

"SEEK BELIEVE SHARE IN CHRIST"

# The Messenger

June 2008

Rev Linda Pelletier, Pastor

## Celebrate good times!

Father's day is June 15th this year. Happy Father's day to all the Dads out there. Anyone who is a parent knows that raising a family can be a tough job, yet very rewarding in God's love. Years of teaching, years of learning, and the sharing of joy and love. Thanks to all the Dads!

This month is very exciting indeed, because **Vacation Bible School** begins!! It will be held from June 16th through June 20th. There's still time.. Please contact Deb Wacker at 669-5122. The theme this year is a beach party, so get your beach gear together and get ready for tons of fun in the sun!!!

On June 7th, the men are having a garage sale! See page 2 for details. This should be really exciting. If you are donating items or bringing your family to buy items, either way it will prove to be a fun day, and you just might find something you've been searching for!

"Celebrate good times" is the theme for this month's newsletter. Ok, so I made up that theme, but I think it fits. It is finally summer! Our CPR committee is working hard in planning for the church restorations. What else? Our Gracious Heavenly Father loves us. Don't forget to send up a Happy Father's day celebration to Him!!

Thanks to everyone for all you do for our church and our community. Many of you work behind the scenes as well as on the front lines. Whatever the case, each individual here is a special part of the Body of Christ. Individually we are all special, and together we are an amazing team. Thank you and God bless you and your families. Without further ado, get a comfy chair and flip the page. May you be blessed!

In His love,

MKW

*"And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love."*

-1Cor 13:13

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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)*

Calling all kids ages 4 years through 6th grade. This year's vacation bible school will be a Beach Party! Join us from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Monday, June 16-Friday, June 20 as we surf through the scriptures. Then, on Sunday, June 22 at 10:00 a.m., bring your parents, grandparents, and friends for the VBS Program. If Mom or Dad, Grandma or Grandpa have any questions, they can call Debbi Wacker at 669-5122 or the church office at 686-2368. We will see you there!





The  
**Bulletin Board**



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**

Traditional Service	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Contemporary Service	11:00 a.m.

*When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.—1Cor 13:11*

*Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.—1Cor 13:12*

**FAITH DAY AT THE ROCKIES**

The Colorado Rockies are pleased to announce the line-up for the 4th Annual "Faith Day" on Sunday, August 10th at 1:05 p.m.

A five-time Grammy award winner Steven Curtis Chapman will be this year's musical guest! Chapman has been called one of the most prolific artists in Christian music history and has sold more than 10 million albums. We are looking forward to a great concert!

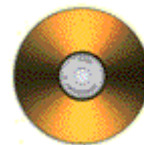
The special guest speaker this year will be former All-Star pitcher, Dave Dravecky. Dave will be sharing his message of hope and will be reflecting on his Christian walk. His remarkable story is both motivating and inspiring.

You do not want to miss this incredible event! Please sign-up in the church foyer.

**Youth Group- Recycling**

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 Mexico 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.

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!!

- Jessica Perea**
- Melody Klema**
- Mary Anderson**
- Pearly Rosenthal**
- Jonathan Clark**



**The Methodist Men's Garage Sale** will be Saturday, June 7, 2008.

Please remember to collect your items to donate to this cause. Donations will be stored in one of the Sunday School classrooms, so please wait until Sunday School is over for the year before bringing in your items. All proceeds from the sale will go toward church projects. For more information contact Larry McCarty at 686-9084. Thank You!



