



# THE MESSENGER

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WE ARE CALLED TO HAVE OPEN MINDS, OPEN HEARTS AND OPEN DOORS

## The Times They Are A Changing

Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us that, "for everything there is a season, a time for every matter under the sun."

As the summer already shows signs of giving way to fall, it becomes apparent that some of our intentions will need to be adjusted. A friend speaks of her every growing list of "five minute" jobs. I wonder how many of us have stopped long enough to thank God and to celebrate the investments of prayer, time, energy, and financial resources, which we have spent on the numerous "five minute" tasks and responsibilities through which we have shared life with others and with one another.

Think about how many persons have shared their talents with us as they brought special music offerings to our summer worship services. Are we not blessed?

Think about all the food consumed and the fellowship enjoyed at the All Church Picnic in June. Are we not blessed?

Think about the volunteers who have helped move "stuff" and paint our classrooms so they are inviting and vibrant. Are we not blessed?

Think about all who have stepped forward to give beyond their pledge to help with extra ministry programs, "Nothing But Nets", Windsor Disaster Relief, Flood Relief Advance Special, new sign, computer monitor, and the list continues. Are we not blessed?

Think about the volunteers who have stepped forward to fill in for the Hospitality Ministry Team this summer. Are we not blessed?

Think about the gifts of Diana Neff in offering the Inter-generational Sunday School Classes this summer. Are we not blessed?

Think about Janet and Noah Smith stepping forward to help out in the office while Melissa was away. Are we not blessed?

Think about what you might do in five minutes that would

be a gift. "Five Minute Blessings"...a quick phone call, send a card to lift someone's spirits, a smile, a hug, a prayer, time for quiet reflection on your blessings...the list is endless. Five minutes is not much time, but it can be the opportunity for you to connect spiritually with your Creator. Five minutes could be a gift that could change someone's life.

Grace and Peace,

*Merlene*

## Thanks For All You Do

- ♥ Thanks to the Hospitality Team who keeps us supplied with "goodies," coffee, lemonade, and water for Fellowship Time. Donna Darland co-ordinates this ministry. They are taking a break during July and August. Thanks to those who are signing up and providing this ministry for those two months.
- ♥ Thanks to Don and Mary Davidson, Mike and Gayle Weiss, Katie Warren, Bonny Shuman and Rachel Gavatez for adding to our July Worship by sharing their gifts of music.
- ♥ Thanks to Alice Haverstock and Jennifer Hayes for leading worship for our Music Sunday on July 20th.
- ♥ Thanks to Rev. Roger Wolsey, Chaplain Wesley Fellowship, CU Boulder, for bringing the message on July 27th.
- ♥ Thanks to Joanne Long for painting and adding new décor to the nursery. Looks great. Thanks to Don Davidson and Ryan Byrne for painting one of the classrooms and giving it a brighter and more inviting look.

Lectionary Readings  
August 2008

*Sunday, August 3rd*

Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15 (UMH 749)  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

*Sunday, August 10th*

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
(UMH 828)  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

*Sunday, August 17th*

Genesis 45:1-15  
Psalm 133 (UMH 850)  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

*Sunday, August 24th*

Exodus 1:8-2:10  
Psalm 124 (UMH 846)  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

*Sunday, August 31st*

Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c  
(UMH 828)  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

FEAST of BEGINNINGS:

We will have our annual Feast of Beginnings on September 7th (the Sunday after Labor Day as usual). There will be a musical theme with the children doing at least one number with the band. The choir will sing and we would like anyone else in the congregation who would like to perform to sign up in the back of the Church -- vocals and/or instrumentals. Also, as usual, we will have a potluck luncheon so be thinking about what you'd like to bring

Please sign your children up so we will know how many to expect for their number.

Choir members, let us know if you'll be able to sing and maybe do a couple of rehearsals before the Feast.

Brock, this would be a good time to do your solo if you're in town!

The sign up sheet will be in the back by July 23rd.

Please try to attend even if you're not performing -- to get our Sunday School year off to an enthusiastic start!!

FEAST - FUN - FOOD - FELLOWSHIP

**Leadership Ministry Team  
(Nominations)**

**We will begin meeting in August. If you have ministry team in which you are interested in, please contact Lois Zoller, Alice Havestock, Joanne Long, or Merlene.**

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH Board of Trustees

In each local church there shall be a board of trustees, of not fewer than three nor more than nine persons. The trustees shall be of legal age by law and at least two-thirds shall be professing members of the UMC. Members are elected into three classes at a charge conference. Within thirty days after elected at a charge conference the board of trustees shall convene for the purpose of election officers of the said board for the ensuing year.

