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... of all that thou
shalt give me I
will surely give
the tenth
unto thee.
Genesis 28:22

What Is a Tithe?

During the past year several people have asked "What is a tithe?"

Tithe is a word used most often in the Old Testament and refers to giving to God the first fruits of one's labor. That meant in an agricultural society giving the first born sheep, goat, etc. as a sacrifice to God in gratitude.

Later on as life became more urban and less rural, the tithe

was understood to be the first 10% of one's earnings, given to God through the church/synagogue. There are churches today that require a person becoming a member of that church to pledge a tithe to the church.

What does it mean for us? It means giving to God's mission through the church 10% of something. That is the starting point. It could be 10% of one's earned gross income; or 10% of one's income net after taxes; or 10% of what one receives from retirement bene-

fits; or 10% of total investments. The idea is not to be legalistic, but to recognize the claim God has upon our whole lives. Not like the man who was being baptized in the river who, when he was immersed, held his wallet in his hand out of the water saying, "everything about me will be baptized except my money." You get the point. Tithing is making a significant decision to be God's people in every way, for as Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

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- Lunch with the Preacher
- Kid's Club, Rally Day, 3rd Grade Bible
- Time to Sign Up for the New Church Directory
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Jesus was a teacher... an instructor of faith.

The Carillon

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Witness to the Holocaust

September 26th
7:00 PM

The Reverend Forest Robinson will tell his fascinating story. He was a "witness to the Holocaust". During World War II, his infantry division liberated the German concentration camp at Nordhausen, Germany. It was from having seen the abject horror of human inhumanity that brought Forest to a point in his life that led him into the ministry. He has had a distin-

guished career as a pastor in New York, Winfield, and Wichita, Kansas. He has this to say about his experience, "I genuinely feel that my going out with my Holocaust message is a second calling. Actually, the experience itself was so horrifying at the time that I literally went 'into the closet' with it for nearly sixty years."



It is so important that we "remember" what the human race is capable of doing so that "never again" may, at last, be our final resolve to end the horror of inhumanity. This is a program that will make us think about the future and the need to find a "higher vision". Reverend Robinson will inspire us to do that.

Acolyte Program Resurrected!

Attention 4th and 5th Graders: Your help is needed to serve as an acolyte (candle lighter). Here is your chance to become an active participant in your church service. You will help at the beginning and

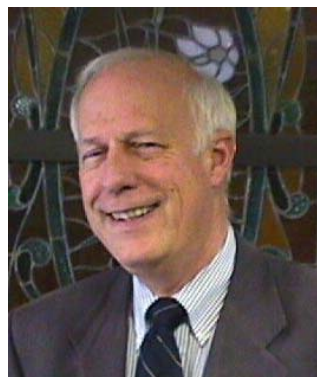


end of the 9:15 service and just the beginning of the 10:45 service. This allows you to still go to Sunday School. When acolytes light the candles, they signal that the church service has begun. At the end

of the service, acolytes symbolically carry Christ's light out into the world. If you are interested in serving as an acolyte, you can register on Rally Day or contact Jo Ann Belk at 482-2436 or joannbelk@fcfumc.net.

Lunch with the Preacher By Charles Schuster

Growing up I really never had much to do with preachers. When I went to church there were some preachers who spoke to me and some who must have spoken to someone else because I never got their drift. When preachers were close to where I was or when they came by the house my sister and I had to be careful what we said. We didn't want to say anything that might become a bad example in a sermon.



willing to mow my lawn or clean up the house or any other menial chore I could think up. I chose to employ them helping me with the sermon for Mother's Day in May. They were asked to email me their ideas during the week and they wrote me with several good ideas. They wrote poems and some essays about their mothers and I was able to use the essence of their ideas in the sermon. They made the sermon better than it would have been.

A month ago they wrote me suggesting they thought they hadn't earned the money I spent at the auction and they volunteered to do some work for me if I had some chores. I emailed them back and told them I completely agreed with them. I thought they still owed me and this was their final obligation; If their parents would permit it, they owed me some time with them. Either we would go to lunch some day before school began or go get ice-cream cones in the middle of the day.

This past week I called in my debt and the three of us had lunch at "Rasta Pasta" restaurant. I found out they are vegetarians and they are interested in music and art and philosophy. We

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It is essential that our generation begin today to improve the education of all our children. We can fix faulty airplanes, recall poisonous food and even unnecessary weapons. But we can't recall children. They have only one chance to get an education.
—Joan Ganz Cooney "Sesame Street" originator

Stephen Ministry

This is my final article for the Carillon and with it, I will transition into the history of FUMC and among the lineage of leadership in our Stephen Ministry program. Our program has been in existence for 10 years. Robyn Franklin, Norma Cowell, and Carol Fox were the founding leaders. Through a gift of \$2000, FUMC become a Stephen Ministry church. Robyn, Norma and Carol gave us a foundation of love, hope and support. We have continued to build this program to help our faith family and our community.