# Faith Day 2008

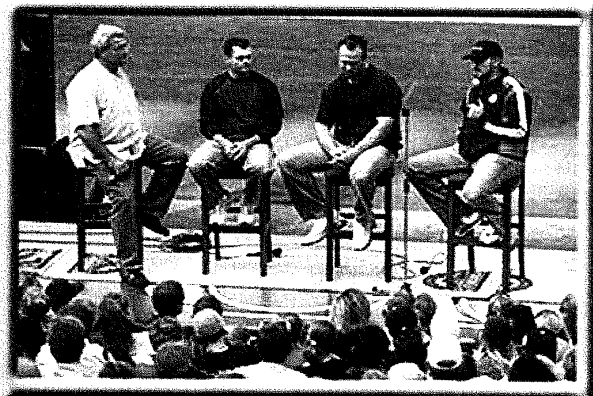
## Sunday, August 10

### @ 1:05 pm

## Featuring Steven Curtis Chapman



Left: Postgame concert featuring five-time Grammy award winning musician, Steven Curtis Chapman.



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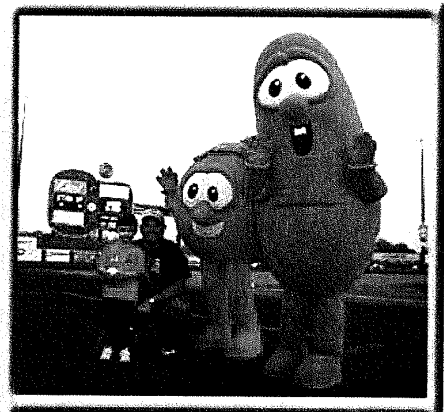
- ❖ **Post-Game Concert & Fellowship**
- ❖ Outfield Ticket(s): \$15.00
- ❖ (Regularly \$38.00)
- ❖ Seating in Section 144

Contact Lori Baker  
 970-686-9316  
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Left: Former MLB All-Star pitcher Dave Dravecky will speak at the event.

Right: Special appearance by the VeggieTales characters.



# June's Letter

As a member of this congregation, I've contemplated this question: What is the church? For some, the answer is simple. For others, the meaning is hard to define and explain.

In Colossians 1:24 we read that the body of Christ is the church. The BODY of CHRIST is the church. Have we all not heard that WE are the body of Christ? Doesn't the word of God teach us that as the body of Christ, we are to love our Lord our God with all our soul, mind, and strength and one another?

Last year this congregation experienced a great change. A pastor who had been the shepherd of this church body for 14 years was moved to another church. In addition, a new pastor was brought in. Since that time, I feel the focus of the church body has shifted. Instead of being a church-minded people, we have become self-minded. We have been focusing on what was "lost" instead of on "how can we continue to grow?"

Instead of working together to strengthen the church and move forward, there are a few who think it is up to them to carry the church and have it continue in the ways of the past. God does not want us living in the past. Some people don't like what has changed. Others want to change things to how *they* think it should be; not necessarily taking into account the fact that there are those who appreciate the change that has taken place and welcome it open-heartedly.

One pastor can never replace another pastor. Pastors are here to help us build the church body in the name of Jesus Christ. God does not put people in our lives to replace those who have walked with us in the past. He calls them into our lives to help us continue down the road; to accompany us where we are. He does not ask that we forget those from our past, just that we welcome others into our present. That together...yes, together...we work to bring His message of love and grace to one another as the Body of Christ, the church. Pastors are here to support each of us, right where we are.

Change happens. We need focus and direction. Teaming up against each other so that *our* way can be *the* way is not what God means for us. I ask myself these questions: "Am I ready to welcome the change and recognize that it is for my personal growth in Christ?" and "Am I ready to be a *part* of the Body of Christ called First UMC of Windsor?"

I encourage you to ask, and answer, these questions for yourself.

In His name, with His love, *Krista Goddard*

## Stephen Ministry- The "After People"

When trying to describe who Stephen Ministers are, one person came up with the name the "After people." It's a great description. Here's why...

Stephen Ministers are there:

- After you've washed and returned the last casserole dish.
- After the divorce papers have been served and the bottom falls out on your life.
- After the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away— and the house seems incredibly empty.
- After you arrive home following the funeral services and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- After the relationship has ended but the wounds are still bleeding and painful.
- After the doctors have said, "There's nothing more we can do."
- After the nursing home director shakes your hand and says "Welcome to your new home."
- After you find the pink slip inserted with what is now your final check.
- After the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- After the baby arrived, putting more demands on you than you dreamed.

