



Congratulations Rev. Seth O’Kegley-Gibson!

In Acts 13 we hear of the early church commissioning persons to ministry. The Holy Spirit spoke, saying, “Take Barnabas and Saul and commission them for the work I have been called to do.’ So they commissioned them. In that circle of intensity and obedience, of fasting and praying, they laid hands on their heads and sent them off.”

This past weekend, Seth O’Kegley-Gibson was commissioned as a Provisional Elder in the Mountain Sky Conference at FUMC Colorado Springs. Bishop Karen Oliveto and the cabinet laid hands on Seth, praying for the Holy Spirit to bless and empower him in his set-apart ministry. We celebrate Seth’s ministry with and among us!



The Rev. Seth O’Kegley-Gibson and the Rev. Karen Oliveto, Resident Bishop, Mountain Sky Episcopal Area.

Helping Hands

On Saturday, November 6, eleven members of our church braved the cold morning temperatures to assist some of our most “seasoned” church members still living at home. Assistance came in the form of trimming trees and bushes, raking leaves, hauling away brush, and even mowing a lawn. They performed tasks that can provide great challenges to some of our elderly members. These volunteers were truly the hands and feet of our Lord.

Thanks again to all who participated. Should you feel called to help in the next ministry, please contact Mark Diemer at 483 -5410.

It’s Pie Time

Each Wednesday, our fabulous group of volunteers distribute between 125 and 150 free meals through the drive-through Community Meal. Last year, for both Thanksgiving and Christmas, we gave each car that came through a pie, and we would love to do that again! Please drop off pies that do not need to be refrigerated the week of Thanksgiving. You can bring them to the Main Office or the Welcome Center. Thank you so much for helping to make people’s holidays bright.



We are very excited to celebrate that after just one Sunday, our congregation has already received 118 Estimates of Giving, which represents 43% of our goal of 275. Those Estimates of Giving total \$697,806, which equals 59% of our \$1,200,000 goal.

We thank God that we are so far along in funding our vital ministries for next year. We encourage everyone who has not yet turned in their Estimates of Giving to do so this Sunday.

Thank You To Buddy’s Bar-B-Q

We want to offer a huge, public “thank you” to Buddy’s Bar-B-Q for their generosity in donating a large amount of food for our Wednesday Community Meal on November 3rd! When we needed last-minute help, Buddy’s was there. We appreciate you!!

Christmas Visitation

Each year at Christmas time, a group of volunteers visits the homebound members of our congregation, taking them a gift of flowers. Last year, we could not continue this caring tradition, and we are so excited to be reviving this ministry this holiday season. Many of our homebound were extremely involved in our church family for years, and it is very difficult for them not to actively participate in our worship services and programs.

This year these homebound visitations will take place the weekend of December 17–19. Because the Christmas Shoppe will take place that Saturday, we are doing things a bit differently. Those visiting the homebound will gather on Friday, December 17 at 1:00 pm in the Chapel for a brief devotional and instructions. Visits can be made anytime that weekend. We ask all participants to wear a mask to protect our older members.

Please help spread some Christmas cheer and reach out to people who may be feeling isolated. To participate, please either sign up on the website (<https://www.fumcor.org/visitation>) or contact Betty Lou Alspaugh (310-1672, alspaughbl@gmail.com) or Jenny Caughman (jcaughman@fumcor.org, 483-4357).

In Loving Memory

Kelly Dagenhart

who joined the First Church family
November 10, 1960, and died
November 7, 2021.

Gene Goodwin

who died November 8, 2021.

Rosemary Steckel

who joined the First Church
family April 22, 1962, and died
November 7, 2021.

We extend love and sympathy to
all beloved family members and
friends.

In the Hospitals

We know of no one in the hospital
at this time.

Our Gifts

Offering This Week: \$ 39,717
2021 Year to Date: \$1,134,766
2020 Year to Date: \$1,154,182
Monthly Mission Offering: \$465

Worship for November 14

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon: Annoying Earworm or Hopeful Soundtrack?
Scripture: Romans 15:4-7, 13, Colossians 2:1-7

8:45 & 11:15 am Traditional Services

9:45 Contemporary Service

Preaching: Mark Flynn, Lead Pastor



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Recovery Committee In Place

Following our Church Council's approval of a full-time First UMC Recovery Ministry, the Nominations Committee is pleased to announce that our first-ever Recovery Ministry Committee has been organized.

Matt Holder, Staff Liaison

Recovery Ministry Panel of 2022

Naomi Asher
Shawn Roach
Dan Ingersoll

Recovery Ministry Panel of 2023

Susan Ochs
Craig Kallio

Recovery Ministry Panel of 2024

Ruth Maddigan
Lee Garrott

Did You Know?

The Jones Memorial Library has a dozen or more titles available from The Great Courses, a series of college-level audio and video courses produced by The Teaching Company. Topics range from World Religions to Practicing Mindfulness and are suitable for life-long learners or adult Sunday School programs. You can find these in the library on the DVD bookcase near the check-out station.

November Special Offering: Scholarships for Keystone

Keystone Adult Day Program provides critical relief for caregivers while offering a safe, structured, and supportive environment for people living with dementia. Keystone holds fast to its commitment that no caregiver or person living with dementia should ever be denied services because of the lack of financial resources. In its 33-year history, Keystone has never turned anyone away because of an inability to pay.

The families Keystone serves come with great need. Caregivers must have relief, and the persons they are providing care for need social interaction, meaningful activity, and a community where they are unconditionally welcomed and accepted.

Keystone's ability to provide scholarships to people in need is nothing short of life-changing as it helps caregivers and their loved ones reclaim a life of quality. To donate to Keystone's scholarship fund, make checks payable to FUMC Keystone.

Pastors

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Seth O'Kegley-Gibson, worship
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