

# The Messenger



## Our Purpose:

To make a positive difference in the lives of people, families, and communities through the power of Jesus Christ.



# SEPTEMBER

September 2011

Rev Bob Simpson, Pastor

## Lay Speaking/Ministry Fall Courses

### PEAKS SUBDISTRICT LAY SPEAKING/LAY MINISTRIES FALL CLASSES ANNOUNCED

The Peaks Subdistrict Lay Ministry Council is offering the following lay speaking/lay ministries classes this fall:

#### October 1 and 2, Trinity UMC, Loveland

*Lay Speaking Ministries – Basic Course*

*Telling Stories*

*Leading Prayer*

*Church Financial Audit Ministry*

#### October 22 – November 5, First UMC, Fort Collins

*Planning and Leading Worship*

All laity and clergy are invited. For class details and registration forms, contact Judy Richardson at [peaks.subdistrict@gmail.com](mailto:peaks.subdistrict@gmail.com) or (970) 669-2408

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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)



# Get Involved!



“Forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

MATTHEW 18:35, NRSV



“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

-Galatians 3:28 NIV



### Who is Alpha for?

The *Alpha* course is for everyone! It is especially geared to:

Christians who want to brush up on the essential beliefs of the Christian faith

People interested in investigating Christianity

Newcomers to FUMC interested in a short-term small group experience

## Youth Group- Recycling

Our youth group recycles inkjet cartridges, laser cartridges, cell phones, and aluminum cans, to raise funds. The funds raised this year benefits the youth mission trip.



In addition, we are now able to recycle DVD's, Laptops, MP3 Players, Digital Cameras, Portable DVD Players, Video Game Consoles, and GPS Devices.



Don't throw it away! Please recycle. It's good for the environment, and our youth group will earn funds.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

We have a Ministry at this church that creates hand-made Prayer Shawls. They can be knitted, crocheted, quilted or sewn. We mostly work on the Shawl's at home, saying prayers to ask God to provide healing of the body, mind and spirit for the person who receives the Shawl. We do have fun meeting together and sharing our crafts and stories. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 10:00am in the upstairs room of the church. We have yarn and some hooks and needles and we can teach you how to crochet or knit. Come experience the gift of giving. For more information, contact:

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# Our Church, Our Family



## Alpha Questions of Life

Christianity: Boring, Untrue, and Irrelevant?

Who is Jesus?

Why did Jesus die?

How can I be sure of my faith?

Why and how do I pray?

Why and how should I read the bible?

How does God guide us?

Who is the Holy Spirit?

How can I be filled with the Spirit?

What does the Holy Spirit do?

How can I resist evil?

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES: GUADALUPE CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thanks to the many generous Church and Community supporters, the Guadalupe Community Center's Grand Opening will occur on Friday, August 26, and its new Shelter will open on Monday, August 29. Volunteers are needed every day of the week, from 2 – 8 hour shifts. Please contact Verna Recor, Volunteer Coordinator, at (970) 353-6433, or [vrecor@ccdenvr.org](mailto:vrecor@ccdenvr.org). Give of your time ~ Help change a life!

Shelter Helpers ~ Distribution Center Helpers ~ Meal Preparation

Serving Helpers (with Food Coordinator) ~ Childcare Support Helpers ~

Receptionist Helpers ~ Friendly Visitors ~ Computer Lab Assistants

## Special dates

- Labor Day, September 5, 2011
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2011
- National Grandparents Day, September 11, 2011
- Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15–October 15, 2011
- First Day of Autumn, September 23, 2011

# Bob's Reflection

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### SEPTEMBER 2011

I can still recall the hopeful feeling I had as a kid when it came time for the first day of the new school year. By then, the memories of the prior school year and the longing for summer vacation had faded. My mother would have taken me to Sears to buy my new school clothes. I'd have them all laid out the night before, ready for the morning of the first day. Pencils and crayons were sharp and new and all in order. At school, I'd be in a "new" room, at a new desk, with a new teacher who knew *nothing* about me (at least that's what I thought.) It was a fresh start, and it was a good feeling.

