

The Messenger



Our Vision:

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



February 2011

Rev Bob Simpson, Pastor

Time to Remember Love...

This is the month we think of love. We reminisce. We celebrate love. We embrace it.

The greatest love I know is the love of Jesus Christ.

Please take a moment to think of Jesus has done for you. Think of how He has shown you love.

Celebrate it! It's beautiful, isn't it?



Happy Valentines to all of you and your families. Remember Jesus taught us all about love.

How are we reflecting that love today?

God bless you, in His love,
-MKC

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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

Happy Birthday to US!

The church's birthday is coming up! On Sunday, February 13 we will celebrate our church's 140th birthday! A birthday lunch will be served beginning at 12:00 noon. Tickets are available to purchase between services. We will also recognize members of the church who have been here for 50 or more years! Tickets must be purchased prior to Wednesday, February 9. NO tickets will be sold the day of the dinner. Cost of the tickets: \$6.50 adults, \$3.00 children 3-12, under 3 are free. Please plan to celebrate with the church family.



Jesus Christ Lives!



Get Involved!



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

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



"THE PATH OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS LIKE THE LIGHT OF DAWN."

PROVERBS 4:18. NRSV

Special dates

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday, February 13, 2011
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2011
- Presidents' Day, February 21, 2011

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



"For it was you who formed my inward parts, you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well." Psalm 139:13-14 NRSV

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.



Reminder

YOUTH GROUP IS COLLECTING RECIPES! The Youth Group is working on publishing and selling a recipe book as a fundraiser. We will take handwritten, typed or e mailed recipes! If you have a recipe you would like to submit, please contact Deb Campbell. 970 674-6167 or dkcampbellco@yahoo.com We'll be collecting recipes through February. We'd like to have between 100 and 150 recipes!

It's Super Bowl time! Time to order your subs from the youth group. Sandwiches will be ready on Super Bowl Sunday, February 6th. Create your sub sandwich on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Order for yourself and/or donate one to the homeless at the Guadalupe Center in Greeley!

Learn something new!

+ Christian Symbols +



Hand of God

This symbolizes God the Father, as well as his ownership and care of all creation. During the Christian church's first 800 years, the hand was about the only symbol used for God. Many Bible verses speak of God's loving, protective hand (Psalm 138:7; Ecclesiastes 2:24; 1 Peter 5:6). In heaven, Jesus sits at God's right hand (Mark 16:19).

Encouraging words

- I am made in God's image, and he doesn't make any junk. God loves me and wants me to live a fulfilled life.
- Communing with God constantly brings light, direction and blessings from him.
- Life is astonishingly wonderful. Even the rough spots often turn out to be pluses. Hard lessons make me wiser, kinder and more fruitful.
- When I feel boxed-in or blocked, I can know that in God's good time, he will help me be victorious.

The witness

Years ago, after folk-music trio Peter, Paul and Mary performed in Texas, a teenager approached Noel Paul Stookey backstage.

"I want to talk to you about the Lord," the boy said. "We ought to have a word of prayer."

After praying, the boy put the musician on the spot by telling God, "Noel wants to talk with you."

All Stookey could bring himself to pray was, "I'm sorry." Through those words, he admitted he'd failed to honor God with his life. He was repenting and soon became a Christian.

Stookey said that experience made him a new person. "You cannot change a man from the inside out and not have it affect everything in his life," he said.

All because of one teenager's witness.

Bob's Reflection

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February 2011

Virginia Owens, a writer, described her faith this way:

"From the time I could understand language, Jesus was handed to me on a silver platter. Like a fish, already gutted, and garnished." And she said, "People who loved me worked hard, to prepare that dish. And it nourished me and made me strong. But those same people, the ones who loved me, couldn't give me what *they said* I needed most, something they called, "a personal relationship with Jesus." For that, Virginia said, "I needed a live fish." I needed to find the origin of this elusive fish swimming in deep waters. And so she went searching for him. It was part of growing in wisdom and favor with God. She left the security of what she'd learned at home. She took her faith into the world. She listened to people who encountered Jesus differently than she had— people whose fish had been prepared differently than hers. And she asked questions about parts of her faith that might have been removed or garnished by others. And she went looking for the "live fish" the original stories about Jesus in the Gospels.

Some of us are preparing to facilitate the Alpha Course that will begin in our church on Sunday, February 13, 2011. If you've ever been asked to lead or even participate in any kind of study or small group discussion, there is often this fear: "Will I know the answers to the questions people might ask?" Often we even assess the soundness of our faith by how many answers we have and how many "facts" we know. The Alpha Course leaders again and again teach that we must facilitate by encouraging everyone to bring their *questions* and stop worrying about the answers. Jesus encourages us to do exactly the same.

