



Good Shepherd

United Methodist Church

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Thoughts from Terilynn



No, not everything happens for a reason.

Still wrestling with God's Will.

Your response to the sermon series on God's will has greatly encouraged my heart in the value of old fashioned Christian study and dialogue.

Have we arrived at satisfying answers to our difficult questions? Not really. But together we are clarifying the questions and making greater sense of what we can believe about a loving God working through a broken world.

One of those wrestling questions involved a freak accident that killed two children when a snowplow hit black ice and slid into a school bus. The state police report said that neither driver was the blame. Both the school bus and the snowplow were in "the wrong place and the wrong time."

In the classic book, *When Bad Things happen to Good People*, author Harold Kushner suggests that sometimes bad things happen for no good reason because of random chaos. Random chaos is a theory that supports "in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Developed in the late 1960s, mathematician Edward Lorenz described the "butterfly effect" to explain a large seemingly random system could have cause and effect - like "a butterfly flapping its wings in Brazil could cause a tornado in Texas."

Kushner used random chaos theory to explain that sometimes bad things happen for no good reason. He writes, "God does not cause our misfortunes. Some are caused by bad luck, some are caused by bad people and some are simply an inevitable consequence of our being human and being mortal, living in a world of inflexible laws.

"The painful things that happen to us are not punishments for our misbehavior, nor are they in any way part of some grand design of God's part."

I believe in a God who loves me and you. I believe tragedy is not God's will. So, none of us need not feel hurt, betrayed or abandoned by God, if and when tragedy strikes.

Serving Christ is an adventure.

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Food Pantry Notes for October

We never really know how many people might visit our food pantry in any month, so we were a bit surprised and also very honored to serve 152 people at the Good Shepherd food pantry during August. Seventy-seven were children. The number of visitors to our pantry has been increasing since the beginning of the year. And thanks to all of you, Good Shepherd has been able to help hungry people right here in our community.

For a nominal cost, we purchase some general food items in bulk from Care and Share. However, it is the people of Good Shepherd who not only provide a wider variety of food and non-food items; but also often donate some of our own favorite meal choices. Those little touches make visits to our pantry feel a little less “institutional.”

In October, we'd like to continue to focus on paper products and laundry items in addition to our donations of food. Right now, our pantry could really use canned fruit, hearty soups (we have tomato and chicken noodle), and packaged box dinners.

Thank you for your generous donations to the food pantry. You are helping Good Shepherd be able to serve our neighbors. Mary Ann Tabor and Mary Humphreys

Music Ministries

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” – Isaiah 9:6

This year's Christmas Cantata rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. We will be doing a blend of traditional and original music in Joel Raney's *Hope!* It retells the story of Jesus birth through contemporary gospel. Please consider joining us for this wonderful work of music. Please see Jennifer Montgomery for more cantata information.

The Story Behind the Hymn

Sarah Adams had to say farewell often, but she never liked it. Her mother had died when Sarah was only five – that was her first farewell. At 32, as an actress playing lady Macbeth in London's Richmond Theater, she said farewell to the stage. She wanted to continue, but her health was failing. The health of her sister was also poor, and Adams feared the day when she would have to bid her farewell. She began to question her faith. Why did God seem so far away?

When Adams' pastor asked her and her sister to help him prepare a hymnal, the two responded eagerly, writing thirteen texts and 62 new tunes. As the sisters were finishing their work, their pastor mentioned that he was planning a sermon about Jacob's dream of a ladder ascending to heaven and he needed an appropriate hymn. Adams soon completed the five stanzas of “Nearer, My God, to Thee.” In her own life, she learned that each step we take – even the difficult and painful farewells – only draws us nearer to God.

Worship Schedule 2017

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| October 1 | Why? Making Sense of GOD'S WILL (Adam Hamilton)
Why God's Love Prevails.
Scripture readings: Exodus 17:1-7 and Matthew 21:23-32
Holy Communion |
| October 8 | Googling GOD'S WILL – Romans 12:1-2
Scripture readings: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and
Matthew 21:33-46
Noisy Offering |

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- October 15 **LAITY SUNDAY (TR on Medical Leave)**
Scripture readings: Exodus 32:1-14 and Matthew 22:1-14
- October 22 **Dick Gilham preaches (TR on Medical Leave)**
Scripture readings: Exodus 33:12-33 and Matthew 22:15-22
- October 29 **Rev. Tiffany Keith preaches (TR on Medical Leave)**
- November 5 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS A.J. Johnsen preaches (TR on Medical Leave) ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**
Scripture readings: I Thessalonians 2:9-13 and Matthew 23:1-12
Holy Communion
- November 12 **Veteran's Day Sunday- STEWARDSHIP Ask to BE A BLESSING - Deut 28:1-9**
Scripture readings: I Thessalonians 4:13-18 and Matthew 25:1-13
- November 19 **STEWARDSHIP BE A BLESSING, My Soul- Ephesians 1:3-14**
Scripture readings: I Thessalonians 5:1-11 and Matthew 25:14-30
- November 26 **STEWARDSHIP- BE A BLESSING for My Church**
Scripture readings: Matthew 25:31-46
Hanging of the Greens
- December 3 **ADVENT I – A Child Born of Hope Lighting of the Advent Candle**
- December 10 **ADVENT II - A Child Born of Peace Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Springs Rescue Mission Open House

Mary Humphreys and I attended the Springs Rescue Mission Open House on Tuesday, September 12. Wow, what a really nice facility! If you're like me, you've heard of the Springs Rescue Mission at 5 West Las Vegas Street, but you really didn't know what it is. So, let me share a few facts with you about it.

