

# The Messenger



## Our Vision:

*Building Believers in God's Love, Who Seek to Share God's Love*



August 2011

Rev Bob Simpson, Pastor

## Youth Day at Water World!!



**United Methodist Youth Day at  
Water World**  
**Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm to 8 pm**

Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> is United Methodist Rocky Mountain Conference Youth Day and we are celebrating at Water World. Youth, Families & Friends are invited to share in a fun day of water, waves & fellowship! All rides are open to everyone until 6:00 p.m., then we have the wave pool to ourselves for an hour. You can bring a picnic lunch, or there are food vendors in the park. Tickets are \$25 each, or four for \$100.00 (so find four friends & get a discount.)

Kids attending without parents will need to sign a permission slip. You can find them on the Youth Bulletin board at church or I can e mail you one. Contact Deb at 970 674-5167 or call the church office to sign up. You can buy tickets there, but be sure you get your ticket (arm band) from the United Methodist table outside the gate to get the discounts and after hours pass.

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***Do you have something you would like to share with the congregation? Have it added to the Messenger.***

*The FUMC Messenger is looking for submissions from the congregation to keep all of its members up to date on what's happening in our church. The deadline is the 10th of the month. Please email [fumcmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:fumcmessenger@gmail.com)*



# Get Involved!



17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

-Colossians 1:17 NIV

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday

Traditional Service	8:45 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Contemporary Service	11:00 a.m.

*"I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands."*

-Psalm 119:60

## Youth Group- Recycling

Our youth group recycles inkjet cartridges, laser cartridges, cell phones, and aluminum cans, to raise funds. The funds raised this year benefits the youth mission trip.



In addition, we are now able to recycle DVD's, Laptops, MP3 Players, Digital Cameras, Portable DVD Players, Video Game Consoles, and GPS Devices.



Don't throw it away! Please recycle. It's good for the environment, and our youth group will earn funds.

**"WHAT AM I DOING HERE?"**

THE ALPHA COURSE | explore the meaning of life | [alpha.org](http://alpha.org)

### Who is Alpha for?

The *Alpha* course is for everyone! It is especially geared to:

Christians who want to brush up on the essential beliefs of the Christian faith

People interested in investigating Christianity

Newcomers to FUMC interested in a short-term small group experience

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

We have a Ministry at this church that creates handmade Prayer Shawls. They can be knitted, crocheted, quilted or sewn. We mostly work on the Shawl's at home, saying prayers to ask God to provide healing of the body, mind and spirit for the person who receives the Shawl. We do have fun meeting together and sharing our crafts and stories. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 10:00am in the upstairs room of the church. We have yarn and some hooks and needles and we can teach you how to crochet or knit. Come experience the gift of giving. For more information, contact:

Marcia Teachout 303-880-5263

[msteachout@comcast.net](mailto:msteachout@comcast.net)

# Our Church, Our Family



## Alpha Questions of Life

Christianity: Boring, Untrue, and Irrelevant?

Who is Jesus?

Why did Jesus die?

How can I be sure of my faith?

Why and how do I pray?

Why and how should I read the bible?

How does God guide us?

Who is the Holy Spirit?

How can I be filled with the Spirit?

What does the Holy Spirit do?

How can I resist evil?

Dear Friends,

I first want to thank you who have prayed for my healing this last year and a half. Just to know I have been supported by my church gives me great peace.

Last year when I moved to a smaller apartment, six men came and moved the furniture. The church van came with ladies who carried the rest of my belongings. We almost needed a traffic director in the hall!! Thank you to all who helped.

I would like to thank Pastor Bob for being so faithful to **come and see me or by calling me. Having God's servant** helping me through a hard time gives such peace.

I am amazed at the wonderful food that has come into my home. It has been amazing. You are great cooks. It truly is a calling, to stop your own schedule and make something for a person in need. When I do try to cook on my own, I **get so tired it's hard to eat what I have fixed.**

You all know how I enjoy cards. I have so appreciated the cards that have been sent. My prayer is that I will soon be able to come to church and thank you all in person. I have never heard or witnessed a ministry that does as much as you all have. May God bless each and every one of you.

**In God's love,**

Elaine Hamilton

# Armenia or Bust

On September 2<sup>nd</sup> Rob and Marilyn Bradley and Pat Ferrell will be leaving on an international mission trip to Yerevan, Armenia. The trip is being lead by United Methodist Volunteers in Mission with a two fold purpose of medical aide and construction. The team of nineteen volunteers includes individuals from six different states.

