



Delta United Methodist Church
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CONNECTION

DELTA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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Sunday Worship
8:30am & 10:45am

Rev. Tom Hazelwood



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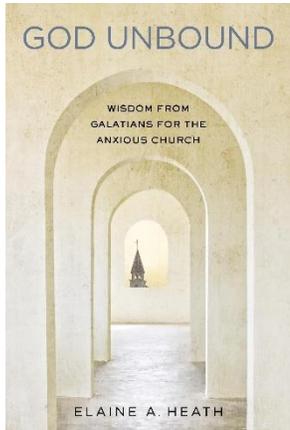
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Pastor's Corner



GOD UNBOUND

A few months ago, our Adult Sunday School class studied Brian McLaren's book, "The Great Spiritual Migration." In this study we looked at the profound shifts that are occurring and shaping the church. Together, I think, we discussed the general discomfort that comes with change. We all know and understand these shifts are occurring right in our own denomination. We don't know what the outcomes of the February 2019 General Conference will be.

What I personally do know, is that we need to be talking about these shifts and how we can live into a new reality of religious life that is emerging in the world. Elaine Heath, Dean of Duke Divinity School has written a book "God Unbound" where she takes a look at the Apostle Paul's letter to the Hebrews as a way of approaching how God may be working in our world today.

Can you imagine a God who wants to bless all the families of the earth? A God who is greater than our anxious fears? A God who is known most completely in the tradition behind our tradition – in the risen Christ, who will never abandon us?

Pastor's Corner (cont.)

I will try my best to capture this book of seven chapters in 3 sermons on October 14, 21, & 28. On October 14, we will talk about what it means for us as a church to "Live in the Spirit." October 21, how are we "Guided by the Spirit"? Then on October 28 we will wrap up by considering how we as a church "Bear the Fruit of the Spirit." We will be reflecting in our Adult Sunday School on the cultural shifts the Church is experiencing and Paul's guidance and wisdom about a God who is more than we expect or imagine.

Over the years of his own pilgrimage with the risen Christ, Paul learns to listen to and cooperate with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. How can that same Holy Spirit now guide and lead us as we live in this time of the Great Emergence?

We will continue the conversation. Look for even more about the directions the Church is moving early next year!

Hope to see you in worship at 8:30 or 11:00 and in our discussions during Sunday School at 9:30 on Sundays!

Tom

- *Rev. Tom Hazelwood*

October Ministry and Service

Greeters

October 7	Sherry Lippard and Sandy Thrasher
October 14	Cliff and Lauralee Chastain
October 21	Ray and Kathy Smith
October 28	Garris Flebbe

Musicians

October 7	Janet Freed	Julia Nicholas is the song leader for the Contemporary Worship Services.
October 14	Sam Kevan	
October 21	Janet Freed	
October 28	Sam Kevan	

Missions: DUMC in Ministry in the World

- **October 7, 2018** is World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday is a day to sing the praises of living a life united in Christ across all Protestant faiths. Fifty percent of the giving in United Methodist churches will benefit World Communion Scholars, formerly known as Crusade Scholars. These are students who are pursuing expertise in a wide range of fields, for example, in theology, public health, sustainable development, and other areas that relate to social justice, health, and wholeness. They are scholars who are called to be leaders in communities and churches around the world. The program prioritizes individuals from marginalized communities, including women.

- Several members of the church traveled to Grand Mesa Camp on September 22, to participate in the annual work day. Many hands helped to winterize the camp so it will be ready for a new season of campers in the summer of 2019. A special thank you to all who helped.
- **October 13**, will be a work day at The Abraham Connection and will be a day of service for our congregation. See the article elsewhere in the newsletter on ways you can serve the community on that day.
- 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 your own or someone's birthday or anniversary.
- 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 is held at 4:00 every Monday and Thursday in the Upper Room, call Carol Phelps for more information.
- Delta United Methodist Church is now the collection point for donations from the entire conference for Fairmile School.

