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Breaking Out of the Box — It's Time!

While in Guatemala, one work team witnessed a hen turkey sitting on a nest of 8 eggs, patiently waiting for the day when new life would break forth. Each day brought the time of explosion from the shells of the eggs closer. We watched each day but it had not happened yet when we left.

At our church, there has been new life brewing in many ways. But the full excitement of the grand explosion has yet to happen. So much has happened in 2007—much that is new and growth from seeds sown before. But there is much waiting to explode: a new satellite congregation, more support groups for people with many needs, a growing ministry with young adults that would be greatly enhanced with a full or part-time staff person to shepherd this

ministry, reaching out with more ministries to people in our community and world (mission trips in the U.S. and abroad), increasing our visibility in the area (helping people know who we United Methodists are), inviting people to join with us in the service of our God and Christ, expanding music ministry, expanding worship opportunities, and the list goes on.

You will decide what among these and many others we will give birth to in 2008. You can invest in one of the most exciting churches with a vision for becoming more and more the body of Christ, the hands, feet, and mind. Its time to let the birth take place, for the explo-

sion to happen.

Will you **BREAK OUT OF THE BOX** this year and do something you've never done before? Dare to give in 2008, not what you think you can afford, not what you have after everything else is taken care of, but dare to *break out of the box* by making the pledge of your financial resources that you truly believe God wants you to do. Amazing things are about to happen! We all need to be

standing on tiptoes to see what the children of God called First United Methodist Church will do. God's blessing be with all of you.



In Christ,
Stewardship Committee

Thanksgiving Eve Service — November 21 @ 7:00 p.m.

Our annual Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be held in our Sanctuary on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. The preacher this year will be Rev. Nancy Boswell, the new pastor at

Christ UMC of Ft. Collins. This is a wonderful time of year and the service promises to allow us to join together in giving praise and thanks to God. This is also a wonderful opportunity to reach out

to others and invite them to join you for this service. They may like what they experience and choose to join with us in our ongoing life of worship and service.

Anything is Possible Have We Kept Our Promises?

By Charles Schuster

Norman Cousins wrote in his book Human Options, "There is one hope. It is for people to become aware. Nothing can be done without awareness. With it, anything is possible. If people know and think and feel, they can talk and act and give leadership to their leaders. The human mind must be used as it was meant to be used—in the cause of human growth and integrity."

For the last few years we have worked hard to keep the promises we have made at the church in program, in outreach, and in building improvements. This church has a core of lay leadership that is as competent as any church, anywhere. The measure of our integrity is more with our actions as our words. Did we keep our promises?

Two years ago we voted to build a South Entrance with an elevator. The purpose was clear. We have long wanted to make our building accessible to people with handicapping conditions. We built our elevator but there was a part of our building that could only be reached by walking down steps. At the beginning of October the chair lift was installed and by the end of October it will be operational. It makes the choir room and the youth rooms completely accessible and, except for four steps to a little used hallway, the entire building can be reached by almost everyone. We have kept our promise.

In the late 1990's we completed the Parlor construction but we ended that project with a debt of \$500,000. That debt has been hanging over our heads and we have been trying to pay it down. In the transforming tomorrow campaign we promised to pay back that loan from the

bank, and we are within \$150,000 of completing that promise. We have been faithful to our word. There remains a debt of \$150,000 to the Church Foundation for the building of the South entrance. A good bit of that would have been paid down if everyone who pledged to "elevate our people" and "Transforming Tomorrow" could have paid off their pledge. Obviously, circumstances change in people lives. We understand that, but we still have a small debt to pay back which we will try to whittle down in the coming year or so.

Last year we promised to increase our Adult Education Program and our Fellowship Opportunities in the church. Looking at the church's schedule there is an adult class almost every night. Some of the special lectures have been so popular we have filled the sanctuary. Our adult classes have grown in number and size. We have kept our promise.

Fellowship opportunities at the church have increased and the people in our large congregation have become much more knowledgeable of each other. The basketball tournament in the summer, the "trunk or treat" party for children and the All-church picnic, added to the garden tour, the new church directory all signal a desire to become aware of the people who are new to us and the members who have helped make this great church what it is today.

