

"It's beautiful the Summer month of June
 When all of God's own wildflowers are in
 bloom
 And sun shines brightly most part of the day
 And butterflies o'er lush green meadows play."

- Francis Duggan, *June*



Flowers of June

Money Matters

from: Ron Burke

What keeps the lights on? Believe it or not, the church has to pay utilities just like the rest of us. Can you imagine what the heating bill is for our wonderful place of worship?

The simple answer as to what keeps the lights on is you and everyone else that gathers here to worship. Being the new member of the Finance Committee has been a real eye opening experience. On both sides of the issue, we have a very generous congregation that provides great financial support. On the other, the church too has its monthly expenses. We are striving to keep them in balance and provide oversight of the church assets.

With my newfound respect for the finances at the church, I would like to offer a service to you. If you have any questions related to Money Matters, please send them to me at ronald6015@msn.com. I will seek out the answer and put it in the next month's Carillon.

January - April 2010 Finances

Revenue	\$328,699
Expenses	<u>\$372,634</u>
Revenue less Expenses\$	(43,935)

Father's Day – June 20

We are working on plans for special music on Father's Day. We also want to include a time for The Blessing of the Children. We did this on Dec 28, 2008, when we asked parents to bring their children to the front and one of the pastors or laypersons gave a personal blessing to each child.



It would be neat if one or two of our fathers would be willing to share a word about fatherhood. If you would be willing to be one to share or have any other ideas on how to make this day special, contact Ray Miller at raymil35@gmail.com 482-2436, 215-3933.

Associates Come and Go

By: Charles Schuster

I cannot hide my disappointment over the loss of another pastor from this church this year after we lost Pam Everhart from our staff last year. In the 6 years I have been at the church there have been five clergy changes. The fact that we have been able to grow as a church is a tribute to the leadership of the laity, the tenacity of the staff, and the dedication of the remaining clergy staff holding on to the proposition that the mission is larger than any of us and will outlast whoever comes or goes.



So dispirited have I been with this present Episcopal judgment that I have contemplated seriously retirement and, at times, have maintained an attitude of animosity toward the powers that be that have, at times, and I have felt there has been some kind of conspiracy to make it impossible for us to succeed.

In retrospect, I have come to a different conclusion about that which has been done to us and how it might be accepted. Looking back at the Associate Pastors who have been here and gone from here, it is imperative that we take a step back to see what has happened to them since they occupied office space among us.

Rob White was a part of a clergy staff that had four full-time clergy when I was introduced to the Staff Parish Relations Committee as your Senior Pastor. It was determined that he would not be reassigned and Rob was eventually appointed to Castle Rock United Methodist Church as its Senior Minister. Rob is a bright thinker who is a suburb biblical scholar and theologian. He has found a place where he is able to thrive and where the congregation has benefitted from his intellectual approach.

Don Bird had left youth ministry 6 years ago and focused on the Contemporary Worship Service. He is now Senior Pastor at Canon City United Methodist Church where he has taken a sluggish ministry and awakened the people to a level of enthusiastic spirituality that is moving United Methodism in very positive directions in southern Colorado. The high energy spirituality we saw in Don here in Fort Collins is applied to his present church in ways that are fulfilling for him and empowering for his congrega-

tion.

Pam Everhart will be appointed to Niwot United Methodist as its Senior Pastor. She spent this past year at St. James Church in Central City and did a good job with that congregation. Unfortunately, they were not able to remain as a full-time appointment and Pam has been assigned to the church in Niwot where she will have an opportunity to take a congregation that has been defeated by inertia. Pam's sense of humor, her intelligence, and her enthusiasm for people will resurrect what has been dormant in the town west of Boulder. She will approach her new appointment with confidence and hope.

Joyce Curtis showed us Christian courage in the way she and Ty faced his illness and death and Joyce has such an awareness of the importance of art and aesthetics. Her decision to retire and tend to her family in Arkansas was understandable but lamentable. I miss her.

Carol Quinn was with us for a short time but in that brief interval she helped us look at the importance of pastoral care and visitation. Carol was the ultimate "team member". Her decision to move back to Chicago to help raise grandchildren took her away from us. But, for her, it was the right decision.