In the Gospel of Mark it says, "*And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him.*" (Mark 1:17-18) There is no discussion. There are no questions. There are no preparations. Simon and Andrew simply left everything behind and followed Jesus. The power of a fresh start with Jesus can hardly be explained, but can surely be experienced.

As we enter our fall season of worship and ministry, there is a fresh start available for each one of us. Maybe the fresh start you need is due to a life event, such as a change in relationship, or a loss. It could be you've been imagining a fresh start in your career or occupation. Or maybe the fresh start you need has something to do with an attitude or behavior or lifestyle that's been part of you for far too long.

Hear the Good News: Jesus Christ is the Lord of Fresh Starts! The name, "Jesus," means, "He Saves" (Matthew 1:21) The Gospels reveal that when Jesus saves a person *from* one set of circumstances, he simultaneously saves them *for* the purpose of giving them a fresh start. Fresh starts are simply part of God's nature. They are made available to us in Jesus, and made possible for us through the Holy Spirit.

I pray each of you will encounter the Lord of Fresh Starts through worship and through the other spiritual formation opportunities being planned and offered at First UMC Windsor. I pray each of you might hear with fresh ears the words of Jesus: "Follow Me." It is God's invitation to a Fresh Start...and it's a good feeling!

Peace in Jesus' Name,

Bob

### Alpha 2011 Schedule

The **Course Introduction** DVD will be presented: **Sunday September 11 at 1PM** in Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist of Windsor.

The weekly sessions will be at the First United Methodist Church Sunday afternoons from 1:00 PM – 3:15 PM beginning Sunday, September 18.

The "Day Away" will take place evening of Friday, October 28 & morning of Saturday, October 29, 2011

*Sola Gratia*  
Grace Alone

*Sola Fide*  
Faith Alone

*Sola Scriptura*  
Scripture Alone

GREETERS

9-4		9-18
10a	Mark & Susan Cook	8:30a
		10a
	9-11	Bruce & Barbara Hyink
10a	Ted & Lois Huckabee	9-25
		8:30a
		Brandy Partridge &
		Terry Haduck
		10a
		Gene & Ann Guy

LITURGIST

(10 a.m. Service)

9-4 Judy Haduck  
 9-11 Vicki Christian  
 9-18 JM Shafer  
 9-25 Marilyn Bradley

COMMUNION

9-4

10a Terry & Judy Haduck  
 Monte & Karen Savage  
 Cindy Miller

USHERS

(10 a.m. Service)

9-4	Gene & Jan Caplinger	9-18	Eric & Jessica Freitag
9-11	Bob Foster	9-25	Dave Cook &
	Monte & Karen Savage		Gary Lindblad

FINDING FRIENDS FELLOWHIP

(9:30 a.m.)

9-4	<i>Help Needed!</i>	9-18	Goddard Fam/Nursery
9-11	Picnic in the Park (11:15 a.m.)	9-25	<i>Help Needed!</i>

CLOTHES CLOSET

(9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon Tues & Thu)

1st	<i>Help Needed!</i>	15th	<i>Help Needed!</i>
6th	<i>Help Needed!</i>	20th	<i>Help Needed!</i>
8th	<i>Help Needed!</i>	22nd	<i>Help Needed!</i>
13th	<i>Help Needed!</i>	27th	<i>Help Needed!</i>
	29th		<i>Help Needed!</i>

September  
Wish List!

*Colored 8 1/2 x 14 Paper for Bulletins*  
*13 & 33 Gal Trash bags*  
*Hand Soap Refills*  
*Windex*  
*Lemonade Powder*  
*Pledge Wood Polish*  
*Tissues*  
*Dish Soap*  
*Clorox Clean-Up w/ Bleach*  
*Decaf & Regular Coffee*  
*Batteries: AA, AAA & 9 volt*  
*Lysol Toilet Bowl Cleaner*  
*Forever Postage Stamps*  
*Toilet Paper*  
*8oz. Paper Coffee Cups*  
*8in. Paper Plates*  
*Healthy Snacks for Nursery*  
*Post-it Notes*  
*Disinfectant Wipes*  
*Legal Size Envelopes*

*Thank You!*



## FIRST UMC WORSHIP PLANS AND SCHEDULE

*"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"*

*Psalm 122:1*

Our summer worship schedule will conclude on Sunday, September 11, with our Worship in the Park service at Windsor Main Park (10 AM.) On September 18, we will return to offering two worship services on Sunday morning.

