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First United Methodist Church

Stamp Out The Debt - Treasure Hunt

That's right dig out those treasures and they can be used to pay off the church debt. Just take them to one of the businesses listed below and tell them the proceeds from your treasures are to go to the First United Methodist Church on Stover St. After the treasures sell and the proceeds are in, pick up a receipt from our church business manager, Karen Waldron. If you take your treasures to EBay Center you can pick the receipt up directly from the business.

Think how much fun this will be to, say, gather up those old duplicate coins or stamps you have in your collection. Take them to one of the appropriate places listed below and tell them to send the proceeds with your name to the First United Methodist Church on Stover St. Oh, wait maybe it's that extra silverware set that doesn't fit with your dinnerware. What about the closet full of knic knacs from your early marriage era or your first house? However, don't get carried away. You shouldn't try to sell something you wouldn't buy for yourself if you wanted it. Use the list below and watch the debt go down!

Store: **EBay Center** **Phone/Contact:** 223-6927 Joe
Location: 3307 South College Avenue, Unit 110A, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (In the strip mall behind Red Lobster – 4 doors from Yung's.)
Website: www.copyshipprint.com
Info.: 80% goes to the church **ANYTHING that can be sold on eBay!**

Store: **eAuctionsco.com** **Phone/Contact:** 224-5800 John
Location: 2531 So. Shields Street (in the Raintree Plaza at the corner of Drake and Shields – near Pulse)
Website: www.eauctionsco.com
Info.: 66% goes to the church; **ANYTHING that can be sold on eBay!**

Store: **It's New to Me!, LLC** **Phone/Contact:** 266-1654 Brian
Location: 6410 S. College, Ste A, Ft. Collins, CO (South of the Flea Market Stores)
Website: itsnewtomelle@yahoo.com
Info.: 50% goes to the church; **Pickup is negotiable (elderly, etc). They will take furniture, pictures, knic knacs that are in good repair...no stains, torn items, etc.**

Store: **Repeat Boutique – North** **Phone/Contact:** 493-1039 Laura
Location: On College Av. just North of Prospect on Lake and College Av. (South of the lower gardens)
Website: REPEAT BOUTIQUE @COMCAST.NET
Info: 40% goes to the church; **home décor items, small furniture and jewelry.**

Store: **Repeat Boutique – South** **Phone/Contact:** 377-9678 Coral
Location: In the Strip mall behind Red Lobster – just north of Yungs
Info.: 40% goes to the church; **home décor items, small furniture and jewelry**

One Delegate's Delicate Declaration

By Charles Schuster

There are various analogies that people, over the years, have applied to the church. Paul, the Apostle, saw the church as “the body of Christ”. Others have referred to the church as a “community of faith”. The writer of the Gospel of Matthew like to suggest that the church was “the Kingdom of God”. I knew a Congregational pastor's wife who saw the church as “My husband's mistress” (I guess he should have spent more time at home).

Having recently returned from my 6th General Conference I have formed an image in my mind that is new to me. I am now seeing the United Methodist Church as a “a group of religious people who have been locked into rugby scrum who are about to break out of it.” So many of the General Conferences have been rancorous and cantankerous events where so much was lost and so little was gained. Sadly, as a denomination, we have come away from our quadrennial (every four year) meeting with the observer's claim “those United Methodists; see how they fight”, rather than the mantra that has marked Methodism in the past “those Methodist; see how they love”.

From where I sat I witnessed the Bishops of the church doing something they had never done before; they led us. The explained to us that we were involved in “holy conferencing” and that we need to follow the guidelines of John Wesley who said, “do no harm; do good; and stay in love with God.”

Then the leadership of the denomination stood in front of the 1000 delegates and suggested we rally around four primary directions:

- Cure some of the world's deadly dis-

eases (AIDS and Malaria)

- Work with the poor
- Build the leadership in the local churches
- Strengthen existing churches and build new churches

For the first time, in my experience of General conference, the whole church seems to be focused on measurable goals and all the resources of the church are applied to making a difference in the world.

For the first time, in the 20 years I have been involved in those meetings, the church has been able to move beyond our disagreements to the point we are prepared to mobilize our resources and work together so that the church can fulfill its mission which is “to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to transform the world.”

