jan McKinney	09/22
Cliff Chastain	09/06	Phyllis Cross	09/24
Nita Casto	09/09	Gretchen Zukauskas	09/26
Ashley Pfifer	09/11	Karl Gaiser	09/27
Karen Saltysiak	09/12	Amanda Herbison	09/28
Shirlea Boyden	09/14	Sarah Roberts	09/30
Lindalin Dockter	09/14		
Eldon Carlson	09/18		
Leticia Corbasson	09/18		

#### September Anniversaries

Ronald & Phyllis Mills	09/04	Cliff & Lauralee Chastain	09/09
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## Just for Fun!

A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty-dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York City, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean." "Wow!" said the one-dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!" "so, tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?" The one-dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church." The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"

Compliments of Bill Sutton

## Happenings/Announcements

### CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

The Chancel Choir will resume practice on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. We meet every Wednesday evening for practice and sing in the 10:45 service on Sunday mornings. We welcome anyone who wants to join us in making a joyful noise! No experience required!

### RALLY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> GUESS THAT BABY COMPETITION

Submit your baby photographs to either the church office e-mail or Aaron Clay's e-mail. They will be assembled in a PowerPoint, and then everyone will be asked to identify the church members in the photos.

[church@deltamethodist.org](mailto:church@deltamethodist.org)    [clayaaron@bresnan.net](mailto:clayaaron@bresnan.net)

At 9:30 a.m. we will be presenting the upcoming fall **Sunday School** class line-up. Light refreshments will be served.

## Announcements cont.

### 12:15 p.m. BABY SHOWER Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>

For Sarah Lebsack and Libby Waibel right after the late worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Both ladies are expecting girls. Any gift is appreciated, and they are in need of money to purchase large items for their nursery. Any questions contact Gayla Clay or Cindy Warren.

A light lunch will be served, and all ladies are welcome.

### GRAND MESA CAMP - WORK CAMP

Friday and Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, volunteers are needed to assist in winterizing the Camp and completing some necessary projects. A registration form with further details is available at the church office.

For questions contact Connie Pittenger, Trustee, at 970-249-4308.

### CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR 2018

The Finance Committee would like to invite you to participate in this awesome fundraiser by offering your home (decorated for Christmas, of course) for viewing on our next DUMC Christmas Home Tour. This has been a very successful event for us in the past, however, we need more homes to make this year's tour an even bigger success! Please contact Becky Tallent at 970-209-0803 for more information. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

*FALL RETREAT DAYS  
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COMMUNITY*

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, Etty 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).**

# SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00am – 3:00pm Bob Jones Funeral and Luncheon
<b>2 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>  8:30am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation Basement	<b>3</b> Labor Day – Church office closed	<b>4</b> 7:30am Men’s Group C & J’s Café 4:45pm Girl Scouts Basement 6:00pm Trustees	<b>5</b> 9:30am UMW Board 6:00pm Choir practice 7:00pm Emmaus Reunion	<b>6</b> 10:00am – 4:00pm PEO Fellowship Hall 4:00pm Tai Chi Upper Room 7:30pm Spanish Congregation Basement	7	8
<b>9 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Rally Sunday 10:45am Later Worship 12:15pm Baby Shower 3:00pm Spanish Congregation Basement	<b>10</b> 4:00pm Tai Chi Upper Room	<b>11</b> 7:30am Men’s Group Fellowship Hall 4:45pm Girl Scouts Basement 6:00pm Finance Committee	<b>12</b> 8:30am – Noon EOC Regional Training Fellowship Hall 6:00pm Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 4:00pm Tai Chi Upper Room 7:30pm Spanish Congregation Basement	14	15
<b>16 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation Basement	<b>17</b> 4:00pm Tai Chi Upper Room 6:00pm Administrative Council Meeting	<b>18</b> 7:30am Men’s Group Fellowship Hall 4:45pm Girl Scouts Basement	<b>19</b> 6:00pm Choir Practice	<b>20</b> 4:00pm Tai Chi Upper Room 7:30pm Spanish Congregation Basement	21	22
<b>23 &amp; 30 - 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation Basement	<b>24</b> 4:00pm Tai Chi Upper Room	<b>25</b> 7:30am Men’s Group Fellowship Hall 4:45pm Girl Scouts Basement	<b>26</b> 6:00pm Choir Practice	<b>27</b> 4:00pm Tai Chi Upper Room 6:00pm – 7:30pm Girl Scout Leaders 7:30pm Spanish Congregation Basement	28	29