Some of the activities that your Stephen Ministry program perform include having a Stephen Minister on Duty every Sunday to talk to anyone that needs a listening ear, participate with the Lay Speakers to serve communion, work with the Membership Coordinator to send

grief booklets to congregants who have lost family members, and visit with Care Receivers.

I want to THANK all of the Stephen Ministers who have helped to keep this program going by taking on some of the organization duties I had been doing prior to attending Iliff. I also want to THANK RuthMary and Emmalie for taking on the management of the biweekly meetings. Everyone has been willing to go beyond their usual duties as Leaders to ensure that the meetings are beneficial for each participant.

I want to welcome Jill Phipps and Karen Waldron to the Leadership team. Jill and Karen attended Leadership Training this year and will be a tremendous asset to this program and FUMC.

My wish is that the Stephen Ministry program continues to

from: Sam Mack

grow and you will be able to broaden your service to all who want a Caregiver. This wish will become a reality only when more of you acknowledge and follow the call to serve as leaders or trained Stephen Ministers. Please contact one of the leaders – Emmalie Conner 484-1719, Jill Phipps 472-0441, Karen Waldron 482-2436, or RuthMary Lyons 663-5700 x208 for more information about proposed training for new Stephen Ministers or the week-long Leadership training.

Finally, on a personal note, I want to thank all of the amazing people at FUMC. You have made working and being a member of this church a wonderful, interesting and enriching experience. You have been my Colorado family and have supported me with your prayers and helped in many ways while I was in school. THANK YOU for all you have done for me. May God continue to bless and work through you!

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There is a harmony in Autumn, and a luster in its sky. Which thro' the summer is not heard nor seen. As if it could not be, as if it had not been!

—A Treasure Chest of Quotations

Grandparent:
Something so
simple a child
can operate it.

September 9th—
Grandparents'
Day

Basic Lay Speaking Course

Three lay ministry training classes, including the Basic Lay Speaking Course, are scheduled in Peaks Sub district during October and November. They include:

Basic Course, Introduction to Lay Speaking Ministries

- October 13-14, First UMC, Ft. Collins, Mr. Rae Batch, leader
- October 20-21, Long's Peak UMC, Longmont, Rev. Steve Easterday-McPadden and Robyn Morgan, leaders

Registration fee: \$35 includes textbook, lunch, take home materials

Justice in Everyday Life; UM Social Principles

- October 20-21, Long's Peak UMC, Rev. Sandy Stewart, Mr. Rick Stewart, leaders

Registration fee: \$40, includes textbooks, lunch, take home materials

Leading Small Groups

- November 10-11, First UMC, Ft. Collins, Dr. David Dalke, leader
- Registration fee: \$40, includes textbooks, lunch, take home materials.

All laity are invited; the UM Social Principles and Leading Small Groups courses are also approved advanced classes in lay speaking ministries.

Registration forms are available from Rae Batch, 970.224.0400 or email: rmlbatch@aol.com.

John Hopkins Health After 50

from: Jean Helper

In a research study, persons with new glasses, receiving an eye exam or treatment for glaucoma or cataract surgery, 65% reported falling at least once over the next year. The theory is that vision changes — even improvements, take time to get used to. It also could be that better vision allows for more activity and the risk of falling is thus increased.

In another study, people with mild to severe Alz-

heimer's were found to have less decline over one year in their ability to complete tasks (walking, dressing, and bathing) when they spent only 2 hours a week walking and doing balance, strength and flexibility exercises.

If you cannot get fresh produce or canned fruits and vegetables, rest assured that you can still eat healthy. Canned produce is packed and sealed at the peak of

freshness, preventing loss of nutrients beyond the cooking loss. A word of caution, look for fruit packed without extra sugar or in water, and canned vegetables that are low in sodium. Of course, you can also avoid these extra ingredients by using frozen fruits and vegetables which are also packaged at the peak of freshness.



Membership Memos

In Loving Memory of...

- ✠ **Cloyd Garwood**, 102 years old (October 20, 1904 - July 28, 2007)

Reception of new member...

