

The question is not, "How much of what is mine will I give to God?" Rather, the question is, "How much of what is God's shall I keep for myself?"



Board of Trustees

by: Franki Parson

Late last summer, First United Methodist Church received a very generous gift from the estate of the late Judy Arnold. The church received nearly \$380,000 from Ms. Arnold's Trust. This gift gave the church a rare opportunity to contemplate making long needed improvements to church facilities. The Board of Trustees would like to give the congregation an update on the utilization of this gift and its furthering of the ministries of our church.

Flooring Replacement

The tile flooring throughout the first floor of the church was original to the building and nearly 50 years old. Early in the summer, a group of congregation volunteers helped the flooring contractor remove old tiles from the main hallways of the church, the office area and Fellowship Hall. The new flooring supports our intent to welcome frequent or first time visitors to our vibrant and vital church home.

Chapel Remodel Project

This past spring, the Board of Trustees and Foundation received a proposal to remodel the church's chapel. The plan included making the room more accessible to handicapped persons and modifications support greater flexibility for worship services. We invite the congregation to visit the chapel to see how these improvements have made the chapel a more inviting worship space.

West Walkway Roof Replacement

The Board of Trustees and many congregants have long had safety concerns regarding the walkway on the West side of the church. The roof of the walkway was resurfaced in July and the underside will be

complete soon.

Main Roof Replacement

As the Board of Trustees considered how best to utilize the Arnold Trust bequest, an obvious building need was replacement of the sanctuary and chapel roofs. During the discussion, the Board requested a review by our insurance carrier, Church Mutual, to determine if any insurance reimbursement was possible. We are pleased to report that Church Mutual has provided an insurance settlement that will cover most of the cost associated with replacing the sanctuary and chapel roofs. This roofing project will begin in August and should be completed in 8 weeks.

Additional project the Board is considering for utilization of the gift include:

1. air conditioning the upstairs education wing
2. modernizing the heating system controls
3. 4 car garage
4. installing new windows, remodeling the stage and adding lighting to Fellowship Hall
5. replace North Boiler
6. working with the Green Team to improve overall building efficiency

We welcome your input on these potential considerations.

Moving From Trauma to Hope

By: Charles Schuster

September 11th is a date that will live in the minds and hearts of every American in the manner that December 7th continues to live. If we were alive in 1941 the bombing of Pearl Harbor is so graphically etched in our souls that the date alone sends a message and an emotion deep into our psyche. If we were not alive in 1941, or have no conscious memory of the event, we are captivated by the stories and the pictures we have seen.



September 11th carries that same national trauma for us. Gail Sheehy researched some of the people whose lives were most deeply impacted by the terrorists' acts. The book, *Middletown, America*, is a chronicle of the courage of our people in the face of the unbelievably, horrific tragedy. She also, talked to survivors of the Oklahoma City bombing. She quoted Richard Williams who had spent 18 years as an assistant manager of the Murrah Building. He said, "They were my friends and my coworkers, my family. I'm here today because of an Oklahoma City policeman. I was dug out of the building and carried out by him. He's my hero. That Oklahoma City policeman is no longer with us. He committed suicide a year late".

Sheehy writes about the widows of 911. She writes about how they had to pick up their lives and move on caring for children who would never see their fathers. "Everyone whose journey has been followed in this book is, in varying degree, moving on. They are on the other side of the suburban illusion. Living in the "New Normal". The horizon looks different than it did on that day when the smoke of the burning towers reached like the finger of doom to their doorstep...their horizon shows slants of light. 'We're at a point where we've decided we have a chance to live', said Karen Cangialosi. 'And we're choosing life.'"

Nine years after the attacks on our nation we ask ourselves some important questions. Have we moved on? How have we moved on?

It seems to me the terrorists' purpose was to use the trauma of an attack to awaken the nation to the idea that since it happened "there" it could happen "here". The impact was to produce massive fear beyond the initial trauma. Have we moved on in fear? If so, we have chosen the role of victim. Or, have we chosen life?