The goal as stated in the groups newsletter is to be in service to the people of Armenia, working through the Agape Program, to aide in the on-going construction and reconstruction efforts in the Berdzor region of Armenia, as our Armenian brothers-in Christ so choose: and to include in our team membership medical professionals who are willing and able to work side-by-side with hospital and dental staff in an effort to share the techniques and technological advances endemic to the United States medical community.

Armenia is one of the oldest areas of civilizations in the world, with Biblical references as Ararat region **back to Noah's Ark.** With a very long and often unsettling history the the area has in more recent times suffered from earthquakes and military conflicts, including mass genocide.

Rob, Marilyn and Pat are looking forward to the opportunity to serve Christ as part of this mission team. Team members are being asked to bring specific roof and lath screws, stuffed animals or toys for the **children at a children's home and possibly some medical equipment.** Please pray for this mission team and for those they will be serving in Armenia.

## Alpha 2011 Schedule

The **Course Introduction** DVD will be presented: **Sunday September 11 at 1PM** in Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist of Windsor.

The weekly sessions will be at the First United Methodist Church Sunday afternoons from 1:00 PM – 3:15 PM beginning Sunday, September 18.

The "Day Away" will take place evening of Friday, October 28 & morning of Saturday, October 29, 2011

GREETERS

(10 a.m. Service)

8-7  
Dave Cook, Marlene Bronson,  
Mark Cook  
8-14  
Monte & Karen Savage,  
Betsy Peterson

8-21  
Lind & Sally Weidlich,  
Cogburn Family  
8-28  
Ted & Lois Huckabee,  
Brandy Partridge

LITURGIST

(10 a.m. Service)

8-7 Warren Wilson  
8-14 Cindy Miller  
8-21 Lois Huckabee  
8-28 Jan Cook

COMMUNION

8-7

10a Ken & Brenda Iliff  
Mike & Kim Rais  
Candice Loya

USHERS

(10 a.m. Service)

8-7 Virginia Lindblad Georgia Johnson	8-21 Gene & Janet Caplinger
8-14 Bob Foster	8-28 J.M. & Michele Shafer

FINDING FRIENDS FELLOWHIP

(9:15 a.m.)

8-7 UMW	8-21 Marlene Bronson
8-14 Sandi Keairnes Mary Trettenero	8-28 Goddard Fam/Nursery

CLOTHES CLOSET

(9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon Tues & Thu)

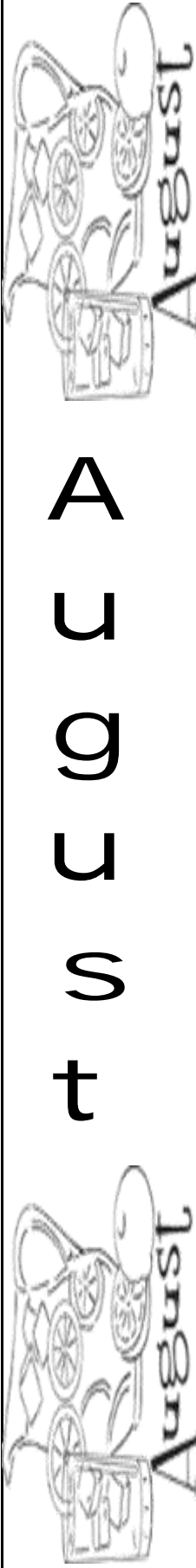

2nd <i>Help Needed!</i>	16th <i>Help Needed!</i>
4th <i>Help Needed!</i>	18th <i>Help Needed!</i>
9th <i>Help Needed!</i>	23rd <i>Help Needed!</i>
11th <i>Help Needed!</i>	25th <i>Help Needed!</i>
30th <i>Help Needed!</i>	

August Wish List!

- Colored 8 1/2 x 14 Paper for Bulletins*
- 13 & 33 Gal Trash bags*
- Hand Soap Refills*
- Windex*
- Lemonade Powder*
- Pledge Wood Polish*
- Tissues*
- Dish Soap*
- Size 4 and Up Diapers*
- Clorox Clean-Up w/ Bleach*
- Decaf & Regular Coffee*
- Batteries: AA , AAA & 9 volt*
- Lysol Toilet Bowl Cleaner*
- Forever Postage Stamps*
- Toilet Paper*
- 8oz. Paper Coffee Cups*
- 8in. Paper Plates*
- Healthy Snacks for Nursery*
- Baby Wipes*
- Post-it Notes*
- Disinfectant Wipes*
- Legal Size Envelopes*
  
- Thank You!*



"Remember, you're under oath."

