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New For Lent

This year we are going to be doing a new thing! That is, we are going to be making available a number of small groups to meet in homes to discuss a little book titled, *"Listening for God"* by Peter Hawkins and Paula Carlson. This will begin the week of Ash Wednesday, February 19, and continue for 7 weeks through Holy Week. This book is part of a series titled *"Contemporary Literature and the Life of Faith."* It consists of stories and essays and the challenge for

us is to listen for God everywhere. On the Sunday following our discussions, Pastor Schuster's Sunday message will be focused on what we have been discussing that week. So, we will have a coordinated study and worship in Lent.

Groups will be forming beginning around the middle of January. If you would like to have a group meeting in your home, please call Martha



Conant (482-6997) or Ray Miller (215-3933) and let us know of your interest. We are excited about this new venture and believe it will bring us together as a congregation in a wonderful way.

Children's Activities via E-Mail

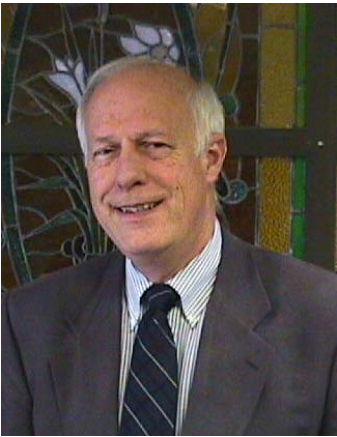
Are you a parent of a child aged 2 years through 5th grade? Would you like to receive emails about activities at our church planned for

children? If **YES**, please send your email address to Bev Halperin, bevhalperin@fcfumc.net or call 482-2436 ext. 16 and leave Bev

your email address.



Let Jesus Show



“A friend of mine told me about a Christmas pageant he took part in once as

the rector of an Episcopal church somewhere. The manger was down in front at the chancel steps where it always is. Mary was there in a blue mantle and Joseph in a cotton beard. The wise men were there with a handful of shepherds, and of course in the midst of them all the Christ child was there, lying in the straw. The nativity story was read aloud by my friend with carols sung at the appropriate places, and all went like clockwork until it came time for the arrival of the angels of the heavenly host as represented by the children of the congregation, who were robed in white and scattered throughout the pews with their parents.

At the right moment they were supposed to come forward and gather around the manger saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men,’

and that is just what they did except there were so many of them that there was a fair amount of crowding and jockeying for position, with the end result that one particular angel, a girl about nine years old who was smaller than most of them, ended up so far out on the fringes of things that not even by craning her neck and standing on tiptoe could she see what was going on. ‘Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will among men,’ they all sang on cue, and then in the momentary pause that followed, the small girl electrified the entire church by crying out in a voice shrill with irritation and frustration and enormous sadness at having her view blocked, ‘Let Jesus show!’”
From Frederick Beuchner [Secrets In the Dark](#)

As we look toward the beginning of another year we have the opportunity to explore what it means to “let Jesus show.” This is what it means to me:

1. We are to find a way to live our faith out. If we let Jesus show we are not inclined to judge other people, but welcome them and understand them.
2. If we let Jesus show then people who come in contact

By Charles Schuster

with us will experience humility and compassion.

3. If we let Jesus show then the people who are on the outside of our world looking in will find, in us, a sympathetic ear and a friendly smile.

4. If we let Jesus show then the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts will be acceptable to God.

5. If we let Jesus show we will know that God is love, and we are to love God with all our heart, mind, and soul, and our neighbor as ourselves.

If we let Jesus show we will become agents of reconciliation and hope.

It was Carl Jung who said, “Like every other being, I am a splinter of the infinite deity.”

In the year to come let us “let Jesus shine”. May the God we worship, and the Christ we follow, be transparently revealed through all we do and say. May our church become a training ground so that we will discover new ways to “let Jesus shine”.

Membership Memos

Receptions



In Joyous Celebration! We rejoice and celebrate in welcoming our newest church members.

☆ **Ed & Elaine Carlson** of

Fort Collins

- ☆ **Mel Engemann** transferred from FUMC in Loveland
- ☆ **Tom Hartmann** of Fort Collins

Deaths

In loving memory...

- ⊘ Betty Portner
- ⊘ Jeffrey Sinnett
- ⊘ Dorothy Cammack
- ⊘ Frances Waugh



New Member Information Luncheon



FUMC Church Information Luncheon Jan. 7th

Interested in becoming a member or learning more about FUMC? Be our guest for lunch and meet Rev. Schuster at noon in the Parlor. Childcare provided. Please RSVP to Lisa Pollan, Membership Coordinator, 482-2436.

