

## SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Each year on Mission Sunday, the La Plata United Methodist Women take great pleasure in presenting a Special Mission Recognition Award for service to a very deserving member of our congregation. This year, Sunday, September 30, 2018, we would like to recognize John Sorenson and Carol Sorenson for their service to our church and community.

### John Sorenson

John is a quiet Christian; one you can lean on and one whose influence will set you on the right path. He is faithful to our worship services and witnesses to us through his weekly participation. He is welcoming and always checking on our welfare. John is also faithful to his Emmaus Reunion group which meets each week as they continue to nourish the excitement and commitment to being a Christian as initiated on the Walk. On Tuesday morning, you will find John meeting with others from our church at the community forum at Panera. John is the heavy lifter for the Food Pantry and as a heavy lifter is indispensable to the functioning of the Food Pantry. Most Monday's he picks up and transports food from the Southern Maryland Food Bank and also helps with the team pick up of USDA food. Weekly he is at the pantry helping with transporting and bagging. He has served as a team member on our Work Trips, going to KY and to NC, where his skills were much needed. Speaking of skills, check out the beautiful bookcase John built for the new parlor and the beautiful and functional wooden box for collecting food donated to the food pantry. These original pieces of furniture will be reminders for many years of John's contributions and dedication to our church. John has also worked diligently on Saturday's to help renovate the Shine Inn motel into the Southern Crossing residential housing which LifeStyles will make available to homeless

people in our community. Also as a part of his service to our church and community, John is a great help and partner to Carol as she serves out church and community.

### Carol Sorenson

Carol is a professing Christian. She will give witness to a God Moment at the drop of a hat. She is faithful to our worship services and witnesses through her weekly participation. In recognition of her service to our church and community, her involvement is almost too numerous to name. The Food Pantry from which she orchestrates the distribution of hundreds of bags of food has become a like a crusade for her to find unique ways to tap new sources of food donations and volunteers. This year she implemented the Great Food Giveaways distributing thousands of pounds of food delivered from the Maryland Food Bank to our community. Carol along with her daughter, Tina developed and is directing our Children's Church which meets each 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, teaching the children how to be "in church", emphasizing the liturgy and sacraments. Carol's art work is prolific, present on our walls and decorating our activities. Who can forget the mosaic for the Epiphany bulletin board or the Goodbye board for Bruce or the Welcome board for Pastor Susan? Carol is also instrumental in the services promoted by our Prayer Partners & the Fellowship Committee. She is liturgist for the early worship service and served as a team member on our Work Trips, going to KY and NC. Carol's service to our church has touched all our lives. Carol is a great help and partner to John as he serves our church and community.

Congratulations and "Thank You" to Carol and John who so richly deserve this year's Special Mission Recognition Award for Service.