



Nominated for Outstanding Congregational Library

The Northern Colorado Faith Library at First UMC has been nominated for the Outstanding Congregational Library Award for 2009.

The award is given by the Church & Synagogue Library Association (CSLA). Membership in CSLA includes individuals and church/synagogue libraries from most states and a dozen other countries. Catholics, Jews, and more than 30 Protestant denominations are represented.

Pat Shufeldt, a CSLA board member from Greenville, S.C., submitted the nomination.

“It has been exciting to watch the Northern Colorado Faith Library’s transformation over the past 2 ½ years from 1,500 miles away,” wrote Shufeldt in her nomination letter. The nomination noted improvements in collection development, publicity and

outreach, funding, staffing, facilities and library use.

Improvements have been funded primarily by the Good Is Not Good Enough program and individual gifts.

“Thought visionary long-range planning, focusing on service beyond their own congregation, and recognizing what is needed in infrastructure for a 21st century library, Fort Collins First United Methodist Church is supporting the development of an

ecumenical faith-based library which far exceeds the scope of service normally expected from a congregation of moderate size in both membership and annual budget,” Shufeldt wrote.

The library catalog is at <http://fcf.schoolaid.net>.



Vacation Bible School

Join us for “Son Rock Kids Camp Vacation Bible School”.

June 15th-19th, 2009
9 a.m.—12 p.m.

Children four years-by September 15, 2009 through 5th grade may register for this year’s Bible School.

Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Application forms are

available in the church office or between services on Sunday mornings. Volunteers are needed, please consider helping with this fun summertime activity.

For more information contact Barb Grauberger @ 226-4579 or e-mail @ Bgrauberger@comcast.net.

Help, I've Been Fired!



By Charles
Schuster

In David James Randolph's book The Power That Heals, he talks about performing a wedding ceremony in New York

where John Updike was in attendance. The two of them were talking in affirming terms with each other. Randolph was telling Updike how much he appreciated his writing. The writer had expressed genuine gratitude for the way he had conducted the wedding. "All this was going on in silence. I didn't know what to say next. I didn't have to. Updike said, 'How is your ministry going?' I found myself telling him what I had never told anyone else; how I had come to New York with high hopes and collided with dark reality; that the experience had been devastating to me and my family; that I was all right now but that the struggle was more difficult than I had expected it to be; that I still experienced moments of grace and sought to share them. He responded compassionately. I'll never forget what he said, 'I hope you don't get so bent out of shape that you don't recognize yourself.'"

Have you ever been fired? Have you ever lost your job or had your company "down size" and you were the one determined they could do without? That is very difficult. How do we deal

with it?

I had a friend, Joe Fisher (he died recently) who said to a group of us one time, "I've been a millionaire twice and I've had to declare bankruptcy twice. I know what it is to be on top and I've learned what it means to lose it all because you trusted the wrong people or made a bad decision. What I have learned about myself is valuable. I know I can make it and when the times are bad I will survive."

I know a couple who changed roles when he lost his job and he became the house husband because she could get work. Recently, he was reemployed and he says he wouldn't trade anything for the time he had with the children.

What do you do when you lose your job?

1. Realize that the loss of a job most probably isn't about you. Sometime, things happen and there is nothing that could be done to prevent them. Your unemployment doesn't mean you are unemployable; it means someone, who doesn't know you, didn't see what a valuable employee you are.

2. Understand that your work is not related to your worth. You are a person with incredible capacity to learn. Sometimes our biggest disappointments are our greatest good fortune. There is a country western song that says it, "Thank God for Unanswered

Prayer".

3. See that every job is a transition to a better job. If you remain your entire professional life in one work environment you still can work to make the job you have a better job by the way you do it. Whatever you are doing there is something better you could be doing. Look for it and you will find it.

4. Admit you need help and ask for it. Many people are losing their jobs and there are networks and mentors available in the community to help. Within our church there are people who are willing to advise you who have gone through what you are going through.

See this period of time as a time to dig deeper into yourself. Joan Borysenko and Gordon Dveirin wrote a book, Your Soul's Compass. They challenge us by writing, "As we open the ears of our hearts to neighbor and stranger alike and to the hidden treasure of possibility within us all desiring to be known, the compass of spiritual guidance may help bring a future wisdom and compassion into being—a civilization with a heart."

