

The Messenger

May 2008

Rev Linda Pelletier, Pastor

Ready for a beach party?



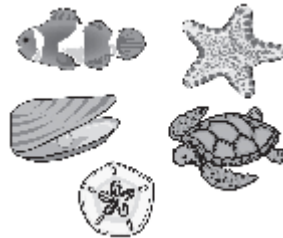
Let's get ready to go to the beach! This year, the VBS theme is "Beach Party". We are in need of many donations to help this year's Vacation Bible School go smoothly, and request your assistance by donating anything you can. There is a need for the following:

*paper plates, plastic spoons and cups, ice, fish nets, lawn chairs, Ziploc bags, marshmallows, gold fish crackers, pretzels, cheerios, temptra paints, beach balls, wadding pools (2), hot glue sticks, white frosting, apples and Bananas

and more. Please watch for the clipboard and sign up on the sheets to choose what you will bring. VBS will be from June 16-20, 2008. We ask that donations of non-perishable items are brought to the church prior to May 15th. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 686-2368, or Deb Wacker at 669-5122. Thank you!



In addition, please see the registration form inserted in this newsletter. Additional copies of the form are available at the church.



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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

CPR Volunteer opportunities- Become a part of history!

We need volunteers for 2 key positions. One is a **Project Recorder**, who takes care of all documentation for the construction phase (maintaining records, correspondence, and meeting notes). The other position is **Volunteer/Site Coordinator**, who facilitates ongoing activities and volunteer groups for CPR support activities. If you are interested, please contact Ken Iliff, Linda Pelletier, Ric Weber or any CPR Committee member.





The
Bulletin Board



"Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you." -Exodus 20:12

"Your mother was like a vine in your vineyard planted by the water; it was fruitful and full of branches because of abundant water." - Ezekiel 19:10



METHODIST MEN'S GARAGE SALE

Once again it is time for the Methodist Men to hold their annual garage sale. The sale will be held in conjunction with the town's crazy days garage sales on the first Saturday in June. We would like everyone to save all of their valuable - or not so valuable - garage sale items for our sale. All proceeds will be used for projects for the church. As the time draws near, we will publish more information about when to bring your garage sale items to the church.

Youth Servant Work Day

Saturday, May 03, 2008

If you are interested in having a Youth Servant Team's assistance with Spring Clean-Up, and Yard work; please contact Gary Pelletier at (970) 674-9142 to schedule. Donations will be accepted and will proceed the Youth Mission Trip to Mexico in May.



May is our month to volunteer at the Food Pantry. We are in need of two volunteers every **Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. through the month of May** to help at the Windsor Food Pantry located at Faith United Church of Christ. Please sign-up for when you will be available. For more information contact the church office. Thank you in advance!



The Trustees are asking for help to clean up the church. Saturday, May 3rd has been selected as "**Church Clean-up Work Day**". Please come from **9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** to help spruce up our church building. A clipboard with what needs to be done is available on

Sign-Up Central and will be passed around during church services. We need help with washing window sills, cleaning trash cans, cleaning counter tops, mopping floors, vacuuming, dusting and more.

Spring is here and Summer is coming! Time is here to begin taking care of the lawn. A sign-up sheet is available for volunteers to pick a date to mow the church lawn. Choose once a month or a complete month. The choice is yours. Please sign-up to help keep our church looking great!

The Seven Together

(As shared in the sermon by Debbi Wacker)

1. Crucified together with Christ (Gal. 2:20)
2. Dead together with Christ (Col. 2:20)
3. Buried together with Christ (Rom. 6:4)
4. Made alive together with Christ (Eph. 2:5)
5. Raised together with Christ. (Col. 3:1)
6. Sufferers together with Christ (Rom. 8:17)
7. Glorified together with Christ (Rom. 8:17)

One Hour Ministry

Dear Friends,

At the end of September 2008, I am going to resign as coordinator of One-Hour Ministry. I want to continue working as coordinator of Daily Bread (a part of the whole) within One-Hour.

There is nothing wrong. I have been blessed and have thoroughly enjoyed being given the wonderful opportunity to work with this awesome ministry and nurture it as God has guided its growth. I have met beautiful people and made many friends. I have realized that I have God-given talents and have gotten to use them through this ministry. I have truly enjoyed it.

It's a wonderful ministry. Even though I will miss parts of the leadership role that I have played, I don't want to coordinate the entire ministry any longer. It's as simple as that.