Now we will have to send Joel off to Brighton where the people are hoping he can wake up the potential that congregation has been unable to realize for much of its sad history. There are young families in the area. They will be looking for a church that has a good preacher, an appreciation for theological depth, and a talented musician.

Our church has suffered loss when a pastor was assigned to another church by a bishop and we are experiencing it again. With each loss there has been something added. With every change in clergy there has brought to us someone new who had a fresh approach and a contagious spirit. Rebecca McFee has been a gift to us. She has reminded us that we can trust the future because wherever there is something taken there is something given.

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Membership Memos

from: Jo Ann Belk



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

- ◆ **Kaden Maurice & Kyrah Anne Bennett**, children of Devin & Melissa (Meade) Bennett.
- ◆ **Hailey Raye Hott**, daughter of Kyle and Chelsea (Cox) Hott and granddaughter of Lyle and Pam Cox.
- ◆ **Lincoln Lance**, son of Theodore and Cristal (Wagner) Lance.
- ◆ **Logan Jack McFadden**, son of Brendan and Sarah (Landers) McFadden and grandson of Martin and Laurie Landers.
- ◆ **Royce Charles Stromquist**, son of Luke and Shannon Stromquist.



New Members: *In joyous celebration! We rejoice and celebrate in welcoming our newest church members...*

- ✦ **Judith Ghosh** moved to Fort

Collins from Harpursville, New York. She used to work with youth groups and is interested in joining a women's group at FUMC.

- ✦ **Paige Kanatous** is originally from Texas. She and her husband, Shane, live in Fort Collins where he is a professor at CSU and she works at the Denver Westin Tabor Center in hotel sales. She enjoys crafts and animals.
- ✦ **Dorvin and Linda Schepler** have moved here from Fleming, CO. They are both retired and attend the 8:00 service.



Deaths: *In loving memory...*

- † Wilma "Billie" Kemp
- † David Schump
- † Elizabeth Schump
- † Kenneth Smith
- † Olive Whitehead
- † Trudy Driver
- † Thilo Haus

Alert Newsletter Via E-mail

A note to all who are receiving their Carillon (newsletter) via e-mail. Please be sure to set your computer up to "always accept e-mail from *First United Methodist Church*" We send out bulk e-mail and some computers will perceive this as a spam mail and will not accept it.

Thank you

Thanks to **Diane Smith, Serendipity Sunday school class and the Board of Trustees Committee** for helping with the coffee and donut hour on Sundays in May.

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The "new Joel", as the youth refer to the new youth minister, is Megan Ryan. She met with our committee and youth and won them over. She is a gifted preacher and teacher whose love of ministry is very evident. Her "heartfelt" reaction to meeting with the 18 young people who got to interview/interrogate her was simply stated, "Those kids are great".

I mourn the loss of Joel, Abbey, Jack, and Paul as they leave us and I know their future is good. And I look forward to the future at our church. We have gone far and are moving fast but we are not finished nor have we arrived. The best is yet to come. It always has been. My plan to retire has been postponed.

Leaving Home

from: Pastor Joel Kershaw

Growing up the son of a minister, transition is a fact of life. My father's moves were infrequent by most standards but it meant that sooner or later we were moving on to the next church. So when I landed in Fort Collins in the Fall of 1998 to start my Freshmen year at CSU it was nothing new. Or So I thought. I found myself attending a church that, for the first time, was not my dad's church. I found myself here at FUMC. That time was marked by singing in the choir and volunteering with the Youth Program under Don Bird and soon it was time to say goodbye, once again. Another transition, another move. After three years I was awarded my VERY LARGE diploma and it was back for another new place...but just as I was preparing to take on a new church, the Bishop saw fit to return me to Fort Collins. I was coming home to come home.

If you add up my two stints here, I have lived in Fort Collins and served FUMC longer than any

other place in my life. This church is my home...I was sponsored in my candidacy for ministry by this church. I was married here, first appointed here, baptized my children here. FUMC has been my home and now I am preparing to leave it to answer the constant call to serve in ministry. It is because of this church and the opportunities to learn and grow here that have prepared me to answer that call.

It has been my honor to serve the youth of FUMC. I have cherished every one of these young people and want you all to know how much I love and respect these wonderful people of faith. Thank you to the youth for allowing me to come along as you have grown, lived, played, laughed, cried and faced life boldly! My years of ministry with you will inspire me long after I am your minister and long after you are youth.



