

The Messenger

January 2009

Rev Linda Pelletier, Pastor

Dear FUMC Members:



Thanks so much for the care packages, yard signs, letters and bulletins you've sent me. They've all made my day each time I got one. It really gives me a lift when I hear from you.

I shared the goodies you sent in the boxes with the men and women in my platoon and they loved them. Their favorites were the beef jerky and fruity trail mix. It all disappeared within one to two days! Again, thanks so much for your love and especially for your support.

Mom says that you would like to hear something about the work I do here, but we really can't say too much.

I work on the bodies of Apache helicopters, including repairing holes shot into the body of the choppers when our pilots are out on missions. Mostly, I wait for something to break or for someone to break something and then I fix it. We are working 12-hour days, 7 days a week. We get a 1/2 day off every other week, and we only get to take 15 days leave to come home during our deployment. My deployment is scheduled to be 15 months, but it could be shortened to 12 months (we hope!) or extended to 18 months. Time will tell which it will be. When I get Internet in my room, I'll send Mom some pictures of me so she can share them with you. I am no longer allowed to take pictures of our daily activities though, so I'll just be able to send pictures of my battle buddies (the other men and women I work with) and me. (Mom, Linda Neville, has attached a photo of Nathan taken just before his deployment.)

It's hard being so far away from my family and friends, but it helps more than I can tell you to receive your notes on the yard signs and know you're thinking of all of us. Thank you ALL for continuing to keep us in your prayers.

May God Bless you all,
SPC Nathan Scott

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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

Praise God in everything!



Jesus Christ Lives! Rejoice!



The
Bulletin Board



"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." -Ezekiel 36:26

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

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

"And I will show My greatness and My holiness, and I will make Myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the Lord." -Ezekiel 38:23

Youth Group- Recycling



Attention!! All tithes and donations for 2008 must be received by Bill Pratt **no later than Wednesday, December 31** to be credited for the 2008 giving year. Any monies received after that date will be credited to the 2009 giving year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office at 686-2368 or Bill Pratt at 686-7319. Thank you!

Our youth group recycles inkjet cartridges, laser cartridges, cell phones, and aluminum cans, to raise funds. The funds raised this year will benefit the youth mission trip to Wind River Indian Reservation in 2009, as well as other youth events in 2008.

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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please watch for updates on the Prayer Shawl Ministry in the bulletin or Messenger.

Please contact us if you have any questions or to find out the date of our next meeting.

Marcia Teachout 970-515-6959 msteachout@comcast.net

Judy Chamberlin 970-686-8958 rajcham@msn.com

Thank you!



"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

I'm always impressed with the way that people reach out to assist others. Throughout the year, I thank God for encouraging people to say 'Yes' to requests for help. This week I did the year-end report for One-Hour Ministry. Between 10/1/07 and 9/30/08 sixty-one ministers (that's YOU) made 1,639 contacts PLUS nineteen ministers (YOU) gave 539 hours to the office and sanctuary! That's more than 4 contacts every single day and about 1.5 hours given to the church every single day—365 days/year. YOU are awesome! Congratulations! Let us thank God that he has inspired you to reach out and touch the lives of others.

God has richly blessed us by allowing us to be a part of One-Hour Ministry!

Kathy Carson

Share Christ's love

Have you heard of the walk to Emmaus?

Just what is Emmaus? We hear about upcoming Emmaus walks, see "Men's Emmaus" on the calendar, and are asked to pray for the Emmaus walks that are happening. At times we may have been asked if we want to go on an Emmaus walk. So, what is the Walk to Emmaus?

The Walk to Emmaus gets its name from the story in **Luke 24:13-35**, which provides the central image for the three-day experience and follow-up. Luke tells the story of that first Easter afternoon when the risen Christ appeared to the two disciples who were walking together along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. The two disciples did not recognize Jesus at first, but after walking and talking with him their eyes and hearts were opened to Jesus' presence.

The Walk to Emmaus offers each person the opportunity to walk with Jesus, and strengthen their relationship with Him. The Walk to Emmaus offers the opportunity to grow in faith and learn more about the wonderful gift of God's grace.

On Friday, January 23rd beginning at 5:30 p.m. we will have an All-Church Emmaus Gathering. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come. We will begin with a potluck dinner and then hear some stories from people who have already taken the Walk to Emmaus.

If you have taken your walk, please come share in the community of our church Emmaus members; and if you have not already taken a walk, please come so you can hear more about it.

