

# FUMC SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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The Chancel Choir will perform the Christmas Cantata, *Let There Be Christmas* by Joseph Martin at 11:00 am on December 5. **There will only be one service on Sunday, December 5th**, so mark your calendars!

## SPOTLIGHT ON MUSIC



**Susan Harding - FUMC Bell Choir Director** I have been the FUMC Bell Choir Director on 2 separate occasions - once in the early 90's until taking a leave while finishing my Master's Degree. After that completion I came back as the Children's Choir Director and rang in the bell choir as a member and a substitute. About 10 years ago I became the Bell Choir Director again. We do use handbells and hand chimes when we perform, it adds variety to the sound we produce. We also have other ways to vary the sound of the bells - we mallet them, tap them on the table (this is called marting), we thumb damp the bell and we can even produce a singing bell sound with wooden dowels. Bell choir is a huge commitment for the members, if one person is not at a performance or rehearsal, it is similar to playing the piano with one missing finger, those notes do not get played. I truly appreciate their dedication and hard work!

*(Picture on the left taken in 2017 at Bell Choir Festival in Denver; Picture to the Right taken in 2019)*

Kathy Prevost shares the history of the FUMC Bell Choir:

The FUMC Bell Choir has been in existence since 1985. Our first set of bells, a 3 octave set, was a memorial gift specifically meant for purchasing handbells. It soon grew to a five octave set and not long after the church purchased another 3 octave set and a 4 octave set of hand chimes. At



that time, there were two adult choirs - one that met in the morning (Morning Bells) and one that met in the evening (Evening Bells.)

Having two sets of bells allowed both choirs to play together in a massed ring setting. Over the years, there have been youth bell choirs - one such choir, The Amazing Grapes, combined both young and adult ringers, typically kids and their parents. Most choir members - but not all - know how to read music; however, ringing bells takes on quite a different approach to playing a musical instrument - that of fitting your two notes into a piece of music. Many bell techniques are used to produce different sounds - to name a few, we ring, damp, pluck, thumb damp, mart, shake, echo, mallet, "sing" and even one where the bells are rung and dipped into a dish of water - called glissando. The bell choir at FUMC belongs to the Handbell Musicians of America which sponsors festivals and workshops all over the United States. Over the years, the bells have traveled many miles attending events not just in Colorado,

but also Utah, Wyoming, and Arizona. Outside of church performances, the bells have also played for weddings, funerals, city events, clubs, private homes, nursing homes, schools, and hospitals. A few years ago we traveled to Grand Junction to play for the United Methodist Annual Conference. A small group even took the bells to Colorado Women's Prison holding a workshop for the inmates where even a few of the guards joined in. Over the years, the bells have had several directors including: Bev Ashworth, Billy Hengel, Kathy Prevost, Janeen Anderson, and our current director Susan Harding. In our 36th year of ringing, I would guess between 80 - 100 ringers have been a part of our bell family. We love what we do and the friendships made. Our goal is to praise God with beautiful music and we know that even when we make mistakes - God knows what we are trying to do.







Susan's love of music is apparent as she also works with the Children's Choir at the church. Her creativity with music shines when we are watching the Children's Christmas programs and musicals she has directed - and often written. The church is very fortunate to have her talent as part of its music program.



### **HANGING OF THE GREENS WITH CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Written and directed by Susan Harding, the Hanging of the Greens was held on Sunday November 28th, which showcased several of our children and youth in the church. Since they are the future of our church, your support of their endeavors is extremely important. It featured a solo by Rex Berg, a duet by Ben & Daniel Clegern and the Resounding Ringers Bell Choir.



## ***CORRECTIONS to November 2021 Senior Newsletter***

George Franke's Birthday was November 10th; I added the wrong picture to Gary Camp's Veteran Information. Also the first Life Story is for Shirley Hogan who was born in July. I had misplaced her write up and decided to share it with the December birthdays



## **HYBRID BOOK STUDY**

**Starting Monday, January 11, 2022:** Jack Gill and Shirley Reed are the facilitators for the Hybrid Book Study, which will meet on 2nd and 4th Mondays at 10:00am for 3 months and for those who cannot meet during the day, we will meet 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, starting January 12, 2022 at 6:30pm. The Book Study is called *Forgiving What You Can't Forget* by Lysa Terkeurst, President of Proverbs 31 Ministries; Cost for both, Book and Study Guide, is \$18.25. Call Shirley Reed, 308-665-5934, to sign up and reserve your Book & Study Guide or leave message at FUMC office 970-667-0876 and Shirley will return your call.

### **Saturday December 11th is our next quilt day.**



We will be working on hot dog pillow cases for Hospice that day. Bring a friend, even work as a team to get a case finished in record time. The cases will be precut, you'll need to make a seam, turn the "hot dog", and make 2 more seams. I hope to have a great turnout and lots of fun! Kay Neckel 970-663-3434.

## **ONGOING CLASSES & GROUPS**

**December 11 & 18 only:**  
**SEARCHERS CLASS; 9:45 AM**  
**JOIN MEETING**

**HOLY HAPPY HOUR** We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at Verboten Brewery, 127 E 5th St. The Food Truck, Pizzeria La Strada will be on site. Contact Tom Thompson for more information at 801-518-5392 or revtgt@hotmail.com.

**SOUL FEAST** meets Thursdays at 2:00 pm in room E120. Call Barbie Clark at 667-7445 for more information.

**EXERCISE CLASS WITH ANITA WILLIAMS** Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30am each week on Zoom. Contact Anita Williams at [anitaandroger@msn.com](mailto:anitaandroger@msn.com) with questions.

