

# THE KEY



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## ***OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS***

Sandy and I want to thank you again for the gift of dinner.

Do you remember that old American Express slogan, "Membership has its privileges."? Members received discounts and even free stuff, "free hotel stays, free flights, free food." Not so much in the United Methodist Church.

When our church is performing at its best, it focuses its attention and its resources more on non-members than members. After all, our mission statement is, "**to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**"

So you see, church membership is not about privileges like reserved pews, or having a say in important church decisions, or even being at the front of the line at potluck dinners. Membership is answering the call to be a part of a fellowship of followers of Jesus Christ who want to make the world more like the Kingdom of God.

In some circles, it is popular to talk about church membership as optional. Indeed, in our church it is hard to tell the active members from the regular attendees without a membership roster. Everyone is welcome to worship, study, and fellowship at Hygiene United Methodist Church.

Having said that, I felt something very special when I made the commitment to faithfully participate in the ministries of the local church by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service and my witness. I know that I am not alone because I have heard others make the same comment. I still feel something special whenever I renew my vows as part of the membership service. I would love to hear more about your membership experiences.

Membership may have its privileges, but as members of The United Methodist Church, the commitment we make to Christ and one another is far more important.



Please come and talk to me if you want to find out more about becoming a member.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Rick

### Worship

10:00am

Communion  
1st Sunday  
of the  
month.

### Office Hours

Tues: 9-1pm  
Or by apt  
any time

# Church Organization

Ad Board:

Everyone!

Vicky Andrew-Chair

Missions:

Janis Johnson

Debbie Puzo

Andy Ernst

Trustees:

Andy Ernst-Chair

Leroy Andrew

Jerry Burneson

Sarah Young

Dave Puzo

Jim Young

Janis Johnson

Memorials:

Vicky Andrew

Sandy Long

Janis Johnson

Worship

Sarah Young

Choir

SPR:

Jim Young-Chair

Andy Ernst

Dave Puzo

Don Warsavage

Vicky Andrew

Terri Goon

Pastor Stewart

Communication

Terri Goon

Sarah Young

Logan Sacoman

Andy Ernst

Finance:

Terri Goon-Chair

Barbara Burneson

Andy Ernst

Debbie Puzo

Sandy Long

Alice Johnstone

## From your Lay Leader

On Saturday morning on Longmont's Main street there was a great Halloween parade that was so much fun to watch. The kids and the grown kids had a great time.



Many different costumes from the littlest to the oldest. I volunteered to hand out candy treats for the Longmont Community Theater. Most of the kids were ready saying "trick or treat" and 98% remembered to say "thank you". One little girl about 4 or 5 years old came back after leaving with her treats to wish me a happy Halloween and then smiled and stated that she was gonna share her treasures with an older brother who didn't want to come because he was too old to trick or treat. And away she went to catch up with the other kids in her group.

The energy of all the kids made me stop and wonder who each of those kids will become. They are the future doctors, scientists, police and firefighters. Many will have many challenges in their lives for sure. Anyway they made my day a bit brighter as I hope I did with a small piece of sweet candy.

If any of those kids become dentists they might not look on my acts of the sweet stuff as a very good thing. I hope they remember to brush their teeth without being reminded by the grown ups.

Andy



To the right is the list of people on all of our church committees. Each year there is a rotation of people on committees in the United Methodist Church. This keeps new ideas coming from fresh volunteers.

Don't be surprised if you are asked about serving soon! OR volunteer yourself. Find the chair of the committee and just check in.

As Andy always says, Many Hands make light work!

It is a joy to serve this congregation! Don't let us hog all the fun.

## Prayers



Continued prayers for Marge as she is in rehab after her surgery. This week they'll have some decisions made about what's next to help her fight her cancer.

Prayers for Sandy Long as she awaits test results.

Prayers for Kathy Cloyes grandson, Chris. He's been hospitalized and they are running some tests.

Laura's friends' mom, Verla in Tulsa recently fell at age 92. Prayers for her and her family.

Prayers for those touched by fires and other natural disasters going on.

Prayers for those living on the margins with our own current snow and cold.

## Hearing Assist

Hearing assisted devices are now available for your use.

Thank you to Janice Johnson for donating two new storm doors for the personage and painting the breezeway between the garage and the house. It looks very nice.

