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First United Methodist Church

Wellington United Methodist Fellowship to Begin Oct. 7

Can First Church benefit from helping start a new church? Absolutely! Years ago, I (Jim Cowell) was on the staff of First UMC in Colorado Springs, when what is now Sunrise UM Church was formed. First Church in Colorado Springs was very supportive of the new effort.

In April of this year, Bishop Cal McConnell and I were reflecting on the beginnings of Sunrise UMC in Colorado Springs. Bishop McConnell said in a letter to me: "First Church was ex-

cited about the opportunity of 'mothering' a new congregation...It gave members at First an opportunity to be actively engaged in developing a new congregation in a very personal way. I have no doubt but what this act of outreach strengthened the commitment and participation of those members."

Wellington UM Fellowship will begin meeting on **October 7th** at **10:00 a.m.** at Eyestone Elementary School, 4000 Wilson Ave., in Wellington. Rev. War-

ren McConnell and I will provide pastoral leadership.

Wellington UM Fellowship is an outreach ministry of First Church, Fort Collins. There are so many ways members of First Church can become involved — handing out flyers in Wellington, assisting with music, Christian education, nursery care, etc. You can also pray for this new venture. As Bishop McConnell said, "Your own commitment and participation" will be strengthened."

BOXES...WHAT'S IN THE BOXES?

When a box comes through the mail, or someone leaves a box on your desk or doorstep and it has your name on it, doesn't that excite your curiosity? I know when packages are wrapped at Christmas time, or when a box is brought, beautifully wrapped, for my birthday, I am anxious to discover what is it in.

Every time someone joins the church, I am also excited because that person brings certain gifts, interests, experiences, talents that God wants

to be used for the up building of this congregation and to enable and expand the ministry of God's Church.

And everyone of us also are containers of God-given gifts. Sometimes we keep the box lid closed and don't share our gift(s) either because we are afraid of what that might demand of us, or because we don't think our gifts are worthy, or that anyone else will see worth in them.

As we enter the new year God is giving us, 2008, just think what

could happen if all of us let the gifts God has placed in

us loose to be channeled into the life of our congregation. If we released the gifts in all of us, we could and WILL discover that 2008 is the greatest year of ministry and mission in the life of First United Methodist Church. Look in your life and dare to unwrap the gifts God wants you to use in God's service.



Please Don't Break Up the Team!



At the end of October we will begin thinking about our commitment to our church and we will be working with the theme

“BREAKING OUT OF THE BOX”. The church will send out letters and there will be testimonials from church members about what the ministry of this church means and why it is important to keep the church moving in a positive direction.

There will be three Stewardship Sermons:

1. October 21 “After the Boredom, the Agony” with Reverend Pam Everhart
2. October 28 “After the Agony, the Ecstasy” with Reverend Ray Miller
3. November 4 “After the Ecstasy, the Laundry” with Reverend Charles Schuster

The year before I was appointed to First Church there were four full-time pastors on the staff. The decision was made to reduce that number to three. Currently, there are three full-time clergy on the staff (Joel Kershaw, Pam Everhart, and I), and two part-time, retired pastors (David Dalke and Ray Miller). We still have less clergy hours on the staff now than we had in 2003,

but this group of clergy and lay staff members is one of the best in the area. I don't know any church staff that has the talent, the scope of vision, the energy, the dedication, or the expertise that this staff has.

Currently, it is a privilege to come to the church. When you look at all the classes for adults, at all the new programs of outreach, all the ways in which we have dared to dream and have accomplished our dreams, you realize how fortunate we are.

On this church staff there is excitement. We work well as a team, but we work as agents for the whole church. We have a vision of the church of the future, but we are building on the vision of the whole membership for the future.

I have never seen such a good situation.

What is at issue in this campaign is central to the future of the church. Our staff needs to be compensated for its hard work, and it needs to be retained. If we can hold this group together for another year we will realize some things at First Church we have hoped to accomplish.