		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday		
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	7	COMMUNION 9a Sunday School  10a Combined Worship 11a Fellowship Hour	8	9	10	
	14	7:15a Men's Breakfast 9a Sunday School 10a Combined Worship 11a Fellowship Hour	15	16	17	
	21	9a Sunday School 10a Combined Worship 11a Fellowship Hour	22	23	24	
	28	7:15a Men's Breakfast 9a Sunday School 10a Combined Worship 11a Fellowship Hour	29	30	31	
			6:30p Stephen Ministry 7p Boy Scouts	9a Clothes Closet 6:30p Scout Committee 4p DAR 6:30p Adult Missions 7p Trustees 7p Boy Scouts	9a Clothes Closet 10a Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:45p 6:30p	5:45p 6:30p 6:30p
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>o Prayer Group o Youth Fellowship</p>	<p><b>4</b> 9a Clothes Closet  6p RIZZN 7p Stepping Stones</p>	<p><b>5</b> 9a Craft Session</p>	<p><b>6</b> 7a Men's Emmaus 8a Kairos Team Meeting</p>
<p>Lutheran Foster Families o PatriciaRose Circle  o Prayer Group o Youth Fellowship</p>	<p><b>11</b> 9a Clothes Closet  6p RIZZN 6p Clothes Closet</p>	<p><b>12</b> 9a Craft Session</p>	<p><b>13</b> 7a Men's Emmaus 8a Girl Scout Regional Training</p>
<p>o Prayer Group o Youth Fellowship</p>	<p><b>18</b> 9a Clothes Closet  6p RIZZN</p>	<p><b>19</b> 9a Craft Session</p>	<p><b>20</b> 7a Men's Emmaus  3p PEO Dinner</p>
<p>MW General Mtg.  o Finance o Prayer Group o Leadership o Youth Fellowship</p>	<p><b>25</b>  6p RIZZN</p>	<p><b>26</b> 9a Craft Session</p>	<p><b>27</b> 7a Men's Emmaus</p>
<p><b>MESSENGER FOLDING</b>  o Prayer Group o Youth Fellowship</p>	<p><i>Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>Worship Times: 8:45a Traditional 11a Contemporary</i></p>	



Celebrating a August Birthdays

- 1st Nancy Gunter
- 4th Stella Ball
- 5th Clayton Cogburn
- 5th Perry Cogburn
- 5th Josh Savage
- 11th Brett Freitag
- 12th Ron Hettinger
- 13th Carolyn Hopkinson
- 15th Tracy Bates
- 15th Elisyo Loya
- 15th Matt Tregoning
- 18th Jim Gunter
- 18th Kelsey Rosenthal
- 20th Drake De La Pointe
- 20th Dan Van Arsdall
- 23rd Kelly Burghart
- 23rd Alana Loya
- 27th Elaine Hamilton
- 29th Dale De La Pointe
- 30th Marie Melone
- 31st Jean Emslie
- 31st Courtney Goddard
- 31st Melva McKelvey
- 31st Bo Trawick

Joke Corner

Q. What happens when you tell an egg a joke?  
A. It cracks up

Q. What does a cow listen to?  
A. Moosic

Q. If a red house is made of brick, and a brown house is made of wood what is a green house made of?  
A. Glass



August Anniversaries

- 1st Doug & Carolyn Hopkinson
- 1st Dan & Susan Klema
- 6th Steve & Marcia Teachout
- 10th Dan & Tara Overton
- 12th Keith & Daysha Littlefield
- 20th Jim & Nancy Gunter
- 21st George & Melissa Colgate
- 25th Gary & Cheryl-Ann Lindblad

# PUZZLE

## action-packed faith

The greatest "super men" who ever lived put their faith into action.

**Directions:** Match each Bible character to the correct description.

Noah	1. This disciple wrote a gospel, recounting many events in Jesus' life.
Stephen	2. This man responded to God's commands, including the order to move. God made many promises to this man and his descendants.
Abraham	3. This man was eager to rebuild Jerusalem. He helped the people protect their city, reminding them that God was on their side.
Luke	4. This man, who became king of Judah at a young age, obeyed God's laws and helped people repent.
Nehemiah	5. God saved this honest, hard-working man from destruction by having him build a place of safety for his family and every kind of creature.
Josiah	6. This man stood by God's Word, showing strength of character even when faced with persecution and death.

