

From Peggy's Pen:

As we enter into the month of April – our weather continues to battle between winter and summer, which is what we call spring. Tulips and daffodils are starting to sprout, birds are chirping more, as the snow continues to melt. New life is springing up all around us. The earth is bursting forth with the newness of the season.

On April 4, we have the privilege to celebrate the resurrection! Jesus conquering death, the stone being rolled back, as the new life of the resurrected Christ begins. We as Christ followers are invited to share in that new life – to celebrate – to break free from our tombs and into an abundant life.

During this past year, because of a global pandemic, we were unable to meet inside of our sanctuary. But we were still the church. Worship was still happening, albeit differently, our voices and hearts were able to be lifted to God and filled with the Spirit. We continued to be present in our community, connecting to neighbors both familiar and new; both near and far.

As we've regathered on-site, we've continued to connect via Facebook and the radio. Having all three of these worship options to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. There is a newness breaking through in the life of Trinity United Methodist Church, inspired by the breath of God.

Hospitality Project:

- Updating the Wesley Room and adding a nursery space – Total Cost: \$6100 (Have \$4300)
- Project includes: painting, adding a "Living Legacy" wall to showcase memorial plaques, moveable wall divider, appropriate nursery supplies and furniture, and technology to allow those utilizing the nursery to participate in worship. Most labor will be completed by a great group of volunteers to bring this project to life
- Purpose: To enhance space to make it more welcoming for meetings, family gatherings for funerals and weddings, and to give a safe space for our young families

Stewardship Project:

- Increasing security for the CMC and Church – Total Cost: \$3400
- Project includes: Making our internet more secure (it has been breached), installing cameras in both the CMC and the church, DVR to record and store videos. Most labor will be completed by a skilled volunteer
- Purpose: To be good stewards of our buildings. To protect our spaces and all those who utilize our buildings

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Futurist Connection Project:

- Updating sound, acoustics, and video in the sanctuary
- Project includes: Installing acoustic paneling, updating our sound board, purchasing and installing cameras, purchasing a new computer and software, and updating the current “cry room” as a media center
- Purpose: To help connect people through worship, both on-site and those who connect with us digitally and through the radio, by enhancing the quality of sound and video.
- This project is something we are working on and working towards to continue to connect to our community and beyond.

These new projects are breathing life into our church and are in need nurturing and support by you, our congregation. I invite you to first begin by praying for these projects, and second to prayerfully consider contributing to these projects. Thank you so much for your prayerful consideration as we look to where God is leading us.

Peace and God Bless,

Pastor Peggy Hanson

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Covid-19 Updates:

There are many who have wondered when we can start having fellowship, sitting closer together, and not wear masks to worship.

The Covid task force met and would like to share with you what they are working on:

- 1) In accordance with recent data – physical distancing has been reduced to only **3 feet** apart. This can begin to take effect immediately.
- 2) Pew Cushions – We are hoping to be able to have pew cushions return to the sanctuary by May 2.
- 3) Communion – Our hope is to be able to begin offering communion by coming forward to receive the bread and cup by Sunday, June 6. We ask that everyone still wear masks to come forward, lower masks to partake, and then return to your seat.
- 4) Bulletins and Offering Plates – Our hope is to pass the plates for offering beginning June 13.
- 5) In regards to mask wearing – we have no date yet, as we are looking at:
 - a. Vaccine Availability
 - b. Herd Immunity
 - c. Percent Positivity (The percentage of people in Lawrence County infected, based on Covid test data, to be lower than 5%.
 - d. When mask wearing becomes optional – we will be able to resume “normal” singing

These dates are subject to change based on CDC recommendations and in consultation with the Covid Task Force. We appreciate your patience as we continue to do our best to love God and love neighbor.

If you have any questions, you're welcome to contact anyone on the Covid task force:

Dr. John Andrews, Pastor Peggy Hanson, Sue Holloway, Terri Keene, Gary Linn, Cindy McNeill

TUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL/FINANCE MEETING

The Trinity United Methodist Church Administrative Council/Finance meeting was held on Thursday, March 18, 2021, 6:30 p.m., via ZOOM. Members present: Pastor Peggy Hanson, Gary Linn, Sue Holloway, Syd DeVries, Shelli DeVries, Jacque Fuller, Cindy McNeill, Bob McNeill, Tammy Gilbery, and Lynn Larsen.

