



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 28

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary and 10:45 a.m. CrossWalk in the Parlor.

Maundy Thursday, 12:00 Noon, April 1

The service in the Chapel will be "Friends", the friends of Jesus. Holy Communion will also be included and special music by Richard Brack.

Good Friday, 12:00 Noon, April 2

A drama titled "Have You Seen My Son?" featuring the mothers of Jesus, Judas, James and John, John Mark and Barabbas. Participants are: Cindi Ross-Bell, Pat Jungmeyer, Martha Conant, Linda

Hall, JoAn Hopkins and Karen Waldron. Director is Betsy Kellogg.

Good Friday Requiem, April 2

Dr. James Kim will start with a pre-concert lecture at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Concert on Johannes Brahms' Requiem will be at 7:00 p.m., with the Sanctuary Choir, CSU Chamber Choir and full orchestra

Easter Sunday, April 4

6:00 a.m. Sunrise service in the Parlor. 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services in the Sanctuary (traditional worship services). At the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., we will have the Flowering of the Cross.

Vacation Bible School

SAVE THE DATE!!!

June 7 – 11

We are in need of volunteers*

**Classroom Teachers, Music,
Recreation, Craft and Snack
Leaders and Teen Helpers.**

Please take a look at your summer plans and plan on FUMC's Bible School being a great way to kick off your summer!

*Full-time volunteers: your children can attend Bible School for free and are guaranteed a spot. We

will have classroom limits of 18.

Registration will begin the week after Easter for FUMC families and volunteers.

Questions or to volunteer, please contact:

- **Tracey Bean:** 266-0252, tracey_bean@hotmail.com
- **Heidi Priebe:** 631-3293, priebe4@yahoo.com
- **Bev Halperin:** 482-2436, bevhalperin@fcfumc.net

Connie's Comments about a Comma

By Charles Schuster

I had to make a trip to Nashville, Tennessee. I'm on a committee that meets twice a year and our job is to help the United Methodist Church think through how it thinks through. It has 24 people on it. It has bishops and professors, and dignitaries, and one insignificant, inconsequential pastor from Fort Collins.

At the airport at 6am on Monday I went around this roped off area in a serpentine fashion until I got to take off my shoes, my coat, my belt, empty my pockets, and place remaining valuables on a moving roller and step into a full body scan while employees made comments about what they could see but I couldn't. In the midst of that cultural security measure I turned and there was Connie. Connie was my secretary in the last church I served. She and her husband Steve were on the way to Palm Springs to sit in the sun and play golf. I told them I was going to Nashville to sit in a dark hotel room and work. We were talking, Connie and I, about Senior Pastors she had worked through. I had always believed I was the most difficult boss she had. When I was in Arvada she developed an ulcer which she and her doctor named after me. She said I wasn't, in fact, the worst boss she had. She indicated I was easy, but the one who followed me, who was at the church for less than a year, was the most difficult. She said, "One day he turned in the bulletin with his sermon title printed and it had a comma that was grammatically incorrect. She proceeded to correct it and ran 500 bulletins with the 'connection'. The pastor noticed the 'correction' and 'went off' on Connie because she had, 'changed the whole meaning of the sermon.'"

Connie is an excellent secretary and I'm guessing she was right to take the comma out and the preacher would have regretted it if he had left it in. I've been thinking about the difference a little change like a comma can make. I've been thinking about other things that seem small but turn out

large.

For example, in one of the church I served, the sermon title was supposed to be, *Our Trusters are Busted*. That was put up on the bulletin board that faced a very busy intersection. I was the associate pastor and it was my job to put the Senior Pastor's sermon titles on the bulletin board. Either it was the result of a mistaken spelling or a misunderstanding but I put up the sermon title as *Our Trustees Are Busted*. That night the Board of Trustees met at the church. The next morning the Senior Pastor and I had a meeting.

This week, in the meeting in Nashville, one of the bishops was trying to make the point that United Methodism was always a church with a social conscience and social holiness and what he meant to say was, "We must never forget how John Wesley's heart was strangely warmed.". What he said was, "We must never forget how John Wesley's heart was warmly strange".

Little things make a big difference. A comma in the wrong place can change an idea. A mistaken word can put a church board on notice, and juxtaposition can turn a denomination from passionately holy to wholly weird or wired.

