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Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, April 1st

- ☑ Services are at 8:00, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.
- ☑ Sermon title "Is This Trip Necessary?" by Rev. Charles Schuster

Maundy Thursday, April 5th

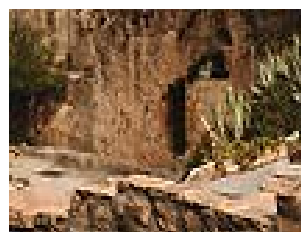
- ☑ Service is at 7:00 p.m.
- ☑ Cantata, "Song of the Shadows"
- ☑ Communion and songs
- ☑ Rev. Ray Miller, Worship Coordinator

Good Friday, April 6th

- ☑ Service is at 7:00 p.m.
- ☑ Sermon title "What's Good About Tonight?" by Rev. Joel Kershaw

Easter Sunday, April 8th

- ☑ Service at 6:00 a.m. will be held in the Parlor
- ☑ (6:00) Sermon title "He Has Risen for Early Risers" by Rev. Charles Schuster
- ☑ 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- ☑ Sermon title "For Crying Out Loud" by Rev. Charles Schuster



Garden Tomb, Jerusalem



Stone Seal

Easter Breakfast

On Easter morning you can have breakfast with friends and family and not have to cook or do dishes. The menu is break-

fast casserole (veggie too), fruit salad, cinnamon rolls, juice, coffee and tea. Tickets are \$5 per adult and \$2 per child 12 and under; will be for sale Palm Sunday in Fellowship Hall.

The proceeds will go to the LAMMP (Larimer Association of Methodist Mission Partners) to help fund summer campers, trips to Sager-Brown, Guatemala and Warren Village.



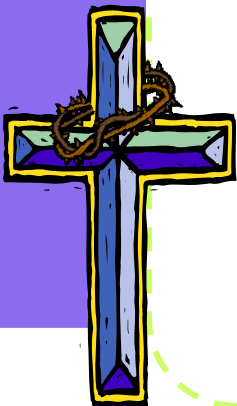
The Ultimate Plot

By Charles Schuster



MAUNDY
THURSDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE,
APRIL 5TH
AT 7:00 PM
A worship
experience
not to be
missed!

In Anne Lamott's book *Bird by Bird* she offers advice on how to write a short story. "I heard Alice Adams give a lecture on the short story once, one aspect of which made the writing students in her audience so excited that I have passed it along to my students ever since. She said that sometimes she uses a formula when writing a short story which goes ABDCE, for Action, Background, Development, Climax, and Ending. You begin with action that is compelling enough to draw us in, make us want to know more. Background is where you let us see and know who these people are, how they've come together, what was going on before the opening of the story. Then you develop these people, so that we learn what they care most about. The plot—the drama, the actions, the tension—will grow out of that. You move them along until everything comes together in the climax, after which things are different for the main characters, different in some real way. And then there is the ending; what is our sense of who these people are now, what are they left with, what happened, and what did it mean?"



Easter is, for us Christians, the ultimate plot. But for us, the plot, to be understood, has to begin with the ending and work back. To understand why Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey we have to grasp that at the end of the story he emerges triumphant

from the grave (otherwise it is a suicidal mission). To completely understand the background of the people in the story, we have to see what happens to the people as a result of the fact that death did not become the victor here. Otherwise, those who thought they silenced the Gospel would conclude that the truth can be squelched by force and intimidation. To see how pathetic were the power games being played by the religious and civil authorities, you would need to understand how the very thing they tried to defeat was strengthened by their suppression. The climax of the story, in light of the end of the story, happens when the main characters were not ready for it. The truth of Easter has yet to reach its climax. In fact, the end of the story has yet to be told.

We know how the disciples faith was returned and strengthened by the appearances of the "Risen Christ", but as yet, we do not know how Jesus' followers faith is returned or strengthened by the continual appearance of the Risen Christ.