I have had the impression that our denomination is a potent force in the world and has the capability of doing great good. It seems we have made some progress; we are facing in the same direction even though we may not entirely see eye to eye.

It is the first time I have thought the general church was as healthy as the local churches I have been privileged to serve. For over 20 years we have been pushing each other around and getting nowhere. Now we have begun to break out and we are moving forward. It isn't rapid and we still have work to do to learn to respect each other and appreciate each other, but good things will come from the United Methodist Church and we can be proud to be part of it here in Fort Collins.

Membership Memos

Baptisms:



In his name...we celebrate the baptism of:

Mya Grace Gutheil, daughter of Christian & Shannon Gutheil

Arianna Hailey Mayse and **Skyler Elizabeth Mayse**, daughters of Donavan and Sarah Mayse and granddaughters of Pam Mayse

New Members:

In joyous celebration, we welcome our newest church members:

We would like to welcome **Ed & Sue Ranum** to the FUMC family. Ed is a retired teacher and current piano tuner. Sue is a retired school secretary. They live in the Southeast part of Fort Collins.

Steve and Cindy Rice come from First United Methodist Church in Mt. Vernon, IL. They are both retired and enjoy traveling, playing cards, biking and hiking. Steve plays golf and Cindy enjoys reading.

Deaths:

...and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Virginia Lee

Catherine J. Walters, mother of Forrest Walters

Rose Parker

Leona Rice, mother of Bill Rice

It is pleasing to the dear God whenever you rejoice or laugh from the bottom of your heart.

—Martin Luther

Western Gala and Auction—“Stamp Out the Debt”

Saturday, October 18th from 5-9 we will have an all church, community event that will include a western theme, a silent auction, baskets provided by many of the groups in the church, western barbeque, krautburgers, music, games, fun.

If every church school class, every committee, every youth group, every women's group and men's group, and



every group that uses the church, and staff, and choirs, and civic organization will make a basket for auction, we have an opportunity to have an fun evening and help pay off the \$100,000 that remains of our South Entrance debt.

The baskets can include flowers, fruit, trips to close places and distant places, lawn care, snow shoveling, leaf raking, dinner coupons,

movie coupons, DVD's, week-ends in the mountains, time-shares, football tickets, bronco tickets, airplane tickets, books, art work, jewelry, mystery trips, antiques, pastries, jellies, merchandise, and who knows what else?

The planning committee includes Ron and Connie Mahan, Susan King, Barbara Grauburger, Kris Folsom. We are planning a wonderful time at the church for children, youth, and adults.

\$100 A Day for Expanding Our Ministries

April 27 — Given by husband Buford in loving memory of **Lori Plemmons**.

June 1 — Given by Wilda Woodward in memory of **Liz Case**.

P.J.'s Ponderings

Baptism Class June 29th

Baptism is one of those special events in the life of Christians. It is one of only two sacraments in our tradition and can be traced back to the actions of Jesus himself. Baptism is also often misunder-

stood in meaning and purpose because so many of our Christian traditions treat this sacred event in many different ways. To help people through this I am offering a class on the meaning and history of baptism. This class is for parents thinking about baptism for their children, adults who

may want to be baptized, people wanting to understand their baptism more deeply and really anyone interested in the subject. Come and join me!

Class Date/Time: Sunday June 29th from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Summer UMYF and Youth Sunday School



Sunday School - This Summer the youth program will be offering a Sunday School class for all youth having completed 6th grade or higher. This class will feature those lovable but odd characters from the *Simpsons* (the popular Fox cartoon

series). We will explore the use of faith/religion in this unlikely source under the guidance of the book "The Gospel According to the Simpsons". We will watch episodes and discuss themes each Sunday starting June 1st.

UMYF – Our United Methodist Youth Fellowship will also continue meeting throughout the summer for a variety of fun activities. Watch your mail for your copy of the Summer UMYF Schedule or contact Rev. Kershaw for more information.

You Are Invited to a Celebration

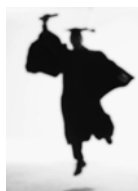


As you may have heard, I am very likely to be ordained an Elder in Full Connection at this year's Rocky Mountain Annual Conference. In plain English, I have reach a big milestone in

my professional ministry career. Since the Ordination service is in Denver on Saturday June 21st at 7:00 p.m. I want to invite anyone to come, but I know that not everyone will be able to make it so we are hosting a reception on

Sunday June 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. I want to invite the entire church family to join us in celebrating this end of one journey and the beginning of another.