Fairmile School

Nairobi, Kenya

God works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform. I want to tell you about two women that God brought together through the connectionalism of the United Methodist Women and the United Methodist Church. The first woman is Fern Eshuchi a Kenyan woman and the second is Verna Phelps who was a 50+ year member of UMW and a retired minister's wife living in Montrose.

In 1982 a young Fern attended a Partnership Market in Nairobi where countries could request aid and countries could volunteer to meet those requests. At this same conference was Rev. Earl Miller from the Rocky Mountain Conference. Rev Miller started the Camp Hope for people with Disabilities that the conference ran for several years. Fern was looking for training opportunities in working with children with disabilities. As a result of this Partnership Market Fern was sponsored in 1985 by the Commission on the Church and Handicapped of RMC to come to Colorado for training opportunities. Rev. Keith Merriman was in charge of scheduling and providing housing for Fern. There were some classes Fern was to take at Mesa State in Grand Junction, Colorado. Rev. Merriman called Verna to provide transportation and housing for Fern while she took these classes and this was the beginning of an amazing friendship between the two women.

Verna pioneered an Early Childhood Intervention program in the 70's and 80's on the Western Slope of Colorado for Developmental Disabilities in Region 10. She trained child development workers who went into the homes of babies born at risk and trained the parents to help the child develop. Fern immediately recognized the gifts and knowledge that Verna had and Verna recognized the potential that Fern had to do the work. They became soul mates and in a matter of 4 months had written a grant application through the Call to Prayer and Self Denial offering of the United

Fairmile School (continued)

Methodist Women for an Early Childhood Intervention program in Kenya. The grant was awarded and Fern returned to Kenya with the money and the training. But the director of the school in Nairobi was not ready to hear how to set up the program from a young woman and he was not willing to follow the guidelines of the UMW grant. Verna's advice: give the money back to UMW, leave that school and create a new school. Verna would help finance her.

In 1986 Verna traveled to Kenya with the RMC delegation attending the World Methodist Conference and visiting the site of the RMC Kenya Partnerships. Verna stayed with Fern and they began planning in earnest. When Verna returned to the states the planning continued through long distance phone calls and the thin blue airmail letters. In 1987 Fairmile School opened with 4 students, a mere 18 months after Fern and Verna had first met. Fern created with Verna's encouragement an acre compound that holds a school, playground, large garden, her home, guest rooms and an apartment for her sister and family. In the past 30 years she has served over 6,000 children and their families. She has become a national figure known for her work with children with Autism. In 2015 she was honored as Teacher of the Year in Nairobi.

Verna's health never allowed her to return to Kenya but her encouragement, advice and prayers never stopped. Today her family and friends continue the connection by supporting Fairmile School.

At the end of a grant application Fern wrote: "We cannot affiliate ourselves with a particular religion or church since our clients all come from different religious affiliations, i.e. Hindus, Muslims, Christians, etc. Our hope is that the love of Jesus Christ that comes from our heart will import on them the core values which are RESPECT for all humanity, COURTESY, LOVE, and STRENGTH in team work which will strengthen our strive to improve each person's life."

Carol Phelps

TRUSTEES

The next regular meeting of the Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6th 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, October 9th at 6:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Administrative Council next regular meeting is Monday, October 15th 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, October 3rd at 9:30 a.m. -- *Thanks, Cindy*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

We wish you all a joyous day of celebration!

October Birthdays

Darnell Place-Wise	10/01	Joyce Scroggins	10/10
Barbara Hedges	10/04	Verna Pretti	10/12
Debbie McCarty	10/05	Leda Ebert	10/16
Kurt Roithmayr	10/05	Lars Zukauskas	10/21
Ernie Widner	10/06	Heidi Stinson	10/24
Jeanette Roberts	10/07	Tina Miller	10/27
Nathan Clay	10/09	Dwain Bush	10/29

October Anniversaries

Gwen and Lynn Conrad 10/13

Happenings/Announcements



LOCAL MISSIONAL ENGAGEMENT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH 8:30 A.M.

Loving Large: Taking it To the Streets!

"You don't know me but I'm your brother." is the opening line of the 1976 hit "Takin it to the Streets" by the Doobie Brothers.