If you have any questions, or would like to know more, please contact Krista at 222-9396 or by calling the church office Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

"31Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'" Luke 24:31-32

Chili Cook Off Fundraiser

When: January 11, 2009 at 5PM

Where: FUMC Windsor

This fundraiser will benefit the YF Mission Trip Fund to Wind River Reservation July, 2009

Please bring a crock-pot full of your best chili recipe (include a name for your chili, but do not include anything that would indicate your actual real name).

Chili will be judged and voted on by both a panel of judges, and everyone else in attendance. A "People's Choice" award, and a "Judge's Choice" award will be given. Those who come to vote will be voting for their favorite(s) by placing money into a jar in front of the chili they want to win.

The chili with the most money is the People's Choice.

Please come and enjoy some great chili, compete with some Great chili cooks, and help support our youth!

Contact Michelle Perea at 970.356.2352 with any questions.



Linda's Letter

Dear Friends,

On December 10th our District Superintendent The Rev. Dr. Eric Smith lead our Annual Church Conference meeting. We honored the saints who have gone on to God's glory, celebrated the wonderful ministries of our church, and elected persons who will be taking leadership roles for the coming year. All and all it was a very good meeting.

The meditation Eric shared with us at the close of our gathering was incredibly inspiring for all who had the privilege to be there. I would like to recap a couple of key points from his message because it is one we all should carry with us into the new year.

He started out sharing how an orphanage that was operating in Europe right after the end of World War II was having a great deal of trouble with the children in their care. The fear the children had because of the war made it difficult for the staff to work with them. The children would hide any extra food they had out of fear that there would not be enough for them the next day. The orphanage did not have a problem with not having enough food; there was plenty for each child. The staff was finding it next to impossible to help the children move on in their lives because of this powerful fear of not having enough food to eat. So the staff psychologist gave each of the children a piece of bread to take with them at night. The children were not allowed to eat the bread until the next day, nor could they hide the bread. It was amazing the difference having the bread made for the children. The children were able to keep the bread all night long. Soon the children began to lose the fear of going hungry, and they began to trust again.

Eric said that the Church (all of us) have the bread of life, Jesus Christ to hang on to. Christ is the Living Bread that gives us all life and it will never run out. Since we are in difficult and uncertain times people are looking for hope and something to hold on to. The Church has the Bread that will sustain and keep us all through the tough times and we do not need to be afraid of the future. The Church can offer to those who are struggling, the Bread they need to hold on to no matter what comes. Eric went on to say that when times are good the Church can get soft and lose its focus, but when times are difficult the Church rises to the need and makes a powerful difference in the world and in the lives of so many. We the people known as disciples of Jesus Christ should not fear the uncertain times, but instead hang on to the Bread that will carry us through anything, and offer it freely to an uncertain and fearful world knowing that there will always be plenty for all.

Friends, as we leave the year 2008 behind us and enter into a brand new year, we must remember that we have nothing to fear, because we have the Bread that gives life to hold on to. Amen

God Bless, and a faith-filled New Year to you. *Pastor Linda*

One-Hour Ministry News! Right here!

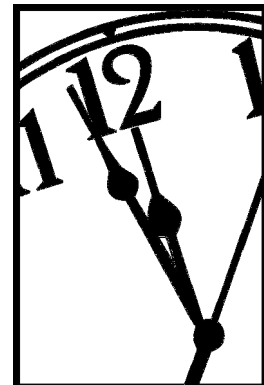
One-Hour Ministry is up and running and would like to keep everyone informed of needs and what's going on. One current need is for more people to join "Neighbor Connectors." This is a group of people who go to the homes of 1st time visitors and bring popcorn and information about the church. It is not required that they go inside the home and visit with them, but rather knock on the door, thank them for visiting, and invite them to come again. Individuals who agree to be part of Neighbor Connectors will get a call when a new person has visited our church, and they are needed to drop by to say welcome. If you are interested in being a part of this important ministry please contact Gail Montgomery at 686-2299. Additionally, if you, or someone you know, are in need of a service that One-Hour Ministry provides please don't hesitate to call and ask. Below you will find the ministries available and the contact person.

