

AUGUST 2024



# THE BANNER

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BERTHOUD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

From Pastors Mark and Sandie Johnson

Dear Friends,

This is an auspicious year. Some might say 2024 is noteworthy because of the Olympics that many of us are following. Others might point to the upcoming elections as the most newsworthy event of the year. A whole band of die-hard United Methodists (“Metho-nerds” as they have come to be called) say the work of the recent General Conference is what makes 2024 special. But we, the people of First United Methodist Church of Berthoud, CO know what is really fascinating about 2024 – it’s our church’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Everybody now – Yay!

Reflecting on our 150<sup>th</sup>, three words come to mind: history, legacy, and destiny. Our website, [www.berthoudumc.org](http://www.berthoudumc.org), has a fascinating account of our church’s history. In it we can read about our founding in 1874 and learn the names of the resourceful men and women who sacrificed to build a church in frontier Berthoud. We can learn about our former church buildings and maybe even be motivated to drive downtown to see where several of those buildings still stand.

Beyond our history, it is important to reflect on our legacy – how our church has impacted the lives of our church members and the surrounding community, and how many lives have been turned around by the good news of Jesus Christ. Think about all the baptisms, weddings, and funerals. How many families have been nurtured? How has our church spread hope, joy, and grace? A prominent church consultant once invited a congregation to consider their legacy by asking

themselves “If our church had to close its doors, what would the community miss?”

Reflecting on our history and our legacy helps us consider how our church, rooted in God’s blessings, has been a source of faith, nurture and strength to so many over the years. But as we look back on the history and legacy of our last 150 years, we must also look forward and consider our destiny.

I firmly believe that God is continuing to call us to do Christ’s work in this community. Our destiny is broader than responding to community needs at one momentous time and deeper than creating a singular program to serve the community. Rather, our God-given destiny is to continue being the salt of the earth (Mt 5:13) and shine the light of Christ’s love around us.

In our 150<sup>th</sup> year it is appropriate for us to look around and celebrate all that God has done through this church. And then, aware of the foundation created by our history and legacy, we shall continue to live our God’s destiny by serving God and our neighbor in love.

See you in Church!

Blessings,  
Pastors Sandie and Mark



# A LOOK BACK AT JUNE AND JULY



## Blood Drive Success

Thank you to all who donated blood in our blood drive on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The goal was 20 units, but you donated 24!

There were 14 whole blood units, and 5 power red units, which will potentially impact 52 patients.

If you'd like to be a life-saving hero, for the first time or as a repeat hero, mark your calendar for **the next blood drive**, scheduled for **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**.



## Garage Sale Success

The garage sale held on June 29<sup>th</sup> was a big success. It was made successful by everyone who brought items, helped advertise, carried things, helped set up, helped during the sale, delivered sold items and purchased items. A special thanks to those who helped with the daunting task of cleaning up after the garage sale.

The garage sale made \$1,000 to be donated to UMCOR and about \$1200 for the general fund. A special thanks to Barb Howell and Kris-Ellen Corzine for coordinating the garage sale.



Pastors Mark and Sandie hosted a picnic at their home/ranch/farm on July 6<sup>th</sup>. It was well-attended, and the animals reported really liking the children!





July 14<sup>th</sup> was a very special Sunday, which saw three Baptisms and seven new members. New Members include Sandy and Terry Anderson, Jerry Copple\*, and the Fitzgerald family – Aiden\*, Emma\*, Kenny, and Paula. Congratulations!

\*Baptized into full membership.



The Missions Committee arranged another meal distribution day with Colorado Friendship in Boulder on July 28<sup>th</sup>.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Where In The World Are Pastors Sandie and Mark?

Pastors Mark and Sandie are on a family vacation. After their vacation they will attend their quarterly spiritual retreat from August 5<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>. God willing they will be back to lead worship on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Prayers for safe travel are appreciated. If you have pastoral care needs during this time, please contact Stu Boyd.

## Linda Henderson Memorial Service – Saturday, August 10th



We lost Linda Henderson on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Her memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. There will be a reception in Fellowship Hall following the service. If you are unable to attend, the service will be streamed on our YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/@berthoudmethodistchurch7433>

Linda's family requests donations to the church memorial fund in lieu of flowers.