If we are to move from "trauma to hope" we are going to want to tap into our Christian faith for a message that is as much good news" today as it has always been. Specifically, that means:

1. We will see the good in people and resist the attempts to implicate the mainstream of Islam with the extreme of Islam.
2. We will remember that the Twin Towers are located not far from the Statue that evoked a welcome to almost all of our ancestors with the words, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free." When the debate grows hostile to secure the borders we will remain concerned about the people who are trying to breach our borders with an immigration policy that is as humane as it is reasonable.

The two most controversial issues in our national debate both involve construction. Should we build a wall on the southern border? Should we permit the building of a mosque at "ground zero"?

How we answer those two questions will determine who we are and who we are becoming. Will we become a nation consumed with fear and suspicion? Or will we continue our historic posture as a people who have moved from trauma to hope?

Membership Memos

from: Jo Ann Belk

Deaths:

- † Thomas Norrie † Rand McConnell
† Randy Husar † Etta Marie Dix



New Members:

- **Ed and Karen Fulcomer** Ed is retired and enjoys photography and his 1957 Chevrolet Nomad. Karen is a retired dental hygienist. They both are interested in becoming greeters and ushers at FUMC.
- **Elissa Hale** is a graduate student at CSU. She is from Texas and enjoys interacting with people, knitting and reading.
- **Amanda Keith** is a student at College America. She is interested in the medical field.
- **Cheryl Keith** works at CCI and enjoys knitting in her spare time. She moved to Fort Collins from New Mexico
- **Catherine King** has moved to Fort Collins where her brother lives. She is interested in art.
- **George and Betty Slone** have recently moved back to Fort Collins and have reinstated their membership at FUMC. They are both retired.
- **Diane Peterson** has been attending FUMC a couple of years now. She is active in leading the Life Applications Sunday Bible Study class as well as participating in other adult classes and committees.
- **Ruth Talbo** is a retired lay pastor as well as a children's book author and composer. She is a very talented musician and is originally from Puerto Rico.
- **Bob Malmgren** is a retired soil scientist who enjoys writing, exercise, travel and gardening. His wife, **Maureen**, is a retired business owner/fashion coordinator and enjoys reading, studying French, gardening, travel and dancing. They volunteer as greeters at FUMC.
- **Gary and Yvonne Hanning** have moved here from Missouri. Gary works for Anheuser Busch and Yvonne enjoys reading, dog training, fitness and guitar.

Trunk or Treat and Chili Cook-off

Sunday, October 24th Trunk or Treat 3:00-5:00 PM Chili Cook-off 5:00 PM



For more information, to host a trunk, or to enter the chili cook-off contact Jo Ann Belk at 482-2436 or joannbelk@fcfumc.net

Attention All 5th-6th Graders

If you are in 5th or 6th grade and would like to serve as an acolyte, please contact Jo Ann Belk at 482-2436 or joannbelk@fcfumc.net. Training will be provided and you will serve approximately once every 4-6 weeks.



2010 Advent Guide



If you would like to submit a story, devotional, recipe, etc for the 2010 Advent Guide please contact Jo Ann Belk at joannbelk@fcfumc.net or 482-2436. Sub-

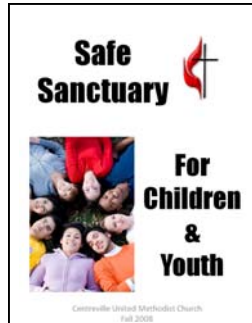
missions are due no later than October 17th.

If you would like to receive a daily devotional by email rather than a hard copy of the advent guide, please contact Jo Ann Belk at joannbelk@fcfumc.net.

It Takes Our Village

by: Bev Halperin

You may have recently read the reports of an incident of alleged sexual abuse involving a child at the Park Hill United Methodist Church (Denver) children's center. This very unfortunate incident has caused us to review our Safe Sanctuary policies and procedures. We believe that the safety and well-being of our children is one of our top priorities. One of our Safe Sanctuary policies is that we must always have two adults in each classroom with children and youth. We strongly believe that this policy is for the safety and protection of both our children and our volunteers who work with children and youth. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** Many of our parents volunteer as helpers in the Sunday School classrooms – they are an extra pair of eyes and hands to assist the teacher. But we have been unable to have enough volunteers just using our parents. Thus, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** If each



