

Lectionary Readings October 2008

Sunday, October 5th

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19 (UMH 750)

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 12th

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23 (UMH 829)

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 19th

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms 99 (UMH 819)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 26th

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17 (UMH 809)

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY October 5th

World Communion Sunday offers the opportunity to receive the sacrament and to serve God by providing scholarships for US ethnic/minority students and international students. These scholarships enable people from around the world to serve and to lead in their home communities and churches by making higher education a reality for them. This Special Offering provides scholarships for people working on Master's or Doctorate degrees. Your gift helps you make a difference in the US and around the world.

As a part of our celebration **you are invited to wear something that represents your heritage or to wear clothing from another country** to help us remember that we are connected as brothers and sisters to people everywhere.

ALL SAINT'S DAY October 26th

On All Saint's Sunday we remember all who have died in the past year and others we wish to remember and give thanks for their lives. During worship, there will be a Service of Remembrance. The Roll of Honored Saints will be read aloud during the service. You are invited **to bring a candle and a candle holder to place on the altar when your loved one's name is read.**

If you would like the name of a family member or friend included in the service bulletin, please call or email the church office by **Monday, Oct. 20th**

Consecration Sunday November 9th

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

We aim to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year. This is a biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. We will encourage people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship. We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Conse-

cration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH Church Council

The Church council shall provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church. It shall also provide for the administration of the church. It shall envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church.

Mission and ministry shall give attention to education, worship, Christian formation, membership care, small groups, stewardship, local and larger community outreach, leadership development, etc. The council fills vacancies occurring between church conferences, establishes a budget on recommendation of the committee on finance, etc. It is composed of the Church Council Chair, Church Council Secretary, lay leader, treasurer, chair of SPR, chair of finance, chair of trustees, lay member to annual conference, representative of UMW, and the pastor. Quorum--the members present and voting at any called meeting shall be a quorum. Chair-Fred Smith, Secretary-Alice Haverstock, Treasurer-Ted Barna, Bookkeeper-Danielle Hinton, Other members--Doug McCallum, Diana Neff, Biff Warren, Bea Hill, Pete Byrne, Mary Byrne, Minetta Knowlden, Jennifer Hayes, Joanne Long, Janet Smith, and Donna Darland.

Sunday, November 2nd
Daylight Savings End



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

We hosted the Louisville Youth in September. We had pizza and watched the movie "Amazing Grace" based on the life of John Newton--his conversion and stand against slavery. In October we will be joining Louisville at a corn maze. We also meet as a youth group on the 2nd Sunday of the month in the youth room from 10:45-11:30 a.m.

UMW Annual Meeting

United Methodist Women are looking forward to hearing Kyung Za Yim, Women's Division President, speak at the Rocky Mountain Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting to be held **October 24-25** at Fort Collins First UMC. All women are invited to attend this event which includes

- fellowship as women learn together of mission work and opportunities,
- business (installation of new officers to serve, approval of the 2009 Pledge to Mission, celebration of the work of local units),
- inspirational worship.

Meeting registration forms are due October 4. All local UMW Presidents have received the registration forms in the Go & Tell newsletter. The registration form will be on the website: www.rmcmw.org beginning Thursday, Sept. 11, OR can be requested from Communications Coordinator Myrna Prentice at myrnaprentice@mac.com. All women are invited to learn more about the work of UMW by attending this event.

BUMMP's Annual Salmon Dinner and Silent Auction
Oct. 12, 4:30-7 p.m.

The proceeds from this event help sponsor the BUMMP mission trips locally, regionally, and internally. Some mission opportunities for 2009 are: UMCOR Sager Brown in April, Kenya in June, Buckhorn Camp in May, hurricane/flood mission work in fall. Tickets: Adults \$12, Children \$5, Under 5 free. Dinner is at Broomfield UMC, 545 W. 10th Ave.. See Dorinda Dembroski or Rev. Merlene for tickets.

OUTREACH

Boulder County Shelter Dinners: NUMC has been assigned to serve dinner the 4th Wednesday of each month from OCT through APRIL! This is an amazing and very rewarding opportunity! The dinner shift is from 5:30 -7:30. This includes Christmas Eve, so be thinking of when you might like to volunteer! See Mary Byrne or e-mail her at ptmarybyrne@comcast.net.