Outreach was another promise we made. We have continued to support the United Methodist Church's efforts in Angola and helped raise money to send Skip Strickland there. He will be reporting on his trip to Angola in January. We have sent a mission team to Guatemala, and continue to think of other projects and needs we can support. We have

kept our promise.

There have been several attempts to start another United Methodist Church in the area. We promised to make an effort to start a church in the rapidly growing area of Wellington. By the time this newsletter arrives in your homes there will have been a Wellington Fellowship in existence for a month and a half. The first Sunday 51 people attended. We don't know where this will lead but we have been faithful to our promise thus far.

For over a decade members of the church thought it was appropriate for us to provide a ministry to those who had lost loved ones by building a columbarium where the cremated remains could be interred. We have been aware of the high cost of burial which this project seems to address. Also, the church is Holy Ground for our people and what better place for such a memorial. The columbarium project has begun. The completion of the columbarium is dependent upon the arrival of ordered parts. The ground has been cleared and surveyed. We have kept our promise.

This Thanksgiving we have much to lift up in gratitude. We are thankful for the church leaders who have had the vision to launch out beyond expectations to help us discover what God needs us to do. We are indebted to the people who have worked hard to carry out the dreams that were born in the almost distant past. Most of all, we are looking with anticipation at the next few years. Anything is possible. We have proven that by the way we have made our promises and kept them. Looking around the church this November there is much for which to be thankful.



"The worst moment for the atheist is when he is really thankful and has no one to thank."

—G.K. Chesterton

All Church Picnic Thanks

The FUMC Membership Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make the All Church Picnic a success. We had over 300 people attend even with the cold and rain. Even though we did not get to play the outside games, there was plenty to do. The puppet show by the Old Town Puppeteers and the Stover Street Stompers really helped liven things up.

A huge thank you to **Forrest Walters** for all his hard work with the planning of the picnic. He planned every detail from the games to the clean up and did a tremendous job recruiting volunteers. Without all of his work, the picnic could not have happened.

Abby Kershaw single handily prepared all the food. She planned the menu, bought everything and prepared it all. Thanks to Abby for the wonderful sandwiches, soup, desert, chips and

drinks. The food was a huge success and her hard work is greatly appreciated.

If you see any of these individuals, please give them a big thanks for their efforts.

- ♥ JoAn Hopkins
- ♥ Aerial, Kelsey, James & Jo Ann Belk
- ♥ Dena Hartmann
- ♥ Hillary Parson
- ♥ Carl & Lynne Ellison
- ♥ Dean & Susan Block
- ♥ Brian Walters
- ♥ Jen Robinson
- ♥ Matt, Sam, Ben & Jack Pielstick
- ♥ Trudy Driver
- ♥ Mike, Linda, Nathan, Mercedes & Shayna Walsh
- ♥ Judd Harper
- ♥ Lee & Yvonne Myers
- ♥ Chris and Stephanie Seng
- ♥ David & Louann Reid

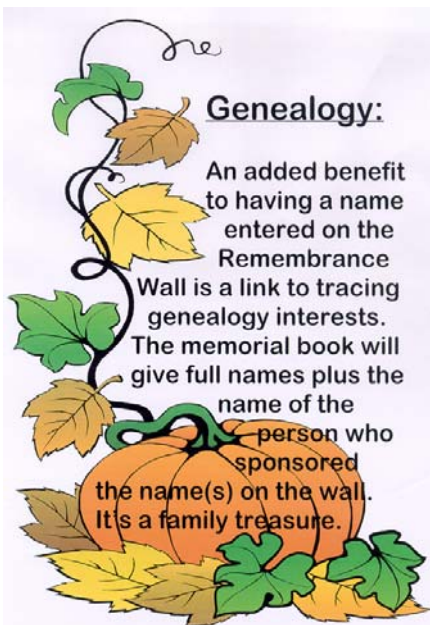
- ♥ Rae Batch
- ♥ Larry Patterson
- ♥ Don Lybecker

We thank thee

For flowers that blooms about our feet; For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet; For song of bird, and hum of bee; For all things fair we hear or see, Father in heaven, we thank thee!

