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Thoughts from Terilynn  
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### God Looks Within the Heart

In the secular world, people are generally judged by how one looks, how much money one has and the power a person has. Many years ago when I was employed in broadcasting, I worked with a wonderful man who accepted people on a different standard. Mr. Bill was blessed with eyes to see past the physical and to search for what reveals the person on the inside.

Over coffee and during one of our sensitive talks, Mr. Bill pointed to a woman who had been ostracized by other employees because she was physically unattractive. On the outside, she was overweight, had crooked teeth and wore thick magnifying glasses. But Mr. Bill said she was one of the most beautiful women he'd ever known. Later, I found out for myself that she had a lovely heart. She was active in her church choir and enjoyed singing for the Lord. God looks within hearts.

For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the Earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. (II Chronicles 16:9).

II Chronicles tells the story of how Saul, the first king of Israel, had fallen from God's grace. God sent the prophet Samuel to Bethlehem to look for a shepherd-king (a symbol of Christ) to eventually take Saul's place. The prophet was led to the sons of Jesse. There were seven of them. At first, the prophet considered the oldest son, Eliab because of his physical strength. But God said "No, the heart is not right." In fact, none of the older sons were God's divine choice. Finally David, the youngest who had been tending the sheep was sent for and when he appeared God said, "This is the one!" David, who was just a boy, had a heart fully committed to God! David was chosen King of Israel because his heart belonged to God.

Scripture says the Creator searches throughout the world looking for hearts that are fully committed to God. May God give us the grace to pass the test of God's gaze upon our hearts. Serving Christ is an

adventure! *Terilynn*

### Thank You

Thank you for your prayers, cards and telephone calls during Herman's recovery. Thank you. Herman and Melba Williams

### Needed

Volunteers for Children's Church. One Sunday a month. Please contact Shirley Greener at 382-5841 if you are able to help.

### We're Utah Bound

Your mission trip team will be leaving on August 30, headed for Salt Lake City to work in the UMCOR West Depot. We'll



pack disaster relief kits for shipment all over the United States and the world.

Brian Diggs, Depot manager, promises a day of work at a sister site, too. We're hoping it will be the United Methodist Women-sponsored organization called Crossroads Urban Center, which operates a food pantry and a low-cost and free thrift store, in addition to actively working with the state legislature to help the poor and hungry of Utah.

We have 10 people right now who are trying to work out their personal schedules in order to go on this mission adventure. The names of the team will be announced in the bulletin when we receive a special blessing before we leave. We look forward to serving God at UMCOR West and representing Good Shepherd in this mission project. *Mary Ann Tabor*

### Calling All Current and Future Acolytes...

*"Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." – John 8:12*

There will be an acolyte get-together on Saturday, August 23, at Good Shepherd for all current and interested acolytes. Any boy or girl enrolled in first through seventh grade may participate as an acolyte. We will gather from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and the meeting will include lunch. If there are any questions about being an acolyte, please contact Jennifer Montgomery at [jennmonty@yahoo.com](mailto:jennmonty@yahoo.com).

### Sarah's Home



According to UNICEF, 300,000 children are victims of commercial

sexual exploitation in the United States. And organized crime makes over 9.5 billion dollars in this business. What can we do to help the young victims?

Sarah's Home is a Christian safe house for underage girls rescued from the sex trade. Pati Nuce, a staff member at the Colorado Springs area facility, will be our guest at the August UMW Friendship Brunch to tell us about the mission of Sarah's Home and its operation in our area. She'll speak to us on "Recover, Restore, and Renew."

Please join the United Methodist Women on August 16 at 10 a.m. for the Friendship Brunch, which is open to all: members, spouses, guests. We just ask that you RSVP to Pat Nyborg or the church office, so we'll be sure to have plenty of food for everyone. If you need childcare, please tell us by August 10, so that we can make the proper arrangements.