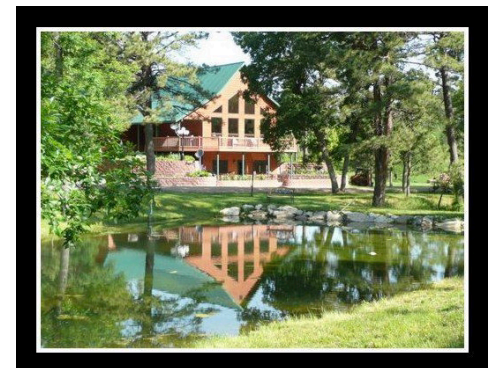


**Shirley Reed** is the Director of Senior Ministries at First United Methodist Church Loveland.



**Shirley Reed** writes: I was born at 12:15am on December 26th in Rock Island, IL and was raised in Washington, IA as an Iowa Farmer's Daughter. I went to a one-room schoolhouse through 4th grade. I was very involved in 4H as a member, served on 4H Council and 4H leader in Parker, CO in my later years. After graduation, I studied for 1 1/2 years at University of Northern Iowa majoring in Music Therapy. I attended American Institute of Business in Des Moines, IA and received my Associates Degree in Administrative Assistant with a minor in Court Reporting. While I was in Des Moines, I was Member of Young Democrats of Iowa and had the honor of meeting Robert & Ethel Kennedy, in person, while they were campaigning in Des Moines in 1968. I also worked as an intern page for Congressman Neal Smith for 1 year. I moved to Denver, CO in 1969 and worked in the Pathology Department at St Luke's Hospital handling surgical specimens for Pathologists to study. I also worked at night for 3 Denver hospitals typing

dictation of autopsies. I always felt that God had a hand in my life because many opportunities in my career were offered to me and I never had to fill out an application for employment. As one doctor said to me "Your resume says that you are an Iowa Farmer's Daughter, which means to all of us that #1. You will not say NO to more work; #2. You know what hard work is about" I was asked by the Head Cardiologist at St Lukes Hospital to be the lay person to witness the first heart transplant surgery in Colorado. In 1970 I worked at the University of Colorado Medical Center in the Obstetrics Research Department on the team of Dr Watson Bowes, Neonatologist, who pioneered intrauterine transfusion and started the program to keep babies alive that were born under 2 pounds. I also worked on the team who started the first Colorado Midwifery program. In 1976 I was asked by the Presbyterian Hospital Emergency Room Department Head to help him with hiring personnel for 4 new 24-Hour Urgent Care Clinics in Aurora, CO. I met my husband Lloyd Reed in 1971, was married May 27, 1973 and lived in Aurora, CO. Our daughter Amber was born in 1976 and Lisa was born in 1979. In 1985 we moved to Parker, CO when the population of Parker was 1,500 people. In 1994, I worked 3 years for a Pediatrician in Parker, worked as a Para for the Douglas County School District teaching computer classes, set up CPR classes for the Parker Fire Department, was a paralegal for the First Woman Judge of Colorado, worked on the team for Dr Laurence Spivak who invented LASIK eye surgery and then I worked for Edward Jones Investments for 10 years. I retired at 58 years old, moved to Nebraska to help Lloyd's parents live on their ranch longer before they moved to Assisted Living. We owned and operated Creekside Bed and Breakfast in the lower level of our home. We had on the average 200 guests every summer for 8 years and the majority of our guests were from Europe and Australia. I was asked to be on the marketing team for Mount Rushmore. In 2014 we moved back to Colorado to be closer to our 4 grandchildren. In 2020 I started working as Director of Senior Ministries at First United Methodist Church Loveland. We sit on the south side for the 8:30am service. My hobbies are reading, quilting, crocheting,



genealogy and gardening. Lloyd and I are members of VMCCA (Veteran Motor Car Club of America) and also Northern Colorado Classic Car Club.

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS



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**DECEMBER 1:**

Faye Furuglyas

**DECEMBER 3:**

Sarah Dill

**DECEMBER 5:**

Janet Burton  
Pat Lutz  
Cindy Crawley

**DECEMBER 10:**

Marlene Thurman

**DECEMBER 11:**

Diane Mills  
Donna Oswald  
Kelly Torrez  
Valerie Hecker

**DECEMBER 12:**

Leah Sebade

**DECEMBER 13:**

Barbara Moore  
Ted Nutting

**DECEMBER 15:**

Terri Maynard  
Mary Shaffer

**DECEMBER 16:**

Gregg Geis  
Carol Morganti

**DECEMBER 17:**

Helen Hengl

**DECEMBER 19:**

Marcia Eads

**DECEMBER 20:**

Jim Callahan  
Pat Farnham

**DECEMBER 21:**

Randy Simon

**DECEMBER 22:**

Shirley Wilbur

**DECEMBER 23**

Wayne Martin  
Dale Thurman

**DECEMBER 24**

Judy Graff  
Kitty Nutting

**DECEMBER 25**

Graig Marrs  
Elnora McCloughan

**DECEMBER 26**

Shirley Reed

**DECEMBER 29**

Roberta Knudson

**DECEMBER 30:**

Betty Hill  
Kay Ward

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### WHITE CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER SNICKER BAR FUDGE

- 1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk
- 12 oz. melting white chocolate or Vanilla Candiquik
- 1/3 Cup Peanut Butter
- 1 Cup chopped Snickers bar

**INSTRUCTIONS:** In medium saucepan, heat sweetened condensed milk slightly; Add white chocolate and peanut butter and heat a medium low temperature, stirring constantly, until melted; Pour into greased 6 x 9 inch pan; top with chopped snickers, pressing down into fudge; refrigerate until firm; ENJOY!



