

The Messenger

November 2008

Rev Linda Pelletier, Pastor

CPR: Our Heritage, Our Home

Will it always be there?

The house I grew up in was built by my paternal grandfather in 1908. It was the same house that my father lived in for almost all 79 years of his life.

In 1911, my maternal grandfather built the farm house where my mother was born and lived until she married my father. It was like a second home to me.

Even after family members no longer occupied those two houses, I continued to visit them, driving by ever so slowly at least once during my home-town visits. They were part of the route I customarily traveled that also took me by the elementary school, the high school, the community church, and the homes of several childhood friends. Each building represented my heritage—an intricate part of who I am today. They were the visual images that have kept all of those fond memories so clear in my mind.

But in the last few years, the tour of old familiar haunts is not quite the same. A McMansion has replaced my childhood home, sitting in the center of the property I once called “my yard”. The majestic blue spruce has been cut down and the huge weeping willow--my climbing tree--has died. Seven miles away, the lot where that square farm house once stood now contains five contemporary homes.

A couple of years ago, members of our congregation obtained State Historical Site status for our church. To address necessary repairs, the Church Preservation & Restoration (CPR) committee initiated a capital funds drive in 2007.

The money raised would allow the church to receive a “two for one” matching grant from the State Historical Fund.

With Ken Iliff leading current CPR efforts, the church entered into a contract with the State in early August and has since received the first installment of the grant. The CPR committee selected Slaterpaul Architects of Denver to develop the renovation plans. Once these plans are complete, the committee will seek bids for the actual renovation work. One of the most important tasks will be to stabilize the stained glass windows that we so admire. Some other more notable improvements will be to:

- replace the roof and repair the lantern,
- repair, re-point and clean the exterior brickwork and terracotta, and
- reconstruct the historic front doors and refurbish interior woodwork.

Actual work will be completed by the end of next year. I applaud the steps the church has taken in this effort, and look forward to seeing all the improvements. The historical status of the church will also assure funding will be available for future repair needs. Because of its status and the efforts of its members, our church is guaranteed to always be on this corner, looking very much like it does today!

My wife and I have been members of FUMC of Windsor for only a short time, but it already feels like **our** church. And I take comfort in knowing that years from now, my grandchildren will point to the building on the corner of 5th and Walnut and explain to their children, “This is where my grandparents came to worship each Sunday.” And the memories will live forever...

Respectfully submitted by Bruce Hyink

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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





The
Bulletin Board



“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

-Romans 12:2 NKJV

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

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

“He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”

-Philippians 1:6 NKJV

Flu Shot Clinic

Please mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Flu Shot Clinic, hosted by the First United Methodist Church. The clinic will be from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon, on Saturday, November 1st, in the Fellowship Hall. Details will follow, once they become available.



In Christ's Love,
Lori Baker
Family/Youth Ministry Coordinator

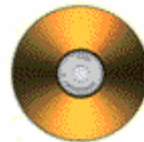
The youth ministry will be selling beautiful poinsettias, once again, in November. Please watch for further details! Thanks, Lori Baker.

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 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

Because there are so many people in need of prayer, we would like to start a Prayer Shawl Ministry. This is a way to use creativity to reach out to people who are in need of comforting.

Shawls have come to symbolize shelter, peace, and spiritual sustenance. The creation and presentation of a prayer shawl enriches the giver as well as the recipient. The shawls become tangible evidence of prayers.

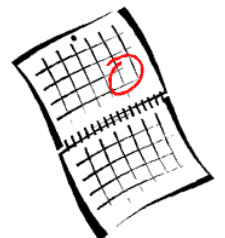
We invite anyone interested, even if you do not know how to knit or crochet. We will teach you. The meetings will be held at church.

Please Contact either:

Marcia Teachout 970-515-6959 msteachout@comcast.net
Judy Chamberlin 970-686-8958 raicham@msn.com

Special dates

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2008
- Daylight-Saving Time Ends, November 2, 2008
- Election Day, November 4, 2008
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2008
- Bible Sunday, November 23, 2008
- National Bible Week, November 23-30, 2008
- Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2008
- First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2008



LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WINDSOR****SEPTEMBER 23, 2008**

In attendance: Shelley Chaney, Karen Savage, Michelle Perea, Ruben Perea, Linda Pelletier, Jan Cook, Phil Neville, Pat Ferrell, Eric Frietag, Larry Hintz

Shelley opened the meeting in prayer and read a devotional. The minutes from August were reviewed and approved.