The people of the Gospels who asked Jesus *questions* were the ones who developed the closest relationships with Him. "*Who in the world can be saved?*" they asked Him. "*How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?*" a religious leader asked Jesus. "*Rabbi, where are you staying?*" Andrew asked. The birth of their personal transformation began simply with a question. Jesus said, "***Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you***" (Matthew 7:7). In other words, we should never be satisfied with the fish on a platter that's already been gutted and garnished and prepared for us— we must go out in search of the live fish living in the Gospel stories. Maybe that search for live fish will lead us into some deep and unexplored waters. We may or may not find the answer we were seeking; but we *will* find Jesus. And when we form our own relationship with Jesus, we *will* find answers to things in our lives we have been wondering about for a long time. So...how will *you* go searching for "live fish" this year?

Blessings in Christ,

Bob

"I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour if we will only tune in."

—George Washington Carver

GREETERS

(8:45 & 11 a.m. Services)

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2-6 | 2-20 |
| 8:45a Bob Kenney | 8:45a Lind & Sally Weidlich |
| 11a Mark Cook | 11a Cogburn Family |
| 2-13 | 2-27 |
| 8:45a Eddie & Dorothy Simmons | 8:45a Bruce & Barbara Hyink |
| 11a Monte & Karen Savage | 11a Charlene Casson & Pat Ferrell |

Birthday 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 & 9 volt
Lysol Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Forever Postage Stamps
Toilet Paper
8oz. Paper Coffee Cups
8in. Paper Plates
Healthy Snacks for Nursery
Paper Towels
Baby Wipes
Disinfectant Wipes
Legal Size Envelopes
2-line Phone for Office & Pastor
 Thank You!

LITURGIST (8:45 a.m. Service)

- 2-6 Samantha De Bey
 2-13 Kathy Carson
 2-20 Lois Huckabee
 2-27 Cheryl Ann Craven-Lindblad

COMMUNION 2-6

- 8:45a Phil & Linda Neville
 Mike & Kim Rais
 Cindy Miller
 11a Monte & Karen Savage
 Kerry Spirek

USHERS

(8:45 a.m. Service)

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| 2-6 | 2-20 |
| Virginia Lindblad & Georgia Johnson | J.M. & Michele Shafer |
| 2-13 | 2-27 |
| Bob Foster & Gary Lindblad | Ted & Lois Huckabee |

FINDING FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP

(9:45 a.m.)

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| 2-6 | 2-20 |
| Youth Sunday School | Nursery/Mary Trettenero |
| 2-13 | 2-27 |
| Leadership Council | United Methodist Women |

CLOTHES CLOSET

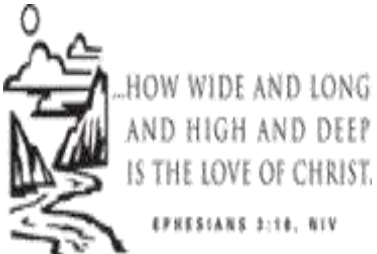
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| 1st Help Needed! | 15th Help Needed! |
| 3rd Help Needed! | 17th Help Needed! |
| 8th Help Needed! | 22nd Help Needed! |
| 10th Help Needed! | 24th Help Needed! |



"The church sure has changed since I was a kid."



