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

Why Is Fellowship Important?

Fellowship builds relationships between believers, between our brothers and sisters of faith. When we work together on projects, participate in the same church activity, or socialize at fellowship events, we grow to know and to understand each other--our strengths, our weaknesses, our needs, and our aspirations.

Why is this important? Fellowship builds a supportive community among us. A supportive community that is to help in tough times. Be it worry, heart-ache, uncertainty, illness, tragedy, disaster, life changes. A supportive community is also there to rejoice when life gives us joy.

We have experienced what it means to receive loving care from people in this congregation when we have faced tragedy, death, needed rides to rehab or a doctor's appointment. Or maybe it was meals that were brought to us following surgery, a birth, or an illness that made us realize how wonderful it is to be a part of loving, supportive community. We have shared laughter and joy of the special moments in our lives, giggled over funny stories, "ahhed" over family pictures, and prayed together. We have rejoiced in God's love given unselfishly to us and we have rejoiced in the opportunity to share God's love. Sometimes we find it difficult to ask for help or to accept help in times of need. I pray that we would grow to know one another so that should tragedy or extreme illness hit, each of us would be comfortable helping or being helped by the supportive community that grows within the church. I invite you to share my dream, get involved, work on projects together, participate in small group studies, come to special events at the church, and share your life with us. More importantly, let us share our lives with you.

Grace and Peace,
Merlene



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, April 5th

Procession of the Palms

Worship 9:30 am

Maundy Thursday, April 9th

Family of Faith Party

Activities starting at 5:00 pm

Potluck starting at 6:00 pm

Communion Following

Good Friday, April 10th

Worship 7:00 pm

"The Voices of Calvary"

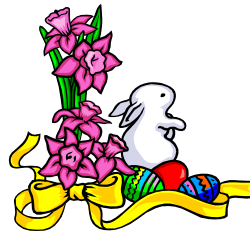
Easter, April 12th

Worship 9:30 am

Easter Cantata

"Who Is This King?"

See Inside for Details



Please bring along small goodies and candy for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt by Palm Sunday.

Maundy Thursday April 9th

Join us for this evening of celebration, fellowship, and worship. For those who can arrive around **5 p.m.** we will begin with some fun activities for children and adults.

We need people to please bring hard cooked, but un-dyed eggs to be dyed that evening. At **6 p.m.** we will share in a covered dish dinner. Beginning around **7 p.m.** we will worship with communion around the tables. You are invited to arrive at the time that works best for you and your family.

Good Friday April 10th 7 p.m.

We will join at Niwot UMC along with the UM churches from Erie, Lafayette, and Louisville for worship. *Voices of Calvary*, a dramatic poem of people speaking from the foot of the cross and written by Bill Yoh will be presented. Dale Heidebrecht will be directing a combined church choir. Following worship we will depart in silence to reflect upon the time before our celebration on Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunrise April 12th 6 a.m.

We are invited to join the Boulder UMC and the UM churches from Erie, Lafayette, and Louisville for an Easter Service in the park across from Mt. View UMC, Boulder, 355 Ponca Place. (If it is a chilly day, we will gather in the narthex of the Mt. View church.) Following worship **Wesley Fellowship** will be serving a breakfast. We need some volunteers to provide either an egg casserole or a quiche or fruit to take to the breakfast.



Easter Worship April 12th 9 :30 a.m.

The Niwot UMC Choir, under the direction of Dale Heidebrecht and accompanied by Pat Koh will present the Easter Cantata, *Who Is This King?* by Lloyd Larson and Joseph M. Martin and orchestrated by Brant Adams. Those who witnessed the life and ministry of Jesus were consistently mixed in their verdicts about who he was. Was he the long-awaited Messiah? Or was he a fraud? Even those closest to him struggled with trying to understand who he was. Come and join us for this inspirational telling of the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt

Following worship on Easter the youth will host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children. The children will be divided into age groups. While the eggs are being hunted, we will set up for our Annual Easter Covered Dish Brunch. This is always a time of scrumptious food and wonderful fellowship. "Ya'll come to the party!"