"Price of admission" for this morning of conversation and learning is some kind of nail care products for the girls. Pati Nuce says the girls at Sarah's Home love to "do each other's nails," so any kind of nail care products would make popular gifts for the girls. An alternative to nail care products is the lowest denomination gift card from Wal-Mart, as the girls shop there.

See you August 16 for brunch, conversations, and learning about Sarah's Home. *Mary Ann Tabor*

### Sunday, August 3



#### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

All Children and youth are invited to bring their back packs to the Sunday worship service for a special blessing for the coming school year which begins for most students the next week. Our Good Shepherd family will also pray for teachers and administrators.

### An Open Letter to the Congregation of Good Shepherd from your Missions Committee

We thank you for your support of mission efforts in 2014 beginning with our celebration of ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING during Lent when we were able to send \$907 to support UMCOR around the world and right here in Colorado.

You responded when we asked for your support for IMAGINE NO MALARIA. Our Rocky Mountain Conference has reached a goal of 1.2 million dollars and your help has been part of that. Bible School raised \$180 and you know that we will have more "noisy Offerings" to go!

Many of you heard the reports of Annual Conference concerning our efforts to support our Native American brothers and sisters. In observance of the 150<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of the Sand Creek Massacre in November, there will be a Sand Creek Healing Run and you will have an opportunity to support this September 21 with an offering. More details will be in the September newsletter.

Also, you are part of Good Shepherd's commitment to a Covenant Relationship with a Native American missionary, Donna Pewo, who serves Cherokee and Arapaho Children and youth at the Clinton Oklahoma Community Center. Donna serves under the General Board of Global Ministries.

We will join with Christians around the world to celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 4, 2014. On that Sunday, our offering is an opportunity to support students in seminaries and colleges who will be our future ministers and Christian Education leaders.

You have a chance to strike a blow against "Human Trafficking" in our area when we hear a speaker who leads a safe house for underage girls rescued from the sex trade...This will be at our Friendship Brunch on August 16 at 10:00 a.m. sponsored by UMW. Read more about this in the August newsletter.

You know what happens every year earlier and earlier...the push to buy more "things" for Christmas often for friends and family who have more than they want or need. So, we will again offer you the chance to "Christmas shop" in Cooper Hall to send in someone's honor a gift to Heifer Project. This is your chance to replace the hassle of Christmas shopping with an act of generosity that lifts up persons around the world. How about a goat for Grandpa that he doesn't have to feed, or rabbits that won't need a hutch to live in...or a Biogas stove that runs on Methane gas captured from animal waste and doesn't deplete the forests? Please join a number of your church friends and neighbors who each holiday season do this kind of shopping. A colorful gift card will be provided to send to the person you are honoring.

Also, in case you prefer local gifts, we will again offer the opportunity to support PARTNERS IN HOUSING, a local agency that last year served 367 people (219 of them children) who live in subsidized housing for a year while improving their education or work skills. Your gifts to this agency enable parents to buy gifts for their children or something special for a harried parent. This also includes a gift card to send to someone telling how your gift benefits children right here in Colorado Springs. Thanks for listening and God Bless all of our generous members. Your Missions Committee

#### **NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter is available on our website, [www.gsumc-cs.org](http://www.gsumc-cs.org) (resources, newsletters) or at the welcome center.

**A Note from Music Ministries...**

*Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!* (Psalm 95: 1-2)

We hope everyone has been having a great summer! Practices for the GSUMC Chancel Choir and Good Shepherd Ringers will begin again in August. If you haven't participated in the music ministries yet or it's been awhile, please feel free to join us. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our youngest group is going strong and growing together. The Good Shepherd Children's Choir will continue their rehearsals following service from 10:45 until 11:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. All children are welcome to attend and sing their praises to the Lord.

Good Shepherd Ringers is a three plus octave handbell choir. All experience and ability levels are welcome to join. Some music reading is an asset to participation in this group although not necessary. Rehearsals for this group are from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings beginning August 27.