REPORTS:

YOUTH MINISTRIES: Michelle reported that the church is planning on having our annual Community Carnival on October 18, 2008. The youth are planning to build a corn maze. There will be a free will offering for the corn maze to help sponsor any of the youth that want to go to the all conference youth rally, Rejuvenation, which will be in Grand Junction. The youth group had their first youth meeting on Wednesday. The youth are also planning a field trip to Harvest Farm on October 5, 2008. Michelle also reported that only 4 youth have signed up for confirmation this year. If they don't get more signed up, they will probably not do it this year and try again next year.

FINANCE: Larry reported on the finances of the church. We are still behind on our budget, but seem to be holding steady without losing more ground than we already have. The finance committee will be discussing ways to flex down our controllable spending. Different people from the committee will be talking to the congregation about where we stand financially in the upcoming weeks leading up to November 9, 2008 when we will be collecting pledge cards for 2009. Larry also presented the council with three purchase orders. Two are for scholarships for the Rejuvenation youth rally, \$200.00 for youth scholarships and \$200.00 for adult scholarships. A motion was made and seconded to approve spending \$400.00 for scholarships to the Rejuvenation rally and the motion passed. The third purchase order was for the Community Carnival in the amount of \$450.00. The finance committee had recommended that be reduced to \$250.00. After further discussion, however, the council moved to split the \$450.00 between the Community Carnival and the youth trip to Harvest Farm. That motion was seconded and passed. The church will be accepting donations of candy, treats and money for the Community Carnival.

WORSHIP: Linda reported that the worship groups from both services will be meeting soon to discuss upcoming holiday services.

SPR: Michelle Perea is taking over the youth portion of Lori Baker's job duties while she is on a leave of absence.

CPR: Phil reported that we have hired an architect. The State Historical Society has given us \$79,535 and we have \$83,000 to \$84,000 of our own money. The congregation can expect to see more about the progress of CPR in the upcoming week. Of note, CPR STILL NEEDS A VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR.

PASTOR REPORT: Linda proposed that our church have a Thanksgiving banquet on the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving. A motion was made to have this banquet and then on the following Sunday (the 5th Sunday of the month) have a soup, salad and dessert pot luck. This motion was seconded and passed. Clipboards will be passed in the services to sign up to help with the banquet and to bring food. Linda also reported that the all church charge conference will be on December 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and therefore the nominations committee (lay leadership committee) will need to start meeting soon.

OTHER BUSINESS: Jan has become involved in a mission called Kairos Outside that is for the family and friends of people who are in prison. It is structured like the Walk to Emmaus. She would like to set up a table and DVD in the fellowship hall on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday in October in order to sell meal tickets for the mission for \$3.00 each. A motion was made and was passed to have Jan set up a table in the fellowship hall.

Deb Wacker will be going to the Loveland FUMC. The meeting closed in prayer.

The next Leadership Council Meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Linda's Letter

Dear Friends,

November is here and a whole year has almost gone before us. Interestingly, the 22nd of November will be the 6 month anniversary of the tornado. It is hard in some ways to think that it has been 6 whole months since it happened, but in other ways it seems much longer, especially for those who have been living in rentals and hotels, and have had their lives turned upside down. Please keep those people in your prayers.

November is also the month when we as a community, and as a nation, give thanks to God Almighty for the harvest and the blessings of life. We have many, many blessings. We are following the ancient Hebrew tradition of bringing our tithes and offerings, along with the best of the harvest to the House of God at harvest time through our Stewardship Campaign. You will be able to bring your pledge offering on November 9th at either worship service.

The church has two events planned this year for you and your family to give thanks. The first event is the All Church Thanksgiving Dinner on **Sunday afternoon, November 23rd, at 5:30 p.m.** You will be to sign up to bring traditional Thanksgiving dishes to share at this dinner. It will be a great time. There is something very special about gathering with the church to have a Thanksgiving meal together. Some of you may even have family coming from out of town and it adds to the joy by bringing them along to the All Church Thanksgiving Dinner.

The second Thanksgiving event planned is a community affair. The Lady of our Valley Catholic Church of Windsor will once again host the worship service which is open to the entire Windsor community. The service is Wednesday night, Thanksgiving Eve **November 26th, at 7:00 p.m.** You are invited to bring a dessert, or pie to share following the worship service. This is always a well attended event so get there early and share God's love with your fellow Windsorites.

