

HYGIENE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE KEY

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From Pastor Rick

At the beginning of January, I encouraged you to think about what you will do when we finally get to push the “Reset” button, and “Restart” our life inside our church building.

Today, I would like you to think about two opportunities, one before we “Reset and Restart” and one when the time comes to meet in person again.

Our Lenten study will start on Wednesday, February 24 at 6:30 pm. It is titled “Words for Life” and is about Jesus and the promise of Ten Commandments in today’s world. It will be on Zoom and we will spend the first few minutes every week just checking in with each other.

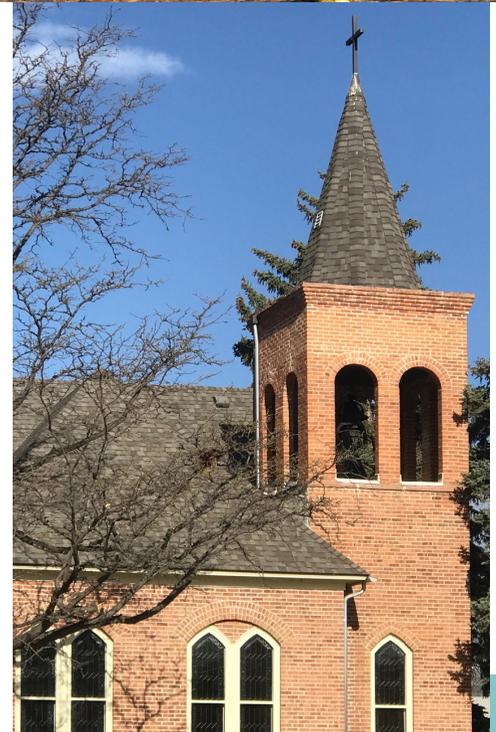
Some people have found this to be the best part of the study in this time of separation. Please let me know if you are interested and I will get you a book.

When we can finally meet together in person again, I would like to begin to explore a piece of our Wesleyan heritage that brought life to the church and was part of the “Method” in “Methodism.” When we can actually gather in a group, I will be offering those who are interested, the chance to be a part of a Class Meeting. We will meet weekly and ask the question John Wesley used two centuries ago, “How is it with your soul today?” It is a way to find life in things that we may be taking for granted because they have become routine.

Although we still do not know when it will happen, I ask you again to please think about who you will invite to worship when we gather again in the sanctuary?

How will you participate in the life of the church when we can meet in person again?

Blessings,
Pastor Rick



WORSHIP

10:00am in the parking lot!

Communion
Shared monthly (1st Sunday of each month)

Office Hours
by apt any time on ZOOM and by phone 303-776-0700

From the Lay Leader

BY ANDY ERNST

Ode to my friend, Alice Hayne. Alice, I just wanted to say Thank you for the many ways you influenced my life as well of many others. You were built to the ground, not a tall person for sure but you were very tall in many ways. You were a great listener and had your own opinions which you never pushed on anyone, always accepting another's opinion as theirs. Your stories were always interesting and made me smile more than once.



Your love for your family shone bright as they were always in your stories as was your church family.

You adapted to wherever you lived taking things in stride. You lived in the present but remembered the past. You were easy to talk to whether on the phone or during our rides from Hover Manner to the church. I know you kind of liked the Broncos and even when they were not doing so well, you never gave up on them and when I made mistakes in my life you never gave up on me. I will always remember you and your walker and the bell that friends gave you at the manner so people could get out of the way as you had a mission to fill assisting someone who needed a friend to talk to or just to hold your hand.

You will never know how many peoples lives you touched but I can tell you, mine was enriched many times by your warmth and caring.

Rest in God's love for sure, your friend,
Andy.

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Thank You!

BY ANDY ERNST

To Leroy Andrew. His loader and equipment have helped clean snow and ice and allowed Andy to fix a leaky in the gutter on Fellowship Hall.

To Jerry and Barbara Burneson for keeping pastor Rick warm with the heater they provide each Sunday. Dubbed the "Preacher Heater"

To Jerry and Andy for putting new casters on the lectern. Now it rolls with ease.

To Pastor Rick for all the work he puts in for our church.

Thanks for all the many people that work in and out of our church. We may be small but we sure do a lot. Be sure to call someone today and let them know they are loved.

