



Good Shepherd

United Methodist Church

1201 Leta Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80911
(719) 392-5782

Thoughts from Terilynn



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2018

Service begins at

6:05 p.m.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. The actual day is determined by the Lunar calendar which is why it changes every year. In 2018, the observance falls on Valentine's Day.

Ash Wednesday is considered a day to begin the process of cleansing the soul, a process that continues throughout the six weeks of Lent. After the penitent have confessed their sins and repented, ashes are placed on their foreheads as sign of repentance. Some Christians enter into a fast from specific foods, candy, television, or other tempting activity during Lent.

Many people are not aware that Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday are connected. Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday" and signifies the last opportunity to eat rich food before the fast of Lent. Mostly Catholic and French communities throughout the world celebrate with festivals and carnivals during a season that begins on Epiphany day, which is always January 6 and the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

The day before Ash Wednesday is also called Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day. The [Shrovetide](#) tradition historically comes from Methodists, [Anglicans](#), and [Lutherans](#) within the United Kingdom. Shrove means "confess" or "absolve." The observance is an opportunity for self-examination. Christians who participate in this tradition prayerfully consider past sins, repent, and ask God for guidance to make necessary changes in their spiritual lives.

Don't forget! United Methodist Women at Good Shepherd will offer a Shrove Tuesday meal with pancakes and all the fixings served from 5-6:30 p.m. in Cooper Hall, February 13.

The next evening, Good Shepherd's Ash Wednesday service will begin at 6:05 p.m. and end before choir practice at 7 p.m. During this short service, ashes representing repentance are blessed and then traced in the form of a cross on the forehead of willing individuals. The ashes are a sign of a person's grief and sorrow for sins and failure. They are also reminder that death comes to everyone.

I treasure the Ash Wednesday service because participants are intimately and deliberately expressing their faith and hope in the forgiveness of the Risen Christ. I hope to share these traditions and observances with you.

Serving Christ is an adventure.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Terilynn, the author of the thoughts.

Music Ministries

How fortunate we were in December to have another awesome Christmas Cantata performance by the Chancel Choir. All of the members of the choir and our narrator truly made it a special day as they performed Joel Raney's *Hope*. I know everyone listening and watching truly felt the energy and excitement that the Hope of Christ's coming has for us. A special thank-you goes to Julie for her extraordinary gifts on the keys as well as Tim for loaning us his narration.

In addition, both the Chancel Choir and Good Shepherd Ringers shared their talents with the community of Palisades at the Broadmoor. Choir shared a performance of our Christmas Cantata on Saturday, December 16 and the Ringers shared a variety of Christmas music on Friday, December 22. Thank-you all for sharing your wonderful talents during this past holiday season!

And of course, now that Christmas is a short way behind us, Easter is around the corner. It is time to begin thinking about Easter and the special music we can bring on Palm Sunday this year. Beginning on Wednesday, February 7 we will start work on our new Easter Cantata. It has been arranged by Lloyd Larson and Joel Raney. *Hope in the Shadows* retraces the final steps and journey of Jesus to the cross. It is a mixture of traditional and contemporary hymns and songs set in a variety of styles. Rehearsals will begin in the sanctuary for any who are interested at 7:00 p.m. See Jennifer if you have any questions related to our cantata.

United Methodist Women

Good Shepherd's local unit of United Methodist Women kicked off 2018 with installation of officers on January 6. We are already entering into district and conference-wide activities and planning the ways we can be in mission with women, children, and youth around the world. In 2018, we will join with other United Methodist Women units everywhere as we explore topics from our program book, *Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor*.

Won't you join us at 9 a.m. on February 3, as Pat Nyborg presents the program, "Learning for a Lifetime: Developing Leaders." Sharon Clayton and Merry Sue Payne will be hostesses that day.
Mary Ann Tabor

Officers for 2018

President.....	Sharon Clayton
Vice President.....	Pat Nyborg
Secretary.....	Mary Ann Tabor
Treasurer.....	Elaine Johnsen
Spiritual Growth Coordinator.....	Rose Pagnoni
Social Action Coordinator.....	Beverly Weinert
Education & Interpretation Coordinator.....	Shirley Greener
Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator.....	Joyce Nicholson
Calling Contact.....	Evelyn Bowers
Sunshine.....	Betty Riley
Program Resources Coordinator.....	Mary Humphreys
Nominations.....	Vacant
Publicity.....	Mary Humphreys and Mary Ann Tabor

Our Good Shepherd Food Pantry Report for 2017

Thanks to your generosity bringing food, and our gifts and purchases from CARE & SHARE at reduced prices, we have been able to serve many of our neighbors with food and some paper supplies this year.