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

- ♥ Dean Daggett
- ♥ Ken Miller
- ♥ Fred & Alyce Kaehler
- ♥ Richard Skaggs
- ♥ Katy Piotrowski
- ♥ Jim & Helen Sanford
- ♥ Randi, Cindi & Adam Bell
- ♥ Dale Conant
- ♥ John Toliver
- ♥ Bill Henderson
- ♥ Warren & Thelma Mauk
- ♥ Jerry Weise
- ♥ Erma Devers
- ♥ Glen Goff
- ♥ Jerry & Bonny Thomas
- ♥ Rob & Cindy White & family
- ♥ Rev. Charles Schuster
- ♥ The front office staff: Judy Warren, Lynne Ellison and volunteers
- ♥ The FUMC Custodial staff



\$100 A DAY FOR EXPANDING OUR MINISTRIES

September 30th — Given by Elva Alden in honor of all **prayer shawl makers** (shawls were dedicated on Women's Sunday, Sept. 30th).

To my Church Family and Friends

Thanks to each of you for the many prayers, cards, phone calls, and many thoughtful things each of you shown during my recent illness. It made every thing easier for me. Thanks very much...Sue Clancy.

THOUGHTS FROM BEV

On Sunday, October 14th, we celebrated a wonderful Children's Sabbath at our church. The children participated in worship as greeters and ushers and readers. One of the highlights of the service was when we wrote our prayers and hopes for our children and then "lifted them higher" as they were attached to balloons and then released. Below are some of our congregations prayers and hopes for children:

- A happy, healthy family
- A safe, secure home
- Enough food for all
- For my children to realize that they are part of the world community and to "love thy neighbor" wherever they may live in the world
- For good education and economic opportunity
- Give all children something to smile about
- May all the children of the world live in peace and harmony
- Mercy for all special needs kids
- Joy, understanding and support from all in the community
- Stay true to yourself and keep God in your heart
- A better world for you than we have left you
- Bring peace to the world
- Strive to do your best
- May you and your family love coming to Sunday School and church to learn more about Jesus
- I wish you joy and faith in the Lord
- Help them understand that their help and service makes a difference
- May you be safe in the loving arms of Mom and Dad
- May all children learn that God will guide them through the many trials they face as they grow and mature
- A world full of positive challenges
- May you always have friends and family around you just as God will always be around you
- Understanding and tolerance
- Be truthful and you can succeed in what you wish to do
- May our church school give our children a firm foundation to live life fully
- For every child to have a warm coat this winter.
- May all kids get a big hug at bedtime.
- Enjoy a good book and play with a puppy.
- Prayer that our nations leaders realize that what is good for the children is good for all of us.
- Stay in school!
- I wish for you to find the fun in things.
- All children enjoy the joy of reading.
- To have parents that will read to him/her and turn off TV/video games/computers.
- Extra warm hugs from mom and dad!

**"O that today
you would
listen to his
(God's) voice!"
—Psalm 95:7**

Family Movie Night — Friday, November 9th @ 6:30 p.m.



Come join us for a fun night of chocolate and popcorn

as we enjoy the original "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (rated G). One lucky golden ticket holder will win a special surprise. For more

information call Stephanie Tomasini @ 484-8987

EFT - What is it? Why use it?

If you look at your pledge card when it arrives, you will see a check box at the top where you can indicate if you are using EFT. Electronic Funds Transfer is an automated way for you to make your pledge offerings to the church. With your permission, the church can deduct your offering from your bank account on either the 5th or the 20th of the month, or both, if you prefer to make semimonthly contributions. You select the date(s) for the withdrawal, specify the amount and sign the card, and then attach a voided check

which provides us with the routing number and account number. Then, each month, the church transfers your offering automatically from your account to the church account on the date you requested. You can skip a payment by calling the church business office at least three days before the transfer date.

EFT allows the church to count on your regular support even when you are on vacation or otherwise unable to attend worship service. With regular expenses that do not take a vacation, it is

a great help to the church to have a regular revenue flow to rely upon.

Some people have commented that they like to be able to put something in the collection plate, as a symbol of the offering they are making to God. Please feel free to place a token, such as a written slip that states you contribute via EFT, in the collection plate, if you wish.

If you have any questions about EFT, please feel free to call Karen Waldron at the church office - 482-2436.