Stephen Ministers are the "after people." They are ready to come alongside you— or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives— and provide comfort and support for as long "after" as they are needed.

If you are interested in speaking with a Stephen Minister, please contact Susan Cook, Tara Overton, or Chris Delapointe.

# From Our Hearts to His...

It did not take me long to decide what to write about this month. As a matter of fact, it was an immediate thought. So, let's get right down to the good stuff, shall we?

On the front page, I announced the theme of "celebration". Who greater to celebrate than our Abba Father? Happy Fathers Day!!! Since we are having a celebration, we need to come up with some great ways to celebrate Him. Usually when we have celebrations at the church, some people will set up the chairs and tables, others will make the tasty food and drinks, others will pull out the plates and silverware, and still others will create the invitations. We make the announcements during our church service. Then we all join together as a congregation, a family, and enjoy the meal together.

This sounds familiar, doesn't it? The Body of Christ is at work. Let's take a look. Here it is.

***"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ."*** -1Cor 12:12

And we can't forget this part...

***"But in fact, God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body."*** -1Cor 12:18-20

We are wonderfully made, and we are part of the body. When we celebrate in our church, like the appreciation tea last month, or the graduation celebration, or any celebration at all, we are celebrating each other (His children), and we are celebrating God. If it weren't for His many blessings, creating us, filling our hearts with joy and love, among other beautiful gifts He brings us, we wouldn't be here.



What should we do for God this month in celebration to Him? We may or may not celebrate with food. But there are plenty of ways to celebrate and thank Him for all He does for us.

Did you know that if someone is sad and you console them, you are doing it for God? Celebrate Him!

Did you know that when you see someone with their hands full, and you open the door for them, you are doing it for God? Celebrate Him!

Did you know when you clean out your closets and donate clothing, or bring in food, or recycle, did you know you are doing it for Him? Celebrate Him!

Did you know when you tithe at church, participate in fundraisers held by our youth groups, buy church ornaments at Christmas, Easter Lillies, or sign yard cards for our soldiers, you are doing it for Him?

In our various occupations, we can do them for Him. No matter what it is we do, we can do it in a way that reflects and glorifies Him. Each day as the sun rises, and each night that it sets, Celebrate Him!

Whatever you do for His children, you do for Him.

*This is the day the Lord has made... Let us rejoice and be glad in it.* -Psalms 118:24

*Gracious Father, we thank you for all the blessings you bring. Thank you for the Holy Spirit that fills our hearts. Thank you for the birds that sing, the rain that falls, the sun that shines, the warmth of summer, the love we give and receive. Thank you, Father, most beautiful Father. We celebrate You! To the greatest Father of all, we say thank you, and Happy Father's day. In Jesus' name, we pray and celebrate! Amen.*

-MKW (Inspired by God, for God)

*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.*

### BEING THE CHURCH IN COMMUNITY - Letter from Finance Committee

First United Methodist Church of Windsor is part of a group of United Methodist Churches from all over the country and in fact, all over the world. Our particular group of United Methodist Churches has an official name; The *Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church*. The United Methodist Church is divided into areas called Jurisdictions in the United States. Each Jurisdiction is divided into Conferences. We are members of the *Rocky Mountain Conference* of the Western Jurisdiction. All of the United Methodist Churches nationwide support many local, national and international mission projects, as well as the administrative needs of the various Jurisdictions, such as support for our Bishops, and resources for church growth. To finance this, each local church has been assessed a dollar amount. The assessment is 10% of the monthly offerings of each local church, which is actually a tithed amount from every local church.

First United Methodist Church of Windsor's Finance Committee has budgeted \$1,000.00 a month as our part. Our support started for this year on January 1, 2008. As of May 8<sup>th</sup> we have paid only \$1,700.00 of our \$4,000.00 pledged amount to date. The Finance Committee has been diligent in keeping our spending as fiscally sound as possible, while trying to meet the needs of our church's many ministries. Our congregation has stepped up to support our various ministries needs, our administrative needs, our renovation needs, as well as support our youth special mission trip to Mexico. Friends, this is not small accomplishment by any means.

