



## THE UNITED CHURCH OF BROOMFIELD

an Open & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ  
"The Center of Our Lives"

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## Pastor Michael's Musings



### Drop-off....and be blessed!

Memorial Day signals the beginning of summer, bar-b-ques and all things "hot," hot days, hot dogs and hot summer romances (hopefully). Statistically, it also begins a trend where church attendance drops. Because of vacations and great weather, people often will choose to skip worship so that they can have longer weekends of parties and time away.

Is this a good thing or a bad thing? I've heard pastors bemoan this fact, commenting that summer vacation for kids and great weather isn't a good enough excuse to abandon one's church community. Just because school is out and the temperatures rise, doesn't mean that worship stops.

I can agree to a point. I don't like the idea that in the Spring or Fall I'm preaching to a congregation of 75 people, but in June it's only 40. It's not a great feeling. But, I understand the desire to go away for the weekend to hike, camp and sit by a lake. During the summer drop off I hope that if you aren't in our church that you take the opportunity to visit another church wherever it is that you're enjoying your long weekends. Or, that you will engage in a spiritual practice – yoga, meditation, journaling, spiritual reading or even a labyrinth walk.

When you're not at church you are greatly missed. You are a part of our wonderful family and your presence is both vital and treasured. But, reality is that summertime means vacation, trips and get-aways. I say go for it – enjoy and be blessed! When you come back share stories, pictures and all that you've learned and experienced while "re-energizing."

Remember that just as "...the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" [Joshua 1:9c], the church and your church family will be with you also. And we're excited for your return!

May you have a blessed and spirit-filled summer.



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**Our Mission Statement**  
 Our Church is dedicated to the love of God as demonstrated by Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit. We demonstrate our love of God through everyday living. Everyone is welcome to join us as we grow in our faith and in our relationship with God and each other through worship, teaching, caring and fellowship.

<b>Summer Sunday Hours:</b>	<i>10AM Service of Celebration</i>
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**J**  
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**anniversaries** 

*Carlos & Beth Perez*  
June 3, 2000

*Jeff & Kim Jones*  
June 6, 1975

*Gary & Marti Pratt*  
June 8, 1965

*Aaron & Darcy Dees*  
JUNE 19, 1999

**Birthdays** 

1	Leah Belvel
3	Walter Grebing
4	Eleanor Witte
6	Julia Plomer Bill Roberts
9	Shirley Grantham Avery Wathen
10	Keith Dipprey
12	Carolyn Crouse
14	Keri Jacobs
15	Julie Conn Katie Conn
21	Kevin Jacobs
26	Lauren Plomer
27	Bette Erickson
28	Matt Hancock Eric Stevens Jonathan Wade

**Your 2017 Church Leadership**

Michael Blackwood-Lead Co-Pastor  
 Greg Garland - Co-Pastor  
 Corey Hill - Moderator  
 Jennie Belval - Vice Moderator  
 Marti Pratt - Clerk  
 Brian Conn - Financial Secretary  
 Gary McKee - Treasurer  
 Carol Bliss, Peggy Diekhoff  
 - Members at Large  
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**Committee Chairs**

Larry Bliss/Nancy McKee - Trustees  
 Jonathan Wade - Worship  
 Kathy Wathen - Spiritual Care  
 Bob Wathen/Mary Beth Jones - Christian  
 Education  
 Tom Ottem - Mission  
 Desi Hill - Fellowship

*If we missed your b'day please contact the church office.*

**Worship Service Volunteer**  
**Sign-Up**

If you'd like to sign up to volunteer as Liturgist, offer a Kid's Time message or host after service snacks, we have a new way to do so. Just click here: [Worship Help](#) and simply follow the directions to sign up. It's easy and we appreciate all your volunteer efforts. And don't forget that you can put pen to paper and still sign up on the sheets hanging in the Narthex.



## DAY TRIP to EVERGREEN

Wednesday, JUNE 14th

If you are interested in going, please contact Mary Beth as soon as you can so we can make sure you have all the information needed.

307-262-6747 Wyoming cell phone

Email: [mbjones65@gmail.com](mailto:mbjones65@gmail.com)

Parents, Friends, **Everyone is Welcome!!**

Special thanks to ALL our Sunday School Students, Teachers and Parents who have made this year so successful and fun.

