



# Letter to the Philippians

March 2023

**GLOBAL HOPE:** Please join us on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> at noon. Tracy Johnson will be giving a presentation on his Global Hope Kenya trip from this past July we will meet in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided.

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his baptism to the temptations, the people he loved, the enemies he made, and the parables he taught.....the road he traveled until his crucifixion. Please come join us each Sunday morning at 10:30 in room 7 down in the basement of the church.

**Turn your clocks  
ahead March 12  
or you will be late  
for Church!**

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Wednesday, March 29 5:00 pm ~ All kids welcome!

Then stay and join us as a family for the **COMMUNITY MEAL** at 6:00 pm



**March finds us in Lent**, and Lent is in full swing! Soon we will be officially in Spring here in the Northern hemisphere. This is once again an indication of how land/ place/geography has influenced theology, and our observance of the Christian calendar is centered in the Northern hemisphere and its lunar cycles and seasons. The Christmas season is shaped by our hemisphere's experience of winter as cold and dark, and the names and themes of this season of Lent, culminating in Easter, reflect this hemisphere's tilt toward the sun and our growing seasons.

In order for our spiritual lives to be more fruitful, we speak of cultivating the love of God. To that end, we engage in intentional efforts to demonstrate the love of God and love for all that God has made. Here is a list of 100 practical things you might do, for someone else, to make the world a better place, and to put your faith and love into action.

- 1.smile, and introduce yourself
- 2.wave and say hello
- 3.hold the door for someone
- 4.cut the grass for your neighbor
- 5.bring in their trashcans
- 6.take them/buy them a magazine
- 7.buy a cup of coffee
- 8.buy someone lunch (in a hospital cafeteria)
- 9.give a card, just because
- 10.bring them flowers
- 11.bake cookies
- 12.offer to pick up groceries
- 13.bring them dinner
- 14.carry someone's bags
- 15.leave a kind note
- 16.offer to watch their children
- 17.water their plants
- 18.acknowledge strangers on the street
- 19.add money to an expired meter
- 20.offer your seat to someone who needs it
- 21.call an old friend to catch up
- 22.allow drivers to merge into your lane
- 23.make chicken soup for a friend or neighbor that is sick
- 24.write a thank you note

25. bring a treat to share at work
26. give compliments generously
27. give a surprise gift
28. thank your law enforcement/fire/EMS
29. visit someone in a retirement home
30. give bags of toiletries and food to the homeless
31. be polite to store clerks
32. volunteer in your community
33. send a text to let someone know you're thinking about them
34. Leave surprise notes for someone to find
35. listen when someone else is talking
36. offer a shoulder to cry on
37. help a friend or neighbor move
38. carry something heavy for someone
39. forgive a debt or grievance
40. give the benefit of the doubt
41. don't listen to gossip
42. donate items you do not need
43. send gifts to a needy family at Christmas time
44. invite someone to share a meal
45. open your home for a holiday
46. learn peoples names and use them
47. offer a ride to someone that may need help
48. pay the difference when someone comes up short at the store
49. be positive and encouraging
50. share a good book
51. buy a small gift, just because
52. leave encouraging notes around town
53. donate school supplies
54. plant flowers
55. be kind to a mother that may be having a hard time

56. offer bottled water to the children out playing
57. offer to take care of someone's animals while they're not home
58. offer to watch someone's house while their out of town
59. put together a neighborhood watch program to look out for each other
60. get together with neighbors for a cookout
61. donate blankets to a shelter
62. help clean up after a storm
63. put your phone down and make eye contact
64. have a chat with another mom at the park
65. help a mom with her stroller
66. be kind and smile at small children, even if they're upset
67. ask "how can I help" when you see someone struggling
68. pick up litter
69. say "please" and "thank you"
70. hold the elevator
71. give a hug
72. share an umbrella
73. take the cart back for someone
74. bring in muffins to the teachers at school
75. shovel snow for someone
76. leave coins at the laundromat
77. pay a car's toll or parking fee behind you
78. let someone else have the parking spot
79. give a gift card to someone who needs it
80. plant a tree
81. buy a cold drink for someone on a hot day
82. buy a hot drink on a cold day for someone
83. leave a kind note on someone's car
84. ride the bus and pay someone else's fare
85. share your skills and talents
86. introduce friends you think will get along

87. do a load of laundry for a new mom or someone who is sick
88. leave chocolates (or another treat) for a coworker
89. write a thank you note to your server
90. give directions to someone who is lost
91. say sorry when you're wrong
92. connect job opportunities to someone that is looking
93. befriend someone who is lonely
94. help a neighbor hang their holiday decorations
95. be positive and not have a bad attitude
96. lend a helping hand, whatever it may be
97. watch out for the neighborhood children by driving slowly and cautiously
98. share an inspiring story
99. leave a nice comment for someone on social media
100. leave your extra change at the cash register

I hope this helps you SPRING into action and makes your Lent a time to plant seeds of love. In Christ, Rev. Melinda

## **Still time to sign up if you would like to attend...**

### **"Wake Up World" - A Comprehensive Curriculum on the Climate Crisis for Faith Communities**

Are you curious and concerned about the climate crisis? Would you like to learn more about climate science and the role of our faith as Christians?

