

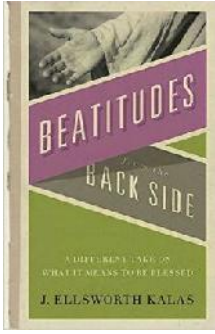


Good Shepherd

United Methodist Church

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Thoughts from Terilynn



**BEATITUDES
FROM THE BACK SIDE**
Church-wide study begins
Sunday, February 12

In the book of Matthew, Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount with the **Beatitudes**. Characteristics of God’s Kingdom People are opposite of what our culture tells us we need to be – if we are to be successful. And yet, Jesus says the poor in spirit, the mourning, the meek, the hungry and thirsty, the merciful, pure in heart, the peacemakers and the persecuted are blessed and happy.

On Sunday, February 12, I’ll begin preaching an eight-week series on each of the Beatitudes using the companion book *Beatitudes from the Back Side* by Christian author and theologian, J. Ellsworth Kalas. A former professor and president of Asbury Theological Seminary, the late Kalas inspires new insight into the beatitudes, employing his method of approaching Bible passages from an unusual angle or a unique starting point.

Kalas is an easy read, only 100-pages! The study book is \$10 and available at the Welcome desk.

I hope you will all take part in this church-wide study as we allow ourselves to be blessed with the characteristics of God’s Kingdom People.

Serving Christ is an adventure!



Finance Report

As of this report we are now able to report all of 2016. We are entering the time of year when cash flow is very tight and as you can see we have had to dig deep into our contingency funds to maintain our monthly flow of funds. This is concerning as it is not feasible to continue spending at a faster rate than contributions are received. We are definitely operating on faith and fully believe we will see a turnaround in the coming year.

2016 Income and Expense Report by Month		
Month	Income	Expense
January	\$ 17,341	\$ 21,269
February	\$ 26,572	\$ 20,533
March	\$ 18,461	\$ 20,841
April	\$ 16,601	\$ 17,298
May	\$ 20,776	\$ 19,271
June	\$ 16,109	\$ 21,418
July	\$ 16,304	\$ 19,913
August	\$ 19,613	\$ 20,013
September	\$ 15,093	\$ 21,472
October	\$ 19,727	\$ 19,712
November	\$ 17,667	\$ 21,348
December	\$ 19,977	\$ 22,697
Totals	\$ 224,241	\$ 245,785
Year to Date		
Income		\$
Less Expenses		(21,545)

We are very grateful for your faithful pledges and gifts to this church. May you all be richly blessed as we all experience the overflowing love of God and prepare for the season of Lent and the joy of Easter!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Finance Committee Chair,
Elaine Johnsen

Music Ministries

Wow! What another awesome Christmas Cantata performance the Chancel Choir had back in December. All of the members of the choir and guest participants truly made it a special day as you performed Lloyd Larson's *Were You There on that Christmas Night*. I know everyone listening and watching truly felt the magic and miracle of that night when Jesus was born and lived to save us all. A special thank-you goes to Julie for her extraordinary gifts on the keys as well as Brenda and Tim for loaning us their narration.

And of course, now that Christmas is a short way behind us, we have to start looking forward to how we were all saved. It is time to begin thinking about Easter and the special music we can bring on Palm Sunday this year. Beginning on Wednesday, February 15th, we will start work on our new Easter Cantata. It has been arranged by David Wise and celebrates the resurrection through new as well as old music that many will recognize. Its title song won the Dove Award Worship Song of the Year in 2015. 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. Please consider joining us as we celebrate our own lives *Because He Lives, Amen*.

Thank You

AJ and Elaine send a thank you out to all those who remembered us over the holidays with kind thoughts, prayers and cards regarding the passing of AJ's brother Lamoine in Nebraska. Church families are special and we felt the effects of your kind and loving attitude. Thank you to all you special people! *AJ and Elaine Johnsen*

Job Posting: Nursery Attendant

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, Security, CO is seeking a dependable, experienced church nursery attendant for a part-time paid position. The preferred candidate will be experienced in providing childcare for infants and young children and have a passion for working with little ones. The person selected will work well with the pastor, other staff and parents at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. Nursery care will include Sunday morning church and Sunday school (9 a.m. – Noon). Special services, such as during Holy week and Christmas Eve may also require nursery attendants. The minimum age to apply for this position is 18 and candidates must be able to pass a criminal background check. A copy of the complete job description is available from the church office; please call 719-392-5782.

Looking Toward Easter

Dear Friends—

We will be creating a devotional book to help us journey through Lent into Easter, and we are seeking your participation. When we did this last in 2009, everyone loved the book and the inspiration they received from it. Please submit your thoughts, poems, photography, prayers, quotations, insights, and comments—anything that can be reproduced for our devotional book—to me during January.

Here is my email address: matabor318@gmail.com. And my phone number is 226-9879, if you have any questions. Additionally, you can usually find me on Sunday mornings. (smile) Please take part in this way of sharing and inspiration for all of us. Thank you in advance! *Mary Ann Tabor*

UMW February Meeting Features - Court Care for the Pikes Peak Region

Join us for our next UMW meeting on February 4 at 9 a.m. in Cooper Hall. The program will be a presentation by Elaine Johnsen on Court Care for the Pikes Peak Region. Find out about this free childcare service to benefit children whose parents need to take care of legal matters.

Hostesses for the meeting are Betty Riley and Vanda Skadden. Elaine Johnsen will lift up the *Prayer Calendar* and offer devotions. Beulah Olsen will share information from *Response Magazine*.