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## Church Reorganization – Sunday, August 18th



There will be a potluck followed by an All-Church Conference after worship on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Full members will vote to formally approve the new church leadership reorganization plan. The Nominating Team will present a slate of candidates for the nine-person Leadership Team.

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## Visit to Art Castings – Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>



The United Women In Faith will be taking a trip to Art Castings, in Loveland. Art Castings is a bronze art foundry. The mastodon in front of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science is a local piece that they cast, but they've created works for artists all over the world. The UWIF will tour their facility on **Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 AM**. Those interested in carpooling can meet at the church at 8:45 AM. Lunch at First Watch will follow. RSVP to Carol Keck at 970-532-5836, as there is limited space for the tour. You can find more information on their website.

Art Castings, 511 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Loveland – [www.artcastings.com](http://www.artcastings.com)

First Watch, 2525 N Lincoln, Loveland – [www.firstwatch.com](http://www.firstwatch.com)

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## Potluck Picnic At The Pastors' House – August 31<sup>st</sup>

We had so much fun at the picnic in July that Pastors Mark and Sandie would like to invite you to another picnic at their house on Saturday, August 31 from noon to 2 PM. Pastor Mark will be grilling, and you are invited to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Bringing a chair is also a great idea.

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## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

First United Methodist Church in Berthoud, Colorado was founded in 1874 and later this year we will celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Plans are being made and more information will be forthcoming.

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### Denny Schachterle's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Denny Schachterle will turn 80 on September 4<sup>th</sup>.  
A card shower would be the perfect gift!

The address for cards is:  
Denny Schachterle  
2520 W CR 4  
Berthoud, CO 80513



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### Estrangement Support Group - Wednesdays, August 7 to September 25



Are you a parent or grandparent whose adult child has cut ties with you? Are you feeling isolated and uncertain how to manage? The "Coping with Estrangement" support group offers support for family members of adult children who have severed communication with them. Facilitated by Ken Pott, licensed therapist and founder of non-profit Berthoud Bridgepoint Counseling, the group will meet in the Builders' Room (off the

kitchen) at 6:30 PM for 8 weeks beginning Wednesday, August 7.

There is no charge for participation in the group.

If interested, contact Betsy Haskins, 970-232-8915

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### Mission Trip - August 9 and 10



The Mission Committee is putting together a short mission trip to Camp Buckhorn on Friday, Aug 9 & Saturday, Aug 10 that would include adults and youth. Work will probably include painting, water blasting, removing caulk and re-caulking, etc. We'll rent a cabin with bunk beds, separated into men on one side and women on the other. Please call the church office (970-532-2142) or Ric Haskins (303-818-2577) if you're interested.

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## New Mountain Sky Conference Bishop – Dr. Kristin Stoneking



It was announced at the Western Jurisdiction Conference of the United Methodist Church held July 10-12 in Spokane, WA that our new Bishop will be the Rev. Dr. Kristin Stoneking who has served churches in Kansas and California. In addition, she has been a campus minister at UC Davis, was the Executive Director of the Fellowship for Reconciliation, served as a District Superintendent as well as the Director of Ministry Innovation and Congregational Development in the California-Nevada Annual Conference, and most recently was appointed as the Associate Professor of United Methodist Studies and Leadership at Pacific School of Religion. She holds a PhD from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. She will assume office on September 1.

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### SMALL GROUPS

#### United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men is a creative, supportive fellowship of men who seek to know Jesus Christ, to grow spiritually and to daily seek His will. Our primary purpose is to declare the centrality of Christ in the lives of men and in all their relationships. If you would like to be involved with the Berthoud United Methodist Men, please e-mail Ric Haskins at [rghask@aol.com](mailto:rghask@aol.com).



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#### United Women In Faith (Formerly United Methodist Women)

The mission of the United Women In Faith is to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

**UWIF Executive Board Meeting:** Every Second Wednesday – 9:00 AM in the Library

**Hope Circle:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – 1:30 PM in the Library

**Early Bird Circle:** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday – 8:00 AM in the Library



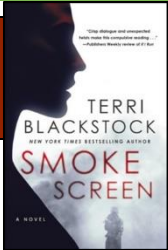
#### Wednesday Workers

The Wednesday Workers is a group of men and women who maintain the building and grounds, and prepare the sanctuary and Sunday School rooms for Sunday.

