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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# The Carillon

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INVITES YOU TO WALK THE LABYRINTH

What is a labyrinth? A labyrinth is a pattern that leads you on a prescribed path to a center and leads you out by the same path. Early Christians took a vow to make a pilgrimage to the Holy City of Jerusalem at some point in their lives. During the Middle Ages, as the crusades made travel to Palestine unsafe, other means were needed to honor this sacred commitment. Labyrinths were built in several cathedrals to aid Christians in the safe completion of their physical and spiritual pilgrimage. During the 13<sup>th</sup> century, this design was inlaid into the floor of Chartres Cathedral. The design has become the most popular labyrinth pattern in the U.S. The labyrinth we have at FUMC is patterned after that of Chartres Cathedral in France.

Unlike a maze, the labyrinth has a single winding path from the outside toward a central place of discovery and reflection. Those who embrace the use of the labyrinth say labyrinths offer peace, comfort from grief and sometimes better health. Dr. Herbert Benson, a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School says, "walking a labyrinth is highly effective for reducing anxiety and producing what's called the relaxation response." It can

lower blood pressure and breathing rates, and decrease chronic pain.

Labyrinths are being used in churches, hospitals, wellness and rehabilitation centers, hospice programs, nursing homes, schools, and in private backyards. Educators are finding that labyrinths have benefits for children too. "Kids, like adults, are leading very frantic lives," says Marge McCarthy, 71, a retired school psychologist who has consulted on the building of labyrinths in ten elementary schools in Santa Fe, N.M. She says an eight-year-old wrote that when he walked, he felt "relaxed, small, kind of in and not out." Another liked having a "big circle around me" while he was in that place kids love to be---the center.

There is no right or wrong way to walk a labyrinth. Information will be available with the labyrinth.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall, Thursday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7-9:00 p.m., Friday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m.- 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> from 9-11:00 a.m..



## Itinerate Preacher's Wife

To continue "Holy Boldness among us: The Itinerate Preacher's Wife..." from the October *Carillon*, let me introduce our newest minister's wife—Abby Kershaw. She has been a partner in ministry through Reverend Joel Kershaw's time as a seminary student and this past year and a half here at First United

Methodist Church. Abby brings to us the "grace, devotion, and spiritual depth" of her husband's commitment to the ministry. Abby has been a visible and supportive presence with many of the youth activities. She has shared her talent and gifts as a person of compassion, as well as a talented chef as



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## Chili Cook-Off: Sunday, Oct. 29, 12:00-3:00 pm

All ages come to Fellowship Hall for a fun event. Attendees are asked to bring a pie OR pot of chili that will serve 10 people in a crock pot or with a hot plate to enter into the cook-off contest.

Everyone will taste the different chilies and vote for their favorite. We will have a square dance caller and other fun activities, too! Call Helen Gray, 482-2842 for more information.

## Third Grade Bible Readers

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By Charles Schuster

On Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> we gave Third Grade children their Bibles. I wonder if they will come to the same confusion as these thoughts from children. This is from Ken Whitcomb. Sometimes, when things become too serious it's good to gain the perspective of a child. We may laugh at the comments of these children, and we will want to recall what we thought when we were first introduced to the Bible.

1. In the First Book of the Bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world so He took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Samson slayed the Philistines with the Axe of the Apostles.
4. Samson was a strongman who let himself be strayed by a

Jezebel like Delilah.

5. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
6. The Egyptians were all drowned in the desert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments.
7. The first Commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
8. The seventh Commandment is Thou Shalt Not Admit Adultery.
9. Moses died before he ever reached Canada.
10. Joshua led the Hebrews in the Battle of Geritol.
11. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
12. Jesus was born because Mary had an Immaculate Conception.



13. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.

14. Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do unto others before they do unto you.

15. The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 Decibels.

16. The Epistles were the wives of the Apostles.

17. One of the Opossums was St. Matthew who was also a taxi man.

18. St. Paul was cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony which is another name for marriage.

19. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

These interpretations come from a Catholic Elementary School. Kids were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. The statements were written by children.