In the post-Easter period at the church we will want to pay attention to little things as we have moved from crucifixion to resurrection, from death to life. We will want to pay attention to commas, and misspellings, and words that are turned. We will want to notice the wisdom of the unwise, and the ignorance of the learned. We will want to look beyond the dusk to the dawn and from the end of the end to the beginning of the beginning. Mostly, we will want to be Easter people; people of hope; people of courage; people who notice the little things. May Eastertide truly be a new movement taking us to places we've never been to see things we've never seen before.

Membership Memos

from: Jo Ann Belk

Deaths

In loving memory...



- † Mildred Wilkinson
- † Mildred Brunswig-Allen
- † Dona Short

☞ **Eric and Sarah Harding.** Eric is a teacher at Rocky Mountain High School and Sarah works for Bohemian Companies as an executive assistant. They have two boys, Jackson who is in Kindergarten and loves the movie Sunday school room and Ben who is three.

☞ **Hester Bundrock** works for PVHS-MCR as a cardiovascular Technician. She enjoys family, sports, MOPS and movies. She and husband, Danny, have two adorable boys. Cohen is 2 and Cruise is 1.

WELCOME

New members:

In joyous celebration! We rejoice and celebrate in welcoming our newest church members...

Thank You Ministry

from: Jo Ann Belk

Thank you to **Diane Smith, Senior Council, United Methodist Women, Trustees and Foundation Board** for hosting the recent Sunday morning Fellowship Hour (coffee and donut).

Groups...please sign up to host this important ministry! Contact Jo Ann Belk, 482-2436 or joannbelk@fcfumc.net to volunteer.

Thanks to **Bob and Nelda Carpenter** for cleaning all the coffee pots. It was a job that needed to be done, and you stepped up to make a difference.

\$100 A Day for Expanding Our Ministries

February 27: Congratulations to **Charles and Betty Fischer** on their 64th wedding anniversary.

Sunday Bulletin Going Eco-Friendly

from: Rev. Ray Miller

In order to reduce waste and to limit the number of bulletin inserts each week, we are:

1. Using both sides of an insert with a different announcement on each side.
2. There will be only 2 inserts per week which means the regular announcement sheet plus one other (except when an offering envelope is to be used)
3. Regular ongoing events that meet weekly will be listed bi-weekly. This will free up 25% of the sheet for announcing special up coming events.
4. Inserts for any given event will be included for no more than 3 Sundays.
5. The green sheet will be eliminated and what has been on the green sheet will be communicated to the congregation via email. (We will need your email addresses if we do not currently have them.)

Mysticism-”Experiencing God in the Everyday”

Led Rev. Ray Miller and Martha Conant

Sundays

10:45 a.m. in the Chapel

After a short meditation, we will continue our discussion of Inspiration, by Wayne Dyer. Come and join us on Sundays.

Practicing Christian Community in the World

Led by Rafael Ubico

Wednesdays, April 7, 14, 21 and 28

7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall 3

Through our shared experiences within the church, we develop a strong sense of community. Is it possible to carry this vision into the world we live in outside of the church? We’ll explore the basic principles set forth by Jean Vanier, founder of L’Arche communities, in his book *From Brokenness to Community* (available for \$6) as well as other relevant writings. Weekly topics are the current state of community life in society; life in Christian communities; living in the world with a sense of Christian community and our larger community: the unity of all creating.

Finally! A Clear Path to Employment:

Matters of the Heart, Faith and Job Search

Led by Packard Brown, Senior Career Consultant

Friday, April 16, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Saturday, April 17, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Village Commons

Have you been looking for work but having little luck? Are you unemployed, under-employed, a college student, or a retiree? At times, do you feel over stressed with your job search? Are you feeling that God seems too distant, too remote to care about your employment concerns?

If you answered “Yes” to these questions, then we encourage you to attend this workshop led by Packard Brown, who’s been assisting people with their careers for 24 years. You’ll learn the latest in job search strategies, as well as ways to lessen the stress and pressure of doing a search and practical steps to unleash the resources of faith.

