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PATHS MARCH

Edition

From the Pastor's Pen

This month, we begin our consideration of the Beatitudes. Most of us are familiar with St. Matthew's Sermon on the Mount. Yet, perhaps many of us are less familiar with Luke's version of Jesus' speech "The Sermon on the Plain" (chapter 6). Using the New Jerusalem Bible, the first Beatitude reads: "**How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**"

There have been huge arguments for centuries about just who are "the poor people" Jesus was talking about. One side well argues that certainly Jesus was talking about people who are without adequate monetary resources. There is a whole area of study about the concept of economic justice in the Bible. Another side argues well the allegorical position, that Jesus is talking about all poverties: spiritual, psychological, social, & financial. Much literature has been devoted to this allegorical reading. So, who are meant? The people who don't have enough, or the people who know that what they do have isn't enough?

As a pastoral person, I do not want to have to pick a side. Thinking that people who are poor & people who admit their spiritual poverty share the same sense of lack, and are completely dependent on God, Both need something outside of themselves, & their own control, that will help them. I also think that both groups of people feel the same gratitude when the help they need comes. For me, that seems enough common ground on which to stand & on which to act. We are called to alleviate suffering where we find it, as we can. We are also called to assist the poor in spirit by sharing whatever spiritual resources we have received. The kingdom of heaven is made of mutuality AND grace. So, let us pray with hearts & hands: **God of the poor, from your riches of your grace, share with everyone who is in need. Provide for the hungry & the homeless. A teach us O God, to do likewise so that none may be prevented by physical circumstances from loving & serving you with joy & strength. So also provide for those whose poverty is inward, so that none may doubt your goodness or overlook your faithfulness. Above all, prevent us from thinking that we are rich in spirit, lest we separate ourselves from you in our blindness or deceit. All this we ask through Jesus, who was himself rich, but chose poverty so that we who are poor might become rich. Amen.**

Pastor Mary Jo

Just FYI

Sisters in Spirit Women's Retreat

April 26-28 Highland's Camp

Register by March 25th. Cost \$175.00 per person

"Flunking Sainthood" presented by Rev Kim Graber.

Registration available online at denpres.org/events.

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Fellowship and Evangelism

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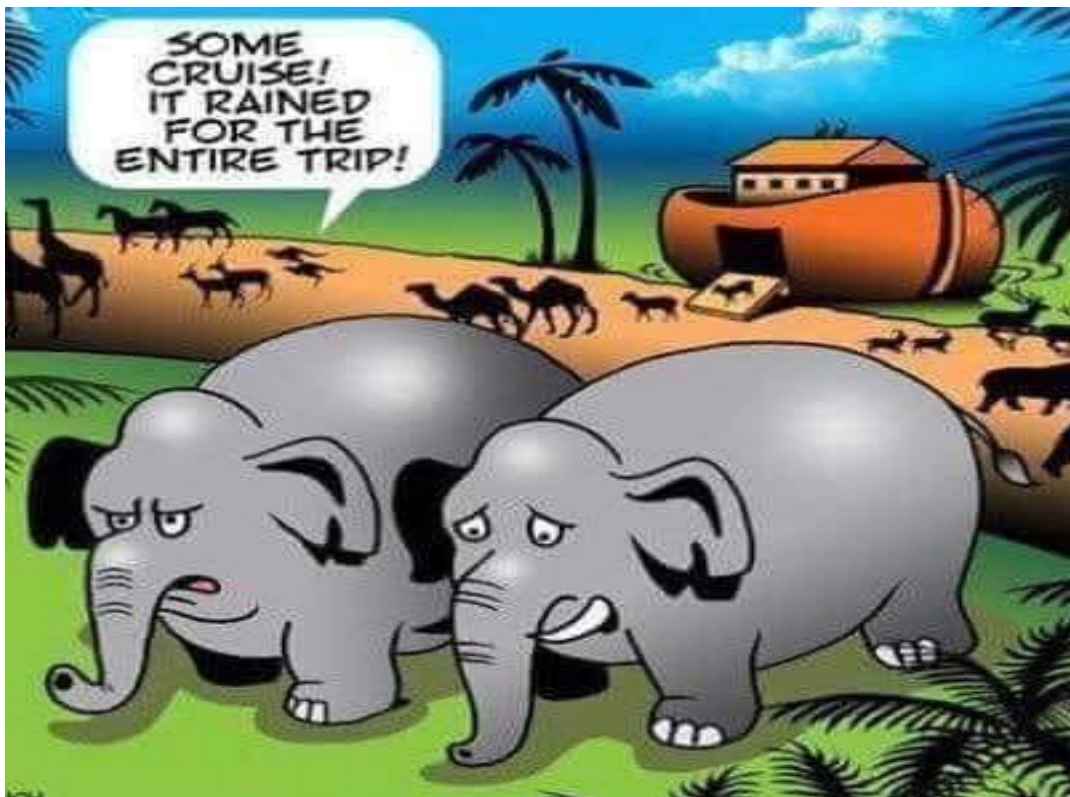
Game Day- On Feb. 10th, we played games, enjoyed snacks and had a great time of fellowship!

It was a fun time with lots of laughter that we hope to schedule again! Thanks to all who attended and helped out with snacks. Watch for more information about another game day.

Rummage Sale-We will be having our annual rummage sale on April 12th (1-4:30), and April 13th (8-12). Please bring saleable items to the first floor. Sign-up sheets for helping will be on the fellowship hall table the middle of March. If you have questions, please ask Clara Benisek, Chris Kromberg, Cindy Payne, or Wanda Whartman.

Fellowship and Evangelism Committee Meeting-Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 10th, 3:00-4:00 in fellowship hall. All are welcome to come to the meeting!

Fifth Sunday Pot Luck- March 31 after worship. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy a delicious meal as well as a time of fellowship.





- 1. Judy Harris
- 6. Amber Talich
- 7. Eileen Nightingale
- 11. Walt Wiegand
- 12. Dustin Thomas
- 22. Ron Payne
- 23. Susan Talich, Joe Talich



- 30. Bill & Jean Struckmeyer

Serving in March

Layreaders'

- 3 & 10 Sally Harris
- 17 & 24 Fritz Guenther

Greeter's

- Mary Nightingale

Usher's

- Dwight Easterly

Communion servers (10th)

- Sharon Hargreaves Carl Farmer

Church committee*

- Jane & Scott Easterly
- Sally & Judy Harris
- Carl Farmer
- Jaime Smircich

March Calendar of Events

- Mar. 3 Worship / Services at SRMC 1: 30pm
- Mar. 10 Worship (Communion) / Daylight Savings time
- Mar. 17 Worship / St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 24 Worship
- Mar. 31 Worship / 5th Sunday Pot Luck
- Tues. mornings 10:00am -Bible study
- Tues. night 6:30pm - Book Study
- Wed. evenings 6:30pm- choir practice.
- Thur. mornings 9:00am- Donuts

Presbytery Dates

- Feb. 27- Buckhorn Presbyterian Church Masonville, CO
- August 24- Light Memorial Presbyterian Church Sidney, NE
- Nov. 2 Valmont Comm. Presbyterian Church Boulder, CO