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and Carolyn Snowbarger
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UCSJ Office Hours

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
and Thursdays**
8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

**Currently Searching
for a New Pastor**

**Kathy Wortman –
Administrative Assistant**



Highlighting our Ministries

(Each month will focus on a different ministry team.
This month it is Equipping & Education Ministry.)

Focus UCSJ: Who We Are/What We Are Becoming

Thank you for participating! We'll share our congregational findings with you on **Saturday, July 29 at 9:00 AM**. This will also give you an opportunity to share your thoughts and concerns about the future of our church in a less-structured manner.

Equipping & Education Ministry

Our Equipping & Education Ministry offers opportunities for our congregation and friends to continue their lifelong learning and spiritual growth through education, discussions, and service to our Church and our community. There's something for everyone at UCSJ!

Join the 30-Day Kindness Challenge

August is Kindness Month at UCSJ. While you can't control many of the things going on in today's world, you CAN choose to make kindness a priority in your life. Let's practice intentional kindness during August.

You can join the Kindness Challenge! Select one (or more) of our activities below:

- Sign the 30-Day Kindness Challenge pledge in the gathering area—practice positivity, offer praise, and do a small act of kindness throughout August.
- Read *The Kindness Challenge* by Shaunti Feldhahn—books are located outside the church office (\$13 each).
- Attend our interactive 75-minute workshops:
 - **Monday, August 7 at 10:00 AM** – Nix the Negatives: Seven Types of Negativity You Didn't Know You Had;
 - **Monday, August 14 at 10:00 AM** – Practice Praise: Overcoming Ten Tricky Traps;
 - **Monday, August 21 at 10:00 AM** – Carry Out Kindness: Eight Types to Try.

Fall Wednesday Soup and Studies – Begins Wednesday, October 4

We need your help! Please send suggested books for our fall studies by August 10 to carolynsnowbarger@gmail.com. During September, you can vote to decide which books (one from each category) we'll read and discuss this fall. Here are our focus areas:

- Life in the Word – Exploring the Scriptures and applying these principles to our daily lives.
- Life in the Works – Focusing on spirituality, personal growth, and living well.
- Life in the World – Learning about people, practices, and events that shape society.

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Calendar for August

(For more information — see page #s)

Sunday, August 6 — 10:00 AMGuest Preacher, George Miller
Communion**Monday, August 7 — 10:00 AM**

Kindness Challenge Workshop (pg. 1)

Saturday, August 12The Great Western Rocky Mountain Brass
Band Festival in Silverton (pg. 6)**Sunday, August 13**

10:00 AM — Guest Preacher, Carl Krieg

4:00 PM — All Church Picnic at Ouray
Rotary Park (pg. 6)**Monday, August 14 — 10:00 AM**

Kindness Challenge Workshop (pg. 1)

Thursday, August 17 — 4:00 PM

Council Meeting (Note the DATE Change)

Friday, August 18Noon — September Newsletter Deadline
(pg. 3)6:00 PM — Choir Fall Season Kickoff/
Christmas Cantata Introduction BBQ at
Snowbargers (pg. 8)**Saturday, August 19 — 8:30 AM**Jack 'n Jill Men's Breakfast Group
Everyone is Welcome! (pg. 5)**Sunday, August 20 — 10:00 AM**

Guest Preacher, Carl Krieg

Monday, August 21 — 10:00 AM

Kindness Challenge Workshop (pg. 1)

Thursday, August 24 — 6:00 PM

Taize Service (pg. 3)

Sunday, August 27 — 10:00 AM

Guest Preacher, Glen Schoeneberg

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Weekly Activities**MONDAYS — 8:00 AM**

Centering Prayer Group (pg. 3)

TUESDAYS — 6:00 PM (August 1-15)

Choir Practice

WEDNESDAYS — 7:00 PMWednesday Night Studies
(July 26-August 30)How the Scriptures Came to Us by Bill
McKee (pg. 2)**THURSDAYS — 6:00 PM (August 24–31)**

Choir Practice

*(continued from page 1)***Summer Wednesday Night Studies — July 26-August 30 at 7:00 PM**

How the Scriptures Came to Us led by Bill McKee

This summer we are looking at the canonization process of the Bible. Why did it happen? When did it happen? Who decided what was in, what was out, and why? Our course begins with our earliest knowledge of surviving manuscripts and ends with the various Bibles that people read today.