Friends, we have so much to be thankful for. Take time to make a list of blessings and put it next to your Bible and give thanks every time you pray this entire month.

Many Blessings, **Pastor Linda**

United Methodist Women's Annual Bazaar!

When: November 8th, 9am to 2pm

Where: Our church— Fellowship Hall

Cost: Adults \$7, Ages 5-12 \$4, children under 5 are free!

Lunch is served from 11am to 2pm. Choice of Soups, salad, dessert

Check this out: Holiday Gifts, Baked goods, Craft & Sewing items, Trinkets and treasures

*Proceeds help support UMW world and local missions



Note from Finance

The deadline for submitting 2009 budget requests was October 31st. The Finance Committee has received the requests and will look over them and begin working on the church budget for 2009. A budget will be proposed and voted on in December. Thanks to all committees and missions for submitting their requests in a timely manner so the Finance Committee can begin working on the budget for 2009.



From Our Hearts to His...

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior— from violent men You save me. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies." —2 Samuel 22:2-4

What does Thanksgiving mean to you? Each family may have their own various traditions. Time together with family or friends. Plenty of food and fun. Traditions are great, as long as we don't lose focus. That's the key. Don't lose focus. What IS our primary focus? Is it on God, His works, sharing His love? Are we spending time with God in prayer and praise? Before I became a Christian, I thought Thanksgiving was about the food and the Dallas Cowboys game we'd watch while our Mom's prepared the food. It was also the time of year when you say grace before you eat. Little did I know that God has been with me every second of my life. I am specially made by Him. Not a second thought, but His full attention and intension was to make me as He did. He always thinks of me. He remembers me. He blesses me. Just as He does for you. What do I do for Him? Say grace once a year? When I welcomed Christ into my heart, my eyes opened. God wants a relationship with us all. What happens to you when a loved one does not pay attention to you? It hurts, doesn't it? Again, I ask. What is our primary focus? Are we paying attention to God and all that He has laid out before us?

I chose the scripture above, because its important to remember God and praise Him for all that He does for us. In this case, David was thanking God for delivering Him from the hands of Saul. I feel that we cannot even comprehend or conceive all that He has delivered us from, nor can we fully realize the extent of His love.

I took a walk with a friend of mine, and we looked around at all the trees. Their leaves are so beautiful: oranges, red, yellow. This is God's artwork, presented before us, for all of us to see. Are we truly paying attention to the canvas He paints for our pleasure? He wants us to be filled with joy, to smile, to love, to share His love. We do feel hurts, but He did not bring them upon us. He wants to comfort us. Are we letting Him? When the sun rises or sets, do we take a moment to be consumed in the moment? Do we accept the gift of life He has given us, and thank him for every moment in His presence? We are in His presence from the second we take our first breath, until we take our last, you know. And it doesn't end there, does it? Are we paying attention to Him as He walks beside us?



Take a moment to stop thinking. Yes, stop thinking. You may be thinking about tomorrow. Let tomorrow worry about itself. (Remember Jesus taught us that.) Stop thinking about your bills for a moment or those things that hurt you. Stop. Close your eyes. Listen. Let God come inside, and give Him thanks. Give Him this precious moment of your time. What do you hear? Is He prompting you to say "I love you" to someone special in you life? What do you feel? Think of the blessings in your life. We just might find that blessings outweigh our troubles. There is no problem too big or too hard for God. We may find them too hard to bear. We may feel at the end of our rope. We may feel our problems are worse than others and feel like we are breaking from the weight. Bring them to Him. Invite Him in your heart, look, listen, feel, and let Him flow outside of you to bless others. I heard from a song, *Healing Rain* by Michael W Smith, the words "Healing rain, it comes with fire. So let it fall and take us higher. Healing rain, I'm not afraid, to be washed in Heaven's rain." Healing rain is coming down, upon us all, friends. Soak it in. He will protect you. Don't be afraid, because God is at your side. He always has been. In this moment, I ask, is He your priority this day, this breath, this second? Don't forget to give thanks.

Most gracious Father, we thank You for life, all life, our families, our friends, nature, animals. We thank You for the beautiful moments You give us. We thank You for showing us love. We thank You for Jesus. We pray that we remember You and give thanks to You daily.

