



The Carillon

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One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering taken in March. It supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Our congregation gave \$1,759. Here is just one or hundreds of ways this offering helps:

New Liberian Presi-

dent, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, a Methodist, "was most passionate...in responding to the role of the church in dealing with refugees. Speaking to other faiths as a United Methodist, she spoke of the key role that churches and

non-government organizations played through their crisis and stated that Liberia would not have survived without them."

That's our church at work!

Submitted by: Ray Miller

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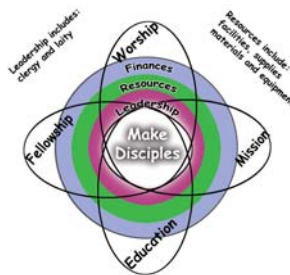
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Administrative Council Corner

The Administrative Council meeting on the 13th addressed several topics:

- There was a discussion about how we might change our process to enhance the coffee-donut fellowship on Sunday mornings.
- Jud Harper summarized the Transforming Tomorrow program status and described the need to contact people about their pledge status.

- Ray Miller described the Stewardship project that is taking place this summer and solicited support for this effort.
- About 1/2 of the session was devoted to obtaining feedback on the visit we had with Dr. Kent Millard! There was a lot of enthusiasm generated from this visit and we collected a page full of ideas about things we can do to become a



'passion driven congregation'!
Lots of good ideas about directions we can pursue in our church.

Minutes from this meeting will be available in the Village Commons room. Pam Metzger is our secretary. She is doing an excellent job helping with our communications.

Special Points of Interest:

- Small Group Meetings
- Summer Book Discussion
- Thank You Ministry
- We Need Help! Country Village Bazaar
- Christian Believer
- Campbell's Labels
- Holy Boldness

Minnietta Found a Way To Fill the Void



By Charles Schuster

She felt an emptiness growing in her soul after graduating from Bos-

ton University School of Theology with a degree in Christian Education. “After eight years in the church, I knew I was not using my creativity as I should. I felt dry. It was very hard because my husband was the pastor and he had looked forward to our being in ministry together...for ever and ever. We both had. This was what I studied and worked for during the three long years of graduate courses. I decided to take the battery of tests at a Career Counseling Center. This confirmed the void in my soul that yearned to be filled by art.

I continued my position in the church as I discerned God’s voice and direction for my life. Toward the end of that period of seeking, I saw an article in our local newspaper about a woman who made glass boxes. I had never thought about this kind of art

before, but my heart leaped inside me as I read, and suddenly I ‘knew,’ I just knew, that glass was the medium for me.

I had never cut a piece of glass in my life so I found a beginning class in leaded glass making. During that Sunday evening class, I was sure it was God’s voice that had led me to this place. The following Thursday I resigned my position at the church. It was the right thing to do. The handling of the glass and the tools seemed made for my hands. It was my personal epiphany that shone through the shards of colored glass—my calling had found me.

Twenty-two years after I saw the hand of God reflected in a sheet of translucent glass, my husband and I are still in ministry together. My altar can be found in the Sonshine Reflection Studios, the business I started where I fabricate glass installations, including a 15 X 18 foot stained glass panel installed in the church where my husband and I share a special ministry together.”

*Note: Two weeks ago Kent Millard came to us and spoke to us about ministry. He re-

minded us that ministry should be driven by the passions of the people. He suggested that the structures of the church should be supportive of those passions. He told us our ministry should never be driven by fear. He suggested that the primary concern for ministry is not driven by the desires of the clergy nor the agendas of the members. He believes the only important issue is our determination of what we think “God needs us to do”.

A Great Outreach! The Stover Street Stompers, a group of musicians from our church, carry the Good News around the community and beyond through their music.

enjoy reading about how Minnietta filled the emptiness in her life. It’s something every one of us can apply to our lives.

Membership Memos

In His Name...we celebrate the baptism of:

- ◆ Jillian Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Stephen & Stephanie Jones
- ◆ Zoey Ann DeHaan, daughter of Ryan & Kealy DeHaan
- ◆ Jack Todd Kershaw, son of Rev. Joel & Martha (Abby) Kershaw
- ◆ Hudson James Staples,

son of Robert & Susan Staples

"There is one body and one Spirit...one Lord, one faith, and baptism..."
Ephesians 4:4-5

In Joyous Celebration! We rejoice and celebrate in welcoming our newest church members:

- ✦ Chad & Amy Hoseth and their son Noah transferring their membership

from Annandale UMC, VA. Chad is self-employed and Amy works at CSU.

