

The Carillon

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WHEEL OF FORTUNE WITHOUT VANNA

Prize to be awarded

The theme of the Stewardship Campaign this fall is:

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You are being given a few letters. The first person to call in or email the correct campaign theme will receive a prize that will be worth getting. Give it a try. Watch for the posters at church. Each week if the theme has not been identified, more letters will be added—just like Wheel of Fortune. This is Wheel of Fun!

Submit responses to Ray Miller with exact day and time at:
 215-3933 or raym@lpbroadband.net

STRIPING OF THE PARKING LOT

The Trustee Committee wants to acknowledge and thank members of Boy Scout Troop 83. Troop 83 meets at our church. On Saturday, June 18, eight members of the troop and six adult leaders of the troop repainted the stripes in all of the church's parking lots. The troop members who volunteered were Andy Brown, Sam Burns, Avery Franklin, Kyle Fritz, David Heston, Jeff Lieser, Isaak Maler, and Basher Matrix. The adult leaders were Bob

Brown, Patrick Burns, Ray Franklin, Gary Fritz, Bill Heston, and Russell Lieser. The troop and their leaders provided a portable striping machine, the paint for the machine, and their labor. The Trustee Committee purchased around \$150 worth of paint for the project. The cost to the church of having a professional company stripe the parking lots would have been over \$1000. Thanks again!

From : Gary Gramlick

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Membership Orientation*
- *\$100 A Day for E.O.M.*
- *Confirmation Class*
- *Proposed Columbarium*
- *Annual Food & Cash Drive*
- *Meet & Eat Has Returned*
- *Orientation for Christian Believers*

AT WAR OVER WORSHIP

CHARLES SCHUSTER

There is an intensity that is brought to the subject when the subject is “Worship at First United Methodist Church”. When changes are made in worship and people are invited to respond they do give their opinions freely. On July 23rd we tried to do something we hadn’t done. We took the format of a contemporary service of worship and reconfigured it into the format of a traditional service. Then we subdivided the sermon into four parts. The reaction was enthusiastic. Pretty much the reaction was enthusiastically negative. It was too much change at the same time. It was a breach of confidence for some people and the raising of some doubt if those of us in charge know what we’re doing.

When we realized the intensity of the verbal responses after the worship services were over we decided to offer an opportunity for people to tell us what they thought officially. We put a questionnaire in the bulletin the following two weeks, and that solicitation brought to us one of the largest congregational inputs we have seen. It also created a very healthy discussion about worship and our future as a church. Two members of our church attended a workshop at Drew Divinity School. The workshop focus was “Emergent Worship”. Dawn Rohrbacker and Colleen Donnelly-McRoberts reported to the Worship Committee that worship should emerge from the congregation and not be superimposed upon it. In other words our format for worship, and the essential content of worship must be congruent to who we are.

My own view of worship includes the following values and in this order of priority:

1. Worship should be theologically sound
2. Worship should be creative and alive
3. Worship should be coordinated and have a reasonable flow
4. Worship should be challenging us to think and act

One of the most important realizations we have come to most directly relates to our church’s future. Our discussions about worship are much broader

than a simple debate over “traditional” and “contemporary” worship. The discussion has much to do about the future of our church.

1. We will not change our worship format simply for the sake of change. There is much we are doing that is working. We don’t need to fix what’s not broken. Our church is growing. Our worship attendance numbers represent an increase over the past few years.

2. We must be alert and responsive to new



ways of worshipping God. Our church membership is not getting younger. We must do everything it takes to bring new people and young people into our church or we will be doomed to obsolescence in a very short time. But our effort to reach out to new people must be consistent with the core of who we are as a church.

We are walking on a delicate balance these days. Too much change especially if it is not congruent to our nature is destructive to the greatness that we have. Excessive attention to the maintenance of what we have been produces an anachronistic church that will not survive beyond the next 10 years.