Come Sing with Joyful Noise

A wonderful singing opportunity awaits your child in our Joyful Noise Choir! Open to children **ages four through fourth grade** (older children are welcome, too), we practice for 15 to 20 minutes each Sunday in the mu-

sic room (Rhythm Road, second floor) right after Sunday School. We perform once a month at the beginning of the 9:15 and 10:45 services (and are dismissed from the 10:45 service immediately following the

performance). Come check us out! We have a wonderful time!

Questions? Call Kathryn Lonowski, Director @ 493-7886.

"A man grows in grace as he grows in gratitude."

—Leonard Griffith

Missing!!!

I may seem hard to believe with all the mail you have received from the church lately, but one letter is missing.

Because of the volume of correspondence we've sent, we decided to forego sending



the 3rd quarter giving statements. Rest assured that the year end statements will be sent early in 2008. Meanwhile, if you have questions about your giving, please call Don Richardson (Financial Secretary) or Karen Waldron (Business Manager) at the church, 482-2436.

Alternative Giving Fair - November 11

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

This holiday season find the perfect gift that strengthens the circle of giving at this FAIR. You'll find colorful and unique gifts made from artisans around the world, the opportunity to invest in projects such as *Heifer Intn'l*, that assist in overcoming poverty through self-reliance.

NFL SUPER BOWL OFFICIAL

Speaks on "Staying True to Your Goals and Values"
Wednesday, November 7th,
2007 @ 7:00 p.m. in the
Sanctuary

In the world of sports there is always the question of HONESTY and LIVING WITH HIGH VALUES. Bill Schmitz epitomizes what it means to set goals and succeed with honesty and integrity in a profession that is under the microscope on a con-

stant basis, from gambling, to steroids use, to cheating.

Bill played football at CSU, where he received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Education. He began officiating in 1973 at the High School level, then moved into the Western Athletic Conference, the Big Eight, the USFL, the Arena League and ultimately into the National Football League, where he has been officiating for 19 years.

He was selected as one of the referees for the 2001 Super Bowl.

All monies from a free-will offering are to be donated to Camp Hope, where quality Christian programming is provided for adults with physical and/or developmental disabilities.



Craft Table Host Needed!!!

Advent Workshop is one of the great traditions at FUMC. It will be Sunday afternoon, December 2nd. It's a fun family multi-generational time where you are invited to create beautiful Advent and Christmas crafts.

There will also be music, pizza, cookies, and lots of fun. We are looking for people to host a craft table - it's very easy. Either plan your own craft or use one of our ideas. You will be rewarded with the joy and pleas-

ure on children's faces. If you're interested or would like more info., email or call Bev Halperin at bevhalperin@fcfumc.net or 482-2436, ext. 16.



The Guatemala Experience

Eleven members from FUMC and eight persons from other United Methodist Churches in Colorado traveled to Lemoa and Chichicastenango in the Mayan highlands of Western Guatemala in September for a mission experience. This was sponsored by LAMMP (Larimer Area Methodist Mission Partners). Participants from our church were: Janice Beyer, Dean and Susan Block, Gary and Emmalie Conner, Jan Hamann, Mary Ann Henke, Ray Miller,

Karen Waldron and Jennifer White.

Thank you for your support with more than \$3,000 in gifts (from FUMC-Ft Collins, FUMC-Loveland, Christ UMC, and others), plus hundreds of pounds of school supplies, which we took with us.

Our two work teams worked on building houses for two Methodist pastors Monday - Friday, and had Bible School three after-

noons with more than 100 children participating. It was a transforming experience to work with people who have very little, pastors who receive no pay but are tremendously committed, and people who were warm and welcomed us as brothers and sisters in Christ.

For more information about LAMMP, contact Mary Anne Henke, anjohenke@peoplepc.com or 223-8725.

Prayer Vigil in the Chapel — November 2—4

You are invited to participate in the Prayer Vigil prior to our Commitment Sunday that will run from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2nd until 6:00 a.m. Sunday, November 4. You can come for a half-hour or less or more

as your schedule permits. If you come during the night hours, there will be security provided at the church. A prayer guide will be made available for those who wish to use it. If you cannot come to the church, please be in


prayer at home for our church family to be open to vision what God is giving to us, and for the ability to bring that vision to reality.