Please contact Judy Chamberlin at 686-8958 for:

- Daily Bread (meals)
- God's Hand Holders (hospital visitation)
- Homebound Angels (shut-in visitation)
- Shepherds of Lost Sheep (contacting those whose attendance has changed dramatically)

Please contact Gail Montgomery at 686-2299 for:

- Adopt-a-Soldier (write letters and other contact with soldiers serving our Country)
- Helping Hands (repairs, rides, etc.)
- Neighbor Connectors (contact 1st time visitors)
- Office Angels (assist in the office when secretary is gone or for special mailings, etc.)
- Pew Angels (clean and stock the pews with information, hymnals and welcome pads)



From Our Hearts to His...

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." -1 Samuel 16:7

You remember the story surrounding the scripture above. Samuel anointed David as Israel's next King. David was the youngest of his brothers. David was the guy tending the sheep. He was the one no one would have ever thought could or should become king. Just some kid. He wasn't anything special. Or was he? We all learned later he wasn't just some kid. After all, he was the man after God's own heart. He was the one who defeated Goliath, which seemed impossible. And he was the one from which many of the psalms were written. Many would have thought "unlikely", but not God. Nothing is impossible with God...

God looks at the heart. This statement means a lot to me. When I accepted Jesus as my Savior, my eyes became clearer... much clearer than ever before. God taught me to look at the heart. Think about it. If God sees into a person's heart, rather than the outside covering that hides us all, shouldn't we also see into other's hearts? God makes that possible.

I always wondered, why am I so different? Everyone around me in school always cared about their clothing, how they looked, what they did to impress others, who was better at this and that than whoever, etc. I never cared about any of that. I didn't know that God was preparing me to see into other's hearts. God never wanted me to care who had the coolest shoes. Nor did He want me to care who looked more sporty or had the latest style of clothes. It all finally made sense. God sees hearts, and He wants me to as well.

What makes you different? What sets you aside from the rest? As we grow up, sometimes we learn through peer pressure that we're supposed to be like everyone else. That's no so, is it? God made each of us to be who we are, special... different... in His image. So what is it that makes you different? Do you have a talent for cooking? You can use that for God's work. What about a talent for socialization/ conversation? You can use that gift too for God. Are you a good listener? Are you an artist, a writer? Are you creative? Do you sing or have a rhythm? Are you organized? Do you like to teach? Are you motivated to help others? All of these things and more, all can be used in the Glory of God to do His work.



God anoints us individually with gifts as the Body of Christ. Do you know what yours are? Typically whatever is natural for you could be your special gift. I challenge you to make a list of those things. You might surprise yourself. God gave you these, all of it for a purpose that becomes quite clear. Its all for the glory of God, in Heaven. It might not make sense to you what you could do with your gift, but its quite clear to God. Pray and ask Him about it. You might be surprised.

Man looks at outward appearance. Things aren't as they seem. Have you ever found a rock and tossed it aside, only for someone else to pick it up, break it open and see all the beautiful crystals inside? Hmm, now you want that rock, don't you? There's a whole beautiful world on the inside that we can only find if we look in there. Please don't toss rocks aside when the outside looks all scuffed up. Inside there is a treasure in all of us, no matter what our experiences are. And there's always some treasure to share with others. That's the treasure He gave us. Ready for a treasure hunt? I believe I am. God bless.

Most Gracious Loving Father, we have all made judgments on others, sometimes without even noticing we are. We make choices without seeking your guidance, and we find ourselves in a place where we are lost. Father, We pray that you teach us how to seek the treasure within others, and within ourselves and use them for Your purpose in Heaven. Father, we pray to seek Your will and do our part in the opportunities You have found for us that blesses others in Your name. Open our eyes, and help us to become more open to what You are telling us. Help us see past the surface and look inside from our hearts, to others hearts... from all of our hearts to Yours. In Jesus' name, Amen.

-Inspired by God, for God, -MKS

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.

2009 LAY LEADERSHIP REPORT

THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WINDSOR

*CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON Shelley Chaney

CHURCH COUNCIL SECRETARY Shanna Hintz

*LAY LEADER Monte Savage

*FINANCE CHARIPERSON Larry Hintz

*STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS CHAIRPERSON Mike Rais

*TRUSTEES CHAIRPERSON Jerry Carson

*PASTOR (S) Linda Pelletier

2009	2010	2011
Deb Covert	Matt Jones	Sandy Lee
Phil Neville	Ruben Perea	David Leto
Jan Cook	Ric Weber	