What is required is a sense of calm. We are trying to work through one of the most difficult issues any church faces. In addition to that, what I would ask of every member of our church is feedback. Continue to tell us what we’re doing that is meaningful and what we could be doing more effectively. In the weeks to come we will offer many opportunities to respond, but Colleen, Joel, Joyce, and I are always welcoming of suggestions and insights.

I anticipate we will be a great church for years to come. Worship attendance will increase in number, but more importantly, in enthusiasm for the spiritual/theological growth within our congregation. It will take the hard work of the staff and the continual support of the people. We have an opportunity to do something very special.

MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION

Come and join us for our new members orientation classes on the first Sunday of each month. Our first class will be held on:

September 3 at 12:00 noon

in the Parlor. Come and meet Rev. Charles Schuster, Senior Pastor and Lisa Pollan, Membership Coordinator. Lunch and



child care will be provided. Please RSVP to Lisa at 482-2436 ext. 11.

CORRECTION

Correction from the August Carillon

Baptism: Logan Kenneth Whetstone son of Scott & Abigail Whetstone.

\$100.00 A DAY FOR EXPANDING OUR MINISTRIES

- ♥ July 31—Given by Kenneth and Carol Whitcomb, in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary.
- ♥ August 3—Given by Wilda and Burdette Woodward in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary.
- ♥ August 10—Given by Betty Fischer, congratulations Charles Fischer on your 85th birthday.
- ♥ August 11—Given by Donald and Betty Hutchins in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.
- ♥ August 20—Given by the entire Senn family to Richard and Naomi Senn in celebration of 60 SENNsational years of marriage.
- ♥ Given by Grace Harris—cheers for the energy and leadership of the Myrtle House landscaping by Jerry Wiese and Bill Henderson.
- ♥ September 11—Given by Sallie Youngman in celebration of Vern Youngman's birthday.

KID'S CLOSET



Clothing for children 0-12th grade is open each month on the second Sunday from 10:30 am to 12:30

pm and on the fourth Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the robe room in the basement (under the church offices).

We accepted gently used and

washed clothing. Please check at the office for drop-off location.

Sponsored by the Children and Family Council.

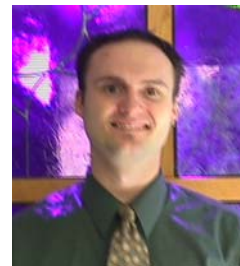
MISSION TRIP: LIGHTHOUSE OF LOVE

Many know that the senior high youth of this church participated in a Mission Trip to Biloxi, MS at the end of July. I am happy to report that all have returned safe, and I want to thank the Texas State Patrolman who took mercy on me when I failed to see a change in the speed limit. I have participated in many mission trips both as a youth and an adult and I must say that this trip ranks among the best! I was struck by the faith, the joy, the commitment and the soul of our youth. We spent our time helping two families get drywall in their homes, coving the cold studs with the warmth for hope for the future. The youth poured their hearts and souls into helping these people, and I have never seen youth work that hard! They devoured the

work assigned to our group and in the end we all wanted to do more. They worked with smiles on their faces, warmth in their hearts, and songs on their lips. They were a testament to our call as Christians to act in love to help our neighbors rebuild their lives! As hard as they worked, the devastation was humbling as we drove the coast of this once buzzing resort town. The site of missing buildings, and shattered lives will stay with us forever. But I have never been more proud to be a United Methodist. The Mississippi Annual Conference of the UMC organized through UMCOR to provide supplies, housing, funding and volunteers to help with the rebuilding efforts. Our group was only one of five United Methodist Youth

Groups staying at Heritage UMC; working to rebuild lives, one house at a time. Our church joins with every other UMC throughout the world in helping to make these ministries possible and it is our connection and commitment to each other that makes us United Methodist. Our Youth and Sponsors answered the call to love our neighbors and in doing so became lighthouses of God's love on the coast of disaster. Let their light inspire your action and thank you for the privilege of working with these amazing young people of faith!