Membership Memos

Reception of New Members:

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

 **Stan and Marjorie Woodring**, from Lincoln, NE

 **Philip and Heide Priebe**, from Bowling Green, KY.

Baptisms:

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

- ♦ **Ella Jane Petersen**, daughter of Corry and Emily Dawson Petersen on October 14th, 2007

Deaths:

In loving memory...

John (Jack) Welsh

April 12, 1929-October 5, 2007

Beulah Maxine Martin

July 17, 1920-October, 2007



Administrative Council October Notes

from: Fran Williams

- * Special Offering calendar for '08 approved
- * Off-Site form and Display application forms were approved with minor modifications
- * Ad. Council were urged by Rev. Ray Miller "to leadership" by returning their '08 pledge cards
- * Anonymous donor gift of \$70,000 to the Columbarium project
- * All work areas/committees are to submit three names to the Nominating committee for consideration
- * What will enable us to be more fully the congregation God is calling us to be in '08 and beyond! Task force to concentrate on the top eight responses.

Boy Scout Christmas Trees

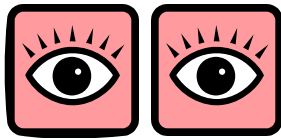
Scout Troop 83 is selling Christmas Trees again this year in Fort Collins. We also take advance orders for large trees. The boys run the business and keep the proceeds to pay for activities and equipment. We will have most varieties of Christmas Trees including Douglas Fir, Noble Fir, Canaan Fir,

Frasier Fir, Balsam Fir and White Pine. We offer a delivery service as well as after Christmas pickup and disposal. Our lot is located at East Mulberry and Lemay, south of Home Depot. We open at Noon the day after Thanksgiving (Friday, November 23rd) and will remain open through Sunday, December 16th.

Our hours are 4 pm to 9 pm weekdays, and 9 am to 9 pm on weekends. If you would like to order a large tree in advance, please call Ms. Burns at 223-1669. More details and a map to our lot are on our website at www.troop83.org.



Senior W



Notes from the Senior Council

Veterans' Day — A Time to Give Thanks

Don your red, white, and blue as we celebrate our Veterans at the November 9th Double Nickel Luncheon. This will be a meeting you won't want to miss, with over a half dozen of "our own" sharing stories of their military experiences. How fitting that we'll be enjoying a traditional thanksgiving meal, as we remember those who have helped ensure our freedoms today. You are invited to join us at 12 noon for what promises to be a very special event.

Flu Shots Available

Flu shots will be given at the church on **November 9th** from **10:00-2:00** and **2:30-3:30 p.m.** Take the pain out of this experience by joining us at noon, for the Double Nickel luncheon (see above).

Celebrating Seniors

The spotlight will be on the Seniors in our congregation on Sunday, November 18th. On that day, dubbed "Senior Sunday", Seniors in our congregation will be assisting in the worship services: greeting, ushering, and serving as liturgists. Those Seniors who have reached the milestone of 80 years (or more) will

(Wise)

be recognized in the worship

services. Before and after the services, in the Fellowship Hall, Seniors will be displaying the products of their creative energies: hobbies, arts, needlework, photography, wood working, etc. If you have items to display, contact Gretchen Bennett at 897-2764. Seniors are a vital part of the life and ministry of our church. Help the Senior Council applaud their many contributions on "Senior Sunday".

An FUMC Senior Honored

Liz Case, a long time member of our church, recently received the 2007 Senior Service Award at the Bridging the Gap Annual Networking Event. Among her numerous contributions to the Fort Collins community which were noted at the award presentation were:

- 37 years volunteering with Meals on Wheels
- 16 years organizing Fort Collins High School 50 Year Club Reunions
- 10 years with Sunshine Singers, providing music for area nursing homes
- 5 years serving as President of the Pioneer Association
- Numerous other volunteer

positions for Girl Scouts, Larimer County Food Bank, Fort Collins Senior Center, CSU foreign student host program, etc.

...and just imagine, she still found time to be an active and vital part of our FUMC church community throughout those years!

Hats off to Liz Case, a truly remarkable Senior. She is a blessing to us all!

A Sighting Guaranteed!

Much to the disappointment of the 45 travelers who boarded the bus for Walden, a moose was not loose. However, the group was rewarded with a beautiful day in the mountains, awesome fall colors, a delicious lunch, an interesting tour of the local museum, and a surprise visit to the Walden United Methodist Church. It was a great day!