Gary Linn called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

There were no changes to the agenda. Syd DeVries moved/ Shelli DeVries seconded to **approve the February 18, 2021** as printed. **Motion carried.**

Bob McNeill, Trustees Chair, reported the Policy and Procedures Policy on the 2004 Van has been put in place, a vehicle maintenance check list is in the van and insurance to cover the van has been obtained. The Wesley Room/ Nursery Room remodeling job is about to begin. The council reviewed the itemized list of the cost of the project in the total amount of \$4,300.00. An anonymous donation of \$2,000.00 and \$1,000.00 from Memorial Funds will be given toward this project. Syd DeVries moved/Cindy McNeill seconded to **approve moving forward with the project. Motion carried.** Bob reported on the church and CMC security systems. Two of the security cameras we have no longer work with the other two cameras about to fail. The approximate cost to put in a new security system for the church and CMC is \$3400.00. It was noted this is definitely a project that needs to be done to keep our buildings and church staff/ members safe. Syd DeVries moved/ Tammy Gilbery seconded to **approve the Trustee's Plan for security cameras with funding to be provided with first priority from donations and then funding from the investment accounts. Motion carried.** Bob also reported the two dwellings on Baltimore Street next to the church are being sold. Both of these dwellings have a small portion of their property on the church property. The current agreement on these two properties needs to be rewritten. The Trustees will be researching what needs to be done in putting a new agreement together and will report their findings to the Admin Council at their April meeting. The Financial Reports were reviewed. Cindy McNeill moved/Tammy Gilbery seconded to **approve the Financial Reports** as printed. **Motion carried.**

Sue Holloway, Finance Chair, reported the church has two accounts with UBS (United Bank of Switzerland) and administered through agents in their Rapid City office. They have moved to Sioux Falls with a new agent. The Finance committee met to discuss changing the investment accounts to another agency and interviewed three agencies. After much discussion and research, the Finance Committee moved to **approve:**

- 1) **Both UBS accounts are to be liquidated and transferred to the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation.**
- 2) **The smaller account funds are to be placed in a Balanced Investment Account. The endowment for this account was \$50,000.00; only earned interest will be available for use.**
- 3) **The larger account will be invested into three different accounts in the following ways:**
 - 30% into a Growth Account
 - 50% into a Balanced Account
 - 20% into a Fixed Account
- 4) **Cynthia McNeill, Jacquelyn Fuller and Brian Hanson will continue to be listed for the investment accounts at the Dakotas United Methodist Foundation.**

Motion carried.

Pastor Peggy reported she serves on the Dakotas Strategy team and is now in charge of the sub-group for communications. The General Conference has been moved to 2022. The reason for the postponement to 2022 is the 2021 General Conference was going to be done virtually which causes many problems that include there are 16 different time zones, unreliable internet access and many translators will be needed. Pastor Peggy is preparing for Holy Week and Easter. Palm Sunday will be a celebration day including baptisms with one of them being Peggy and Brian's daughter Lillian. Easter Week services include the Maundy Thursday service in our church at 7 p.m. and the community Good Friday service at the Shepherd of the Hills Church at 7 p.m. Two services will be held on Easter Sunday, 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. The youth are moving into the Youth Room this next week. The only thing left to do is mount a TV and white boards on the wall. Camps are a "go" at the Methodist church camps throughout our State this summer. Plans are in the works for celebrating the 2021 senior graduates in May and possibly including the 2020 graduates who were not recognized last year due to COVID-19.

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Tammy Gilbery, Worship Committee, noted they are evaluating the volume and sound system in the sanctuary as it is difficult to hear the worship service for those who are watching it on Facebook or listening to it on the radio.

Shelli DeVries, Christian Ed Chair, had no report.

Lynn Larsen, Member Care, reported members are being asked to send Easter cards to church members who are shut-in or in a nursing home/assisted living.

Sue Holloway, Missions, noted Adopt-A-Platoon program is going well and Easter cards were sent out to troops who are serving our country.

Cindy McNeill, Staff Pastor Parish Chair, is happy to let everyone know we have a new custodian. Her name is Stephanie Stevens and comes to our church highly qualified.

Syd DeVries reported on the survey the Admin Council filled out individually and then forwarded it to him. The different questions on the survey asked were based upon a denominational split on the decisions of General Conference. He compiled the information that was sent to him from the Council members, entered that information on a spread sheet and then sent the survey report to the Dakotas Strategy Team. Syd shared with the Council the information on the final survey he sent to Dakotas Strategy Team.