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The Book Club will meet at 7:00 P.M., August 22 to discuss *Smoke Screen* by Terri Blackstock. See Barbara Boyd for a copy of the book.

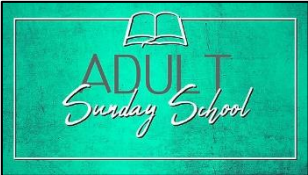


**Spanish Class** will meet in the Library on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM.



**Caring Connections** helps to care for the needs of our congregation. All are welcome to join us! Meetings are held in the Library at **9:00 AM on the first Wednesday every month.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY



**Youth and Children Sunday School**  
**Sunday School for children and youth will resume in September.**  
 Children are always welcome to join us for worship in the sanctuary.

**Exploring the Bible**, led by Keith Henderson, meets Sundays at 8:30 AM in the Builder's Room; all are welcome to join us!

## AUGUST CALENDAR



Day	Date	Time – Event – Location
Sunday	4	8:30 AM – Exploring the Bible Adult Sunday School, Builder's Room 10:00 AM – Worship
Tuesday	6	10:30 AM – Spanish Class, Library
Wednesday	7	9:00 AM – Caring Connections, Library 6:30 PM – Coping With Estrangement Support Group, Builder's Room
Thursday	8	1:30 PM – Hope Circle
Sunday	11	8:30 AM – Exploring the Bible Adult Sunday School, Builder's Room 10:00 AM – Worship
Tuesday	13	10:30 AM – Spanish Class, Library 7:00 PM – Missions Meeting, Library
Wednesday	14	9:00 AM – UWIF Executive Board Meeting, Library 6:30 PM – Coping With Estrangement Support Group, Builder's Room
Saturday	17	8:00 AM – UWIF Early Birds, Library 8:00 AM – UMM Fellowship Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
Sunday	18	8:30 AM – Exploring the Bible Adult Sunday School, Builder's Room 10:00 AM – Worship 11:30 AM – Potluck and All-Church Conference
Tuesday	20	10:30 AM – Spanish Class, Library
Wednesday	21	6:30 PM – Coping With Estrangement Support Group, Builder's Room
Thursday	22	7:00 PM – Book Club Meeting, Van Amburg Hall
Sunday	25	8:30 AM – Exploring the Bible, Builder's Room 10:00 AM – Worship
Tuesday	27	10:30 AM – Spanish Class, Library
Wednesday	28	6:30 PM – Coping With Estrangement Support Group, Builder's Room

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

August 1	Sandi Johnson	August 13	Barbara Bridgman
August 3	Doug Arnstad	August 17	Tate Rees
August 3	Woodson Bercaw	August 18	Clinton and Hawley Vining (A)
August 3	Ryan Towles	August 21	Tera Denning
August 5	Robert Talley	August 21	Keith Henderson
August 6	Aaron Lucero	August 23	Barb Howell
August 7	Stu and Barbara Boyd (A)	August 24	James Doyle
August 8	James and Cecilia Doyle (A)	August 24	Triston Kiehn
August 11	Reid Hollander	August 25	Edward Ellarby
August 12	Barbara Boyd	August 26	Joanne James
August 12	Dayne Caldwell	August 29	Dorothy Moellenhoff
August 12	Larry and Linda Wrenn (A)	August 30	Keith and Linda Henderson (A)



Please keep us informed about your joys and sorrows. Many are in need of prayer (both in public and in private). Call the office and we will notify the appropriate contact and add your name to the Prayer Corner of the Sunday bulletin. We are here to serve God, and we want to share your burdens and joys. Phone: 970-532-2142. Email: [secretary@berthoudumc.org](mailto:secretary@berthoudumc.org), [pastormark@berthoudumc.org](mailto:pastormark@berthoudumc.org) or [pastorsandie@berthoudumc.org](mailto:pastorsandie@berthoudumc.org).

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