"Help, I've been fired", can become "good, I've got an opportunity". Imperative in all this is the realization of faith in God, and an awareness of the importance of family and friends. In addition, let us know at the church. **WE ARE HERE TO HELP!**



Deaths:

✧ Donald Parks



New Members:

- **Pattie Abrahamson** is returning to our church. She was a member in the 80's and moved away. We welcome her back to FUMC.
- **John and Joy Lynch** come from Morristown, NJ. John has become active on the Finance Committee and in helping with the Columbarium record keeping.
- **Carl and Duane Sanders** have moved here from Couperville, WA. Carl enjoys gardening and woodworking. Duane enjoys arts and crafts such as wool embroidery and intriguing art work. They are the proud "parents" of a white shepherd/wolf mix.
- **Gary and Janet Caille** come from Roswell, GA. Janet enjoys music, traveling and hiking.
- **Inara Rudmanis** is a retired teacher/presenter. Her interests are many. She is currently exploring art and writing. She loves to try new things and laughing.

Mother's Day is May 10th



Baptisms:

✧ **Evan Howard Hult**, son of Jeffrey Hult and Amy Kelly

✧ Shane Jeffrey Simper

✧ Kylee Rae Hulquist, daughter of Kevin and Karen Hulquist (from Wellington United Methodist Fellowship)

Need Your Help

There continues to be a need for fellowship, discipleship, serving, evangelism, worship, athletics, etc. in a small group settings.

In order for our church to move forward, we must have a point person to oversee the formation, lead-

ership/facilitation, training, and ongoing support of the groups. The Administrative Council has approved to have Jo Ann Belk add this to her job responsibilities. *However, she will need your help. She must let some of her other job responsibilities go, which will free her to be the coordinator of our small group ministry.*

The biggest of these is the **hospitality time on Sunday mornings**. Therefore, she will need to schedule a different group, class, circle, family, etc. to host coffee hour each Sunday. This would be a great way for each group to market themselves. The vision is that, each Sunday, the bulletin will say, "This Sunday's hospitality hour is hosted by ..." Then, each group can use the acrylic stands on each table to explain who they are and what they are about. Not only will this keep church members involved in what is going on in our church, it will also show visitors some of what they can become a part of.

A short, very important, training class on Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 PM. A representative from each group should plan to attend and learn how to use the coffee extractor and what is entailed in setting up the coffee and donuts. This person would **not** be responsible for setting up the coffee/donuts by themselves, but just be a liaison to their group to convey what is needed.

We can also discuss how to effectively market your group's purpose. Your group can sign up for any Sundays that they would like to host.

As of May 17th groups will need to start hosting the coffee hour.

In addition to having groups host the coffee hour, there is a need for a hospitality committee. This committee will be responsible for organizing the list of volunteers that will provide the coffee service each Sunday, and ensure that the task is appropriately completed. The committee also will be responsible for purchasing coffee service supplies (e.g., paper products, etc.) at Sam's about once a month or as needed. If you would like to help with this, please let me know.

Youth Ministry to Get a Face Lift

Youth ministry seems at times like a moving target. With new seventh graders added to our ranks each year and seniors who have shaped the program for years going off to college, we are constantly recreating our youth program to foster new youth as they grow in their faith. We took one big step in this constant changing last year when we created Club 56 for Fifth and Sixth graders. This year we seek to transform our program in yet a new way. The Youth Program is adding several small groups that seek to speak to youth through their own unique and wonderfully diverse interests. These groups hope to cover things like finding God in nature, Weekly Bible Study and coffee shop gatherings, prayer sessions, book club, cooking group, youth band, actors studio, service project team, movie/culture group, bowling team and more. The possibilities are endless and we want to get the first of these groups started in June. The Youth Leadership Team, Youth Council, Sponsor Team and others are helping us shape this new and exciting phase in youth ministry for FUMC but we need youth to know



about us and adults to help make this dream become a reality. Look for tables in Fellowship Hall on Youth Sunday for more information about these small groups and other exciting opportunities for ministry with young people. If you can or want to help us please contact Rev. Joel Kershaw and be a part of this wonderful ministry!

To Sign up for any of these groups contact Rev. Joel Kershaw or visit our on line sign-up sheets at <http://www.sign-up-sheet.com/users/sheets/2466> .

UMYF Schedule for May

- May 3rd Youth Sunday (no UMYF or Sunday School)
- May 10th No UMYF Due to Mother's Day
- May 17th Baccalaureate Service 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Parlor
- May 24th No UMYF due to Memorial Day
- May 31st Week off before starting Summer Schedule

Cinco de mayo is May 5th.

Heads-Up Everyone!