\$100 A Day for Expanding Our Ministries

- Given in memory of **Arthur T. Wilcox** by Bettie Wilcox and family.
- Given in honor of **Bev and Don Weiss** for the miles and hours spent getting donations for the Country Village Bazaar.
- Given in honor of **ALL** who made things, donated items, set up on Friday, who sold on Saturday and Sunday and cleaned up the church, for the Country Village Bazaar.
- Given by **Galen and Bonnie Frantz** in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary, November 28th.
- Given by Gladys Johnston in memory of **Larry Johnston's** 75th birthday.
- Merry Christmas to **Jerry & Samia Thierstein**, in appreciation for their many activities of kindness.

Up the Down Staircase

We are sixteen steps away from completing the promise of Transforming Tomorrow! We are sixteen steps away to accessibility to all the floors and wings of this church. Sixteen steps will get us up that last down staircase—the Administration Wing Basement. A stairglide, installed at the north end of the Office Wing will cost \$6,820. Adding a ramp to the new Choir Room,

and making the basement doors ADA compliant brings the cost of this project to \$8,000.

We have received \$4000 in donations towards this project. 16 more steps at \$250 apiece will get us there. Your contribution to this fund may be

"We are sixteen steps away to accessibility to all the floors and wings of this church!"

given to Karen Waldron, the Business Manager, with "chairlift" in the memo line. Donations of time and labor will also be needed to build the ramp and rearrange some of the fixtures in the Choir Room. For more information on how you can help fulfill the promise, contact Colleen McRoberts at 482-2436 ext. 33 or email at colleendonnelly@fcfumc.net

How Our Church Will Face the New Year

By Charles Schuster

1. We will never back away from a challenge in the coming year. If it is important we will try to do it. If we aren't able to do it, at least, we tried.

2. We will never give up our mission because we don't have enough money to accomplish it. If it's worth doing it is worth extending ourselves to get it done.

3. We will never tell someone their idea



won't work simply because we've tried it in the past and it failed then. Today is a new day and the conditions that led to our past failure may have ceased to be a factor. Maybe the new idea is "the idea whose time has come."

4. Worship will continue to be rehearsal for living and not a performance to be judged. That being said, our rehearsal for living will become a happening and we will get creative.

We will take seri-

ously the fact that there are people in our congregation who haven't had a classical background in Christian theology. Therefore, we will expand our educational offerings so that all adults will be able to probe and dig, and rethink their faith journey and we can learn from the great minds of historical theology and, more importantly, from each other.

Our church will be making important decisions in the year to come, and we will be able to move forward. It will be an exciting year.

Thoughts From BEV

I recently came across a devotion about Anna the prophetess reported in Luke 2. The author wrote that Anna served in the temple, looking in the face of each child presented there. Perhaps for many years she had been looking for the Christ every day in the faces of those children. Reading about Anna made me realize that one of the best places to find joy is in the face of a child. Every day I am privileged to look into the faces of God's children, especially at our church. Each Sunday morning they bring joy and excitement to our worship and our Sunday School. They greet you delightfully, sometimes with a shy smile. They sometimes help collect the offering

or sing their uplifting songs in the choir. Joy was definitely present in many faces at our recent Advent workshop. They worked so intently on their crafts, some with their tongues stuck out in determination. And they squealed with sheer joy while on the hayride on a very cold afternoon. In early December, about 15 children made Christmas wrapping paper, gift bags, ornaments, etc. in our Wednesday Advent class. They were SO EXCITED to make something special for Mom or Dad. Again, pure joy on their faces. During the week, our Preschool and Mom's Day Out children brighten our hallways and our hearts. Serving communion to the children

always reminds me of God's love. Join us sometime during our children's chapel worship service and listen to the children's shared prayers – you will experience joy.

As we begin this New Year, I feel extremely blessed that my job is to work with these children and experience God's love and joy through them. If they belong to you, thank you for sharing your children with me and our church. Each of us should look for Christ's face to smile back at us in these children's faces. Thanks, God, for your light in each child we encounter.



A Great Tradition Continues

Advent Workshop was a huge success!! Thank you very much to Children and Family Council for sponsoring this event. A special thanks to Stephanie Tomasini, Kris Folsom, Dena Hartmann, Joyce Shorthill, Tracey Bean, Barb Grauberger,

Kellie Hale, Jan McClure, Whitney Naddy, Lisa Pollan, and Allison Straubing for their help in planning, setting up and cleaning up for this wonderful event. We also owe a huge thanks to all the volunteers who hosted a craft table –

the event wouldn't be possible without you. And the Stover Street Stompers provided a festive atmosphere with their music – thank you!