In Loving Memory...

- ♥ Lori Plemmons 12/29/22-4/21/06
- ♥ Ronald "Ron" Meyer 8/22/46-5/18/06
- ♥ Dolores J. Tompsett (mother of Dena Hartmann) 9/12/27-6/01/06

Small Group Meetings Planned

You Are Invited!

Have you ever thought about what is it about your church that you like best? That makes you want to be a part of the church family? That speaks to your life and spirit? Have you ever said to yourself, "I wish our church would..." Have you ever wanted to meet a few more people who, like yourself,

have made the commitment to be God's people through First United Methodist Church of Ft. Collins? These are the kinds of opportunities that await you if you choose to attend one of several meetings in homes of members to be held in July and August. Coming up soon:

- July 6-Larry & Ruth Neal
- July 12-Warren & Thelma Mauk

- July 16-Dean & Susan Block
- July 24-Liz Case

If one of these dates fits your schedule, please call Ray Miller (214-3933) or e-mail raym@pbroadband.net and he will contact the host and get directions to their home to you. Remember, All are invited!

\$100 A Day for Expanding Our Ministries

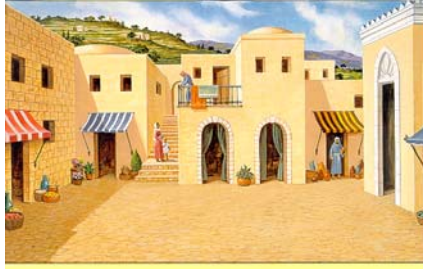
- ♥ June 17—In celebration of our 55th wedding anniversary, given by **Eldon and Princetta Reutter**.
- ♥ June—In honor of our parents, **Dr. & Mrs. John D. Staples**, on their 50th wedding anniversary, given by the families of Rick and Rob Staples.
- ♥ July — A birthday memorial in honor of **Grant Harris**, given by his family.

Summer Sunday School

from: Bev Halperin

Our Summer Sunday School is in full swing. We are currently doing a Rotation Unit on *Jesus and the Children* through July 16 and then we will study *Friendship: David and Jonathan*. Attendance so

far has been great – I encourage you to bring your children whenever you are



in town. We will meet every Sunday, including holidays.

Summer Book Discussion Groups

Adults and children have an opportunity to participate in our **Summer Book Discussion groups**. Adults will be discussing books with Rev. Schuster and children and their parents will be discussing books with Bev Halperin. We'll gather at 6:00 pm for dinner together and

then the book discussion will begin at 7:00 pm. Mark these Wednesdays on your calendar for some lively discussions:

July 12:

- * Adults, *Marley and Me* by John Grogan
- * Parent/Child, *Bud, Not*

Buddy by Christopher Curtis

August 16:

- * Adults, *Custer and Crazy Horse* by Stephen Ambrose
- * Parent/Child, *Running Out of Time* by Haddix.

So, stop by the library, pick up a

Between the Bookends

by: David Reed

If you've ever wondered how to do your job on church committees more effectively, you may want to pick up one of the *Guidelines* pamphlets now available in the library. The 26 *Guidelines* titles cover such areas as church council, finance, trustees, leading

small groups, stewardship, family ministries, women's ministries and many more.

Thanks to a contribution from the membership coordinator's office, the library has two complete sets of *Guidelines*—one available for checkout and one in the reference sec-

tion.

Whether you're an emerging leader or an experienced one, the easy-to-read, easy-to-follow content of the *Guidelines* provides you with the practical help you need to succeed in your ministry.

Thank You Ministry

Our sincerest thank you to Rev. Charles Schuster for his eloquent words and ability to give us a sense of peace.

Thank you to Ramona Miller, Mary Daggett, Rozella Frie-

drich, Audrey DeVries, Samia Thierstein, and Shirley Wiese who helped with the lunch after the funeral service.

It was wonderful and also gave us peace.

From:
Ron Meyer's family



Program Notes



Let me tell you about a special group of people. Their names are Dawn, Mario, Ken, Kelly, and Dave. Their names have been Penny, Paul, Devin, Janet and Abbie. They are Christians and musicians. They praise God with guitar, keyboard, string bass, thunder, lightning, rain stick and tambourine. They speak a musical language without written notes. It is a language that requires direct translation between ear and hands, and it is a language that is constantly on the move. It is a musical language free of pitch class vectors and Neapolitan, French or German chords. It is a musical language of the people, arising from the inherent talents and cultural sounds of today. They are the members of *fish*, the praise band that has led the Sunday Night aLive worship here at First United Methodist Church.