- **Lyndsey Shaw**, 17, from Corona United Methodist in Corona, CA



\$100.00 A Day for Expanding Our Ministries

Our special day: August 1 — Given by **Harry and Clara Kahler** in celebration of our 60th wedding anniversary.

Our special day: August 3 — Given by **Burdette and Wilda Woodward** in honor of our 60th anniversary.

Our special day: August 11 — Given by **Don and Betty Hutchins** in celebration our 61st anniversary,

"In a lifetime a man can live under 15 or 16 presidents, but a really fine teacher comes into his life but rarely."

— General Eisenhower

Lunch with the Preacher continues. . .

visited over lunch. I was nervous for them having to spend time with a preacher, but found that they were so grown up and mature it was as if they both were old friends. I consider the time we had together to be a highlight of the summer for me. How proud their parents

must be.

It made me think of my own daughter and what a wonderful young woman she has become. These two youth are going to do great things in the world. They are going to make a huge difference. How fortunate we are to have young people like that in our congrega-

tion. The typical ascription about the youth of today is the suggestion that they are the future. The truth about youth like that is that they are present and, because of them, there is hope.

That's the best \$100 I've ever spent. When is the next auction?

Kid's Club



Something new is coming to FUMC. We are creating a new childcare program for elementary age children (Kindergarten – 5th grade.) This will be in a classroom on the 2nd floor and will have activities and crafts appropriate for this age group. **Kid's Club** will be staffed by our very competent childcare staff. Children will be able to bring homework to work on and receive help if needed. Special activities might include a movie night or fun in the computer room. We want to encourage parents to attend the many wonderful new classes and guest speakers being offered this year at FUMC, thanks to our dynamite new Adult Education group. Childcare will be still be available for younger children (0 – 5 years old) in the church nursery. In order for **Kid's Club** to succeed, we need parents to make a reservation. When you register for a class or special

Total number of hours U.S. Sunday school teachers spend preparing lessons each week: 4.8 million.

-Leadership

Thoughts from Bev

event, please indicate your need for childcare and the ages of your children. We hope this new program will encourage more parents to try a new class. We welcome your input on this new endeavor – please email suggestions or questions to bevhalperin@fcfumc.net or Nancy Gorges at fumcnursery@yahoo.com.

September 9th is Rally Day and Homecoming

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. It's also a day to welcome everyone back – Homecoming! We have all been different places this summer and experi-

enced God in a variety of ways. On the South Hall bulletin board there is map for you to indicate where you have traveled. Email a digital photo of your travels to lynneellison@fcfumc.net and we will create a slide show for Rally Day. Join us as we kick off a new school year.

3rd grade Bible Sunday will be September 23rd.

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.

United Methodist Women

KICK OFF LUNCHEON! "Globalization Plenary"

What do you know about the largest women's organization in the world?

Do you want to be part of a community organized for mission? Do you want to develop a creative, supportive fellowship with other women through smaller circle meetings? Do you want to have opportunity for ser-

vice, fellowship and worship at larger gatherings at the district, conference and national levels of the Women's Division of the United Methodist Church? Do you crave learning and want to have opportunities for reading and study on your own or in groups and by participation at our Schools of Christian Mission? Then UMW is for you, a United Methodist woman!

All women 6th Grade and up are welcome! Please join us

for our annual kick off luncheon on Sunday, September 16, 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 about the Globalization Plenary which as is common in UMW far more lively than its name may suggest! Circle TUF will greet. Circle Hannah will host the luncheon.

Happiness is found along the way, not at the end of the road.

Circle Meetings in September

Circle	Date	Time	Location
Abigail	Tues: 18 th	7:00 p.m.	Conf. Room A
Hannah	Weds: 12 th & 26 th	7:00 p.m.	Conf. Room A
Kezia	Thurs: 27 th	9:30 a.m.	K. Schuster's Home
Lois	Thurs: 27 th	9:30 a.m.	Village Commons
Mary	Thurs: 27 th	9:30 a.m.	Dorothy Eiman's Home
Rebekah	Thurs: 27 th	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
Sarah	Weds: 6 th & 20 th	9:30 a.m.	Parlor
Vashti	Tues: 25 th	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
Talitha (College)	Call Dee Skelton 482-1984 or Dea Carroll 223-6530		
T.U.F. (Teen)	Call Dea Carroll 223-6530 or Bev Winsett 484-8447		

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. They'll help you find a match!

Liturgical Dance for Women's Sunday

Are you interested in learning and participating in liturgical dance taught by Jane Slusarski-Harris. We will meet on Sunday, September 15th at 9:30 a.m. at church and be part of Women's Sunday on September 30th at the 9:15 and 10:45 services. All ages are welcome and no prior experience is needed. Contact Beverly Winsett @ 484-8447 or Mildred Gilbert @ 221-9577.