Thank you... 

Prayer Concerns

Prayers and Condolences to Alice Hayne's family on her passing on January 17th. We will miss her smile and all the good times we had together.

Janis Johnson's nephew was admitted to the hospital today with COVID. Her niece has also tested positive. Their names are Lynn and Karen Nowatny. If you know Faye Johnson, this is her daughter and son-in-law. Prayers for healing to them both.

Prayers for Sarah Young's brothers. Both have tested positive for COVID. (luckily her mother has been vaccinated)

Prayers for all in regard to COVID. Those working the hospitals and testing centers, those who contract it, those who fear it and those making the decisions regarding it. May we all appreciate each day we have to the very fullest.

So grateful to know Irene Long's surgery went well. Hope to see her back soon.

And we were grateful to celebrate Dan Sullivan's 92nd birthday. The cheese cake was a real treat.



Missions

BY DEBBIE PUZO

Empty Bowls Fundraiser to benefit the OUR Center.

This year's fundraiser will be a bit different - you may paint an "official" empty bowl AT HOME for \$18.00 which includes the bowl, six colors, instructions and the glazing and firing. Once you return your painted piece to Crackpots, they will glaze and fire and enter it in the OUR Center Empty Bowls Sale.

Go to www.ecrackpots.com/emptybowls for more information and to order your bowl for donation. You may also participate in the fundraiser by purchasing a finished empty bowl, buying back your own bowl, or bidding on a bowl in the silent auction of the Incredi-Bowls.

Christmas Families Update

I received the following note from one of our Christmas families:

"I'd love to be able to thank you all in person as I've never struggled like I have this year and am very grateful for the help for the holiday."

The staff at Hygiene Elementary School also extended their thanks to our church for so generously supporting the 3 families they selected this year.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Thank you to our December bell ringing volunteers:

Cinda and Thomas Ritter, Warren and Linda Napier, Bruce and Terry Lance, Rick and Sandy Stewart, Don and Margie Warsavage, Terri Goon and Andy Ernst who braved a cold, snowy day to ring bells for the Salvation Army.

We volunteered for 7 hours and collected \$813.72. The 2020 campaign raised over \$36,600 which was remarkable considering kettles were only placed at 3 stores and had significantly fewer hours.



Our Sanctuary

BY AMY BOWMAN



Saturday, January 16th, I called up Pastor Rick and asked him if I could go into the church Sanctuary for a little while. He said, “Sure, what time?” Well, I had an 11 am appointment in Longmont, so I responded, “around 10 am, and I’ll only be in there for about 45 minutes.”

As I was driving to Hygiene, I wondered to myself, what is the difference between praying and meditating? I concluded that praying is outside of one’s body and that meditating is going inside your head. According to my Webster’s dictionary when I got back home, Praying is “to ask earnestly, to address God with adoration, confession, pleading, or thanking.” While meditation, on the other hand, is “to consider or think carefully; contemplate, to spend time in quiet thinking, reflect; intend, plan.”

My experience in the Sanctuary that morning was a little bit different. It was very quiet and peaceful as I sat in the middle of the very first row alone. I remembered the very first time I ever saw the inside of Chapel many years ago now. It was a memorial for Vicky who used to operate the old Hygiene Café. It was packed with people spilling out of the front door. She knew a lot of people or rather a lot of people knew her!

It was standing room only and some of us were just standing outside the front door because there wasn’t any more room... I also thought of Pastor Barbara who I met when I stopped in to inquire about the church the very first time. My grandmother was a Methodist, so I thought I might have “in”, you see?

A friend drove me to the church as I wasn’t able to drive yet due to a serious head injury a few months earlier. I thought checking out the church might be a safe way to re-enter the world so-to-speak. I’ll never forget how Pastor Barbara showed us the Sanctuary that day, like unveiling a treasured jewel to us. She then invited me to come to a few services where I met Alice, Vicky Andrew’s mother.

After a short time, Alice offered to pick me up and drive me to church, and a special friendship was born... As I sat in the Sanctuary that Saturday morning, besides the wonderful memories I had, I also felt my heart open.

Living with this Pandemic has been hard on all of us, but I know, in my heart, that we will make it too.