Bob Wathen and Mary Beth Jones

## KSK BASE & Preschool NEWS

### *Before and After School Care*

*Tammy White, KSK director*

**WE ARE IN NEED OF A LEATHER SOFA AND LOUNGE CHAIR. IF YOU ARE GETTING RID OF ONE OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS KSK WOULD LOVE TO LOOK AT IT. Please email Tammy @ [kohlstreetkids@gmail.com](mailto:kohlstreetkids@gmail.com)**

## DBSA

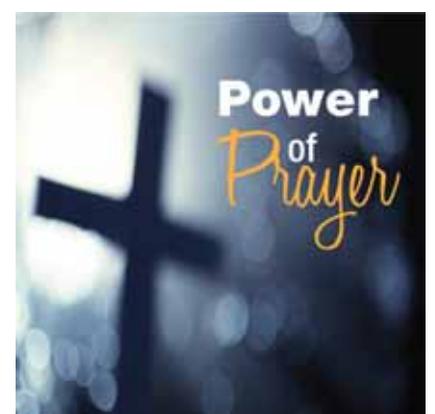
### Depression and Bipolar Support Group

Open to all those diagnosed with either depression or bipolar disorder. Families and friends are invited the fourth Thursday of the month. We will meet

**every Thursday from 6:30-8pm  
in the Steele Commons Room.**

## Circle of Concern

- ◆ Jennie Belval requested prayers of concern for Leah Belval Rozewski who is having health issues and for Mary Lou, her mother, who has fluid on her lung.
- ◆ Nancy McKee requests prayers for a family of a child who was murdered. Prayers also for the first responders processing the investigation.
- ◆ Prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the Joo family in the birth of Dax Elliot Beefcake Volcano Joo, weighing in at 8 lbs.
- ◆ Prayers requested by Ruth Riehl for Carissa Schreiner for continuing health and adjusting to new medication.
- ◆ Prayers for all the graduating seniors.
- ◆ Prayers for Virginia Hoyle who is home from the hospital. Prayers for her family.
- ◆ Jane and Bryan Shelton ask for prayers of concern and peaceful resolution for Jane's dad, Bill. Bill suffered a stroke while receiving blood transfusions at the hospital.
- ◆ Prayers for Neola Roberts and family in the passing of her brother Dan. Also, prayers for Dan's wife, Bobbie, who has been his dedicated and loving caregiver for many years.
- ◆ Our Blessing: Terry had "multiple blood clots "in his femoral vein. We thought it was a strained muscle, until it went on more that a few days and the pain got worse. Took him to the hospital on Wed. afternoon when they detected the clots. Home and on blood thinners after a long and scary day/evening! Nancy Crimmins.
- ◆ Prayers for a safe and fun summer for our kids.
- ◆ Prayers for Bill Scolari, his friends and family (wife Carol and their children), in his passing into new life.

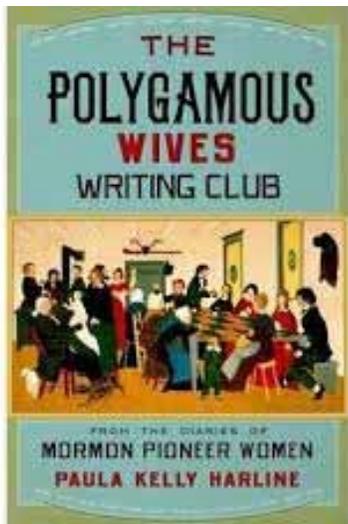


# Small Groups & Activities

## Book Club Update:

The next meeting of the Book Club will be

**Friday, June 23rd** at 7PM at the home of **Nancy Keyes.**



We will be discussing "The Polygamous Wives Writing Club" by Paula Kelly Harline.

Men's Fellowship will meet **7:30AM Sat. June 3rd** at **The Egg & I.**



## Gathering Circle



will meet

**Sat. June 10th at 8:30 AM**

at **The Orchard Mimi's Café**



## Pat's Adult Class

The Adult Sunday School class that meets in the front part of the Steele Commons Room will dismiss for the summer. The class will resume on September 17th with their study of the life of Jesus. For more information on this class and study material over the summer, please contact Pat James.

## Attendance & Offering

### Apr Offering:

\$14,077.05 collected / \$11,770.00 budget  
*(over by \$2,307.05)*

### May Offering:

\$11,586.77 collected / \$11,770.00 budget *(under by \$183.23)*

### YTD Offering: (thru 5/31)

\$59,592.92 collected / \$58,850.00 budget *(over by \$1,170.15)*

Adults / Kids	
May 7 = 54/4	May 14 = 82/11
May 21 = 84/15	May 28 = 50/7

Your church has bills to be paid in the summer too ...please remember your offering!

## Pastor Greg's Gandering



### Sabbatical

So, as hopefully everyone knows by now, I am now on Sabbatical for the month of June. The purpose of the Sabbatical is to provide a time of re-creation, rest, and renewal; a time to get away from the stress and pressure of the ministry.

While I am on Sabbatical I will be doing my best to avoid emails and other church related business. To help me achieve this, please send Prayer Requests to Pastor Michael at [leadpastorucb@gmail.com](mailto:leadpastorucb@gmail.com).

As always, anything dealing with building administration or scheduling can go through Bridget, the office administrator, at [ucboffice@gmail.com](mailto:ucboffice@gmail.com).

While trying to achieve the above goal of a Sabbatical I will also attempt to write a Musical Sermon like the minstrel story tellers – a.k.a. "Alice's Restaurant." But I will give a warning that it may fail. If it works, you'll hear the results in July. If it fails you probably don't want to hear it.