## Highlights of September 12 Administrative Council Meeting:

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Theological guidelines for Administrative Council were reviewed. There was a visioning exercise with discussion as to what we see as FUMC's primary emphasis...nurture, outreach, or witness. An "Igniting Ministries" video was viewed. The new Roving Library Cart with resources & fresh, new books for adults & children was proudly displayed. The "Wheel of Fortune" stewardship campaign poster was circulated. Community & World Outreach Sunday will be October 22. All work areas, committees, and circles are urged by

Alayna Jimenez, Chairperson, to display publicity of their mission efforts. Three proposals will come to Administrative Council next month: 1. Church Columbarium, 2. Choir Chairlift, and 3. Habitat's direction at FUMC

Martha Conant closed with discussion of Bishop's "Big Read", *Good to Great* a booklet by Jim Collins. A committee was formed for further examination of its relevance to operational procedures in our church.

## New Members 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:

**October 1st 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.

## Membership Memos

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

- ★ **Mark & Brenda Cummings** and their children **Amanda & Jessie** of Fort Collins, CO
- ★ **Ray & Lois Cole** of Fort Collins, CO
- ★ **Gretchen Streiff**, transfer from Mentor United Methodist Church, Mentor, OH
- ★ **Dick Lindeberg**, transfer from Sun Lakes United Methodist Church, Sun Lakes, AZ
- ★ **Robert & Lynn Schwebach** of Fort Collins, CO
- ★ **Rob & Emily Vangermeersch** of Fort Collins, CO
- ★ **Jackie Ricketts** of Fort Collins, CO

*In Loving Memory...*

✠ Floyd Grimmett  
✠ Bernice Glahn  
✠ Dorothy Howard

✠ Denna Bockman  
✠ Howard Bruner



**Thank You,  
Thank You!**

Thanks to EVERY-ONE who helped with the All Church Picnic!!! Thanks to you the Worship Service and the picnic were a great success. Your efforts were greatly appreciated by all who attended.

*From the Membership &  
Communications  
Committee*

## \$100 A Day for Expanding Our Ministries

October 2 - Given by Ralph M. Carter in memory of Deane M. Carter on his 80th birthday.

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she prepared the confirmation and Valentine's Day dinners.

In 2004, Abby graduated from Cambridge school of Culinary Arts where she received the Lenotre award and received hon-

ors in lab and academics. She has been involved in all aspects of food preparation for large and small groups. She is currently working at the Olive Street Bakery. Her many interests include cooking, baking, creating new

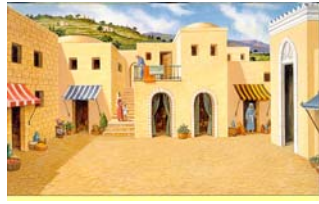
recipes, reading, walking, hiking, camping, snowshoeing, auctions, and antiques. She is also the mother to our "church" baby, Jack. Please introduce yourself to Abby.

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## Thoughts from Bev

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The following article was written by one of our faithful Sunday School teachers, Tracey Bean. She discovered a great way to serve as a Sunday School teacher AND attend a worship service all in the same day. I encourage you if you're teaching or busy elsewhere on Sunday mornings, consider Tracey's words.



“Over the summer, I took the time to teach Sunday School for the elementary-age kids a few times when we were in town. It is a tough decision for me to teach Sunday School especially during the summer because I always miss being in the sanctuary and getting to hear the day's message. So I tried what to me was an experi-

ment. I got up early and ate my breakfast and got ready for church (my kids were still in their pajamas watching cartoons,) and I snuck out of the house to go to church. I found that driving in Fort Collins at 7:45 on a Sunday

morning is not the rat race that it can be during the week. I got to pick the radio station in the car (or pick nothing at all and enjoy the quiet.) I attended the 8:00 service with all of the wonderful people I never get to see even when I go to the 9:15 service. I took a few moments of my summer to be “fed” instead of “feed.” I got a chance to worship with the congregation as well as teach the kids like I enjoy. I got the best of both worlds. And then

after the service as I stood in the south entrance waiting, I got the pleasure of greeting my husband and two kids and knowing that my husband did a great job of getting them ready and getting them there. So they didn't necessarily have matching outfits and the pony tails were a little crooked, Dad got them ready and they made it to church (ok, maybe a little late but that is nothing new to our family!) And I enjoyed it so much I think I'll do it again and again through the fall and spring on my days to teach Sunday school. I would love for other Sunday School teachers to join me too so that we can all enjoy all our church has to offer as well as offer all we can to our church.”