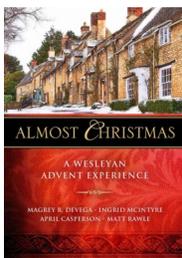
## Future Plans

December 4th starts our 3 Wednesday Advent Study of Almost Christmas.

Sunday December 15 is the Annual Charge Conference.

Get your reports in during November if you're the head of a committee.

But please join on the 15th no matter who you are!



As Advent season is around the corner and Thanksgiving is coming this month, I hope that the holiday season is enjoyed with family and friends.

Give thanks for all we have and say a prayer for those who are not so fortunate as

we are. May each find God's grace and the peace that surpasses all understanding be with you. See you in church.

Many thanks to all the help putting on the annual Hobo dinner. The Scouts from Troup 673 really did a great job in helping patrons enjoy a tasty meal. And thanks to all who donated the food and other things that made it a success.

*Thank You*

## Maintenance

As the year slips into cooler days and nights, it's time for a reminder to

- ◆ keep the 3 doors leading from the kitchen area **closed** when leaving Fellowship Hall and
  - ◆ Keep the doors to the restrooms **open** to allow heat to keep plumbing from freezing.
  - ◆ Make sure to check all the windows are shut in restrooms and fellowship hall.
  - ◆ Keep the thermostat on the east end of Fellowship Hall and in the office turned down to their lowest settings. They will maintain a temperature above freezing.
  - ◆ Turn all lights out and lock the doors to assure our Fellowship Hall is secure.



If you have any questions feel free to ask Andy or any of the trustees.

## Wreaths across America

October 21 - December 2: Raise money for wreaths! We can raise money for this year's ceremony up until December 2nd via our website: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CO MVCL>. Wreaths are \$15.00 each – and we can individually donate or as a group – you choose! I will submit any donations given to me.

There are various additional options:

- In Honor and Memory of
- Grave Specific
- Patriot Pairs: Give/Get a Wreath

<https://donate.wreathscrossamerica.org/pairs/?pageId=142558&relatedId=0>

December 8 (weather-dependent): I will be at Mountain View Cemetery placing small flags near the gravestones of veterans. We will specifically place them at the gravestones we have received requests for, then from there the placement will be random up until we have placed enough flags for the number of wreaths we have raised funds for. As of today, we are at over 400 wreaths. There are over 1,500 veterans buried at Mountain View so unfortunately we won't be able to place a wreath on every veteran grave this year. So again, after the grave-specific donations, the placement of flags (then wreaths) will be completely random. This will obviously be weather-dependent, and may have to be moved to a weekday afternoon if the weather is too harsh that day. This shouldn't take long and I'd appreciate around 10-20 volunteers for this.

December 9 - 14: When the wreaths arrive, they will be unloaded at Howe Mortuary. Unfortunately, I won't know the exact day of this arrival until the day of delivery when the truck driver calls me. So this will be a last minute email I send out requesting help unloading. We should have around 40 boxes to unload, and need 5-10



## Grocery Coupons

Barbara Burneson continues to have Safeway grocery coupons available for sale.



Cinda Ritter or Terri Goon can also help you sign up your King Soopers coupon card if you prefer to shop there.

strong volunteers for this and it should take under an hour!

December 14 at 7:00 AM: The wreaths will need to be loaded & escorted to Mountain View Cemetery. In order for this to happen, we need trucks & trailers & people to help load & unload. Again, around 5-10 volunteers would be ideal for this and 2-3 more pickups (or 1-2 more trailers).

December 14 at 9:50 AM: THE CEREMONY! If there ever was a time to support Wreaths Across America, this is it! This will be the start of the ceremony. We will begin with the Pledge of Allegiance, and go into a moment of silence at exactly 10:00 AM, so please arrive 10 or so minutes before 10:00 AM! This moment of silence happens at all cemeteries, nation-wide, at the exact same time. After the moment of silence, the ceremony will continue with American Legion Post 32's Honor Guard, the laying of the 7 Ceremonial Wreaths, a Taps bugle performance, and more. After the ceremony is over, we will split up and lay the wreaths on each individual veteran grave.

If you are interested in helping with any or all of these things, please reach out to Cinda Ritter – [ct\\_ritter@yahoo.com](mailto:ct_ritter@yahoo.com) or let me know at church.

Thanks - Cinda

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Girls Scouts  
5:30-8pm

Hygiene  
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Boy Scouts

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Potluck

Boy Scouts

Girls Scouts  
5:30-8pm

Hygiene  
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