In other words, Easter isn't over while Christians continue to live in the knowledge of the end of the story. This is some of what it means to live as resurrection people:

1. We will never assume things that happen are inevitable
2. We will always be able to face the darkest night because we know about the new day dawn-

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ing.

- 3. We will live and work in the church and we will seek to serve it realizing that the Risen Christ is at work among us. Our church is a precious reminder of the power of God and the power of good.
- 4. We will not fear death because death is not the end of life; it is the reunion of the living with the loved ones who have gone before us.

Our preaching is not in vain; our faith is not in vain; we live in hope to the point that we become the hope we live. Easter isn't over. As long as we witness to it, it will never end.

James Allen said, "The greatest achievements were, at first and for a time, dreams. The oak sleeps in the acorn; the bird waits in the egg; and in the highest vision of the soul a waking angel stirs. Dreams are the seedlings of realities."

Christ is Risen

Membership Memo

Receptions

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

♥ **Vicki McCargar** of Fort Collins

Deaths

In loving memory...

✠ **Dorothy Cheese**



\$100 A Day for Expanding Our Ministries

February 27th In celebration of our 61st wedding anniversary, given by **Charles and Betty Fischer.**

Foundation 2007 Distribution of Funds

The FUMC Foundation distributes a portion of its earnings from the previous year for use by the church. The total amount available for 2007 is \$13,500. Work areas within the church are invited to submit a request for a portion of these funds through the Founda-

tion. Blank forms are available in the church office and must be used in submitting requests. All requests should be reviewed by the Chair of the appropriate Work areas, the Chair of the Administrative Council and the Senior Pastor before submitting

to the Foundation for consideration. All requests must be received by the Foundation by **Wednesday, April 11, '07.** If you have any questions, please contact a member of the FUMC Foundation Board.

**EASTER
WORSHIP
SERVICES:**

6:00 am in
the Parlor,
8:00, 9:30
and 11:00 am
in the
Sanctuary

I AM LIGHT
JOY, LIFE,
LOVE,
PEACE
HERE!

Thoughts from Bev

PAY IT FORWARD

– this concept has been in the news a lot lately. The idea is that someone gives you some money or some other type of gift and you increase its value by “paying it forward.” Oprah did this when she gave many people a \$1000 and then followed them to see how they used and multiplied the money. The giver, as well as the receiver’s life was enriched over and above the original gift. Here at FUMC, we are “paying it forward” with our Workshop Rotation Sunday School for children. Three years

ago, a group of us visited First United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs. They had recently remodeled their education wing and had successfully implemented the Workshop Rotation Sunday School program. This was the “jump-start” that we needed! We came back very enthusiastic, formed a committee, began discussing the idea with lots of people and the ball started rolling. The results were a wonderful transformed 2nd floor and a new Sunday School program. Many of you were involved

in this church project and it has been greatly received. On April 28, we are hosting a workshop to showcase what we’ve done and teach others about our process. We have invited many churches along the Front Range and are excited to share with them what we’ve learned over the past three years. Thanks to this wonderful congregation, we are “paying it forward.”

Acolyte Coordinator NEEDED

We are in need of a person to coordinate our Acolyte program. The primary responsibility is to schedule the acolytes and keep track of their schedule. Rev. Schuster will lead a training session to help the children understand

We have children interested in being acolytes, but we need someone willing to be our coordinator. Several people could share the job and do it for 2 or 3 months at a time. Please consider this plea, we will work with you and it really does not involve

work with you and it really does not involve much time. It’s another opportunity to share our traditions with our children and teach them about our faith. Please contact Bev Halperin, 482-2436, ext. 16 or bevhalperin@fcfumc.net for more details.



Administrative Council

At our February 20th meeting, the topics discussed were:

- ♣ Ken Nicholai, lay member to Annual Conference & Dawn Rohrbacker, Co-chair of Worship were introduced.
- ♣ Traveling trophy “Moving the Church Forward” was awarded, see display and list in fellowship hall.
- ♣ Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair, Don Richard-

son, is developing a church profile for the Bishop as requested. Questionnaires to the congregation will be tabulated for this profile.