Sue Holloway, Biker Breakfast Chair, stated the Biker Breakfast committee is considering having Biker Breakfast this year from Sunday, August 8 through Friday, August 13.

Pastor Peggy discussed with the Council she will be evaluating the CDC requirements for the church and CMC that may change quickly over the coming months. These changes would include mask wearing, seating in the sanctuary, and starting fellowship in the CMC. She will keep the Council informed of any changes.

Sue Holloway moved/ Cindy McNeill seconded to **approve having the next Finance/ Administrative Council meeting on Thursday, April 22, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM. Motion carried.**

Pastor Peggy closed the meeting with prayer.

Lynn Larsen, Recording Secretary.

Holy Week Services & Events



Holy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 1

On-Site Worship and Facebook Live at 7 p.m.

*Possibly on KDSJ 980 AM as well

Community Good Friday Service

Friday, April 2 at 7 p.m.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

825 W Main Street

Lead, SD

*Maybe being offered via Facebook Live at "Ministerial for Lead-Deadwood"

<https://www.facebook.com/LDMinisterial>

Easter Sunday Celebrations on April 4

7 a.m. On-Site Worship and Facebook Live

9 a.m. - On-Site Worship, Facebook Live, and KDSJ 980 AM

**The Power of Prayer
Break Through Prayer Meetings**

We will gather on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

We will gather in the sanctuary for our time of prayer. We ask that you use the front door and please let Pastor Peggy know if you're planning on attending. We also, ask that you wear a mask.

We begin with sharing any God sightings or God-insights that we have felt God has placed on our hearts. We share about how we can be in prayer for our church and the ministries of our church. In addition to this, we will be prayer walking the sanctuary, CMC, and surrounding outside areas.

We hope you will continue to join us for our 1:11 (p.m. or a.m.) prayer!
God of us all, help us to be the church that is making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by faithfully serving, teaching, and connecting to all through the light and love of Christ. Amen

Thank you for joining us in this important ministry of breakthrough prayer!

**BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES**

Birthdays:

April 1 Kadden Dillman
April 3 Brittane Mattson
April 4 Janet Lanphear
April 5 Doris Adamson
April 5 Jean Dyer
April 7 Caleb Percy
April 7 Carol Scott
April 13 A. J. Katon
April 13 Kathy Wanhanen
April 14 John Keene
April 16 Debbie Toppins
April 17 Fritz Reller
April 19 Orrin Aldrich
April 20 Stephenie Campbell
April 24 Bonnie Brooking
April 24 Debbie Vardiman
April 25 Toby Keehn
April 27 Gracie Kosters
April 28 Larry Howell
April 29 Blaze Artz
April 29 Canon Rogers

Anniversaries:

April 1 Merritt and Toby Keehn
April 4 David and Debbie Vardiman
April 15 Justin and Tyneal Thorp
April 19 Robert and Deborah Thorp

Worship Kits:

It's been a year since we first began our worship kits! The first one was created to help meet a need for those who don't have access to Facebook live, or really the internet, and it has grown greatly. I appreciate your support and encouragement with these kits.

Are they still helpful for you?
Are you still enjoying them?
What would you like to see changed or added to them?
Would you like me to continue to create them after Easter?

Please let me know – I'd love to hear your feedback!

Thank you!
Pastor Peggy

Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2021

Peggy opened the meeting with a prayer. Present were Bob McNeill, Mike Darling, Larry Howell, Jim Wolff, Wayne Holdcroft, Pastor Peggy Hanson and Lee Ann Paananen

Minutes from last meeting were reviewed. The spelling for Haggerty's needs to be corrected. Jim moved, Larry second to approve the minutes as corrected. Approved by vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Van

Bob registered the title of the van at the Lawrence County Court House. The cost was \$10. The new proposed policies and procedures on the van were reviewed and some changes made. Things that are needed for the van are:

Longer ice scraper

10-person first aid kit

Fire extinguisher - Kidde extinguisher was suggested. It can be serviced by the same company that services the church

Tire gage.

The quotes for insurance coverage were reviewed. Jim moved, Mike second to accept the quote from Progressive for the van and also get a quote for the truck. LeeAnn will contact the insurance company.

Wesley Room Project

Lee Ann moved and Jim second to approve steps 1-3 of the Wesley Room Budget and project. Step 4 is contingent on raising the money to complete.