On the lines below, write your name and describe how you're a "hero" for God. What are some ways you put your faith into action?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Answers: Noah 5, Stephen 6, Abraham 2, Luke 1, Nehemiah 3, Josiah 4.

## Annual Conference 2011!



Well, another AC has passed - I find it exciting to actually experience the "connectedness" of our United Methodist Church. Every church in our conference was represented by clergy and at least one lay person, so I got to renew old friendships and make new ones and network with what other churches are doing. Inasmuch as I couldn't go last year (my car accident happened the morning we had planned to leave for Denver), I was so surprised to have several people remember me and greet me as an old friend! Talk about feeling God's presence midst a crowd!

Upon registering, we received a tote bag filled with various resources and information useful in our local churches as well as what our UMC as a whole is/can be doing. Remember RE-THINK CHURCH? Last year 23 community events focused on hunger relief, park & community clean-up/beautification, poverty awareness, and community & global health issues that involved a total of 20,000+ volunteers and impacted a million lives and is still going strong ([www.rethinkchurch.org](http://www.rethinkchurch.org)). "Technology for Ministry" sounds useful - the brochure states that technology does not replace people in doing ministry, but allows us to do more ministry in different ways.. Another flyer suggested that our church website would form a link to [umcgiving.org](http://umcgiving.org) to share the story of exactly where our various givings impact. On August 5-7, "The Return of the Rocky Mountain Chautauqua" will be held at Pinecrest, Palmer Lake, CO. Also information on prison ministry, Lay Speaking/Lay Ministries training for this fall, including a special workshop on "Church Finance, Administration and the Annual Audit", a 3-day music workshop, and technology resources - and more. Just ask Bob, Jan, or Dave for more information.

As I visited with a member of First UMC of Salt Lake, she was telling me of how their church fulfills the needs of the VIM Distribution Center there. The church offers their entire basement for volunteers who are always needed at the Center - kitchen, bathroom facilities, and mattresses to sleep on (or bring your own cot). Cost is only the transportation to get there and food. Wouldn't it be fun for us to fill our church van for such a mission trip?

As we strolled toward the meeting rooms, a large area was filled with various displays offering all sorts of ministries and UMC information. Dave and I were disappointed that no display for Heifer Project appeared, as all the display materials can be sent to someone for setting up - the man who has always done that has passed away. The bookstore is always there, so of course we just had to stop! I bought two video-led studies for adult Sunday School or as congregation-wide programs as well as a book authored by the UMW breakfast speaker about the complications incurred by Hispanic youth in Denver, whether native or undocumented.

As always, there were times when we divided into small groups to study the merits of various petitions submitted for Annual Conference or for the international General Conference of the UMC. Did you know that any member of the UMC, as well as local churches or groups can submit their ideas on how to go about updating what it means to be a United Methodist? Awesome!

The featured speaker was the Rev. Rudy Rasmus, from the St. John's United Methodist Church located in downtown Houston, Texas. Beginning in 1992 with nine members in a failing big church building, he and his wife transformed the congregation into 12,000 members, 4,000 of whom had been or are homeless. This church is now one of the most culturally diverse congregations in the country that Rudy attributes to unconditional love for everyone and meeting the needs of each individual person, whether spiritual, physical, or mental. What a dynamic speaker - and to think that he wasn't even a Christian until he started dating his eventually-to-be wife and has become a pastor through the laity process rather than ordination!

If you'd like to know more, feel free to contact Pastor Bob or Jan Cook. I am privileged to be this church's lay representative and Dave attends as an equalization member for the conference - how's about going with us next year to all or part of the Annual Conference?

-Jan Cook

# Stephen Ministry Corner

## Reminder —> New Stephen Minister Training Class Set to Begin

Caring ministry at our church will be expanding soon, as members are set to begin Stephen Minister training at the end of September. At the completion of their training in March, they will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers. They will then join the Stephen Ministry Team in providing one-to-one care to individuals experiencing difficulties in life.

"Stephen Ministry training combines sound theological principles with contemporary psychology," says *Ken Iliff*, who, along with Stephen Leaders Susan and Tara, will teach the class. "The training is top-notch. The skills our Stephen Ministers learn and practice prepare them to provide a very high level of Christian caregiving. The training is intense because it explores some serious life issues, but it is also a growth producing and enjoyable experience."