Throughout the summer, a worship design team has dedicated themselves to discerning, imagining, redesigning, and recommitting to again offering a contemporary style worship service on Sunday mornings at our church. The "Vital Congregations Project" recently launched by our denomination is clear that, *"Vital Churches offer a mix of contemporary (newer forms of worship style) along with traditional style worship services."* God has richly blessed our faith community with the gifts to provide both styles of worship. We are thankful for all those who serve in all of our worship services in all capacities.

This plan is the outcome of prayer, discernment, experience, Christian conversation, love of Jesus and His church, and commitment to First UMC Windsor. It has been endorsed and is fully supported by the First UMC Leadership team. The goal is to offer as many opportunities as we are able to allow the Holy Spirit to draw as many people as possible into a relationship with the Living God. This must be the goal of every activity that takes place in our worship services.

Here is how we understand God's intention in our worship at First UMC Windsor:

The **Purpose of Worship** is to offer opportunities for new, renewed, and deepened relationships with God in Jesus Christ.

**We Believe** God works through the Holy Spirit during worship to transform lives, bring healing, give hope, guide decisions, inspire compassion, reconcile relationships, and offer a sense of belonging.

**As Worship Leaders**, we Commit to Serve God by preparing ourselves spiritually before worship; Offering God our "best available" during worship; Actively and intentionally nurturing our relationship with Jesus Christ; Actively and consistently practicing servant leadership by placing others' needs above our own in order to serve those who do not yet have a relationship with God or who are not connected to a faith community.

**Among The Many Ways Our Church Sows the Seeds of the Good News**, worship is our ministry that reaches the most people on the most regular basis, and therefore must be at the highest priority among our ministries.

While there are differences in how our two services are presented, we strive to include these **elements** in BOTH our Traditional and Contemporary worship formats:

In everything, all honor and glory is directed toward Jesus Christ.

Rich in personal testimony and witness

Each worshiper feels “cared about” by God.

Regular inclusion of live drama, DVD clips, and “live” video interviews.

Music includes both familiar and new music to draw worshipers into relationship with God.

Messages are based on Themes, Sermon series, as well as Liturgical Year topics

Themes reinforced through metaphor (electronic and non-electronic).

Constant emphasis on spiritual disciplines: prayer, study of Scripture, giving, witness, Christian service/mission, Holy Communion, Baptism.

Preserve and honor the richness of Christian tradition and depth of Wesleyan theology.

Multiple people serve with pastor in worship.

Prayer time is intentional and invitational.

Children’s message followed by Children’s Church/Sunday School (see schedule).

### OVERVIEW OF SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

(Beginning September 18, 2011)

- 7:30 AM Praise Team set-up and warm-up
- 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM “*ENCOUNTER*” (contemporary) Worship (+*Children’s Church*)
- 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM Coffee Only Fellowship
- 9:30 AM Choir warm-up
- 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (+*Children & Youth Sunday School*)
- 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM Fellowship w/Refreshments

#### **FIFTH SUNDAY** (and other special Sunday’s as agreed)

- 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Combined Service (music from praise band or mixed)
- 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM All Church Pot-Luck

#### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Class times and content are **Leader’s Preference**. We want to offer maximum flexibility for leaders who would like to assemble and lead a group.

Study/curriculum suggestions available to anyone who’d like to gather and lead a group with focus on Spiritual Formation & Discipleship

Advent/Lenten or other Congregation wide short term studies may also be offered on Sunday AM as leaders feel called

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The Hole in our Gospel bible study group has a new name --

### The Hole in our Gospel Gang

and we would love to have you join our gang. All you have to do is read the book "The Hole in Our Gospel", either individually or in a small group, and act whatever the Holy Spirit puts in your heart. The book is wonderful and will definitely change how you look at our world today. Currently we are meeting on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This time will change when we go back to our two service schedule on September 18th.

Our gang has decided to adopt a village in Africa. We have selected the village of ROCHEN KOMANDO, Sierra Leone, West Africa.