FALL RETREAT

Come away with us for time to reflect, rest, and join in fellowship at the Sacred Heart Jesuit House in Salida, October 31st – November 2nd. The cost per person will be \$170. There are flyers in the back of the sanctuary. Please see the sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

League of Women Voters

Sunday, October 19th at 10:45am

A representative will be at the church to present the many ballot issues to us with unbiased information about the pros and cons of each issue. Please stay after the service and become a more informed voter.

NUMC Dinner Groups

As we return to church after a busy summer, we invite our members, married and single to a Progressive Dinner which we have scheduled for October and to consider submitting their names for our Small Dinner Groups which will begin meeting in November. Please sign up for these events on the clip boards in the back of the church near our fellowship area. Alice Haverstock - Age Level and Family Ministries Committee

HIGHWAY LITTER CONTROL

NUMC NIWOT UMC is scheduled for highway litter pickup Saturday October 11, 2008. We pickup both sides of 75th Street from Lookout Road to Jay Road. Starting from the church at 8:00 AM (cooler temps) we should be finished before 10:AM. This is based on at least eight people to volunteer.

FEAST OF BEGINNINGS In Review!

We thank everyone who participated in the Feast of Beginnings last month. Thanks for Kay Schrag and Gayle Weiss for their duet; Katie Warren for her wonderful rendition of "In the Garden" on her Euphonium; Brock Anderson for his touching solo, 'Queen Anne's Lace', which he had previously sung at the celebration of his grandparents' 50th Wedding Anniversary; the children for their song with 'On Fire' (Katie and Tyler Kemp, Brock and Shanlie Anderson, Shauna and Shanya Williams plus John David Stibbards); our wonderful Choir, and new director, Dale, for his willingness to jump into his new job with such enthusiasm; our versatile band, 'On Fire'; Pat Koh for accompanying us so beautifully on piano; Don Davidson for such a nice job as the master of ceremonies; and, for both Don and Mary Davidson, Pat Koh and Mike Weiss for helping in the planning of the entertainment. Of course, we couldn't have done the actual Feast without all the delicious and plentiful food that you brought and all those who helped in the kitchen— esp. Lois Zoller, Liz Smith, Connie Holt, Karen Simpson, Penny Landis, and Anne Kemp. Thank you to the numerous others who just pitched in without being asked. We fed 60+ people — so we had a really nice turnout. And thanks to all of you for coming — you were a very appreciative audience. Those who weren't able to be here really missed out on a lovely morning of fun and fellowship!

Do You Know?

- You can use your King Sooper gift card at King Sooper gas pumps just like a credit card? Now you can buy groceries and gas and help support NUMC.

Niwot E.U.B. Church

This information about early days of Niwot E.U.B. Church is a quote from a history of the church written by Beverly Newton around 1991. "In the late thirties and early forties Rev. William Persons was pastor and it was he who urged church members to contribute money weekly instead of once a year. The farmers in the congregation were indignant. How could you give money if you hadn't sold a crop? Churches were not supposed to have budgets anyway. Still, time marched on. The church developed a budget and the farmers pledged--some of them.

Rev. Persons also challenged members to take a more active part in the church's programs. Contests were held among the churches in the Northern District of the state to see who could have the highest percentage increase in Sunday School attendance. The current average was 100. Ray Wederquist was superintendent. The UMW did its part. One of the ladies suggested they collect enough pennies to stretch from Niwot to Boulder. The money was used for mission work. The UMW earned money in other ways, too. Every year the ladies served dinners. One of these was the annual 'Ditch dinner' when all the people who owned shares in the local Left Hand Ditch District met and conducted their business.

At one time the choir of the little church was so active the choir director had to limit participation. You couldn't sing in the choir until you were in high school. As one of the ladies, who was a young mother at that time said, 'What else was there to do?'

Rocky Mountain Conference Installation of Bishop Elaine Stanovsky 12 Oct.

You are invited to celebrate the assignment of our new bishop on Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. at St. Andrew UMC, 3350 White Bay Drive, Highlands Ranch, CO.

Here is an excerpt from her Pastoral Letter to the RMC:

God wants to work wonders through us. Are you ready?

