



Good Shepherd

United Methodist Church

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Thoughts from Terilynn



WHAT!

NOT AGAIN?

**The church is asking for money to fix
the building.**

“Who owns the church?” This question was asked by one of the contractors inspecting our hail damage and the flat roof wear and tear to prepare an estimate for the Board of Trustees. The question revealed to me that the contractor was probably not a church goer. But even for lifetime United Methodists, the answer is complicated.

The deed for Good Shepherd’s physical property rests in a safe somewhere at the Rocky Mountain Conference office located at 6110 Greenwood Plaza Blvd in Greenwood Village, CO. The building is entrusted to the membership of Good Shepherd as a resource and responsibility. Theologically, the church – all the people - belongs to Jesus Christ and is supervised by the Holy Spirit.

Hail and wind storms happen. The furnace/air conditioner system breaks down. Our church building is a wonderful resource most of the time. Occasionally, it is a heavy responsibility. Tis the season.

So, who really owns the church? I guess it depends on how we define “The Church.”

Serving Christ is an adventure!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Terilynn". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Report from Finance Committee

Friends,

As most of you know by now we have been sharing information during church about our critical building repairs and the associated costs. The roof damage from the hailstorm is the most significant repair needed as well as some repairs to the drainage on the flat roof. The insurance estimated the roof damage at \$67,112. The Trustees requested bids for the repairs and after reviewing all of the bids and interviewing the contractors they have accepted a bid for \$87,421. The contractor is also working with the insurance company to recognize that the actual repairs will cost more than their estimate. Some positive progress has been made and we believe the insurance company will ultimately pay some of the additional costs. How much remains to be seen. The church is responsible for our deductible of \$12,731 at the very least, which is 50% of the total deductible. The Rocky Mountain Conference set aside funds to assist churches with these very high deductibles. The repair costs for the flat roof drainage is \$2,625 making our minimum cost to fund \$15,356. If there is no further consideration from the insurance company our total amount of funds needed is \$35,666.

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For three consecutive Sunday mornings we have shared this with the congregation during church. As of Sunday, April 16th very generous donations in the amount of \$10,270 have been received specifically for the roof.

At the same time, the furnace and air conditioning blower failed and caused additional damage in the process which amounts to approximately \$7,000 in necessary repairs. These repairs have been authorized and donations in the amount of \$1,390 have been designated so far for this project.

Another very generous donation was received on Easter Sunday and was not specifically designated, but has been deposited to designated funds rather than the general operating account. Church leadership will determine the most appropriate and urgent use of these funds.

Church leaders will be engaging in planning for our future at a special session early in May. Pray that we hear our calling for the future and excitement of being in mission and ministry through Good Shepherd.

The first quarter completed on March 31st and the General Fund report of income and expenses is below. You will see our income is not keeping pace with the mission, ministry and daily operating costs. There is great generosity shown in funding the critical building needs. It is true second mile giving that makes it possible to meet the urgency of these repairs.

2017 Income and Expense Report by Month		
Month	Income	Expense
January	\$ 21,040	\$ 19,961
February	\$ 19,225	\$ 22,650
March	\$ 16,397	\$ 19,832
Totals	\$ 56,662	\$ 62,442
Year to Date Income Less Expenses		\$ (5,780)

I would urge you to prayerfully consider your regular giving to help us also maintain all that we love about Good Shepherd's mission through Discipleship, Worship and Service. May we all truly Seek God First, Grow in Christ, Serve in the Spirit and Share God's Love.

Blessings,

Finance Committee Chair,
Elaine Johnsen

150 Years of Women in Mission

Did you know that the predecessor of the United Methodist Women was established in 1869? The Women's Foreign Missionary Society began with a few ladies who felt they needed to make a difference in the world....On May 14, 2017, Mother's Day, we will celebrate the United Methodist Women's Sunday, and share the history of this Mission Based group and how it played a role in the history of the Methodist and the Evangelical Brethren Church.

We will be accepting new or gently used children's books that Sunday to be donated to **Court Care of the Pikes Peak Region**, a group who offers free Day Care for children of parents who have Court Proceedings...Each child enrolled in the day care takes a free book home...These books are all donated.... If you have a few children's books you are willing to donate, please bring them on Mother's Day Sunday...

