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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BERTHOUD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

From Pastors Mark and Sandie Johnson

Dear Friends

As I write this note early on a Saturday morning, Sandie and I are getting ready to take a drive in the mountains to enjoy the Fall colors. Then we will probably work a while in the garden, harvesting the last corn, tomatoes and squash. And you know, dinner will be a feast of veggies fresh from the garden. It seems as if all of God's creation is coming to a beautiful climax and telling us "Winter is coming but remember, just remember, all the colors and glory of God's creation."

This is a good season for remembering. All Saints Sunday – when we celebrate the Saints of the church who have nurtured our faith – will be Sunday, Nov. 3. And on Sunday, November 24 we look back at God's faithfulness as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of our Church. To help us remember, we will have Ministry Memory Moments in worship each Sunday beginning Oct. 27.

And Autumn is also a time to look forward. Although the calendar year may be coming to a close, Autumn is often a time of new beginnings. A new school year has begun and many of us think about trying some new activities. Interesting, isn't it, how our endings and beginnings tend to be tied together?

This month, Pastor Sandie and I invite you to consider a spiritual discipline linking our endings and our beginnings. Begin in prayer, reflecting with God about the blessings you've received and then listen how God might be calling you to use those blessings in new beginnings. For instance, perhaps God has blessed you with a fine education and now you might consider how

you might use that education to help others. Could you volunteer in a school and read to the children? Perhaps you could be a homework tutor. Why not call a local school and see if you could help?



Another way to tie your past blessings with future ministry is to reflect with God about those persons who have been important in guiding you in becoming the amazing person you are. Who were your teachers, Scout leaders, coaches, family members, neighbors – you name it – that saw something special in you and guided you? Could you drop a thank you note one or two of those folks? Perhaps you might share with them how you are using what they gave you to help others. I'll just bet that hearing from you will make their day.

Looking back in thankfulness and pressing forward in faith is powerful. As individuals we remember God's blessings and the ones through whom we've received those blessings and then share with others. As a church we look back in thankfulness and commit to serving faithfully in the future because we know that God, who planted our church 150 years ago, still has marvelous plans for our future.

Thanks be to God!

Blessings
Pastor Mark

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 46th Annual Fall Craft and Food Fair is October 12th!



The UWIF will host their 46th Annual Craft and Food Fair on October 12th from 9AM to 2PM. We'll have baked goods, homemade noodles, kraut burgers, angel food cakes, and dozens of vendors selling one-of-a-kind hand-made crafts. Lunch is served from 11AM to 1PM. Do your Christmas shopping early, and support the UWIF and Berthoud UMC.

150th Anniversary

We will begin the commemoration of our church's 150th. Anniversary in worship on October 27 and culminate with a special worship celebration on Nov. 24. After worship, we will continue the festivities with our annual Harvest Home dinner. Please put Nov. 24 in your calendar and make every effort to attend.



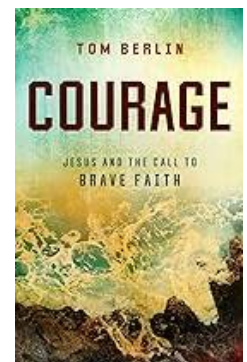
Photographer Needed for our Sesquicentennial Celebration

If you know of someone (maybe a family member or friend) who might be interested in serving as the photographer for our 150th anniversary celebration on November 24th, contact Stu at jsboyd47@aol.com or 970-532-3187. We're looking for someone who would take candid shots during the worship service as well as a large-group photo of attendees. We suspect that church members might be interested in purchasing a copy of the group photo.



Book study

Pastors' Mark and Sandie will be leading a six session book study on Wednesdays at 1 pm beginning Oct. 2. Together, we will read and discuss Courage by United Methodist Bishop, Rev. Tom Berlin. There will be copies of the book to purchase in Van Amburg Hall beginning September 29. You can also order the book in paperback or e-reader on Amazon. There will be a sign-up sheet available during worship so the Pastors will have an idea of how many folks to anticipate.





Leadership Team Update

Our church's new leadership team met for the first time in September for a very productive meeting. Minutes are available in the church office if you are interested. The next meeting will be on October 15 at 6:15 pm.

Thompson Education Foundation Drive

Thompson School District needs some household items for their McKinney Vento students this year. Please consider donating used, clean, ready to use items to the labeled laundry basket in Van Amburg Hall starting 9/29 till 10/20



- Bedding (all sorts and sizes: sheets, comforters, etc.)
- Portable pillows (inflatable or with a stuff-sack)
- Portable utensil packs
- Lunch boxes
- Retail Gift Cards (Wal-Mart, Target, Ross, etc.)