The suggested donation to attend both Friday and Saturday sessions is \$10. A light meal will be provided at no charge both Friday evening and Saturday noon. **Please register by Monday, April 12.**

Ethics 101

Rev. David Dalke, instructor

Tuesday, April 13

6:30 – 8:45 pm

There’s lots of talk these days about ethics – in business, in churches, in people’s personal lives. What is ethics anyway? What are the steps in making ethical decisions? In this class we’ll reflect on our personal ethics, examine some challenging questions regarding professional ethics, and discuss a variety of case studies. After attending this class, you’ll reflect on and perhaps modify your own code of ethics, both personal and professional.

Learning for Life continues...

Stewardship in the Age of GRIN Technologies (Genetics, Robotics, Information Technology and Nanotechnology)

Dr. Daniel McFee, professor and ethicist

Monday, April 19

6:30 – 8:45 pm

What are the implications of these new technologies? Dr. McFee will first offer a brief survey of the landscape of GRIN technologies and how these technologies are challenging humans to rethink traditional notions of “human nature”. In the second hour, we’ll look at some case studies and ideas of stewardship as these pertain to GRIN technologies.

Dr. Daniel McFee is Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Co-Director of the Evelyn Lincoln Institute for Ethics and Society at Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania. He has published and lectured widely in the areas of environmental ethics and religious ethics.

Mark Twain’s comedy “Is He Dead?”

An OpenStage Theatre production

Lincoln Center Mini-Theatre

Sunday, April 25 Curtain time 2:00 pm

In this newly discovered Mark Twain comedy and recent Broadway hit, the original master of American humor dishes out a sly critique of the art world. *Is He Dead?* is a fast-paced farce about a struggling artist who stages his own death to drive up the price of his paintings. As the scheme unfolds, Twain poses questions about fame, greed and the value of art and pokes fun at everyone involved.

Reserve your tickets by April 18 at the Adult Faith Formation table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. Here’s an event of interest sponsored by our friends at the Theologian-in-Residence program in Fort Collins:

Joachim Viens, S.T.L., Ed.D. Theologian-in-Residence at John XXIII starting in 1974 and CSU Professor of religious studies starting in 1979 and currently Theologian-in-Residence Emeritus, will present “Religious Identity and the Spiritual Journey”. Dr. Viens’ talk will be presented Sunday, April 11, 9:45 – 11:00 am at Blessed John XXIII Student Commons (North of John XXIII, directly east of Sonic on W. Elizabeth). We are hoping that Dr. Viens will also present this lecture at FUMC during April. Stay tuned for more details.

Easter Breakfast



LAMMP will be hosting it’s annual Easter Breakfast fund raiser

on April 4th from 7-11 a.m. Enjoy a wonderful holiday feast of breakfast delights and fellowship

with family and friends while helping support our mission projects.

The funds raised by this event contribute to the many mission projects hosted by FUMC and other churches belonging to Larimer Association of Method-

ist Mission Projects. Please stop by the display table in Fellowship Hall to see what your 2010 LAMMP group is up to!

For information call JoAn Hopkins at 282-0024 or Theresa Holbrook at 232-9585.

United Methodist Women

Field Trip:

MUSEO DE LAS TRES COLONIAS

“Let’s Get Together” with our neighbors! This month’s Unit meeting will be a special field trip on Saturday, April 10, when we will tour the Museum of the Three Colonies (425 10th Street

& Romero, FTC) under the guidance of Betty Aragon, our speaker in March. Afterwards we will have lunch at El Burrito Restaurant which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Please meet in the southwest parking lot of the church at 9:45 a.m. to assemble car pools as parking is limited at the museum. The church van will be

available for about 14 of us and we will need additional cars and drivers. Departure will be at 10:00 a.m. All women 6th grade and up are welcome! Please join us!

The Executive Board will meet at 11:30 on Thursday, April 1, in the Parlor.

Circle Meetings in April

<u>Circle</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Abigail	Tues: 13 th & 27 th	7:00 p.m.	Parlor
Hannah	Hands on Activity	TBA	Call Julie 226-5925
Kezia	Thurs: 22 nd	9:30 a.m.	Dee Gilbert’s Home
Lois	Thurs: 22 nd	9:30 a.m.	Village Commons
Mary	Thurs: 22 nd	9:30 a.m.	Parlor
Rebekah	Thurs: 22 nd	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
Sarah	Weds: 7 th & 21 st	9:30 a.m.	Parlor
Vashti	Tues: 27 th	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
T.U.F.	Sun: 11 th	4:00 p.m.	Bride’s Room

Interested in joining a circle for friendship, mission, study and spiritual support? Call Lori Ailor, 490-1194, or Bev Winsett, 484-8447 for information on each circle. They’ll help you find a match!