Women: You've Spoken; We've Listened

Many of you shared during our focus groups your desire for a regular women's educational breakfast program. Please contact Carolyn Snowbarger (carolynsnowbarger@gmail.com) if you'd like to help us figure out the 5 Ws—who, what, when, where, and why.

Holy Land Trip — Informational Meeting July 30, Following our Service

Walk where Jesus walked! Our visit includes Biblical, cultural and historic sites in Israel and Palestine. Here are a few things on our itinerary: Jerusalem, the Jordan River, Dead Sea, Mount of the Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Masada, and Jericho.

Dates: April 17-25, 2018**Pre-trip to Jordan and Petra:** April 15-18, 2018**Our website:** www.pilgrimtours.com/groups/ucsjrael.htm**Our promotional video:** <https://vimeo.com/221019542>

We have brochures available in the gathering area. Please contact Carolyn Snowbarger (carolynsnowbarger@gmail.com) if you have questions about this trip of a lifetime.

*Carolyn Snowbarger, Chair***Worship & Music Ministry**

My wish is that everyone is having a great summer. I am at the Grand Mesa with a beautiful view writing this news. Each of our July Sunday sermons have been inspiring.

In August, there is more anticipation as we have a variety of Sunday sermons. I hope everyone is looking forward to each new sermon. Here is a list of pastors who are scheduled:

August 6 — George Miller, Montrose United Church of Christ**August 13** — Our own Carl Krieg**August 20** — Carl Krieg**August 27** — Glen Schoeneberg, a pastor friend of David Dealy

Dick Engdahl and I are working on scheduling people for September. Finding an interim pastor is still in progress. The Pastor Search Team, or PST as we affectionately refer to it, has begun. The Christmas cantata is being planned as you read. The choir is starting soon to prepare. **Choir practice is changing to 6:00 PM on Thursday nights, effective August 24.** Also, the Montrose Methodist choir will be joining us again this year. So join the choir just for Christmas singing if you wish. It is going to be another extravaganza. So come on down.

Continue on having a super summer. See you in church.

Tamora Thomas, Chair

Treasurer’s Report

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me by phone 970.626.4397 or email sue.burt@q.com. Thank you all for your continued support of our church and missions.

Month End Report – As of June 30, 2017 FISCAL YEAR END

	Actual	Year-to-Date Goal	Income ABOVE Goal	Annual Budget
Income	\$159,317	\$153,500	\$ 5,817	\$153,500
Expenses	\$156,904			
Reserves	\$ 2,413			
Net Income	\$ 0			

HELP PLEASE: If you are planning on making a stock or cash donation from a brokerage account, PLEASE notify me or have your broker send a contribution letter to UCSJ. These transactions rarely include the name of the account holder making the donation. Thank you!

Sue Stern, Treasurer

Pastor Search Team (PST) and Sub-Committee

As the UCSJ Focus Groups, wrap-up, we look forward to the “report back” summary of the information gathered by Carolyn Snowbarger. All of us, who will be working on the Pastor Search adventure, wish to thank Carolyn for her diligent effort and work to capture the essence of our UCSJ church family, and provide much of the information needed to create the required “offering documents” to begin our search.

As a reminder—on **Saturday, July 29 beginning at 9:00 AM, a Focus Group feedback session will be offered, at the church.** This feedback meeting is open to all members and friends of UCSJ. We hope you can fit it into your schedule and attend the meeting. Following the feedback session there will be time for Q&A’s—as long as it takes—to field any remaining questions that anyone may have. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be available.

On behalf of all members of the PST—**Charlie Berger, Sabrina Butler, Brenda Engdahl, Keith Krickbaum, Fred Quist, Tamora Thomas, and Steve Wolff**—we thank you, the UCSJ membership, for your confidence in entrusting this challenging job to us.