Security - both network and visual.

Wayne suggested changing the passwords and networks. A router or booster will be needed at the approximate cost of \$200. It will cost approximately \$3500 for a complete security system with cameras and an in-house video storage unit. Bob will approach Admin and Finance for funding. Lee Ann moved to approve the project when we have the finances.

NEW BUSINESS

Sue Holloway has sold the buildings next to the church. Currently, there is an agreement between the church and the apartment owner concerning the deck that is on Church property. Bob will visit with the city about the set back and come back with options for selling the strip of land to the apartment owners.

Parking of the renters in the church parking lot continues to be a problem. If people are still parking there, Peggy will tell them they lose their privileges.

The pictures in the church hallway between The Wesley and Johnson rooms need new frames. Bob is going to ask Memorial committee for \$300 for framing. Bob will also talk to memorial committee about getting the memorial plaques updated.

Bob researched received estimates for pesticide treatment to help eliminate the fly problem. Black Hills Pest Control charges \$200 for one time or \$180 for quarterly to spray all 3 buildings. Jim suggested Brian Beug Pest Management for an estimate. Bob will contact them.

Bob closed the meeting with the Breakthrough Prayer.

Next meeting will be April 15th at 5:00 pm.

Lee Ann Paananen, Secretary

Camp Sunday Is COMING!

Sunday, April 11

Come dressed in your "Camp Clothes!"

Camp Sunday is an opportunity to highlight the importance of camp, to share camp experiences, and to get excited for those preparing to attend camp this year! Every year, people of all ages attend camps throughout our conference, to hear the Good News, to have their spirits and their lives transformed.

We have three spectacular camp sites, Storm Mountain, Lake Poinsett, and Wesley Acres. Each site is unique in location and activities. From a high ropes course at Wesley Acres, a beautiful lake at Lake Poinsett, and great hiking at Storm Mountain. All camps have great accommodations and delicious food!

Camp is an opportunity to connect with God in a different and fantastic way!

Interested in signing up for camp? Please contact Pastor Peggy to get our church

MISSIONS

Meals on Wheels: Our next week is Sunday, April 4th through Saturday, April 10th. Yes, Sunday is Easter Sunday. This is a 2-hour commitment once during the week and we only do it one week out of six. This is a great way to reach out and love/encourage your neighbors. Isolation has been devastating this past year especially for our homebound seniors. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this important outreach. Contact Sue at 920-7788 to volunteer.

Adopt-A-Platoon: Many thanks to all of our helpers who are spreading love and encouragement to those service personnel that are deployed. Even in this time of Covid Restrictions, Adopt-A-Platoon has still been allowed to send packages on a regular basis with what supplies and treats that have been available. If you go to their website, you can see various thank you letters. We have had the pleasure and honor of continuing communications with 2 young men who have responded to us. Kevin, the native of Custer has been home for about a month and Jeff from New Jersey is packing out as you read this. My shirt-tail relative, Angelica should be home sometime in May or so her Mother is hoping. Unfortunately for us, the family is moving to Arkansas June 1st. The ladies and Gary managed to put together 150 cards for St. Patrick's Day closely followed by the same number of cards for Easter. We are just starting on cards for May. I provide the cards of the cost to you is only time and prayers over each card for the person who will receive it. Contact Sue to Join our pen-pal club.

Biker Breakfast: Paperwork for the state has already been coming into the office to register for this year's Biker Breakfast. How are people feeling about volunteering to help this year? Are you comfortable that vaccinations will be sufficient for you to feel safe while we serve the people God brings to us? If there is danger as was there last, we will of course, cancel. It is easier to cancel at the last moment than to try to throw it together. Please pass on your thoughts and ideas to Sue; 920-7788.

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Holloway

Please send Easter Cards to Our Congregation

Harold and Betty Bender
122 Wall St.
Lead, SD 57754

Evelyn Berstch
Edgewood Vista
540 Falcon Crest Drive
Spearfish SD 57783

Jean Dyer
Edgewood Vista
540 Falcon Crest Drive, Apt. 159
Spearfish, SD 57783

Yvonne Foreman
Box 165
Deadwood, SD 57732

Sandra Hansen
Golden Ridge Regional Senior Care
200 Montana Ave. #116
Lead, SD 57754