We will see the following:

1. Increase in worship attendance
2. Paying off the debt of the South Entrance

3. Building up Youth Ministry
4. Increasing ministry for young adults
5. Increasing attention given to young parents
6. Establishment of a new church in Wellington
7. Beginning thought on a Fellowship Center
8. Building of the youth area.
9. Outreach ministry that will include mission projects and involvement in addressing homelessness.
10. Sustaining a viable alternative service.

When we make our estimate of giving for 2008, let us do so cheerfully, and enthusiastically.

We are doing great things through our church.

Kent Millard was on the mark

when he wrote, “We have discovered that in case after case, when someone follows his or her passion and the church leaders support it, miracles happen, and funds become available for a wide variety of sources to provide for that ministry.” (From [The Passion Driven Congregation](#))

Currently, we have the staff that can support this congregation's passion. Let's keep it.

Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you can only spend it once.

—Miquel De Cervantes

Membership Memo

Reception of New Members:

In joyous celebration, we rejoice and celebrate in welcoming our newest church members...

- ✎ **Nichole Hughes**—from Mitchell United Methodist Church in Mitchell, NE.
- ✎ **Leonard & Leanne Jones**—from Christ Church United Methodist in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

✎ **Elena Lawrence**—from Trinity United Methodist Church in Denver, CO.

✎ **Nancy Venturato**—from Wellington Federated Church in Wellington, CO.

✎ **Eldon Weaver**—from Trinity United Methodist Church in Hutchinson, KS.

Baptisms:

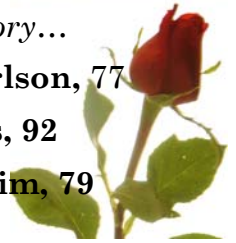
In his name...we celebrate the baptism of:

- ◆ **Tristyn James Bruning** son of James and Ashley Bruning
- ◆ **Paige Marie Hughes** daughter of Charles and Nichole Hughes

Deaths:

In loving memory...

- ◆ **Elaine Carlson, 77**
- ◆ **June Haus, 92**
- ◆ **Donald Crim, 79**



LAST CALL FOR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO!

Online signup and signup at FUMC are now closed. Two opportunities remain to assure you that your photo will be included in the new church directory. They are:

1. Olan Mills will call you with the available appointment times to take your photos.
2. You may also choose to call Olan Mills at 1-800-866-2263. They will ask you for the church's zip code (80524).

Photography Sessions in the FUMC Library:

- Monday, October 8 through Friday, October 12, 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 16 through Friday, October 19, 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, October 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please arrive 10 minutes before your scheduled time.

Olan Mills will place a reminder call to everyone who has signed up. If you have any questions, need transportation, or cannot leave home, please call Jo Ann Belk in the church office (482-2436). If you will be away during at the time of the photo sessions, please call Jo Ann and she will try to make other arrangements. If you have someone in your family who is in the military, please lend us a non-commercial photo or supply us with a digital snapshot along with information on their location and branch of service to include on a special page. We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory.

The new directory will be released in early December. Individual orders of selected photos will be available for Christmas.



Thoughts from Bev

DIG INTO THE BIBLE

As Methodists, one of our four guidelines for discerning God's will for our lives is scripture. We give our children in 3rd grade a Bible because we believe in its importance. During the months of September and October, our elementary children will be studying a unit in The Village called *Dig Into the Bible*. The children will explore how God inspired many people to write down the stories and teachings of the Bible and how God

inspires people to read and study the Bible today as a guide for daily living. They will also learn how to find specific Bible verses and begin to learn the names of the books of the Bible. Some interesting facts the children will learn are:

- ♦ The Old Testament has 39 books
- ♦ The New Testament has 27 books
- ♦ The Bible contains 5 books of law, 13 books of history,

5 books of poetry and wisdom literature, 17 books of prophecy, 4 gospels, and 22 letters.

We would love for YOU to join us, come see how and what the children are learning. Stop a third grader in the hall and invite them to show you their Bible. Talk to your children and grandchildren about what they are learning in Sunday School.

DAYLIGHT SAVING
TIME
ENDS...OCTOBER
28TH.

Children's Sabbath is October 14th

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

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.