On behalf of the PST, we wish to, not only thank, but recognize the folks who have volunteered to help out by working in support of the PST on a sub-committee. They are: **Charlie Carson, Tom Chase, Dennis Eliason, Lynne Evans, Kathy Graff, Kate Kellogg, Marge Quist, Lysa Riggs Scholl, Charlie Scholpp, Ulli Sir Jesse, Ken Sloan, Susan Wing, Kathy Wortman, and Lisa Young.** Please keep in mind, this “call out” in no way means the door is closed; if there are others of you, members and/or friends of UCSJ, who wish to join in this work please let us know. Thank you.

The PST has selected Charlie Berger as Chair, and Sabrina Butler as Vice-chair. We are planning a PST organizational meeting before the end of August. Following the aforementioned meeting on July 29, the entire PST and sub-committee will begin their work in earnest.

Charlie Berger

Communion Service

(1st Sunday)

Join us at our Lord’s Table
Sunday, August 6



Council Meeting

Thursday, August 17

(note the DATE change)

4:00 PM

September Newsletter

DEADLINE is

Friday, August 18

at NOON

Please submit items to:

Barbara Eliason at

baeliason2006@msn.com.

Taize Service

(4th Thursday)

An ecumenical song and silent participatory prayer service.

All are welcome—Join us!

Thursday, August 24

6:00 PM

Centering Prayer

Meets Every Monday

8:00-9:00 AM (UCSJ library)
Start your Mondays right with a silent 20-minute prayer, followed by a short learning time, currently by reading and discussing a few paragraphs from *The Path of Centering Prayer* by David Frenette, describing a practice “for all Christians who seek to move closer into the presence of the divine.”

Annual Meeting, July Council Retreat and Meeting Highlights

The annual meeting for the 2016-2017 church year was held on June 25. There were five items of business:

- The congregation approved a proposed budget for the 2017-2018 church year.
- A change to the Bylaws removing the list and description of the Ministries from the body of the bylaws (only changeable by a 2/3 vote of the Congregation) and adding it as an appendix (changeable by vote of the Council) was approved.
- Five Council members were elected. The terms of three members were renewed: **Jackie Berger, Carolyn Snowbarger, and Vince Snowbarger**. Two new members were elected: **Sabrina Butler, and Sally Swartz**.
- The following were elected to the 2017-2018 Nominating Committee: **Dave Guenther, Linda Ingo, Betsy Lattanner, Anne Linenberger, and Bob McDaniel**.
- The Pastor Search Team elected were: **Charlie Berger, Sabrina Butler, Brenda Engdahl, Keith Krickbaum, Fred Quist, Tamora Thomas, and Steve Wolff**.

The Council meeting for July was held in conjunction with the Council's annual retreat on July 22. All new and retiring Council members were present. The newly elected Pastor Search Team was invited to be a part of the morning session. Vince opened with prayer.

The morning was spent reviewing the results of the focus groups held in May and June. It provided a good opportunity for both groups to discuss the impact this information would have on the planning for the next church year and on our pastoral needs and the search. The combined group also reviewed and edited a proposed Pastor Search Document which will be used to recruit candidates for both an interim and full-time pastor.

The afternoon session began with discussion of transition issues with both the former and new Council members. This included a discussion of plans for each ministry as they approach the new year. Various opportunities for cooperation between the ministries were explored.

An abbreviated Council business meeting was held at the end of the day. Vince Snowbarger was elected Chair and Jackie Berger was elected Vice-chair. Ken Linenberger reported that he and Sue Stern were still working to close the books for the last fiscal year. Expenses attributable to last year were still being submitted and paid. Finally, the Council discussed the proposed salary range and residency requirements for the next pastor.

Sabrina closed with prayer. The next Council meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 17 at 4:00 PM**.

UCSJ Council for 2017-2018

Pastor – Currently Searching for a New Pastor
 Council Chair and Denomination Relations – Vince Snowbarger
 Administration & Finance Ministry – Ken Linenberger
 Building & Maintenance Ministry – David Guenther
 Care Ministry – Sabrina Butler
 Congregational Life Ministry – Anne Linenberger
 Equipping & Education Ministry – Carolyn Snowbarger
 Membership Development Ministry – Sally Swartz
 Mission & Outreach Ministry – Jackie Berger
 Worship & Music Ministry – Tamora Thomas

Support for UCSJ Council for 2017-2018

Charlie Carson – Council Recording Secretary
 Jackie Berger – Council Vice-chair
 Sue Stern – Treasurer



Tasty Morsels from 'PLUM' Corner

PRESBYTERIANS – Sadly, we don't have to look beyond U.S. borders to find impoverished families whose children don't even have decent shoes. First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls, Idaho started a Shoe Project for the city's growing population of homeless kids several years ago. In addition to school supplies, church members collect new socks and cash donations from the congregation for new shoes. The donations fund gift cards for local shoe stores, which are delivered to the school district's at-risk coordinator for distribution to needy kids. "That simple pair of shoes may be the first new thing these children have ever owned," Kathy Price, of First Presbyterian in Twin Falls, told *Presbyterian Today*.