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## Children's Sabbath—October 8th

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All children are invited to help with conducting the service. If your child would like to help with ushering, greeting, or scrip-

ture reading duties, please contact [bevhalperin@fcfumc.net](mailto:bevhalperin@fcfumc.net) or 482-2436. This is a very special service for and by children to in-

crease the awareness of children's issues. We encourage all families of all ages to come and participate in this special day

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## Stephen Ministry...How Everyone Participates

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Every Sunday there is a SMOD, a what??!!! A SMOD, that's Stephen Minister on Duty. It sounds a little like the Mod Squad of the 60s, but you probably won't find us in those groovy clothes! But you will find someone who is asking God to use their eyes, and ears and hearts to meet people in their times of trouble.

But we can't do this alone. When Stephen Ministers are

commissioned to become part of our congregational care ministry, the body of the church participates in accepting and supporting them in this ministry. That means every person at First United Methodist Church is on duty every Sunday and every day in between to be the eyes, ears, and hearts of Christ. Many times you, as a member of the body of Christ, can fill the need of someone hurting. If, however,

you feel someone you know could benefit from the friendship of a Stephen Minister, ask if you may share their name with one of the pastors or one of the Stephen Leaders listed below. We are in this together. Galatians 6:2 “Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

*Sam Mack 472-6499, Emmalie Conner 484-1717, Bill Rice 282-8761, RuthMary Lyons 330-6923*

## Program Notes—WHY DO YOU SING?

The following questions reference the kinds of musical groups you are most interested in seeing as part of worship at FUMC. Please add suggestions of your own, if you do not see the kind of group in which you are most interested.

1. Y/N Do we need a chamber orchestra?
2. Y/N Do we need a daytime choir for stay-at-home parents?
3. Y/N Do we need a jazz ensemble?
4. Y/N Should we develop a monthly jam-session for members to share their talents?
5. Y/N Should we develop a percussion ensemble?
6. Y/N Should we develop a dance group?
7. Y/N Should we focus development on more youth music groups?
8. Y/N Should we focus development on more children's music groups?
9. Y/N should we focus development of more ethnically and culturally diverse music programs?
10. On a separate piece of paper, please add any ideas of your own for development of music at First United Methodist Church of Fort Collins.

If you are not currently involved in a musical group at Fort Collins First United Methodist Church, can you share your reasons with me?

1. Y/N Do we need to offer more and different

rehearsal times?

2. Y/N Is childcare, especially for grade school children, a factor?
3. Y/N Are your musical needs being met elsewhere?
4. Y/N Are you simply too busy for another commitment at this time?
5. Y/N Is transportation to and from the church a problem?
6. Y/N Are you concerned that you do not have the musical talent necessary to participate in the musical groups of the church?
7. Y/N Are you more interested in a leadership role in music, and do not see a way to participate in that capacity?
8. Please add any reasons of your own, or to more fully express your answers to the above questions.

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Please return this survey to Colleen McRoberts or place it in the envelope in the church office at your convenience. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

[ColleenDonnelly@fcfumc.net](mailto:ColleenDonnelly@fcfumc.net) 970-482-2436

## 36 Hour Prayer Vigil

This year as part of our Stewardship Campaign, there will be a 36 hour prayer vigil held in the Chapel at our church from 6:00 p.m. November 3 thru 6. a.m. on Sunday, November 5th.

Persons who sign up to be a part of this vigil will spend one-half

hour in the Chapel praying for our church, our pastors and staff, our ministries, for the future of our church and world, and for personal need. A prayer guide will be available for any who may need it.

Persons who have prayer con-

cerns may fill out a prayer card (available in the pews in the Sanctuary) prior to the vigil and will be a source for the prayer vigil. A chart will be available at the church beginning the first Sunday of October. You are urged to be part of this Prayer Vigil.

## Children's Sabbath

October 8 is Children's Sabbath at First United Methodist Church. The Mothers of Young Children would like to extend another opportunity for you to donate books to our FUMC Children's Library. This project to honor a loved one with a book, has been so successful we want it to continue for years to come. We have received generous donations of 60 new hardback books that are currently available for check-out. We encourage you to take a look at the wish list (available on the poster on the Children's library door, in the church office, at church on Children's Sabbath, or online at Amazon.com go to the wish lists and search for FUMC Fort Collins). Continue to donate books in honor of any special day (birthdays, baptisms, confirmations), for any special person (your kids, your spouse, your favorite church member) at any time.