An important announcement!

Krista Tippett, host of "Speaking of Faith" will be speaking at FUMC on Wednesday, November 11, 2009. "Speaking of Faith" is broadcast every Sunday 1 PM on KUNC 91.5 FM! Check out www.speakingoffaith.org to learn more about Krista Tippett.

Mother's Day Out

Our last day for drop-in child care will be Friday, May 22. We follow PR-1 School District schedule. We will re-open in the fall on Tuesday, September 8th.

Have a great summer vacation and we'll see you in the fall!

Disciple Bible Study Classes 2009-2010

To gain a measure of interest in the possible Disciple classes to be offered beginning Fall, 2009, please indicate your interest by marking the following with **1=Definitely**; **2=Perhaps**; **3=not interest at all**.

Short-term Offerings (8-11 weeks)

- _____ Invitation to the Gospel of John
- _____ Invitation to Romans
- _____ Invitation to Genesis
- _____ Invitation to the Old Testament
- _____ Invitation to the New Testament

Long-term Offerings (32-34 weeks)

- _____ Becoming Disciples through Bible Study (overview of the message of the entire Bible)
- _____ Into the Word—Into the World (Genesis, Exodus, Luke, Acts)
- _____ Remember Who You Are (the Prophets and the Letters of Paul)

- _____ Under the Tree of Life (Gospel of John, letters of John, James and Jude, and the Revelation of John)
- _____ Jesus in the Gospels (exploring how Jesus is presented in each of the 4 gospels)
- _____ Christian Believer (exploring Doctrines of the Christian Faith)

What day(s) and time(s) would work best for you?

What other classes would you find helpful?

Name (optional)

Please place this in offering plates or leave in the church office.

In a world that "couldn't care less," we are to be people who couldn't care more.

—Our Daily Bread

Joyful Noise Children's Choir

The Joyful Noise Choir is open to children ages 4 through 4th grade. The choir practices in the music room on the second floor, education wing for 15 minutes immediately after Sunday School and sings once a month at the 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. services. The children are released immediately after singing at the beginning of the 10:45 service. Each week the children enjoy singing, dancing in front of the full length

wall mirror, twirling ribbons, and playing instruments. We would love to have your children join us in this fun opportunity to "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord"! If you have questions, please contact the Joyful Noise Choir director, Kathryn Lonowski at 493-7886.

Small Groups on the Horizon

FUMC is expanding our small group ministry. We have started a new Young Adult (20/30 year olds) group and have interest in beginning several more groups such as: hiking, theater, sports

and adoptive family/friends support group. To make this happen, we will need small group facilitators. **If you think you would like to start a small group or are already facilitat-**

ing a small group, please plan on attending a training session on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 from 6:30 – 8:30.

Habitat Project is Doing Well

But There's Still Time For
You To Help Put Us Over
The Top!

Please Give Now So The
Actual Building Can Begin!

Our own church-sponsored Habitat for Humanity Build Project, called *Hands for Hope*, has been making some impressive progress of late. We have raised 73% of the funds needed to start construction. Just another \$15,000 and we can get this fun and satisfying project off the ground.

Applications for home ownership are in and are now being screened. Interviews will follow; and after that, a family will

be selected to take on ownership of the house we will build.

While we are not yet scheduling volunteer work assignments, we are certainly taking the names of those who wish to help build the house (must be 16+ years of age) and of those who would prepare Saturday lunches for the volunteer builders.

Essential for construction will be our use of licensed professionals to do the plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, electrical wiring, roofing and dry wall finishing. If you have one of these skills and would be willing to donate some time or if you



know a professional who you could recommend as a volunteer, we would be delighted to talk to you more about what is needed.

Your *Hands for Hope* Steering Committee is Larry Artman, Glen Goff, Joe Settle, Dean Block, Jan Hamann, Jerry & Bonny Thomas, Jim Colinson, Gladys Johnston, Rich Fisher, Yvonne Myers, Fran Williams, Jerry & Shirley Wiese.

Talk to one of them about Habitat and the opportunities to help. We think you will be excited and will want to get involved.

Women of Worth (WOW)

We began our study of The Year of Living Biblically; One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible by A.J. Jacobs on April 8 and will finish it next fall. In this book Jacobs details his journey through 12 months of attempting to live a Biblical life to the letter-keeping all of the commandments and moral laws- not mixing fibers in his clothing, growing a beard, eating crickets, calling the days of the week by their ordinal numbers, and more- with humor and an ardent attention to detail.

