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Berta A Penney's Website!

Berta A Penney Memorial United Methodist Church has a website! You can find it at www.penneyumc.org or www.penneyumc.com. Take some time and check it out.

Pastor Mark has done a wonderful job putting this site together. The site gives times of church services, location, membership and a brief history of the church. You can link to the Rocky Mountain Conference and the United Methodist Church websites. You can find contact information for both the pastor and newsletter editor so feel free to email any information you would like to see in the newsletter.

Pastor Mark has also included a link to the newsletter and church calendar. If you would like to access the newsletter through the website instead of receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, let me know (cvetos@msn.com) and I will take your name off my mailing list. I know that some of you may not have access to the internet or would rather have a paper copy of the newsletter. I will still send out "paper" copies of the newsletter.

If I don't receive an email asking to remove your name from my mailing list, I will still send you one. Don't worry; we will help you keep in touch!

Pastor's Corner

Dear Members and Friends,

It is hard to believe, we celebrated a one year anniversary recently. Last year my wife, Doris, and I visited Kemmerer, and the State of Wyoming for that fact, for the first time in our lives. Our previous Superintendent Chuck Cooper arranged an introductory meeting with the SPPR Committee on April the 24th of 2008.

We immediately fell in love with you and this striking community. After this day, our lives went into overdrive, packing our things, finding a place for our horses, finding time to say goodbye to our friends, and putting our homestead in Parowan on the market. Short two months later I started my work here at Berta A. Penney Memorial UMC. When your boss is God, you better prepare to be uprooted at any time of your life. Matthew 25:13 *"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."* He will always place you where you're needed most, not always at the most convenient, time mind you.

Due to the economic crisis, our ranch in Parowan is still on the market, and we ask for your prayer for a successful sale in the foreseeable future.

We are so very thankful we heeded God's

and your call, and we pray the feeling is mutual. Together we have accomplished many exciting things since July of last year. However, there is still a lot of work to be done, and I ask for your kind help on all levels.

I have an open door policy at the office, and enjoy visiting with all of you. I can usually be found there Wednesday through Saturday from 9 AM to 2 PM. I want you to come in and feel comfortable talking with me on any subject; I have a wide area of interest. No appointment required, if I had to step out for a minute, I hang a sign announcing the time of my return on the door to the Pastor's study, along with my cell number in case of an emergency.

I know I cannot make all of you happy at all times, (although that is my sincere wish). However, if we keep an open line of communication between ourselves and God, we can overcome any obstacle in our way. The SPPR Committee recently finished a very kind evaluation of my leadership, I'd like to thank all of you for your trust, and pray with Gods guidance we can spend many more years as a family in Christ.

See you in Church!

Your sheepdog,



Church Mission

Our Values

*Worship, Spirituality, Service,
Acceptance*

Our Vision

*The Berta A Penney Memorial United
Methodist Church is a fellowship of
believers who follow the Biblical teachings
of Jesus Christ through Scripture,
Tradition, Reason, and Experience, with
Scripture being primary.*

We are committed:

*To provide worship opportunities and
programs in which all individuals can grow
in a spiritual relationship with God, find
peace, fulfillment, and purpose.*

*To provide open, loving, prayerful, and
respectful fellowship for all ages and
backgrounds.*

*To involve ourselves in the local and
global communities through active and
relevant service*

Our Mission

*The mission of Berta A Penney
Memorial United Methodist Church is to
provide everyone with opportunities for
meaningful worship, spiritual growth,
Christian fellowship, and faithful service.*

Several years ago, members of the congregations came together to produce a Vision and Mission Statement for Berta A Penney Memorial United Methodist Church. That statement is printed above. Take a few moments to read it.

Is it still relevant to our church? Are there other values that represent us better? Do we need to embrace this statement?

Pastor Mark will be talking to us over the next few months about those questions and others concerning the Vision and Mission Statement. Is it time to develop a new statement or do we just need to make the time to revisit the Vision and Mission Statement occasionally to help us remember what we are and what we should be doing as a church?

United Methodist Women

We will meet at the church on September 29th at 6:00pm to bake apple pies. Not hundreds like we did in the past, just a few to fill our freezers. Come and enjoy the fellowship!

Church Council

Minutes of Church Council Meeting August 13, 2009

Co-chairman Joan Beachler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.. Those in attendance were Mark Ramsperger, Brenda McGinnis, Sharon Luthy, Stacy Werner, Joan Beachler, Cindy Vetos and Celeste Mori. Agenda was approved and the Mission Statement/Goals of BAPMUMC were acknowledged. It was suggested that they be reviewed by the congregation. Cindy will print an article for the newsletter concerning this. Prayer concerns were addressed before Mark opened with a prayer.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from July 2009 council meeting were accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Stacy provided the council with the reports for July as follows. The report was approved unanimously.

April 2009

Income	\$4,573.54
Expenses	<u>\$3,879.21</u>
Net Inc/Exp	\$ 694.33

After it was brought to the councils attention that apparently no one was designated to collect and deposit the

offering on one particular Sunday, Joan requested the Finance Committee meet and appoint a new financial secretary.

PPR Report: No Report.

Nominating Committee Report: Paul Holland from Rock Springs will be attending our church conference on behalf of the conference. Mark will set a date with him for late October or early November.