Over the last 3.5 years, it has been my challenge and pleasure to stand with this group to

create worship music that is engaging, dynamic, and theologically grounded. We have struggled through transition after transition. We have persevered through grueling set-up, constant take-down, the ever-changing face of technology, and the loss of several key volunteers and staff members.

A special spirit of sacrifice, versatility and love surrounds this group of people. I am constantly humbled by their sacrifices of praise. They say, and mean, that their music is for Christ alone. They foster in each other and with their congregations a strong faith that is not deterred by adversity. They stand in questions of faith, and never forget why they play. I am proud to know and work with this group of people.

On Tuesday, June 6, several members of this band met with a special task force to discuss the future of the service here. Despite the loyalty, strength and talent of the volunteers and staff working with this service, the church does not

have the necessary staff and volunteer resources to maintain 4 services. The last A.M. aLive service was held on Sunday, June 25.

This church cannot afford to lose the musical witness of *fish*. This church cannot afford to forget the cultural language of the world it lives in. This church cannot afford to forget how to stand and lift its hands in praise. *Fish* will share contemporary worship music on two Sundays during the summer: July 23 and August 20th so that all worshipping communities of the church may have an opportunity to experience contemporary worship. By September, *fish* will be incorporated into the three service worship schedule of the church.

Thank you to *fish* and all the sound, video, and liturgical volunteers who have given so much to the vision and hope of Sunday Night aLive.

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Senior Council

The Senior Council is establishing a living assistance device closet at FUMC for use by church members. Anyone having used wheelchairs, walkers, canes, shower seats, etc. may call Gretchen Ben-

nett at 897-2764 for information. Watch for details on the Care Closet in upcoming Sunday Bulletins.

The July Double Nickel luncheon will be held in the

Fellowship Hall on July 14 at noon. Special guests will be senior members of Christ UMC. The program will be given by musicians Lisa W. Eakins, cellist, and Bobbie Mielke, pianist.

Stephen Ministry

by: Bill Rice

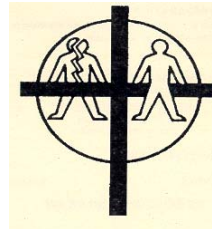
Since early February, 2006, the FUMC Stephen Ministry Leadership team of FUMC Loveland, had the pleasure of training new Stephen Ministers for both churches. While we had only four trainees, (two from each church) the total effort was extremely rewarding. The minister candidates committed themselves to the program and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the total training package.

The four candidates came to the program with all the desirable qualities to be successful. These qualities include personality, motivation, commitment, relational ability, dedication and an unsurpassed spiritual belief, not only on the ministry, but in the overall life of the church.

During the training sessions

we talked about feelings, 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. It was not an easy training schedule since we used Saturdays and Sundays to complete the work. The four candidates committed themselves in a way that was a pleasure to see. They role played, asked in-depth questions, looked forward to lively discussions and in many other ways were true participants. We can be proud of them and they should be very proud of themselves.

You formally met our two ministers late in June when they were confirmed as Stephen



Ministers in front of our congregation. Laurie Landers and Jon Wilterdink are special people and will be special Stephen Ministers.

We, the members of the FUMC Stephen Ministers Leadership team have been reminding each of you in our monthly Carillon articles of the need for new Stephen Ministers. We are not meeting the current needs of the church. WE encourage you to continue to look into your hearts and ask yourself—*Isn't this the time for me to serve in this vital role?* If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Sam Mack 274-6499, Ruth-Mary Lyons 330-6923, Emma-lie Conner 484-1719 or Bill Rice 282-8761. We would love to hear from you.

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Need to sell your home...

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We Need Help!

The Country Village Bazaar is November 11th!

Can you make cookies, cakes, noodles, jams, quilted items, wooden carved items, Christmas decorations? Are you going on a trip, and can bring back an item for the International booth or the Gift Shop?

We could use all of this and more. The men's group is going to serve lunch, the Stover Street Stompers will entertain us, and Gregg Dawson will be doing the auction. We need donations for this too! We will be adding booths to feature Alternative Christmas items, which is buying items such as coffee, clothing, or donating an animal thru

the Heifer Project and designating it for the person who has everything and still honoring them. This is a day the community comes to our church and we want to show them what a great, fun, and productive group we are. Mark the day on your calendar and start thinking what you can do to make this a productive and fun time.