I sincerely hope someone will step up to coordinate the whole ministry, as I would hate to see it fragmented. We have learned that if there is no coordinator, it doesn't work well. So, please pray as you think about coordinating this beautiful and rewarding ministry. I will help you all I can. If you like to organize things and if you're looking for a spiritually-fulfilling job, this position is for you!

It runs well now because of you, the ministers, and because of the people who are coordinating the individual ministries. Just as the individuals are dedicated to the ministry of their choice, the coordinators are committed to their ministries, and they do awesome jobs of coordinating and leading. Each of us is a part. We're all part of the body, and we're all the Body of Christ.

I have loved serving God in this position. I appreciate each of you and the work that you do. I'm thankful that each of us has gifts and talents specific to us that we can use to serve God by serving others. Pray! Is God asking you?

In love and appreciation,

Kathy Carson, Coordinator- One-Hour Ministry

Quiet Disciples

Our church had three people recognized by the Peaks Sub-district as Quiet Disciples at a luncheon on April 12 in Loveland: Vicki Christian, Jessica Freitag, and Lee Morrow.

Vicki and Jessica have been making all the banners that decorate our sanctuary every year, as well as the other seasonal decorations throughout the years. They both serve on the Trustees and can be often found making our church a hospitable place. Vicki has been a long time member of the traditional choir and has volunteered to send card and gifts whenever appropriate. Jessica has organized the youth acolytes and willingly steps in whenever she sees a need with the children - remember Palm Sunday, when the children paraded around the sanctuary waving palms? Jessica was the one who unobtrusively directed traffic!

Lee Morrow is the one who keeps track of all the insects and little creatures who would like to make our church home. When he sees a need, he find a solution, whether it be furniture for a Sunday School room, someone's personal need, or just to visit with someone who might be struggling with an illness. He also serves a second term on Finance and finds time to mentor those outside our church, including a man on parole. Where there is a need, count on Lee!

We just take all they do for granted, so it is time to give them a hearty CONGRATULATIONS.

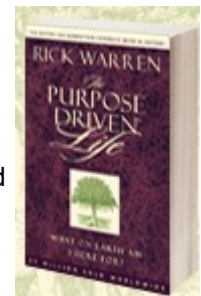
Purpose Driven- Check this out!

Four or five years ago our church had a series of sermons based on Rick Warren's book "The Purpose Driven Life." In addition, we had several small groups doing a series of discussions regarding the book and how it could apply to our everyday lives.

Recently, I decided to re-read this book to see if I could gain some insights to a life situation that I and a friend were facing. While reading the book, I discovered it has so many important points and topics that I was having difficulty keeping them in perspective and relevant to one another. Subsequently, I outlined the book by chapter with the major points of each chapter identified by name and page location. As a result, I have found that I can quickly locate my points of interest at the moment and make the book much more useful.

If you would like to revisit this excellent book, you may find this outline helpful. I would be happy to give you a copy.

Dave Cook, 356-2564 jancook@ezlink.com



Letter from Pastor Linda



Dear Friends,

We are surely in a time of great hope and expectation. We have been approved by the State Historical Society for a huge grant to the tune of \$296,955.00. The money required to do the complete renovation project is within a few dollars of \$450,000.00. So we are looking at nearly one half a million dollars to get spruced up, and repair some very important structures. We still need donations to be given to pay our part of the bill which is a little over \$150,000.00. But, as with anything, money is only part of the deal. Yes, money makes it all possible, but we are also to remember that without the dedicated work of hundreds of volunteers it will not happen. We are going to need people to answer the call to help out in a whole spectrum of ways over the next year or so.

If you think this is a lot of money to put into mortar and glass, it is. But, please remember that the church is so much more than just a building. The church is an anchor and it is a place of life, hope, grace, and service. Today, churches boast of huge structures and huge numbers of people worshipping on a Sunday morning. This is all good, surely it is all good. But, a church that has a history and a presence in a community for over a century has something really special to offer, and that is endurance. In our fast paced world with things and ideas changing in a milli-second, coming to a place where God has been worshipped for over 100 years brings life back into perspective. A church established for longevity can offer to the community, and to our world, a consistency and a hope that has endured, season after season, fad after fad, disaster after disaster, and war after war. Our house of God has been here just that, for over 100 years. God has blessed us and consecrated this church for the greatest work known to humankind and that is to bring people to Jesus Christ, and to the abundant life God has promised us all. The abundant life will be what holds us steady on our course of life on earth, and on to our course of life in heaven. So by repairing that which is, we can offer generations to come a place that will always be there for them, where the grace and love of God in Jesus Christ is always found.

God Bless, *Pastor Linda*

“Kairos Outside” of Colorado

You are not alone! The journey of we who love someone in jail or prison is lonely. But we are not alone!

