



THE MESSENGER

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JUNE 2008

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

The greatest helpers of humanity have been its crossbearers. The leaders of humanity have suffered in loneliness; the prophets have learned their lessons in the school of pain. The corals in the sheltered lagoon grow rank and useless; those that are broken and crushed by the surf form the living rock and the foundations of the continents. Ease has not produced greatness. People who have had to struggle with an unfavorable environment, to fight cold, to buffet the storm, to blast the rock or wring a livelihood from a hardened soil, have won character by their pains.

The bird rises against a strong headwind, not only in spite of the wind, but also because of it. The opposing force becomes a lifting force if faced at the right angle. The storm may buffet ships and rend the rigging, but it makes strong hands and brave hearts.

Spread the sails to catch the favoring breezes of adversity. If the greatest person of all time, even the One who was the very touchstone of destiny, could be made perfect only through suffering, is it not probable that you and I must be also?

Take the hardest thing in your life---the place of difficulty, outward or inward, and expect the Holy One to triumph gloriously in that very spot. Just there the Holy One can bring your soul into blossom. As you face the winds of change or adversity, know that the Holy One will lift you up and bear you on eagle's wings into the light of dawn.

Grace and Peace,

Merlene



Thanks For All You Do

- ♥ Thanks to the Sunday School Teachers for sharing you gifts and your time with our children and teaching them about what it means to be a Christian. Thanks to Dixie Piland, Yolanda Meiler, Ilona Weiss, and John Kemp.
- ♥ Thanks to the adults who took turns teaching the Adult Class: Diana Neff, Jennifer Hayes, Kris Green, Alice Haverstock.
- ♥ Thank you Diana Neff for organizing our Sunday School program.
- ♥ Thank you Sunday School kids for the special music you provided during worship in May.
- ♥ Thanks to JoAnn Long and Ted Barna and their crew for organizing the Garage Sale.
- ♥ Thanks to Trustees for bringing us together for work and fellowship on Clean Up Day. And thanks to all the people who came and helped clean.
- ♥ Thank you Bea Hill, Alice Haverstock, and the FUN Committee for the great outing to see "Fiddler on the Roof" and dinner.
- ♥ Thank you On Fire for your music in our worship services.
- ♥ Thanks to Gayle Weiss and Pete Byrne for leading the music for the Taize service.
- ♥ Thanks to John Kemp for shampooing the sanctuary carpet.

Lectionary Readings
June 2008

Sunday, June 1st

Genesis 6:11-22; 7:24; 8:14-19

Psalm 46 (UMH 780)

Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28
(29-31)

Matthew 7:21-29

Sunday, June 8th

Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm 33:1-2 (UMH 767)

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sunday, June 15th

Genesis 18:1-15

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH 837)

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

Sunday, June 22nd

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 or

Psalm 17 (UMH 749)

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday, June 29th

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm 13 (UMH 746)

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

Together We Grow

If you could spend a year helping others, how would you use your time, talent, and treasure? Work in a youth program? Feed the poor? Serve as a missionary? Consider the ways you can grow each day:

Time: Give time to your family. Time is the most precious gift of all, because it can't be replaced. Give time to the church through prayers for our ministry, your presence in worship, and fellowship in church activities.

Talent: Help others. Witness to others through your acts of kindness and compassion. Volunteer in a church activity.

Treasure: Grow in the grace of giving and be faithful in your offering year round.

We sometimes do not realize that in small everyday ways we do make a difference in the lives of people near to us, as well as far from us through our prayers, presence, and gifts. When we share our lives through our time, talent, and treasure, we enable others to grow in life and we grow spiritually through our sharing. Thank you for the gifts you all share so that NUMC is involved in ministry locally and globally.

Our Church Family

Each year the Peaks Sub-District of the United Methodist Church notifies the churches in its area to submit the name or names of a congregational member who is an active lay person in their local church, who quietly goes about their church work displaying a strong Christian commitment in their life, is a member of the local church's community and has demonstrated the characteristics of a Quiet Disciple, is willing to have his/her ministry recognized and is recommended by the local church.

Our Administrative Council chose Donna Darland as our local nominee and submitted her name to the Sub-District this spring. Although she did not get the final sub-district award, she was recognized with a Certificate which we presented at church two weeks ago. Our church is fortunate to have Donna who works tirelessly to keep the kitchen stocked and in working order from week to week. Donna also does the grocery shopping for the church and gets paper supplies, cleaning supplies, etc. , so the church's behind the scenes work can get done. When you greet Donna next at church, please tell her thank you for her work for the church and for being our church MOM.

Alice Haverstock, Lay Leader

UMW

The Niwot United Methodist Women will have its "Dutch Treat" luncheon on *Thursday, June 5 at 11:30 AM* at Gurkhas Restaurant in Gunbarrel. The food is Authentic Nepali, Indian and Tibetan. The staff has offered to prepare some moderately spiced dishes for our group. The cost for the buffet is \$8.99. Carpools will leave the church at 11:20 AM so we will need fewer parking spaces near the restaurant. Please sign the reservation sheet at the back of the church or phone (303-530-2258) or e-mail Susie Banks (swbanks@comcast.net). UMW will resume monthly meetings in the fall.

An Evening of Music and Stories from Sudan, Africa Sunday, June 1st at 7 PM

Meet Sudanese refugee women who will share with us their cultural heritage and stories of evacuation. Two of the women were sponsored by Boulder Meeting and now reside in Boulder. This is a fundraiser to sponsor one woman's attendance at school without also working fulltime -- Goal \$3600.

Location: Boulder Friends Meetinghouse
1825 Upland Avenue, Boulder

All ages welcome -- Free and Open to the public. All are invited to a reception following the program.

Sponsored by: Boulder Friends Meeting in conjunction with the Community of Sudanese and American Women (CSAW)

Family of Faith Special Event

June 8 Wesleyan Love Feast

Come learn about a piece of Methodist history that is becoming popular again.

July 13 Crosses Galore

Bring your favorite cross and learn about the many types of Christian crosses used around the world.

Aug 10 Plants of the Bible

We will meet 10:45 to noon. Everybody of all ages are welcome. Kids, parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors.

CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your calendar for *Sunday June 1st* for the Annual Church Picnic. This great time of marvelous food and fellowship will be at the church. Please see the sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Event is hosted by the FUN Committee, Bea Hill chair.

Nursery Attendant Wanted

Sunday Mornings from 9:15 to 10:45 at Niwot United Methodist Church 7405 Lookout Road Longmont, 80503 (303) 530 0241 office@niwotumc.org

For more info go to:
<http://www.niwotumc.org>

Our Church Family

Nathan Reed Grigsby, son of Todd and Jamie Grigsby was baptized into the Family of Faith on Sunday 25 May 2008.

Please add the following to your NUMC Summer Directories:

Burt, Jean & Zoe Wagner
7133 Fairways Dr. Niwot, CO 80503
303-600-8130

Education for Ministry

Adult education at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. EFM is a 4 year experience beginning in Sept. 2008. Weekly 2 hour seminars with trained mentors and other students. See flyers at back for information if you are interested and/or talk with Penny Landis and Jennifer Hayes, both are part of the program.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Ilona Weiss
- 5 Alice Haverstock
- 6 Penny Landis
- 11 Brett Landis
- 16 Arnie Mills
- 17 Margo Tucker
- 22 Carl Anderson



- 5 Olive & Ray Baucom
- 12 Jeff & Janet Smith
- 16 Gary & Charlotte Gates
- 20 Kevin & Cadi Epperson
- 22 John & Ann Kemp