The United Methodist Church was originally in Rochen in 1956 when they established the primary school. Civil War broke out in 1991 and lasted 10 years. Most of the villages in the region suffered major damage. We would like to repair the school that the UMC started in Rochen Komando.

We are with the United Methodist Church Global Board of Global Ministry through advance #181000. The plans are to dig a well, put in a latrine, rebuild the church, the primary school and office, the secondary school and office, and a store.



**Our "Gang" is starting with the well. Clean water is the greatest need!!! Less than 25% of the population has access to clean drinking water. A mother has to decide whether to let her baby drink the dirty, contaminated water nearby and risk serious illness from it or let her child die of dehydration.**

More than 26,500 children die each day of preventable causes related to their poverty. Almost 10 million children will be dead in the course of a year.

We need to do something to help and we need to do it now.

We are working on three fundraisers:

- YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE LIVES - We have a huge bottle where we will collect your loose change on an ongoing basis. The last time we collected change, we made enough money to purchase one goat and two chickens for a village in Africa. Your loose change combined with others, really adds up. We will be handing out little water bottles for you to put your loose change in. On Sundays, you can bring the little bottle back to church and empty it in the huge bottle.

- CANS FOR CASH - We are collecting pop cans on Sundays in front of the church. Jason Burghart will take them to Andersons Recycling in Greeley where the church has an account. Or if you would rather take them yourself to the recycler here in Windsor, please remember to tell them it is for First United Methodist Church of Windsor.

- CINNAMON ROLLS, COFFEE AND WATER SALE - We will be selling cinnamon rolls, coffee and water at the Harvest Fest Parade on Monday, September 5. We will start selling at 8:00 a.m. in front of the church. We also have a booth display at the park on Sunday and Monday. We will have literature on the programs that the church offers and we will be selling water and collecting pop cans.

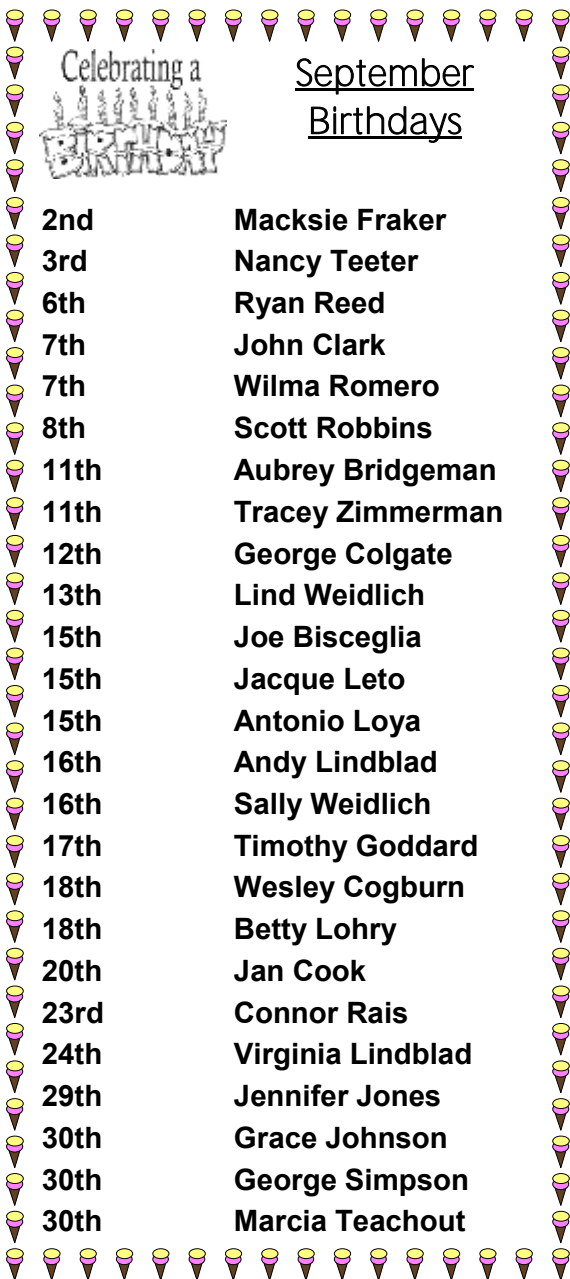
We will plan additional fundraisers in the future.