The board of trustees shall have the supervision, oversight, and care of all real property owned by the local church and of all property and equipment acquired directly by the local church or any class, group, committee connected with the local church. The trustees with the consent of the pastor or the pastor may permit the use of property when such use is consistent with the Social Principles and ecumenical objectives.

The trustees shall review annually the adequacy of the property, liability, and crime insurance coverage on church owned property, buildings, and equipment, as well as personnel insurance. When there is a parsonage the Staff Parish Relations chair and the Trustee chair shall make an annual review of the church owned parsonage to ensure proper maintenance.

Subject to the direction of the charge conference the trustees shall receive and administer all bequests made to the local church, shall receive and administer all trusts; and shall invest all trust funds of the local church.

The trustees shall conduct an annual accessibility audit of the church-owned buildings, grounds, and facilities to discover and

identify what physical, architectural, and communications barriers exist that impede the full participation of people with disabilities and shall make plans and determine priorities for the elimination of all such barriers. This is an abbreviated list of duties from The Discipline Paragraph 2532

Doug McCallum chairs the Trustees.  
Members: Ted Barna, Donna Darland, Mark Weiss, Karen Simpson, and by position Joanne Long, Memorial; Fred Smith, Ad Council; Minister

## Wish List Items

The Trustees have a list of items that are "*things we wish the church had*". The current list is not complete and we would like to know of any additional items that should be on the list. Some items may be candidates for Memorials, while others are more general. Before donating one of the items, please talk to a trustee in order to make sure no one else has already signed up to provide one.

- Elevator (there is an elevator fund)
- Projector - A computer/video projector with at least the following specifications:
  - 2500 or more lumens
  - 1280x800 or better resolution
  - Portable
  - Cost of replacement bulbs should be taken into consideration
- Banner - A second banner is needed to complete the sign at the street
- Paging system for the nursery:
  - Expandable
  - Relatively quiet vibration (intended for church use)
  - Need 3-5 units in the initial system
- New playground equipment

## Building Study Committee

In June, Ad Council chartered a building study committee to look at Niwot UMC's possible needs for an addition to the existing building. We've had one meeting and will be trying to complete our task sometime this fall.

As part of our research, the Building Study Committee will be looking for your input. In September, we will be putting out forms for you to give us your ideas, so start thinking about what your vision for a possible future building addition would be. Dream big and let us know what you think we need to be considering. Our primary concerns at this point are what types of spaces we need and *why they are needed*. For example, a clearly identifiable main entrance or an elevator for better access to the lower level.

The Building Study Committee won't be designing an addition, just determining what we really need and what it would take to move forward. All the ideas that we are given will be looked at in order to determine the needs of the congregation. More information will be coming in September. If you have questions about the committee, ask one of the members: Doug McCallum, Frank Landis, Susie Banks, John Kemp, Merlene Barner, Chuck Schoonover.

## UMW

We will hold our first meeting of the fall on *Thursday, September 11 at 6:00 pm*. This will be a pot-luck dinner. You will be asked to share "what you did for yourself this summer". The program is "Women Need a Little Self in Their Life."

## Christian Education

### Sunday school starts September 14<sup>th</sup> !

Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us from 10:45 to 11:45 each Sunday.

**Children** – we are continuing to use the one-room version of the Live B.I.G. Sunday school program that we have used the last two years. It is open to all children ages 3 years through fifth grade. We will be adding an outreach/mission project this year, yet to be determined.

**Middle School** – we are starting a new Sunday school class for those in the sixth through eighth grades this September. If you are a middle school student this year, we are hoping that you will give this class a chance. We are using a variety of materials, each lasting two to four weeks per topic and you will get to help select the topics. The class will select one or more outreach/mission projects for the year also, so plan to come September 14<sup>th</sup> and find out what is happening!

**High School** – there will not be a separate class for the high school at this time. Students are welcome to join the adult class. If there is interest in a group meeting some time other than Sunday morning, talk to Diana Neff.

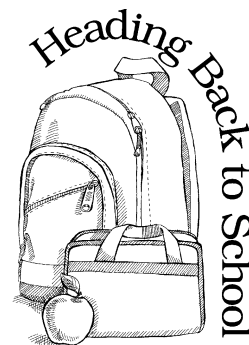
**Adult** – the last two Sundays in August, the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, we will have a "2 Cents' Worth" event like we did last year so you can see the variety of studies available and vote for which ones you would be most interested in attending. So please come on one of those two Sundays and give us your two cents' worth about adult education and spiritual formation.