College Graduates



AS YOU GRADUATE
Treasure your memories, but look forward; Cherish your friendships, but reach outward; Learn from the past,

but move onward; Live each day with hope, and climb upward.

2008 grads:

Haley Anne Allison
Karen Anderson
Karla Marie Dunham

Derek Tadashi Murakami
Erin Charlotte Stout-Shoger
Gretchen Nadine Streiff
Andrea Michelle Talley

Thoughts from Bev—Summer Sunday School



Sunday School for our children will continue throughout the summer. Look for posted signs

that will indicate rooms because some age groups will be combined for the summer. When you're not traveling or playing at the lake, we would LOVE for you to join us at Sunday School. Something different this year – children

will be assigned to classes based on their school year for 2008-09. Basically, we are promoting children at the beginning of summer rather than in the Fall.

Parent Child Book Discussion Group



Children and their parents have a fun opportunity to enjoy a book together this summer and then participate in a discussion group facilitated by Bev Halperin. Mark these Wednesdays on your calendar for some lively discus-

sions:

- June 25: Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
- July 30: The Cricket in Time Square by George Seldon

Pick up these books, enjoy them with your child and share your insights with the discussion group.

Club 56



Club 56 is a vital, dynamic, unique youth program designed specifically for 5th and 6th graders which will begin this summer. We are excited to announce that **Hillary Parson** is our new

Club 56 Coordinator. She is a student at CSU, grew up in our church, and brings lots of enthusiasm to getting this new program launched. We believe this program will be greatly beneficial for this age group. Many churches have developed this type of program and found it very suc-

cessful. The goal for Club 56 is to re-energize this group and nurture their interest in their faith, in life issues relevant to their age, and ease the transition into our Youth program. Watch for more news and information from Hillary.

Job Posting: Resource Center Director

Fort Collins First United Methodist Church is seeking a Director of its Resource Center with background in religious education or theology. Bachelor's degree required. Master's degree in

library science preferred. 20 hours per week, including some evening and weekend hours.

Posted: www.libraryjobline.org.

2nd Annual FUMC Garden Tour



activity will start at the church promptly at 6:00 pm

Mark your calendars for **Monday, June 16**, when there will be a garden tour sponsored by the Membership and Communication Committee. The ac-

with a light supper covered by a free will offering. Touring will begin at about 6:30pm using directions to the gardens distributed at the supper. Following the tours (approximately 7:45pm), participants will reconvene to hear a gardening talk by an expert. Contact Jud Harper 493-1191 if you have questions.

"Kids' Closet" New Hours and New Coordinator

We are excited to announce that **Pat Hartman** is our new coordinator. New hours of operation are:

- Every Saturday from 9 am - 12 noon
- Every Tuesday from 3 pm - 7 pm.

(There will no longer be Sunday hours.)

Please continue to bring your donations of clean, gently-used children's clothing and shoes. The drop-off point is at the foot of the stairway that is nearest to the church office, by the choir room door.

Donations are only half the equation. Getting the word out to those who can use this service is the other half! Please tell people, including members of any organization you belong to outside the church.

Needed:

--- Coloring books, crayons, and other activities suitable to keep small children occupied while their parents look at the clothing.

--- Battery-operated wall clock

--- Large, heavy-duty plastic bags; sturdy shopping bags

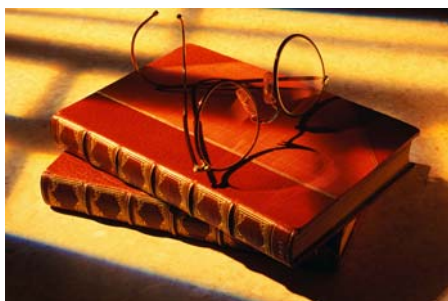
with handles

--- If anyone has a child-size table with chairs, or old-style school desk, that would be great.

Questions and suggestions: please call Pat Hartman, 224-3116 during non-operating hours.



Summer Book Reviews



The first of the Summer book reviews by Charles Schuster will be:

June 25th at 7:00 p.m.