Anything you donate will be given to the school district administration and used by disadvantaged students. Please contact Laura Landes with Questions: llandes@newbelgium.com

Colorado FriendShip Dinner – Sunday, October 27

Care to join the Colorado Friendship volunteer team? We take 4-6 volunteers to help Colorado Friendship feed homeless persons in Boulder, in the parking lot of the Boulder County Justice Center, 1777 6th Street. We set up tables and chairs and serve food. We also distribute clothing and other items they need. We arrive by 4:30PM and depart between 6:00 and 6:30PM. It is a very interesting and rewarding experience.



2024 Stewardship Effort: "Press Onward"



Beginning Oct. 2nd, our church family will begin its annual stewardship program to help us remember our vow to support the ministries of our church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. During this, our 150th Anniversary year, our Stewardship program's theme draws on the theme -- "Press Onward" of our building's dedication in 1957. More information will follow. In the meantime, we invite everyone to be in prayer for the success of this effort.

SMALL GROUPS

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 2nd Wednesday – 9:00 AM in the Library
- **Hope Circle:** Every 2nd Thursday – 1:30 PM in the Library
- **Early Bird Circle:** Every 3rd Saturday – 8:00 AM in the Library

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 God’s 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.



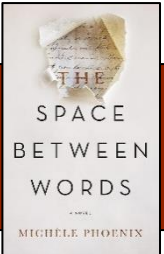
Wednesday Workers


The Wednesday Workers are men and women who maintain the building and grounds, and prepare the sanctuary and Sunday School rooms for Sunday.



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

The Book Club will meet at 7:00 P.M., October 24 to discuss Space Between Words by Michele Phoenix. See Barbara Boyd for a copy of the book.



 **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 takes place during Sunday worship. Children from kindergarten through high school are welcome to join.

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



OCTOBER CALENDAR

Day	Date	Time – Event – Location
Tuesday	1	10:30 AM – Spanish Class, Library 1:30 PM – Deaf Bible Study, Online over Zoom
Wednesday	2	9:00 AM – Caring Connections, Library 10:00 AM – Pastor Chat Time, Pastors' Office
Sunday	6	8:30 AM – Exploring the Bible Adult Sunday School, Builder's Room 10:00 AM – Worship, Children and Youth Sunday School
Tuesday	8	10:30 AM – Spanish Class, Library 1:30 PM – Deaf Bible Study, Online over Zoom
Wednesday	9	9:00 AM – UWIF Executive Board Meeting, Library 10:00 AM – Pastor Chat Time, Pastors' Office
Thursday	10	1:30 PM – Hope Circle, Library
Saturday	12	9:00 AM – 46th Annual Craft & Food Fair, Fellowship Hall (until 2pm)
Sunday	13	8:30 AM – Exploring the Bible Adult Sunday School, Builder's Room 10:00 AM – Worship, Children and Youth Sunday School
Tuesday	15	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - Indigenous Peoples Day 10:30 AM – Spanish Class, Library 1:30 PM – Deaf Bible Study, Online over Zoom 6:15 PM – Leadership Team Meeting, Builder's Room
Wednesday	16	10:00 AM – Pastor Chat Time, Pastors' Office
Saturday	19	8:00 AM – UWIF Early Birds, Library
Sunday	20	8:30 AM – Exploring the Bible Adult Sunday School, Builder's Room 10:00 AM – Worship, Children and Youth Sunday School
Tuesday	22	10:30 AM – Spanish Class, Library 1:30 PM – Deaf Bible Study, Online over Zoom
Wednesday	23	10:00 AM – Pastor Chat Time, Pastors' Office
Thursday	24	7:00 PM – Book Club Meeting, Van Amburg Hall
Sunday	27	8:30 AM – Exploring the Bible Adult Sunday School, Builder's Room 10:00 AM – Worship, Children and Youth Sunday School 4:30 PM – Colorado Friendship Dinner, Boulder
Tuesday	29	10:30 AM – Spanish Class, Library 1:30 PM – Deaf Bible Study, Online over Zoom
Wednesday	30	10:00 AM – Pastor Chat Time, Pastors' Office

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October 2	Carol Keck	October 19	Whitney Taylor
October 2	Scott and Tammy Rees (A)	October 21	Jerry Copple
October 5	Terry Anderson	October 22	Skye Kearney
October 6	Mark and Janie Patterson (A)	October 22	Derek Taylor
October 7	Dianne Macdonald	October 24	Blaine Towles
October 11	Mary Jane Bohall	October 27	Justin Dueker
October 14	Seth Arnstad	October 28	Zachary Obendorf
October 14	Bob Bauer	October 29	Jill Boyd
October 18	Dana Brungardt	October 31	Elaine England



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, pastormark@berthoudumc.org or pastorsandie@berthoudumc.org.

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