

The Shepherd's Staff

Spring
2019

May 2, 2019

FROM THE MINISTER'S MAC: THE CONNECTIONAL CHURCH

If you go to www.UMC.org and look under the tab "Who We Are," you'll find several attributes listed that we like to think defines what it means to be United Methodist. The one attribute I've been thinking about quite a lot lately is "Connectional."

According to the UMC, being "Connectional" means: "Every United Methodist congregation is interconnected throughout the denomination via a unique, interlocking chain of conferences. The United Methodist Church practices representative democracy in its governance. Conferences elect delegates who are authorized to act and vote."

Yes, being connectional means our big system interconnects all the little systems so that we may govern ourselves, and we can leave it at that if we want to. But for me, being connectional is about human connection: Every United Methodist is interconnected with every other United Methodist throughout the denomination via the desire to uphold one another by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. We belong to one another as the Body of Christ. We not only care about each other, we need each other, and I believe this is how God intends us to live.

So, when the Body becomes fractured and people begin leaving, it hurts all of us, there's no getting away from that. It is hard enough seeing people leave because work or family or medical issues require relocation, but when separation comes over differences of opinion, it hurts. We invest quite a lot in our church

relationships. Each of us shares so much with one another that we reach a deep level of friendship and love. Of course it hurts when someone says, "I love you and this is hard for me, but I want to be with people who believe what I believe."

Here's the hard part: We MUST continue to love. It is the toughest part of our faith and perhaps the one that challenges us the most. But it is the kind of love Christ gives us and calls us to give others. It is the kind of All-Means-All love that says, "Even if you don't want to be in community with me, I still want to be in community with you, so let's remain friends."

Tough love is a phrase we usually point at others when we are enforcing boundaries or accountability. Christ's tough love, on the other hand, calls us to look inward and knock down boundaries that prevent us from loving fully, and hold ourselves accountable for being loving even when we are facing what feel like unloving actions.

In this time of trial, when our Church is wrestling with its own demons, Christ's tough love is crucial. So let's continue to love. Let's continue to care. Let's continue to invest in our church relationships — not just within Good Shepherd, but also throughout our wrestling Church.

See you Sunday,
Lin

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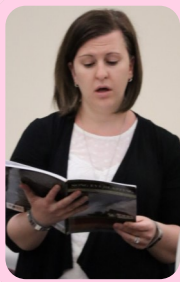
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Cantata Sunday

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Evelyn Aldis






CONFIRMATION 2019



Congratulations:
Ryan Olivas, Josh Stirm,
Mandi Olivas, Isabella
Thirsk, Sydney Deem,
Kaia Weingardt



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</p>			1 TLC 9-1245 PDO 9-1130am Homework Club 1-6pm	2 PDO/TLC 9-1130am Homework Club 3-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1pm Ringtones 6:30pm Prayer Group 6:00pm Jubilation Bells 7:00pm Girl Scouts -Heidi 6-7:30pm	3 Office Closed PDO/TLC 9-1130am Homework Club 3-6pm Girl Scouts 4-6pm	4 Leadership Training 9am-noon GSUMC
5 Communion Sunday 9:00 am Worship 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday School Worship team mtg. 1130 Walking Club 6:30pm	6 TLC 9:00am-11:30 Homework Club 3pm-6pm Stephen Ministry 6:30pm Jr. Girl Scouts 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7-830pm	7 PDO/TLC 9-1130am Homework Club 3-6pm Praise Choir 615pm Chancel Choir 715pm Girl Scouts 6:15pm	8 TLC 9-1245 PDO 9-1130am Homework Club 1-6pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	9 PDO/TLC 9-1130am Homework Club 3-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1pm Ringtones 6:00pm Prayer Group 6:30pm Jubilation Bells 7:00pm Girl Scouts -Heidi 6-7:30pm	10 Office Closed PDO/TLC 9-1130am Homework Club 3-6pm Brownies 615-7:15pm	11 Last day to donate shoes for BASH Fundraiser
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19 Graduation Sunday 9:00 am Worship 9:00 am Adult Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Children's Sunday School Ad Board mtg— CANCELLED Walking Club 6:30pm BASH mtg. 5pm	20 TLC 9:00am-11:30 Homework Club 3pm-6pm DAIF Board Mtg. 6:30pm DAIF Committee Mtg. 7:30pm Stephen Ministry 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7-830pm Girl Scouts 630	21 PDO/TLC 9-1130am Homework Club 3-6pm Praise Choir 615pm Chancel Choir 715pm Girl Scouts 6:15pm	22 TLC 9-1030 Program and last day for Pre-K PDO 9-1130am Homework Club 1-6pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm	23 Last Day TLC Homework Club 3-6pm Ruth Circle Bible Study 1pm Prayer Group 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6-7:30pm	24 Office Closed PDO last day Homework Club 3-6pm Brownies 615-7:15pm	25
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EVENT UPDATE

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Shepherd's Flock

"EASTLAKE WALKING CLUB"

WEEKLY – STARTING MAY 5TH THROUGH FALL

EVERY SUNDAY

6:30PM EASTLAKE WILDLIFE PRESERVE #3 124TH AND FILLMORE

(WE WILL MEET BY THE BENCH ON THE TRAIL NEXT TO THE TENNIS COURTS)

Looking for exercise, fun, fellowship, photography opportunities, great nature experiences, wildlife watching and all around great **FUN!** We started a walking club meeting May through the fall based on weather and temperatures. Bring you cameras for those natures moments and the fantastic sunsets that Colorado provides. The area also offers a great place for deep thought, reflection and an overall quiet place from the hustle and bustle of everyday as well as social time with the group.

