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AT 9:00 AM
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First News

JANUARY 2012

From the Pastor

I found this story in one of my old file folders on my computer; I have read it in preaching illustrations on several occasions. I thought that it is a good reminder as we begin the New Year. Listen to the Whisper

A young and successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door! He slammed on the brakes and spun the Jag back to the spot from where the brick had been thrown. He jumped out of the car, grabbed some kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, "What was that all about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing?!!" Building up a head of steam he went on. "That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?!!"

"Please, mister, please. I'm sorry, I didn't know what else to do!" pleaded the youngster. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop..." tears were dripping down the boy's chin as he pointed around the parked car. "It's my brother," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up." Sobbing, the boy asked the executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me." Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He lifted the young man back into the wheelchair and took out his handkerchief and wiped the scrapes and cuts, checking to see that everything was going to be okay.

"Thank you and God bless you," the grateful child said to him. The man then watched the little boy push his brother down the sidewalk toward their home. It was a long walk back to his Jaguar....a long, slow walk. He never did repair the side door. He kept the dent to remind him not to go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention. God whispers in your soul and speaks to your heart. Sometimes when you don't have time to listen, He has to throw a brick at you. It's your choice: Listen to the whisper -- or wait for the brick.

Michael

You Are Invited

You are invited to an open house at the church parsonage on Sunday, January 29, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

The parsonage is located at 339 Park Drive. Come see the new kitchen!



Youth Events

Save the Date: Youth Leadership Conference 2012, February 3-4

Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) is quickly approaching! YLC 2012 will be held simultaneously in four separate locations on February 3-4, 2012. The four locations throughout the RMC will be the Denver Metro Area (St. Andrew UMC), Casper, Wyoming (Casper FUMC), Salt Lake City, Utah (Christ UMC) and Grand Junction, Colorado (Grand Junction FUMC and Crossroads UMC). The theme for the weekend, "Faithbook", utilizes the Hebrews 11 passage dealing with the "Heroes of the Faith" and will focus on how we can step out in faith, especially when it comes to understanding how faith can lead to doing good works.

Save The Date: Youth Quest: April 27-29, 2012

Be sure to mark your calendar for Youth Quest 2012!

DATES: Friday, April 27 - Sunday, April 29

LOCATION: Frontier Ranch; Buena Vista, CO

THEME: "SAFARI: Let God Be Your Guide"



FROM YOUR EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the children and youth who participated this year in the Christmas Eve Family Service. Thank you to all the parents who ran the actors back and forth to rehearsals as well!!! We told the story of Christ's Birth by using an adaptation of Adam Hamilton's The Journey, which all the Sunday School classes have been studying during this advent season. The music was performed completely by our youth with Kyle Snyder at the piano, Chris Gilbert and Kevin Snyder on guitars. Our program performers were; Angela Frale, Jesse Ashmore, Geneva Gaines, Cera Kocher, Paige Littefair, Elizabeth Parker, Tristen Kocher, Kyle Snyder, Andrew Gilbert, Cole Littefair, Tyler Parker, Kevin Snyder, Ben Yorty, Chris Gilbert and Mallory Yorty. Thank you also to Damian Littlefair for helping with the sound system for the evening and Klaus Kocher for taking photos. We enjoyed performing for everyone that came to the service.

Sunday School for all ages is at 9:00am. Childcare is available for children younger than pre-school age.

Children 3yrs old through 5th grade will be studying the Apostles beginning January 8, 2012

Youth Confirmation Class

When: During Sunday School

Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Who: 6th through 12th grade

Place: The Upper Room (the room above Cooper Corner)

Confirmation helps young people begin a deeper look at their beliefs about God, Jesus Christ, the bible, the church, and what does it mean to be a disciple. They will also answer the question, "Why would I want to be Christian and belong to a church or the United Methodist denomination"?