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	W
 F e b r u a r y		<p>Worship Times: 8:45a Traditional 11a Contemporary</p>	<p>1 9a Clothes Closet 12:30p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>2 5:45p Pra 6:30p You 7p Chanc</p>
	<p>6 COMMUNION </p> <p>9:45a Fellowship Hour 10a Sunday School</p>	<p>7 6:30p Stephen Ministry 6:30p Windsor Chorale 7p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>8 9a Clothes Closet 10a Prayer Shawl Ministry 12:30p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>9 9a Luth 1:30p Patri 5:45p Pra 6:30p You 7p Chanc</p>
	<p>13 7:15a Men's Breakfast 9:45a Fellowship Hour 10a Sunday School 12p Church Birthday Dinner/Party</p>	<p>14 6:30p Windsor Chorale 7p Adult Missions 7p Trustees 7p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>15 9a Clothes Closet 12:30p Women's Bible Study 4p DAR</p>	<p>16 5:45p Pra 6p Leader 6:30p You 7p Chanc</p>
	<p>20 9:45a Fellowship Hour 10a Sunday School</p>	<p>21 6:30p Windsor Chorale 6:30p Stephen Ministry 7p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>22 9a Clothes Closet 10a Prayer Shawl Ministry 12:30p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>23 MES 1:30p UM 5:45p Pra 6:30p You 7p Chanc</p>
	<p>27 7:15a Men's Breakfast 10a One Worship Service</p>	<p>28 6:30p Windsor Chorale 7p SPR 7p Boy Scouts</p>		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Prayer Group</p> <p>Youth Fellowship</p> <p>Worship Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9a Clothes Closet</p> <p>6p RIZZN</p> <p>7p Stepping Stones</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10a Craft Session</p> <p>5p Private Party-Spirek</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7a Men's Emmaus</p> <p>9a Women's Emmaus</p>
<p>Debra Foster</p> <p>Family</p> <p>Patricia Rose Circle</p> <p>Prayer Group</p> <p>Youth Fellowship</p> <p>Worship Choir</p>	<p>10 MESSENGER DEADLINE</p> <p>9a Clothes Closet</p> <p>6p RIZZN</p> <p>6:30p Finance Mtg.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10a Craft Session</p> <p>6p Youth Group Lock-In</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7a Men's Emmaus</p> <p>9a Women's Emmaus</p>
<p>Prayer Group</p> <p>Worship Council</p> <p>Youth Fellowship</p> <p>Worship Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9a Clothes Closet</p> <p>6p RIZZN</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10a Craft Session</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7a Men's Emmaus</p> <p>9a Women's Emmaus</p>
<p>MESSENGER FOLDING</p> <p>W General Mtg</p> <p>Prayer Group</p> <p>Youth Fellowship</p> <p>Worship Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9a Clothes Closet</p> <p>6p RIZZN</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10a Craft Session</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7a Men's Emmaus</p> <p>9a Women's Emmaus</p>
 <p>...does ...ong to ...labor; therefore, ...the fulfilling ...law." Romans 13:10, NRSV</p>	<p>Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.</p>  <p>Psalm 55:22, NRSV</p>	 <p>"THE PATH OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS LIKE THE LIGHT OF DAWN." PROVERBS 4:18, NRSV</p>


Celebrating a February Birthdays



1st Trevor Miller
 1st Ginny Rickford
 3rd Joyce Johnson
 3rd Bob Simpson
 4th Judy Haduck
 4th Shawn Spirek
 5th Eric Robbins
 6th Don Best
 6th Ann Guy
 6th Brenda Iliff
 7th Shelley Chaney
 7th Paige Freitag
 9th Paul Henderson
 9th Al Meier
 12th Brianna Chaney
 12th Sierra Rickford
 13th Rab Bicek
 13th Sandi Meier
 14th Franci Henderson
 17th Deverne Rowland
 19th Laynie Burghart
 20th Liz Clark
 20th Kacie Covert
 20th Karen Savage
 22nd Julie Cogburn
 23rd Barbara Hyink
 27th Becky Fraker
 27th Trevor Overton
 28th Bob Foster

February Anniversaries

9th Carl & Wilma Swanson
 20th Fred & Betty Lohry

PUZZLE

A Love Letter

In the New Testament, John writes a letter about God's love and the love we should show to other people.

DIRECTIONS: Working from left to right, write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's. Then read about love, from 1 John 4:11-12, NIV.

lives 3	in 3	us 3	Since 1	and 3	God 1	so 1	loved 1	his 3
us 1	love 3	we 1	if 2	also 1	is 3	made 3	we 2	ought 1
to 1	love 2	love 1	one 1	complete 3	one 2	another 1	in 3	us 3
another 2	God 2							

1 John 4:11-12, NIV

Answers: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Joke Corner

Q. What did the boy cat say to the girl cat on Valentines day?
 A. You're purrr-fect for me

Q. What did the stamp say to the envelope?
 A. I'm stuck on you

Knock Knock
 Who's there?
 Olive
 Olive Who?
 Olive you!



From Our Hearts to His...

Lord God Almighty!

When I speak Your name,
My heart melts to a place
You have reserved for me.
I can feel You.

Prince of Peace!

I rest in the peace You bring me.
I let go of my struggles
And find You there beside me.
I can feel You.

Lord of Lords!

No one can compare to your grace.
A spiritual understanding
Complete as Your love grows inside me.
I can feel You.

Emmanuel!

You are God with us.
Nothing stands between us.
Holy light encompassing my passion.
I can feel You.

Perfect Lamb!

You took my place.
Such perfect love.
How could we not notice what you've done?
I can feel You.

Jesus!