Our report for 2017: we served 937 clients. Of this number, 444 were Children; 433 were Adults (including teens); and 70 were Senior Citizens.

During 2017, the Pantry was staffed by Carol Teal and Dorothy Thompson...with hours open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 to 12:00. We appreciate very much their dedication and time and their help in transporting the food. Other volunteers included Loraine Scoman, our office manager, and her son, Shane.

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church – February, 2018

For 2018, the Wednesday pantry will be staffed by Judy Hodges and Dorothy Thompson will continue with Thursday staffing. Dorothy will also be taking care of the business part of the mission. Transportation of the food coming from CARE & SHARE will be provided by Adelle Cencil.

To help continue this service to our community, we appreciate financial donations which can be made by check to GSUMC with the "food pantry " on the memo line.. THANK YOU to all who help in this mission.....Mary Humphreys



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Everybody welcome! Come join us on Tuesday, February 13, between 5 and 6:30 p.m. for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We'll have sausage, bacon, ham, and different varieties of pancakes for your dining pleasure. There is no charge for all the pancakes you can eat!

If you wish to make a donation, it will be used to fund our mission projects both near and far.

Come join the members and friends of United Methodist Women as we flip pancakes for an evening of good food and fun! *Mary Ann Tabor*

Story behind the song: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Just A Closer Walk with Thee was considered one of the favorite southern gospel hymns of the 20th Century. However, its origins remain a mystery.

The hymn is considered to be one of the most requested songs at funerals.

The song gained national popularity in the 1930s, when African American churches sung it at musical conventions. By the 1940s, the hymn was featured at all night gospel singing rallies.

The first known recording was made on October 8, 1941 by the Selah Jubilee Singers.

The widely held belief is that song predates the Civil War. Some personal African American histories recall "slaves singing as they worked in the fields a song about walking by the Lord's side."

The title and lyrics of the song allude to the Biblical passage from [2 Corinthians 5:7](#) which states, "We walk by faith, not by sight."

In 1885, "Closer Walk with Thee", which had a similar chorus, was published. Some music historians refer to this song as a folk song. The lyrics to "Closer Walk with Thee" was tributed to Martha J. Lankton and music by William Kirkpatrick. The song was passed down from generation to generation until it found a national audience in the 1930s.



In 1940, Kenneth Morris arranged and published the well-known version for the first time. He heard a performance in Kansas City by gospel musicians, Robert Anderson and R. L. Knowles. Mr. Morris arranged the music and added some lyrics for the version we know today. Bernice Johnson Reagan states in her book, that Mr. Morris researched the song and determined it had not been published and had his version printed for the first time.

Another version of how Mr. Morris came to hear of the song can be found in Horace Clarence Boyer book *How Sweet the Sound*. He states "While traveling between Kansas City and Chicago in 1940, songwriter Kenneth Morris got off the train to stretch his legs. While standing on the platform, he overheard a porter singing some of the words to "Just a Closer Walk with

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church – February, 2018



Thee". Not thinking much about it, Morris boarded the train and went on his way. The words and melody of the song kept repeating in his head and he knew he had to learn the rest of it. At the next stop, Morris got off the train and took the next train back to the previous stop. There he managed to find the porter and Morris persuaded him to sing the song while he copied down the words. Morris soon added to the lyrics and published it in 1940."

The song became popular during World War II. The words supply a message found in both the Old and New Testaments.

In 1944, the hymn was presented at the Baptist National Convention. Morris said at the time, "he arranged it from an old spiritual. It was a plantation song," he explains, "and I heard it and liked it so I made an arrangement of it."

The hymn has been translated into numerous languages and recorded hundreds of times by numerous artists over the years. Elvis Presley set sales records in 1956 with the hymn.

The song gives hope for the weak in the strength of Jesus, when asking him to walk closely through this trial.

What gives you strength through trials?

Worship Schedule February 2018

February 4 **Mary Ann Tabor preaches {TR on vacation}**

Holy Communion is moved to next week!