Trustee's Report: The handrail at the parsonage is being built. We're having difficulty finding a contractor to bid on the water line to the church from the street. We will continue to look for options. A louvered door in the basement furnace room has been ordered to allow for proper air flow for furnace room. Cindy and Mark will work together on planning to replenish pellets for the parsonage. It was moved and seconded that the board solicit speculative planning bids to turn the east side of the church into a parking lot. Motion carried unanimously. Celeste will attempt to get some cost estimates. The paint project is on hold until fall. There will be two new color choices to vote on in the sanctuary which are "between" the two that tied.

Worship Committee: Laity Sunday (August 30) is being planned by Brenda.

Mission Committee: After discussing the subject Joan will ask the Mission Committee to report to the board periodically (at least once each quarter) on what specifically the Food Bank is in need of. The church will then respond with need in mind.

Education Committee: No Report

United Methodist Women: It was decided that the UMW will host a ham dinner for the residents of Emerald Housing on September 20, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Sign-up will be in the Miller Room.

Pastor's Report: A non-denominational gospel group would like to perform in Kemmerer in late fall. Mark will approach the Ministerial Alliance about support for the performance and check into possible venues on where to hold the concert. Mark inquired about support for the local animal shelter's fund drive to winterize its' facilities. The board directed Mark to the Mission Committee.

Other: With blessings from other board members Joan will be donating the old VERY LARGE artificial Christmas tree to the events center. The next meeting is September 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Celeste Mori, Secretary

Lawn Care

You may have notice some construction about the church; we are in the process of replacing the waterline into the church. Because this line has been so corroded, the sprinkler system has not functioned this summer.

Terry Mori has spent most of the summer hand watering, trimming and mowing the lawn. This was a tremendous undertaking.

Thank you Terry.

We still have several months of lawn care and I'm sure Terry would appreciate your help. Sign up for lawn care!

Celebrations

Birthdays

September 4	Sierra Collins
September 10	Jean Edinger
September 11	Adam Gable
September 12	Greg Gilbert
September 12	Christene Solomon
September 16	Ed Sorenson
September 28	Amy Lockwood

Anniversaries

September 2	Dale&Christene Solomon
September 9	Terry & Celeste Mori
September 30	Keith & Rita Segó

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Hope everyone is having a great summer. I know you are probably all working out in your yards but I wanted to remind all about the Red Scarf Project. 2009 acceptance dates for scarves are September 1 to December 15, 2009. If you have never heard of this project our group usually participates in, here is the web site for you to refer to with all the rules, time lines and ideas. <http://orphan.org/index.php?id=40>
There are many knitted and crocheted patterns on the site too.

If you wish to send a scarf, please get it to me before December 1, 2009 and I'll get them in the mail. I know it is early but last year we were a bit too late to get many scarves together and it is a great grass roots project.

Thanks and have a great rest of the summer. We will be starting knitting night in September.

See you then!

Lisa Nuss

I downloaded this set of guidelines from the above mentioned website

Guidelines for Knitters

Scarf Size: *Approximately 60" long and 5" to 8" wide. Scarves*

should be long enough to be wrapped around the neck, with tails long enough to be tied in the front.

Style: *Think unisex collegiate. Ask yourself if your son, brother, and/or husband would enjoy receiving the scarf. Fringes are optional. Your scarf should drape and tie easily.*

Yarn: *Preferably DK, double fingering-weight, worsted weight, of light bulky yarns. No laceweight, super-chunky, or mohair yarns as there are many people who find mohair too itchy. The yarn should be soft.*

Color: *Red! However, this could mean burgundy, cherry, russet, red stripes with other colors, or multicolor hues including red. Other unisex colors, including black, navy, teal, olive or gold are also welcome.*

Finished and tagged: *Yarn ends should be securely sewn in. For a personal touch, attach a tag saying "Handmade for You" with your first name, city, and group affiliation, if any. Donors have also included washing instructions, messages of encouragement, gift cards, burger bucks, books of stamps, etc.*

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at Berta A Penney on September 14th and 28th at 6:00 pm. Come and knit, crochet, learn, or just enjoy the company.

UMCOR

UMCOR stands for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR is the not-for-profit global humanitarian aid organization of the United Methodist Church.

UMCOR's West Office and Depot opened in Salt Lake City on May 30, 2009. Various supply kits will be assembled and shipped from this site. Supplies for kits were collected at the Annual Conference in June. Rocky Mountain, Pacific North West and Yellowstone Conferences have all committed to help with this project. Types of kits include: health, sewing, school, layette, bedding and cleaning buckets in addition to the new birthing kit.

These kits provide vital support for the work UMCOR does throughout the world. Donating kit supplies or financial gifts to purchase the supplies, makes a direct, tangible difference in sustaining people's lives. Having an office so close to us also allows the opportunity to volunteer your time helping to assemble these kits.

To volunteer or donate supply kits, please contact: UMCOR West Office and Depot, Reverend Brian Diggs, Director, 1479 South 700 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84104-1605 Phone: 801-973-7250, Email: WestDepot@UMCOR.org

Volunteers

September 6th

Liturgist – Joan Beachler
Children's Story
Fellowship
Greeter – Karen Eubanks
Lawn Care

September 13th

Liturgist – Cindy Vetos
Children's Story
Fellowship – Cindy Vetos
Greeter
Lawn Care

September 20th

Liturgist
Children's Story –Sarah & Kamila
Fellowship –Sarah & Kamila
Greeter –Sarah & Kamila
Lawn Care

September 27th

Liturgist
Children's Story
Fellowship
Greeter
Lawn Care

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OUR MISSION

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