Yours in Christ,
Joel



SEPTEMBER YOUTH EVENTS

- Sept. 8th -9th 8 p.m.-8 a.m. Youth Lock-in at the church
- Sept. 10th @ 9:15 Start of Youth Sunday School
- Sept. 17th United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) 6-8 p.m.
- Sept. 24th UMYF with Youth Parent meeting 6-8 p.m.

(for more info. Contact Rev. Kershaw or see our page on the church web site @ <http://www.fcfumc.net/youth.html>)

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation class begins with a meeting for parents and youth (9th grade and higher) on September 17th from 12:00-1:30 p.m. in the Village Commons. This will be an important introduc-

tion and orientation to this year's confirmation class. If you are interested please sign up at the church office or e-mail Rev. Kershaw at jkershaw@fcfumc.net.

THOUGHTS FROM BEV

Rally Day for Children and Youth programs is September 10th.

Children and youth will be signing up for their classes in Fellowship Hall with balloons and excitement for the new year! Parents, please take a few minutes and fill out a new Sunday School registration form for each of your children; this helps us keep our records updated. Join us as we kick off a new school year.

3rd grade Bible Sunday will be September 17th.

All 3rd graders will be presented a Bible during the 9:15 service. This is a special day for these children and their families as we share with them the importance of God's word. This is a part of our promise we make as a church family during each child's baptism to support and nurture these children. Join us this special day.

October 8th is Children's Sabbath.

All children are invited to help with conducting the service. If your child would like

to help with ushering, greeting, or scripture reading duties, please contact Bev Halperin at bevhalperin@fcfumc.net or 482-2436. This is a very special service for and by children to increase the awareness of children's issues. We encourage all families of all ages to come and participate in this special day honoring children.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SPECIAL OFFERING

If you were unable to donate to the special Habitat for Humanity special offering on August 27th



and wish to do so, it's not too late! Place your donation in a Pew envelope, mark the envelope with

"Habitat for Humanity Special Offering" and drop it in the collection plate. Thank You.

SENIOR COUNCIL

The Senior Council is pursuing the purchase of a larger, more accessible van or bus for our Sunday pickup service as rider ship continues to increase.

Dates to remember: Sept. 8--fall bus trip; there will be no Double Nickel luncheon on that date. Oct. 13--flu shots in the Fellowship Hall, and Double Nickel luncheon in

the parlor. Nov. 17--Double Nickel luncheon (date change due to the Country Village Bazaar).

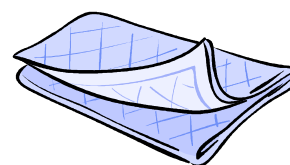
MYRTLE HOUSE & TOOLS OF HOPE AND BLANKET

- Our congregation provided \$1160 in June for landscape needs at the **Myrtle House**. The Texas Youth who worked three heavy-duty days contributed an additional

\$500. Photos of further progress by our members are in the Mission corner.

- For July's **Tools of Hope and Blanket** offering our \$2,029 goes across the country

and around the world. What an awesome congregation!



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Minutes from the Administrative COUNCIL's August 8th meeting:

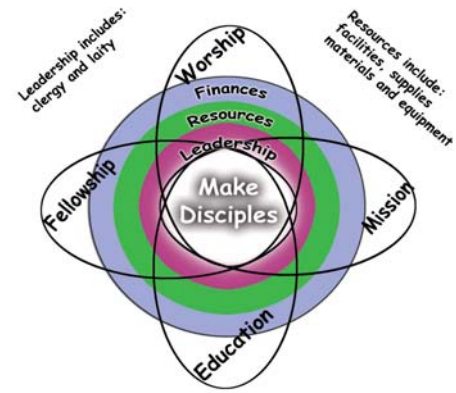
Mission Youth—Jeremy Halperin, Alex Dawson, Elyse Fasano, and Andy Bashford shared their Biloxi, MS experiences. There was a presentation by Rev. Warren McConnell on a satellite church. Jud Harper, SPR Chair, presented the updated church personnel guide for adoption. The booklets “Good to Great” by Jim Collins (the BBR-Bishop’s Big Read) were distributed to work area chairs. Please return these to the library hallway counter for others to read by the September meeting.

The following are eight operating principles under which

the Administrative COUNCIL is asked to function:

1. When a common issue, program, project, etc. is identified, we will provide vocal and consistent communication. And will ask all work areas and committees to contribute to the effort.
2. We (the church) will encourage excellence, risk-taking and new ideas.
3. We will recognize past efforts and successes and identify new passions.
4. We will listen
5. The church will emphasize fellowship, relationships, and relevance of effort.
6. It will program first, fund secondly.
7. In the community, we will promote FUMC’s uniqueness, i.e. its music program, and the gifts and talents of its members.
8. We will broaden our scope in the larger community through study, mission and ministry.

FROM: FRAN WILLIAMS



SHARING THE STORY...

A DAY OF FELLOWSHIP, MUSIC, & LEARNING

This year’s Lay Ministry Convocation’s theme will be *Sharing the Story*. Participants will have an opportunity to attend two valuable and timely seminars led by outstanding presenters. This convocation is sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Conference Board of Lay Ministry and brings together lay and clergy from Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming for two three-hour seminars:

- “Sharing God’s Story in the People’s Song,” led by Dean B. McIntyre, Ph.D.
- “Turning Your Church’s Vision into Reality,” led by The Rev. Kenneth Brown

Each seminar will be presented twice—once in the morning and once in the afternoon so that

all participants have an opportunity to attend both sessions. Lay speakers receive advanced course credit for attending both seminars!

When: Saturday, September 30, 2006

Where: St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 3350 White Bay Drive, Highlands Range, CO 80126

Cost: \$25 (checks made payable to Rocky Mountain Conference) includes refreshments & lunch

Register: Pick up a registration form from the church office or connect to www.rmcbolm.org and click on Lay Ministry Convocation.

HOLY BOLDNESS

Part Six: The Itinerate Preacher's Wife, Another Call to Religious Usefulness

Young, poor and single describes the expected life for an early itinerate preacher. However, a transition from an unmarried clergy to a married clergy took place by 1860. The growing presence of women called to religious usefulness changed an unfriendly attitude toward married preachers to desirable. The life of an itinerate preacher's wife and family challenged the weak and strong, but their steadfastness strengthened the Methodist Church as pioneer preachers were appointed to western charges. Preachers wives served as partners in ministry then and now.

Selected entries into a chronology of women who became wives of early Methodist preachers in the western part of this country might read like this.

ANNA MARIA PITTMAN LEE (first wife of Reverend Jason Lee) Oregon Mission Set out from Boston for a mission near Salem, Oregon on July 29, 1836. Sailed around Cape Horn to Hawaii and arrived at Fort Vancouver on May 17, 1837. Married Reverend Jason Lee on July 16, 1837. Eight months later with Reverend Lee on a trip east, Anna Maria Lee and her infant son died within a few days of the birth.

ANNE KIMBERLIN TAYLOR (wife of Reverend John Merritt) California Mission After a 155 day journey on a clipper ship around Cape Horn, Anne arrived with William in San Francisco, a city of tents, sometime in September 1849. Reverend Taylor preached in the open air surrounded by drinking and gam-

bling houses. According to Schmidt, "Anne Taylor's presence and hymn-singing helped gather crowds and reactivate forgotten faith by recalling pious mothers and early religious practices."

FRANCES SAWYER MERRITT (wife of Reverend John Merritt) Colorado Mission Though Frances Merritt struggled with poor health all of her life she was a spiritual mentor to clergy and laity alike and partnered with her preacher husband through the difficult years he served the Colorado Conference from 1872-1891.

Bishop Henry White Warren said of her, "How can a woman, hardly able to live herself, become a veritable Atlas, holding up a world of cares for others?"

She must have reservoirs of strength elsewhere."



HOLY BOLDNESS AMONG US

It is not possible to summarize or evaluate the contributions of the wives of Methodist pastors. Each one brings grace, devotion, and spiritual depth to their husband's commitment. All experience the gratifications and discouragements that are part of life in ministry. WE THANK THEM!

These women are in our midst and are or have been wives of Methodist pastors. Please thank them!

Edna Bragonier, Joyce Curtis, Margo Fixter, Mary Lou McConnell, Kathy Schuster, Naomi Senn.

Source: Schmidt, Jean Miller. *Grace Sufficient, A History of Women in American Methodism, 1760-1939*

BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS

There's something brand new in the church library. It's not a book, it has four wheels and is made of metal and can hold lots of books. Have you guessed it? It's a new **Roving Cart**. The library committee plans to place our newest books on the cart and drive it around the church to make it easy for YOU to check out books. Look for the cart in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, at Administrative Council meetings, upstairs in The Village, at choir practice, UMW meetings, Wednesday Bible study, Mothers of Young Children group and countless other locations. If a book interests you, just sign the book card, leave the card in the designated box on the cart, and enjoy. You are invited to grab the **Roving Cart** before your meeting or class and take it to your group. We only ask that you please return it to the library that same day so we do not lose our cart somewhere in the building.

Look for over 65 new children's books, thanks to your generous donations. Also on the cart will be a new, six-volume collection of recent adult books on voca-

tion given by an anonymous donor. The books include:

- *Callings: Twenty Centuries of Christian Wisdom on Vocation*, edited by William C. Placher. This unprecedented anthology gathers select passages on work and vocation from the greatest writers in Christian history.
- *Leading Lives that Matter: What We Should We Do and Who We Should Be*, edited by Mark R. Schwehn and Dorothy C. Bass. This anthology of fiction, autobiography, and philosophy offers challenge and insight for those reflecting on what to do with their lives.
- *The Passion Plan* by Richard Y. Chang and Ken Blanchard. The authors present seven steps to discovering the things individuals care about, deciding where those might lead, and developing a plan to get there.
- *The Skeptical, Passionate Christian: Tools for Living Faithfully in an Uncertain World*, by Michael F. Duffy. Duffy explores what it means to discern and live

out a thoughtful, informed, and responsible faith. He then leads readers through an exploration of vocation—whether God calls, whether God calls each of us individually, and, if so, what God calls us to.

- *The Way of Life: A Theology of Christian Vocation* by Gary D. Badcock. Badcock develops a constructive theology of Christian vocation where vocation is not about what one does, but who one is.
- *Vocation: Discerning Our Callings in Life*, by Douglas J. Schuurman. Schuurman ponders vocation as a living doctrine for North American Christians.

We hope to continue to build our book collection. Watch for the cart. I challenge each of YOU to search out the roving cart and/or visit our church library sometime during the month of September.



PROPOSED COLUMBARIUM

Since late winter a task force has been working on plans for a columbarium. (This is a depository for cremational remains.) Most of the details for the proposal are now in place. The task force invites mem-

bers of the congregation to stop by an information table to become acquainted with the proposal. The information table will be in Fellowship Hall September 17 between church services. Those who

FROM: WARREN MAUK

are interested in the Columbarium are asked to let the task force know. This is interest only; no obligation.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN—KICK OFF LUNCHEON!

“How UMCOR Gives a Helping Hand”

All women of the church 6th Grade and up are welcome! Please join us for our annual kick off luncheon on Sunday, September 17, at Noon in the

Parlor. Stop by after the 10:45 service to obtain information about UMW and enjoy some wonderful eats. Our program will be “How UMCOR Gives a Helping Hand,” with Jerry Weiss speaking. Circles TUF and Talitha will

greet. Circle Hannah will host the luncheon.

Call Lori Ailor, 490-1194, or Chris Weber, 225-6597, for information on each circle. They’ll help you find a match!

Circle Meetings in September

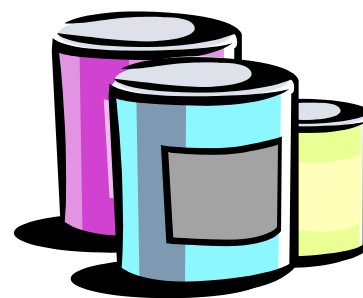
ANNUAL FOOD AND CASH DRIVE

First United Methodist Church will hold its annual food and cash drive for the Food Bank for Larimer County on **September 17, 2006**. Please bring non-perishable food with you to church services.