On May 6, The United Methodist Women will meet at 9 AM in Cooper Hall...The Theme is Children to Celebrate Mother's Day. Our program will be presented by a representative from **Court Appointed Special Advocate** or **CASA**....This is the Community Outreach program Rev. Terilynn is active with....We are opening this program up to anyone at Good Shepherd who may be interested in learning about this special program....They are not coming to recruit volunteers, but if the Spirit should touch you feel free to ask how you can become a CASA.....We will serve a light Breakfast and Coffee....

Sharon Clayton
UMW President.

Lay Readers Needed

Not everyone can do it! Stand in front of people and speak. If you have the gift, please consider leading as a Lay Reader during Sunday worship. The Lay Reader welcomes, guides the congregation through the unison prayer, hymns, the offering and shares Joys and Concerns. Interested? Contact Dee Beecher, the Lay Reader coordinator at 576-8093 or drfifield@hotmail.com

Thanks, Pat!

Pat Nyborg was honored at the UMW meeting on April 1 with double recognitions. First, she was awarded a Past President's Pin to mark her eight years of service as president of our local unit (from 2009 to 2017). Then she received a Special Mission Recognition Pin for her dedication to and service in the choir, mission trips, various church committees and projects, as well as other positions of

responsibility at Good Shepherd. Pat has been a constant presence among us, exemplifying her mission spirit in all that she has done. Yay, Pat, and THANK YOU.

Mission News

What do all these Good Shepherd members have in common? You will recognize these names: Paul Darrow; Ken & Susan Davis; Shirley Greener; John and Judy Henke; A.J. Johnsen; Loy and Betty Jones; Russ Lambert; Del Ledebor; Pat Nyborg; Mary Ann Tabor; Mary Humphreys; Beth Aytes; Sue Harmon; Jerrie and Norm Nix;

Have you figured it out by now? All of these people served in mission teams to Mc Curdy Ministries at Espanola, New Mexico, between 2008 and 2010. Now, we are planning a mission to UMCOR West soon. If you would like to be part of this outreach from Good Shepherd, be sure to let A.J. and Elaine Johnsen know.

If you would wish to serve as part of this VIM (Volunteers in Mission) team, you will receive a blessing as you serve others.

GSUMC Music Notes

"It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High" – Psalm 92:1

Because He Lives...Amen! The title said it all. Thank-you to the Chancel Choir for a wonderful blessing the reasons why we are all thankful for Jesus going through the cross for us. Everyone did a glorious job sharing their talents with not only our GSUMC family but also in the community. You all did a great job at Palisades at the Broadmoor on Saturday, April 8 as well as Sunday, April 9. Thank-you for your hard work and all of the time you brought in the preparation of this cantata. As always, a special thank-you goes out to Julie Seibert for her fabulous hands on the piano. In addition, thank-you to Brenda for her narration and Gayla for her solo.

Sunday, June 4 is the beginning of our summer music schedule. If you play an instrument or can sing a tune, we would love for you to sign up and participate in a summer Sunday service during the offertory. The available dates to share your musical praises are listed on the choir room door and run through Sunday, August 27.

Don't forget that Children's Choir will continue to meet throughout the summer beginning July 9. They will rehearse most Sunday mornings after church in the choir room and will continue to be under the direction of Julie Seibert.

UMW Reminders

Learn about CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, who champion and support children in Teller and El Paso Counties. A representative from CASA will bring the program for the United Methodist Women's meeting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 6. Joyce Nicholson will report on *Response Magazine*, Amanda Cribbett will share from the *Prayer Calendar*, Beulah Olsen will offer devotions, and Sharon Clayton and Amanda Cribbett will be hostesses.

Remember UMW Sunday on May 14, with members fulfilling the various responsibilities for the worship service. We are also sponsoring the collection of children's books for the daycare center, Court Care of the Pikes Peak Region, on that day. We invite anyone who would donate new or gently-used children's books to join us in this effort. Mary Ann Tabor

UMCOR Sunday

Celebrated each year during Lent, was well supported by the Good Shepherd congregation. Thanks to all of you, we were able to send \$780 to support UMCOR as they reach out around the world as the arms and legs of Christ's Church. All together, we through UMCOR, are able to assist persons impacted by crisis or chronic need. GOD BLESS all of you. Your Missions Committee

The Story Behind the Hymn

Grandpa Dodd and The Old Rugged Cross

By *Maria K. Dodd*

When I used to think of Grandpa Dodd, I would picture him in his later years, sitting in a lawn chair behind my folks' southwestern Michigan farm house, puffing on his pipe, waiting for a somewhat unspeaking relative or neighbor to come near. Then he would say, "Come sit down here for a minute."