adult in our church would volunteer as a Sunday School helper just **one time a year**, we could make sure that we always have two adults in every room. It takes all of us, Our Village, to keep our children safe. Many of you have helped in Sunday School in years past and for some it may be a new experience. I can promise that you will be greatly rewarded – you will experience the enthusiasm of the children, see our Sunday School in action, and help our teachers provide a safe and loving environment for our children. And it's very easy – the teacher will have the lesson completely prepared and lead the class. You will be a valuable extra pair of hands and eyes. **Please be a part of OUR VIL-LAGE for our children!** There is a sign-up chart on the bulletin board in the main hallway across from the water fountain in the education wing or you can email me at bevhalperin@fcfumc.net or call 482-2436, ext. 16. Please prayerfully consider this and **JUST SAY YES** once!

Fall Kick Off is September 12th!

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. I thought it would be fun for us to share some of the things we've done this summer. If you're interested, please send me **2 or 3 photos or postcards** of some of your fun adventures this sum-

mer and we will share them on a bulletin board at church. Be sure to include names of people in the photo and where it was taken. Who knows, maybe we'll get a new idea or two for next summer and learn something about each other. You can email them to bevhalperin@fcfumc.net or mail them to: Bev Halperin, FUMC, 1005 Stover Street, FC, 80524 or drop them off in my mailbox in the office.



3rd Grade Bible Sunday

3rd grade Bible Sunday will be September 26th. 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 impor-



tance 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.

Thank You Volunteers

The Board of Trustees would like to thank the volunteers who donated their time and labor to the Church to remove the old tile in the hallways and fellowship hall. Removing the tile ourselves saved FUMC several thousand dollars and is greatly appreciated. The money

saved will allow us to do other needed improvements to the building.

The Volunteers:

- ❖ Rodney Anderson
- ❖ Larry Artman
- ❖ Bob Carpenter
- ❖ Dean Daggett

- ❖ Paul Gill
- ❖ Gary Gramlick
- ❖ Lewis McInnis
- ❖ Wayne Meyers
- ❖ Dean Parson
- ❖ Dave Rubenthaler
- ❖ Joe Settle
- ❖ Richard Skaggs
- ❖ Rob White

Sunday School for Adults

from: Martha Conant

Our six adult Sunday School classes always welcome visitors and new members. If one of these classes sounds interesting, please stop in and check it out.

* **The Samaritan** Class meets at 9:15 am in the Parlor. They will kick off a new program year on September 12.

* The **Serendipity** Class meets at 9:15 am in the Conference Room. The group is continuing their study of Michael Specter's new book Denialism, which focuses on denialism undermines medical progress and how it works against ecological interests.

* The **Upper Room Class** meets in the Upper Room at 9:15 am. These individuals are continuing their study of Bruce Feiler's book Abraham, which looks at how the Bible and the Koran portray Abraham.

*The **Life Applications Bible Study** class meets at 10:45 am in the Conference Room. This

summer they're using a study guide that encourages the sharing of personal experiences and beliefs in order to get to know one another better and to build community.

Whatever you do, do it so well that people looking on will feel that the task was reserved especially for you by God himself.

—Dr. Benjamin Ma5rs

* The **Meditation and Our Spiritual Journey** Class meets at 10:45 am in the Upper Room. This group starts with a 15-minute meditation followed by either a special

topic or a sharing of faith journeys. This month will focus on the spiritual practice of sacred reading or *lectio divina*.

* **The Open Hearts** Class meets at 10:45 am in the Village Commons. Local programs on Restorative Justice and Pathways Past Poverty will be the focus on September.

Children's Sabbath

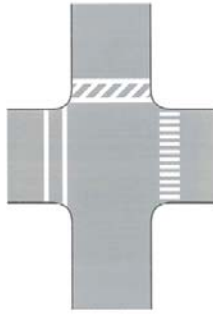


October 3rd is Children's Sabbath. All children are invited to help with conducting the service. If your child would like to help with ushering,

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.

New CrossWalk

A new look for CrossWalk — join us for alternative worship now in the chapel from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. We are excited to use the newly renovated chapel! Our worship experience draws from video clips, upbeat, contemporary music, conversational sermons and meditation. Please stop by and attend our worship service.