The Chancel Choir helps to lead most of the traditional services. Experience and music reading is not necessary, if you can hum or sing a few bars you are welcome to join us. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m.

For questions regarding Good Shepherd Ringers and the Chancel Choir, please see Jennifer Montgomery. If you have any questions about the Children's Choir, please see Julie Seibert.

**AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

- August 3 Blessing of the Backpacks  
The Great I Am Is Gracious  
Exodus 34:1-10
- August 10 The Great I Am Is Slow to Anger  
Exodus 34:10-19
- August 17 The Great I Am Abounds in Steadfast Love  
Exodus 34:1-10
- August 24 The Great I Am Abounds in Faithfulness  
Exodus 34:1-10
- August 31 Trinity

**LAY LEADER REPORT**

Once again Pat and I had the opportunity to take a short vacation. It was just a quick trip back to our little "hometown" in Southeast Ohio. Mainly to attend the Annual Alumni Banquet sponsored by the local High School Reunion Committee. These are always exciting and memorable

times as we renew old friendships and visit with the loved ones we grew up with and attended the same small school. It also presented the opportunity to visit with some of the nephews and nieces that still live in that area. We are so very thankful that God was with us all the way and all the time.

It is a constant reminder that God is with us "always and everywhere" we go. He never takes a vacation from our lives even though we may travel to the ends of the earth. What a comfort and relief to know that we can forever count on Him regardless of our location or situation in life.

We were especially blessed to have had the opportunity to visit a Nursing Home while in Ohio and share a few moments with an old friend who is residing there due to failing health.

No, we never felt alone from God during our vacation, nor do we feel alone everyday of our lives.

Let us all keep in mind that God does not have a "vacation schedule" away from us. Blessings to all. *Dick Gilham*

**Healing Relationships**

The 2014 Rocky Mountain Annual Conference meeting was held in Pueblo this year, which facilitated the pilgrimage to the site of the Sand Creek Massacre, near Eads, CO. The theme of healing relationships was personified by that pilgrimage and all other activities of the conference enhanced that theme. Think about it: Everything we do is based on relationships and without healing; the rifts between us grow into huge chasms that separate us from each other and from God. With representatives from 260 churches across our conference, our bishop began her Episcopal address by citing a conversation she had had last year with the 2013 keynote speaker, Brian McLaren. At that time, he had asked her, "Who's planning to keep your church together?" Because of the furor surrounding the subject of homosexuality, the United Methodist Church is closer now to schism than we've been since the Civil War era. Some want to ignore the issue. Some want to remain together and let individual congregations decide how to handle it. Some are talking of splitting the church, much as it was during the Civil War. Bishop Elaine Stanovsky boldly stated that there is no precedent in the teachings of Jesus for separation. Jesus preached unity. John Wesley sought unity of hearts, even when opinions differed. Dietrich Bonhoeffer asked how anyone could walk away when we believe all are loved. Powerful opening. She cited the scripture from the John 14:2 where we find Jesus stating that in God's house, there are many rooms. She asked, "Is there not room for all?" And from there she went right into the acts of repentance and the fact that

now is the time to heal the relationship between Methodists and the descendants of the Sand Creek Massacre. We have been separated for 150 years. It is time to heal.

You need to know that in all aspects of the annual conference meeting this year, our Native American brothers and sisters were present. We were responding to their invitation to visit the Sand Creek Massacre site. The United Methodists and the descendants of the massacre had worked together for several years in the planning of this event. Native members of several tribes were featured speakers, they comprised a panel discussion, and young and old alike offered comments throughout our activities. I was especially touched by the witness of a young man who had only been working at the massacre site for the Park Service for about three weeks. He told his friends that he was going to be there on Friday when all the Methodists were there. They asked him, "Why are you going to do that? They killed our people!" Yes, for the descendants, the name "Methodist" is still synonymous with the word "massacre."

