



# THE MESSENGER

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

## PENTECOST May 11

We celebrate Pentecost Sunday, as the pinnacle of the celebration of the Easter season, which falls fifty days after Easter Sunday. One of the ways we celebrate this day is to wear red, the color of Pentecost. Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church. "Tongues of fire" appeared to hover over the disciples on Pentecost, a sign of the Lord's presence and power.

Jesus had spoken to his followers that he would send an "Advocate" to be with them after he had departed. With a wind like the inspiring breath of God in the creation story, the Spirit energized the disciples and baptized them with the power to spread the Good News to all the people of creation.

As the Spirit was a gift to the first disciples, it is also a gift which is promised to us, "to you and your children and to all that are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls." (Acts 2:39)

During your prayer time you might remember these words from the hymn, "Gift of Love," written by Hal Hopson:

"Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed."

Grace and Peace,

*Merlene*



## Thanks For All You Do

- ♥ Thanks to Susan Warren and Rev. Gene Rowbotham for leading worship while Rev. Merlene was attending the Western Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History meeting in Denver.
- ♥ Thanks to Beth Rumbel U-2 Missionary for bringing the message while Rev. Merlene led a BUMMP mission team to UMCOR Sager Brown. Joe and Dorinda Dembroski were also on the mission trip.
- ♥ Thanks to Gayle Weiss and Carol Anderson for the beautiful Taize service.
- ♥ Thanks to UMW for another outstanding High Hattin' Tea and to all the women who served as leads to make the event happen.
- ♥ Thanks to Membership Ministry Team for organizing the Bring A Friend to Church Sunday. What a fun day.
- ♥ Thanks to Fred Smith our Financial Secretary and Dennis Knowlden who count our offering on Sunday.
- ♥ Thanks to Danielle Hinton our Bookkeeper and Ted Barna our Treasurer.

## Lectionary Readings May 2008

*Sunday, May 4th*

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (UMH 792)

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

*Sunday, May 11th*

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34,  
35b (UMH 826)

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 7:37-39

*Sunday, May 18th*

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8 (UMH 743)

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

*Sunday, May 25th*

Isaiah 49:8-16a

Psalm 131 or

Psalm 62:5-12 (UMH 787)

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Matthew 6:24-34

## Peace with Justice Sunday May 18th

This is one of the six Special Sunday Offerings. The theme for this Sunday is to witness to God's hope for a faithful, loving world. Your offering gives The United Methodist Church a voice in advocating for peace and justice at home and around the world.

## Boulder Homeless Shelter

A group from NUMC will serve one final dinner at the Boulder Homeless Shelter on WED April 30th before the Shelter closes for the Summer. Next Season, we hope to have one volunteer opportunity each month! My heartfelt thanks to ALL who helped serve and donate hygiene items, blankets, socks and warm clothing to the Shelter this Season! Mary Byrne

## Sudan

Sudan Project is a program co-partnered between UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and Ginghambur UMC. With an emphasis on children's safety and development the project is expanding to reach 15,000 children. The program also includes developing safe water resources, training for teachers, and schools for children. The self-sustaining agriculture project put 5208 Sudanese families back in the farming business. Their first successful harvest has provided food for 65,000 people for the next year in five different displaced persons camps in Dafur. To learn more go online to [sudanproject.org](http://sudanproject.org)

## **UMW Tea**

A GIANT thank-you to those who helped out with the tea and/or made donations for CSAW. Our entire proceeds (around \$6000) will be going to CSAW!!!! The food, serving, fellowship, and entertainment were great. Those who did not come missed seeing our fellowship area transformed into a very lovely "high-tea setting", with gorgeous tables and flowers. Of course, the ladies attending the tea were gorgeous too! And what handsome and efficient servers we had! Penny and her workers created a wonderfully successful event!

## **UMW**

Members of NUMW are invited to make an annual pledge to the mission program of UMW. Ilona Weiss is the new treasurer and you can get a pledge card from her. All women of the church are invited to participate in NUMW.

## **Mission Opportunities**

BUMMP mission trip to Beaumont, TX Hurricane Rita Recovery. Most work will be inside homes this trip. June 1-8, 2008 Go to BUMMP.org and click on Beaumont TX for more information.

Buckhorn Camp work on weekends throughout the summer. Contact Don Wisdom Wisdom@expercomp.com

Volunteer at Our Center Longmont Contact at [www.ourcenter.org](http://www.ourcenter.org)

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**NUMC Workday  
Sat. May 17th 8:30—Noon**

## **Annual Garage Sale May 24th from 8 to Noon**

All items for donation are welcome if in working condition and clean. We will take furniture with the understanding that if it does not sell, you are responsible for picking it up on the day of the sale. We just do not have space to store leftovers from the sale. We will take children's clothing, but not adult clothing: again because we do not have sufficient space. The days and hours for drop-off of donations are:

Wednesday, May 21st--2 to 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 22nd--2 to 5 p.m.

Friday, May 23rd--4 to 7 p.m.

It would be greatly appreciated if you are available to help during those times and/or on the day of the sale. There will be a sign-up sheet starting in May. I am still trying to find a charity that will pick up on Saturdays. If not, we will need to do a caravan from church around 1:00 p.m. to various thrift stores to drop off our leftovers. So, if you have a truck and are available that day please sign up for that as well. I will greatly appreciate any help you can give me. Joanne

## CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your calendar for Sunday June 1 for the Annual Church Picnic. This great time of marvelous food and fellowship will be at the church. Watch for more upcoming information in May bulletins, sign up sheets and the June Messenger. Event is hosted by the FUN Committee, Bea Hill chair.

## NUMC BOOK CLUB

Last book club discussion until September will be Monday, May 12 at 6:30 at the church. We will be discussing Beyond The Sky And The Earth by Jamie Zeppa. See you there!

## Reminder to Ministry Teams

Ministry teams please remember to check your mail boxes at the back of the church. New information is placed in them, as it arrives.

## 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>

## Buckhorn Camp

Do you have fond memories of your camping days at Buckhorn? Would you like to help support their camping ministry, so that others children, youth, and adults can build their special memories of camping at Buckhorn? They are in need of funds to help with an emergency project. They need to construct a new concrete foundation and pad behind the kitchen, so they can move their coolers onto this pad. The current concrete pad on which the coolers are sitting is flawed and is on the move. Thus, the need to set up a new firm foundation for the coolers. You may make out your donation to Buckhorn Camp and mail to PO Box 125, Bellvue, CO 80512.

## May 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