Youth ministry is marked with the coming and going of young people. Seniors graduate and move on to college. New youth come of age and grow into leaders and soon it is time for them to graduate. They leave

their homes but they cannot leave the parts of themselves forged in their youth. Home is the place that nurtures, protects, challenges and ultimately launches us into our future. FUMC, my home, is about to launch me into something new...and I say bring it on, because, like the youth, I have been formed by this congregation and take you with me in my heart. I leave here with the excitement that comes from stepping out into the unknown in the presence of my God from the foundation of my home. Thank you!

Summer Women's Book Group

Interested in a Women's book group for the Summer?

Want to meet new women?

Join us on the 3rd Monday of

each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room for tea and discussion. For more information contact Rev. Rebecca McFee, 482-2436. Book titles TO BE ADVISED. Meeting dates are

June 21, July 19 and August 16.



Proposal For Summer Reading Program 2010

NORTHERN COLORADO FAITH LIBRARY

- Theme: "Sail Away with Books" (beach)
- GOALS: to encourage reading and a lifelong love for books, to increase awareness of church library and increase circulation.
- Plan is to keep it simple!
- Children will receive a prize if they read at least one hour per week.
- Prizes can be redeemed weekly; only one prize per week per child, regardless of number of hours they read.
- Prizes will be inexpensive items probably purchased from Oriental Trading or a coupon for a donut at church or possibly donated coupons from local establishments.
- Library will be staffed on Sunday mornings, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. by volunteers. Children may

come in weekly or as schedule permits to receive prizes.

- Children will be given a sheet to keep track of their reading; they must bring in the sheet each time to receive a prize; volunteer will initial that a prize has been given.
- Program should be advertised in Carillon, church bulletin, flyers to Preschool and VBS, library website, library network partners.

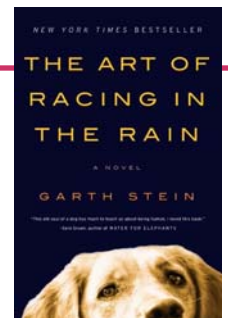
Question:

Should library be staffed regularly with a volunteer(s) one other time during the week, e.g. Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., for families who are out of town many weekends in summer or for library partners who would likely be at their own church on Sunday mornings? Is this feasible? Morning or afternoon?

First Book Review for the Summer

The book selected to be read in Fort Collins will be the source for the first book review by Charles Schuster. It will happen Wednesday, June 30th, at 6:30 pm preceded by a light meal at 5:30 pm in the Parlor. The book is *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by

Garth Stein. The book is being compared to Richard Bach's *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*, Paulo Coelho's *The Alchemist*, and Yann Martel's *The Life of Pi*.



Handbell Choir Road Trips

The Handbell Choir took a road trip for our last concert of the Spring. The choir packed up cases of bells, chimes, mallets, tables, foam pads, and corduroy covers. We loaded vans, trucks, and SUVs and drove to Immanuel Christian Reformed Church. Our director, Trevor Bonnema, is the director of their Adult Choir. This is our second "road trip" to another church, as we performed for the Wellington United

Methodist Fellowship last Spring. We find the experience so special as these other churches are so appreciative of Bell music. Arianne Jenkins also joined us with playing her flute. We love road trips! If you have any suggestions for us let us know.

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And the Animals came in Two by Two...

Noah's Ark came to mind as 51 seniors (+1 junior) boarded a bus and a van to head for the Wild Animal Sanctuary, 70 mi. south-east of Fort Collins. Unseasonably cold temperatures, rain and snow had been the weather of the week, and there was a 40% chance of thunderstorms the day of the trip. Upon reaching our destination, we were greeted by patches of blue sky, a welcoming staff, and a pack of howling wolves, heralding our arrival.

Those wolves were our introduction to the day's adventure. Few of us were even aware of this wildlife preserve, housing over 200 exotic carnivores on a grassland spread of 320 acres. The Sanctuary was established in 1980 by the Craig family with a mission to: 1) rescue and rehabilitate large carnivores 2) provide a good life for these animals 3) educate the public about causes and solutions to the Captive Wildlife Crises. We saw lions, tigers, bears, lynx, wolves and leopards. We learned the stories of these abused animals i.e., caged along a highway as a gas station attraction, or discarded from a bankrupt circus etc. The USDA had confiscated these illegally held animals and

sent them to Colorado to the oldest of such sanctuaries.