"Wake Up World" is a curriculum/study that educates people the climate crisis and our role as people of faith. Authors of the study (Rev. Dr. M. Robert Dygert-Gearheart, Ordained Methodist Minister and Anita Dygert-Gearheart, MSW, ACSW, LCSW) believe that a basic education of the current situation leads to greater motivation to action, rather than greater despair. This study is a seven week study with an hour and a half sessions. It is designed to educate but also to inspire churches and individuals to action.

The study will be led by Rev. Courtney Randall. Rev. Randall is serving as the Mission Advocate in the Western Jurisdiction with Global Ministries alongside her husband, Rev. Dan Randall. Their older two children attend the Youth Group at Phillips. Rev. Randall is part of the Creation Justice Movement in the United Methodist Church and leads the Western Jurisdiction Creation Justice Movement. She works alongside churches who are building Green Teams and talks with churches about creation justice as part of our discipleship.

This study will be offered in person at Phillips UMC on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. starting Thursday, March 9th. The class will be held on the following Thursdays: March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, April 13, April 20.

If you are interested in learning more but are not able to attend the in person study please reach out to Rev. Courtney Randall to talk about a possible self-guided study ([crandall@umcmmission.org](mailto:crandall@umcmmission.org))

*Well, it's time for me to say goodbye. This is not happening in the way I've ever intended. Due to budget concerns and the church going in a different direction my position as Office Manager at Phillips, a job I have loved doing for all of you for 25 years is being dissolved as of March 31<sup>st</sup>. I am not retiring or quitting. My job is being eliminated and a new position as Communication Director is being formed. Our employment here has always been an open book, our salaries are even posted on the bulletin board in the monthly treasurer's report. I'd rather you hear this from me than in a round about way.*

*I have decided not to apply for the new position that would cut the hours by half and double the workload and take a pay cut. Brett Clement said yes this was the case.*

*It has been my pleasure to have worked for all of you here at Phillips. I've cried, prayed, and laughed with so many of you over these years. I've also shared your grief for all the wonderful members we have lost. At times it's felt like I was losing parents and grandparents over and over again because I've learned so much from you and about you. I've been fortunate to get to know of you as so much more than church members. I've also had the privilege of working with a lot of wonderful people. I am so thankful for all of you who have helped me thru the years. You were there from the start when I had no idea what all needed to be done till now. Just to lend a hand or filling in for me during illness or vacation. Thank you! A special thanks to Rev. Marilyn, Pat Anderson and Sue Alleman who have been my confidantes and friends through all these years. Pat has been my right hand all these years and like a second mom to me since I lost mine. I couldn't have done everything without her. Just remember she's not me and she doesn't know everything I do. You have a wonderful caring staff here at Phillips that have always put in more time than they are compensated for. It's just the nature of these jobs and the character of the people you've employed. It really came home to me how long I have been here when our member Keith Kreychik passed away. Keith was the one on SPR that hired me 25 years ago, on a 90 day probation period. I guess I did okay! Funny thinking on it, it never felt like **work** working here, more like a ministry.*

*I will miss you all, God Bless. My love and prayers, Laurie*

## **Older Adult Ministries Activities**

**Sunday, March 12** at 3:00 p.m....."A St. Patrick's Day Carol" by Heritage Irish Stepdancers. At the Lakewood Cultural Center....Tickets are \$20 for Adults, \$15 for children and Seniors.

**Sunday, April 2nd** at 2:00 p.m....."Carousel" presented by Performance Now at the Lakewood Cultural Center. Tickets are \$26.75 if we get 10 people.....(Otherwise, tickets will be \$32.00)

## **Marilyn's Sunday School Class**

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## **NEW THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Lesley Matschke will begin leading a weekly Thursday morning Bible study on the Book of Jeremiah, right after Easter! Beginning April 13th, every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.. All are welcome to attend. Bring a friend, an open heart, open mind, and BYOB(ible)! More details will be announced in the April newsletter.

## **UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH**

Join the women of the church as we “**Take Courage**” and study the book of Haggai. We will meet on March 11th at 10:00 a.m. to share a potluck brunch and bible study. We will be done by 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us!