Adult Sunday School New: We will be using the Ray Vander Laan Faith Lessons DVD series. There is nothing like talking about history and having a Biblical scholar guiding you through the historical sites and explaining the importance of the Biblical sites and how the Jewish context affected the Scriptures

Adult Bible Study

A **new** Bible study will be starting January 4 on Wednesdays at 6:15 - 7:30 pm. We will be studying the book of Luke using the Journey Through the Bible series. You may buy the book from the church office for \$10.00. Come join us for spirited discussions, laughter, and chocolate!

United Methodist Women

The next meeting will be January 12, 9:30 am in Bethel Chapel.

Michael and Rilla would like to thank the UMW for sharing their delicious breakfast with us when they had their December meeting. The food was delicious, the decorations beautiful, and hospitality warm and inviting.

CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS:

The sermon this morning: GOSSIP ... THE SPEAKING OF EVIL

The closing song: I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

Please submit newsletter articles for February by January 20th.

UPDATE FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Inviting, Welcoming and Following Up

The Hospitality Committee is excited to share with you our continued efforts to develop a process of Inviting, Welcoming and Following Up with new people. We want to understand what newcomers experience when they visit First UMC, and to identify where we need to improve.

Inviting includes –

- ...encouraging members to invite neighbors to services/events held at church
- ...availability of information about First UMC through announcements and articles in the newspaper, church brochures at locations such as the Glenwood Springs Chamber Office, Hotel Denver and Hotel Colorado, as well as in church pews and other places in the church. A special brochure was designed for the Christmas Season to be available for people attending the various activities at the church, including the Madrigals Concerts.

Welcoming includes –

- ...official greeters at the door pointing out visitor nametags, giving “Thanks for Popping In!” packets of popcorn and church brochure, showing the way to the Nursery and Sanctuary.
- ...members greeting newcomers at the church service/event and inviting them to stay for refreshments, introducing them to others

Following Up includes –

- ...Thank You postcards to all visitors, based on Bulletin tear-off information
- ...Returning Newcomers being asked if they’d like a magnetic nametag, and then offered a First UMC mug and biscotti with added church information
- ...a Welcoming Letter from the Pastor being sent to those locally who express interest
- ...a visit by member or Pastor when appropriate
- ...Interest/Response card being worked on to help the church be supportive of a newcomer

The Committee greatly appreciates all suggestions and ideas for us to improve our mission.

Committee Members:

Nancy Brooks, Phyllis Coleman, Carol Dickson, Carolyn Odell,
Linda & Dave Weiss, and Ruth & Jim Barnes, Chair

Christmas Tree Lane & Pancake Breakfast

Christmas Tree Lane was a success with ten participating organizations decorating trees. Thank you

to The Glenwood Springs Lions Club, Literacy Outreach, C.A.R.E., Your Friend For Life, HomeCare and Hospice of the Valley, The Glenwood Springs Noon Rotary Club, The Glenwood Springs Women's Connection, Mountain Valley Developmental, Boy Scout Troop 225, The United Methodist Women and the United Methodist Youth and Children. The Santa Breakfast, which benefits the participants of Christmas Tree Lane, was able to collect donations and return that money to the organizations. Thank you to Santa Claus for coming all the way from the North Pole and taking time out of his busy schedule to visit with us. Thank you to Pastor Michael, Rilla, Susan Clarke, Jill La Fontaine and Angie Gilbert for helping! The trees will be on display until the 1st week of January so if you haven't walked through, please do so soon. Donations to these organizations may be made through the church office.