Although there were rain showers again that evening, those on the bus trip came home with a renewed appreciation for the "beauty of the earth": rolling grasslands glistening from recent rains, bits of sunshine peaking through billowing clouds, and beautiful and majestic animals roaming in their species-specific habitat which was created and maintained by a family dedicated to be good stewards of God's creation.

Double Your Pleasure at Double Nickel



You won't want to miss the June 11th Double Nickel featuring a musical program by two of FUMC's finest musicians. A.J. Bush, a CSU student, will be playing the cello, accompanied by Karen Stody at the piano. A.J. will review the history of the development of the cello and will play selections representative of the various periods: baroque, classical romantic, and the 20th century. Come at noon for lunch, followed by an afternoon of "music appreciation".

Notes from the Senior Council

Another Afternoon at the Movies



The Tuesday Afternoon at the Movies feature at, 2 o'clock, on June 15th, will be CARS. This is a Disney animated production from the creators of TOY STORY. It is a "high-octane adventure comedy that shows life is about the journey, not the finish line. CARS is full of freewheeling fun for everyone."

Love in Action...in Action!



Do you need a ride, a simple repair, kind words, or help with gardening? These are just a few of the services provided by church volunteers through our LOVE IN ACTION program.

If you are in need of such help, please call the church office and ask for "Love in Action".

Learning for Life

from: Adult Faith Formation

One of my dreams has been to go to summer camp for adults. The prospect of having a wide variety of activities available coupled with only the responsibility to show up on time for meals conjures up visions of lazy summer days. While summer camp may not be a reality for most of us, what is within reach is FUMC's Summer of the Arts. Because the arts speak to our creativity and spirituality in unique ways, Adult Faith Formation has created a potpourri of artistic expressions for you to explore this summer.

Every Wednesday evening during the summer, from June 2 through August 25, we'll share a light meal in the Parlor at 5:30 pm, followed by an exploration of an aspect of the arts together from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. While FUMC's Summer of the Arts is not quite summer camp, it does offer a new way of exploring the intersection of the arts with theology. Plus, it will be fun! Here's the June schedule:

Wednesday, June 2

Dr. James Kim, FUMC Music Director
"Diverse Music Styles at FUMC"

Wednesday, June 9:
Dr. James Kim, FUMC Music Director
"Introduction to 20th Century Music"

Wednesday, June 16:
Eddy Hopkins, NoCo Faith Library Librarian
"Celtic Blessings" with bagpipe accompaniment

Wednesday, June 23:
Ed Stein nationally syndicated political cartoonist whose work appeared in the Rocky Mountain News.
"The Art of Editorial Cartooning"

Wednesday, June 30:
Charles Schuster, Senior Pastor, reviewing
The Art of Racing in the Rain
by Garth Stein

Mark your calendars now – every Wednesday evening from June 2 – August 25 – dinner at 5:30 and program from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

LAMMP Needs Your Support

The Larimer Association of Methodist Mission Partners has been very active in representing the First UMC, Ft. Collins.

There have been trips to Guatemala, Pine Ridge, Sager Brown and clean up activities at Buckhorn Camp and Warren Village in Denver.

The group has another trip to Pine Ridge planned for August

and a trip to Meru, Kenya in November. When these groups go on a mission trip to offer construction, education and good will, they not only pay for their own transportation but they also collect supplies and money for the materials they will need while on these trips.

On June 13th you will be given an opportunity to contribute to

these mission trips and support the teams in the name of FUMC.

Help these teams and the many individuals who will be offering their services with your donation on Sunday, June 13th. We will be displaying the many mementos of the past mission trips.

United Methodist Women

“Micro-Loans”

All women 6th Grade and up are welcome! Please join us for this month’s Unit meeting on Thursday, June 10, at 11:20 a.m. in the Parlor. Emily Krause will show a video and tell us more about the mechanisms and benefits of micro-loans. Circle Rebekah will greet us and Circle Lois will host a salad bar lunch before the program.

The Executive Board will meet on Thursday June 3rd at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. The Executive Board will not meet again until August.