All you need to do is purchase the hardback book of your choice from our wish list. Please fill out the nameplate form and bring it to church on Children's Sabbath, or drop it at the church office in care of Bev Halperin any other time during the year.

We can always use cash contributions as well as gift certificates from your favorite bookstore. Please help us continue to provide quality chil-

dren's literature for the youth of our church. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Tracey Bean at 266-0252. And don't forget to go to the library and check out the new book our members have donate already!

### Bookplate form:

The book \_\_\_\_\_

is donated in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

for the reason of \_\_\_\_\_

on this day \_\_\_\_\_

The name and address of the person donating the book: \_\_\_\_\_

## FUMC Family Camping



Over the summer, our annual Family Camp at Buckhorn was replaced by three weekends of families going camping. All three were a GREAT success! Each weekend, those families that were interested joined up with their tents or campers as well as all the supplies necessary for a successful outing in the woods. We tried everything—fishing, hiking, canoeing, singing, roasting, and more. And only on a couple of occasions did someone end up swimming (oops!) Different combinations of eight different families went to three different locations both in Colorado and in Wyoming. Thanks to all of those that helped make each of those trips fun! We all had such a good time, we'll try it again next summer and see if we can get even more FUMC families to join us for the fun!

## Join Us on Mondays

Mothers of Young Children is a vibrant group of women who meet on Monday mornings from 9:15 -11:30 in the church's parlor. We have lively discussions on various topics ranging from parenting issues to crafting projects, as well as Biblical-focused talks and many other topics. Childcare is provided in the church nursery at no charge. Please come and join us!



## Senior Council Updates

☆**Flu shots** will be given on Friday Oct. 13 in Fellowship Hall; the Double Nickel lunch will be offered in the Parlor at noon. A staff member of the Fort Collins Museum will speak about the early days and leaders of our city.

☆**The Care Closet** has medical equipment and supplies now

available for loan. Call Kathy Schuster 223-1859 for a list of items.

☆**The fall bus trip** to Red Feather Lakes was a great success, with our bus completely filled. Lafie Miller pointed out historical ranch buildings and told us about early settlers in the area. We visited the lovely new

library in Red Feather and toured the beautiful Fox Acres Country Club grounds.

☆**Senior Sunday** will occur on Nov. 12. We plan to have a section in Fellowship Hall, where any senior may show his/her hobby or crafts. Watch for further information in the Sunday Bulletins.

## United Methodist Women—HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

For our unit meeting this month Kathy Waugh will be speaking on Habitat for Humanity. All women of the church are welcome! Please join us on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor to hear this informa-

tive program. A luncheon provided by Circle Rebekah will follow the meeting.

The executive board will meet before the unit meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Village Commons.

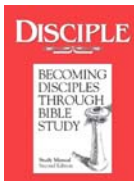
Interested in joining a circle for

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!

<u>Circle</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Abigail</b>	Tues: 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Conf. Room A
<b>Hannah</b>	Weds: 11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Conf. Room A
<b>Kezia</b>	Thurs: 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m.	K. Schuster's Home
<b>Lois</b>	Thurs: 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m.	Parlor
<b>Mary</b>	Thurs: 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m.	Maxine Nissen's Home
<b>Rebekah</b>	Thurs: 26 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
<b>Sarah</b>	Weds: 4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m.	Parlor
<b>Vashti</b>	Tues: 24 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
<b>Talitha (College)</b>	Call Dee Skelton 482-1984 or Dea Carroll 223-6530		
<b>T.U.F. (Teen)</b>	Call Dea Carroll 223-6530 or Bev Winsett 484-8447		

## Still Learning for Life



### NEW CLASS STARTING JANUARY 2007

**DISCIPLE I**, the first part of the Disciple Series, is an exciting opportunity to strengthen your faith, transform your life, and help your church

grow in vitality. Join 12-14 others on a journey through Disciple I covering 70% of the Bible in weekly two-hour sessions. Each session, written by an outstanding Christian theologian, begins with a video presentation followed by discussion. Deepen your understanding of the message of the Bi-

ble and how it applies to you. Fred and Mabel Mills, experienced Disciple class facilitators, will lead this class, scheduled to start in January, 2007.

For more information about this class, contact Fred and Mabel at 482-1341.