Too often in criticizing others, we compare their weaknesses to our strengths.



Love is not big-headed. It is big-hearted. —George Sweeting

Couples Group

The FUMC Couples group will begin meeting again every Thursday at the church beginning on August 30th. We meet from 6:00 - 8:00 in the Village Commons (2nd floor to the left of the elevator.) Our meet-

ings begin with a potluck meal at 6 and a program following. Childcare is also provided in the church nursery. We are always welcoming new people and would love to have you join us. There is no need

to bring food if it is your first time; please just come and enjoy the food and fun. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Putman at 225-1268 or Emily Vangermeersch at 407-1084.

What is the meaning of T.U.F.?

Teens United in Faith was started six years ago as a circle for girls, 6th grade through 12th grade. United Methodist Women were interested in getting young girls involved in the organization that has been going strong since 1869. We are interested in Christian growth, fellowship, and being involved in mission. The focus of United Methodist Women has always been mission and the purpose applies as much today as it did when it was written. T.U.F. meet once a month, usually at 4:00 at church before youth group. We have something to eat and a planned activity.

Over the years we have done many things including: visiting a nursing home with hand made gifts, doing a Bible study, having a speaker on water, watching movies or videos, making crafts to sell for money to go towards buying books for Crossroads, going to the mall to learn where our clothes are made, having a traditional Christmas party, hosting our mothers for a tea, assisting in Advent Workshop and Operation Christmas Child, filling a basket to deliver to a family at Thanksgiving, and lots of fun outings such as Crystal Rapids, Water World, Fort Fun, going out to eat, or attending the UMW Spiritual Life Re-

treat in Estes Park. Also, one of our favorite things to do is to play games. Do you get the idea?

T.U.F. is for girls only and in this group, it does not matter what school you go to, you are welcome. This year two of our members graduated from high school and we will miss them, but we have new interest from younger girls and we are excited to see what happens in 2007-2008. We will be having a planning meeting this fall but we also will be inviting you to come to the UMW potluck and program on globalization on Sunday, September 16th, following the 10:45 service. Our T.U.F. circle will be handing out nametags and greeting people as they come into the parlor. Then we will sit together for the program. Of course, your moms are welcome to attend as well. If you have any questions about T.U.F., please call Beverly Winsett at 484-8447, Dea Carroll at 223-6530, or Mackenzie Wrobbel, (224-4963), our senior this year. We would be happy to talk with you. We know you are busy with many activities, but encourage you to try us out. You'll be glad you did!

Time to Sign Up for the New Church Directory

Sign up as soon as possible to get an appointment that best suits your schedule. The directory will be done by Olan Mills at no cost to the church, and will help us greatly in connecting names with faces. It will also serve as an outreach tool that will capture the history of our church and help everyone learn more about who we are and what we believe.

Sign up sheets are available on line via a link on our website (<http://www.fcfumc.net>) until approximately noon on Friday, September 7. Or, stop at our table on Sunday mornings, September 9, 16, and 23 in Fellowship Hall or at the office during

the week, September 10—21.

If you have not signed up by September 24, we will call you to select an appointment.

Every participating family/ household will receive a free directory and complimentary 8" x 10" Custom Natural Portrait. There is no obligation to buy anything!

Whether you decide to dress formally or casually, you will want to make the most of this opportunity. The directory will not be complete without you.

Schedule:

- Monday, October 8 thru Friday, October 12, 2 pm

to 8:30 pm

- Saturday, October 13, 10 am to 5 pm
- Tuesday, October 16 thru Friday, October 19, 2 pm to 8:30 pm
- Saturday, October 20, 10 am to 5 pm

If you have any questions, cannot be available at the above times, need transportation, or cannot leave home, please call the church office (482-2436). If you have someone in your family who is in the military, please lend us a photo or supply us with a digital photo to include on a special page. We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory.

September 3 — Labor Day, Church Closed

"You in America live in greater poverty than these poorest of the poor in Calcutta, because you suffer from poverty of the spirit!"

— Mother Teresa

Preaching Schedule for 12:15 Worship

Mark your calendar and attend the **CrossWalk** 12:15 worship services on Sunday.

- September 2Mission Impossible? Risk It!..... Ray Miller
- September 9Take Your Life and Live It..... Charles Schuster
- September 16How to Get Along With Your Children . Ray Miller
- September 23Take Your Mind and Use It..... Charles Schuster
- September 30Women's Ministry Sunday..... Janet Forbes or Pam Everhart
- October 7Shoes Don't Make the Man..... Ray Miller

Lunch will be served for anyone who wishes to join in from 11:30—12:10 in the Fellowship Hall.