Easter Vigil

Old Testament Readings and Psalms

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 or

Psalm 33

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Psalm 46

Genesis 22:1-18

Psalm 16

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18

Isaiah 55:1-11

Isaiah 12:2-6

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Psalm 42

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 143

Second Reading and Psalm

Romans 6:3-11

Psalm 114

Gospel Reading

Mark 16:1-8

Did You Know?—Mission Tidbits

From the 2009 UMC Prayer Calendar

The Ark Child Development Center at First UMC in Los Alamos, New Mexico, has been a ministry of the church since 1978. UMW members at the church volunteer at the Ark, providing lunches and reading to children.

In Guatemala: In the high mountain valley in the town of Lemoa, between Santa Cruz de Quiche and Chichicastenango, 18 Maya women gather for an all-day Bible study. The oldest of the women is 44, the youngest 16. Most of these women walked miles, some carrying their babies on their backs, in order to be present. Few of these women ever went to school. They are more comfortable in their native Ki' che' language, but speak Spanish in deference to Eunice (Aria, the missionary).

**Lectionary Readings
April 2009**

Sunday, April 5th

Liturgy of the Palms

Mark 11:1-11

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764)

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47 or

Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

Sunday, April 12th

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Sunday, April 19th

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133 (UMH 850)

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 26th

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4 (UMH 741)

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

**UMW Friendship Breakfast
Sat., April 18th 9 am
St. Paul UMC**

Come gather around the table and join us for the show "Women of Style." Contact Donna Darland at 303-530-2523 for \$4 tickets.

Native American Ministries Sunday,
April 26th

As we celebrate Native American Awareness we recognize the contributions of Native Americans to the church and to society. This special offering helps fund Native American ministries in urban areas through the Board of Global Ministries and helps support seminary education for Native Americans.

"The deer, the horse, the great eagle,
These are my brothers.
The earth is our mother. . .
All things are connected
Like the blood which makes one family.
Whatever befalls the earth
Befalls the sons and daughters of the earth."
Chief Seattle

Peaks Sub-District Meeting

The Sub -District Conference and Pre-conference briefing will be April 25th at First UMC of Greeley from 9 am to 3 pm. The bishop will be present and this will be her introduction to our sub-district. We will have workshops which include: SPPRC Training; A Workshop on Worship; A Workshop on Doing Small Group Ministry; A workshop on Finance and Administration.

9 Health Fair

April 18, 7:00 am to noon
St Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

The health fair will be offering blood screenings and other services for a low cost . Given the economy this year, we expect a large group. We could use volunteers, so if you have parishioners who might like to help they can call Jeff Ward @ 303-581-0174 or Mary Kay Cicio @ 303-494-8642

ONLINE into Water!

Wed. April 22nd 9AM - Sun. April 26th 1PM

The Wesley Foundation at CU- Boulder has been blessed with a *bounty* of wonderful donations for our fundraising efforts which will be auctioned off online. The proceeds will still benefit the Wesley Foundation programs including the Spring Break Alternative Work trip in which a water system will be installed at an elementary school in Porto Viejo, Ecuador.. Find some great deals for yourself and then forward the link to your friends! Contact: Cynthia Carosella 303-748-3037 cynthia-carosella@hotmail.com see also: www.wesleyf.org

TRAVEL, Have FUN & Help Wesley!

The Wesley Foundation campus ministry at C.U.- Boulder announces an exciting new fundraising program - a **travel & event/concert ticketing website!** This is a full featured travel website private labeled with the Wesley Foundation name and logo. Go check it out! **www.wesleyftravel.com**. Each time travel is arranged through an online travel website, travel companies pay commissions for your reservation. When travel is booked on our new website, the **Wesley Foundation will receive 60% of these commissions** paid as royalties. This can have a *huge* impact on their organization's budget! Thank you! Peace. *Rev. Roger Wolsey*, Director Wesley Foundation at CU - Boulder

UMW Palm Sunday Bake Sale

UMW is participating in Share Our Strength's Great American Bake Sale, an exciting and fun campaign to help fight childhood hunger in America. All members of the Niwot United Methodist Church congregation are encouraged to contribute something to the bake sale. Don't forget to bring your money on April 5 to pick up some excellent goodies, just in time for Easter!