Conference Spiritual Retreat

The annual Spiritual Retreat for the United Methodist Women of the Rocky Mountain Conference will be held at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, **April 23-25, 2010**. The Spiritual Director will be our Bishop, Elaine Stanovsky, who will speak Sat-

urday and Sunday. Worshiping with 400 other women in this beautiful location is always an amazing experience. We will be in the new lodge and conference center this year! You need not be a current member of UMW to attend. Please find the

registration forms on the bulletin board. You may still register although a \$10.00 penalty will apply.



Double Nickel Luncheon

Friday, April 9 is the date of the next Double Nickel luncheon at 12:00 noon. The cost is \$4 per person. The program topic is pending but as always it will be one of interest to all that attend.

Tuesday Movie

The movie to be shown on Tuesday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m. is *Akeelah and the Bee*. Come join with others to watch it and enjoy popcorn and other treats.

New Church Van

We are considering a variety of fund raisers for the purchase of a

new church van. Look for news about them in the church bulletin and in the future Carillons.

Senior Corner

A Senior Corner has been established in the northeast corner of Fellowship Hall. The purpose is to provide material on a wide range of subjects that are of interest to seniors. There is a good supply of pamphlets that you are free to take. The supply will be restocked from time to time and new subjects covered.

Many of the pamphlets will be of interest to persons that have not yet reached the age of being a "senior". Take a few minutes to see what is available and do return for new ones.

Earth Worm

April 22 is the 40th anniversary of Earth Day which is the largest organized civic action in U.S. history. In 1970, 22 million Americans participated, helping pave the way for legislation such as the Clean Air Act and the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency. Earth Day went global in 1990 and since then 190 countries and more than a billion people have joined in participating.

This year continues 2009's campaign, The Green Generation, to rally for advances in climate change policy, renewable energy, and green jobs.

As a church family we will celebrate Earth Day Sunday, April 25. Our Christian traditions ask us to be good stewards of the earth and also to celebrate its gifts and the blessing it is to us. As families I urge you to celebrate in your own way – a hike, a cleanup project, becoming informed about what you can do to assure our children and grandchildren are blessed on planet earth as we are blessed today -let your imagination explore.

Saturday, March 27 at 8:30 p.m. is Earth Hour. You can support Earth Hour by turning off all

Love In Action

Thanks very much to all participants in the bake sale to raise funds for Tom Miller's son's medical expenses. Truly Love in Action.

Spring Bus Trip

Remember the trip is Friday, May 14 and the destination is the Wild Life Animal Sanctuary near Keenesburg. The cost is \$32.00 per person and includes admission to the Sanctuary, the bus cost includes gratuity and lunch.

If you have not yet done so, you can sign up and pay for the trip at the table in Fellowship Hall.

non-essential lights for one hour. More information and inspiration are available at You Tube – Earth Hour 2010 Official Video and at You Tube – Earth Hour 2009. Larimer County's waste and recycling education center is having an open house on April 24, Saturday from 10-2 at the Garbage Garage Education Center at the Landfill. It is free there will be new information and materials and gardening and composting ideas and information. Thank you! Happy Earth Day.

Remembrance Wall



Join others who have given names of loved ones for engraving on the Remembrance Wall. The cost is \$200 per name. Names will be entered on the Wall around Memorial Day. For information contact Warren Mauk at 482-3012

9Health Fair

Site Information...

Christ Center Community Church

Drake Road and Lemay Avenue, Fort Collins

Dates...

April 23 and 24

Friday and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. until noon

Cost...

Blood Chemistry \$30, Blood Count \$15, PSA for Men \$25. A new type of Colorectal Screening kit available for \$20

Requirements...

¹ Do not eat 12 hours before having blood drawn, ² Diabetics should not fast, ³ Drink plenty of water before having blood drawn, ⁴ Continue taking prescribed medications, ⁵ Must be 18 years of age or older to participate.

Pine Ridge Mission Trips 2010

Our first trip will be April 10—16, to do some basic home and yard maintenance. The approximate cost is \$350. We are collecting single bed sheets and bath towels.