Doris Adamson
52 Dunlap Ave
Deadwood SD 57732

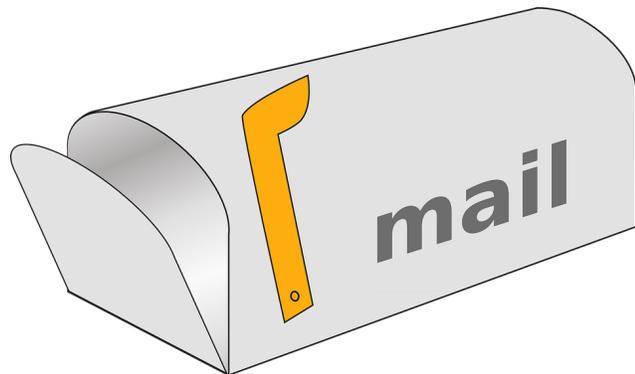
Judy Hink
806 Upper Addie St
Lead SD 57754

Orin Aldrich
321 Addie
Lead SD 57754

Barbara Harvey
1233 Silver Brook Ln
Spearfish SD 57783

Peggy Cleveland
Golden Ridge Regional Senior Care
200 Montana Ave #104
Lead, SD 57754

Dorothy Berry
West Hills Village
255 Texas Street Apt. 142
Rapid City, SD 57701



APRIL 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Holy Thursday service at 7 p.m.	2 Community Good Friday Service at 7 at Shepherd of the Hills	3 Breakthrough Prayer at 9:30 a.m.
4 EASTER Worship at 7 a.m. & Worship at 9 a.m.	5 PEO Ch. Y at 6:45 p.m. Kiwanis	6 PEO Ch. L at 1 p.m.	7 Staff Meeting at 11: 30 a.m. Youth Group 6:15-7:45 p.m. (6th—12th grade)	8 Work in Wesley Room, April 7-9 9:30-4	9	10
11 Camp Sunday! Worship at 9 a.m.	12 Kiwanis	13	14 Youth Group 6:15-7:45 p.m. (6th—12th grade)	15 Work in Wesley Room, April 14-16 9:30-4	16	17
18 Worship at 9 a.m.	19 Christian Ed Meeting at 4:45 Kiwanis	20	21 Youth Group 6:15-7:45 p.m. (6th—12th grade)	22 Meeting Night	23	24
25 Worship at 9 a.m.	26 Newsletter Articles due Kiwanis	27	28 Youth Group 6:15-7:45 p.m. (6th—12th grade)	29	30 Early Bird Registration for Camp Deadline	

Celebrating our High School Seniors:

We are anticipating being able to celebrate and recognize our graduating high school seniors in worship on Sunday, May 16, 2021. We will have a special gift for these seniors.

We recognize that this year has been filled with additional challenges and unmet expectations while still living in the midst of a pandemic. This class is resilient and deserves to be recognized and celebrated.

There will be wide-margin bibles located in the office beginning April 11. We invite the congregation to come during office hours and highlight their favorite passages and leave a little note in the margins, or in the cover pages. (If you don't feel comfortable coming into the office – you can email Pastor Peggy and she will include your note in the Bible). We will then present the bibles to the seniors, on May 16, 2021.

These are the seniors we currently have on our roster are:

Kailee Bertrand
Bravery Davis
Perci Ereth
Alex Pearson
TK Rainey
Peyton Reller
Madison Rystrom



***Please contact the office if there is someone that we have missed.**

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

Interested in attending camp, either as an individual or an adult? Have questions of sending your child(ren) to camp? Pastor Peggy would love to help! She is (as are many others) passionate about camp and believe it to be important to each participant's personal and spiritual formation! We want as many folks to go to camp. The people of Trinity UMC are committed to helping send people to camp, and have made the financial commitment of providing a 50% scholarship of the early bird registration cost. There are also additional scholarships available.

Please note that many of our camps do have limits on how many campers they can have – so please register early and there will be some different protocols and expectations in place because of Covid.

Check out dakcamps.org for all of the camp opportunities!

Early Bird Registration Deadline: April 30, 2021
Contact Pastor Peggy for the camp code

If you have any questions please contact Pastor Peggy.



