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

Autumn

The beautiful season of autumn is here once again. Thanks be for all the seasons of the year! I have always leaned toward fall as my favorite season. I enjoy the beautiful fall colors, the crisp cool mornings, the chilly nights that invite me to curl up with a cup of hot chocolate or apple cider. Just as we stop and prepare our gardens and home for winter, the season invites me to stop and take stock of my life. In the flurry of back-to-school activities, the onset of fall programs of the church and many other activities, preparing for the upcoming holidays, it seems there is very little time to squeeze in time with the Holy One.

Yet our lives are not complete without God who is the very source of our being. In order to grow in our relationship with God, we have to take time with the Holy One. That means daily time to sit and be quiet before the Divine, to talk with God, to read God's word. We also need to gather together in the Divine presence to celebrate in worship.

We often get our priorities confused. We think we first need to take care of our families, our house, our job, our recreation, and rest and then, if there is time left over, we will worship, pray, and read God's word. Jesus said, "Seek you first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." When we put God first and strive to live a life of love, acceptance, kindness, compassion and working for justice, then all the rest falls into place.

Autumn sees the leaves dance and flaunt their bold colors. It guides the migration of birds down old ancestral ways. It calls us to remember that in the order of the seasons we find order in our lives and that we walk in season with our Creator.

Grace and Peace,
Merlene

Lectionary Readings October 2009

Sunday, Oct. 4th

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Psalms 26 or Psalm 25 (UMH 756)

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

Sunday, Oct. 11th

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalms 22:1-15 (UMH 752)

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, Oct. 18th

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)

Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35c (UMH 826)

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

Sunday, Oct. 25th

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalms 34:1-8(19-22) (UMH 769)

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

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**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
October 4th**

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
November 1st**

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 Role 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**

**UMW
October 8th 6:00 pm**

Penny Landis will present a program on "Mining" at the October meeting of UMW. Her summer study program gave her insights regarding the effects, future, and importance of mining which she will share with us. Remember! We will be meeting at the church. Please note the time change to evening.

**UMW Holiday Bake Sale
November 22nd**

Now is the time to think about what you'd like to contribute. Items which are very popular include: Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Brownies, Casseroles, Jellies, Pickles, Soups, Chili, Candy, frozen meals--just about anything which a family and their guests would enjoy during the holidays. You are invited to contribute to the sale and also to purchase by donation items which are available.

**Mission Tidbits From
2009 UMW Prayer Calendar**

What is a US-2 Missionary? Answer: a young adult commissioned by the UM Board of Global Ministries to serve for 2 years in the U.S., Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands.

What do National Plan for Hispanic and Latino Ministries Missionaries do? Answer: serve Hispanic churches and communities, and also coordinate conference programs through this plan.

**BUMMP's Annual Salmon Dinner
Oct. 11th 4:30-7 p.m.**

The proceeds from this event help sponsor the BUMMP mission trips locally, regionally, and internationally. There will be turkey for those who don't eat fish, but wish to be a part of this fun event. Tickets: Adults \$12, Children \$5, Under 5 free. Dinner is at Longs Peak UMC, Longmont. Rev. Merlene for tickets.

Outreach

Outreach Ministry met in August and celebrated a successful July Crayons to Calculators School Supply Drive, led this year by Brock Anderson. The Niwot Days booth in Sept raised \$65 for Nothing But Nets Malaria Prevention. Thanks to Janet Smith, Gary & Charlotte Gates, Mike & Gayle Weiss, Bea Hill, and Don Davidson for helping man the booth and represent the church to the community. In Sept and Oct, Outreach is collecting food and supplies for EFAA which serves the Boulder County needy. Nearly a dozen NUMC members attended the Boulder Homeless Shelter kitchen orientations, and we will begin serving 2 days/month: the 2nd THURS and the 4th WED of each month from OCT - APRIL. This is an increase from the last season. The Outreach Ministry is very excited about the increased commitment!

CROP Walk for Hunger

Annual CROP Walk is **Sun. Oct. 18** in Longmont. Begins at Westview Presbyterian Church, 1500 Hover Road. It is a 10K walk. Shorter option is available. Walk begins at 2 p.m. See flyer on the Outreach Board or Check web site for registration and donor forms:
www.bouldercropwalk.org.

OUR Center

Complimentary breakfast and presentation about Our Center. on **Tues. Oct. 6, 8-9 a.m.** at OUR Center Hospitality, 250 3rd Ave, Longmont. RSVP to Patricia at 303-772-5529 or patricia@ourcenter.org by Oct. 2.

NUMC Fall Finance Campaign

Our Fall Finance Campaign is commencing during the Sunday Sept. 27th Service with a brief presentation by Don Davidson. It will continue through October with brief presentations by members each Sunday. Estimate of Giving cards will be mailed out early in October. Sunday, October 25th, has been designated Consecration Sunday, where we will ask that any Estimate of Giving cards that have not already been returned be turned in. Please give some special thought to yourself and the church during this period.

NUMC Magazine Fundraiser

Every year since our kids started school we have bought and renewed our magazines through their scout troops and schools. With 3 kids in high school, we are left wondering who would benefit from our magazine subscriptions? What better cause than NUMC!