A new series led by Rev. Rebecca McFee begins on September 5th.

- **September 5th — What to do with my time?** Communion service. Genesis 2:1-3
- **September 12th — How good do I look in the mirror?** Genesis 1:26-26 and Psalm 139
- **September 19th — Why can't I have It?** Genesis 3:1-7 and Genesis 11:-9
- **September 26th — Why the guilt trip?** Genesis 3:8-13 and Psalm 51
- **October 5th — Why do I need you?** Genesis 4:1-6

\$100.00 A Day for Expanding Our Ministries

August 8 — In honor of Janet Blandin a celebration of her life, given by Paul and Glenda Gill.

August 11 — In celebration of our 64th wedding anniversary, given by Don and Betty Hutchins.

September 2 — In honor of Dorothy Eiman's birthday, given by Bill Eiman.

Youth Sunday School

Youth Sunday school and UMYF will start again on September 12th. For more information contact Megan Ryan at meganryan@fcfumc.net or 482-2436.



Welcome CSU Students

We meet in the Parlor for lunch at 11:45 a.m. starting September 5th, 2010, please join us.

Where Does Your Money Go?

From: Finance Committee

The First United Methodist Church depends on the generous gifts of the congregation for its existence and its survival. There are basically three ways that money can be donated - undesignated, temporarily restricted or permanently restricted.

Undesignated donations consist of money that is donated to be used to cover the budgeted operating costs and benevolences, including utilities, building and landscape maintenance, office equipment and supplies, printing, postage, advertising, salaries for clergy and staff, music and worship, educational supplies for children, youth and adults, all the programs and committee expenses and regular donations to various charitable organizations, as determined by the Community and World Outreach committee and approved by the Administrative Council. *The church cannot continue to exist without these undesignated donations.* No money given to the FUMC Foundation will ever be used for this purpose.

Temporarily restricted donations consist of donations where the donor stipulates the use for the donation. Once the church accepts a donation of this kind, it must be used for the stipulated purpose. This classification of gifts includes pass through donation for UM-

COR, Buckhorn Camp, and other benevolences outside the church, as well as for the programs of the church or special needs within the church (the chairlift, hand bells, emergency assistance for needy, or parking lot repaving are examples). 100% of these donations are used for the purpose designated by the donor. If the designated purpose ceases to exist or there is money remaining after the need has been met, the only way the church can use these funds for any other purpose is to contact the donor and ask them to formally change the designation.

Permanently restricted donations consist of money that is given to endowment funds, which includes most of the donations directed to the FUMC Foundation. Although none of the original money donated will ever be used for the designated purpose, the money is invested to generate interest and earnings which is used, in whole or in part, for the designated purpose year after year.

No matter how you determine to make your donations, they are appreciated. Even more important for you to know is that YOU are appreciated, with or without donations!

Exploring Exodus

**From the Jewish and
Christian Perspectives**
Wednesdays,
October 13, 20, 27,
November 3 and 17

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**Leaders: Rabbi Shoshana Leis
and Pastor Ray Miller**

Members of Har Shalom will join us in this 5 part series exploring

how each of our traditions sees the significance of this pivotal event in our faith history. Registration will begin in September.

Introduction to the Bible

**Mondays,
October 1 – November 15**
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Leader: Ray Miller



tion.

These seven (7) sessions will provide an overview of the message of the Bible. The only text will be the Bible itself. This class will prepare participants to engage in a deeper study of portions of the Bible in other classes offered in our congrega-

Learning for Life

Regardless of how many years we've been out of school, it's always surprising to me how, when September rolls around, I am inspired to engage my brain in learning something new. This September, we have an abundance of opportunities for learning and for sharing. Take a look!

What Does It Mean to Be A Methodist? Learn more about what makes our denomination unique. **Sunday, September 5, 10:45 am, in the Brides Room, led by Ross Loomis**, FUMC member and Wesley scholar.