Scripture: Psalm 147 UMH # 859 and Mark 1:29-39

February 11 **TRANSFIGURATION - WORSHIP and the Danger of Idolatry**

Holy

Communion Noisy Offering

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-12 and Mark 9:2-9

February 14 **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE @ 6:05 PM**

February 18 **LENT I: APOSTLE'S CREED: I Believe in GOD, the Father**

Almighty ...

Scripture: Genesis 9:18-17 and 1 Peter 3:18-22

February 25 **LENT II: APOSTLE'S CREED: I Believe in Jesus Christ, ...**

Scout Sunday w/ flag presentation Scripture:

Instead of unison prayer use Apostle's Creed

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Amidon Schar	3
Patricia King	6
Carl Thompson	6
Gene Krause	7
Beulah Olsen	7
Charlotte Schmidt	10
Nancy Waller	11
Andrew King	15
Gabriella Smith	16
Betty Proal	18
Kevin Walker	19
April Dillard-Busald	24
Rick and Sally White	26
Nathan Wade	27
Donnie Shryack	28



Vito Perillo, the new mayor of Tinton Falls, NJ.

Fox News, (Jan. 5, 2018) – World War II veteran Vito Perillo wasn't about to let age stop him in his quest to become mayor of Tinton Falls, New Jersey.

The 93-year-old wore out his shoes going door-to-door to hand out 7,500 campaign fliers. His successful grassroots campaign led to the stunning defeat of incumbent Gerald Turning in November.

Perillo, a former electronics engineer for the U.S. Department of Defense, a U.S. Navy veteran and newcomer to politics, was sworn-in Tuesday.

The Bible he used was one that belonged to his late wife Mae, who died in 2013. They had been married for 64 years.

Perillo said he didn't think he had a chance of winning but decided to run following a pair of whistleblower lawsuits involving the police department that cost the borough a reported \$1.1 million in settlements.

Turning was the borough police chief from 2004 to 2011. He was also the borough administrator from 2010 to 2014.

As mayor, Perillo will oversee a \$24 million budget. He's also required to attend two monthly mayoral meetings.

[Mr. Perillo officially assumed the position Tuesday evening during his swearing-in ceremony. Politics in Tinton Falls are nonpartisan, but Perillo is a registered Republican, according to voter registration records.

At 93, Perillo is not the oldest mayor in the United States. That title belongs to Charles Edwin Long, 98, who has been the mayor of Booneville, Ky., since 1959.]

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

Alma Arnold, Candy Hatton, Lorraine Helminski, Vera Hinshaw, Irene Lambert, Tamara Olsen, Conner Peck, Letha Phillips, Marketa Protzy, Terilynn Russ, Carrington Seay, Keith Simpson, Vanda Skadden, John and Pat Smith, Nancy Waller

Short Term Prayer Concerns

Mary Ann Tabor, Doris Hogue, Jerrie Nix, The Hogan Family, "Shelby", "Isiah", The Robert Dillard Family, David Capek, Robin Gilham, Joe Medina, The vanTuil Family, Josh Hodges, The Jesse Jaramillo Family, Jim and Mana Gipe, Shawn Jesson, Mary Lou Pressel, Betty Miller, Kayla Cohu, Laura Schisler, Cindy and Family, Jim Everett, Kendall and Perrin Nicholson, The Don Bloyd Family, Susan Davis, Taylor, Ben Wentworth, Jaxon Winfrey, The Barb Sterry Family, The Gabriel Polston Family, Rudy and Rose Vasquez, The Dolores Ganyard Family, The Paul Cobb Family, Ida Wade, The Bess Washburn Family and Friends, Christine Champlin

Loved Ones

The Alvin Mathias Family, The Jean Martell Family, The Jim Mariner Family, The Moli Mao Family

STAFF

Ministers.....	Members of the Congregation
Senior Pastor.....	Pastor Terilynn Russ
Office Manager.....	Loraine Scoman
Treasurer.....	Lindsay Langdon
Director of Music Ministries.....	Jennifer Montgomery
Accompanist.....	Julie Seibert
Nursery Attendants.....	Marjorie vanTuil Susanne Simpson
Lay Leaders.....	Rob Rohren A.J. Johnsen Tami Godsey
Head Usher.....	Rob Rohren

Address: 1201 Leta Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80911, Phone: (719) 392-5782,
E-Mail: Office@gsunc-cs.org, Web Page: www.gsunc-cs.org.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In an Emergency, After Hours, please call Pastor Terilynn Russ at (719) 469-9929

SERVICE TIME

Sunday Morning9:30 am