- ♣ Total proposed budget of \$976,588 was submitted by Finance Chair, Jeff McClure; balance of notes payable as of January 31, 2007 is \$217,399.79.
- ♣ Columbarium rules & regula-

tions, fees, & attorney letter of review were examined. Motion passed to begin the sale of niches & remembrance wall in March. The initial goal is to raise \$114,000. The first Columbarium board will consist of five Task Force members & one Trustee. Nominees from the congregation will be appointed to future Boards.

Sub-District Conference

The Peaks Sub-district Conference and Pre-conference Briefing will be at Christ United Methodist Church in Fort Collins on April 14th from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. Registration is \$10 for lunch and cost of speakers. Rev. Richard Ward, Professor of Homiletics at

Cliff will be the 11:00 am worship preacher. Sub-District Silent Disciples will be honored at the luncheon. Jack Ford, Conference Treasurer will be the keynote presenter at the 1:00 pm Plenary. The Plenary topic is Church Financial Ad-

ministration. Nominations report and election of equalization members will be a 2:00 pm. Pre-Conference briefing follows at 2:30 pm.

Summer Camping

Brochures are available for church camps throughout our Rocky Mountain Conference. Camp experiences are available for K-12th grade. Pick up a brochure in the church main hallway or in Bev Halperin’s office if you’re interested or call me and I can mail one to you.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 11–15



Theme is *SonForce Kids*

**GOOD
FRIDAY
WORSHIP
AT 7:00
PM IN
THE
SANCTU-
ARY**

*“I really wish we didn’t have to live through Good Friday—dying to our illusions—to get to Easter. But thank God again for reality! Good Friday tends to keep us honest about life. The Easter experience gives us permission to live it.
—Charles W. Sensel*

Still Learning For Life

FUMC’s ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

Radical Love

Perhaps the most radical and deeply demanding of Jesus’ teachings is his commandment to “Love your enemies.” (Mt 5:43-48) According to Judy Cannato, author of Quantum Grace: Lenten Reflections on Creation and Connectedness, befriending and even loving our enemies implies that we connect with them rather than remain separated and disconnected in hatred and fear.

There was a minister who once held his two-year-old daughter while he preached his sermon. At first she listened, then started to fiddle with his tie and try to take his glasses off. She squirmed, began to talk, and finally grabbed his notes. At this point he asked the congregation, “I know you’re all thinking how adorable she is. At what point does someone stop being adorable? When they’re five or fifteen or thirty-five?” How does our enjoyment of children harden into annoyance, frustration, fear or hatred of the adult they’ve become? We all know people who just seem to push our but-

tons, people we have trouble spending an hour with, people we can’t forgive, and people we don’t trust. These external “enemies” may make us aware of things about ourselves that we don’t like: our attitudes and behaviors, our anger and fear. Just as we avoid people who annoy or anger us, we tend to avoid looking at these inner “enemies”, much less befriending them. But when we do, we find that loving our enemies, both internal and external, allows us to connect with them -- they become “friends” who are powerful instruments for our growth. The Dalai Lama refers to the Chinese oppressors as “my friend, the enemy.” While we could surround ourselves with friends who care for us and separate ourselves from our “enemies”, it’s our enemies who can be our truest friends, if we allow them, for they call us to holiness of heart and soul.

For your reflection:

What are the enemies that reside inside of you? Do you choose to befriend them?

Who are the people or circumstances that challenge your ability to love? How are they friends who can facilitate your growth?

Radio Program

Have you listened to *Speaking of Faith with Krista Tippett*, aired every Sunday at 1:00 pm on KUNC, 91.5FM? This public radio conversation about religion, meaning, ethics and ideas probes the ways that religion informs our lives and our culture. You can learn more on the website www.speakingoffaith.org and even listen to past programs. If you have ideas for ways we could continue these conversations within our faith community, contact Martha Conant at 227-5659 or Martha@LifeWiseCoach.com.