What is "Religion"? Retired CSU Emeritus Professor of Philosophy **Jim Boyd** leads us in an exploration of the various meanings of the word "religion" and of the issues in using the term cross-culturally. **Mondays, September 13 – October 4, 4:30 – 5:30 pm** in the Parlor.

Adapting to Aging: Adult Children and Parents: Join mother and daughter **Bobbie Pullin and Jackie Ricketts** to explore how to navigate these changing relationships with sensitivity and understanding. **Tuesdays, September 14, 21 and 28** in the Upper Room.

William Cavanaugh: The Myth of Religious Violence: In conjunction with the Fort Collins Theologian-in-Residence program, we're pleased to host **Dr. William Cavanaugh**, Associate Professor of Theology at the University of Saint Thomas, on **Sunday, September 19** at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. Dr. Cavanaugh will discuss his latest book.

Women's Book Club: We'll discuss *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett on **Monday, September 20** at 7 pm in [room to be determined]. All are welcome! Led by Associate Pastor Rebecca McFee.

OpenStage Theatre presents Brilliant Traces: This play is a heartwarming story of love, loss and the unlikely places we find sanctuary. Tickets are \$13 for the 2 pm matinee on **Sunday, September 26**. **Reserve your tickets starting Sunday, September 5** at the Adult Faith Formation table in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Evening Meal and Program: Starting **Wednesday, September 8**, light meals will be served in the Parlor at 5:30 pm, followed by a variety of classes:

Poetry: Pathway to the Heart: Led by NCFL volunteer and poetry lover **JoDean Culbert**, we'll discuss a variety of

poems on **Wednesdays, September 8, 15 and 22** from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the Upper Room. Bring your own favorite poem.

Beginning and Belonging at FUMC: Get to know other new members and visitors and learn more about FUMC in this series facilitated by **Linn Zink and Stephen King**. **Wednesdays, September 15 – October 6, 6 – 8 pm** in the Bride's Room.

What's Love Got to Do With It?: With our new Associate Pastor **Megan Ryan**, explore how your ideas about God affect your relationships, using *Eat, Pray Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert (available for \$9). **Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 pm** starting **September 15** in [room to be determined].

Room Enough for Joy: The L'Arche movement in which mentally disabled adults and their helpers share life together has spread worldwide and may soon come to the Fort Collins area. Linda Drees, a local L'Arche organizer, will introduce this video about the establishment of a L'Arche community in Tacoma, Washington. **Wednesday, September 29** from **6:30 – 8:30 pm** in the Cinema Center.

Plan ahead - coming in October:

Getting Acquainted With Your Bible: Led by **Rev. Ray Miller**, this class will be held on **Mondays from 7 – 8 pm**, starting **October 4**. **Registration starts September 12** – spaces are limited, so be sure to register early!

Temple Grandin: The World Needs All Kinds of Minds: This CSU Professor of Animal Science is revered by animal rights groups and members of the autistic community, perhaps because in both regards she is a voice for those who are sometimes challenged to make themselves heard. Time Magazine named Dr. Grandin one of the 100 most influential people in 2010. **Dr. Grandin** will speak on **Tuesday, October 5** at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. The **HBO** movie entitled "Temple Grandin" will be shown in the Cinema Center on **Tuesday, September 7** at 6 pm, **Wednesday, September 15** at 6 pm and **Thursday, September 30** at 1 pm. All are welcome!

Interfaith Dialogue on Exodus: Led by **Rev. Ray Miller and Rabbi Shoshana Leis** from Congregation Har Shalom. **Wednesdays, October 13, 20, 27** and **November 3 and 17, 6:30 – 8:00 pm**. **Registration starts September 12** – spaces are limited, so be sure to register early!



Double Nickel

Join other seniors (55 +) at Double Nickel on Sept. 10th at noon in Fellowship Hall. The program will feature Peter Gomm’s daughter, Sue Flynn, relating her experiences as a part of a medical team to Haiti following the tragic earthquake.

Afternoon at the Movies

The movie playing on Tuesday, Sept. 21 in the Cinema Room at the church will be “The Pacifier”. When a Navy S.E.A.L. is assigned to protect a home complete with 5 out of control kids, he meets his match. This is a fun comedy for all ages.