I won't go into more detail here about the pilgrimage as those who attended the bar-b-que on June 29 have already heard all about it. If you weren't there and would like to know more, see Shirley Greener, Elaine Johnsen, Sharon Clayton, or me. We were deeply touched by our experiences and would love to tell you more about the pilgrimage.

I do want to mention that our founding pastor, Bruce Grauberger, was among those remembered at the memorial service. We visited with Joyce. She sent her love to all. Healing relationships is an ongoing goal of all of us. While we are all as varied as pebbles on the shore, together we are a mighty force for good in the world. With God in our hearts, we can reach across the chasms of opinions and differences and find unifying love. *Mary Ann Tabor*

**JULY BUDGET REPORT**

Weekly			
Contributions	7/6	\$	6,990.00
	7/13	\$	2,780.00
	7/20	\$	2,506.00
	7/27	\$	2,847.00
Total Giving July		\$	15,123.00
Monthly Income Needed:		\$	22,837.00
Under		\$	7,214.00
Total Needed January thru December		\$	274,044.00
2014 Received January-July		\$	142,257.00

**MEMORIAL ANNIVERSARIES FOR AUGUST**

Gay Cunningham	08/18/62
Eunice Sinnes	08/12/77
Marie Jones	08/11/81
Grace Devereaux	08/08/84
Gina Hermann	08/04/85
Burt Doudna	08/24/89
Marshall Preston	08/13/91
Pauline Kingsley	08/17/91
Ken Glennan	08/16/91
Alice Hainstock	08/31/91
Thomas Ashurst	08/24/92
Harold Miller	08/09/97
Sarah Munger	08/01/00
Don Hainstock	08/10/02
Jo Helton	04/10/09
Beth Cornmesser	08/04/13

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Long Term Prayer Concerns

Eleanor Acklin, Nancy Bartell-Katrades, Lee and Mary Britton, Gwen Cooper, The Heather Dillard Family, Maynard Fullington, Ken Glennan, Rhonda Harrington, Candy Hatton, Judy Henke, Olga Hines, The Brendan Hogan Family, Kayla Hogan, Shirley Lossing, Dave Martell, Jean Martell, Alan More, Stephen Mosher, Tomas and Helen Negrette, Donna Neumemacher, Letha Phillips, Marketa Protzy, Betty Quinn, Fred Shaw, Don Shelstad, Dewey Staatz, Gary Wright

Short Term Prayer Concerns

Dan Reimer, The Lee Woosley Family, Joan Deardorff, Dale Nicholson, Vicky Holt, The Eddie Bollman Family, Everyone impacted by flooding in the Arkansas Valley, Tina Gornick, Beth Aytes, Alan Williams, Fred Heston and Family, Richard Decker, The McCutchen Family, The Dorn Family, Gabi Smith, Susan Perry, Lorraine Helminski, The Family of Craig Gehring, Shelby Randsell, The Allgood Family, Malaysian Airline Passengers, Deloris

GSUMC Loved Ones

The Char Schmidt Family, The Jason Schar Family, The John Ruffennach Family, The Rob Rohren Family

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Tom Ponville	1
Virgil Sterry	2
Dick and Pat Gilham	2
Sherri Rohren	3
Nicole Simcoe	6
Debra Conklin	8
Jeff and Shelly Clemens	8
Jennifer Lang	10
Charles and Jacquie Buttermore	11
Dan and Nola Reimer	11
Timothy Thacker	11
John Henke	13
Christopher Pino	14
Loy and Betty Jones	14
Doug York	14
Mark and Kim Davis	15
Gwen Cooper	16
Tamie Ponville	17
Darrel and Mary Moberly	19

Jaydynn Hogan	20
Lorraine Helminski	22
Dick Gilham	24
Fred Shaw	24
Larry Bowers	25
Janet Krick	25
Johnnie Quinn	26
Clint Gilham	27
Bob Allgood	28
Sonya Wentworth	29
Heather Dillard	31
Sadie Rickard	31
John Smith	31

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## OFFICE HOURS

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Sunday Morning ..... 9:30 am

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