Stephen Ministry

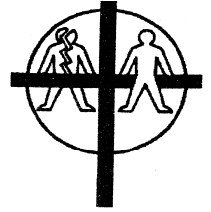
There's a new group of Stephen Ministry trainees in town! And what a group they are! We have had wonderful training sessions. They ask many questions and are really making the Leadership Team think! Some of the questions have been – Why is it distinctively Christian care? If it is compassion and loving care, why does that make it only Christian? If your care receiver says they are spiritual, but not

religious, what does that mean? If someone is searching for the Truth, is there only one Truth? Where is Jesus in process theology? With that question, I was sure the group had been calling my theology professor at Iliff to get her next list of questions for me to answer in developing my personal theology! We are almost finished with our training. We are planning to commission these amazing newest members

on May 20th.

Please mark this on your calendar, so you can join us for cake and celebration.

If this sparks your interest and would like to know more about Stephen Ministry and becoming a Stephen Minister or part of the Leadership Team, please call Sam Mack 214-5714 or Emmalie Conner 484-1719.



Walk the Labyrinth

April 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

9:00 am to 7:00 pm

What is a Labyrinth? It is a pattern that leads you on a prescribed path to a center and leads you out by the same path. It has been used as a spiritual tool in many world religions. During the middle Ages, Christian believers often vowed to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem once during their lifetime. However, in the 12th century, as the crusades swept Europe, Jerusa-

lem became the center of religious struggle and travel there was both dangerous and expensive. In response to this situation, the Roman Church designated seven pilgrimage cathedrals throughout Europe as the “Jerusalem” for Christian pilgrims. Walking the labyrinth, which can still be found in many of these cathedrals, served as a symbol and ritual of the spiritual journey to the Holy city.

Why Walk the Labyrinth?

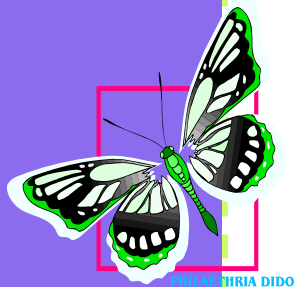
At medical centers, in city parks

and churchyards, walks are organized for a group or individuals may walk at their own pace. Staff walk for peaceful, meditative contemplation; families walk for relief from stress; grief and loss. Many report that the prayerful walk to the center and out again silences the noise and turmoil of the busy world or their inner selves.

Guidance information is made available to walk the labyrinth.

Alternative Worship

We are looking for people who are interested and willing to commit to initiating an alternative worship service with a new format at a new time. We need people with all kinds of gifts: drama, dance, video, knowledge of movies, ushers, greeters, ushers, technical support, etc. Call the church office, 482-2436 or Ray Miller 215-3933 or email raym@lpbroadband.net.



“In the bulb there
is a flower; in the
seed, an apple
tree; in cocoons, a
hidden promise:
Butterflies will
soon be free:
In the cold and
snow of winter
there’s a spring
that waits to be,
unrevealed until its
season, God alone
can see.
—Natalie Sleeth,
*The United Methodist
Hymnal*

United Methodist Women



Spring Friendship Tea

It was such a fun and wonderful event last year, we’re doing it again this year. The 3rd annual Spring Friendship Tea will be held on April 14th at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be serving those great finger sandwiches, desserts and tea in real style. Bring your friends, relatives or someone that doesn’t get to go out much. While you’re at it why don’t you put on that “Old

Gray Bonnet
With the Blue
Ribbons on It” (or any other color combination you might have) and spend a wonderful time listening to a special program.

To sign up call Erma Devers at 482-2003.