We welcome new members. Our meetings are at noon on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from September through May in the Conference Room in the office wing. Many members bring a sack lunch to eat while we carry on our discussion. If you would like information about joining WOW, please contact Vonna Kent at 223-1693 or Pat Jungmeyer at 221-3990.

Love and Logic with Jim Fay

Tickets for this talk on Thursday, May 14th at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Center, are \$15 and can be purchased at the Lincoln Center (221-6735) or The Learning House Foundation for early Childhood Education (266-0844).

Double Nickel Luncheon

Remember! There is no luncheon on Friday, May 8th due to the Spring Bus Trip.

Sunday, May 3 is the cutoff to join the bus trip. It features a visit to the Lucky Three Ranch, lunch at the Canton Palace and, time permitting, a walking tour of the Sculpture Park in Loveland. The cost is \$28, includes all fees, lunch and gratuities.

At the March luncheon, Susan Vance gave information on how to report a telephone scam call. **Please note correction in the April Carillon...number is * (Star) 57.**

CSU Veterinary Lab

Wednesday, June 17 there will be a trip to the CSU Veterinary Lab. The van will leave FUMC at 3:30 p.m.

A Beautiful Easter

The Senior Council wishes to thank all of you who purchased Easter lilies. There were 91 that grace the chancel on Easter morning — a record number and a beautiful display.

Get Your Dirty Car Clean

CSU occupational therapy students have worked with FUMC senior members. In return, the Senior Council is helping them

organize a car wash.

On Sunday, May 3, the car wash at FUMC will help raise funds to attend a national conference.

Your free-will donation is greatly appreciated! Hours are: 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; located in the west parking lot off the main kitchen.

LET SOTA SUDS IT UP AND MAKE IT SHINY FOR SPRING!

Massage Therapy

Wednesday, June 3rd we will be going to the Boulder College of Massage Therapy. Space is limited (10-13). Each person will have a full hour massage at no cost (tips not accepted). Departure from FUMC is at 2 p.m.

Dear Senior Council

I would like to take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you for honoring me at the Double Nickel meeting. I always knew I was blessed with wonderful friends and church members but I could have never imagined how much I meant to all of you. I am extremely honored and delighted for this recognition.

I was reminded of all the fantastic adventures, activities, and times we have had. My time spend with Senior Council and Double Nickel has been a privileged for me.

Special thank you to Gretchen, Eva, Erma and Kathy, for your time, support and coordination. I realize that without a church family like I have, I would not be able to experience such an amazing life. Thank you so much!

—Maxine Stepp

CrossWalk...

is now meeting at 1045 on Sundays in the parlor. We are also out in the community, involved in service projects, and in conversation groups, and some may be on Sunday during the worship time. Schedule of activities will be posted on facebook at CrossWalk: a collision of spirituality and everyday life, & also on twitter at CrossWalk_FUMC, along with the church bulletin. These links are also available on the FUMC website under CrossWalk.

Come be part of this emergent worship experience. Part worship, part conversations, part service, but always seeking God and the path of truth. Questions? Contact Rev. Pam Everhart at pameverhart@fcfumc.net, or at godisintheworld@gmail.com.

CrossWalk is worship...Service...Conversations.

We'll see you there!

United Methodist Women

Spring Friendship Tea

Our popular 5th annual Spring Friendship Tea will be Saturday, May 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We extend a special invitation to all women of the church and to former or inactive UMW

members. Guests are very much encouraged and to help you with this, the first ticket is \$8.00 for yourself and any additional tickets you buy for guests (child or adult) will be \$5.00 each. A variety of

“high tea” delectables will be served and the special program will include an enchanting story teller, Martha Jean Hodges.

Make my children sweet, Lord.

Make them kind and gentle, Lord.

Make my children patient, Lord.

Give them tender loving hearts.

Circle Meetings in May

Circle	Date	Time	Location
Abigail	Tues: 12 th 26 th	7:00 p.m.	Conf. Room A
Hannah	Weds: 20 th	7:00 p.m.	Conf. Room A
Kezia	Thurs: 28 th	9:30 a.m.	K. Schuster's Home
Lois	Thurs: 28 th	9:30 a.m.	Parlor
Mary	Thurs: 28 th	9:30 a.m.	Egg & I
Rebekah	Thurs: 28 th	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
Sarah	Weds: 6 th & 20 th	9:30 a.m.	Parlor
Vashti	Tues: 26 th	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
T.U.F. (Teen)	Sun: 17 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, for information on each circle. She'll help you find a match!