UMYF Schedule



Join us for all the fun at UMYF this October!

- ♦ October 7th UMYF 6-8 p.m.
- ♦ October 14th UMYF 6-8 p.m.
- ♦ October 21st..... UMYF 6-8 p.m.
- ♦ October 28th UMYF 6-8 p.m.

“Where is God in our World?”
 “Where is God in our Church?”
 “Where is God in our lives?”
 “Trick-Or-Treat-So-Others-Can-Eat”

Buckhorn Camp Ends the Year with Good News and a Challenge



THE GOOD NEWS:

- added an extra week of youth camp and the number of campers ministered to was up.
 - served several hundred youth and adults comprising mission teams.
 - Boulder County Social Services will send eligible client children to youth camps!
 - received over \$36,000 in donations this year of which \$20,000 was for capital improvements; \$4,000 toward Camp Hope and \$12,000 toward operational costs.
- volunteers and donors began the foundation work on a new shop project.

THE CHALLENGE:

Since Buckhorn Camp lost the income (\$140,000) of the largest rental group (Boulder YMCA), the Camp has found some replacement groups and expenses have been cut. Gregg Kernes, the Camp Director, is pleased to report that they have been able to cover about \$110,000; however, despite all efforts the Camp will still end the year with at least a \$30,000 deficit. Though there have been donations and pledges which the Camp appreciates, we need your help again. Your generous donation will help get through this temporary financial difficulty and enable the Camp to continue to offer all of the wonderful ministries that, with your support, we have developed over the years. Please, send your donation in today. “

60th Annual Crop Walk—October 7th at 1:00 pm

It is not too late to participate in the Fort Collins CROP Walk this year. What is the CROP walk? CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. The CROP walk is a 5K walk (about 3 miles) fundraiser. You are welcome to bring kids in strollers and your dog to join in the fun. It starts and ends at the First Presbyterian church on College Avenue.

The CROP walk is a chance for communities to come together to raise money for over 80 countries around the world to respond to the needs of the poor. This is a cooperative event between all the church denominations around Fort Collins. Church

World Service is the overseeing group that disperses the money by providing opportunities for people such as providing water wells, building schools, and teaching people (how to grow food, catch fish, or raise livestock). And one of the greatest things about the walk is that 25% of the money raised in Fort Collins from this walk stay in our community, it goes to the local Larimer County Food Bank.

Please consider helping make this year's a success by walking. All you need is a pledge envelope to collect as much money as you are able and show up to walk on the 7th. Or if you can't

walk yourself, consider donating to a family or individual that is walking. You may even choose to make it a learning opportunity for your kids to see a way they can reach out to others in need by doing something simple like walking as a family. Please let Tracey Bean know if you would like to join other members of our church by walking or donating. Contact her at 266-0252.

The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.
—Samuel Johnson

Senior W Notes from the Senior Council

(Wise)

And the Winners

are... Van # 1 (original) is called "VAN GO" and van # 2 (renewed) is called "THE LIFT". The names were selected by the Double Nickel lunch group from a list of over 60 clever entries. Watch for more news as VAN GO and THE LIFT team up to serve our congregation.

ATTENTION SENIORS:

Get out your pencils and mark your calendars because the Senior Council has a lot of activities planned for the next several months.

Is There A Moose

Loose? We'll be watching for such wildlife as we head to Walden on Friday, October 12th on the fall bus trip. Waypoints include: the Moose Visitor Center, lunch at the River Rock Cafe in Walden, and a visit to the Pioneer Museum. The bus will depart from the church at 8:15 a.m. and will return about 5:00 p.m. Tickets are available on Sundays, in Fellowship Hall and during the week at the Church Office until October 7th. The cost is \$25 (includes lunch). Seating is limited, so sign up early and help us spot the loose moose!

There will be NO Senior Council meeting in October.

OUCH! It's Flu Shot

Season. Flu shots will be given at the church by VNA on November 9th from 10:00am—2:00 pm and 2:30—3:30 p.m. With flu season approaching you won't want to miss this opportunity. On that same day, join us for Double Nickel.