As a member of the *Rocky Mountain Conference*, we need to pay our share along with all of the other United Methodist Churches in our Conference. Your Finance Committee is asking that you consider helping out with this obligation, if you can. Your Finance Committee knows how difficult times are for all of us. Gas prices are just a small part of the financial crunch. But sometimes, there are those who might have the resources to add to their giving in order to help our church to pay for our commitment to the *Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church*.

Please know that your gift is tax exempt as is the rest of your regular giving.

If you are able to help us with this responsibility, please mark your check, "Conference Tithe".

God Bless, Your Finance Committee

**Father's Day Tidbit-** The first celebration of Father's Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men.

Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to show her gratitude to her father, who'd cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 1910.

In 1924, President Coolidge suggested that Father's Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father's Day as a national observance.

Prolific hymn writer Charles Wesley wrote the moving song "**Jesus, Lover of My Soul**" in 1739. According to one story, Wesley penned the lyrics after surviving a raging storm at sea. A frightened bird apparently flew into Wesley's window during the uproar, seeking safety in the folds of Wesley's coat. The first stanza is as follows:

*Jesus, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high,  
Hide me, O my Savior,  
hide, till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide;  
O receive my soul at last.*

This brings to mind the frightened disciples in Matthew 8:23-27. Pummeled with wind and waves, they feared drowning and called to Jesus to save them. We, too, can take refuge in our Savior during life's storms, knowing we have a safe haven and a sure destination.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER FUN

Attention! **The Clothes Closet** will be closed June 14-21, 2008. This is the week of VBS, and we will be cleaning up the Clothes Closet. Please do not bring any clothing donations during this time. The Clothes Closet will reopen Tuesday, June 24, 2008. Clothes Closet hours are 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Tuesday's and Thursday's, as well as the 2nd Saturday of every month.

### Next Emmaus Gathering-

**Date:** Saturday, June 14, 2008

**Time:** 5:30PM

**Where:** Table Christian Church

**Address:** 555 N 11th Ave, Brighton



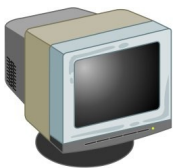
A calendar for Fundraisers and Mission Outreach projects has been created and accepted by the Leadership Council for the 2008 year. This calendar is available to everyone to view at <http://www.my.calendars.net/FUMCMO>. Included on this calendar are the fundraising events for the year as designated by the various groups within the church. Also, any mission projects requesting donations are listed. Please feel free to check it out!

Any new fundraising or outreach submissions for the 2008 year will not be placed on the calendar, or carried out unless it is approved by the Leadership Council.

**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 5-19: \$114,940.56. Giving Units: 97. Please contact any CPR representative to find out how you can donate and pledge to take part in helping to restore our church.

There is a **signup sheet** for those interested in going on the **November 8-15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Adult Mission trip to Manzanillo, Mexico**. Please see either Bill Pratt or Debbie Covert if you are interested.



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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 Sunday School Superintendent  
 .....Joyce Johnson  
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 Bookkeeper.....Marlene Bronson  
 UMW ..... Dorothy Emhovich  
 Historian /Librarian..Mary Alice Lindblad  
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 One-Hour Ministry...Kathy Carson  
 Head Usher .....Bob Foster  
 Head Lay Leader.....Jan Cook  
 Vestments Arranger...Vicki Christian  
 Boy Scout Rep..... Don Baker  
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 Choir Director .....Ann Pratt  
 Organist..... Emma DeBey  
 Newsletter .....Melissa Weber  
 Leadership Council.....Shelley Chaney, Karen Savage, Pat Ferrell, Eric Freitag, Deb Covert, Phil Neville, Matt Jones, Ruben Perea

### Office Hours

**8:00am—3:00pm**  
**Monday—Thursday**

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

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