HUMEROUS CHURCH SIGNS



January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 Worship 12:30 AA-FH	2 Noon AA Fellowship Hall 5-6 pm Extended Table F. H. 5:15 pm OA Cooper Corner	3 10:00 am Literacy Outreach - Library Noon AA Fellowship Hall 5-6 pm Extended Table F. H. 6:00 pm Literacy Outreach—Library	4 Noon AA Fellowship Hall 5-6 pm Extended Table F. H. 6:15-7:30 pm Adult Bible Study Prayer Room 6:30-8:30 pm Cub Scouts-FH & classes 7:15 pm Choir Practice Sanctuary	5 9:00 am Literacy Outreach-Library Noon AA Fellowship Hall 5-6 pm Extended Table F. H. 6:30-8:30 pm Cub Scouts-FH & classes 7:00 pm Al Anon Cooper Corner	6 7:30 am Men's Group - Valley View Hosp. Cafeteria Noon AA Fellowship Hall 5-6 pm Extended Table F. H. 6:15-8pm 12 Step -AA Room	7 10 am Women's AA AA Room Noon AA Fellowship Hall
8 9:00 am Sunday school All ages 10:30 Worship 11:45 Committee Meetings 12:30 pm Ad Council 12:30 AA-FH 5:00 Youth Group Fellowship Hall	9 Noon AA Fellowship Hall 5-6 pm Extended Table F. H. 5:15 pm OA Cooper Corner	10 10:00 am Literacy Outreach - Library Noon AA Fellowship Hall 5-6 pm Extended Table F. H. 6:00 pm Literacy Outreach—Library 6:30 Heartbeat Cooper Corner	11 Noon AA Fellowship Hall 5-6 pm Extended Table F. H. 6:15-7:30 pm Adult Bible Study Prayer Room 6:30-8:30 Cub Scouts-FH & classes 7:15 Choir Practice Sanctuary	12 9:00 am Literacy Outreach-Library 9:30 am UMW Bethel Noon AA Fellowship Hall 5-6 pm Extended Table F. H. 6:30-8:30 Cub Scouts-FH & classes 7:00 p.m. Al Anon Cooper Corner	13 Noon AA Fellowship Hall 5-6 pm Extended Table F. H. 5:30-7 pm Jessup & Stott Wedding Rehearsal Sanctuary 6:15-8pm 12 Step -AA Room	14 10 am Women's AA AA Room Noon AA Fellowship Hall 4:00-8:30 Jessup & Stott Wedding Sanctuary
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29 9:00 am Sunday school All ages 10:30 Worship 12:30 AA-FH 2:00-4 pm Ingersoll's Open House 5:00 Youth Group Fellowship Hall	30 Noon AA Fellowship Hall 5-6 pm Extended Table F. H. 5:15 pm OA Cooper Corner	31 10:00 am Literacy Outreach - Library Noon AA Fellowship Hall 5-6 pm Extended Table F. H. 6:00 pm Literacy Outreach—Library				

January Birthdays



1/06	Veda Waters	1/22	Jeff VanDevender
1/06	Steve Carver	1/30	Dave Lee
1/07	Lois Petre	1/30	Al Weller
1/14	Madison McCallum	1/31	Betsy Burtscher
1/15	Shirley Blair		
1/16	Warren Scarlett		
1/20	Vern Arboney		

January Anniversaries



1/08 Michael & Roxann Ingersoll

Announcements

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

Box Tops for Education

The Mission Committee is asking that you begin saving the pink "Box Tops for Education". They will have a box at the back of the sanctuary to deposit the box tops. These will be donated to a school that will receive 10 cents for each box top. They can use the money to buy items for their school.

City Market Cares—if you shop at City Market and are not already signed up for the City Market Cares program, please consider calling the office to sign up. Then every time you shop and scan your City Market Card a donation is made to the church. We receive a check quarterly.

The Glenwood springs Women's Connection invites all women to brunch at the Silver Spruce Motel on Saturday January 14th 2012 from 10:00 - 11:30am. Sari Cobb from Craig, Colorado will be sharing her path to finding joy that wound around life's most difficult roadblocks Her topic is titled "Finding Joy in Your Trash Can". Our special feature will be Curves of Glenwood Springs and musical guest will be Stacey Mathers of Craig, Colorado. Brunch and program is \$10. \$5 for our first time guests. For reservations, call Bonnie at 970-618-9402 or email Jean at pinkynjm@rof.net GS Women's Connection is affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries"