

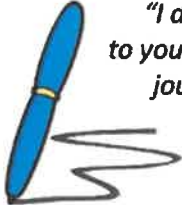


# The Messenger

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## PASTOR'S PEN



*"I desire, as I have for many years, to come to you . . . For I do hope to see you on my journey and to be sent on by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a little while" (Romans 15:23b-24).*

For many of us, July is a time of visiting with relatives and old friends. Whether we go to them or they come to us, summer is a great time for journeys and enjoying company. Just as the Apostle Paul indicated his desire to visit with the Christians at Rome, so we desire to get together with our people at high school and family reunions and many other visits of importance to us.



Our relationships are so important. After Annual Conference ended in Casper, WY, recently, I was able to drive back to Ogden by way of Denver. There I had a chance to see my daughter. Yes,

Denver was a bit of a side trip, but it was so worth it to be able to lay eyes on Angie, spend a little time with her, and give and receive some good hugs.

I hope that you are getting and making some opportunities like that. Our lives are enriched and blessed by the love we find and nurture. If traveling distances is out of the question, then I hope you will do what you can to encourage your relationships right at home in your own community, church, and neighborhood.

Remember, we are stronger together than we are alone. Come to church and enjoy some company for a while!

Fondly,  
Rev. Kim

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. In-person Worship and via Facebook Live  
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
9:30-11:30 a.m. Nursery for children ages 0-5

## SAVE – THE – DATE



Save-the-Date for an Ogden Raptor's baseball outing on **Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm** sponsored by the UMM. A fun fellowship

tradition is to bring a friend along to enjoy the game. Ticket cost is \$12.00 and can be purchased from Paul Kriekard.

## ORGAN WIND CHESTS SOLD

On June 22, members of the Bountiful Community Church bought and loaded up the wind chests from our old FUMC pipe organ. The wind chests had been unused since we moved out of the 26<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson church in 2008, and members of our congregation had expressed a desire to free up more storage space in our current building. Therefore, the Trustees and Church Council approved the sale. The wind chests now will have an opportunity for new life and have generated \$1000 for our congregation.

## BOOK TALK

The Book Talk book of the month is Pachinko by Min Jin Lee. Join us on Monday, July 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Cheryl Thompson for our book



discussion. Contact Cheryl at 801-389-9864 for further information.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OLD TESTAMENT BOOK OF NUMBERS

The Adult Sunday School Class meets every Sunday at 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the Wesley Room. The class is taught by Austin Barron. In July, the class will be studying the Book of Numbers in the Old Testament. Newcomers are welcome! Large print Bibles are available in the classroom.



### EXTERIOR SIDING PROJECT



The Trustees need to repair the exterior siding of the church which has been damaged by snow and water. One quote to have the job done

professionally was around \$50,000. The Trustees have decided to do the job ourselves in small increments, repairing only the worst spots instead of replacing whole sections. This strategy will get us by for some years and will cost around \$5000.

Now the Trustees need your help! If you can share in some of the labor, the Trustees would love to have your assistance! Jay Hansell is leading this project, so speak with him if you would like to lend a hand with scraping, caulking, priming, and/or painting.

Or maybe you would like to donate money to this cause. To help you imagine your donations, think of it like this: One bucket of primer costs about \$60. One sheet of cement board also costs about \$60. A tube of caulking costs about \$15. Jokingly, Jay says \$25 will pay for a paintbrush and a painting lesson!

In any amount you'd like to give, please help us raise these funds. Write checks (as always) to FUMC, and then put "Trustees Fund" on the notation line. Thank you!

### SUMMER CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Hello Sunday School Families!

We have started our Summer Sunday School and are testing a few things with our schedule. Our teachers and Leah Rigley have been great in giving feedback. Please let us know if you, the families, have any feedback as well. Please be patient with us while we work out the kinks!

We will continue to learn about the Creation during July. Here is the schedule:

**July 7** - Communion Sunday - no lesson, but all ages of Sunday Schoolers are welcome to come and play in the Nursery

**July 14** - Science

**July 21** - Art

**July 28** - Storytelling/Drama



### HELP WANTED

The UWF are looking for someone with a food handler's permit to help in the snack bar at the Craft Fair on 25-26 October 2024. Contact Julie Coley or Linda Gates.

### STAFF AWAY & SECURITY

Office Manager, Gail Jensen, will be on vacation the first week of July, and the office will be staffed by volunteers. If you need assistance getting into the church, please call ahead to make sure someone is there to let you in.

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Fellowship time host sign-ups for July and August are now available on the clipboard table in the narthex. Thank you, June hosts. The coffee and treats after worship services are much appreciated!



### SIGN UP FOR SUMMER MOWING



Lawn mowing season has arrived! Please sign up for weeks when you could ride the zero-turn mower to cut the lawn up close to the church building. There are times available for July. Weed eating around sprinkler heads is also

encouraged. The sign-up chart is on a clipboard in the narthex. If you need training on how to use the mower, please speak with Gary Phillis or one of the frequent mowers. We ask that you mow on Friday or Saturday of your weeks, so the yard will look nice for Sunday.