3rd Annual Sunday School Teachers' Retreat

January 19 – 20, 2007 at the Abbey of St. Walburga. Mark your calendars NOW!

This is for all teachers – past, present, and future. It is a

great opportunity to spend some time with other teachers and get acquainted with some new people. It's also an excellent opportunity to take some time for yourself – relax and

have fun! We will go up Friday afternoon and return Saturday afternoon. For more information or to sign-up, please call Bev Halperin, 482-2436 or bevhalperin@fcfumc.net

STILL LEARNING FOR LIFE

FUMC's Adult Christian Education Program

Who was Jesus? Not only are there innumerable ways to answer that question, but also in addition, our answers are likely to change over time as we grow and deepen in our faith. In the Gospels, Jesus exhibits an uncompromising commitment to justice for all, especially for those branded by the religious authorities as sinners. Jesus was a threat to the established order. What if Jesus were walking the streets of Fort Collins today, teaching us to love our neighbor as ourselves and to invite those on the margins of society into our living rooms? We certainly would not be inclined to think of him as well adjusted. We might even think of him as a troublemaker who just needs to find a job and get off the streets. How many of us would even hear his radical message, let alone heed it?

Radical connotes something extreme, something that departs from accepted norms. Without question, the Gospel message is radical. It shakes us up. It exhorts us to put God first, before success, money, friends, family, and even ourselves. Jesus' many paradoxical sayings – for example, those who lose their lives will find eternal life – force us to look again at what we thought we knew, to rethink our priorities and to “get right” with God. Through this radical re-ordering of our priorities, He invites us into a life of wholeness, both individually and collectively.

In today's secular, materialistic culture, we are all challenged to live the Gospel message. Consider some of the ways you are challenged. Over the next few months, we'll be exploring some ideas in this column for creatively responding to Christianity's radical invitation.

Double Nickel



At the December meeting of Double Nickel, the three gentlemen who prepare the meals each month were honored. Tom Clements, Bill Eiman, and Jerry Ting were presented with the

“Golden Chef Award”. On behalf of the Senior Council, Gretchen Bennett gave each one a golden chef’s hat and presented each with a glass paperweight inscribed with their name and “Chef Extraordinaire”. That inscription says it all...Thank You Guys!

Reverend Joel Kershaw will be presenting the program at the Double Nickel Luncheon scheduled for noon on January 12th. A nurse will be available to provide blood pressure checks. Be sure to mark this date on your 2007 calendar.

Care Closet

The Care Closet is growing! We have lots of supplies, from crutches, walkers, canes and a wheelchair, to bed rails, tub bars, a bedside commode, and foot spas. These are just a few of the items we have available

for your use. If you find yourself in need of some type of medical equipment or supply, be sure to check with the Care Closet. Call Kathy Schuster at 223-1859, or Gretchen Bennett at 897-2764.

The Care Closet works like a lending library. You borrow an item for as long as you need it, and return it to the Closet when you are finished with it.

Catch the Ride to Catch the Spirit

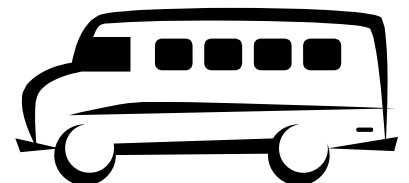
The Sunday morning van transport continues to run the route to area retirement facilities every week. An average of 9 folks are riding the van every Sunday. A trailing car is required every week to ensure that there are enough seats available and also because our van is not handicapped accessible. The Senior Council, with the support of the Trustees, is looking for a 2nd van which is handicapped accessible. If you know of such

a vehicle that might be available to rent or purchase, contact a member of the Senior Council.

If you would like to ride the van or know of folks who would like to ride it, the route is:

The Winslow	9:25
The Worthington	9:30
Sr. Center (north door)	9:40
Good Samaritan	9:55
Collinwood	10:10
Parkwood Estates	10:20

Reservations are not necessary...simply be at the departure site at the assigned time. We’d love to have you join us! We are so fortunate to have a group of approximately 20 drivers and assistants who make this program possible. Thanks to each one of you for your service and dedication.



Women of Worth (W.O.W.)