We'd love to have you with us on February 4 at 9 a.m.! *Mary Ann Tabor*

Fair Trade Coffee

This has been available for several years. We hope for new customers who want to be part of this purchase that helps coffee farmers. Our coffee comes from EQUAL EXCHANGE and in order for UMW to continue to break even with this project, we will have to now charge \$8.00, and we are still offering this at cost. Check us out at fellowship time in Cooper Hall. See you there! Carol Teal & Mary Humphreys

Loaves and Fishes

Help support the United Methodist Men, who support various mission projects, by purchasing your King Soopers/Safeway gift cards. Gift cards are available in Cooper Hall, following Sunday service or from the office during the week. Thanks for your support.

Chocolate, Chocolate and More Chocolate

The wonderful dark chocolate minis that you like are available to purchase at the same desk where you can buy fair trade coffee each Sunday. The bag of 25 minis will be \$5.00 and you can share with your friends or family. Enjoy!



Flapjacks and Fellowship

Begin Lent this year by coming to the UMW Shrove Tuesday pancake supper from 5-6:30 p.m. on February 28. We'll have pancakes, sausage, ham, and lots of fellowship as we follow the old custom of preparing for what was often a solemn time of fasting during Lent by using all the meat and fats in the home. There is no charge, but donations will go to support our many mission projects, near and far. See you for flapjacks and fellowship on Shrove Tuesday, February 28, at 5 p.m. in Cooper Hall. *Mary Ann Tabor*

Shrove Tuesday

What is a "shrove" anyway? Like many traditions that have been around for years and which we have just taken for granted, there is an ancient connection to a religious ceremony. The word,

“shrove” is the one of the past tense forms of the Latin word, “shrive,” which basically had to do with presenting oneself to clergy for forgiveness. It was customary for people to enter Lent “as pure” as possible, so they attended a service on the Tuesday preceding Ash Wednesday to be absolved of their sins before entering the very holy time of Lent. They wanted to be worthy of participating in Lent.

Over the years among our French ancestors, the Mardi Gras— meaning Fat Tuesday—put a more celebratory twist on the Shrove Tuesday tradition. Because Lent has traditionally been a time of physical fasting, all of the fats in the home—meat, butter, lard, etc.—were consumed on “Fat Tuesday” in preparation for Lent. The people didn’t want to waste any food, so it had to be eaten. And with time, instead of a serious religious ceremony, Mardi Gras became a time of celebration, feasting, and fun prior to entering into that solemn time of fasting and prayer that marked Lent.

A great way of using fats, such as eggs and butter, is to make pancakes, hence the traditional pancake supper before Ash Wednesday. Throw in meat on the side, and you’ve got a great meal of “fats” to consume before fasting.

And now you can amaze your friends because you know why we eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, and you know what a “shrove” is. *Mary Ann Tabor*)

Office Closure

The office will be closed Monday, February 20 for President’s Day

February Worship Schedule - 2017

February 5 **GOD’S KINGDOM JUSTICE & MERCY-Reach the Imprisoned-Matthew 25:31-46**
Scripture: Micah 6:1-8 and I Corinthians 1:18-31 Holy Communion

February 12 **BEATITUDES OF GOD’S KINGDOM – Poor and Happy**
Noisy Offering

February 19 **BEATITUDES OF GOD’S KINGDOM – The Happy Mourners**

February 26 **TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**
BEATITUDES OF GOD’S KINGDOM – The Meek Laugh Best

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 Waker	19
April Dillard-Busald	24
Rick and Sally White	26
Nathan Wade	27
Donnie Shryack	28

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

Bob Allgood, Alma Arnold, Evelyn Bowers, Patty Curl, David Harrison, Candy Hatton, Mary Hill, Vera Hinshaw, Irene Lambert, Conner Peck, Letha Phillips, Marketa Protzy, Carrington Seay, Don Shelstad, Keith Simpson, Vanda Skadden, Gladys Staatz, Virginia Street, Nancy Waller

Short Term Prayer Concerns

Harry Walch, Zachary Hogue, Jerry Smith, Ann, Edward Langdon, Christy Gillespie, Ruth Sinnes, Gae Koski, Sheryl Pulling, Daniel Selisky, the family and friends of David Wilson, Leo, Cathy, Dana, Karen Gidley, Kimmy Sabella, Sabrina Bell, Lorraine Helminski, Ron Causey, The Lamoine Johnsen Family, A.J. Johnsen, Shirley and Family, The Steve Wells Family, Jacquie Buttermore, Betty Cohu, Thomas Mason, Ron Null, Roma Borland and Family, Kari, Eric, Trout Clan, Mary Lou Pressel, Alice Bloyd, Rex Rowan, George Komp, Caity, Clayton Matthews, Mason Ledeboer, Gary Riggan, Sadie Rickard, The King Family, Tammy Everett, The Gillespie Family, Myong Oberosler, Ann Kondo, Nick McCartney, The Ketchum Family, Tammy Everett, Mr. Hayes, Teri (Clayton) Wilds and Sami Clayton, The Covert Family, Linda Cohu, The Judy Johnson Family, Gerhard Fiske

GSUMC Loved Ones

The Larry Bowers Family, The Don Bloyd Family, The Dave Bell Family, The Dee Becher Family

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. In an Emergency, After Hours, please call Pastor Terilynn Russ at (719) 469-9929

SERVICE TIME

Sunday Morning.....9:30 am