“Kairos Outside” (KO) is a ministry for women whose lives have been impacted by incarceration of a family member or friend, or by women ex-felons who did not get to go on a Kairos while in prison, who might like to attend this retreat. It is a community that provides a confidential weekend experience similar to a “Walk to Emmaus” or “Kairos” weekend. The first KO #1 will start on Friday, November 14, and goes to the closing on Sunday afternoon, November 16, in the family reunion lodge at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park. If transportation or child care is needed, it can be arranged. Guests must be at least 20, and more than one family member can attend.

KO needs women volunteers who might like to serve on a team. Men can serve on a cooking team and servants to serve the food. Female staff and guests will stay in a wonderful new cabin near the family reunion lodge.

For further information or to register guests and volunteers, please contact Jean Mares, Lay Leader #1, Kairos Outside of Colorado, PO Box 16113, Golden, CO 80402.



Would you like to learn more about the women of the Bible? Coming to Windsor **May 17, 2008**, the women from Brentwood United Methodist Church will present a skit featuring women of the Bible during the United Methodist Women’s Annual Spring Tea. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 1:30 p.m. Please plan to attend.

From Our Hearts to His...

"It's never too late." You've heard this phrase often. You might have heard it on a commercial on TV or the radio. It's never too late to get in on the deal of the century and buy the car of your dreams. Just come in. We'll check your credit ratings and sign you up for a good deal. Ok, that sounds a little cheesy, but if this phrase didn't pull at our human side, it wouldn't come up, would it? So you arrive at the dealership, only to find your credit rating really isn't that good. You leave there bummed, hope lost. That fantasy of having that car has been distinguished. Oh well, it happens. You wonder if it truly is too late for you. You jump into your old reliable car and drive off.

This phrase has been overused to the point where it's true meaning has been lost. You've been hurt too many times that you begin to get numb to it. You put up your shield to it. You no longer believe it. You look the other way, blaming yourself for all your mistakes. You think there is nothing to pull you out of where you are. Maybe it is too late. The chains tighten. OK, STOP RIGHT THERE!

I want to show you something. I want to tell you there is hope, and that it is never too late for you. In this moment, erase those thoughts from your mind. It is time to re-train your heart. It is time to start over, right here, right now, today. It might not involve a car, but what it involves is something much better than any material thing this world has to offer.

Focus your heart on God. Nothing is impossible for Him. It is never too late for you. You have sinned. I have sinned. All of us have. But have hope, that it's never too late. Did you know that you are loved by our most gracious God, just as much as He loves Jesus Christ, the one who never sinned? Did you know that you can be forgiven of all sins? Did you know you can have a new beginning right now? You can become renewed and made pure in His holy name.

I implore you to release your burdens to Him. Focus on Jesus Christ. Think of what He did for you. He didn't die so that you could beat yourself up for not being perfect. He didn't die so that you could give up on yourself. He died because you are important. You are a child of God. You are loved no matter what you have done or haven't done. Jesus died to give you a second chance, to give you hope that there is a God who loves you more than you can ever imagine. There is a God who gives you second and

third and fourth and many more chances. He believes in you, and will give you as many chances as it takes for you to get it right. Isn't that beautiful? Doesn't that make you want to reach out to Him? Doesn't it make you want to praise Him, glorify His holy name?

We all have a story. We all have a past. Some of us are ashamed of the pain we've experienced. Some of us are ashamed of what we've done. But someone still loves you and always will love you. Someone can erase all of that for you. Someone can hold you through it all. Someone can fill your heart with so much love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. These are the fruits of the spirit, and that someone is God who gives these to us. What a most outstanding gift, to have the fruits of the spirit!! This is much better than some car. For any material thing on this earth can rot, be eaten by moths, and cannot be taken with you. But the fruits of the spirit can spread through the world and continue to spread as a beautiful gift long after we are all gone and dancing in Heaven in praise to the one who made us all.

You are loved. It is never too late. You are special and important. You were made in God's image. You are His special child. Every part of you is a miracle, a miracle blessed from our Lord above. You may not understand everything that happens, but have faith because God has a reason for everything, a reason for you. Praise God for you! Praise God for your smiles! Praise God for what you do and who you are! Praise God for every breath! Praise God for every opportunity to live, love, and to be! It is never too late my brothers and sisters. Never too late.

Most gracious Father, we love you with all of our hearts, minds, souls, and strength. Sometimes we feel lost in this world, internalize it, and feel so small. But we are huge in your eyes. You love us more than we can imagine. We pray to honor you with each day of our lives in a way that glorifies your Holy name. Thank you for creating us. We are forever grateful for you and know it is never too late in your eyes. 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.