I also hope to finish reading *The Book of Joy*, which I think you are all familiar with by now. I will also get started on *SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome* by Mary Beard. Rome, though not where Christianity was conceived, it is where it was born and developed. It will also be some preparation for our trip to Italy in September (vacation, not sabbatical).

In addition, I would like to study guitar music theory, visit another local church and learn a little Italian. This might be a bit to pack into one month, given that the primary objective is rest, but I will give it my best.

See you in July.

-Pastor Greg

## Members At Large

Did you know...

According to the church by-laws under **Members at Large**, it reads: "There shall be two (2) Members at Large. The purpose of these positions shall be to facilitate a dialogue between the congregation and all of the paid staff. These members will also serve as part of the Parish-Staff Relations Committee which is made up of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator and Members at Large."

To introduce your Parish-Staff Relations Committee, the two Members at Large positions are currently being filled by **Peggy Diekhoff** and **Carol Bliss** and as you may already know the Moderator is Corey Hill and Vice Moderator is Jenny Belval.

The role of Members at Large will be taking a more active role in the Church as liaisons between the congregation and paid staff at UCCB. To that end, the Members at Large have begun meeting periodically with our Pastors Michael and Greg. One month we will meet individually with either Michael or Greg and the following month with both Michael and Greg together providing an opportunity for open discussions. In addition, the Parish-Staff Relations Committee will meet to discuss any concerns, issues or comments that arise between the congregation and paid staff within the Church. In the past couple of months, we have already begun this endeavor by holding two committee meetings and an informal chat with Pastor Michael with plans to meet with Pastor Greg following his June Sabbatical.

As the Members at Large, Peggy and Carol invite you, the congregation, to feel free to contact either or both of us as sources to "make your voice heard." You are encouraged to talk to us following Church Services or at the following: Peggy Diekhoff at [pddiek@comcast.net](mailto:pddiek@comcast.net) or Carol Bliss at 303-953-2767 or [cablissco@comcast.net](mailto:cablissco@comcast.net).

Until Next Time - Peggy and Carol, your Members at Large

# Church Picnic

Sun, June 25th  
5PM @ Outlook  
Park



**Fri Aug 18th 6PM  
at the Markel's  
\$10ea & bring a  
dish to share  
Join in the FUN!**

## MISSION MINUTE

May was a busy month for Mission Ministry activities. Thank you to all who attended the Mission Meal on May 7th. We had a great conversation with Karen Steele from **FISH**. She caught us up on all the changes happening with FISH's new facility that opens this month - and with the ongoing and increased demand for services right here in our community.

If you didn't see it in the Broomfield Enterprise, this article does a nice job of highlighting the new, bigger, more modern facility that **FISH** has created this year. Check out the link (or search for "Broomfield Enterprise FISH facility")

[http://www.broomfieldenterprise.com/broomfield-news/ci\\_31015071/broomfield-fish-moves-into-headquarters-food-pantry](http://www.broomfieldenterprise.com/broomfield-news/ci_31015071/broomfield-fish-moves-into-headquarters-food-pantry)

**FISH** will be holding an open house on June 10th. Look for an invitation to that via email soon. If there is interest, we can organize a UCB visit to the open house.

**BUT WAIT - THERE'S MORE!** Also thank you to everyone who donated supplies for the latest collection of cleaning supplies and personal care products for **EFAA's** Short-Term Housing facility in Lafayette. Those supplies make a real difference for families that seek housing assistance.

**AND ....** look for the summer bin for collection school supplies for **Crayons to Calculators**. We will be supporting that collection effort and we have asked about setting up a time for youth to volunteer later this summer.

# June 2017

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 7:30AM EGG & I PRAYER GROUP 9AM KICK OFF TO
4 PENTECOST STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH FOOD FOR FISH	5	6	7	8	9	10 GATHERING CIRCLE 8:30AM
11	12	13	14 FLAG DAY CE SUMMER OUTING EVERGREEN LAKE	15	16	17
18 FATHER'S DAY PRIDEFEST	19	20	21 CHURCH COUNCIL 7PM	22	23 BOOK CLUB 7PM	24
25 CHURCH PICNIC IN THE PARK @ OUTLOOK 5PM	26	27	28	29	30	

1st Sunday of each month: Communion during Service, Sunday Schedule: 10:00AM Service of Celebration

# July 2017

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 7:30AM NEW STAR CAFÉ PRAYER GROUP 9AM
2 FOOD FOR FISH	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6 KSK TRAINING 9AM-12NOON	7	8 GATHERING CIRCLE 8:30AM
9 CRAYONS 2 CALCULATORS	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 CHURCH COUNCIL 7PM	20	21	22 WOMEN'S BUNKO NIGHT 6PM
23	24	25	26	27	28 BOOK CLUB 7PM	29
30	31					

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**Did you know...** That we're on Facebook? We here at the United Church of Broomfield are cool and tech savvy! Jump on the bandwagon and stay up to date and informed! Click the link and "Like" us. Another great way to keep up with what's going on here and in the UCC.