Our second trip will be August 28—September 3. This trip will have a focus on roofing, to prepare for the winter season. If you have roofing experience we could



use your help! We will offer a 2 day extension to visit and experience more of the Native American culture. Information to follow. The sign-up sheet will be on the outreach counter in Fellowship Hall.

Questions? Contact Theresa Holbrook at 232-9585.

Green Team Wants You!

The church in response has just formed a "Green Team" and met for the first time to discuss where FUMC might be able to conserve on resources. Those who have expressed an interest are Martha Conant, David Dalke, Rebecca McFee, Rich Fisher, Jo Ann Belk, Kay Lybecker, Ellie Mueller, Tom An-

dersen, and Georgia Locker.

Rich plans to talk with the Administrative Council at their next meeting about the information of this team and our concerns. We plan to meet again to discuss a plan of action. We are inviting anyone who would like to join us to bring your ideas. Dates to

be printed in the bulletins.

The Bishop of the UMC has recently put out a letter, calling on all of us to "practice social and environmental holiness", deepening our spiritual consciousness as just stewards of creation.

Wesley College Mission Trip

There are 26 of us going to San Francisco and we need **YOUR** help!

The Wesley Foundation is taking a college mission trip to San Francisco on May 16-21. We will be having a bake sale on April 11th to help us get there and we need

people to both donate baked goods and to buy baked goods!

We will also have a generously donated sampler quilt up for auction the Sunday's leading up to our bake sale. Please help us get to San Francisco! It promises to be an amazing experi-

ence.

The Sampler Quilt is 78" x 87".



New for Food Preparers/Servers in Our Church

What? Almost 200 tested recipes for serving groups. Includes info for amount of food supplies needed for various numbers of guests.

Where? In a plastic file in the main kitchen on the shelves next to the refrigerator.

Categories are: Breakfast Items, Appetizers, Salads, Main Dishes, Sides, Chili, Punch, Desserts and Cookies

If anyone has recipes for serving large groups, add them to the collection.

Note: Please return recipes

to the file after use. Copy recipes in the office and replace originals to keep them.

Information concerning kitchen use coming.
Questions? Call Alyce 484.1463.

Buckhorn Camp Thank You

The Camp staff and Camp Hope campers appreciate the recent donations; over \$2600 was collected and this will provide "campships" to almost five campers for the June 28th thru July 2nd session.



Opening work days at the Camp...volunteers are requested for May 1st. Please meet at the south parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and we will SUV pool up there and return just after 5PM. If anyone with plumbing skills wants to go up Thursday

and/or Friday to crawl underneath the cabins to turn on water and fix piping that would be much appreciated -bunk bed and homemade fast food provided. Please RSVP to Bill Henderson at 223-8165 ASAP!

Notice from the Fire Department

On Sunday, March 14th we had a false alarm go off before the 10:45 worship service. We did not evacuate the building! The Fire Department was adamant that whether it's a false alarm or the real thing, **WE MUST EVACUATE THE BUILDING!**

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Meet Mr. Mozart Adevu

Mr. Mozart Adevu was selected by FUMC's Outreach team to be our new Covenant Missionary. He is the Africa Regional Coordinator for the Sustainable Agriculture and Development Program of UMCOR. Born in Ho, Ghana, he has earned a B.S. in Agriculture from Ghana's University of Cape Coast, an M.S. in Animal Breeding in India, and a post graduate certificate at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration.

In 2008, while visiting the Brush UMC, his hosts brought him to CSU to meet with some professors and graduate students, followed by a Lew Grant-led tour

of Grant's Organic Farms. We look forward to our opportunity to meet and visit with him on his next trip to Colorado.

As a covenant church, FUMC is contributing \$2500 to support the GBGM Missionaries. This is more than a financial commitment, our relationship is a dynamic partnership between our congregation and Mr. Adevu. By deepening our awareness of the struggles and triumphs of this missionary, we participate in work that is truly connective.

We have received a February 2010 letter describing his trip to the Democratic Republic of

Congo. Trainers from Ghana were there to train the Congolese. He describes "Visible Improvements" in the lives of people in communities that received this UMCOR training.

His letter and future letters will be placed in a binder in our Faith Library, where we can all read about these dramatic improvements, and offer prayers for his missionary service, his family, and his faith.