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## Fort Collins Area INTERFAITH Council Extends FUMC's Reach

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As our church joins with thirty others through Interfaith, Fort Collins's homeless are more effectively cared for; produce left in Grant's fields is gleaned for the Food Bank; other produce is canned at the Bishop's warehouse in Aurora and delivered to the Food Bank; options for care that keeps Seniors in their Homes is evaluated and distributed; cults that approach college freshmen away from home for the first time, or leave hate literature on doorsteps, are tracked and exposed; a program is

formed to keep families with emergencies from losing their homes.

Four committees continually monitor Fort Collins's needs in the areas of Housing, Food, Health, and Social Concerns, shaping the information into programs for use by member congregations, and assisting with small grants where deemed most effective.

Community gatherings have included "God's October Surprise" in 2005 when Christian, Jewish, and Muslim faiths' holy days all

fell during that month, the annual December 31st "Hour For Peace", a sharing of grief and fund-raising after the Katrina disaster, and the annual ERACISM film and discussion series held each fall.

FUMC people who have served with Interfaith include Janet Blandin, Larry Johnston, Grace Harris, and now Heather Hallett Thurston. If this sounds interesting to you, talk to Heather 482-9755 or Grace 282-7214 about participating. Meetings are 1st and 3rd Thursday morn-

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## Country Village Bazaar—Gift-Quality Items Sought

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Is it taking up space and you don't need it? Is it nice enough that you'd be proud to give it as a gift? That's what the November 11 bazaar needs. Quilted items; fancy food, baked goods & candy; treasures for the silent & live auctions; wooden carvings, toys, ornaments, art objects—are all welcome.

This is the season's prime occasion to shop, have lunch with friends, hear the Stover Street Stompers, revel in the creativity that abounds at FUMC, and enjoy the fellowship of the season, while supporting all kinds of good causes. In the east hall we will have Alternative Christmas Gifts. When you buy these gifts, the profit goes back to the country where they originated. Some Alternative Christmas gifts are offered through the Heifer Project to benefit third world countries. You give the gift of animals to a needy family, and when they multiply, the off-

spring are given to others in need.

If you are donating items for the Silent Auction, please call Joan Hopkins ahead of time and tell her what the item is (282-0024).

Books can be brought to the Library between now and the 11<sup>th</sup> of November for sorting and pricing, but for all other items please hold them until Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> and bring them to the church that day.

The **Gift Shop** has made a special appeal for:

1. Brand new gifts—ones that were given to you, but you never used.
2. Beautiful handmade items—aprons, vests, baby sweaters, place mats, etc.

Call Dorothy Eiman @ 482-5402, if you have any questions.

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## CSU Women's Silent Auction

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On November 2nd from 9:30-11:30 am the CSU Women's Association will have a Silent Auction and a Garage Sale at the First United Methodist Church. Besides the Silent Auction there

will be a variety of tables selling things like: books, cakes, pies, cookies, candy, creative cards, a quilted table runner, fairy garden, 2 oil paintings, 2 dinners for six people each, some antiques

and collectables.

This function is to raise money for scholarships for CSU students. Everyone is invited, see you there!

## Women of the Bible Quilt Project

Alyce Kaehler had a vision... after seeing the quilt book with patterns depicting women of the Bible, she knew she needed to bring the creative idea to reality for her beloved church, First United Methodist Church of Fort Collins, Colorado. *Quilt Patterns, Women of the Bible* was written by designers Suzanne Schaffhausen and Judy Rehmel. Published by Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis.

The introduction of this book reads as follows:

“Stories from the Bible have been recorded through the years in many art forms, including quilts. Patchwork quilting is an art form developed in the United States, and thousands of patterns have been created since the pre-Revolutionary era. Some Bible stories, captured in such patterns as “Palm Leaf,” “Joseph’s Coat,” and “Jacob’s Ladder,” are used repeatedly. Others appear only rarely. And there are no quilt patterns named for women in the Bible. Perhaps that is because so few women are mentioned in the Bible. One list of 250 Biblical characters names only 30 women.”

“Scripture often refers to women by their relationship to a man—as someone’s wife, mother, daughter, sister, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, or cousin. For a woman to be named in the Bible would lead us to believe that she must have been a person of some importance. Of course, some of the women were named because they were particularly wicked.

Jezebel and Delilah fit that description. But other women, each in her own way, made significant contributions to life as we know it. They turned corners in time with their foresight, bravery, vision, skill, and determination. They served as role models for all of us and still can shape lives.”