LUTHERANS – The Rocky Mountain Synod reports a great need for family foster care for Central American children in Denver and Colorado Springs. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services partners with a network of agencies across the country to provide foster homes for unaccompanied children. In these homes, the children find refuge, safety, and support. If you or someone you know is willing to open their home to these children, even for a few weeks, contact LaMar Rice, Foster Care Program manager at LRice@lirs.org.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – The Rocky Mountain Conference offers "In the Mud" grants to churches to empower their local ministries. In the first grant cycle of 2017, 12 churches received a total of \$11,000 to support their proposed ministries, which included supporting a women's homelessness initiative, building an onsite mini-food pantry, and creating an outreach program for LGBTQ teens. The conference invites churches that have current or proposed local ministries in need of funding to submit applications by August 14, 2017. Find the application, along with details on how to submit it, on the ["In the Mud" page](#).

METHODISTS – Another great children's ministry is meeting the growing need of children who are displaced due to the poor choices of their parents. In cases of abuse or adult addiction, children may be removed from their homes at a moment's notice usually during the night. Last month, women from Hotchkiss and Paonia United Methodist Churches gathered donated fabric and sewed duffel bags for children in such situations. The kids can use the bags for their favorite blanket, teddy bear, and any personal items. The women completed 36 duffel bags for Delta County Child Protective Services. Their project was inspired by "It's My Very Own" a faith-based, national non-profit organization.

Kate Kellogg

CO-ED — Jack 'n Jill Men's Breakfast Event in August

The August Men's Breakfast event, scheduled for **Saturday, August 19 at 8:30 AM**, is being hosted by the Men's Breakfast Group, but it is being sponsored by the UCSJ's Mission & Outreach Ministry in partnership with our program hosts and Missionaries: **Drs. Terry & Sabrina Butler** (DDS and DDS).



The breakfast will be a "Jack 'n Jill" event to which everyone is invited. Sign-up sheets will be in the church's gathering area.

The breakfast, **the meal**, will be "Pot Luck"—consisting of small breakfast casseroles and quiches—each enough to feed six people. The idea is to do breakfast samplers. The Men's Group will provide the meat, the chilled fresh fruit salad, the typical hot breakfast beverage offerings, as well as Tito's Bloody Marys, and Cara Mia (My Beloved) Prosecco Mimosas with Sanpellegrino Aranciata Rossa, to get the day going.

The Program will be hosted by Terry and Sabrina, who will talk about their two visits to Papua New Guinea in 2014 and 2016 (10 weeks total) to establish a Dental Clinic at the Kudjip Nazarene Hospital. They will describe UCSJ's support mission with visuals, and show how a state-of-the art three chair clinic was established in the Central Highlands of Papua New Guinea—a first!

Please mark you calendars and plan to join us and see what your Missionaries accomplished with your prayers and support.

Congregational Life Ministry

Travels with Charlie

The Congregational Life Ministry wishes to remind all of the upcoming opportunities with sign-up sheets just patiently waiting for you to wander on over to the table, by the bulletin board, in the gathering area, and snag one of the pens, and include yourself in the fun and adventures that await you. They are:

- A two day “**Fall Colors Road Trip**” – over Kebler Pass, to enjoy the great colors of the largest contiguous Aspen grove in Colorado; overnight in Crested Butte, then on to Redstone the next day, with stops en route to Marble and Crystal Mill, and wrapping up with a tour of the Redstone Castle. Trip dates are: **September 26 and 27** and/or **October 3 and 4**.
- The **Great Western Rocky Mountain Brass Band Festival** in Silverton on **Saturday, August 12**. Join us for breakfast at Kate’s Place, in Ridgway at 8:30 AM, and then caravan to Silverton High School for the FREE concert. Doors open at 11:00 AM, concert begins at noon—promptness to the door is imperative—they are amazingly popular. Come join us, and return over Red Mountain Pass before the sun sets.



