



THE MESSENGER

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

Thanks for the memories and the future

I am thankful for NUMC and its commitment to caring for one another. This church is a blessing to others in its deep commitment to care for people in need within our community and for people around the world. In many different ways you reach out through the work of your hands, through your presence, your gifts, and your prayers to bring the light of hope to those in need.

Are you aware that our commitment to mission comes out of the deep roots of our past? I am thankful for the rich heritage of the United Methodist Church. Its roots lie in the faithful commitment of men, women, and children from the streams of the Church of England and the Wesley brothers which became the Methodist Episcopal Church, the German Reformed Church, the United Brethren in Christ, and the Evangelical Association. Through splits and mergers these churches eventually became The United Methodist Church. At the heart of all of these churches was the dedication to bring education, social justice, health care, and to work for peace so that all people have hope in their future. In the past, in the present, and in the future, people have and will make sacrifices so that others will know that they are loved and accepted.

Grace and Peace,
Merlene

All Saints Day

On **Sunday, Nov. 1st** we will dedicate the Memorial Gifts given this year. The service will also include reading the Roll of the Saints who have gone before us and lighting a candle in their honor. As in the past, please bring a candle and a candle holder to light for the name(s) you submit. Please have the names to Melissa by **Wed. 28 Oct.**

Lectionary Readings November 2009

Sunday, Nov. 1st

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24 (UMH 755)
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

Sunday, Nov. 8th

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127 or Psalm 42 (UMH 777)
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, Nov. 15th

1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 113 (UMH 834)
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

Sunday, Nov. 22nd

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12 (UMH 849)
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Sunday, Nov. 29th

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10 (UMH 756)
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

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**All Church Conference
Tuesday, Nov. 17th**

District Superintendent, Rev. Eric Smith has appointed, Rev. Barbara Johns-Schleicher to conduct the meeting. We will gather at **6:30 p.m. and ALL** members of the church are invited and encouraged to come to this meeting. This is the time when we elect the church leaders for the coming year, celebrate our past ministry, and envision the coming year.

Committees which need to have reports ready are: Lay Leadership/ Nominations—Rev. Merlene; Finance—Green, Education—Diana Neff, Lay Leader—Alice Haverstock, Age Level and Family Ministries (FUN) Bea Hill, Membership—Biff Warren. Reports are due in the church office **5 Nov.**

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

We have been invited to join the Louisville, Erie, and Lafayette UMC for a Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service, Wed. Nov. 25th 7 p.m. at Lafayette UMC, 1255 Centaur Village Dr. Following the service there will be Pie Potluck Social. Each church is asked to bring 2 pies for the Pie Fellowship Time following worship. An offering will be taken during the service and it will go assist people in the Erie, Lafayette, Louisville, and Superior with their utility needs.

Preparing for Advent

To prepare the church and ourselves for the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we will have an Advent Worship service on **Sunday, 29 Nov., 9:30 a.m.** The theme for this service is "Happy Birthday, Jesus. The youth will be leading this service as we decorate the sanctuary and sing Advent/Christmas music. Please come and join us for this time of preparation for the Birth of Jesus.

NUMC Silent Auction

**Sunday, Nov. 1st from 2:30—6pm
The Dickens Tavern 300 Main St.**

\$20 tickets- meal includes: all non-alcoholic beverages--(cash bar available), house salad, choice of entrees: Cast Iron Pot Roast, Fried Polenta and Eggplant, Chicken Pot Pie, or a Burger/ fries, and choice of dessert- chocolate brownies or strawberry shortcake. This event is **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**, please invite your friends!

Outreach

Boulder Homeless Shelter: The Outreach Team would like to thank everyone who has signed up to serve dinner at the Boulder Homeless Shelter. (Please remember to fill out a volunteer profile form and bring it for your first shift.) We kicked off the season on Thursday, October 8th. We took some pictures of this meaningful community outreach and hope to post some photos soon.

EFAA FOOD Drive: The response for this food drive was not as we had hoped. Since there are many families in need of emergency assistance, the collection period has been extended through Nov 8th. Reverend Merlene will conduct a short blessing of the food during the 11/8 service.

Thanksgiving Baskets: Since Gayle Weiss will be out of town for much of November, Dixie Piland is helping coordinate this valuable outreach effort. The sign up sheet is in the fellowship area.

**United Methodist Student Day
November 29th**

This special offering goes to enable students attending United Methodist schools the chance to achieve their potential through scholarships and loans. This program has benefited members of NUMC.

**UMW
9:30 am Thursday Nov., 12th.**

The program will be on Health and Healing Ministry. It will be presented by Sally Bawersox.

All women are welcome!

**Mission Tidbits From
2009 UMW Prayer Calendar**

In Cameroon: Regional missionary Catherine Mudime Akale wrote: "My work focuses on meeting both the spiritual and human needs of the women I serve. In September, we plan a poverty-alleviation strategy workshop with the United Methodist Women Society of Mozambique. Locally, I am focusing on violence against women and ministering to women and children in prison. My dream and long-term project is to build the first shelter, a temporary refuge for battered women that would support women escaping violent situations."

If you would like to send Catherine words of encouragement, her email address is: cakale2001@aol.com

**Annual UMW Holiday Bake Sale
Sunday November 22nd**

Now is the time to decide what you will cook/bake for the sale to be held in the back of the sanctuary the Sunday before Thanksgiving. All sorts of items are popular at this event--cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, casseroles, jellies, pickles, soups, chili, candy, frozen meals, just about anything a family and their guests would enjoy during the holidays. You are invited to bring your contribution for the sale and also to shop for treats for your family. Purchase is by donation.

BUMMP NEWS

Annual Meeting is Monday, 2 Nov. 4 p.m. at Niwot UMC.

So far the BUMMP Salmon Dinner and silent Auction has received \$2,890. This does not include the deduction for expenses. Our income is about one-half of what we usually receive from this event. The income assists BUMMP in supporting our mission trips. Thanks to all who helped with the dinner and purchased tickets.

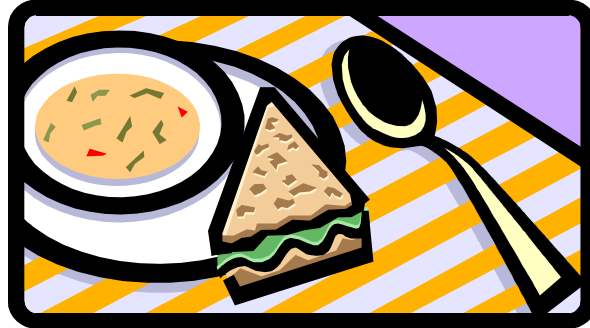
Upcoming BUMMP Mission Trips 2010:

- March-Galveston, TX, storm repair
- June/July-Alaska, construction
- Sept.-UMCOR Sager Brown

Singin In The Rain: at Boulder's Dinner Theatre opening Nov. 14th. \$65 per ticket opening weekend is a fundraiser for Flatirons Habitat for Humanity. Buy tickets online www.flatironshabitat.org and click on the event image or purchase by phone 303-447-3787 ext. 224 (Jenny Phillips).

Thirteenth Annual

Soup, Soup & More



Homemade
Soups, Chowders, Chilis
With Bread, Salad, Drink, Dessert
Saturday, November 7th
Serving 4—7 pm

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Between 71st & 75th
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Eat-in or Take-out
Adult \$6
Child (4-10 yrs.) \$3