Cash donations will help purchase produce and to help transport and store donated food. For every dollar donated, the Food Bank can provide for a family to make four

nutritious meals. Last year the Food Bank distributed 4.5 million pounds of food to needy families, seniors and individuals in Larimer County; almost one thousand of that came from donations through FUMC.

The Food Bank for Larimer County is ranked 4th in the country for the amount of food distributed per person in poverty. They are able to do this because of the combina-



tion warehouse and on-site food pantry – along with the great volunteers

<u>Circle</u>	<u>Date</u>
Abigail	Tues: 5 th & 19 th
Hannah	Weds: 13 th & 27 th
Kezia	Thurs: 28 th
Lois	Thurs: 28 th
Mary	Thurs: 28 th
Rebekah	Thurs: 28 th
Sarah	Weds: 6 th & 20 th
Vashti	Tues: 26 th

MEET AND EAT HAS RETURNED

Do you enjoy eating? How about fellowship with people from our church? If yes, then sign up for Meet and Eat. It's a great opportunity to meet new people. Groups of 6-10

people will meet once a month (in a home or at a restaurant) for three months to share a meal, starting September. If interested,



call Mark & Barbara Gellhaus at 490-2885. Please respond by **August 28th**.

CHRISTIAN BELIEVER

A 30 week study of the Beliefs of Christians

Last Call!!!

It's not too late to sign up to be part of this exciting class that will be offered at times:

**Monday evenings
@ 7:00 pm
and**

**Thursday mornings
@ 9:00 am**

This exciting course is part of the Disciple Study series that many have been part of. However, this study, unlike the others, is not strictly Bible study. We will study both scripture and writings of theologians from the 1st through the 20th centuries on each

doctrine. Classes will begin September 11 and 14. Ray Miller will be the facilitator. Questions or registrations should be given to Ray by phone at 215-3933 or email raym@lpbroadband.net.

ORIENTATION FOR CHRISTIAN BELIEVER STUDY

On Tuesday, September 5 from 7:00-8:30 pm, there will be an orientation session in the Parlor at church for all who will be part of the study beginning in September. Any

others who would like to become aware of what the study involves is also invited. Should you then decide you want to join in one of the groups, you can do so. Please

RSVP to Ray Miller at 215-3933 or raym@lpbroadband.net.

MEN'S COUNCIL GOLF TOURNAMENT—SEPTEMBER 16TH



It's time for the annual golf tournament, sponsored by the Men's Ministry Council. The event will be:

“Fore!”

**Saturday, September 16,
at Mountain Vista Greens**

The first group tees off at 8:30AM. Cost is \$25 per player, which covers greens fees and food. Bring your game and see if you can win one of the prizes! Ladies, this

means you, too...come on out and show the guys how it's done! To register, please call Tim Harper at 391-2636 or email at theharpers-infoc@comcast.net.

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WOMEN'S SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

At 9:15 and 10:45 Services

**A VERY SPECIAL DAY
AT FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH!**

Celebrating the contribution to women to the mission of the United Methodist. United Methodist Women and FCFUMC Commission on The Status and Role of Women excitedly present AUNT CLARA BROWN, portrayed by Opalanga Pugh Since 1986, Pugh has lived the life of a contemporary storyteller, speaking, consulting, and conducting workshops throughout the U.S., Africa, Canada, and the Caribbean. She has dedicated her

craft to developing concepts of cultural arts as a healing balm, personal well-being, and building a tribal community in the heart of the modern world.

Aunt Clara Brown, 1803-1885, a freed slave, affectionately called "Angel of the Rockies", was a Colorado pioneer who traveled west in search of her family. She gave money to establish St. James United Methodist Church in Central City, Colorado, the first Methodist Church in Colorado.

**DO NOT MISS THIS SPECIAL
PRESENTATION!**