We have started a **PUBLIC** Facebook group and can be found if you search for Shepherd's Flock Walking Group under Facebook. We will be posting PIC's and open communications through the site as well as general updates to any schedules. Please join as a member of the public group if you desire. *Contact Pete Finnie for more information.*

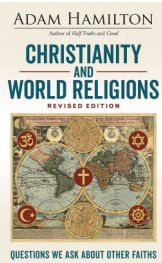
****We will not be meeting on days of inclement weather. ****



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is coming faster than the speed of light, and we would be over the moon to have YOU as a volunteer or participant! Our mission takes place June 17-21 from 5:30-8:30. We will start off with dinner at 5:30, then at 6:00 we will journey to Mars and Beyond as we explore where God's power can take us. Contact Natalie Higgins nhiggins.gsumc@gmail.com if you are ready to accept this mission! VBS is open for children ages

4-entering 6th grade *Three year olds may join if they turn 4 by August 31, 2019.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS Wednesday May 8th at 6:30 PM. 6 Week Study by Adam Hamilton

If there ever were a time when Christians needed to build bridges with others, seeking peace in our world, loving our neighbors, and finding positive ways to share the gospel, it is now. In *Christianity and World Religions, Revised Edition*, Adam Hamilton deals with questions so many of us have about the four major world religions – Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism – and compares the beliefs of each with those of Christianity. In his trademark honest and open writing style, Hamilton helps answer questions such as: Why are there so many different religions? How should we view their beliefs? What is the fate of those who have these beliefs? Although the book is a stand-alone resource, combined with the DVD, it becomes an especially relevant six-week study for Christians at all stages in their spiritual journey.

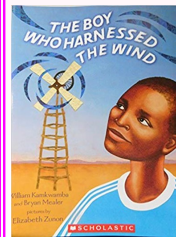
Cost of the Book and streaming video \$14.00

RSVP with you attendance intent to education.gsumc@gmail.com, see Pete Finnie at 2nd service or call my cell at 720-635-3955.

I look forward to learning and sharing the gospel with you.

Pete Finnie

BOOK CLUB



**May 13, 2019
at 6:30PM**

"The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer
William Kamkwamba was born in Malawi, Africa, a land withered by drought and hunger. But William had read about windmills, and he dreamed of building one that would bring to his small village electricity and running water. This is a remarkable true story about human inventiveness and its power to overcome crippling adversity. It will inspire anyone who doubts the power of one individual's ability to change his community and better the lives of those around him.

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May 2	Jean Trombley
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May 10	Tim Collier
	Randy Swyhart
	Clint Cederlund
May 12	Samantha Deem
May 13	Debbie Krueger
May 16	Kendra Schankweiler
May 17	Tegan Johnson
May 18	Michaela Wayland
May 19	Sheri Lewis
May 21	Jeff Wayland
May 23	Sandi Green
	Travis Wise
May 24	Candy Schroder
May 27	Jim Irwin
May 29	Connie Anderson

LEADERSHIP TRAINING SATURDAY, MAY 4, 9:00AM TO NOON

"Effective Communication and Building Relational Trust"

Held at Good Shepherd with bagels and pastries served at 8:30am. This leadership training session is available for everyone at Good Shepherd and will be led by Susan Kaplan, our Mile High Metro District Coach. Leadership Training has been identified by our Ad Board as something we want to engage in on a regular basis. This will be the first of many opportunities for us to strengthen our leadership skills and benefits not only Good Shepherd and its ministry teams, but also our work and ministry in the community. For more information, contact Rev. Lin.

APRIL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING RESULTS

A few of the items discussed are listed below. You are welcome to review the full meeting minutes which are in the binder in the office.

After seeking the advice of Brian Cheek, researching, and obtaining a discount on pricing we voted to approve the purchase of a new AED (automatic external defibrillator) for the church. The new AED will be in the Narthex for easy access (which hopefully we'll never need). We agreed to purchase the AED from the Edna Gallagher and Gary Lewis memorial funds. Both families have graciously allowed Good Shepherd to use the funds of their loved ones and we are grateful!

The Ad Board also agreed on four main goals for the next two years:
Retain and expand current congregation and make known that Good Shepherd UMC is an inclusive church.

Invite, welcome, and engage young families.
To remain financially stable.

To provide leadership training opportunities for the congregation.

We discussed Ministry team fundraising and the need for transparency, accountability, and organization of fundraising events. The Ministry teams will be provided a form to be submitted for fundraiser approval. Upon approval of the event, Julie Stirm will note the fundraiser on the church calendar in a different color, so that we can avoid having overlapping fundraisers. Outside fundraising, such as scouts, schools, etc. are not included on the calendar.

We received a proposal from Scott Varvir regarding the audio/visual equipment. Our current computer is several years old and is starting to experience freeze-ups and other problems. The software that is used for services also needs updating. We agreed to purchase a new computer, monitor, and updated software not to exceed \$2200.00. This money will come out of the general fund.

The items above are just a brief overview of our April meeting. Please check the minutes posted in the office for the rest.

We will not be meeting in May because of Mother's Day. Our next meeting is June 9th at 1pm. Please feel free to join us!

Ronda Stringer

GRADUATION SUNDAY IS MAY 19, 2019

Attention Graduates! Graduation Sunday is May 19 at both services. If you are graduating this year please let Natalie Higgins know. nhiggins.gsunc@gmail.com We are looking forward to celebrating your accomplishments!