United Methodist Women

A Day Apart

This year our annual Peaks & Plains District "A Day Apart" meeting will be held at our very own church on Saturday, July 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The program is "Be Still and Know that I am God" presented by Pastor Sandi Dillon. Join other women of our district for a reflective and pleasant day of quiet spiritual pursuits. Registration forms are available in the library in the UMW reading section and must be submit-

ted no later than July 5.

Please note that there will be no unit meetings in July or August, nor will Executive Board meet in July.

Interested in joining a circle for friendship, mission, study and spiritual support?

Call Lori Ailor, 490-1194, or Chris Weber, 225-6597, for information on each circle and its summer activities.

Circle Meetings in July

Women of Worth

Women of Worth is not meeting through the summer months of July and August, but will resume discussions on September 13 at noon in the Conference Room. Bishop James Shelby Spong's most recent book,

Sins of Scripture, will be the book we will analyze over the fall session.

The book order will be placed on August 8 so no orders can be accepted after August 7.

If you would like to join the group, which meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the months from September through May at noon, or would like a book ordered for you, give Peggy Ingram a call at 493-3341.

Christian Believer

Knowing God with Heart and Mind is an integrated, thirty-week study of the Bible and the classical teachings of the Christian faith.

• The Purpose

The aim of this study is to make available to people the substance of the faith that the church has confessed through the centuries as a way of con-

necting to God and living faithfully.

• The Process

Christian Believer groups consist of twelve members and a leader. Each participant makes a commitment to daily preparation (reading and taking notes on Scripture and assigned readings in the book of readings) and weekly participation in the group study session (2 to 2½ hours).

• The Package

Each participant receives a reading package that includes a study manual and a book of readings from Christian sources, both ancient and modern, on the doctrines of the Christian faith.

If you are interest in joining this group, or need more information, please contact Ray Miller at 215-3933.

Campbell's Labels for Education

For sometime now the Church and Society Committee (now called Community and World Outreach Committee) has been collecting Campbell's Labels for Education and Box Tops for Education. Recently, 2800 Campbell's labels were sent to McCurdy School in Espanola, NM. in memory

of the late Rev. Ty Curtis because of his long association with McCurdy. Over 600 Box Tops for Education were delivered to Putnam School. These labels are used by the schools to acquire much needed school supplies at no cost to the school. We encourage everyone who uses products

with these labels to take the time to collect them and drop them in the red box in the Northwest corner of Fellowship hall or in the wooden box in the hallway near the office. Please help us to continue providing this gift that is so rewarding and costs so little. Thank You.

VIM (Volunteers in Mission)

The Mission trip to Rosebud, NM will be leaving on July 22. Dea Carroll and JoAn Hopkins will be part of this team. They will be needing the following supplies to do their mission work.

- ♥ Blue jeans (all sizes)
- ♥ Work boots

- ♥ Work gloves
- ♥ Tylenol (adult & children)
- ♥ Ibuprofen
- ♥ Pepto-Bismol
- ♥ Tums
- ♥ Vitamins
- ♥ Calcium
- ♥ Band aids
- ♥ Antibiotic ointment
- ♥ 81 gr. Aspirin

- ♥ Rubber gloves
- ♥ Hand soap
- ♥ Antiseptic hand gel
- ♥ Sun glasses

All donations, large and small, are appreciated!

Holy Boldness—Part Four

*God says, "I will send whom I will."
"Go and Preach the Gospel"*

During the early part of the nineteenth century women flocked to revival camp meetings which were perfect places to break the bonds of traditional norms against women speaking in the public forum. The Methodist hierarchy continued to urge inspired women to speak in class meetings and love feasts, but a few became unordained traveling preachers. Free black women experienced the same rejection as white women, but with even more societal restrictions.

Jarena Lee, a free black woman was probably the first female preacher of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Born into a free and impoverished family in Cape May, New Jersey in 1783, Jarena Lee felt the call to "preach the Gospel" at the age of twenty-one while listening to the preaching of Reverend Richard Allen, minister of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. During a visit with Reverend Allen, Jarena Lee told him of her call and was told that the rules of Methodism did not call for women preachers however, women

could hold prayer meetings and exhort after the sermon.