In July, I was consecrated a bishop in our church and assigned to the Denver Area. I moved to Denver from Seattle over Labor Day and began my ministry with you on September 1st. My husband Clint will be commuting between Denver and Washington, while he completes a project. Our three sons, Walker, Micah, and Axel, are in and beyond college.

I am writing you today to pledge that as your bishop, I want to be in partnership with you to strengthen the ministry of the United Methodist Church in this widespread Denver Area, by strengthening the faith and the faithful witness of every single one of us. So, in the days and months and years ahead, I will be working with all of you, trying to open the pathways of faith development and formation among us, that we will be strong disciples in mission and ministry. Are you ready? Great things are going to happen among us as we open ourselves to the wild winds of the Holy Spirit in new and unexpected ways. I'm ready if you are.

Your sister in Christ,
Bishop Elaine

Wine into Water
Saturday, Nov. 1 from 2-5 PM

The Wesley Foundation is one of the 28 campus ministries at C.U.Boulder. It's sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church and it's 1 of only 2 theologically progressive campus ministries that officially opens it's doors to gay and lesbian students (a reconciling congregation that is GLBT friendly). It's a truly open minded and welcoming Christian campus ministry which is open to all persons and it provides safe space for young people to be themselves, to examine their faith, and to be stretched and to grow.

The ministry is sponsored in part by the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church but in order to continue to offer services to young people they're needing to do some fundraising on their own.

The '***Wine to Water Extravaganza***' is a **Silent Auction, Wine-tasting, and Choir-Fest event** which will be held at **the Elks Lodge in Boulder** (3875 28th St. aka Hwy. 36) on **Saturday, Nov. 1 from 2-5 PM**. Live music, wine tasting education, and lots of items to bid on!!

The proceeds of the event will help support the work of the Wesley Foundation - including their work to empower young people to go on work trips during their Spring Breaks to help provide fresh water, pumps and wells in various impoverished locations across the globe (they do not engage in proselytizing).

Please consider any sort of donation of a gift or a service which you might provide for people who attend the event to bid on!

To RSVP, visit 'Wine into Water' page at **www.wesleyf.org**

Habitat for Humanity
New Homeowner Orientation Oct 4th

Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley is dedicated to serving deserving families within our community. In order to ensure that all Habitat partner families meet the requirements of homeownership, the HFHSVV Family Selection Committee conducts a rigorous qualification process for all applicants.

FAMILY SELECTION

1. All applicants must begin the process by attending an orientation meeting where the Habitat program is clearly explained. Meetings are held in English and Spanish the first Saturday of February, June and October from 10:00 AM to Noon at the Longmont Public Library.
2. At the orientation meeting, applicants receive an application that includes personal references, work history and extensive credit history. Applicants must fill out the application in its entirety and attend a follow-up meeting one week later at the Longmont Public Library from 10:00 AM to Noon to go over application information with a Habitat Family Selection Committee member.
3. After applications are turned in, the HFHSVV Family Selection Committee will verify work history, conduct credit checks and speak with personal references. During this time, applicants must fulfill six hours of volunteer labor (sweat equity) on a current Habitat work site.
4. Once all applications have been submitted and checked, qualifying families will be chosen based upon the number of homes available.

For more information please contact Julie Gallegos at JGallegos@stvrainhfh.org

Your Church Family Janet and Jeff Smith

Janet and Jeff moved to Longmont from Colorado Springs in 1988 so that Jeff could finish his degree at CU-Boulder. When Sarah was about four, they were up at Niwot Elementary letting the kids play on the playground. One Sunday morning Beth and Elain Bailey stopped to visit on their way home from church. Janet asked Beth about the church she attended and it sounded like a perfect fit for our family. They've been members for about six years. They've been attending for about ten, but it took awhile before they were ready to actually join. Before NUMC, they hadn't attended church since childhood.

The feature or features of the church that attracted them to the church was the open-mindedness of the pastor and congregation, the small size and the community-focused outreach. They like best the warmth and sincere caring of the congregation and the intellectual curiosity that is expressed in the music, the book clubs, the sermons and the discussions. Janet also loves that we usually sing all the verses of the hymns!!!

When asked what suggestion could you make to improve the church for your family, for yourself and your friends, Janet replied, "I always love the flowers and the altar displays--I would love more stained glass."