Fall Bus Trip

All Aboard for the Railroad Museum! Save the date of Oct. 8th for our fall bus trip to Cheyenne, WY. Watch for more details about this adventure.

COME BLOW YOUR HORN

The talent scouts are lurking and the time is approaching to COME BLOW YOUR HORN! The Senior Council is sponsoring an all church talent show on Sunday, Oct. 3rd. Here is a chance to show off your talent, whatever it might be: tapping or tumbling, singing or strumming, dancing or drumming etc. If you wish to perform, fill out the sheet below and place it in a COME BLOW YOUR HORN Talent Search box in the Narthex, the Senior Corner in Fellowship Hall, or the church office. The talent scouts are looking for performers of all ages. We want YOU!

But what’s an act without an audience? We want to gather a crowd to offer applause and appreciation for the talented among us. We need YOU!

The event will begin at 4 p.m. with “Tea and Trumpets” (finger food and drink) followed by the intergenerational talent show. In lieu of tickets, donations will be received at the door. Funds from the event will go toward the purchase of a safe, highway-worthy van for Youth trips.

Polish your horns and ready your clappers for a “toot’in and root’in” good time on October 3rd!

----- Clip and Fill Out -----

Contact information:

Name: _____

Telephone No.: _____ E-mail address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Type of Act: _____ (performances are limited to 3-5 minutes)

Individual Group number in group Adult Youth Child

Questions?? Call Gretchen Bennett 897-2764 or Kathy Schuster, 223-1859

United Methodist Women

KICK OFF LUNCHEON! Sunday, September 19, '10 Noon

“A Mighty Invitation”

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 meeting? Do you want to have opportu-

nity for service, fellowship and worship at larger gatherings at the district, conference and national levels of the Womens' 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 5th Grade and up are welcome! Please join us for our annual kick off luncheon on Sunday, September 19, at Noon in the Parlor. Stop by after the 10:45 service to obtain information about UMW and enjoy some wonderful eats. The program will be “A Mighty Invitation!” Circle Abigail will greet us and Circle Hannah will host the potluck luncheon. Only current UMW members need bring a dish to share.

UMW Circle Meetings for September

<u>Circle</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Abigail	Tues: 14 th & 28 th	7:00 p.m.	Parlor
Hannah	Sun: 19th	TBA	Hosting Kickoff Lunch
Kezia	Thurs: 23rd	9:30 a.m.	Emily Krause's Home
Lois	Thurs: 23rd	9:30 a.m.	Village commons
Mary	Thurs: 23rd	9:30 a.m.	Parlor
Rebekah	Thurs: 23rd	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
Sarah	Weds: 1 st , 15 th & 29 th	9:30 a.m.	Parlor
Vashti	Tues: 28 th	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
T.U.F. (Teen)	Sun: 19 th	Noon	Kickoff Lunch

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

Call Lori Ailor, 490-1194, or Bev Winsett, 484-8447, for information on each circle. They'll help you find a match!

Church-Wide Community Art Project

Pending Board of Trustees' Approval...

In the newly remodeled Chapel, it has been proposed to modify our aging Altar top with a mosaic treatment that will be created by you. The artist we are working with specializes in these types of projects. She has an overall design in mind that will incorporate the colors that are the room. The mosaic will have a swirling effect that will naturally

draw your gaze in and then upward toward the cross.

THE IMPORTANT PART – her method is to teach and supervise **ALL members** who might wish to participate in both learning how to do mosaic and to be an active participant in this work of art.

All age groups are welcome, from 10 to 100. The artist will come to our church twice a week for two

half-day sessions. You will be working with China and stained glass and learning how to cut it and then make the necessary patterns which will result in a unique piece of art that is like no other.

If you are interest in this artistic community endeavor, please contact either Martha Conant, Martha@LifeWiseCoach.com, or Richard Brack, Hrbrack@hotmail.com.

Committee and Outreach Committee

CROP Walk

(CROP- Communities Responding to Overcoming Poverty)



When: **Sunday, October 3rd** at 1 p.m.

Where: Meet at 1st Presbyterian Church for a 5K walk to City Park and back for refreshments and music.

