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First News

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From the Pastor

Our District Superintendent Steve Goodier sent this e-mail and I thought that I would pass it on.

Friends,

Has anyone ever busted a dream you believed in? Or, on the other hand, has anyone helped you to reach beyond yourself, even when you felt like giving up? To do ministry effectively, we need to surround ourselves with those who will lift us up.

DREAM-BUSTERS AND DREAM-BUILDERS

A little girl was asked to bring her birth certificate to school one day. Her mother wisely cautioned her about the important document and told her to be especially careful with it. But in spite of her good intentions, the child lost it. When she became aware of its loss, she began to cry.

"What's the problem, Honey?" her teacher asked sympathetically.

The little girl wailed, "I lost my excuse for being born!"

There are enough reasons to say, "Excuse me." I am not about to apologize for being born. Some people live, though, as if they are sorry for being different, or for having an opposing opinion than others or for not running with the herd.

Author Linda Stafford was one of those people. When she was fifteen, Linda announced to her English class that she would someday write and illustrate her own books. She remembers that half of the class sneered and the remainder just laughed at her prophecy. To make matters worse, her English teacher responded that only geniuses become writers and then smugly added that she was on track to receive a D as a grade for the semester. Linda broke into tears.

She went home and wrote a sad, short poem about broken dreams and mailed it to a weekly paper. To her astonishment, the newspaper not only chose to print the poem but they also sent her two dollars for publishing her writing. When she shared the news with her teacher, her only reply was that "everybody experiences some blind luck from time to time." But as if to defy her teacher's assertion, Linda continued to write. During the next two years, she sold dozens of poems, letters, jokes and recipes. And by the time she graduated from high school, she had a scrapbook filled



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with her published writing.

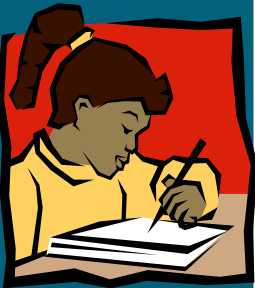
Linda never again mentioned a word of it to her teachers or to her fellow students. Why not? Some people are "dream-busters," Linda would later say. And her dream was too important, and, at this time in her life, too fragile to risk being shattered by careless comments from people who didn't believe in her.

Mark Twain said this about dream busters: "Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great."

Linda made no apologies for her ambitions, for her confident belief in herself or for wanting something more out of life. Even at her young age, she somehow knew that nobody on planet earth was more (or less) valuable than she; nobody was more deserving of happiness. She knew that she needed no excuse for wanting to make the most of her brief time in this life and eventually she did become the author she desired to be.

I have found plenty of dream-busters over the years, and I imagine that you have, too. But I have also discovered a few dream-builders along the way – people who encouraged my aspirations and challenged me to take the next step. It was the dream-builders who said yes when others said no. They were the ones who held my vision before me when I wanted to turn away in discouragement. They protected my dreams and reminded me who I really was.

It has always been the dream-builders who made the greatest impact. It is to them I am most grateful. If some people are dream-busters, others are dream-builders. And I know which ones to listen to. I also know which I want to be.



Veracruz English Academy Payment Due

The payment is due August 1, 2011 for your Veracruz English student.

The students are counting on your financial help so they can continue their English classes. If you would like to pay for 12 months (from August 2011 - August 2012) the cost is \$192.00. If you prefer to pay for 6 months (from August 2011 - January 2012) the cost is \$96.00. Please write your checks to Glenwood Springs FUMC and in the memo line write VEA and the name of your student. If you cannot continue paying for your student's classes please let Roxann know at rmingersoll@yahoo.net or call 970-928-8936. If you have not previously sponsored a student and would like to be a sponsor please talk to Roxann.

Mark your calendars: Our winter worship schedule begins September 11th.

Sunday school for adults, youth and children at **9:00 am.**

Worship at **10:30.**



Discretionary Fund

With so many people needing help with gas and lodging our Discretionary Fund is getting smaller and smaller. Perhaps there are members of our congregation who would like to contribute to the Discretionary Fund as part of their charitable giving. If so, please make your check out to First United Methodist Church and mark it Discretionary Fund at the lower left corner.

United Methodist Women

We will not be meeting in August. The next meeting will be September 8th. The District Celebration will be held September 16-18 in Cortez, CO.

We will be taking the money we donate for Birthing Kits at that time. They are \$8 per kit and you may make a check out to United Methodist Women and give to Paulette, Treasurer of our UMC.

The annual meeting of the Conference UMW will be held at Crossroads UMW in Grand Junction on Oct. 21-22

Over the summer keep reading the books on our UMW Reading List. Forms to fill out of the books you have read since Oct. 2010 are located in the church library next to June's list of the acceptable books. June needs your record of books by August 31 to send to our District coordinator.

Youth Group

Youth Group met on July 3rd at Rilla's house. After some delicious, cool finger foods we discussed ideas for the Youth Service on July 10th. We read a skit from Vacation Bible School and discussed the theme and our individual interpretations of the meaning in order to build a worship service around it. Possible hymns were also discussed. Then we went over to the Glenwood Elementary School playground for some recreation time.

