

America's
Bicentennial July 4, 1976



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Canon City, Colorado
Ministers: Paul Leaming, Harold Kelley, David Persons

July 4, 1976
SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
-America's Bi-Centennial-

9:30 a.m.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE... "Fantasia" Goemanne
Miss Joyce Kissinger, Organist
(Please hand prayer requests to an usher)

MOMENTS TO REFLECT...

"Let us celebrate our nation's birthday by
renewing our covenant with God, individually
and corporately, for in so doing, we will be
able to greet our tomorrows with a faith
that transcends all our yesterdays."

—Ebinger.

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*THE PASTORAL CALL TO WORSHIP... David Persons
*HYMN NO. 547... "My Country, 'Tis Of Thee"
*HYMN 543...(Vs. 1,2,4) "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies"
**(Ushers seat worshippers)

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS... David Persons
REGISTRATION... Thank you for signing the regis-
tration sheet and passing it along your pew. This
helps our ministers find out who is new in town,
who desires a pastoral call, etc.

SERVICE OF BAPTISM... The Rev. Claude R. Kinsley
Little Miss Jaimee Rae Hamilton, daughter of James
and Margaret Hamilton of Hesston, Kansas; grand-
daughter of Claude and Grace Kinsley of Canon City.
Jaimee Rae was born May 25, 1976.

CHILDREN'S SERMON... David Persons
*HYMN NO. 545 (Vs. 1,2,4,5)... "Mine Eyes Have Seen—"
THE PASTORAL PRAYER... David Persons
"THE TATTERED OLD FLAG"... The Crusaders
Corinne Burgess, Pat Hemsath, Mary Johnston,
Drexel McLean.

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS...
Offertory... "America" (Hymn tune)

THE SERMON: "ONE NATION, UNDER GOD!" Paul Leaming
INVITATION
"THIS IS MY COUNTRY"... The Crusaders
"GOD BLESS AMERICA".... The Crusaders
(Everyone Join In Singing!)
*THE PASTORAL BENEDECTION
*THE ORGAN POSTLUDE... "Recessional" Jones

*Congregation Standing.
**Ushers seat worshippers.

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After the service this morning, you are invited to view the display in the room north of the Sanctuary. In the display cabinet are pictures, and valuable memorabilia—also historical documents—which belong to our church. There are also two bulletin boards on which are displayed pictures of pastors of our church from 1866 until the present; and pictures of the various Methodist Church buildings in Canon City since 1866. One handwritten legal document is dated 1868. Also, there are cards under each of the stained glass windows in the Sanctuary, giving some history of the person to whom the window was dedicated. You will be interested in all of this.

We are indebted to Mrs. Elton Woodford for the countless hours she has devoted to preparing the material for the displays today. All of the material and memorabilia are priceless. Also, our sincere thanks to Elmer Little for building the beautiful cabinet in which the items are placed for safekeeping in the future. (Elmer again has donated his time in building this beautiful piece of furniture.)

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REMEMBER OUR 4TH OF JULY PICNIC FOR ALL THE FAMILY AT 12 NOON TODAY AT THE A. W. DILLEY RANCH IN GARDEN PARK! Bring several generous covered dishes, your table service. Drink and cake will be furnished. Games and contests will follow the picnic dinner until 4 p.m. (To get to the Dilley ranch, turn off Central Avenue

on to Fields Avenue, drive 11 miles. Drive past the Red Canon Park entrance and keep going until you see us!)

Our thanks to the Dilley's for letting us use their ranch as our picnic grounds today! Also, to George and Rayma Payne for all they have done to make today and the picnic a success!!

In fact, thanks to all who have contributed in any way to make today—America's birthday—such a great day in our church life! Happy Birthday, America!!

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

NO LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR THIS EVENING.

Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. Education Commission meets.

7:30 p.m. Missions Commission meets.

Wed. 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group in the Chapel.

7:30 p.m. Prayer Pals.

Thurs. 9:30 a.m. UNITED METHODIST WOMEN general meeting in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are welcome!

Friday: 8 p.m. J. C. Rainbow House.

Sat. DAVID AND LORI PERSONS AND TEN YOUTH FROM OUR CHURCH LEAVE FOR A WORK MISSION WITH THE UTE INDIANS AT ELMACIO, COLORADO. THEY WILL RETURN JULY 15TH. We wish them God-speed! Our prayers and thoughts will be with them!

THE REV. & MRS. CLAUDE KINSLEY WILL BE HONORED AT AN OPEN HOUSE BY THEIR CHILDREN THIS AFTERNOON AT THEIR HOME, 925 WHIPPLE, FROM 2:30 UNTIL 5:30 P.M., THE OCCASION BEING THEIR 41ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND! OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND LOVE TO CLAUDE AND GRACE ON THIS SPECIAL DAY!

Dial A Prayer 275-7800