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

Register now for *A Day Apart* in July

Mark your calendars. This year our annual Peaks & Plains District “A Day Apart” will be held at FUMC Estes Park, on Saturday, July 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The theme is “Faith.” This is a mini-retreat opportunity for District women to re-connect with God and each other. Registration forms are available on the UMW bulletin board and must be submitted by July 2.

Interested In Joining a Circle

Join a circle for friendship, mission, study and spiritual support. For more information about each circle, contact:

- Lori Ailor—490-1194
- Bev Winsett—484-8447

They’ll help you find a match!

Circle	Date	Time	Location
Abigail	No regular meetings	Call Ellen 484-8231	Summer Activities
Hannah	No regular meetings	Call Lori 490-1194	Summer Activities
Kezia	Thurs: 24th	9:30 a.m.	Kathy Schuster
Lois	Thurs: 24th	9:30 a.m.	Village Commons
Mary	Thurs: 24th	9:30 a.m.	Parlor
Rebekah	Thurs: 24th	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
Sarah	No regular meetings	Contact Joan: 206-0447 or joanmgr4972@q.com	Summer Activities
Vashti	Tues: 22 nd	12 Noon Potluck	Parlor
T.U.F. (Teen)	Sun: 6 th	4:00 p.m.	Summer Outing

Men’s Coffee and Discussion Group

We started on Wednesday, May 19 in forming a group of men, who met in the Junior High room in the Youth basement (education wing, lower level) at the church.

Our plan is to fellowship, get to know each other, provide sup-



port, and maybe even learn something. All men are invited to attend, so bring you friends and family. Everyone is welcome!

We plan to meet each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Dough-

nuts and coffee will be served. Let us know what you would like to see . One thing is for sure, we’ll enjoy each others company.

Questions? Please call Lee Hoover at 970-282-3648 or Dale Manning at 970-484-3002.

Mother's Day Out Summer Session!

This summer, MDO will run a four week summer session on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. We welcome children **ages 2-6**. Children will be divided into two classrooms. This will be a drop-in, first-come, first-served program, Operating the same as our Sept.-May session.

Date: June 29 through July 22

Time: 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.50 an hour for 1st child, \$4.50 an hour for sibling.

Requirements: For first timers, bring, FAX (970-221-5833) or e-mail immunization records on or before first visit.

For more information, call Gail Farnum, 223-3370.



Prevent Landscape and Garden Problems

The gardening methods you practice can make control of disease, weeds and undesirable insects easier. Desirable practices include the following:

- Choose disease-resistant plants.
- Mulch to reduce weeds and maintain consistent soil moisture and temperature.
- Choose plants that are adapted to your climate and site.
- Space and prune plants to provide good air circulation.
- Water the soil, not the plants.
- Drip irrigation reduces water usage and directs the moisture thus reducing weeds.



- Avoid working with wet plants because diseases spread easily when the foliage is wet.
- Avoid excess nitrogen fertilizer.
- Nitrogen makes plants grow fast and juicy. The result is the outer layers which protect the plant are thinner than usual and more susceptible to insect damage.
- Keep your yard clean.
- Inspect plants frequently.
- Practice crop rotation where appropriate.

— Happy Gardening

Worship Services

- 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary—
Children's Sermon
- 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. in
the Parlor—
CrossWalk



Pastors and Staff

Rev. Charles Schuster
Rev. Rebecca McFee
Rev. Megan Ryan
Rev. Ray Miller
Rev. David Dalke
A.J. Bush, Intern
Bev Halperin, Dir. Children's Ministry
Laura Lechtenberg, Preschool Director
Gail Farnum, Mom's Day Out Director
Martha Conant, Adult Faith Formation
Eddy Hopkins, Resource Center Director
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Church-Sponsored Kenya Mission Trip On-Track

Space is still available to join our mission to Kenya. We depart from Denver on 4 November 2010 and return 21 November. We have identified a project with the help of the Kenyans to advance the cultivation of passion fruit.

Because clean fresh water is a critical resource in Kenya, we are communicating with our country contacts to see if we can help remedy this problem using a simple technology. And we expect to work with children at a primary school

using our own stories and ma-

terials we would donate. A generous individual grant donor from our church as well as a FUMC Foundation challenge grant have provided funds that will enable

our work in these areas. Our next meeting is June 19. Contact Rich Fisher at 970-481-6468 or via email at rich.fisher@comcast.net for the place and time.