Women of Worth has been studying and discussing books for 12 years and will continue this tradition on February 14, 2007 when we begin discussion of the book, American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers and the Making of a Nation, by Jon Meacham, who is a historian and an editor at Newsweek Magazine. The

book tells of how the founding fathers determined to carry forth the separation of church and state and why they thought our country would benefit from setting up our governance in that way.

The order for the books will be placed on January 5 so orders will not be accepted after **January 4.**

The group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at noon in the conference room. If you would like to join the group or would like a book ordered for you, please contact Peggy Ingram at 493-3341.



Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Labels

For sometime now the Community and World Outreach Committee (formerly called Church and Society) has been collecting Campbell's labels for education and Box Tops for Education. The Camp-

bell's labels will be sent to McCurdy School in Espanola, NM, in memory of the late Rev. Ty Curtis because of his long association with McCurdy. The Box Tops for Education are delivered to

Putnam Elementary School, Fort Collins.

Collection boxes are located in the Fellowship Hall and outside of the church's office.

Adult Christian Education Classes in January

Disciple I Class: A thirty-four-week study of the Bible with daily preparation and weekly group sessions with the goal of developing biblically nourished persons. Contact Martha Conant for further info. @ 482-6997

Learn About Christian Art: "A Journey into Christian Art" beginning Sunday, Jan. 7th for eight weeks at 9:15. Contact Gregg Dawson at 221-2460 (day) or 407-1275 (evening)

Nifty Fifties & More-Singles Class: We meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Village Commons every Sunday. We not meet on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. Beginning Jan. 7, we will discuss the book, *The Purpose Driven Life*.

United Methodist Women

UMW Program Resources

Our next unit meeting will be Thursday January 11th at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor.

Princetta Reutter will tell us about the UMW Program Resources and introduce us to the books for the new Reading List. Bev Winsett will lead a Pledge Service. Circle Re-

bekah will greet you before the meeting and Circle Sarah will provide luncheon afterwards. All women of the church are welcome!

The Executive Board will meet before the unit meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Village Commons.

District Training. All unit

officers, new and returning, should plan to attend the District Leadership Training Conference on Saturday, January 20, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Longmont First United Methodist Church. Please check the bulletin board for details and registration.

Circle Meetings in January

<u>Circle</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Abigail	Tues. 16 th	7:00 p.m.	Conf. Room A
Hannah	Weds: 10 th & 24 th	7:00 p.m.	Conf. Room A
Kezia	Thurs: 25 th	9:30 a.m.	Church
Lois	Thurs: 25 th	9:30 a.m.	Home of Viola Vermilyea
Mary	Thurs: 25 th	9:30 a.m.	Parlor
Rebekah	Thurs: 25 th	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
Sarah	Weds: 10 th , 17 th & 31 st	9:30 a.m.	Parlor
Vashti	Tues: 23 rd	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
Talitha (College)	Call Dee Skelton	482-1984 or	Dea Carroll 223-6530
T.U.F. (Teen)	Call Dea Carroll	223-6530 or	Bev Winsett 484-8447

Interested in joining a Circle for friendship, mission, study and spiritual support?

Call Lori Ailor, 490-1194, or Chris Weber, 225-6597, for information on each circle. They'll help you find a match!

Money Matters

Karen Waldron

As we near the end of my first year as Business Manager at FUMC, I want to express my appreciation to each of you for your support and patience as I have learned what business at a church entails. How fortunate we are to have such wonderful members who take an

active role in the life of the church – and what an active life it is!! I want to express special thanks to Don Richardson, our Financial Secretary, who volunteers hours of his time each week to post all of your generous donations. Please feel free to

call me or drop by my office any time you have any questions about the finances of the church.



Stephen Ministry

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It's a New Year, marked with resolutions and new beginnings. Do you recall all of the ideas you had during the holidays to help others? What feelings did you have when you filled the Christmas Shoebox? Did you imagine the little girl or boy, as you bought the gifts and necessities you put in the shoebox? Do you remember the feeling you had when you wrapped the white gift and put it on the chancel? Did you smile as you took a family's name from the bulletin board in the Fellow-



ship Hall or a child's card from the tree at the south entrance? How different did you feel when you delivered the packages? Christmas is the time to reach out and help a family with toys for their children, gift cards for groceries, gas cards for necessary transportation, and small gifts for the mothers and fathers. Do you remember that feeling? It is not just a seasonal feeling. You can enjoy these feelings any time when you reach out to another person from a place of compassion and love with Jesus as your center. As a Stephen Minister or Stephen

Leader, you can experience the warmth and love throughout the year. Giving the gift of Christ's love to another by listening, praying, and being with another who is going through a challenge in their life is what Stephen Ministers do. As a Stephen Minister, you receive the training and support of a group of peers to ensure your love and compassion is renewed. You are not alone.