### HOW TO MAKE A PRAYER REQUEST

Someone recently asked how they should make a prayer request. Please direct these to Rev. Kim by using her email: [kimaljames@gmail.com](mailto:kimaljames@gmail.com) or her cell phone: 719-248-9232 or by calling the church office at 801-393-5662. Hallelujahs are welcome too!





### JULY MISSION EMPHASIS

The July Mission Emphasis is Catholic Community Services Backpack Bonanza. We ask church members to donate funds or collect school supplies for local school children for their upcoming school year. Every child deserves to go to school with the tools they need to succeed. You can make that a reality by participating in this year's Backpack Bonanza! Please consider helping by creating help and creating hope. A list of items needed are listed below. Items are placed in a backpack and distributed to students through CCS' Joyce Hansen Hall Food Bank.

- Monetary donations
- Backpacks
- Binders
- Folders
- Pencil boxes
- Paper
- Notebooks
- Colored pencils
- Glue sticks
- Markers
- Crayons
- Highlighters
- Rulers
- Scissors

Bring your donations to the church and they will be taken to Catholic Community Services at the end of the month. Thank you for all you do to empower students in the Ogden area!

### MISSIONARY NEWSLETTER FROM EAST ANGOLA



Greetings from the Quessua Agriculture Center. We are grateful to God to be able to support the weekly children's meal program at church after Sunday school. It is very impactful

for the children because most of them do not receive nutritive daily meals and some often go without eating a meal for a day or more.

We continue to provide vegetables for the Sunday meals when these are available. Our egg production is proving to be more and more of a crucial food source for the surrounding community.

Villagers come to the farm to purchase eggs for their meals; 2, 3 or 5 eggs at a time with which they make an affordable, tasty, nutritious sauce serving as a protein



rich meal for the whole family. Eggs replace the usual dried fish sauce that is no longer affordable to most.

The challenge that we are facing in order to accomplish this is the availability of chicken feed and the cost of it that has increased with the deteriorating economy. We pray and believe that with your blessing and support for our projects, we will be encouraged to not stop, but to keep moving forward.

The village communities we serve come to visit from time to time to thank the Quessua Agriculture program for its continuous support with seeds, tools and training. We also provide a model which motivates them.

We are now in dry season, a favorable time for vegetable garden planting since heavy rains destroy sensitive vegetables. Once again, we are happy to have prepared for and distributed vegetables seedlings to the communities. They cannot afford to buy the seeds, yet they need the vegetables for their own consumption and the quantities they are given will help them have some extra produce to sell enabling the purchase of other needed items for their families.

We are grateful and give thanks to all who contribute to this project that is improving the livelihood and food security of our communities.



## SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

Thanks to the following who have signed up to provide special music during summer worship:

July 21—Men's Chorus

Aug 4—Chris Green, cellist

Aug 11—Samantha

Hammitt, flutist

Other musical volunteers are invited to sign up!



### Thank You

Church family – Thank you for the thoughtful and kind words shared with me when I was recognized for my years serving in Children's Ministry. I have appreciated your support and will always cherish my time spent with the children. In Christian love, *Brenda Boren*

### **THANKS FOR FACEBOOK WORSHIP!**

Our Facebook Live worshipers often express gratitude that our church provides this valuable online ministry. Here are a couple recent examples:

*Rev. Kim & Worship Tech Team,*

*Thank you for the beautiful Sunday services online.*

*Nancy Granducci*

*Thank you for the wonderful service. And thank you to all the people who made it possible for us to see it. Bless you all.*

*Gary Phillis*

You might wonder who serves on our Worship Tech Team. Richard Carr, Brenda Boren, David Barron, Austin Barron, Paul Kriekard, and Rod Champney sit at the controls on Sundays. Brenda prepares the PowerPoint slides in advance. The Facebook Live host team includes Grant & Janiel Brummett, Amanda Peters, and Kathy Strebel. Thanks to all of you!

Thanks to Austin Barron for leading worship and preaching on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. He did a great job!

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT



On July 7, Peggy & Richard Carr and Rev. Kim will share the sermon time to show and tell about the Mountain Sky Annual Conference. One of the major functions of this year's conference was to wrap up the last eight years that we have shared with Bishop Karen Oliveto. Bishop Karen will be retiring as of August 30, and on September 1, a new bishop will begin leading our conference.