The 50 hours of Stephen Ministry training is broken down into twenty 2 1/2-hour sessions that will be held on Sunday evenings. Among the training topics are:

- Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours
- The Art of Listening
- Distinctively Christian Caring
- Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly
- Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving
- Confidentiality
- Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief
- Caring for People before, during, and after Hospitalization

More than a quarter-million people have gone through Stephen Ministry training in more than 7,000 churches' worldwide since the ministry began in 1975.

"We're definitely part of significant ministry that cares for people one on one". "The impact of Stephen Ministry on our congregation has been tremendous. People whose needs might otherwise slip through the cracks are coming face to face with Jesus' love through their Stephen Minister. Our new class will help us touch that many more lives with the Gospel."

Please lift up the training class in your prayers over the coming months and watch for regular training class updates in the newsletter and Sunday bulletin.

Applications are available on the board in the entry way or you may ask a Stephen Minister for assistance. Please return your completed application to the office by September 9, 2011.



Seek, Believe, Share  
Christ

If you could ask God one question, what would you ask?



First United Methodist Church of Windsor

Phone: 970.686.2368

## Announcements and other fun

If you have the name and address of a soldier serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, please contact Lee Cochran 460-0342 or Jaime Cummings 303-596-4206. Please help us connect with soldiers to let them know they are loved and prayed for.

If you know of someone who is pregnant, is sick, has been hospitalized or is going to have surgery, please call Jaime Cummings at 303-596-4206, Ken Iliff at 674-1034 or Krista, church secretary, at 686-2368.

Thank you for helping us reach out.

**The next Emmaus gathering is:**

**Long's Peak UMC**

**When: Saturday, August 13th @ 5:30PM**

**Where: 1421 Elmhurst Dr., Longmont, CO**

**<http://northcoloemmaus.org/>**



**Youth Fellowship Meeting, Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

Inviting all Youth 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades to join me on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 p.m. to meet and plan our activities for the 2011-2012 year. We will beat the heat with some Popsicles while we plan fun activities, servant projects and anything else we want to accomplish in Fellowship with Christ.

### Who Will Benefit from the Stephen Series?

The Stephen Series, for which Windsor FUMC will soon begin training, benefits many others besides those who receive the care of their Stephen Ministers. The Stephen Ministers grow greatly as they learn about helping others. They learn about themselves. As the hurting members of our congregation grow stronger through this caring ministry, the whole church is built up and made stronger. And, of course, we all can have the confident knowledge that when the pains of life come our way, someone will always be there, ready to care for us, to bring God's love to us in a special, personal way. Perhaps God is calling you to be one of these caring, committed servants who offer his love to those who are hurting. Please pray about your calling as you discern your response to this ministry.

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### Your Church Leaders

Pastor.....Bob Simpson  
 Office Manager..... Krista Goddard  
 Youth Coord.....Deb Campbell  
 Leadership Council ..... Mike Rais  
 SPR Chair.....Mark Cook  
 Sunday School Superintendent  
 .....Kerry Spirek  
 Trustees..... Bruce Hyink  
 Finance Chair .....Larry Hintz  
 Financial Secretary..... Bill Pratt  
 Treasurer .....Marlene Bronson  
 UMW.....Vera Chipman  
 Historian /Librarian...Tracy & Debbie Bates  
 Comm. Steward.....Terry and  
 Judy Haduck; JM & Michele Shafer  
 One-Hour Min.....Jaime Cummings  
 Head Usher..... Bob Foster  
 Head Lay Leader.....Monte Savage  
 Vestments Arranger..... Vicki Christian  
 Boy Scout Rep..... Eric Harris  
 Choir Director .....Ann Pratt  
 Organist..... Emma DeBey  
 Pianist.....Connie Hill  
 Nursery Coord.....Krista Goddard  
 Newsletter.....Melissa Colgate  
 Leadership Council.....Mike Rais,  
 Shanna Hintz, Monte Savage, Jan  
 Cook, Warren Wilson, Sandy Lee,  
 Jaime Cummings, Lindsay Savage  
 (Youth Rep)

### Office Hours

**8:00am—3:00pm**

**Monday—Thursday**

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Thank you for being part of our church family. May many prayers flow through you, and may many answers to prayer come to you in God's love.