Calling All Veterans! The Double Nickel program on November 9th will honor our veterans. You who are veterans are asked to bring a picture of YOU in your service uniform and to share a story (3-4 minutes) from your military experience. It is your day and we want to celebrate with YOU and thank YOU. Call Gretchen Bennett at 897-2764 to sign up to tell your story. Lunch begins at noon.

You're Wanted—For our Church Directory.

If you need transportation to and from the church to have your picture taken, call Jo Ann Belk, Membership Coordinator at 482-2436 or Kathy Schuster at 223-1859. Appointments for those in need of transportation are currently being scheduled for October 18th. Let us know as soon as possible if you are going to need a ride so that we can include your name on the list.

Senior Sunday Slated for November 18th.

On Senior Sunday those in the congregation who are 80 years and older will be recognized. In addition, Seniors are asked to display their hobbies on tables in Fellowship Hall. We have photographers, painters, writers, woodworkers, crafts, gardeners, quilters, etc. in our talented Senior population. You are invited to show off your work. Call Gretchen Bennett at 897-2764 to reserve your table for November 18th.

Planning Ahead... VAN GO and THE LIFT are already anticipating the Christmas spirit. They want to take you 'round the town to see the Christmas lights. The event is scheduled for December 9th. More details will follow.

Always dream and shoot higher than you know you can do. Don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself. —William Faulkner

Books Are Flying Off the Shelves

Books have been flying off the library shelves by the box load.

That's because a small group of volunteers is at work creating our new electronic catalog.

The new Internet-based catalog system will allow members to view the FUMC collection from any PC. They will be able to make book and video selections while browsing the catalog at home and go directly to the correct shelf when they come to church. The project also includes changing our catalog to the Dewey Decimal Classification system, which is used by 95 percent of public and K-12 school libraries.

The volunteers are led by Kay Sterrett, a former school librarian. They include Trudy Driver,

Pam Huss, Sharon Johnson, Susan King, Gary Marshall, Merylyn Tappan and Amy Wright. So far, they have cataloged more than 1,000 books using their home computers to download information from another church library or the Library of Congress.

Meanwhile, the old card system is still in place. For assistance on a Sunday morning, see Joan Fritz in the library.

The conversion to an electronic catalog was funded with a grant from the FUMC Foundation in 2006. The library committee evaluated a number of vendors and selected OPALS-NA, an open-systems vendor that provides services to school and church libraries. Because the new catalog will be maintained

Submitted by: David Reid

on an OPALS-NA server, the church will not need to buy and maintain new computer resources.

The project will take several more months to complete, including additional cataloging, re-labeling books, and providing library cards to all members. Instruction on how to use the system will be provided before the switch is made. Even then, it will be possible to simply browse the shelves and sign out a book without having to use a computer.

For a sneak peek, go to <http://fcs.scoolaid.net>. Type an asterisk in the search field to see the complete list of books that have been cataloged to date.

Lord, I Just Want Someone to Listen

In his wonderful book, Why Good Things Happen to Good People, Stephen Post describes the act of listening to others as offering "deep presence".

"Listening is marked by a profound and quiet attentiveness that is the epitome of love. The mere act of listening, even though it seems to contain no action, often liberates others to move on with their lives."

"When we are listening, our silence is a more potent expression of love than our speech." He writes.

"Being listened to with love can

significantly relieve emotional and physical pain. This, in turn, reduces stress which has a direct effect on the body's ability to heal. The less stress that is experienced, the more healing can occur."

"Mother Teresa called Loneliness "the most terrible poverty." Being willing to listen builds a bridge into the isolated world of the lonely, the sad and the bereaved. It's a truly compassionate way to let them know someone genuinely cares. What's more, bridges can be crossed in both directions – simply being

with someone and letting them tell you their story is a powerful healing for the speaker and the listener."