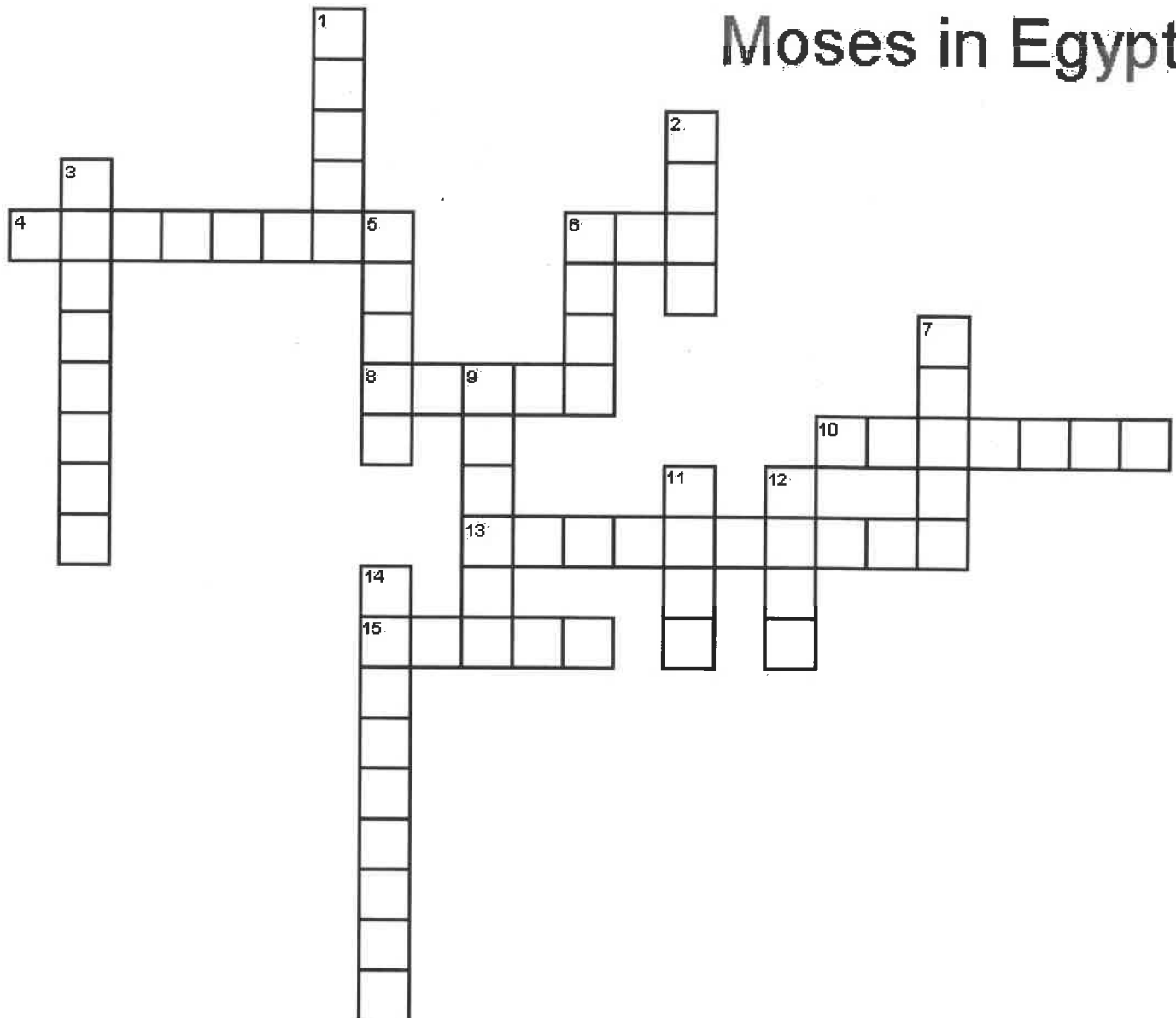
Normally, when bishops retire, that creates a vacancy, and the Western Jurisdictional Conference would hold elections to decide who those new bishops will be. Historically, the Mountain Sky Conference has always been assigned one of the brand new "baby" bishops. This year is different however, because the General Conference in April-May determined a reduced budget for the future. That reduced budget includes less bishops. The Western Jurisdiction will still have five bishops over our vast geographical region. But some other jurisdictions to the east will have to shed some excess bishops. One of those experienced bishops will likely be coming our way. Those assignments will be made at the conclusion of the Western Jurisdictional Conference, July 10-13, in Spokane, WA.

Please pray that this new and different way of assigning bishops will go smoothly for the jurisdictions that have to give up their leaders and for us who will receive one of those transfers from far away. Different regions of the country and church do things differently, so this will be a big transition for all involved.

On another note, Rev. Alane Currier Griggs, former pastor of Ogden FUMC, has just retired. She and her family will continue to live in Grand Junction, CO. She sends greetings to all of you.



# Moses in Egypt



## Across

4. The Egyptians didn't need sunglasses during this plague.
6. How many plagues were there all together?
8. True or false - Pharaoh never had a chance to stop the plagues?
10. God promised he would do this for his people.
13. The Israelites had to make bread quickly, what is this flat bread called?
15. What turned to blood in all of Egypt?

## Down

1. The Egyptians had these jumping in their plates of food.
2. Pharaoh died because he kept changing his \_\_\_\_\_.
3. What is it still called when God saw the blood on the doors?
5. What did Moses use to separate the Red Sea?
6. True or false - the Israelites were safe from all the plagues?
7. What did the Israelites put over their doors to protect them?
9. This plague is very similar to the grasshopper.
11. Pharaoh's heart was like a rock - it was \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The magicians stopped this many plagues.
14. What did Moses' snake do to the magician's snakes?