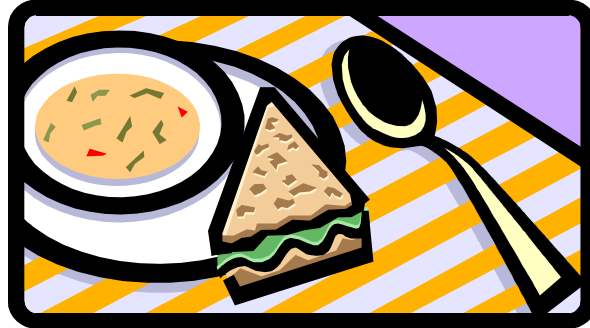
If you would like to support our church with your subscriptions or renewals just go to <http://www.magfundraising.com/NiwotUMC>. It is strictly online, with 40% of the proceeds going to the benefit the church. You can also purchase some books and music as well as cookie dough through this site.

Feel free to share this website with friends and family.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns (janetsmith_niwot@yahoo.com or 303-525-6483)

Thirteenth Annual

Soup, Soup & More



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

Niwot United Methodist Church
7405 Lookout Road (Gunbarrel)
Between 71st & 75th
303-530-0241 or www.niwotumc.org

Eat-in or Take-out
Adult \$6
Child (4-10 yrs.) \$3

Small Dinner Groups

These groups get together for dinner at each others home from October until May of the following year, usually on a month to month basis. The objective is to get better acquainted with each other while sharing time in our homes. There is no requirement that the meals be cooked and served in our homes. Some groups elect to meet at a favorite restaurant and have a meal together, Dutch-treat style and share time together. Won't you consider signing-up for a dinner group and getting to know the people with whom you share a church, just a bit better? Please sign-up at the back of the church. Thanks - Alice Haverstock, Lay Leader

NUMC Family Soldiers

Mark Borcina is the Grandson of Ted Barna. Until June of 2009, Master Sergeant Borcina was stationed at Mc Chord AFB, Tacoma, WA. In January he applied for and was accepted for training with the Office of Special Investigations (OSI). Mark is now a Special Agent with that office. He will be investigating felonies for the Air Force. Criminal Justice was the field Mark was studying at FRCC prior to enlisting. After spending two tours of duty in the war zone this will be a big change.

Mark and his family, Christina and daughter Brooke (6 yrs) relocated to Columbus, Mississippi June, 2009. Columbus AFB is located there.

Lifeline Screening

Wed., Oct. 14th 9:00 am @ NUMC

An important health screening event that will provide preventive ultrasound to help detect conditions leading to stroke and/or heart attack. Call 1-800-324-1851 to register.

Building Study Committee Results

The results of the Building Study Committee survey showed a number of areas of concern:

1. Large social area
2. Clearly identified main entrance
3. Elevator
4. Interior lighting
5. Storage (chairs, tables, choir, etc.)
6. Air conditioning
7. Welcoming space for children
8. Additional meeting room(s)
9. Kitchen remodel
10. New heating system

There appears to be a clear need for a bigger fellowship area and that we need to do something about the external appearance of the church. As to a clearly identifiable main entrance, improved signage could do a lot to enhance visibility.

Interior lighting is going to be addressed independently of any building plans since it can be done now or gradually over time. The elevator is definitely high on the wish list.

The committee recommends starting a Building Committee to determine what can be done and how much it would cost. Other committees need to be involved in order to determine future needs.

NUMC Fall Foliage Tour

October 2nd will be our annual trip to the mountains to see the colors followed by lunch at the Black Forest Restaurant in Nederland. Please sign up and let us know if you could drive. We'll meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. See Bea Hill for details.

Sunday, November 1st



Thanks For All You Do!

- Thanks to Roger Wolsey for leading worship while I attended a meeting for the General Board of Archives and History and the Annual Conference Commission Chairs at Drew University. The UMC is a connected system and this is part of the work I do
- Thank you Ruth Graeter for the super lanyards you made and sold as a church fund raiser.
- Thank you Elinor Sorenson for the delicious lunch fund raiser.
- Thank you Gayle Weiss (the unofficial organizer), for pulling together the super program for the Feast of Beginnings. Thanks to everyone who participated.
- Thanks to all the helping hands who saw the tables and chairs were set up, food put out, and the kitchen cleaned afterwards. Thanks to all who came and shared food and all who stayed and enjoyed the day.
- Thanks to the Worship Committee and the Fun Committee for the Blessing of the Pets and the Ice Cream Social.
- Thanks to Gary Gates for his work on getting our boiler repaired.

NUMC Book Club

Monday, Oct. 12th , at 7 p.m.

We will be reading Death Comes to the Archbishop by Willa Cather for October. Questions? Contact Dixie Piland @ dlpiland@comcast.net. Books we chose to read for this fall are:

October - Death Comes to the Archbishop by Willa Cather

November - The 19th Wife: A Novel by David Ebershoff

December - Dragon House by John Shors

Niwot UMC Facebook Group

To join, simply search on Niwot UMC and ask to join. Members can post photos, announcements, share information...in short everything you use FB for now you can use to enhance church communications. And just think...Twitter will be next!

October Birthdays/Anniversaries

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| 1 | Sarah Smith |
| 10 | John Parkes |
| 15 | Ted Barna |
| 21 | Don Davidson |
| 22 | Pat Koh |
| 23 | Shana Williams |
| 27 | Kevin Freymiller |
| | Allyson Stibbards |
| 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 |

