



Rye Home United Methodist Church

Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 5- Faith Circle gift wrapping at 9:00 am. for **Santa's Helpers!** A short meeting will follow.
- Dec. 6- **Faith Circle is distributing gifts for Santa's Helpers:** from 3:00 – 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 7- Faith Circle is distributing gifts for Santa's Helpers: from 12:00 – 4:00 pm.
- Dec. 7- **UMW & Catholic Guild Cookie Walk** begins at 9:00 am – until all cookies are gone, here in the Ed. Bldg.
- Dec. 7- **First Annual EOTR Christmas Gathering,** 5:00-9:00 pm. Tickets must be purchased by Nov. 17th. (See info in back of bulletin)
- Dec. 8- Trustee Team Meeting at 11:30 am, after Worship Service
- Dec. 8- **Annual Christmas Caroling, & hayride followed by chili supper** by our local 4-H Youth: 50 + years of this tradition and still going strong! All are invited, so come out and show your support! We will meet at the Ed. Bldg. at 2:00 pm. Call Jody Griffin if you will attend chili supper: 676-3175.
- Dec. 10- Faith Circle team & volunteers will begin Food Prep for the Annual Senior Luncheon at 9:00 am.
- Dec. 11- **Annual Senior Luncheon!** Arrive at 11-11:30 am for visiting, lunch will be served at 12:00 pm. Elementary school students will sing carols & middle school students will be serving lunch.
- Dec. 10- Creative Fellowship Meeting at 10:00 am.
- Dec. 14- **Down Home Christmas,** 3:00-5:00 pm, in the Ed. Bldg. (Contact Geri Ross to be in the program)
- Dec. 15- Missions Team Meeting at 11:30 am, after Worship Service
- Dec. 17- **UMW Christmas Party** at 12:30 pm, at the Round Table Grill at HollyDot Golf Course in Colorado City. Please RSVP to Geri.
- Dec. 19- Faith Circle Meeting at 9:00 am.
- Dec. 23- **Early Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 pm.**
- Dec. 25- **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
- Dec. 29- Potluck following Worship Service



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.” For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, “Peace be within you.” For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your prosperity. ~Psalm 122:6-9

December 1st begins again the Church’s Liturgical Calendar and the first Sunday in Advent. Each Sunday is marked with a particular theme – peace, hope, joy, and love – and this year we begin the season with the wish for peace.

The Psalmist is raising prayers and praise for the people of Israel and all those visiting the Temple in Jerusalem. And, like most of us, he is hoping for peace for those he loves the most; his family and friends.

Hopefully, many of us celebrated Thanksgiving surrounded by the peace and love of family and friends. But for some, the holidays are dreaded because we know personal or political arguments will haunt the festivities. And throughout the world peace is rare and desperately needed. It may seem as though the world is increasingly divided, partisan, and hostile. That is, after all, the way the world and humanity has always been.

The question for us is, how do we remain peace filled in the middle of these storms? How do we remain calm, focused, and most of all *hopeful* when surrounded by the din of discord? Where do we get the strength to remain above it all and not be pulled into the craziness?

There is really only one answer.

This time of year we remember the title given by the Prophet Isaiah and repeated in the Gospel stories; Jesus, the “Prince of Peace”, born to bring light and salvation into this dark and broken world. Prayer, praise, meditation, and mission help keep us focused on what is truly important; loving God and loving neighbor, whether friend, foe, or family! It is our call as His disciples to BE the peace the world so desperately needs!

GRACE AND PEACE,

Pastor Ken Berve

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WORSHIP SERVICE
VOLUNTEERS

Ushers & Greeters

12/1 – Sonny & Virginia Hood,
Tim & Beth Terry
12/8 – Joe & Penny Ragan,
Charlotte Baker & Nancy Romine
12/15 – Larry & Sue Phillips, Rick
& Diane Storey
12/22 – Norma Hoover & Geri Ross
12/29 – Linda Hall, Linda Volentine,
Willie McCaw, Roy Christenson

Communion Stewards

1/5 – Finance Team
2/2 - Trustees Committee

Musicians

12/1 – Lori McGill
12/8 – Lori McGill
12/15 – Deb Straub
12/22 – Margaret Deas
12/29 – Deb Straub