We need your support to reach our fundraising goal. You can even donate online by visiting the NUMW web page on the Great American Bake Sale website: <http://join.strength.org/goto/niwot.umw>.

The Hunger Website

http://www.thehungersite.com/clickToGive/home.faces?siteId=1&link=ctg_ths_home_from_ars_than_kyou_sitenav

This is a website to help stop hunger that Christine Heidebrecht shared, following the Youth Play on world hunger in March. You can go to each tab and click and the sponsors for that tab donate money --after you click you can scroll down and see how much has been given through clicking and how much has been donated through purchases (you can also buy fair trade items and earth friendly items and part of the proceeds will be used toward the cause).

Soup, Soup and More Soup

Of all the thirteen years, more were served and more proceeds were turned over to our Financial Secretary this year!

Final Results:

Children:	10
Adults:	116
Guests:	22
Total Served:	148

Money Raised: \$952

Thank you! Clark Anderson

Youth Activities

On Sunday, March 8th, the youth presented a play from the United Methodist Women's Program Book. The play was based on where Jesus would sit at the table, as we looked at world hunger. Participating in the worship service were: Shanlie Anderson, Ryan Byrne, Jessa Green, Katie Kemp, Kevin Schoonover, and Shana Williams. Thank you for a heartfelt and thoughtful worship!

The youth will be "stuffing" the Easter eggs with the donations from the church following worship on Palm Sunday. Don't forget to bring candy and small gifts! Thank you.

Niwot- Echoes of a Railroad Town

This Niwot Historical Society sponsored CD is professionally narrated and contains much of the history of the Niwot EUB (now NUMC) Church in photos and narration. Copies are \$20, contact Anne at: adyni@earthlink.net.

Medication Disposal

We will be collecting all unused non-controlled medications (including herbal) in a "bucket" at the back of the church. All medications will be taken to three pharmacies in Boulder who will dispose of them properly. This is a great way of keeping drugs out of our streams and waterways.



NUMC Book Club
April 13th @ 7 pm

We are discussing The Ayatollah Begs to Differ: The Paradox of Modern Iran by Hooman Majd. This is a critical but affectionate portrait of Iranian politics and culture, as Majd, the Western-educated grandson of an ayatollah, delves into the very core of Iranian society.

May 11 @ 7 pm

We are discussing Morgan's Run by Colleen McCullough. McCullough's narrative skills are fully displayed in this intricately researched, passionate epic of 18th-century England's colonization of Australia, in which an upright Bristol tavern keeper, Richard Morgan, becomes one of the first British convicts to be sent to the rugged new prison colony of Botany Bay.

Any interested reader is welcome to join us at the church to discuss these books.

Thanks For All You Do!

- Thanks to John Kemp and crew who set up for the Youth Play and saw that everything got put back into its place.
- Thanks to Donna Darland for organizing the Soup, Soup, and More event, along with Bruce and Debbie Darland. Thanks to the set up crew, the kitchen and dishwashing crews, and the clean up crew.
- Thank you Clark Anderson for printing the tickets and the publicity flyers, and for being the cashier.
- Thank you Janet Smith for getting publicity in area newspapers.
- Thanks to all who brought soup, salad, bread, desserts, worked, ate, and laughed together. Outstanding success.
- Thanks to the crew who saw that the sanctuary and the furnace room were cleaned and organized to meet fire safety standards.
- Thank you Bea Hill for organizing the outing to hear the Timberline Symphony with the Golden Concert Choir present Mendelssohn's, *Elijah* and the Longmont Theatre outing.

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 Anne Kemp
- 9 Walter Gehring
- 11 Katie Kemp
- 15 Kristen Green
- 19 John David Stibbards
- 20 Brian Radostis, Rich Shively
- 23 Julie Stibbards
- 30 Ed Freymiller

- 17 Mark & Ilona Weiss



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.