The Springs Rescue Mission is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions. That founding Christian-based organization has been committed to serving the hungry, the homeless, the abused, and the addicted since the 1900's. Although based on the teachings of Jesus, it serves people of every faith and of no faith. The Mission has been in Colorado Springs since 1996 when members distributed sandwiches to the people living under bridges and in the parks. Today, the Springs Rescue Mission provides meals, shelter, rehabilitation counseling, and job training services. They have beds for over 200 men and 60 women on-site and partner with other agencies in town in their service of "neighbors helping neighbors."

On September 12, they invited the public to tour their newest facility—an 11,000-square-foot building with lots of natural light, pleasing colors, a large comfortable gathering room, several smaller rooms where guests can connect with service agencies, such as the Veterans Administration and Department of Human Services, and/or receive basic dental checks and medical care for such things as blisters and wound treatment—vital for people who spend all day on their feet and on the streets. There are several showers for men and for women, washers and dryers, and individual mail receptacles using the Mission's address. One cannot even apply for

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work without an address. They have computer hook-ups so people may search online for jobs. They will soon have donated computers and laptops for use there. Personal storage lockers are provided, as well as places for pets and service dogs. Two new buildings are planned for the future, with the help of community donations. One building will be a much larger facility for providing meals (dedicated kitchen and dining hall) and teaching culinary arts skills, and the other building will house 60 apartments for people transitioning from unemployed and homeless to employed and resident.

The Springs Rescue Mission works with other local non-profits, the City of Colorado Springs, respected community partners, and many individual volunteers. Together, they have set a goal of implementing pathways out of homelessness in Colorado Springs in 10 years.

My friends, the Springs Rescue Mission is a viable organization and part of a consortium of like-minded groups dedicated to helping others. If you would like to see this place for yourself, just call them for a tour. They depend on the volunteer assistance in this community and the generous donations from others who are answering the call of Jesus in Matthew 25:35-36:

“I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” Mary Ann Tabor



All Things Pumpkin Sale

If it's October, it must be time for the UMW's All Things Pumpkin Sale! Yes, circle this date now: October 29.

After worship, during the fellowship hour, the UMW will have all kinds of pumpkin-based goodies available for you: cakes, breads, cookies, jams and butters. You name it. If it can be made with pumpkin, we'll have it here for you. See you then—October 29 after worship!

Mary Ann Tabor

Concerts @ First Series Presents

For the first time in five years, the 14-member Denver Brass returns to Colorado Springs for a concert with the Colorado Celtic Pipes and Drum. Collaborating with the soul-stirring sound of brass, pipes and drum will be First United Methodist Principal Organist, Joseph Galema, playing the magnificent and historic organ at First United Methodist. Audiences will thrill to the sound of traditional Scottish and Irish melodies, new arrangements of old favorites, and original compositions played by brass, bagpipes and drums combined with the great sounds of the pipe organ. Concert is Friday, October 6, at First United Methodist Church – In the Sanctuary, 420 North Nevada. For more information, about the concert or ticket availability, please call 719-884-2504.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Amy Thacker	7
Bobby Hill	11
Dorothy Thompson	12
Jane Pino	13
Devin Ponville	16
Virgil Sterry	17
Sabrina Bell	18
Paul Darrow	20
Herman and Melba Williams	21
Elijah Gilham	29
Bob Hinshaw	29
Carl Thompson, Jr.	31

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

Alma Arnold, Robert Dillard and Family, Candy Hatton, Lorraine Helminski, Mary Hill, Vera Hinshaw, Conner Peck, Letha Phillips, Marketa Protzy, Terilynn Russ, Carrington Seay, Keith Simpson, Vanda Skadden, John and Pat Smith, Nancy Waller

Short Term Prayer Concerns

Ashley Osborne, Prayers for Rev. Donna Pewo and assistant Kehly Riggs at Clinton Indian Church and Community Center "Andrew", Doris Hogue, Thomas Mason, Ron Null, Jeff Lawson, Henry Tuttle, The Cohu Family, Mary Wyatt, "Vicki", The Bob Hicks Family, The Else Francis Family, The Dave Wimmer Family, Keri, The Gladys Staatz Family, Ryan George, The Ann Kondo Family, "Rebecca", Donna O'Donnell, The Alan Williams Family, Nancy Lingbloom's Father, Dutch vanTuil and Family, John Daugherty, Suzi Pedersen, Hilde Mankowski, "Rebecca", Angel Sanchez, Chris Combs, Gae Koski, Dee Teller, Prayers for the World, Peace in the Korean Peninsula, peace in the hearts of our leaders, and for peace among all people, Shirley Somers, Rose Pagnoni, Prayers for Mission Team members, The Virginia Street Family, "Doug", Dexter Greener, Rick and Susan Paraday, The Betty Proal Family, Betty Bosch, Joyce Nicholson, Charley Langdon, The Robert Young Family, Dave Bell, The Roma Borland Family, The Hiten Family, The Rose-Zamora Family, Flooding Victims in Texas, The Wilkinson Family, Kayla Hogan, Amber Sais, The Robert Hart Family, Donna Mayer, Dorothy Thompson and Family, The Ann Lantz Family, Jeff Zentz, Florida Victims, Natalie Lang, Helen Cosi, Charlie and Betty Riley, Jolene, The Brixey Family, Christa

Loved Ones

The Carroll Pheasant Family, The Michael Pearsall Family, The Merry Sue Payne Family, The Wilbur Olsen Family

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SERVICE TIME

Sunday Morning9:30 am