(Excerpt from Arkansas Gazette columnist Jennifer Hansen)

Do you need someone to "just listen." Stephen Ministers are trained lay Christian caregivers who undergo over 50 hours of training and believe that our main task is to be God's ears, listening to your story. If you need a listening ear, please give us a call. Jill Phipps: 229-9784 or Karen Waldron 282-7183

Guatemalan Dinner—Mission Team Experiences

Get a taste of Guatemala on October 23 when LAMMP (Larimer Association of Methodist Mission Partners) will be serving a Guatemalan dinner in Fellowship Hall with a special program focusing on the experiences, stories and pictures of our Mission team's recent

trip and work projects there. Eleven members of FUMC joined with members from Christ UM in Fort Collins, Loveland FUMC and Trinity Methodist in Denver in traveling to Lemoa, Guatemala to assist in constructing two pastors houses and participating in a Bi-

ble School attended by over 400 children. Tickets for the Tuesday October 23 dinner starting at 6:00pm cost \$10.00 and will be on sale in Fellowship Hall prior to this special event.

Food for Thought

We in the FUMC Community and World Outreach Committee have been doing more than thinking about food as a way to serve others. There has been ongoing involvement with The Denver LDS Cannery, the Food Bank for Larimer County, and Catholic Charities Mission North. All these services need volunteers who we ask to sign up on sheets in the NW corner of Fellowship Hall.

Recently Kathy Carroll and Jesika Damian went to The Denver LDS Cannery to preserve pizza

sauce which is distributed in Ft. Collins by the Food Bank for Larimer County. Canning involves a full day with transportation provided. Join other Interfaith Council representatives at the next canning opportunity on Thursday, October 25th.

At the last Community and World Outreach meeting it was reported that there is great respect for ongoing efforts of the FUMC volunteers at the Food Bank for Larimer County. Activities include sorting, shelving and distributing donated dry and canned

foods each 3rd Thursday of the month, 9:00 am-12 noon.

Our duties at Catholic Charities Mission North include preparing and serving an evening meal on the 3rd Monday of each month, 5:30-7:30 pm. We should all be grateful for the service willingly given by Lydia Sweigart as the lead cook. On the 5th Saturday of any month, FUMC volunteers are needed to fill two shifts (10:00 AM – 12:00 and 12:00 – 2:00 PM). This occurs approximately every four months and a total of 12 people are needed.

Alternative Giving Fair — It keeps giving...

On **November 11 from 9AM-12N** the Alternative Giving Fair, a gift market reflecting the true spirit of the holiday season, will fill the halls with handmade gifts from around the world. As we approach the blessed but busy season of Christmas, our thoughts turn to buying that perfect gift for those on our list. Consider **Alternative Giving** as a way to honor your loved ones while supporting and encouraging self-sufficiency for

those in need. The fair provides a venue for Third World artisans' unique and beautiful wares and projects such as *Heifer International* and *Lift Kosovo*, which assist in overcoming poverty by enhancing self-reliance. This holiday season make a difference and find the gift that keeps giving from the following diverse booths:

Heifer International, Afghan Women's Handwork, Crocheted Guatemalan Clothing & Hand-

work, Ten Thousand Villages, Hand knit bears, African Partnership, Fair Trade Coffee, Lift Kosovo

For more info.: Grace Harris 282-7214, graceharris@frii.com

Vicki McCargar 224-4149, vmvcargar@comcast.net

The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

MATTHEW 25:40

2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off and Country Dancing

Date: November 11th

Time: Noon — 2:00 p.m.

Location: Fellowship Hall

Bring a big ole' batch of your favorite chili to share and compete in the cook off!

Baked goodies are also welcome! We will be a eatin' and dancing' and visitin'! Wear your Western Wear if ya want — but come on down —ya here!

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Need a Ride to Worship?

Call:

Virginia Hurt @
482-3113

or

Erma Clements @
221-0224

By Friday noon

Volunteers are ready to
offer a ride to share
the spirit.

All Church Picnic

**Sunday, October 14
11:30 am**

Bring your friends and family! A yummy lunch will be provided by Chef Abby Kershaw (donations are appreciated), and plenty of entertainment is planned. Look forward to games for kids of all ages, and music provided by our talented Stover Street Stompers. Register by Wednesday, October 10th.