All three book reviews will be the final Wednesday of each of the summer months. We will discuss David McCullough's

book about Theodore Roosevelt's early years. The title of the book is Mornings on Horseback. It is not required that those who attend have read the book.

Open Hearts Class

The Sunday Open Hearts class (10:45 a.m.) is extending an invitation to all members of the Church to attend the eight sessions on Islam in the Village Common. Listed below are the dates, topics:

- Jun 1: A synopsis of Islam & current world terrorism.
- Jun 8: Mohammed Radwan Kalaaji, of the Ft. Collins Islamic Center.

- Jun 15: Women's Role in Various Islamic Cultures.
- Jun 22: Dr. Hirchi on Current Conditions in Islam Today.
- Jun 29: The Future of Islam (use of World Religions CD).

Questions, contact Dean Block at 282-3509 or email drsmbloc@comcast.net.

Memory feeds a culture, nourishes hope and makes a human, human.

—Elie Wiesel

Stephen Ministry

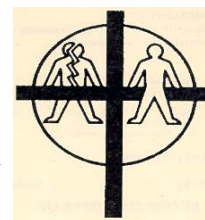
2008 is the tenth anniversary of Stephen Ministry at FUMC. We are very proud of our accomplishments during the past ten years and are looking forward with great anticipation to helping those in need in the future.

Those of us in the Stephen Ministry program are often asked, what is a Stephen Minister? The answer is simple. A Stephen Minister is a child of God who walks beside a hurting person; a caring Christian friend who really listens; a lay person who has received training in how to provide distinctively Christian care. They are not a counselor or therapist; a problem solver or a casual visitor.

We are always in need of new Stephen Ministers. We are in the process of planning a training session in early September. During that training session we will be talking about feel-

ings, the art of listening, Christian caring, assertiveness, when to use tough love, how to minister to those who are experiencing grief and many other related subjects. The training session is very rewarding but the rewards that a Stephen Minister feels when they are serving is an experience one will never forget.

See our new bulletin board, devoted to the Stephen Ministry program, located outside of the Bride's Room. The board will be updated regularly with current Stephen Ministry activities. We urge you to talk to any one of our Stephen Ministers at any time to learn more about this rewarding ministry. We would love to talk to you about being a part of our next training class. Think seriously about becoming a part of the Stephen Ministry family of minis-



Pizza, Prayer and Possibilities



You Are Invited...join the Stephen Ministry Team to learn more about this vital ministry. An introduction to the service this ministry provides.

- How do you become a Stephen Ministry
- What is the time commitment?
- What is the training like?
- Who are the people we serve?

Find out the answers to these questions and MORE!!!

When: Wednesday, June 4th at 6:00 p.m.
Where: The Village Commons

New Training Session Starting after Labor Day!

Ask God if this is your calling!



United Methodist Women

Israel/Palestine: “Made In The Image of GOD”

All women 6th Grade and up are welcome! Please join us for this month’s Unit meeting on Thursday, June 12, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. JoAnn Hopkins will speak about her

tour of Israel & Palestine and her perspective from last year’s Mission Study on this region. Circle Rebekah will host a coffee before the program.

The Executive Board will meet on Thursday June 5th at noon

in the Parlor. Then the Executive Board will not meet again until August.

Please note that there will be no unit meetings in July or August.

Circle Meetings in June

<u>Circle</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Abigail	No regular meetings	Call Margaret 223-8539	Summer Activities
Hannah	Fri: 5th	6:30 p.m. Call Lori 490-1194	Attend “Jewels in June” (Habitat for Humanity)
Kezia	Thurs: 26th	9:30 a.m.	Emily Krause’s Home
Lois	Thurs: 26th	9:30 a.m.	Village Comons
Mary	Thurs: 26th	9:30 a.m.	Naomi Senn’s Home
Rebekah	Thurs: 26th	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
Sarah	No regular meetings	Call Susan 266-1609 or Jennie 223-9434	Summer Activities
Vashti	Tues: 24 th	12 Noon	Potluck in the Parlor
T.U.F. (Teen) Call Dea Carroll 223-6530 or Bev Winsett 484-8447 for summer schedule			

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!