“Finding 12 outstanding women to honor with their own quilt patterns was a challenge because so little was recorded in the Bible about women, perhaps just because they were women. Behind those women who were named and remembered, there certainly must have been legions who rocked the cradle, kept the home, and shaped the lives of the males who dominated society, not only by custom but by law. They made a difference in their day, and we remember them for their deeds.”

The idea was born and Alyce enlisted Mary Ann Michels to coordinate the project. Alyce’s only request, “We need Mary Magdalene!” After much thought, Priscilla was replaced in favor of Mary Magdalene. Mary Ann designed Mary’s block, as it was not included in the original 12. Mary Ann chose the fabrics for the quilt and found volunteers to hand craft each block. The results are stunning! The women did a remarkable job of working with the patterns and producing fine handwork. These women are a blessing, carrying on a great tradition of quilting in the United States.

*Our hope is that this quilt will be a blessing to the church, a glorification to our God, and a prayer of thanksgiving to the women in our midst - past, present and future.*



The quilt was begun late fall of 2004 and finished in the spring of 2006. 12 church women completed the blocks. 15 women had their hand in quilting the quilt.

**Dale Conant** did a marvelous job photographing the completed quilt!

**Ken Miller** crafted a beautiful wooden case to display the quilt. Ken recycled an old pew in the making of the case!

You may find the descriptions of each of the blocks and details of the patterns in the book next to the quilt. There is a list of the women who helped with the hand quilting.

The 12 women who pieced the blocks are:

- ❖ Alyce Kaehler
- ❖ Mary Ann Michels
- ❖ Lynne Ellison
- ❖ Cynthia Zingmark
- ❖ Beverly Halperin
- ❖ Nelda Carpenter
- ❖ Charlotte Allum
- ❖ Peggy Ingram
- ❖ Maxine Carlstedt
- ❖ Thelma Mauk
- ❖ Cindy Hubbard
- ❖ Frances Holm

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### **UMW Wreath Sale is Back Again!**

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The United Methodist Women at this church have been selling Christmas wreaths and greenery for 48 years to support the mission programs, especially ministries for women, children and youth locally and worldwide. The congregation's support each year has been remarkable and we thank you! It is that time of year again! Please take time to fill out your order form today!

Look for our display in the library on Sundays, October 8 through October 29, 2006. **Orders will be accepted only until Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.** Questions? Call Dea Carroll at 970-223-6530 or Joan Richard at 970-206-0447.

Pick up wreaths in Fellowship Hall after Thanksgiving weekend:

- Monday, Nov. 27 11:30 am—6:00 pm
- Tuesday, Nov. 28 10:00 am—6:00 pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 29 10:00 am—7:00 pm

**We cannot be responsible for orders left unclaimed after November 19<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Peter Stackhouse & Mary Ann Michels**

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**To Place An Order:** Drop off order form and payment at the UMW table on Sundays beginning October 8<sup>th</sup>, or at the church office, or mail to:

**UMW Christmas Wreaths**

c/o First United Methodist Church  
1005 Stover Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80524-3849

**Orders will be taken until Sunday, October 29, 2006.**

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Your Name

Phone Number

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## Observations from Igniting Ministry

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**Igniting Ministry**, the national advertising campaign of the United Methodist Church, offers these observations which call us to go beyond the “30 Second Video Spots” being shown on national cable TV advertising this Fall and on the big screen here at FUMC each Sunday during informal moments.

- First time attendees don't merely need a message, they need ministry. They don't necessarily come looking for a pastor, they need a **friend**.
- Our hospitality as a congregation has power! It can bring change to both the re-

ceiver and to the giver.

- Visitors don't come to FUMC to meet the needs of the church; they come expecting the church to meet their needs.
- We welcome others because of God's acceptance and welcome for all who come to our door. It's who we are, as individuals and as a congregation.
- There is great power in exchanging stories with a newcomer. It builds bridges, for when we share our stories, we are no longer strangers!
- When the heart is right, we will manage to meet the needs of others even when we don't know the answers or do the

wrong things through ignorance or lack of training.

The coming holiday season creates an opening into the hearts and lives of those seeking a church. Both the work of the Holy Spirit and our welcoming and inviting efforts find fertile ground during these times of the year. There will be additional national advertising spots just before Christmas because of people's receptivity to Christianity during this season.

**Hospitality is not about what we do; it's what we are becoming as a congregation.**