### A Biblical Spice Cabinet

The third, and last, of our summer inter-generational learning events for this year will be Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. While we all know that salt was available for seasoning food during biblical times - remember the Dead Sea? - do you have any idea what plants were mentioned in the Bible as food flavorings? Come join us and find out what may have been used by Sarah, Miriam, Mary, and Martha to make the food for Abraham, Moses, Joseph, and Jesus more flavorful. You'll be amazed at how many of the spices we use today date back to biblical times and places. This will be a taste, smell, and see event so come with all five of your senses. Bring your family and friends to the fellowship area following worship on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:45-11:45.

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Join with us and the youth from Louisville for Messylympics at Louisville Pirates Park, **August 17, 1-5 p.m.** **Contact Diana Anderson** if you are interested in going. Those leaving from the church will need to gather at 12:30 p.m. Remember to wear old clothes and shoes.



### Special Offerings RMAC

During the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference several special offerings were taken. A list of the offerings and the amounts is listed below.

Communion Service: United Methodist  
Global AIDS Fund Offering: \$3,003.66  
Memorial Service: Conference Board of  
Global Ministry, Rebuilding Hartzall UMC  
in LA: \$1,947.19 Young Persons Service:  
Conference Council on Youth Ministries  
Rejuvenation Event: \$2,600.07  
Ordination Service: Russia Church Initiative,  
Bethany UMC in Pushkin, Russia: \$2,080.80  
Clergy Session: Clergy Covenant Fund: \$2,502.61  
Laity Session: Bishop's Legacy - Nothing But  
Nets: \$1,962.19 (corrected from earlier report)  
Bridge of Love: Angola: \$9,021.86

### Back-to-School Supplies Drive

Over 12,000 students in Boulder Valley/ St. Vrain Valley public schools cannot afford the \$50 -\$70 that it takes to start school with basic supplies. NUMC has committed to providing six backpacks this year, fully loaded with supplies for children in grades 3-5, to **Crayons to Calculators (crayonstocalculators.org)**. A sign-up poster with supplies and quantities needed is at the back of the church or you can call or email Janet Smith (303-525-6483, janetsmith\_niwot@yahoo.com) with your pledge. You may also donate money to purchase supplies--please make checks out to Niwot UMC, and note School Supplies on the memo line. Deadline for donations is Sunday, Aug. 3.

**Niwot Nostalgia Day:** NUMC will again host a booth at Niwot Nostalgia Day on *Saturday, Sept. 6th*. Setup on Second Avenue in Niwot is at 9:30 and the parade starts at 10 a.m. Two people are needed to staff the booth in each shift: 9:30-11, 11-12:30 and 12:30-2. We will have a water balloon toss, a Nothing but Nets basketball hoop shoot, and information to pass out about the church. Sign up sheet in the back. If anyone is interested in putting a float together, please contact Biff Warren at 303-652-2433.



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### NUMC Night at the Rockies

Join us for the Rockies vs. Arizona Diamondbacks game on *Tuesday, August 12th, 7:05 p.m.* You can sign up on the sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Tickets are \$16 for upper level behind home plate (section 329). Handicapped seating is available. Make checks payable to Left Hand Sports, LLC and send to Biff Warren, P.O. Box 610, Niwot, CO 80544 by *July 27th*.

### Lifeline Screening

**9:00 a.m. Monday, September 15th**

An important health screening event that will provide preventive ultrasound to help detect conditions leading to stroke and/or heart attack.

We have 2 complimentary certificates. Please contact the office if you are interested in receiving one free test.

Reservations are required. Call 1-800-324-1851 to register.

### August Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Mary Davidson
- 4 Drew Shively
- 5 Mike Weiss
- 7 Michael Warren
- 9 Zoe Wagner
- 10 Rev. Merlene Barner, Madelyn Gehring
- 15 Peter Byrne
- 17 Kris McNeal
- 18 Christine Ford
- 23 Betty Jamison
- 24 Kathy Shively, Bev Strand, Kevin Schoonover
- 25 Todd Briethaupt, George Mills
- 26 David Hinton
- 29 Tyler Kemp
- 30 Susan Johnson
- 31 Rick McNeal, Joe Dembrowski



- 4 Dixie & Richard Piland
- 12 Joe & Dorinda Dembroski
- 13 Doug McCallum & Diana Neff
- 14 Todd & Tracy Breithaupt
- 19 Fred & Liz Smith
- 22 Darwyn & Connie Herbst
- 25 Ron & Pat Kiel