Jeff and I both enjoy communication through writing and feel that this is a talent they can and have shared with the church. They both love to garden and are learning to can, pickle and otherwise preserve more and more of what they grow.

Janet has a book of short stories that she has recently published, at her blog (<http://janegs.blogspot.com/>) and a website (www.janegs.com) that Jeff designed for her. She writes under the pseudonym Jane Greensmith. Janet also has started recording books and poetry for LibriVox.org.

Jeff is a wonderful woodworker and he is teaching Noah the craft. He also tutors math at Sunset Middle School and coaches softball.

Your Church Family Dorinda and Joe Dembroski

Dorinda grew up in the Plattekill Methodist Church in the small rural town of Plattekill, New York. When that church was combined with two small churches in a different location in 1968, she became a member of the New Hurley Reformed Church of America. IBM relocated me to Boulder in 1987 and she bought a home in Niwot. She located the Niwot church in the phone book and began attending here in 1990. Joanne Long visited and brought me cookies and she found that she preferred a small church where she could get to know everyone. When she began coming here Pastor Edwina Burton was the minister and she found that people of all ages were attending including several young families. She was fond of Pastor Edwina. She would like to see the church attracting young families to keep the church alive and thriving.

When asked about special gifts and talents that she had to share with the church, Dorinda said that she did not have any special talents. She also added, (regarding her husband and family) "Joe and I were married in 1959. Joe owned a fruit farm in Plattekill. We moved west when he retired in 1987. We have two daughters and three grandsons. Daughter Dianne and her husband Dan live in Canandaigua, New York. Their son Brendan is a sophomore at Finger Lakes Community College. Their son Matthew is a junior at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, NC. Our daughter Denise and Don live in Madison, Tennessee with their 10 year old son, Joe."

Thanks For All You Do

- ♥ Thanks to Gayle Weiss for organizing the fantastic Feast of Beginnings Program.
- ♥ Thank you Don Davidson for your great and fun job as our Master of Ceremonies.
- ♥ Thank you each and everyone who shared your musical gifts and talents with us. It was a terrific day of music.
- ♥ Thanks to Lois Zoller and her crew in keeping food warm, cold, on the table and thanks to everyone who brought food, it was a delicious meal.
- ♥ Thanks to all who helped with the Trustees Work Project of tearing out the old retaining wall and beginning the work of replacing it. Not "Blood, Sweat, and Tears," but sweat and a good time of working together.
- ♥ Thanks to Bea Hill for organizing the Annual Fall Color Tour and Lunch. It is always a beautiful day in the mountains.
- ♥ Thank you Gayle for sorting, cataloging, etc. all the choir music. A monumental task that is a great blessing for our choir.

Anshu Williams, our Nursery Attendant, will cover the one hour of Adult Sunday School for those parents who have children under the age of three. The time will be from 11:50 (or when the bell rings) until 12:50. Parents should pick up their children after our worship service to give Anshu time to come up and join us for fellowship time.

NUMC Book Club

Monday, October 13th, at 6:00 pm.

Our non fiction selection is The Color of Water by James McBride. The year's selection was discussed and will be: Nov. 10th - (Fic.) *The Shack*, by William Young, Dec. 8th - (Non-Fic.) *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortensen, Jan - (Fic.) *Change of Heart*, by Jodi Picoult, Feb. (non-fic) *Complicity* by Anne Farrow, Mar. (fic) *Fatherland*, by Robert Harris, April (non-fic) to be decided later, May (Fic.) to be decided later

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 | Sarah Smith | |
| 8 | Todd Givler | |
| 10 | John Parkes | |
| 11 | Kevin Epperson | |
| 15 | Ted Barna | |
| 16 | Bev Newton | |
| 19 | Lelah Radostis | |
| 21 | Don Davidson | |
| 22 | Pat Koh | |
| 23 | Chandler Webster, Shana Williams | |
| 27 | Kevin Freymiller, Allyson Stibbards | |
| 29 | Mark Ford | |
| 30 | Michael Meiler | |
| 31 | Stephany Green, Emily Smith,
Noah Smith | |
| 8 | Biff & Susan Warren | |
| 13 | Frank & Penny Landis | |
| 15 | Carl & Carol Anderson | |
| 22 | Don & Mary Davidson | |



Please email the office at office@niwotumc.org if we need to add you to the October Birthday list.

Thanks!