Meet and Eat

The Meet and Eat sign-ups for August and September will soon be in the gathering area. We are still in need of a few more willing hosts. If you would like to plan a meal for whatever number of people you choose, please call Anne at 970.249.7555. Thank you to **Randy & Jen Parker** for hosting the first “Meet and Eat” dinner in July. We have more dinners coming up: Don & Lysa Scholl on July 25, Charlie & Jackie Berger on July 30, Vince & Carolyn Snowbarger on July 31, and Ken & Anne Linenberger on August 1.

All Church Picnic

At the Ouray Rotary Park on Sunday, August 13 at 4:00 PM. The Butlers have been working all summer on cleaning and restoring Rotary Park. Now it is primed to be enjoyed by all of us. Gather at the park at 4:00 PM. Lemonade, brats, buns, and garnishes will be provided. Please bring a lawn chair, tableware, and whatever dish you would like to share. We will have a safe campfire and sing-along after dinner.

Thank You

A huge (((HUG))) and THANK YOU to **Charlotte Duckett** for organizing and encouraging people to bring treats and preparing coffee. Charlotte has graciously offered to do this for the summer months and I am so grateful. We have many treat bearers and servers to thank in the month of July: **Sabrina Butler, Ivan & Loree Cameron, Martha Elliott, Susan Hart, Men’s Breakfast Group, Marge Quist, Sue & Burt Stern, Sally Swartz, Tamara Thomas, and Donna Whiskeman.** Our coffee angels were **the Ducketts and the Scholpps** who came early to set up so that the coffee is perking upon your arrival.



The next Congregational Life committee meeting will be **Monday, July 31 at 1:00 PM.** We will meet at the church to plan the church picnic, discuss the Harvest Hoedown, and any other ideas that pop into our heads.

Anne Linenberger, Chair



Dear Church Members and Friends,

Thank you for all the kindness and concern you showed to me and my family following my accident. I am very thankful for God’s healing touch and for all of you who lifted me up to him in prayer. Thank you also for the soft and beautiful prayer shawl—it was very much a comfort to me.

With love and much appreciation

Andrea Ingo

Mission & Outreach Ministry News!

A huge **THANK YOU** to our congregation for the wonderful response to the collection of items for service personnel to be sent to war zones. These items will be boxed and sent to an army chaplain who is the husband of the niece of the Snowbargers, and who made mention of these items. Your contributions will cheer those men and women serving in dangerous and uncomfortable places on our behalf.



In Other Mission & Outreach News...a new fiscal year has begun and your M&O team could use your help! Our committee meets a few times a year to establish projects carried out by the church for both local and international mission, and also decides on how your mission dollars in the UCSJ budget should be spent. If you would like to join in on these decisions, we will have an initial meeting for the year on **Monday, July 31 at 10:00 AM** at the church. For more information, or if you want to join in but cannot come to the meeting, please contact Jackie, at bergerhof17@gmail.com.

Jackie Berger, Chair

Does UCSJ Need an AED—Automated External Defibrillator?

YES! Indeed, WE do.

On Wednesday, June 28, 22 members and friends from UCSJ assembled at the church for a three hour class on CPR and First Aid training. The course was sponsored by the Equipping & Education Ministry, and was taught by a member of the Ouray County EMT Team. In a word, the instruction and materials covered were EXCELLENT!

One salient fact that emerged from this instruction is the reality that UCSJ is not equipped or prepared to deal with a medical emergency that requires CPR. Yes, we have 22 folks who have been trained in the technique last month, and others may have been trained recently as well, however, an imperative and an integral part of having this preparedness on standby, includes the availability and easy access to an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

Having this device and an updated First Aid Kit on hand, both very portable, would not only help us at church during an emergency, but it would help groups who use the church, such as the Men’s Breakfast Group, Wednesday Night Study Group, County Chorus, etc. The AED could also be loaned out to be taken on jeeping trips, and other similar outings that are becoming more common place.