Our goal is to build a strong relationship with the Rothen village and help where we can. We hope you will read the book, share our passion, and decide to join our gang. We need more people and welcome your ideas.

God is working in and among us, and we need to let the world see Him.

God bless





September Birthdays

- 2nd Macksie Fraker
- 3rd Nancy Teeter
- 6th Ryan Reed
- 7th John Clark
- 7th Wilma Romero
- 8th Scott Robbins
- 11th Aubrey Bridgeman
- 11th Tracey Zimmerman
- 12th George Colgate
- 13th Lind Weidlich
- 15th Joe Bisceglia
- 15th Jacque Leto
- 15th Antonio Loya
- 16th Andy Lindblad
- 16th Sally Weidlich
- 17th Timothy Goddard
- 18th Wesley Cogburn
- 18th Betty Lohry
- 20th Jan Cook
- 23rd Connor Rais
- 24th Virginia Lindblad
- 29th Jennifer Jones
- 30th Grace Johnson
- 30th George Simpson
- 30th Marcia Teachout



September Anniversaries

- 6th Perry & Julie Cogburn
- 11th John & Barb Burford
- 12th Rob & Marilyn Bradley
- 25th Jason & Aubrey Bridgeman



# GOD'S PLAN

*When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.*

**Directions:** Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.

plans know and for hope I not declares give

☆ prosper have have the LORD you future ⊙

"

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Joke Corner

Q. Why did the clock in the cafeteria always run slow?

A. Every lunch it went back four seconds!

Q. Why was the music teacher not able to open his class room?

A. Because his keys were on the piano.

Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)



**PEAKS SUBDISTRICT LAY SPEAKING/LAY MINISTRY FALL CLASSES**

The Peaks Subdistrict Lay Ministry Council is offering the following classes this fall:

OCTOBER 1 AND 2 – TRINITY UMC, LOVELAND

**Lay Speaking Ministries – BASIC COURSE – Rick and Rev. Sandy Stewart, Leaders**

The foundational course for all the other Learning and Leading Courses. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts, and invited to consider the importance of spiritual leadership in the church and community.

**Leading Prayer – Rev. Merlene Barner, Leader**

To many, prayer remains a mystery, and praying in public is a test of faith left “professionals”. This class offers a short course on praying in public to help the participant grow in confidence and skill in prayer, both public and personal.

**Telling Stories – Rev. Mark Heiss and Chuck Keim, Leaders**

What constitutes a good story? Participants will discover storytelling styles and learn the techniques of effective storytelling. The class features practice on creating stories from personal experience and sharing them with class members.

**Church Financial Audit Ministry, Mr. Wayne Bettendorf, Leader**

This is a new class and a new service ministry opportunity for laity. Attendees will be trained to conduct annual church audits and learn how to organize Church financial and administrative records. Participants will receive a certificate from the Rocky Mountain Conference and become part of a team of “certified lay auditors” for the Rocky Mountain Conference. This team will be a resource for local churches to call upon to prepare for and to conduct their annual audit. This is currently not certified as an advanced Lay Ministry Course

OCTOBER 22 – NOVEMBER 5, FIRST UMC, FORT COLLINS

**Planning and Leading Worship - Rev. Dr. David Dalke, Leader**

The initial session on October 22 includes instruction on worship as a large group, including worship theme, liturgy, Scripture, prayer and use of the various sources available, with small groups formed to meet independently to design and prepare a complete worship service (excluding preaching) on November 5. Participation in the large group sessions and as a member of a small group is required.

All laity and clergy are invited. Class details and registration forms are available from Judy Richardson at [peaks.subdistrict@gmail.com](mailto:peaks.subdistrict@gmail.com) or (970) 669-2408

# Stephen Ministry Corner

## Reminder —> New Stephen Minister Training Class Set to Begin

Caring ministry at our church will be expanding soon, as members are set to begin Stephen Minister training at the end of September. At the completion of their training in March, they will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers. They will then join the Stephen Ministry Team in providing one-to-one care to individuals experiencing difficulties in life.

