

FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH  
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SUNDAY SCHOOL ALL AGES  
AT 9:00 AM  
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# First News

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## From the Pastor

The story line in Jesus' parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) calls for the money given the stewards to be risked precisely because it is God's money. The stewards hold it only in trust and will be held accountable for its use. Jesus' point keeps rolling off our Teflon consciences like water off a duck's back. People with possessions do not want to be reminded that those possessions are to be held in trust and continually laid before the throne of grace, available to do God's good pleasure. So, rather than live with that burr under our saddle, we, like the rich would-be disciple, choose to turn away. We go on our way - and usually not, as he did, sorrowfully. We go on our way rejoicing, rejoicing in our good fortune, grateful to General Motors [a.k.a. "Generous Motors"] but not to God Almighty.

"But the Bible stands there as stubborn as a rock, and every time we open it to read, we stub our toe on its assumption that all the resources of our lives come from God: the strength of our hands, the cleverness of our minds, the health we enjoy and the possessions with which we have been blessed. God has loaned them to us in trust. We are stewards of these gifts of grace, and we are to use them whenever and however the Spirit indicates."

This is a true story of how the Spirit can move in a person's life. Tom White, an 84-year-old Boston construction executive, has given away nearly all of his \$75 million personal fortune to charities. At age 64, he went to Haiti, met with Harvard professor Dr. Paul Farmer, and saw the extent of the poverty in that Caribbean nation. Since then he has given tens of millions of dollars to Partners in Health, which used his gift to build a health facility to treat patients. He noticed that the shanties were not sufficient and that when it rained, the people slept in mud. White responded by outfitting 100 huts with cement floors and tin roofs and simply said to send him the bill. When asked why he gives his money away, White responds "I can't take it with me, my kids are OK, and my wife's taken care of." A daily attendee of Mass, he is also motivated by what he thinks Jesus wants him to do. White says his one regret is, "I'm sorry I don't have more money to give away."

Is the Spirit moving in your life?



**Don't  
FORGET!**

Set your clock back one hour before you go to bed on November 5th. Daylight Savings time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 6th.

## Mark your Calendar

Our church Charge Conference will be on **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Our District Superintendent will lead the meeting. And the events and accomplishments of the past year will be reviewed. Please join us!

## Holiday Happenings

**Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** the Mission Committee will be having a Bake Sale at the **Unique Boutique** in Bethel at First UMC. We need people to pull-out their yummy recipes and bake items to donate for the bake sale. We also need volunteers to sit at the sale table throughout the day. Please see Elizabeth Pruett or Roxann Ingersoll if you can help. All proceeds will go towards funding the 2012 mission trips.

**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** — Please stay after church to help set up Christmas trees for **Christmas Tree Lane**

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

Our **Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner** in Fellowship Hall after worship



**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** the Mountain Madrigals will be singing for us during worship and we will be having our December potluck directly after worship. Since we will be having guests, please bring an extra dish to share.

### Mountain Madrigal Concert Dates

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm

Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

### Messiah Concerts

Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

### Christmas Worship

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** — Family Service presented by the youth and children  
Followed by Communion and Candle lighting

**8:00 pm** — Traditional Service with Communion and Candle lighting

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am** — Worship

## Sunday School

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 focusing on thankfulness and Thanksgiving for the first part of November. On November 20th we will begin our advent study based on Adam Hamilton's "The Journey".

### 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**

Join us for a video Journey "Walking the Road to Bethlehem", a study from Adam Hamilton, United Methodist pastor in Leawood, Kansas. We will explore the story of Jesus' birth with fresh eyes and ears in order to discover the real meaning of Christmas. There will be insights from historians, archaeologist, biblical scholars and theologians and walking in the places where the story occurred. We will begin the six week program on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am in Cooper Corner. Join us for any or all sessions.