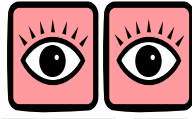
The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, April 12, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

<u>Circle</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Abigail	Tues: 3 rd & 17 th	7:00 p.m.	Conf. Room A
Hannah	Weds: 11 th & 25 th	7:00 p.m.	Conf. Room A
Kezia	Thurs: 26th	9:30 a.m.	Church TBA
Lois	Thurs: 26th	9:30 a.m.	Village Commons
Mary	Thurs: 26th	9:30 a.m.	Parlor
Rebekah	Thurs: 26th	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
Sarah	Weds: 4 th & 18 th	9:30 a.m.	Parlor
Vashti	Tues: 24 th	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
T.U.F. (Teen)	Sun: 1 st	4:00 p.m.	Bride’s Room
Talitha (College)	TBA	Call Dee Skelton 482-1984 or Dea Carroll 223-6530	

Falling Awake Workshop

Are you facing a big change in your life? Do you want more meaning and joy in your life? If so, a workshop based on the book *Falling Awake* by Dave Ellis may be just what you're looking

for. The cost for members and friends is \$150, which includes one hour of one-on-one coaching. For more information or to register, contact Martha at 227-5659.



Double Nickel

Spring is here, bringing the glorious colors of Easter eggs and blossoms galore! We're going to celebrate with our traditional ham luncheon at Double Nickel, scheduled for **12 noon on April 13th**. Rev. Ray Miller will present the program, "Reflections on Easter." You're invited...let's celebrate springtime!



Offer A Ride to Share the Spirit

We are set to roll with this new program beginning **Sunday, April 15th**. If you need a ride to Sunday worship...

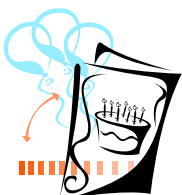
1. Call to request a ride for Sunday, before noon on Friday
2. Call: (1st) Erma Clements @ 331-0224 or (2nd) Virginia Hurt @ 482-3113
3. A volunteer driver will be contacted and will call you by 5:00 p.m. Saturday to let you know when he/she will pick you up on Sunday morning.
4. Should you have to cancel on Sunday morning, call the volunteer driver.
5. Enjoy the ride and share the spirit!

Cowboy Boots and Tea--an Oxymoron?

Not so for those who will board our bus on **Friday, May 4th** for the Senior Council sponsored Spring Trip. All board at 8:30—headed for Boulder to discover the world of tea at Celestial Seasonings. Attractions include a tea factory tour, a tea sampling bar and a gift shop with discounted teas and collectibles. Enjoy lunch at the Celestial Café with menu items ranging from \$4.00—\$7.50.

After lunch we'll board the bus and mosey on over to the Leanin' Tree Museum. Here we'll experience the heritage of the West through the paintings and sculptures of over 90 master artists. Our visit will include a tour and browse time to wander the sculpture garden and check out the card and gift shop.

Make your reservation early for this fun day of culture in the Wild West. The cost of the bus trip is \$15.00. Sign up in Fellowship Hall following Sunday services in April, or call Erma Clements @ 221-0224. Won't you join us for a spot 'o tea, Podna'?



Octogenarians and More...

Did you know the Senior Council sends birthday cards each month to those in our church community who have reached the milestone of 80 years and are still counting? If you turn 80 or 80+ this year and you did not receive a card during the month of your birth, call the church and give us your birth date. The Senior Council wants to send you our Best Wishes!

9 Health Fair

Make an investment for your

April 20 and 21, 7:00 am 'til noon

Christ Center Community Church 2700 S. Lemay

- Blood chemistry analysis.....\$30
- PSA (Prostate cancer) blood test....25 (Prices are the same as 2006)
- CBC (Blood count) Screening.....15
- Colorectal cancer screening.....5

Feature this year-Talk to a Pharmacist

Plus 12 free health screenings, including bone density, pulmonary function, vision and oral screening. Take advantage of 25 educational centers Do not eat 12 hours before blood chemistry draw. You should drink water and take prescribed medications. You must be 18 years of age or older to participate in any health screening. Diabetics should not fast.