MARCH 25, 2008 FUMC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

PRESENT: Linda Pelletier, Matt Jones, Eric Freitag, Vicki Christian, Phil Neville, Kathy Carson, Ruben Perea, Bill Pratt and Karen Savage

The meeting opened with Linda reading an excerpt from Oswald Chambers followed by a prayer.

FINANCE: Bill Pratt presented the Financial Report, the Profit and Loss statement and the Annual Audit of the church. He also reported on the cumulative totals of weekly general fund collections.

OTHER BUSINESS: Kathy Carson presented information on the work of One-Hour Ministry and discussed plans for the Volunteer Appreciation Tea that will be on April 27, 2008 from 9:30 to 11:30. There will be sandwiches, brownies, punch, coffee and tea. Help is needed to make chicken salad, egg salad and brownies. Several members of the Leadership Council volunteered to help with making the food, setting up the Fellowship Hall and cleaning up after the event. Kathy plans to have an Appreciation Tea twice yearly.

TRUSTEES: Vicki Christian presented a report from the Trustees. Spring clean-up is scheduled for the first week of May. Sign up sheets will be passed around during services. The Trustees also proposed the idea of putting cabinets in the back of the Sanctuary to replace the table that collects stuff. A motion was made to approve putting two 4-foot cabinets with a countertop in the back of the sanctuary with the cabinets being donated and possibly the countertop being donated as well. The motion was seconded and was unanimously passed. The table will be moved to another part of the church.

STAFF PARISH: Linda Pelletier reported for the Staff Parish Relations committee. The Church Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Krista Goddard, is due for her 6-month review. Linda is very pleased with Krista's excellent work.

CPR: Eric Freitag reported on the progress of the Church Preservation and Restoration project. The State Grant has been approved and the CPR committee is moving forward with the requirements needed before a contract can be signed. The CPR committee is working on organizing the team and filling key positions in order to make the project a success. Eric Freitag and Rob Bradley will be heading up the Fund Raising efforts, Ken Iliff is the Construction Coordinator and Phil Neville and Bill Pratt will be working on the financial aspects. They are in need of a Volunteer Coordinator to help organize the team. They are also looking for a Construction Recorder to organize and assemble all of the documents that the State will require. There will be many opportunities to help with the project, big and small. Jerry Carson, as Chairman of the Trustees, will be involved in all of the aspects of the project as well. The next CPR meeting will be April 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. So far the church has collected almost \$107,000 in pledges and gifts to go towards our matching funds requirement of \$150,000.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH CALENDAR: Linda presented a calendar that schedules fundraising and mission projects for the rest of the year. Eventually the calendar will be available for viewing on our web site. The contact person for scheduling any fundraising/mission projects is Krista Goddard. There will be a letter sent out annually on August first reminding groups to schedule their fundraisers and mission projects for the upcoming year. The reminder will also be in the bulletin and newsletter. A motion was made to approve the FUMC Missions and Outreach Calendar. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Leadership Council will be discussing The Memorial Plaque for people who were cremated at the next meeting. Right now it is in the back of the Sanctuary with one name. Vicki Christian will discuss this plaque with the Trustees as well.

The meeting closed in prayer.

Next Leadership Council meeting will be on April 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER FUN

Birthday Mile Stone!

Lauris Bell will be celebrating her 90th birthday on May 6th. Her family would like her friends to remember her by sending a card to: 2195 E. Egbert St. #244, Brighton, CO, 80601

Next Emmaus Gathering–

Date: Saturday, May 3, 2008

Time: 5:30PM

Where: Hygiene UMC– Longmont

Address: 7542 Hygiene Road



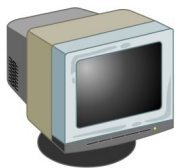
A calendar for Fundraisers and Mission Outreach projects has been created and accepted by the Leadership Council for the 2008 year. This calendar is available to everyone to view at <http://www.my.calendars.net/FUMCMO>. Included on this calendar are the fundraising events for the year as designated by 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 4-22: \$112,830.56. Giving Units: 93. 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 8-15th, 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

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- Student Pastor.....Debbi Wacker
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- Youth & Family Coord.....Lori Baker
- Leadership Council...Shelley Chaney
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- Financial SecretaryBill Pratt
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- UMW Dorothy Emhovich
- Historian /Librarian..Mary Alice Lindblad
- Public Relations Sandi Meier
- Comm. Steward..... Help Needed
- Help Needed
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