

Appointment News



After a long period of waiting, Jared and I are so excited that Bishop Karen Oliveto of the Mountain Sky Conference intends to appoint me as the Lead Pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Denver, Colorado. This is an urban church that has a beautiful facility and an even more beautiful excitement for ministry. Located in the southeast Denver neighborhood of University Hills, the church is near the interstate and the University of Denver, making it an ideal location for reaching people with Jesus' gospel of love. Thank you for your continued prayers during our time of transition. — Rev. Seth

Farewell Reception

Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee invites everyone to a reception for Rev. Seth O'Kegley-Gibson following the 11:00 a.m. worship services on Sunday, June 5, in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us in celebrating Seth's wonderful ministry among us and his new appointment to Grace UMC in Denver, Colorado. Refreshments will be served. There will be a table and basket for gifts, cards, and other tokens of appreciation. Checks should be made to "Seth O'Kegley-Gibson." (If it is made out to FUMCOR, then it becomes taxable income for Seth.) If you are unable to attend the reception, our Finance Office is happy to hold your gifts until that day.

An Upcoming Class On Wills, End Of Life Issues, & Leaving A Legacy

On Sunday, June 12, Paul Bowman from the Holston Conference Foundation will offer a program in the Fellowship Hall (thank you Fellowship Class for hosting us!) on wills, endowments, and end-of-life issues. Have questions about how to leave a legacy? This is a wonderful opportunity to find answers. Just so you know, the Foundation helps people give to their local churches—they do not fundraise for their organization.

June Special Offering: Local Food Pantries

As we are all aware, the costs of daily necessities are getting higher by the day. Everything from toilet paper to school supplies to food to gas is increasing. Once again we are seeing shortages of necessary items like baby formula, diapers, and wipes. These challenges give us the opportunity to show God's love in a tangible and deeply caring way. We can restock the shelves of the food pantries right here in our community enabling those who are struggling to make it from week to week (sometimes even day to day) to get those needed items. Since early 2020, United Way of Anderson County has facilitated the restocking of many community pantries and worked to ensure that children through seniors in the community have what they need to survive. While we are all facing giving fatigue and charity burnout, there are many who are still impacted in very significant ways. Please consider helping the 20,000+ members of Anderson County who struggle to live despite working full time.

In Search of Financial Mentors

Our congregation is working in conjunction with other churches in Oak Ridge and United Way of Anderson County on this important new family advocacy project. Mentors are needed to provide financial education and counseling to families in crisis.

United Way needs volunteers who...

1. are compassionate, non-judgmental, and able to maintain confidentiality,
2. good at financial management/understanding budgeting,
3. are problem solvers and open-minded,
4. are able to understand and respect program boundaries, and
5. who can offer 4 to 8 hours a month.

Volunteer training will be on July 8 from 10-4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Debbie Jordan at 865-483-8431 if you would like more information or can volunteer.

XYZ Go to the Theater

Our "Extra Years of Zest" (XYZ) fellowship group are invited to travel in our church bus and attend the Cumberland County Playhouse production of On Golden Pond and then eat lunch together on June 21. Tickets for the play are \$25. If you are interested in joining, contact the church office.

In the Hospital

Betty Kile (MMC)
Linda Houlberg (UTMC)

Dismissed

Betty Preston (NHC Farragut)
Sam Snow

In Sympathy

Tom Bookhart (joined 3-1-64),
died May 22.

Sarah Cates, died May 21.

Mary Stewart Edwards (mother
of Richard Edwards), died May 9.

Our Gifts

Offering This Week: \$8,314
2022 YTD offering: \$563,203
2021 YTD offering: \$616,699
Monthly Mission Offering: \$1,045

Worship for May 29

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Psalm 97; John 17:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
Sermon: Jesus' Prayer for Us

8:45 am & 11:00 am Traditional Services • Preaching: Rev. Mark Flynn

Scripture: John 17:20-26

Sermon: "Where Do We Go From Here?"

11:00 am Contemporary Service • Preaching: Rev. Seth O'Kegley-Gibson



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Pastors

Mark Flynn, lead
Jenny Caughman, spiritual care
Seth O'Kegley-Gibson, worship

Contact Information

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Quick Notes

The Children and Family Ministries team is looking for volunteers to help in the nursery, Sunday School, and First Kids Worship. If you are interested in helping this ministry, please email Shelby Fowler at sfowler@fumcor.org.

Attn graduating seniors! Please send your senior photos to Kelsey at kelseym@fumcor.org so you can be celebrated!

Mission trip to Panama – September 17-25



There will be a mission team going to Panama this September. We haven't been back since 2019. It is now safe to travel in Panama. Panama's Covid case rate is less than the U.S.'s, and its rate of fully-vaccinated persons is higher than the U.S.'s. The country is fully open to travelers. In 2019, we had an exceptional experience there in the highlands. This year we will go where the need is greatest as determined by our in-country missionaries, David and Cindy Ceballos. It could be in the highlands again or at the Pacific coast. The mission team's primary focus will be medical and vision clinics. We may do a VBS; it depends on the team composition. You don't need to be a doctor, nurse, or optometrist to be part of this team. There will be roles for everyone. You just need to have a heart for service and people. There will be an opportunity to visit Panama City and the Panama Canal at the end of the week. If this interests you, please let Jim Michel know at jamesrmichel@hotmail.com.