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Harmony"

United Methodist Women

FEAR NOT, PRAY EAR-NESTLY

For our unit meeting this month Elva Alden and Bev Winsett will be presenting a program on the Prayer Shawl mission, "Fear Not, Pray Ear-

nestly." All women of the church are welcome! Please join us on Thursday, October 11th at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor to hear about this outreach program. A luncheon provided by Circle Mary will fol-

low the meeting.

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

Circle Meetings in October

Circle	Date	Time	Location
Abigail	Tues: 2 nd & 16 th	7:00 p.m.	Conf. Room A
Hannah	Weds: 10 th	6:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall (Shoebox packing)
Kezia	Thurs: 25 th	9:30 a.m.	G. Bennett's Home
Lois	Thurs: 25 th	9:30 a.m.	Village Commons
Mary	Thurs: 25 th	9:30 a.m.	Parlor
Rebekah	Thurs: 25 th	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
Sarah	Weds: 3 rd , 17 th & 31 st	9:30 a.m.	Parlor
Vashti	Tues: 23 rd	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
T.U.F. (Teen)	Sun: 14 th	4:00 p.m.	Bride's Room
Talitha (College) Call Dee Skelton 482-1984 or Dea Carroll 223-6530			

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!

UMW Wreath Sale is Back Again!

The United Methodist Women at this church have been selling Christmas wreaths and greenery for 49 years to support its 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 7 through October 28, 2007. **Orders will be accepted only until Sunday, October 28th.** Questions? Call Dea Carroll at 970-223-6530 or Joan Richard at 970-206-0447 (joanmgr4972@frii.com).

Pick up wreaths in Fellowship Hall after Thanksgiving week-

end:

- ♦ Monday, Nov. 26 11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- ♦ Tuesday, Nov. 27 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- ♦ Wednesday, Nov. 28 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

We cannot be responsible for orders left unclaimed after November 28th.



To Place An Order: Drop off order form and payment at the UMW table on Sundays beginning October 7th, 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 28, 2007.

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL PRICE
14" Wreath	17.00		
Swag	18.00		
21" Wreath	20.00		
21" Flocked Wreath	22.00		
Boxed 21" Wreath (No mailing included*)	23.00		
Boxed 21" Flocked Wreath (No mailing included*)	25.00		
Mailing Charge for Boxed 21" Wreath - Colorado*	10.00		
Mailing Charge for Boxed 21" Wreath – Out of State*	16.00		
28" Wreath	28.00		
28" Flocked Wreath	31.00		
36" Wreath	40.00		
36" Flocked Wreath	44.00		
Oval Centerpiece, 16" x 7" w/ candle	21.00		
Flocked Oval Centerpiece, 16" x 7" w/ candle	22.00		
18" Tree, decorated	26.00		
18" Tree, decorated, w/lights	31.00		
18" Flocked Tree, decorated	28.00		
18" Flocked Tree, decorated, w/lights	33.00		
Garland, 3 yards	20.00		
Garland, 5 yards	32.00		
Grave Blanket, 3' x 7'	55.00		
Area #30 Order Taker Initials _____		Ck #	Total:

All orders must include payment Make checks payable to “UMW Christmas Wreaths”

* We'll be glad to priority mail boxed wreaths for you if you add the appropriate mailing charge and provide us with the address & message for each order to be shipped. Gift cards included.

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Save on Your Taxes!!

If you are age 70 ½ or older and have an IRA, you can take advantage of a special program that is being offered by the government only through this year, 2007. You can contribute any amount up to \$100,000 from your IRA through a rollover directly from the IRA to the church. The amount of the rollover can be used to count toward the RMD (required minimum distribution in full or part, but you **do not have to pay income tax** on it. If both husband and wife have separate

IRA accounts, they can each make a charitable offering from their own IRA through this program.

To qualify, the contribution must go directly to the church from the IRA. It cannot be first distributed to you and then contributed to the church and qualify under this special rule. Advise the trustee who holds your IRA in writing to directly transfer the sum of your desired contribution to First United Methodist Church.



If you have questions about this program, call Karen Waldron at the church – 482-2436.