Spring Bible Study

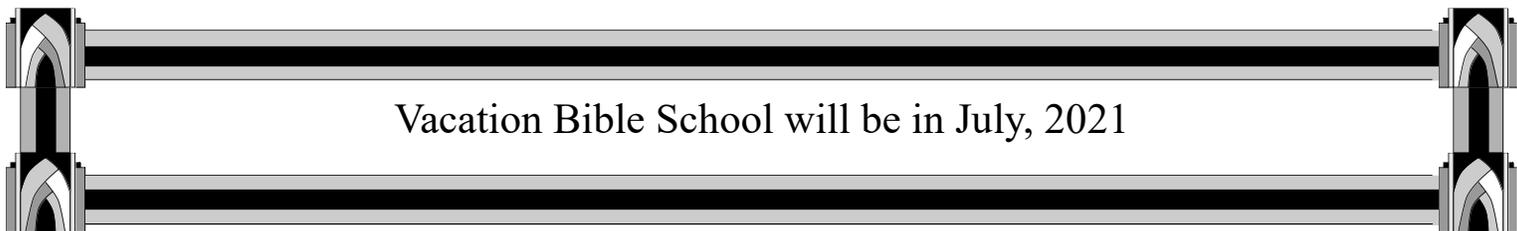
Women's Coffee Break group will be offering a 6 week Bible Study this Spring! Dates are Thursdays, April 15 through May 20. Meeting location is in the CMC and the meeting time is 9:30 to 10:45. In addition, we will observe three feet social distancing while wearing masks. All women in our church and community are invited. Newcomers are welcome!

In our study, we will be working through the four chapters of the book of Philippians, verse by verse and chapter by chapter. Although helpful, no advanced preparation is expected and participants can join at anytime or whenever available as each lesson is self contained. The study guide that we will be using is the "Discover Your Bible" series. Readers will discover together what the Bible says and means as we dive into the text using questions that spark meaningful conversation and personalized applications. Join us for this unique and transformative journey!

The back cover of the study guide describes the study as follows:

Though Written to first-century Christians, Paul's letter to the Philippians is timeless! It speaks to believers everywhere about standing firm in the faith, living in humility and unity, and shining together like stars for the cause of Christ. During an age of persecution, suffering, and internal strife, the Philippian church stood out like a beacon pointing to the way things could be. Even though Paul was in prison when he wrote this letter, he discusses the contentment, peace, and joy we can experience whatever the circumstances.

Please join us! Call the church or Shelli De Vries (209) 480-9974 for more information. We will observe 3 feet social distancing while wearing masks.

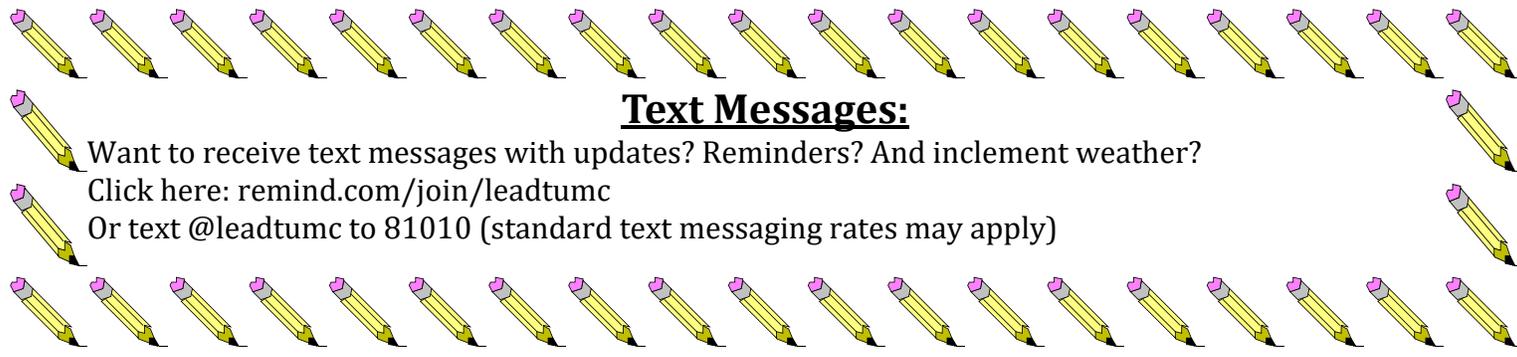


Vacation Bible School will be in July, 2021

Contact Information for Pastor Peggy Hanson

Pastor Peggy is currently not holding "coffee shop hours," but is in the office. She will continue to honor the Sabbath on Fridays. And you can reach her at 562-505-6363 or 605-223-1222 or mstempson@iliff.edu

Thank you



Text Messages:

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WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING AT 9 AM.



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