Columbarium Remembrance Wall

More names will be added to the Hope, Faith and Love walls late in May. If you have a loved one whose name should be on one of the walls, please act soon. Our

plan is to enter names twice a year. After this May entry, the next batch would be engraved in mid-September. The cost is \$200 per entry. Watch the

church bulletin for an opportunity to sign up in Fellowship Hall. Also you can call Warren Mauk, 482-3012 or e-mail at wtmauk@q.com.



Where Does Our Coffee Come From?

Several people have asked where the coffee we serve on Sunday mornings comes from. We buy it from family-owned, Denver-based Novo Coffee. One of the owners travels directly to the fields of Ethiopia (where coffee

originated) and teaches farmers to produce the best crops possible and pays them up to three times the rate required for certified “organic” or “fair trade” coffees. Most all of their coffees are also “shade-grown” coffees.

Novo Coffee has won several awards for their coffee. Most recently they won Westward's Best of Denver: Best Coffee Beans.

LAMMP Larimer Association of Methodist Missions Partners

Reaching out to those in need in our community and across the world is a vital and integral mission of our church. To help facilitate this mission, our church is a member of LAMMP. This Northern Colorado partnership identifies, plans and performs mission projects. You can be involved in LAMMP projects, too.

You can find an opportunity to contribute your talent through LAMMP. For example, you could travel with a medical team (there are always needs for medical, dental, ophthalmology professionals), help with school construction and bible school. These projects are conducted with high standards of service, leadership, connection and lowest possible cost much of which is tax-deductible (consult with your tax advisor).

- In August, a mission trip to the Pine Ridge Ogallala Sioux (Lakota) Indian Reservation. Contact Theresa Holbrook at 226-1982 or holbrook30@comcast.net
- From October 30 – November 8, a mission trip to Guatemala will continue work begun over the last few years in Central America. Contact

Mary Ann Henke at 223-8725 or anjo-henke@people.pc.com

- On November 22, the Alternative Gift Fair will be held. Contact Mary Ann Henke or Grace Harris at graceharris@frii.com
- On December 12-13, help kids shop at the Warren Village Christmas Shop. Contact Marlene Brown at 970-586-3169.
- Every third Thursday from 9-12 a.m., FUMC volunteers at the Larimer Food Bank, just show-up at the Food Bank, 1301 Blue Spruce Drive, to contribute your time sorting foods.
- On February 10, 2010, we will be going to the Sagar Brown relief camp in Louisiana. Here, relief kits of supplies are assembled for distribution worldwide. Contact JoAn Hopkins, 282-0024 and J30105hopk@aol.com

Get involved. More details can be found at www.fcfumc.net/involved/lammp.cfm. Or get in touch with the lead person for a project. Reach out and spread love across the world.

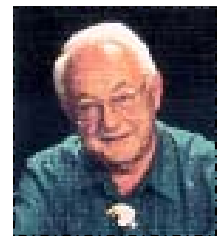
Last Faith and Film Program

May 1st at 7 p.m. the last of the faith and Film programs on the Millennium Goals to end extreme poverty and hunger in the world will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 E. Stuart.

The topic is Goal 8—Achieving Global Partnerships for Development. The program will include a film on the very successful micro-credit method as a means of building stronger economic opportunities for the world's poor, especially for women. Bob Waltermire, representative of the local

Murulle Foundation, will present their innovative collaborative work in Africa. Discussion will follow about what has been done and can be done to accomplish Goal 8. There will be display tables from other collaborative development work. These series of programs has been excellent, we invite you to attend the final meeting on this important topic.

We remember, with reverence and thanksgiving, those who gave their lives for our country.



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Does Peace Building Interest You?



The Abrahamic Faiths Initiative task force needs input. Results of planning for dialogue between the three Abrahamic Faiths include: collecting printed materials, research and writing basic information for each Abrahamic faith

(including commonalities), purchase of three excellent DVDs, creation of a bibliography, and a tentative presentation/dialogue plan. Interested? Volunteer to participate in a preliminary review,

including a peek at the vision, intro to the above materials, and an opportunity for input.

- ◆ Date: Saturday May 16
- ◆ Time: 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the church.
- ◆ Sign-up: Faith Formation table on Sundays
- ◆ Contacts: Warren Mauk (482-3012),
Forrest Walters (484-8754)
Martha Conant (482-6997)
Alyce Kaehler (484-1463).