A New Beginning

Wellington United Methodist Fellowship October 7, 2007

In the book, by J. Alton Templin, The Methodist, Evangelical, and United Brethren Churches in the Rockies, 1850-1976, we find that the Methodist Pastor of our church, Brother Ellis, established a church in Wellington in 1903. A building constructed and the congregation was active until 1920. Now history is repeating itself!!!

Thanks to the work and planning of a Task Force Group, consisting of members of First United Methodist Church, and residents of Wellington. October 7th will be the Sunday for the first meeting of the Wellington United Methodist Fellowship, at the Eyestone Elementary School, 4000 Wilson Ave. The schedule is as follows:

- 9:30 - Gathering Fellowship Time
- 10:00 - Worship Service

- 10:15 - Sunday School for Children
- Children will attend Worship Service 10:00-10:15
- 11:00 - Fellowship Time
- Nursery will be provided 9:30-12:00 noon.

This ministry of faith and hope, is made possible by the dreams and interest of many persons of this congregation. All of the Fort Collins congregation, are invited to be a part of the birth of this new church on October 7th.

All are welcome to come to the next meeting of the Task Force Group:

September 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club Wellington Park

Come with your questions and comments. For more information contact John Sinnett, 566-2909; John Allum, 226-4149; Jim Cowell, 207-9250 or Warren McConnell, 416-8982.

Women of Worth (W.O.W.)

We are looking forward resuming our book study sessions at noon on Wednesday, September 12, when we will begin discussing Muhammad: A Prophet for Our Time by Karen Armstrong. In this book Armstrong, a former Catholic nun and an internationally renowned expert on religion, attempts to be a voice for interfaith un-

derstanding. Armstrong offers an in-depth portrait of the man at the heart of Islam and demonstrates that his life has genuine relevance to the global crises we face today.

During its thirteen year history our group has studied 30 books. We meet at noon on the second and fourth Wednes-

days 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.



"I get down on my knees beside my drawing board every morning of my life. I wouldn't dream of beginning work without saying, 'God, whatever talent I have, You have given me and developed in me. Take it and use it. Guide my hand.'"

— Vaughn Shoemaker

Senior W Notes from the Senior Council (Wise)

Building A Quilt

Quilts weave our story. Firmly rooted in our heritage, they embody our dreams of days yet to come. Wilda Woodward and Lorna Eichling will explore the world of quilts at the September 14th Double Nickel. \$2.00 will buy a good meal, a good time, and a good program. Won't you join us at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall? An RN will be available to check blood pressures prior to the luncheon.

Want to Lend a Hand at the Double Nickel Events?

We need:
 Kitchen and set-up help----- 9:30-11:30
 Serving help ----- 11:30-12:30
 Clean-up help ----- 1:30- 2:30
 Any/or all of the above
 Double Nickel meets the second Friday of each month. If you would like to help, sign up on the green Sign Me Up sheet in the bulletin, or call Gretchen Bennett @ 897-2764

The Wheels on the Van go Round and Round...

Do They? The word on the street is that the new/old van is about ready to "hit the streets". Thanks to your generosity, there are a lot of smiles (Senior Council members, Trustees, Riders, and Drivers) as the final face lift is being completed. You helped fill'er up; now plan to celebrate with us as we launch'er on a maiden voyage. Watch for the date of the big event this Fall.



With fall approaching, perhaps you'd like to get back into a routine of attending Sunday worship. Do you need a ride? We know someone who would be glad to pick you up. Call Erma Clements @ 221-0224 or Virginia Hurt @ 482-3113 by noon on Friday to request a ride for Sunday. There is a spot on the pew for YOU!

Care Closet Inventory Grows

We continue to receive donations to our Care Closet. We've a variety of crutches, canes, and walkers, a wheel chair, a bedside commode, and an elevated toilet seat, as well as miscellaneous dressings, ace bandages, etc. Watch for a complete inventory in a September church bulletin. The Care Closet is our lending library for medical equipment and supplies. Should you have a need, a donation, or a question, call Kathy Schuster @ 223-1859.

Fall Bus Trip



Mark your calendar. The Fall Bus Trip, which you surely won't want to miss, is scheduled for October 12th. We might see a moose...we might see fall colors...we might see a forest Ranger...and we are sure to have a good time. Can you guess our destination? Watch for more details.