He usually would get so busy talking as the minute stretched into many, that the pipe would burn out from neglect. He might fire it up again, but soon it would be oxygen-deprived and the fire would fade once more.

My mental picture has him wearing his metal binoculars, as we called them, and a striped engineer's hat perched on his head.

When I was a young child, I thought Grandpa was famous. He had, after all, played a violin in 1913 when the hymn *The Old Rugged Cross* was sung publicly in its entirety for the first time. The hymn's debut took place just a few miles down the road from our farm. I had to age a little to realize that it was the *hymn*, not Grandpa, that was famous.

Rev. George Bernard, a visiting evangelist, completed the hymn while visiting the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Pokagon, Mich., to help the pastor with some revival meetings. He sang the hymn in the church, playing his guitar. Then some local folks performed it from his parceled notes. We do not think that Grandpa was a member of the church when he added his violin to the musical mix of choir and organist in that performance. We think he was recruited to help out because he was known to play a pretty mean fiddle. Soon after the hymn's debut, the church was

sold and used as a storage barn for many years. It fell into serious disrepair, a condition described in an article in *Good Old Days* April 1990 issue. The hymn, however, went on to become an enduring international Christian favorite. Rev. Bernard was named posthumously to the Gospel Music Association's Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 1976.

About a year after the hymn's debut, the bachelor fiddle player married, and another year or so later their first child was born. That child turned out to be my father.

Although I was a young adult when Grandpa Dodd died, I unfortunately did not discuss the hymn much with him. Over the last several years of my father's life, however, Pop and I talked about the church quite a bit. Pop always had the old church in mind, and at least once attempted to buy it so it could be restored. He occasionally bought a state lottery ticket and frequently said, "If I win, we'll restore the old church." Sadly, it was not meant to happen in his lifetime.



Rev. George Bernard composed *The Old Rugged Cross* and more than 300 other hymns.

Then, in 1998, a local couple bought the old church and donated it to their congregation, the current Pokagon United Methodist Church. They formed The Old Rugged Cross Foundation to lead efforts to restore the church as close as possible to its 1913 appearance and materials. The restored church will be available for weddings and other special services, and will include a small museum of church and local history.

Soon after I became involved with the restoration effort, I had an opportunity to go inside the long-neglected church for the first time. I was very aware as I crossed the dusty threshold that I was

walking where Grandpa had walked more than 85 years before, and where Pop had only dreamed of walking. What I was not aware of, until I stood in the front of the sanctuary, was what I would feel in that place. I began to talk aloud to "the Big Guy" as I fondly like to call God, and to my grandpa and Pop. I was making a commitment to do what I could to help bring the 1862 mission back.

I suddenly knew I was not alone, and that they were surrounding me with love and support. I took the only logical course. I burst into tears, and sobbed as I finished my little speech to my small but important audience.

Since 1998, generous donations (mostly from individuals) have funded replacement of the deteriorated foundation that threatened the church with collapse. Temporary concrete piers now support the slanted, leveled structure. We have replaced decayed sill beams, braced the entire church, and

installed a temporary new roof over the old one that allowed snow and rain into the sanctuary.

Our next challenge is to move the church onto the adjacent vacant lot and construct a new foundation and lower level fellowship hall. Then we'll move the church back to its original location onto the new foundation. This work cannot take place until the funding is in hand. Later phases of restoration also depend on funding. In the meantime, the original Old Rugged Cross Church, as we now call it, is a registered Michigan historic site.

The state of Michigan has approved the foundation's application for a listing on the church's behalf in the National Register of Historic Places. The application awaits federal review.

The church also is an official project of Save America's Treasures, a partnership between the White House Millennium Council and the National

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Several participants in the 1913 public debut of the just-completed hymn, *The Old Rugged Cross*, in Pokagon, Mich., gathered decades later for a commemorative photo. They included (from left) choir members Clara Vigil and Olive Maars, organist Eunice Jones, choir member Frank Vigil and visitors Arthur Dodd, another choir member, William Thaldorf, and deaconess. At the time of the hymn's debut, the three women were homesteaders. Dodd operated a steam-powered grain-threshing business. Vigil worked for Michigan Central Railroad. Thaldorf's profession is not yet identified.