"Stephen Ministry training combines sound theological principles with contemporary psychology," says *Ken Iliff*, who, along with Stephen Leaders Susan and Tara, will teach the class. "The training is top-notch. The skills our Stephen Ministers learn and practice prepare them to provide a very high level of Christian caregiving. The training is intense because it explores some serious life issues, but it is also a growth producing and enjoyable experience."

The 50 hours of Stephen Ministry training is broken down into twenty 2 1/2-hour sessions that will be held on Sunday evenings. Among the training topics are:

- Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours
- The Art of Listening
- Distinctively Christian Caring
- Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly
- Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving
- Confidentiality
- Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief
- Caring for People before, during, and after Hospitalization

More than a quarter-million people have gone through Stephen Ministry training in more than 7,000 churches' worldwide since the ministry began in 1975.

"We're definitely part of significant ministry that cares for people one on one". "The impact of Stephen Ministry on our congregation has been tremendous. People whose needs might otherwise slip through the cracks are coming face to face with Jesus' love through their Stephen Minister. Our new class will help us touch that many more lives with the Gospel."

Please lift up the training class in your prayers over the coming months and watch for regular training class updates in the newsletter and Sunday bulletin.

Applications are available on the board in the entry way or you may ask a Stephen Minister for assistance. Please return your completed application to the office by September 9, 2011.



Seek, Believe, Share  
Christ

If you could ask God one question, what would you ask?



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## Announcements and other fun

If you have the name and address of a soldier serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, please contact Lee Cochran 460-0342 or Jaime Cummings 303-596-4206. Please help us connect with soldiers to let them know they are loved and prayed for.

If you know of someone who is pregnant, is sick, has been hospitalized or is going to have surgery, please call Jaime Cummings at 303-596-4206, Ken Iliff at 674-1034 or Krista, church secretary, at 686-2368.

Thank you for helping us reach out.

### The next Emmaus gathering is:

#### Hygiene United Methodist Church

**When: Saturday, September 10th @ 5:30PM**

**Where: 7542 Hygiene Road., Longmont, CO**

**<http://northcoloemmaus.org/>**



### Who Will Benefit from the Stephen Series?

The Stephen Series, for which Windsor FUMC will soon begin training, benefits many others besides those who receive the care of their Stephen Ministers. The Stephen Ministers grow greatly as they learn about helping others. They learn about themselves. As the hurting members of our congregation grow stronger through this caring ministry, the whole church is built up and made stronger. And, of course, we all can have the confident knowledge that when the pains of life come our way, someone will always be there, ready to care for us, to bring God's love to us in a special, personal way. Perhaps God is calling you to be one of these caring, committed servants who offer his love to those who are hurting. Please pray about your calling as you discern your response to this ministry.

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## Upcoming Emmaus Walks...

### Men's Walk # 38

September 22 - 25,  
2011

First UMC, Loveland  
533 Grant Ave  
Loveland

### Women's Walk # 39

September 29 - Octo-  
ber 2, 2011

First UMC, Loveland  
533 Grant Ave  
Loveland

### Your Church Leaders

Pastor.....Bob Simpson  
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Youth Coord.....Deb Campbell  
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.....Kerry Spirek  
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UMW.....Vera Chipman  
Historian /Librarian...Tracy & Debbie Bates  
Comm. Steward.....Terry and  
Judy Haduck; JM & Michele Shafer  
One-Hour Min.....Jaime Cummings  
Nursery Coord.....Krista Goddard  
Head Usher..... Bob Foster  
Head Lay Leader.....Monte Savage  
Vestments Arranger..... Vicki Christian  
Boy Scout Rep.....Eric Harris  
Choir Director .....Ann Pratt  
Organist..... Emma DeBey  
Pianist.....Connie Hill  
Newsletter.....Melissa Colgate  
Leadership Council.....Mike Rais,  
Shanna Hintz, Monte Savage, Jan  
Cook, Warren Wilson, Sandy Lee,  
Jaime Cummings, Lindsay Savage  
(Youth Rep)

### Office Hours

**8:00am—3:00pm**

**Monday—Thursday**

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Thank you for being part of our church family. May many prayers flow through you, and may many answers to prayer come to you in God's love.



Sow for yourselves  
righteousness,  
reap the fruit  
of unfailing  
love ...

Hosea 10:12, NIV