Father, we pray for others who do not know You, Father, and in this prayer we ask that You show us how we shall contribute to Your will and leading others to find You. Thank you for Your love, in Jesus' name we pray to You, praise You, and thank You. Amen

Inspired by God, for God, -MKW

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.

Sunday School News

The Fall Session of Sunday School started September 7th. There are currently 43 children registered and the staff is comprised of the following people:



Katy Unitt Carolyn Hopkinson Riley Jones

Angie Johnson Ginny Rickford Nick & Kerry Spirek

Sherry Peterson Michelle & Ruben Perea Larry & Shanna Hintz

Jacque & David Leto Robin Eckman Tara & Dan Overton

Perry Cogburn Deb Campbell Susan Jewell-Klema

Dan Klema Matt & Jennifer Jones Anne Kull



Those volunteering as substitutes are: Pat Ferrell, Heather Reed, Gail Montgomery, and Elliott Ball. Many thanks to all these teachers for their time and dedication.

Kids Helping Kids is the primary **October service project for Sunday School**. The children took home milk bottles so they can save change to be used to help other children. The **funds collected will be sent to Casa Hogar** to help purchase something needed by the children there. Some funds will also be donated **to the Operation Christmas Child** project organized by the church Youth group. The bottles containing their **donations are due back on November 9th**. Please help the children find ways they can earn their donations and stress the importance of what they are doing for other children. Thank you.

On October 12th the classes decorated placemats for the Kairos Prison Ministries.

Mark your calendars for November 30th. It is a 5th Sunday and there will be no Sunday School classes.

December 14th will be the Christmas Program at 10:00 a.m. Be sure to invite all family and friends to join us.

Joyce Johnson, Superintendent

Learn Something New



The crown, a symbol of royal authority, represents Jesus, the King of Kings. It can also symbolize the "crown of glory," the eternal reward that faithful Christians receive in heaven (see 1 Peter 5:4). Three crowns are often used to represent the wise men who traveled from the East in search of the baby Jesus.

Happy Thanksgiving! God bless you all. Don't forget to join us for Thanksgiving dinner at church! See you there



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER FUN

Mary said, "I am the servant of the Lord. Let this happen to me as you say!"
Then the angel went away.

-Luke 1:38 NCV



I like to thank all of those who donated snacks. A
re anonymous donor who supplied the nursery with
and yummy snacks!

The Next Emmaus Community Gathering

When: Saturday, November 8th

Where: First Christian Church
2000 N Lincoln Ave, Loveland

Time: 5:30 PM



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!

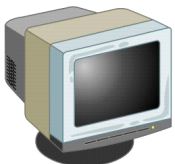
Any new fundraising or outreach submissions for the 2008 year will not be placed on the calendar, or carried out unless it is approved by the Leadership Council.

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 10-20: \$117,969.15. Giving Units: 104. Please contact any CPR representative to find out how you can donate and pledge to take part in helping to restore our church.

"I thank my God every time I remember you."

-Philippians 1:3



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
- Office Manager..... Krista Goddard
- Youth & Family Coord.....
-Michelle Perea
- Leadership Council
-Shelley Chaney
- SPR Chair.....Mike Rais
- Sunday School Superintendent
-Joyce Johnson
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-Dan VanArsdall
- Financial Secretary..... Bill Pratt
- Treasurer.....Larry Hintz & Elliott Ball
- Bookkeeper.....Marlene Bronson
- UMW..... Dorothy Emhovich
- Historian /LibrarianMary Alice Lindblad
- Public Relations..... Sandi Meier
- Comm. Steward.....Help Needed
- One-Hour Ministry.....Judy Chamberlin and Gail Montgomery
- Head Usher..... Bob Foster
- Head Lay Leader..... Jan Cook
- Vestments Arranger..... Vicki Christian
- Boy Scout Rep..... Dan Overton
- Nursery Dir, & CustodianHilda Passaretti
- Choir Director
-Ann Pratt
- Organist..... Emma DeBey
- Pianist.....Connie Hill
- Newsletter..... Melissa Weber
- Leadership Council.....Shelley Chaney, Karen Savage, Pat Ferrell, Eric Freitag, Deb Covert, Phil Neville, Matt Jones, Ruben Perea

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**"WE WILL
SERVE
THE
LORD
OUR
GOD
AND
OBEY
HIM."
JOSHUA 24:24, NIV**

Thank you for being a part of our church family.

*The prayer of a person living right with God is
something powerful to be reckoned with.*

-James 5:16 MSG