Register now for *A Day Apart*

Mark your calendars. This year our annual Peaks & Plains District “A Day Apart” will be held at Rinn UMC in Frederick, CO, on Saturday, July 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The theme is “Share Glad Tidings.” Sandy Stewart, an ordained UMC clergywoman serving in extension ministry for people living in marginal or homeless situa-

tions, will be our speaker. Join other women of our district for an opportunity to center ourselves and reconnect with God and our sisters in Christ. Registration forms are available on the UMW bulletin board and must be submitted no later than July 12.

Our laughter here on Earth is but a tune-up for the joyful hallelujahs of being in God’s presence

—Terry Lindvall

Senior W Notes from the Senior Council

Rockies Post A Win; FUMC Fans Post a Good Time

Forty-five avid fans gathered in the church parking lot to board the bus headed for Coors Field. Leaving threatening rain clouds behind, the group munched peanuts and settled back for a stress-free ride to Denver. At Longmont, the bus veered off I-25 to fetch a lone fan, sporting a purple cap and shirt, who was hailing us



down at the Park & Ride. That frantic fan turned out to be the Rev. Pam Everhart! After taking on this additional rider, the bus delivered us right to a gate at Coors Field. With the help of our able tour director, Mel Engemen, and the Rockies personnel, we soon found our seats in right field. Following a hot dog, some popcorn, or a

soda, it was “Batter up”! The Rockies dominated from the 1st inning, cheered on by the FUMC fans, waving a large banner in right field. The final score was Rockies 9, Cardinals 3. Thanks to Mel Engeman and Erma Clements and all of the Senior Council members who helped plan the event. It was a great day! Shall we do it again, sometime?

*Happy Father's Day —
June 15th*

Double Nickel — June 13th

Andy Mair, a celebrity in our own midst, will present the program at the June Double Nickel Luncheon. Andy, who served in the Agriculture De-

partment and the Foreign Services under several administrations, has attended **five** Presidential Inaugurations! He has some stories to tell!

Join us at 12 noon on June 13th in Fellowship Hall, followed by a visit with Andy—”local farmer turned Diplomat”.

O.T.s (Occupational Therapists) Join O.T.s (Old Timers)

The Senior Council, in its efforts to encourage intergenerational dialogue and activities, is initiating a new venture with CSU. Members of the Senior Council and Clergy have met with professors of the Occupational Therapy School at CSU, brainstorming ways we might connect students with Seniors in our congregation. The students need an opportunity to work with older adults and our older adults can benefit from the

expertise of those preparing to be Occupational Therapists. This promises to be a win-win arrangement.

The kick-off project will be a gardening opportunity. O.T. student will pair with Senior volunteers and spend time outdoors in the O.T. garden. The garden is a lovely spot on campus, behind the O.T. building, with a variety of adaptations so that many levels of physical capabilities can be accommodated: from those requiring

wheelchairs, walkers, and canes, to those who are independent. Should adaptive tools be required, the students will secure them or have the experience of fashioning them. Aside from enjoying the outdoors and the opportunity to garden, we'll be enhancing the education of the young people. ...and the Senior Council hopes that as we plant seeds together, this relationship will grow and grow and grow! Watch for more details!

Thanks and Thanks and More Thanks!

The Senior Council recently listed two needs for our church van, The Lift, on the Sign Me Up green sheet in the bulletin. We were in need of a cargo carrier to store the walkers while transporting folks to Sunday morning worship.

Larry Patterson immediately volunteered to help in this regard. He has been working hard to design such a carrier. It will be "one of a kind". Perhaps when it is finished, we should patent it! Thank you Larry! Thanks, too, to J.D. Hale who offered his services,

as well. The second need was a safe place to store the van. Yvonne Myers was an advocate for this arrangement. Thank you Yvonne and Columbine Health Care Systems!

The Food Bank of Larimer County

Food Bank Donations will be collected in the grocery cart on Sundays only. The cart is located in the NW corner of Fellowship Hall next to the Community and World Outreach Center. Please think about those extra goods you can

share through the week and bring them on Sundays. Our congregation has been so very generous and we thank you!

Humanitarian canning dates for the LDS Bishop's Kitchen are July 10 and November 6 in Denver. Think about reserv-

ing these dates for a day in Denver. All canned goods will be sent to our own Food Bank. Sign-up will be in Fellowship Hall at the Community and World Outreach Center.