As You surround me.
I can hear Your heart beat.
The warmth of Your breath.
I can feel You.

Your name sends me to the Heavens.
My thoughts match my spirit as I soar.
I hold nothing back.
My sins disappeared that moment
I said Your name
And placed it in my heart.
I can feel You.

Let the praises be known
For the King and His glory.
Let it ring! Hallelujah.
Let it echo, grow, expand.
Let the sound resonate across the land
Through the clouds and rest
Upon the foot of Your throne.
Holy merciful Lord!
I can feel You.
My source of hope.
My source of life.
Source of being.

-Inspired by God, For God
MKC

All praise goes to our Living God. If you enjoy this writing or any other writing that honors our Father, thank Him. He is the one that gifted us with our words. He gets all the credit. To the most Holy One up high, we thank you, we love you, praise you Father almighty. In His name, we live!!!!!!!

If you are interested in submitting poetry and/or other writings to "From Our Hearts to His" in praise of our Loving Heavenly Father, please send it to

fumcmessenger@gmail.com

Or drop it off in the Messenger box outside the office.

Hang on!

When a couple received a rose bush as a gift, they planted and cared for it, eagerly waiting for it to bloom. A few months later, a bud finally appeared. Day by day, it began to fill out. The couple's anticipation grew when they could see that the rose would be bright red.

One day, they were surprised to notice that the green around the bud had been pulled away and the flower petals were torn apart. They asked their young daughter if she knew what had happened. "I just couldn't wait any longer," she said, "so I blossomed it myself."

The psalmist tells us to "Wait for the LORD ... " (Psalm 27:14, NRSV). Instead of trying to help God along, let him bring things to fulfillment in his perfect time.

Invincible love

In their book *Falling in Love With Jesus*, Dee Brestin and Kathy Troccoli compare the stages of marriage to a relationship with Jesus. All relationships, they write, go through three stages: first love, wilderness love and invincible love. Mary of Bethany, for example, experienced first love when she couldn't tear herself away from Jesus while her sister Martha toiled. Then, when Mary's brother Lazarus died, she felt wilderness love, "clinging to [Jesus] in the wounds of life." Finally, Mary expressed overflowing invincible love as she poured her perfume and tears on Jesus' feet, wiping them with her hair.

Brestin and Troccoli say most Christians never arrive at the final stage. "They simply have an occasional rendezvous with the One who used to be the Love of their life." But nothing can compare to a "tender, mature, invincible love with Jesus."

Bible Quiz



First Corinthians 13 is a popular Scripture reading at wedding ceremonies. The so-called "love chapter" provides an extended definition of what Paul calls "the greatest" gift (verse 13).

Which of the following characteristics of love isn't found in 1 Corinthians 13?

- A. Love is patient.
- B. Love rejoices in the truth.
- C. Love believes all things.
- D. Love is childlike.

Answer: D

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 Iliif at 674-1034 or Krista, church secretary, at 686-2368.

Thank you for helping us reach out.

The next Emmaus gathering is:

When: Saturday, Feb 12 @ 5:30PM

Where: First UMC Loveland— 533 Grant Ave

<http://northcoloemmaus.org/>



“Love is the strongest force the world possesses, and yet it is the humblest imaginable.”

—Mahatma Gandhi

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There are many opportunities available for you to volunteer your time and gifts God has given you in One Hour Ministry. Please contact Jaime Cummings 303-596-4206.

Stepping Stones of Windsor will have a Soup Supper on Sunday, February 20 at Cornerstone Baptist Church. The Soup Supper is open to the community and cost is a free-will donation to assist Stepping Stones and their ministry. Soup will be donated by local restaurants. For more information contact Krista Goddard at 222-9396.



Ladies: This is just a reminder that “The Church Basement Ladies: The Sequel” will take place on Sunday, February 20. Please plan to meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. if you want to carpool. Tickets have already been purchased. Anyone wanting to go that has not already purchased a ticket will need to get one on their own. If you have any questions please talk with Marlene Bronson.

Your Church Leaders

Pastor.....Bob Simpson
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 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..... Deb Campbell
 Choir DirectorAnn Pratt
 Organist..... Emma DeBey
 Pianist.....Connie Hill
 Newsletter.....Melissa Colgate
 Leadership Council.....Mike Rais,
 Shanna Hintz, Monte Savage, Jan
 Cook, Warren Wilson, Sandy Lee,
 Jaime Cummings, Lindsay Savage
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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.



Family in Christ



*"Love does
no wrong to
a neighbor; therefore,
love is the fulfilling
of the law."* Romans 13:10, NRSV