Jarena Lee married Reverend Joseph Lee in 1811, but within six years she was widowed and left with two infant children. By this time the African Methodist Church was an officially organized denomination with Reverend Richard Allen as its first bishop. One Sunday, in 1812, during an especially uninspired sermon by the minister of Bethel AME Church, and with Reverend Allen present, Jarena Lee sprang to her feet and began exhorting to the congregation. She so inspired Reverend Allen that he spoke to those present about Lee's call eight years earlier and her desire to preach. He expressed the judgment that she was "as called to preach as any preachers present" and Jarena Lee began her life as a preacher.

Jarena Lee described her life as an African American woman itinerate preacher in the 1836 and 1849 editions of her *Life and Religious Experience Journal*. She preached until 1849 in New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Ohio, and Pennsylvania to small and large, mixed white and colored" congregations, camp meetings with slaves and holders, American Indians around Buffalo, N.Y, and even at Antislavery So-



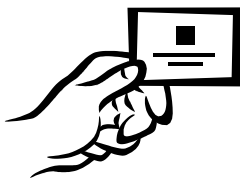
ciety meetings. She claimed to have traveled two thousand miles and preached one hundred and seventy-five sermons during one year, 1820.

Jarena Lee is buried in the graveyard of Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Lawnside, NJ. The dates on her headstone is unreadable.

Jarena Lee was one of many African American women preachers during the first half of the nineteenth century. In 1848, an AME Church women's society, The Daughters of Zion, petitioned the General Conference that women be licensed to preach. The petition was overwhelmingly defeated, but the women were not.

Source Schmidt, Jean Miller. *Grace Sufficient: A History of Women in American Methodism*. Nashville, Abingdon
Article submitted by FUMC Commission on the Status and Role of Women

Wanted: Your Business Card



Please turn in your business card into the church office. We will keep a directory on file for a year (till July 07) for our church members looking for contacts within our congregation. It's an easy and quick form of advertising! Even teens are invited to leave their cards—babysitters, yard work, pet sitters, etc.

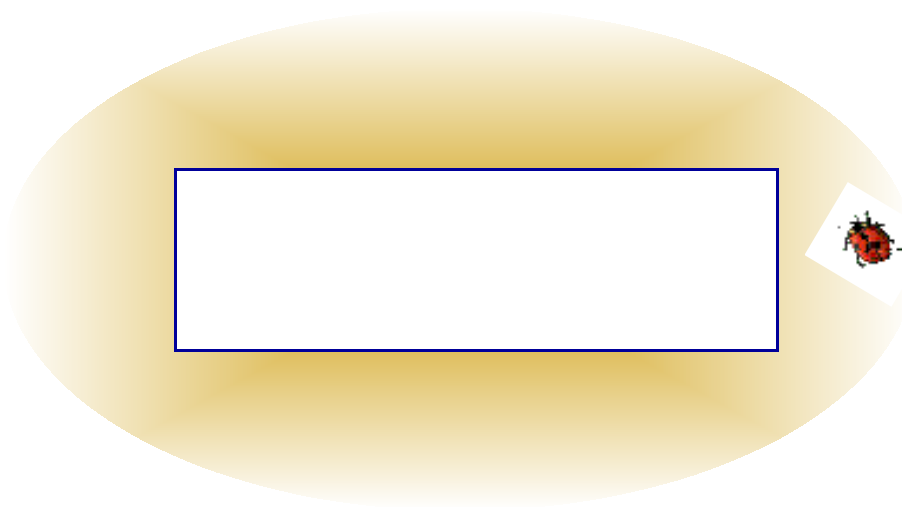
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Thoughts From Bev



Thank You Co-Directors: Barb Grauberger (l) & Becci Ragatz (r) for making this year's VBS a huge success.

Vacation Bible School was a huge success again this year! We had over 170 children attend our Son Treasure

Island. Special thanks are extended to our co-directors, Barb Grauberger and Becci Ragatz -- it wouldn't have been possible without them. We had about 80 willing and smiling volunteers, including some great teen helpers, who made the week a huge success – THANK YOU!! It was wonderful to use our newly remodeled sanctuary for the daily opening programs and our parent program on Thursday night. It was fun to see this space transformed into a

tropical island. The children studied 1 Corinthians 13 and learned all about God's Love, while also having lots of fun.

Our VBS mission project this year was to collect diapers to be donated to the Larimer County Food Bank through our church's CHUMS organization. Foster parents and families in need can shop there for what they need. This year at VBS we collected 95 packages of diapers – what an outreach!