Women of Worth (WOW)

We completed our study of The Faith Club on May 14th. Like the author's, our discussions led us to examine our beliefs, concerns, stereotypes, understandings, misunderstandings, differences, and similarities. And also, like the authors, we have grown in our understanding of not only the Christian religion, but of the Jewish and Muslim religions also.

Peggy Ingram expressed all of our sentiments as follows, "It was wonderful to see how the women- a Christian, a Jew, and a Muslim- came together

to learn more about their religions- both the good and the bad- and then incorporated the best of each religion into her own beliefs. Having our own "Faith Club" with Touba Moore (*our Muslim member*) and Bunny Katzman (*our Jewish member*) sharing their beliefs with us made it all more meaningful."

When your dad is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?" don't answer him.

Heather, age 16

Other member comments include "a most enlightening and delightful exchange of faith ideas", "provocative and revealing", "especially wonderful to have a diversity of faiths in our own WOW group", and "the

basis of many great discussions".

As we disband for the summer, we are all looking forward to the author's visit next fall with great anticipation.

WOW meets 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 our group, please contact Vonna Kent at 223-1693 or Pat Jungmeyer at 221-3990.

Visiting Pastor — June 8th

The Community and World Outreach Committee is pleased and excited to announce that First United Methodist Church of Fort Collins is hosting the Rev. Dr. Peter Mukuccia and his wife Esther on Sunday June 8. Rev. Mukuccia is chairman of theology department at Kenya Methodist University (KEMU)

in Meru, Kenya. KEMU, located about 200 km from Nairobi, is an ecumenical Christian institution that focuses on training wholesome individuals. The university strives to keep its tuition fees as low as possible in an effort to make higher education accessible to as many people as possible, yet tuition needs still go

unmet. Dr. Mukuccia is expected to preach at all four services. Please come on June 8 to hear more about the church's outreach into East Africa. For more information contact Grace Harris graceharris@frii.com or Rich Fisher rich.fisher@comcast.net.

East Angola's New Boarding School

Students at East Angola's new boarding school have planted crops for their meals this fall. To feed the students until that harvest, the Rocky Mountain Conference's annual BRIDGE OF LOVE loose coin offering provides food. Last year's offering built a catchment tank and pipes to bring mountain spring water to the dorm, classroom building, and resi-

dence of FUMC's covenant partners Tim and Carol Crawford.

For the West Angola Conference, the BRIDGE OF LOVE will help put Portuguese language books on the library shelves of church sponsored schools. Last year the funds provided a pump to bring water to a village, freeing up girls' time to go to school.



Our loose changes can go into Piggy Banks around the church during weeks before the Annual Conference when all conference churches will present their gifts.

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How a \$5 bill can save a life on June 29

By Rev. Pam Everhart

A grandmother in South Africa struggles to care for six grandchildren, all AIDS orphans, and wonders if she can take on two more.

A young man in India faces an impossible decision. He can afford to buy AIDS antiretroviral drugs for only one of his two infected parents.

A man lies alone in an AIDS hospice in Costa Rica, afraid to tell his parents and friends because of the disease's stigma.

A seminary student in Asia learns he has HIV which later causes the seminary to expel him. The next day he commits suicide. (Stories from The Center for the Church and Global AIDS, see <http://www.churchandglobalaids.org/>)

What if a \$5 bill could prevent these stories from happening? Most of us part with at least \$5 every day at the drive-thru, coffee shop, or



grocery store. **I challenge everyone to give \$5 to the Global AIDS fund special offering on June 29** to prevent more heartbreaking stories like these from happening.

Funds from this offering help to save lives by providing education to protect against sexually transmitted diseases, advocacy for provision of affordable antiretroviral drugs, and awareness programs designed to stop the prejudice surrounding HIV/AIDS.

The General Conference session of 2004 passed a resolution to raise \$8 million dollars by the end of 2008 for this fund. Our local church hasn't yet given to this cause. Think about what you can give. Meet my \$5 challenge, exceed it if you can, give any amount you can. Even a couple of dollars helps.

We can save lives for just a few dollars. Join the cause to eradicate HIV/AIDS on June 29.