Why: To raise money for people in over 80 countries who live in poverty, with 25% going to the Larimer County

Food Bank.

Who: YOU and all other denominations in our community. Families, strollers, bikes, dogs, individuals and youth groups, etc. are invited to help those less fortunate.

What you can do: Walk or donate to someone who is walking.

Let's all help our church be the top fund raiser for this important mission!

FUMC Special Offering Food Bank for Larimer County



When a hungry family stops in at First United Methodist Church seeking food assistance, the staff directs them to the Food Bank for Larimer County (FBLC). Thanks

to support from congregations like ours, the food bank is able to provide nutritious food for over 11,000 client visits a month. September is the month we typically hold a food and cash drive to ensure the food bank can continue respond to the increase in need. Our collection this year will be on Sunday, September 12.

Donations support more than the distribution of non-perishable food. In a typical week they distribute 50,000 pounds of produce to clients and non-profit agencies. Funding also supports a less well known program: Food Link. Approximately 70 non-profit agencies get food for their at-risk clients at the Food Bank for Larimer County, which collectively saved these organizations 2.1 million in food expenses in 2009. Last year FBLC provided over 66,000

meals to children through Kids Cafe.

Contributions are used so efficiently that Charity Navigator documents \$.97 of every dollar donated goes directly to hunger relief.

Mission Kitchen



Thank you to all who have volunteered to help cook and serve food to the homeless at the mission on the 3rd Monday night of each month and the 12 to 14 people who help on the 5th Saturday to feed the hungry people of Fort Collins.

Annual Mission Fair Sunday, September 26 from 8:30-12:30 p.m.



Are you wondering how to get involved in the many activities that are happening here at FUMC? Then come to the Annual Mission Fair on Sunday morning September 26th in the Fellowship Hall.

This is an opportunity to talk with people about educational classes, mission trips, committee and organizations that provide fellowship and fun throughout our church and beyond!

If you have an activity you would like to share information about at the fair, please contact Grace Harris, 282-7214 or Theresa Holbrook, 219-5960. Tables are filling up fast!

LAMMP



The LAMMP committee would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our 1st Annual Summer Theater LAMMP fundraiser a wonderful success! We raised over \$600! These funds will help our current mission trips and projects. And just wait 'til next year!

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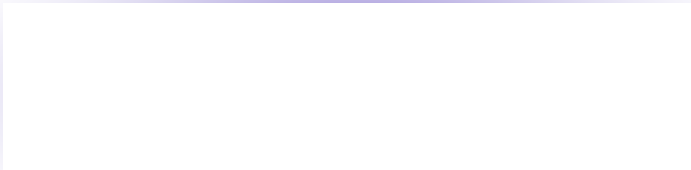
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Money Matters

from: Ron Burke

This month I thought I would leave out the numbers of our financial position. For the last few months, I have taken on the role to produce this article and it seems to have had no effect. We continue to spiral downward with no real end in sight. We on the Finance Committee are really hoping the offerings increase over the next few months as they have in years past, well actually more than in years past.

I have conducted a lot of research on the topic of "Church Giving" and all the research points to you have to tell people there is a need and they will step forward and fill it. So, lets face it the church needs cash from you! Now those words may come across harsh to some; however, it is the simplest way to say it. I have been trying to be subtle in pushing everyone to help, offer, and give without saying we need cash.

Why give to the church an institution? Is a common question that many have especially our younger members. Karen Waldron gave the following answer, which explains it the best. "We support the church because we have found fellowship and guidance for living our lives within its walls. Perhaps we have found friendship and support. Perhaps we have experienced peace and spiritual growth. We have re-

ceived these gifts through the church, and we want others to experience them. There are costs associated with having a vital church. There are the basic costs of maintaining a building, utilities, repairs and maintenance, supplies and equipment, insurance. In addition, there are costs for having programs and the staff to support them."

We have all heard the term "tithe" to the church and it is associated with giving 10% of your earning to the church. It was explained to me at our last meeting that we Methodists pledge not tithe. Well, I am not going to tell you what level of support to provide to the church. Take baby steps to reach a goal you are comfortable with. I can assure you each step you take will be greatly appreciated.

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.

Still waiting for my first question...