Grand Mesa Family Camp 2011

The Family Camp theme this year was Strength. We explored how we get strength from the Holy Spirit and our family. Activities included boating, hiking, campfires, crafts, games and much more in all the setting of the beautiful Grand Mesa.



Youth Sunday

On July 10th the Youth, with a little help from a couple of Elementary Sunday School students lead the congregation in worship. I am so proud of the youth of our church. The service was well presented, and very meaning full. Thanks to: Angela Frale, Kyle Snyder, Kevin Snyder, Trevor Lovell, Christopher Gilbert, Andrew Gilbert, Ivy Wight, Elizabeth Parker and Tyler Parker

10 Foods That Lift-Up Always Needs

Dried Beans

Cereal

Rice

Canned Vegetables

Macaroni and Cheese

Canned Fruit

Pasta and Sauces

Peanut Butter/Jelly

Soup

Tuna/Canned Meat



Checks to First UMC and designated for Lift Up are always welcome.



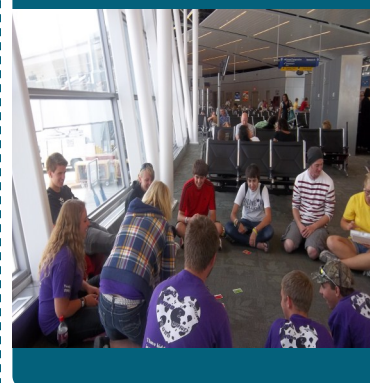
Ivy, Kyle, Kevin and Rilla attended Youth 2011 at Perdue University July 13th—17th. We left on Amtrak five hours late from Denver on the 10th. We were originally to spend two nights at a Hostel in Chicago and do some sight seeing. The train ended up being 13 hours late, so we got in at about 3:30 am on the 12th. We showered, had breakfast and headed out for some speed sight-seeing.

We spent some time at the Navy Pier, Lincoln Park Zoo and the Rain Forest and Tropical Greenhouse, ate Chicago style deep dish pizza, rode the Chicago “L”, Visited the Willis Tower (formerly the Sears Tower) where we went to the Sky Deck and stood out on the Ledge—a retractable glass box that extends out 4.3 feet from the tower on the 103rd floor!.

We boarded a bus from Perdue on Wednesday morning and got to the University in time to register and get some lunch. The event was attended by about 3,700 people from 42 states and the Philippines and 274 churches. This year, for the first time, the event was divided in two and the second one began July 27th in Sacramento, CA.

The days were filled with worship, workshops and speakers, an exhibit hall of ministry organizations and on-the-spot volunteer opportunities with such groups as Habitat for Humanity or Children with Hair loss. Preliminary tallies from the Youth 2011 organizers found six interior walls and 20 wall panels built for Habitat for Humanity and 265 locks of hair donated to Children with Hair loss. That is in addition to the 20,022 meals packaged for Stop Hunger Now, 150-plus cards written for Kairos Prison Ministry, \$8,200 raised for Youth Service Fund and 100 boxes of toys collected for the Methodist Health Foundation to be distributed to children in area hospitals.

Our flight from Indianapolis was late, but the kids got to spend time with members of one of the bands from the event and we still got to Denver early!



AA meets at noon everyday in Fellowship Hall and 12:30pm on Sunday's. Extended Table is

M-F in Fellowship Hall from 5-6pm. If you need to use the building please call the office.

Please submit newsletter articles for September by August 20th.

August 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:15 pm OA Cooper Corner	2 5:30 pm Intercambio Cooper Corner	3 5:30 pm Sounds of Praise in Bethel	4 7:00 p.m. Al Anon Cooper Corner	5 no Zumba class	6 10 am Women's AA 10 pm Young & Restless AA
7 9:00 am Worship	8 5:15 pm OA Cooper Corner	9 5:30 pm Intercambio Cooper Corner 6:30 pm Heartbeat	10 5:30 pm Sounds of Praise in Bethel	11 7:00 p.m. Al Anon Cooper Corner	12 7:30 am Men's Group at Village Inn 9:00 am Zumba in Bethel	13 10 am Women's AA 10 pm Young & Restless AA
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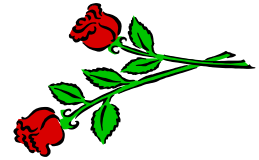
August Birthdays

8/2	Larry Green	8/26	Bruce Lippman
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8/5	Jim Waters	8/28	Kyle Snyder
8/7	Peg Collins		
8/7	Lois Gabossi		
8/9	Courtney Petre		
8/12	Charlotte Ralff		
8/15	Sharon Beattie		
8/21	Sandi Brown		
8/22	Ron Robinson		
8/23	Steve Beattie		



Anniversaries

- 8/7 Jake & Jamie Wilkins
- 8/12 Dan & Courtney Petre
- 8/17 Bill & Melanie Livingston
- 8/22 Rick & Melanie Rossow
- 8/24 Bob & Linda Cutter
- 8/31 Ken & Peg Collins



Announcements

Our Knitting Group meets during the summer – the fourth Thursday of the month at 2:00 PM. Check with June Robinson or Pauline DiSalvo as to location.