A Christian is
the keyhole
through which
other folks see
God.
—Robert E.
Gibson

Mother's of Young Children

Please come and join our Mother's of Young Children group which meets on Mondays at 9:15-11:30 in the church parlor. We are a fun group of moms

tions or please just come and join us when you have a chance.

All About India Pot-luck

April 22 @ 12:00 Fellowship Hall

Again this year India is the country of emphasis for mission study. Last year we invited a missionary to speak. This year we will have a report from the six members in our church who went on a

Ellen Charlton of CSU. Jo Ella Turner will present pictures and comments on the cultures of India. .

You are invited to bring an Indian dish to share, but any contribution is welcome. Do plan to come and

bring an Indian dish to share, but any contribution is welcome. Do plan to come and share in learning about India! Questions, call Emily Krause 493-7095 or Mildred Gilbert 221-9577.



The Buckhorn View

The Latest News From Buckhorn United Methodist Camp

Well, it looks like winter is over, and what an interesting winter it has been. It was a major operation just keeping the road to the camp open. This was the most snow we have had during any winter since I have been at the camp. It was beautiful, but a lot of work. Now that it is melting we have mud! I am really looking forward to summer.

Our summer camp program is growing! We will have:

1. Elementary Camp - Jul 22-27
2. Middle School Camp - Jul 29-

Aug 3

3. Extreme Summer Games Camp - Jul 15-20
4. Camp Hope 1 - Jun 18-22
5. Camp Hope 2 - Jun 25- 29

We have great new brochures advertising our camps and would love to send you one. Just let us know how many you need.

We are in NEED of volunteers to staff camp weeks. Please contact us.

For the past few years, we have been talking about our new shop project. We would like to build a shop building and remodel the old building into a meeting place. The cost of this pro-

ject is approximately \$15,000. Our rental income will be down for this year, and will need to fund this project totally from donations. The good news is that we already have \$6,000 pledged toward the project, leaving \$9,000 to go. We also need volunteers to help with the construction. If you can help in any way please contact us.

Gregg Kernes
 Director, Buckhorn Camp
 970-484-2508 buckhorn-camp@gmail.com

Annual Buckhorn Clean Up

DATES: FRIDAY, MAY 4th and SATURDAY, MAY 5th

Volunteers are needed to wash windows, sweep and mop floors, paint and do minor repairs. Come for a weekend or come for a day. Help get Camp Buckhorn

ready for campers. Meet at FUMC parking lot at 7:30 and return by 6PM. If you plan to go up on Friday and stay the night, bring a sleeping bag; meals are provided at no charge;. This is a fun weekend and helps us get ready for our summer season. Sponsored by

LAMMP.

Contact Bill Henderson 223-8165 or email william@firstalliance.net or Mary Ann Henke 223-8725 or email anjohenke@peoplepc.com

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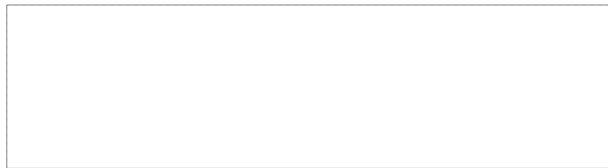
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DATED MATERIAL



We're on the

Facing the Face On the Big Screen

By: Charles Schuster

One of the issues brought up in the previous month's Carillon was the issue of putting the "preacher's face" on the screen in the Sanctuary during the 9:15 and 10:45 worship services. When the congregation spoke to the issue on the questionnaire supplied in the bulletin we realized there was division in the church on the subject. Almost as many people said they didn't want to see the preacher's face on the screen during the sermon as there were people who liked to see the preacher's face blown up on the screen on Sunday morning. The staff and

Finally, we will record a video of the Palm Sunday and Easter services for people to purchase at cost. That we will do with the use of a professional company and we will make that available in April.

I want you to know that we are doing everything we can do to be responsive to the needs and desires of our congregation and we are working hard to make our worship services the best they can be. I appreciate your in-put and suggestions.

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