So, where are we going with this narrative about the need for an AED? Well, to acquire an AED, and refurbish the existing, but old, First Aid Kit (that lives on a shelf in the church pantry), will take about \$1,200. To get things going, the Men’s Breakfast Group has put \$100 of “seed money” into this directed contributions account and everyone is encouraged to chip in, as they are able, to help us reach the \$1,200 mark. If you go on any of our social jeeping or adventure trips, or even if you just come to church worship or any other events at UCSJ, you may feel more secure by having this device at the ready. Let’s hope we never have to use it! If 48 people each contribute \$25, we’re there! Make checks payable to UCSJ and on the memo line make sure you note AED.

On behalf of the members and friends of UCSJ, and others who use our facilities and play with us, **we thank you in advance for your contributions and generosity.**



Choir Members or Anyone Interested in Joining the Choir

The choir is having a Fall Season Kickoff/Christmas Cantata Introduction BBQ on **Friday, August 18 at 6:00 PM** at Vince & Carolyn Snowbarger's home. All Choir members and their partners are welcome to attend, as well as anyone who is interested in joining the choir for the season and/or the cantata! We will be having a potluck and need sides, desserts, and drinks. Please sign-up for what you would like to bring at choir or contact Allyson at 970.683.8876.

We are looking forward to another heartfelt season and Christmas Cantata. You do not have to read music or be a musician to join! We need voices and would love to have anyone who would like to serve musically!

Allyson Connally, Choir Director

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Book Give-Away Day!

Library shelf space is limited, and UCSJ members are generous—so we have both a variety of books that have been in personal libraries and some that were animatedly discussed in study groups and passed on.

The book table will be in the gathering area for your browsing and choosing on **Sunday, July 30 and during the following week**. Those books not “adopted” by members and friends will be passed on to the Ridgway Library or Second Chance. Help yourself!

Thank You — David Guenther!

We have been in our church home two months shy of eight years. During that time, we have conducted clean-up events every so often to keep the building exterior, the grounds, and the interior, looking good. However, during those many months the sun has been slowly, bleaching the wood, the winters have made their contributions, the wood peckers applied their hole drilling skills, the building has settled a bit, the soffit joints, in some places, have worn, etc. etc.

All the time we come and go and really don't notice the gradual “wear and tear” that time brings with it, and so long as there isn't a water leak, window broken, or some other calamity, to draw our attention to things being different, life goes on.

But things are different! Outside the building and inside, and I bet you have not really noticed. So here is why we are thanking **David Guenther**, Chair of the Building & Maintenance Ministry. Dave executed a repair and replace maintenance contract with RJ's Painting, LLC—the same subcontractor that Larry Coulter retained to do all of the painting and staining on our church when Coulter Construction built it in 2009. They had two men on this team, who spent three days on site, doing a bunch of much needed work.

Next time you are at the church look around and take in the “face lift” and the fresh look that our church building has received. Here is a guide for your enjoyment:

- Two coats of Messmer's natural semitransparent oil base stain have been applied to: 1) the Pergola on Charles Street; 2) all soffits and under hangs (repairing soffits were needed); 3) the barn wood on the outside and inside of the east facing wall of the sanctuary; 4) the barn wood on the north entrance by the alley as well as the south facing side of that wall above roof line; and 5) all 8”x 8” posts and beams along the breezeway.
- The three metal doors that face the alley parking lot were repainted to match the original color.
- Remember the wood peckers and the three 6” deep holes they drilled into the outside stucco wall surface above the library windows, facing the garden? The holes were patched, as were several cracks in the stucco on that same wall, and they re-did the entire wall with elastomeric.
- Sicca flex caulking sealant was applied between the stucco and the concrete deck of the breezeway (a distance of about 80 feet).

Not part of this project, but a companion one, Dave worked closely with the Town of Ridgway as the sidewalk was being installed along our side of Charles Street and was able to get them to include a lip, that joins the new sidewalk with the front edge of the north facing walkway, by the Pergola, in the project and it was poured so we have a seamless sidewalk connection.

Finally, Dave, with an assist from **Dennis Eliason**, refreshed the gravel landscaping in the garden, around the cabin, and along North Lena Street. This was a much needed “pick-me-up,” because this decorative ground cover was last applied eight years ago.