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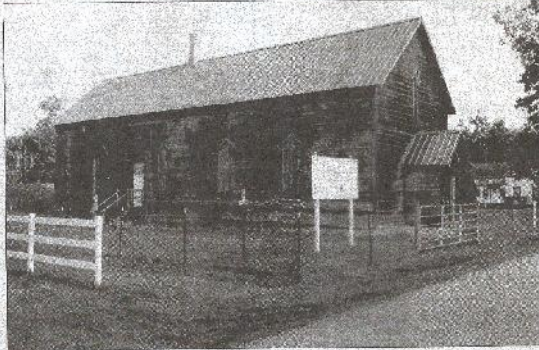
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Trust for Historic Preservation, essential to the preservation of our nation's irreplaceable historic and cultural treasures.

The newly created Lull note Old Rugged Cross Memorial Garden behind the old church creates a church-within-walks atmosphere as part of the Old Rugged Cross Historic Site.

Now, when I think of Grandpa Dodd and Pop, I know where they are and I know they and the Big One are watching. And I know they are waiting for us to restore this historic landmark so current and future generations can go on with services that should be conducted there once again.

For more information about the restoration, please write to the Old Rugged Cross Foundation at P.O. Box 91, Niles, MI 49129; (516) 683-4540; e-mail: orcf@aol.com; Web site: www.theoldruggedcross.com. ♦



Left: The Michigan historical marker near the original Old Rugged Cross Church was dedicated in April 2000. Above: The original Old Rugged Cross Church as it appears today with the temporary new roof installed. Photos courtesy of Maria K. Dodd.

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May Worship Schedule - 2017

- May 7 **Enemies of GOD'S KINGDOM – I Corinthians 15:22-26**
Scripture Readings: I Peter 2:19-25 and John 10:1-10
Holy Communion
- May 14 **UMW SUNDAY – MOTHER'S DAY**
Scripture Readings: I Peter 2:2-10 and John 14:1-14
Noisy Offering
- May 21 **Living in GOD'S KINGDOM – Luke 10:1-24**
Scripture Readings: I Peter 3:13-22 and John 14:15-21
- May 28 **ASCENSION SUNDAY – Memorial Day Sunday**
What Hinders Living in GOD'S KINGDOM – Various Verses in Matthew
Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-11 and Luke 24:44-53

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Linda Cohu	2
Ryan Rohren	2
Marj Krause	3
Elfriede Shelstad	5
Ashley Vossler	6
Matt Weiland	7
Pat Gilham	8
Don Cohu	9
Carol Kautz	9
Gladys Staatz	9
Herman Williams	9
Hayley Langdon	9
Rob Rohren	10
Cole Walker	11
Madeline Flack	14
Juli Gill	14
Tim Hogan	19
Alaina Schar	19
Josh Trent	21
Michelle Gilham	22
Matt Randquist	23
Dexter Greener	24
Hilde Mankowski	25
Heather Thacker	26
Sandie Vossler	27
Cindy Hogan	30
Tim and Cindy Hogan	31



Long-Term Prayer Concerns

Bob Allgood, Alma Arnold, Evelyn Bowers, Patty Curl, Robert Dillard and Family, David Harrison, Candy Hatton, Lorraine Helminski, Mary Hill, Vera Hinshaw, Conner Peck, Letha Phillips, Marketa Protzy, Carrington Seay, Keith Simpson, Vanda Skadden, Gladys Staatz, Virginia Street, Nancy Waller

Short Term Prayer Concerns

Tammy Everett, Hilde Mankowski, Veronica Farrell, Gary Trujillo, Patricia Hogan, Amanda's Aunt Lisa, Kathy Sturdevant, Cheryl Foley, Amber, Dewitt Davenport, "Shane", The Beverly Parsons Family, Marty Siuda, The Negrette Family, Charlie Riley, The O'Donnell Family, The Miller Family, The Berglund and Yates Families, The Shalinski and Pendergast Families, Jim Largent, Ken Taylor, The Randquist Family, The Stock Family, The Richard Napolitano Family, The Lambert Family, Deb Dougherty, Uncle Lynn and Family, The Don Shelstad Family, Tony and Gayla, Laurie Weaver, Pat Smith, Texas Accident, RMC and Bishop Karen Oliveto, Tamara Olsen, Isaac Shepherd, Wisdom and Safety of our Country (Armed Forces), John Hart, James Peters and Family, Payton West, Sabrina Bell, The Young and Zentz Families, Shan Back

GSUMC Loved Ones

The Josh Trent Family, The Carl Thompson Family, The Nick Theis Family, The Amy Thacker Family



The office will be closed Monday, May 29

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

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OFFICE HOURS

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SERVICE TIME

Sunday Morning..... 9:30 am