Come and join this caring ministry. Now is the time. We have just started a new training class. For more information, please call Sam Mack 214-5714 for details.

Ch.U.M.S (Children and United Methodist Servants)



Provide A Birthday Gift For A Child In Foster

Care: First of all, thank you

to all of our sponsors...we were able to sponsor all of our foster children for their birthdays in the months of October, November, and December. We are now readying for

January, February, and March, so if you would like to sponsor a foster child, simply purchase a gift card from Target, Barnes and Noble, or any department store in the amount of \$20.00.

Drop the gift card off at the church front office, and we will deliver the birthday gift in your name. Any questions, call Jill Rush at 482-3338.

Thank you!

- ⌘ Francisco (7) Jan. 16th
- ⌘ Jaqueline (3) Jan. 20th
- ⌘ Jeanette (8) on Jan. 30th
- ⌘ Hailey (8) Feb. 3rd
- ⌘ Izabella (13) Feb. 5th
- ⌘ Beatriz (17) March 5th
- ⌘ Byron (13) on March 13th
- ⌘ David (7) March 18th
- ⌘ Austen (7) March 20th.

Habitat and Aluminum Cans

Our discarded aluminum cans are a golden opportunity to help Fort Collins Habitat-selected families into adequate housing.

Simply sack up the cans and deposit them in the box in Fellowship Hall near the door into the kitchen.

Cans for Habitat is the easiest way to volunteer and fund-raise, as proved by nearly 600 other affiliates.

Sponsored by the Aluminum Association, this simple recycling program allows anyone



from the community to become involved.

Hey, How many times can we fill that box during 2007?

For more information: Glenn Goff 204-0307 or grgoff@rcgoff.net.

Thank You Ministry

- ☆ Special thank you to **Rod Anderson** for all those (6) new easels! We were in desperate need of them.
- ☆ To our office volunteers on **Sunday mornings**, we appreciate all that you do.

- ☆ Our weekday office gals: Aletha Deal, Anne Kylen, Gladys Johnston, Thelma Mauk, Barb Reimer, and Shirley Weise, who help us keep the office running.
- ☆ The Senior Council would

like to thank **ALL** those who adopted a family for Christmas through the Salvation Army & FUMC.



MEET OUR SPONSORS:

FUMC Bookstore

The FCFUMC Bookstore (via Cokesbury) has a link on the main page of the website: www.fcfumc.net, under the "Resources for You" topic. When our members use the link to access Cokesbury to order books and other items, they get a 20% discount and the church receives 5%.

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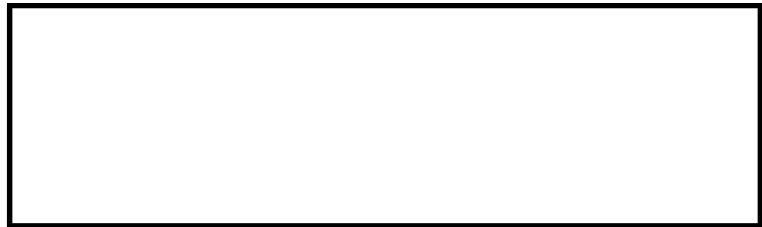
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Men's Retreat Day Camp – Register today!!!

The Men's Ministry Council is happy to announce a new way to participate in the annual retreat. On Saturday, February 17th, join us for the inaugural retreat day camp; YOUR chance to experience a full day of learning, relaxation, music and fellowship with other men. The day camp will be held at The Abbey of St. Walburga (Virginia Dale) a site that is well known for providing a spiritual setting while being very convenient to Fort Collins. David Reid will lead our group in several discussions exploring Methodist theology and how it relates to

the men of our church. The book *Shaped by the Bible* will be provided with YOUR registration and will be used to guide our discussions. Mario Sosa will lead us in music during our sessions as well. So come enjoy yourself, the beautiful surroundings and lots of hot coffee throughout this special day.

If you are unable to attend for the entire weekend, we want you to JOIN WITH US for this day camp experience in



the mountains. The cost will be \$50 and will include a wonderful lunch. Car pools will be organized to and from the Abbey for those taking part in the 9 AMish – 4 PMish

session. Confidential scholarships are available if necessary; please contact Rev. Schuster for more information. Contact Rob Bean (266-0252, webupdate@fcfumc.net) or Michael Paddack (461-3470, mpaddack@aol.com) for reservations.