Pretty neat! Don't you think? ... and what's more; Dave has only been “on the job” for six months. When you see Dave next say “Thanks,” or shake his hand, or just give the man a hug.

From Our Congregation

The love, concern, and PRAYERS of the UCSJ church family go to:



Steve Ratliff, as Steve and Patty go back to Little Rock and UAMS for a checkup. Steve is continuing his IV immunotherapy drug every other week. Please pray for a safe journey, and that all of the tests turn out well. Your prayers and kind thoughts have been with them.

Allynn Dealy, as Allynn and David travel to Texas to her cardiologist who found a blockage in an artery and put in a stent. She is doing well and they will return as soon as she is able—she misses the low humidity, lower temps and her many friends at UCSJ.

Do you have a prayer request that you would like your UCSJ faith community to hear? Please call Rev. Dick Engdahl, who is covering pastoral care for UCSJ (970.626.5764, or 970.560.1639).

Do you have a confidential prayer request for our prayer team (but not for public communication)? Please call or email Dick and the request will be given to our confidential prayer team.

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Jack ‘n Jill Breakfast and the Wild Mustangs

The October Men’s Breakfast Group event, Saturday, October 21, is open to all! Come join us for a one of a kind talk and extraordinary art show about the Wild Mustangs that today still roam four areas of Colorado—the closest to us is in Spring Creek, SW of Montrose.

Remember the song “Born Free?” Sung by many famous artists, with it’s opening lyrics:

“Born free, as free as the wind blows,
as free as the grass grows,
born free to follow your heart.
Live free and beauty surrounds you,
the world still astounds you
each time you look at a star...”



Our guest program host for this event are two ladies: TJ Homes, who owns and operates a wild horse sanctuary ranch over in Disappointment Valley, near Naturita, and her good friend Karen Day (who is a friend of UCSJ, and many of you have had the pleasure of meeting already). Karen is a very accomplished artist who specializes in painting wild Mustangs on the range. TJ and Karen have been friends for over ten years and share their love for these wild animals. They have spent uncountable hours together, early in the morning, and in the late afternoon, photographing these beautiful animals. Karen uses the photos to help her in her masterful oil creations.

Plan to join us for breakfast on Saturday, October 21 and enjoy these two experts as they share their love, knowledge, and experience for one of the true American treasures. Sign-up sheets will be in the church gathering area.

August Birthdays

- 3 - Susan Wing
- 3 - Duane Compton
- 4 - Karen Compton
- 5 - Jon LeGrand
- 14 - Ann Glandorf
- 14 - Barbara Eliason
- 14 - Scott Withrow
- 15 - Sabrina Butler
- 23 - Gail Callahan
- 28 - Marsha McCall
- 28 - Randy Parker

August Anniversaries

- 7 - Rob & Kathy Datsko
- 8 - Don & Sally Swartz
- 11 - Terry & Sabrina Butler
- 13 - Ken & Sandy Sloan
- 17 - Jon & Lee LeGrand
- 20 - Chuck & Mary Anderson
- 21 - Mick & Kathy Graff
- 27 - Don & Sheryl Radovich
- 31 - Dick & Brenda Engdahl

Prayer Requests, or Announcements

for the Sunday bulletin (deadline is 2:00 PM on Wednesday).

Address, Phone, Email Changes

Please email ucsj@qwestoffice.net or leave a detailed message on the church phone 970.626.5803.

Summer Sunday School

There is NO Sunday School from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The Log Cabin is open each Sunday for parents and grandparents to take kids out to read and play. We also have age-appropriate activity/coloring books just outside the sanctuary for your children to use during our service.

Worship Service and Sunday School

10:00 AM

295 N. Lena Street
(corner of Lena and Charles)
Ridgway, Colorado

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 774

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Ongoing Opportunities to Help

Please help us by signing-up to:

- Be communion servers, scripture readers, or greeters.
- Prepare and cleanup coffee or bring simple treats for fellowship time after church.
- Bring flowers (in memory of loved ones, in celebration of a special event, or just because).

The sign-up sheets are in the gathering area. **Thank you!**



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Please remember that pictures of members and their children may be posted around the church, and on the internet (website and Facebook). If you do not want your picture used, please contact the church office. Thank you!

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