**United Women of Faith** will be meeting on Tuesday, March 14th from 10 to 11:30 for our monthly circle meeting. Billie Frey will be leading the program and Arlene Fransden will share devotions. Margaret Gaumer and Rosemary Simone will be hostesses for the meeting. We will also be taking a collection to support the UWFaith Legacy Fund. This month we are collecting children’s clothing to donate to the Action Center. Last month we had a nice collection of baby clothes and socks to donate on behalf of our members.

**\*APRIL COMMUNION** Communion for the beginning of April will be on Maundy Thursday rather than Palm Sunday.

**ALL CHURCH MEETING** One year ago, Phillips UMC held an all church meeting to help the Steering Team define how we as a church can prepare for our future. Despite some delays, we want to move forward with the next step of this process, which is to articulate a vision for our church so that we all move forward together. We will be holding another all-church meeting on a Sunday afternoon in April (after Easter). It will be a potluck soup, salad, and dessert lunch after Sunday School, with an afternoon work session, facilitated by a staff member of the Mountain Sky conference. We need your help with this process! In April, we will be sending out a pre-workshop questionnaire that will help us focus our discussion and allow everyone to participate. Our goal is to end the day with a vision of who PUMC wants to be in the future and ideas about how to accomplish that. Stay tuned for more information.

## **Needed: Apprentice to assist with banners**

If you are interested in learning about and assisting with the banners in the sanctuary, please contact Diana Woods, chair of the Worship Committee.

## **MIGRANT MINISTRY**

Clothing donations- if you would like to contribute funds towards purchasing items, please contact Rev. Betty – [bnguyen@mtnskyumc.org](mailto:bnguyen@mtnskyumc.org) or mark your check for migrant ministry and we will submit. For physical donations, run by Papagayo, at Iglesia Ciudad de Dios located at 5255 W. Warren Ave. Denver CO 80227. They accept donations on Tues. and Wed. 4pm-7pm.

## **MAF (Methodist Adult Fellowship)**

MAF will meet for dinner the third Friday of each month for conversation, good food, and adult fellowship. Please meet us at the restaurant at 5:00 p.m. All adults are welcome! Please call Fran (Huber) Woodson at 303-969-8776 for reservations or information.

*March 17, 2023--Red Lobster (Belmar)*

*April 21, 2023—Outback Steakhouse (S. Wadsworth at Cross)*

*May 19, 2023—Roca's (West Jewell, formerly Frontroom Pizza)*

*June 16, 2023--Applebee's (South Wadsworth at Crestline)*

*July 21, 2023—Longhorn Steakhouse (S. Wadsworth & Bowles)*

*August 18, 2023--Outback Steakhouse (S. Wadsworth at Cross)*

*September 15, 2023--B.J.'s Brewhouse (Denver West, west Colfax)*

*October 20, 2023--Jose O'Shea's (4th & Union Blvd.)*

*November 17, 2023 --Red Lobster (Belmar)*

*December 15, 2023 –Garramone's (west Jewell)*

**\*Join us for Duplicate Bridge** in RLH. The game starts each Friday at 11:30. Players need to bring a partner. Come at 11:15 to get treats and shuffle cards.

## ***Joys & Prayer Concerns***

**John Hinton**, had throat surgery that was successful on February 22. He is recovering and has to not talk.

**Ed Smith**, will be receiving treatments for bladder cancer.

**MaryAnn Johnson**, passed away. Her service will be March 4, 2023 at 11:00 am at Phillips UMC.

**Cheryl Wakeman** is home from the hospital and awaiting surgery on March 13th.

**Martha and Bob Foster, friend of Jeannette and Craig Turchi.** Bob's throat cancer has come back after 18 years; he will have surgery this week to remove it. Unfortunately, they will have to remove his voice box as well. He will then breathe through a tracheal tube and have a prosthetic voice box. Meanwhile, Martha has just been diagnosed with breast cancer.

**Marcie Malisch's granddaughter** was upgraded from critical to serious. She had been sick for a couple days, went into her basement, tripped over a vacuum and that is how she sustained the skull fracture. Marcie thanks everyone for the prayers.

**Marvin Wallingford**, experiencing pain and fatigue, and has been diagnosed with lymphoma. Marvin's new address is 1981 S. Carr St. Lakewood 80227



## March Birthdays

9	Craig Turchi	21	Pauline Rodgers
10	Sloane Clement	27	Cheyenne Munoz
11	Ginger Harris	28	Claire Bowles
11	Brooklyn Munoz	28	Tracy Johnson
13	Kermit Wood	29	Bill Orr
14	Lisa Headley	31	Leia Bromby
15	Mary Conroy	31	Lucas Bromby
15	Bill Rethamel	31	Barbara Smith
16	Ceila Rethamel	31	Darcy Wood

## March Anniversary

23	Dave & Barbara Smith
24	Bryan & BarbBathrick

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