In contrast, a sighting is guaranteed on the next expedition planned by the Sr. Council. A van tour to view the Christmas lights around town is scheduled for December 9th. Following the tour, we'll return to the church for cookies and hot chocolate. If we have a crowd, "VAN GO" and "THE LIFT" could lead a motorcade! Details to follow...

UMW Christmas Wreath Project



The Christmas wreath sale has gone well this year. The United Methodist Women thanks the congregation for your fantastic support. We couldn't be successful if it weren't for your help and your generous orders.

Remember to pick up your order in Fellowship Hall the Monday through Wednesday immediately after Thanksgiving at the following times:

- November 26 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 pm
- November 27 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- November 28 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

If you forgot to place an advance order, there will be some extra greenery items available to purchase at these times. Orders not claimed by 7:00 p.m. the last day will be bagged and placed on the stage in Fellowship Hall for pickup at your convenience. We cannot be responsible for satisfying your order, nor can we guarantee the freshness of your items, after November 28.

Thank you for your order! Enjoy!

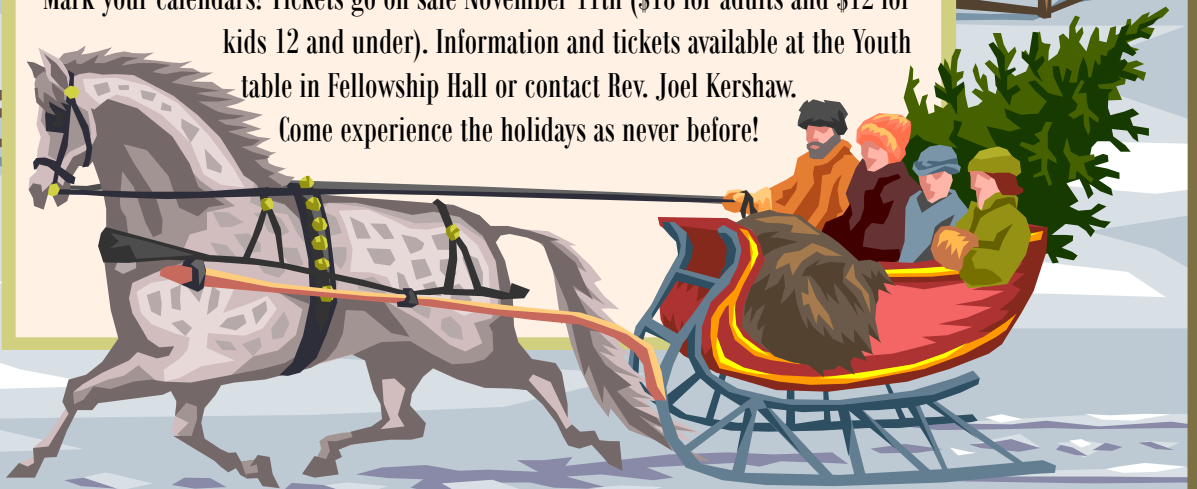
2nd Annual Advent Dinner Theatre

Saturday, December 15, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at FUMC

Come enjoy a night of good food and holiday cheer presented by the Youth of FUMC. Celebrate this magical time of year with friends in faith while experiencing the best in food and entertainment to be had. This event features the culinary, musical and theatrical talents of your youth and proceeds benefit our Youth Program here at FUMC.

Mark your calendars! Tickets go on sale November 11th (\$18 for adults and \$12 for kids 12 and under). Information and tickets available at the Youth table in Fellowship Hall or contact Rev. Joel Kershaw.

Come experience the holidays as never before!



U.M.W.

World Thank Offering

For our unit meeting this month Clara Lou Humphrey will be speaking about the United Nations. We will also be celebrating our World Thank Offerings. Please join us on Thursday, November 8th at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor to hear about these global connectors. A luncheon provided by Circle Kezia will follow the meeting. All women of the church are welcome!

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

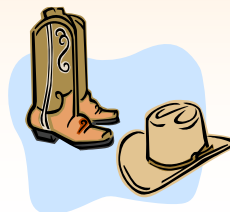
2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off and Country Dancing

Date: November 11th

Time: Noon—2:00 p.m.