LEADERSHIP ROLES IN CHURCH FOR 2009-2010

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT Joyce Johnson

ONE HOUR MINISTRY COORDINATOR Judy Chamberlin & Gail Montgomery

YOUTH COORDINATOR Michelle Perea

CHURCH HISTORIAN Tracy & Debbie Bates

NEWSLETTER EDITOR Melissa Weber

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS Sandi Meier

*PRESIDENT OF UMW Dorothy Emhovich

*PRESIDENT OF UMM Larry McCarty

*YOUTH MEMBER/REPRESENTATIVE Katie Cogburn

NURSERY COORDINATOR Hilda Passaretti

Finance

2009	2010	2011
Marie Melone	Susan Jewell-Klema	Steve Teachout
Bob Foster	Larry Hintz-Chair	J.M. Schafer
Elliot Ball		

Memorials Secretary- Georgia Johnson **Church Treasurer-** Elliot Ball

Financial Secretary- Bill Pratt **Bookkeeper-** Marlene Bronson

Trustees

2009	2010	2011
Marilyn Bradley	Gary Pelletier	Ron Flack
Vicki Christian	Dan Klema	Ric Weber
Mike Ferrell	Jerry Carson- Chair	
Jessica Freitag		
Sandi Meier		

Staff/Parish Relations Committee

2009 Mike Rais- Chair Sandra Trawick Perry Cogburn	2010 R.J. Goddard- Youth	2011 Barbara Hyink Mark Cook
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Worship Committee

2009 Rep. from RIZZN Monte Savage Ann Pratt	2010 Terry Haduck- Chair	2011 Connie Hill Jason Burghart Kelly Burghart
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Under the Worship Committee, but not under the year designation, are the following:

Communion Stewards: Terry & Judy Haduck, J.M. & Michele Schafer

Vestments Arranger: Vicki Christian

Interior Décor Committee: Vicki Christian, Jessica Freitag

Drama Ministry: Monte and Karen Savage

Acolytes Coordinator: Jessica Freitag

Missions and Outreach

2009 Deb Covert	2010 ()	2011 ()
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Boy Scouts: Dan Overton

Habitat for Humanity: Ted Huckabee

Adult Missions Chair: Deb Covert

Stepping Stones: Mary Beard

United Methodist Women Representative: Dorothy Emhovick

***Note refers to Book of Discipline (by United Methodist Book of Discipline is a member of Church/Leadership Council)**

Paragraph 252.5 (page 161 2004 Book of Discipline)

The council shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- the chairperson of church council
- the lay leader
- the chairperson/representative of the staff-parish relations committee
- the chairperson/representative of the committee on finance
- the chairperson/representative of the board of trustees
- the church treasurer
- lay member to annual conference
- president/representative United Methodist Men (meets quarterly with Leadership Council)
- president/representative United Methodist Women (meets quarterly with Leadership Council)
- a representative of the United Methodist Youth (meets quarterly with Leadership Council)
- the pastor(s)

Quorum- The members present and voting at any duly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum.

USHERS

(9:00 a.m. Service)

1-4 Gene & Janet Caplinger 1-18 Eric & Jessica Freitag

1-11 Bob Foster 1-25 Dave & Jan Cook

FINDING FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP

(10:00 a.m.)

1-4 *Help Needed!* 1-18 *Help Needed!*

1-11 *Help Needed!* 1-25 *Help Needed!*

LITURGIST

(9:00 a.m. Service)

1-4 Jan Cook 1-18 Marilyn Bradley

1-11 Vicki Christian 1-25 J.M. Shafer

GREETERS

1-4

1-18

9a Carl & Marlene Bronson 9a Rob & Judy Chamberlin

11a Mark & Susan Cook 11a Cogburn Family

1-11

1-25

9a Ted & Lois Huckabee 9a Gene & Ann Guy

11a Monte & Karen Savage 11a Charlene Casson

CLOTHES CLOSET

(9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon Tues & Thur and 2nd Sat)

1-1 CLOSED 1-15 *Help Needed!*

1-6 Judy Hergert 1-20 Judy Hergert
& Irma Nielsen & Irma Nielsen

1-8 *Help Needed!* 1-22 *Help Needed!*

1-10 Goddard Family 1-27 Wilma Swanson
& Colleen Berens

1-13 Judy Hergert 1-29 Ila Stroman
& Irma Nielsen

January Wish List!

4 ft. Florescent Light Bulbs
(F4OCWX) 40 watt

Hand Soap (Refill)

Paper Towel

White Out Tape

Lemonade Powder

Colored 8 1/2 x14 paper for
bulletins

White 11x17 paper for
Newsletters

\$.42 and \$.27 Stamps

Toilet Paper

Bleach

Clear Packaging Tape

Decaf Coffee

8oz. Paper Coffee Cups

Thank You!!!



LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES
First United Methodist Church of Windsor
November 18, 2008

In attendance: Linda Pelletier, Phil Neville, Michelle Perea, Dan VanArsdall, Deb Covert, Pat Ferrell, Matt Jones

The October minutes were reviewed and approved.

REPORTS:

FINANCE: Dan presented preliminary 2009 budget-the budget was approved. Motion to approve Sunday School Winter curriculum for \$355.00 was approved.

YOUTH MINISTRIES: Michelle Perea reported that the fundraisers are going well. Parent's night out will be held December 5th. Rejuvenation weekend went very well. The youth will be going to the Youth Rally the 30th of Nov. and they will have a Christmas party on December 17th.

CPR: Phil Neville reported that the architects are working and everything is on schedule.

SPR: No report.

TRUSTEES: No report.

WORSHIP: No report.

CHOIR: No report.

PASTOR UPDATES: Linda presented the Lay Leadership report of committee nominations. The report was reviewed and approved. Linda proposed that the 1st (Traditional) church service start at 8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. so the Sunday School teachers have time to get to class. She also said she would keep the service to 1 hr. This will also get us ready for when the sanctuary will be under construction and we will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall. It was moved and approved to begin the 1st service at 8:45 a.m. starting January 4, 2009. There are 120 people signed up for Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 23rd. The Family Christmas caroling is Dec. 14th at 4:30 p.m. and the children's program will be that day at 10:00 a.m. November 30th is the 5th Sunday potluck following the combined service; service will be Lessons and Carols. The Church Charge Conference is 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 10th.

There will be No LC meeting in December.

Linda reviewed the four questions she gave at the last meeting. She asked all to email her with thoughts on the questions.

Notes taken by Pat Ferrell.



The Story of Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry—where did it all begin? It dates back to 1974 when Kenneth C. Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist, was pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Fresh out of seminary, his strengths and heart were in caregiving ministry and he was looking forward to making a positive impact on his congregation and community by providing pastoral care to all those experiencing divorce, grief, hospitalization, discouragement, and other life difficulties.

Very quickly, though, he found that the needs for care by far exceeded that which he alone could provide. He faced one of a pastor's greatest frustrations: seeing people slipping through the cracks because their urgent needs were going unmet. In November of 1974, he discussed the situation with two seminary friends over a cup of coffee. The conversation turned to Ephesians 4 and equipping the saints for the work of ministry. Haugk realized that God didn't intend for pastors to monopolize ministry. Rather, God gave all his people gifts for ministry and one of his roles as pastor was to equip others to use their gifts in ministry.

Haugk returned to St. Stephen's with a plan. In the coming months he recruited nine lay people who had the gifts and heart to do caring ministry. He then used his combined backgrounds in theology and psychology to develop a training program in Christian caregiving. By March 1975 the nine were commissioned as "Stephen Ministers." Their first care receivers included a widower, a blind person, a young woman with cancer, a truck driver forced to retire early, and an inactive member struggling with faith issues.

The impact was immediate. People began receiving the focused Christian care they needed. Fewer people were slipping through the cracks, and Haugk found he had more time to perform his other pastoral duties. The Stephen Ministers were surprised by the spiritual growth they encountered as they saw God working through them to bring love and healing to others.

The story would have ended there, had not two of the Stephen Ministers cornered Haugk on a hot May morning after worship services. "This is good stuff," they said to him. "We're not going to let you go until you promise to bring this ministry to other churches!" Still wearing his vestments and perspiring from the heat, Haugk gave in and agreed to find a way to bring Stephen Ministry to other churches.

In November 1975 Haugk and his wife Joan founded the not-for-profit Stephen Ministries organization and began bringing Stephen Ministry to other congregations. It spread like wildfire. Windsor UMC is one of more than 7,000 congregations from more than 90 Christian denominations that now has Stephen Ministry. Over a quarter million people have been trained as Stephen Ministers, a number that grows by tens of thousands each year. More than a million people across the United States, Canada, and the world have been touched by God's love through a Stephen Minister. And that is the mark of God's doing, because finally the story of Stephen Ministry is a million stories and more of caring ministry.

Could a Stephen Minister be for you or someone you know? Contact your Stephen Ministry at Windsor FUMC Pastor Linda Pelletier 970.686.2368 or your Stephen Leaders Susan Cook 970.674.5022, Chris DeLaPointe 970.686.6717, Tara Overton 970.686.9693 or Ken Iliff 970.674.0134

CPR Update

November 26, 2008

Philip Neville, CPR Treasurer

The CPR project is moving along according to the time table established by the CPR committee and the state historical society. Currently, our architects are drafting plans and outlining the steps to complete the remodeling. All of the plans must be approved by the state historical society before construction can begin. In you have not had the opportunity to do so, please look at the picture of the building in the fellowship hall. It was taken about 1930. We will be installing new doors etc. to closely match the originals.

In the spring you will start to see changes to the building. Beginning sometime next year we will have to adjust to worship in the fellowship hall as construction will be going on in the sanctuary. The CPR committee will do what is possible to keep this time to a minimum. Please be patient with us.

So far, the Church has banked \$100,000 to go toward the project. We have another \$50,000 to raise before the project is completed. The state historical society has forwarded \$79,535 to us to use in the initial phase of the project. Their total contribution will be almost \$300,000 when the project is complete.

Please remember to pray for the project, the pastor, the CPR committee and the congregation. We have a big task in front of us that will benefit the ministry of the Church for years to come.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER FUN

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ— to the glory and praise of God.

-Philippians 1:9-11



Remember! Don't forget that the Traditional Service will now begining January 4th. This change is important in Sunday School teacher the opportunity to worship as well as for worship in the Fellowship Hall during the Traditional Service in the Sanctuary building.

The Next Emmaus Walks

Men: April 16-19th at the First Christian Church— Loveland

Women: April 23-26 at First UMC— Laramie, WY

*If you are interested or know someone who is, please

Let Linda, Krista, or Perry know! God bless!



A calendar for Fundraisers and Mission Outreach projects has been created and accepted by the Leadership Council for the 2008 year. This calendar is available to everyone to view at

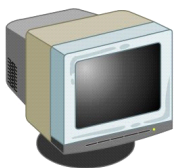
<http://www.my.calendars.net/FUMCMO>.

Please let Krista know of any fundraising efforts or mission projects that your group or committee would like to hold in the 2009 year. She will be putting together the calendar for 2009 beginning in December. The calendar will need to be approved by the Leadership Council before any fundraisers or mission projects can be carried out. Thanks!

Leadership council has given the approval for anyone interested to place a small ad for their business in the newsletter. The council will review all ads submitted. There will be a small monthly fee to run the ad that will help offset office and copier costs. Please contact the church office to submit your ad or for more information.

CPR pledges and gifts as of 12-14: \$118,299.15. Giving Units: 105. Please contact any CPR representative to find out how you can donate and pledge to take part in helping to restore our church.

He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. -Philippians 1:6



The **Multi-Media Ministry** is looking for volunteers to learn how to run the computer and/or sound board for church services. Anyone who is interested, please contact **Ric Weber** at 970-301-0173.

Your Church Leaders

Pastor.....Linda Pelletier
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 SPR Chair.....Mike Rais
 Sunday School Superintendent
Joyce Johnson
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 Financial Secretary..... Bill Pratt
 Treasurer.....Elliot Ball
 Bookkeeper.....Marlene Bronson
 UMW..... Dorothy Emhovich
 Historian /Librarian.....
Tracy & Debbie Bates
 Public Relations..... Sandi Meier
 Comm. Steward.....Terry & Judy
 Haduck; JM & Michele Shafer
 One-Hour Ministry.....Judy
 Chamberlin & Gail Montgomery
 Head Usher..... Bob Foster
 Head Lay Leader.....Monte Savage
 Vestments ArrangerVicki Christian
 Boy Scout Rep..... Don Baker
 Nursery Dir, & Custodian.....Hilda Passaretti
 Choir DirectorAnn Pratt
 Organist..... Emma DeBey
 Pianist.....Connie Hill
 Newsletter.....Melissa Spell
 Leadership Council.....Shelley
 Chaney, Shanna Hintz, Deb Covert,
 Phil Neville, Matt Jones, Ruben
 Perea, Jan Cook, Sandy Lee, David
 Leto, Ric Weber

Office Hours

8:00am—3:00pm

Monday—Thursday

Messenger Articles:

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*Or drop them by the office
 (electronic submissions are
 encouraged)*

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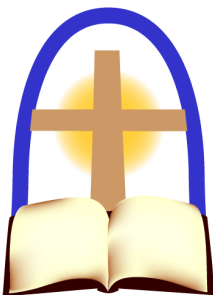
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