Liturgists

12/1 – The Adams family
12/8 – Ben Moss & Geri Ross
12/15 – Jody Pool & Chloe Richardson
12/22 – The Brunick family
12/29 – Margaret Deas

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
VOLUNTEERS

Children's Church

12/1 – ____
12/8 – ____
12/15 – Carolyn Frick
12/22 – ____
12/29 – Loni Adams

Children's Message

12/1 – Cara Christenson
12/8 – Jody Pool
12/15 – Diane Ellison
12/22 – Penny Ragan
12/29 – Loni Adams

MESSAGES/SCRIPTURES

12/1- "Peace in the Storm" - 1st Sunday of Advent-Peace
Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 24:36-44
(COMMUNION SUNDAY)

12/8- "A Voice of Hope" - 2nd Sunday of Advent-Hope
Isaiah 11:1-10, Matthew 3:1-12

12/15- 3rd Sunday of Advent-Joy
Isaiah 35:1-10, Matthew 11:2-11

12/22- 4th Sunday of Advent-Trust
Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25

12/23 - "Love"
Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20
(EARLY CHRISTMAS EVE)

12/29- "Where Is My Home"
Matthew 2:13-23

ATTENTION EMMAUS ALUMNI



*First Annual
EOTR Christmas Gathering*

*Saturday, December 7
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm*

*Montgomery & Steward
1317 N. Main Street
Pueblo*

*Catered by Olive Garden
Tickets \$20.00/person*

Limited tickets are available and must be purchased by

Friday, November 15

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR!!

*Make checks payable to EOTR (include telephone number/email) and send to:
Phyllis Graham
11645 CR 102
Guffey, CO 80820*

▶ *Please bring one wrapped ornament (\$5.00 maximum) per person* ◀

▶ *Questions? Contact Phyllis at 817-691-5099 or newine4me@aol.com* ◀

DRESS: CHRISTMAS CASUAL

LIVE AUCTION



MORE PICTURES FROM 2019 FALL FAIR!



Photos submitted by Norma Street

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 12/1 Kinsley Dennison | 12/14 Pat McGill |
| 12/1 Anne Walz | 12/17 Clayton Kline |
| 12/4 Jeramy Frick | 12/18 Gunner Moore |
| 12/4 Dick Bigelow | 12/20 Charlie Ready |
| 12/6 Charlie Baker | 12/22 Kathy Dodge |
| 12/7 Helen Monter | 12/24 Donna Dodge |
| 12/8 Dick Greet | 12/29 Dusty Dodge |
| 12/9 Claudia Houghton | 12/29 Jake Brunick |
| 12/10 Phyllis Hochstetler | 12/29 Liz Smith |
| | 12/30 Vince Robison |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

- 12/20 Weldon & Donna Alexander
 12/23 John & Lois Elwell
 12/31 Steve & Lori Hannan



RHUMC Children's Message
 Enjoying time with volunteer teacher
 Cara Christenson!

COMMUNION STEWARDS

by Committee or Group

- January 5 - Finance Team
 February 2 - Trustees Committee
 March 1 - Youth Group
 April 5 - Missions Team
 May 3 - United Methodist Women
 June 7 - Worship Team
 July 5 - Finance Team

PRAYER CONCERNS

Friends & family of Sid Swartwood
 Cristy Griffin
 Ron Ellison
 The Alderman Family
 Jack Sikes
 Megan, Ada's granddaughter, diagnosed with shingles
 Colyn Hughes asks for prayers for her family, especially her niece & aunt
 Jeanne Robison's mother, Emmy Meek
 Tina Koukol and family & friends of her sister, Becky

Dale Kent, new diagnosis of cancer
 Fin & Mary Helen Finley
 Don Fischer, Deb Straub's father
 Holly Tittel Theresa Dungy
 Linda Hall's friends; Fred Parker, Terri Baxter, Cheryl Haga & Darryl Crawford
 Cedric, Norma Hoover's great-grandson
 All Deployed Service Members
 Missionaries around the world
 Our Nation