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 dancin' and visitin'!

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if ya want — and come on
down — ya here!



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Some 50 people from FUMC and Heart of the Rockies gleaned 7,912 lbs. of butter-nut squash, beets, cauliflowers, and broccolis for the Food Bank on October 7, '07, plus gathering food for their own home use. Many thanks to all participants.

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HAVE A GREAT DAY

Crop Walk Results!

The Fort Collins CROP walk was a huge success this year with help from FUMC. There were 161 walkers from 20 different churches with about 30 of those walkers being from our church (plus a couple of dogs as well!) Overall \$13,000 was collected with over \$3000 of that going to the local Larimer County Food Bank. That total made this year's CROP walk one of the

most successful in a few years. Thanks to the wonderful donations of FUMC church members, family and friends of the walkers, and the FUMC Outreach Committee, we were able to donate just over \$2000 to the cause from our church. Unfortunately, that put us in close second to Westminster Presbyterian Church for the Sacred Sneaker (which is the prize

for the church who raises the most money.) Nonetheless, a HUGE thank you to all of those people who participated and donated to the CROP walk and helped make a difference in the world for those who are living in poverty. All those who participated would agree that it was a worthwhile way to spend a beautiful fall day!

Stephen Ministry

As the holiday season approaches the Stephen Ministry would like to send blessings of comfort and service to our congregation:

- S- Spending time with our care receivers is a blessing to us.
- T- Telling others about Stephen Ministry may be a blessing to them.
- E- Engaging in service to our

- congregation is our gift of love
- P- Please tell someone you know who needs a listening ear to call.
- H- Help us serve by becoming a Stephen Minister.
- E- Everyone is a Stephen Minister when they are a caregiver.
- N- Now is the time to learn more about Stephen Ministry. A new Stephen Ministry training class will begin in January.

For more information about becoming a Stephen Minister, or requesting a Stephen Minister for yourself or someone else, call Karen Waldron at the church at 482-2436 or Jill Phipps at 472-0441.

A life of spiritual poverty is completely unnecessary and does not glorify God.

—Bill Bright

Mission Studies 2007-2008

The geographical mission study this year is on Israel/Palestine. Our own Rev. Schuster taught the class at the School of Mission at Iliff Seminary. He will share this with our church on four Wednesdays, 12:00 noon—1:00 p.m. on November 14, 28,

December 5 and 12 in the Village Commons room. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about this part of our world.

This will be followed in January (16, 23, 30 and Feb. 6) by Dr. Bill Griswald leading a class on the

Middle East at 7:00 p.m. On January 9 at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Skip Strickland will tell us about the Methodist Church in Angola where he visited churches and mission projects.

December Carillon Deadline

All articles for the December issue are due on **November 8th!**

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DATED MATERIAL



Meet Our Membership Coordinator

Please meet our newest membership coordinator, Jo Ann Belk. Jo Ann has been serving as interim membership coordinator since early summer, filling the position vacated by Lisa Pollan. Recently, Jo Ann was selected by Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) to move into this position permanently and the FUMC staff is delighted to welcome her aboard.

Joann is a longtime member of FUMC and has already been an active and visible presence in the life of the church, particularly in the areas of children's ministry. She has been a co-director of Vacation Bible School, and has worked in VBS in other ways as well. She has also taught Sunday School, served on the FUMC Preschool Parent Advisory Board as president and secretary, and has been involved in Mother's Day Out. She has been active as a parent volunteer in the Poudre School District and in Larimer County 4-H.

Jo Ann has a background in Food Science, having worked in the field in various capacities with Coleman Natural Foods, Baskin-Robbins, and Soil Analytical, Inc. She is the mother of three children, Aerial 14, Kelsey 12 and James 9, who are very active in sports and in 4-H. Her spouse is Keith Belk, animal science professor at CSU.

Jo Ann's gifts and talents are making a difference. She has helped to organize the All-Church Picnic and has been a major player in lending support to the Wellington United Methodist Fellowship. She is a major player in the efforts to get a new church directory published, as well. Her summer new member classes had great attendance, showing her gifts in welcoming new folks into the congregation.

When you see Jo Ann, be sure to welcome her in her more permanent role in the membership office.