Taking It To the Streets is the theme of our day of local missional engagement on Saturday October 13. We will be able to show expressions of "Loving Large" by helping our "brother or sister" that we do not know. You will have options of helping at The Abraham Connection and their Annual Work Day as they prepare to open their doors for the season. (cont.)

Happenings/Announcements (continued)

There are many tasks that are needed to be done. Work will be assigned at the shelter. Then, if you choose, you may come to the Fellowship Hall of the church where we will be doing two things. First, we will be preparing the intake packets for The Abraham Connection, and second, we will be creating "Care Packages" that can be given to anyone who needs food for a day. We will have all items on hand. All you need to do is show up!

I would like everyone, even those who plan to go work at the Shelter to meet at the church at 8:30 am on Saturday so we can get a count of those participating and so we may pray together before dispersing to the community. I look forward to *Taking It To the Streets* with you! Tom

DELTA PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE

Recycle your cans and at the same time help benefit Delta's Pregnancy Resource Center. The large container for your donation is located in the Fellowship Hall foyer. This is an ongoing effort so continue to bring your cans to the church.

ECKERT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNUAL COUNTRY STORE & CRAFT SALE

Friday, October 12th - 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

Soup Lunch - \$5.00

Saturday, October 13th - 9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Sandwich Lunch - \$5.00

For more information contact Bobbie Jones at 835-8112 or Marilyn Colbaugh at 874-3792

FALL RETREAT DAYS WHITewater BENEDICTINE COMMUNITY

*(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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCTOBER 2018	1 4:00pm Tai Chi - Upper Room 5:30pm 5 th Street 5:30pm Community Concert – Conference Room	2 7:30am Men’s Group C & J’s Cafe	3 9:30am UMW Board Meeting 5:00pm Chancel Chimes 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Emmaus Reunion	4 4:00pm Tai Chi Upper Room 4:00pm – 5:30pm Girl Scouts – Basement 5:30pm – 7:30pm Meeting – Fellowship Hall 7:30pm Spanish Congregation - Basement	5	6
7 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost  World Communion Day 8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation Basement	8 Columbus Day Church Office Closed 4:00pm Tai Chi - Upper Room 5:30pm 5 th Street	9 7:30am Men’s Group Fellowship Hall 6:00pm Finance Committee Meeting	10 5:00pm Chancel Chimes 6:00pm Choir Practice	11 4:00pm Tai Chi Upper Room 4:00pm – 5:30pm Girl Scouts - Basement 7:30pm Spanish Congregation - Basement	12	13 8:30am The Abraham Connection Volunteer Workday and Local Missional Engagement – Meet first at the church.
14 – 21th Sunday after Pentecost Children’s Sabbath 8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation Basement	15 4:00pm Tai Chi - Upper Room 5:30pm 5 th Street 6:00pm Administrative Council Meeting	16 7:30am Men’s Group Fellowship Hall	17 5:00pm Chancel Chimes 6:00pm Choir Practice	18 9:30am Susanna Wesley Circle – Fellowship Hall 4:00pm Tai Chi Upper Room 4:00pm – 5:30pm Girl Scouts - Basement 7:30pm Spanish Congregation - Basement	19	20
21 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Laity Sunday 8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation Basement	22 4:00pm Tai Chi – Upper Room 5:30pm 5 th Street	23 7:30am – 8:45am Chamber Morning Buzz - Fellowship Hall 7:30am Men’s Group - TBD	24 5:00pm Chancel Chimes 6:00pm Choir Practice	25 4:00pm Tai Chi – Upper Room 4:00pm – 5:30pm Girl Scouts – Basement 6:00pm – 7:30pm Girl Scout Leaders 6:30pm Esther Evening Circle 7:30pm Spanish Congregation Basement	26	27
28 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Later Worship 3:00pm Spanish Congregation Basement	29 4:00pm Tai Chi Upper Room 5:30pm 5 th Street	30 7:30am Men’s Group Fellowship Hall	31 5:00pm Chancel Chimes 6:00pm Choir Practice			