## Adult Bible Study

**Adult Bible Study** Meets Tuesday at 6:15 pm in the Prayer Room. The current study is "Journey Through the Bible". Volume 3, covering Joshua, Judges and Ruth, is available in the office for \$10.00. There is also a reference copy available in the church library.

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him,

"How do you expect to get into Heaven?"

The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Jimmy, come in or stay out!'"

## United Methodist Women

The next meeting will be November 10th, 9:30 am in Bethel Chapel.

The annual meeting of the Conference UMW was held at Crossroads UMW in Grand Junction on Oct.21-22. Two from our UMW attended and will report on it at the Nov.10th meeting

# November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6-7:30 pm Adult Bible Study Prayer Room	2 7:15 Choir Practice Sanctuary	3	4 7:30 am Men's Group at Hot Springs Pool Grill  7:00 pm SPR Training Bethel	5 10:00 am SPR Training Bethel  10 am Women's AA  Daylight Savings Ends Sun. Set clocks back Before bedtime
6 9:00 am Sunday school All ages  10:30 Worship  5:00 Youth Group	7  5:15 pm OA Cooper Corner  6:30 Library Literacy Outreach	8 6-7:30 pm Adult Bible Study Prayer Room  6:30 Heartbeat Cooper Corner	9 7:15 Choir Practice Sanctuary	10 9:30 UMW Bethel  7:00 p.m. Al Anon Cooper Corner	11 2:00 pm Set up for Unique Boutique	12 7 am to 5 pm Unique Boutique Bethel  10 am Women's AA  7:00 pm Charge Conference Fellowship Hall
13 9:00 am Sunday school All ages  10:30 Worship  11:45 Committee Meetings  12:30 pm Ad Council  5:00 Youth Group	14  5:15 pm OA Cooper Corner  6:30 Library Literacy Outreach	15 6-7:30 pm Adult Bible Study Prayer Room	16 7:15 Choir Practice Sanctuary	17 7:00 p.m. Al Anon Cooper Corner  5:00 Extended Table Our Church Serves	18 7:30 am Men's Group at Hot Springs Pool Grill	19 10 am Women's AA
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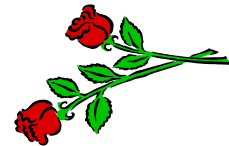
# Mission Opportunity

**TEACH ENGLISH - MISSION TRIP - TEACH ENGLISH** Have you thought about going on a mission trip, but wasn't sure if you wanted to do construction? Then this trip might be for you. Do you sponsor one of the Veracruz English Academy students? Then you may be especially interested in this trip. Teacher Regan Downs has requested a team to come and teach/work with his English students in Nicaragua. He would like his students to have the opportunity to learn from native English speakers. The dates for the trip are Saturday, March 24 - 31, 2012. The approximate cost is \$1,200 and this would cover international airfare, in-country transportation, room and board. Youth in the 7th - 12th grade are welcome if accompanied by a parent. The team size is limited, so reserve your place on the team by calling Roxann

## November Birthdays

11/1	Don Parkison	11/17	LeAnn Kocher
11/2	Leta Terrell	11/18	Justin Jolley
11/4	Laurel Williams		Debbie Hull
11/5	Chris Gilbert	11/20	Amanda Frale
11/7	Kevin Snyder	11/22	Bill Coleman
11/12	Amy VanDevender		Dean Moffatt
11/15	Anne Jolley	11/26	Lisa Doak
11/16	Linda Cutter	11/29	Phyllis Coleman
			Kate Hardaker

No Anniversaries that we know of. If you haven't told us your anniversary date please let us know your date. The same goes for birthdays!



## 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.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US ON A WESTERN MEDITERANEAN CRUISE** WHICH INCLUDES ITALY, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, MOROCCO AND MONTE CARLO.. THIS IS A PROGRAM SPONSORED BY EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WHERE YOU WILL HEAR LECTURES BY DR. STEPHEN RETTERMAYER, A UNITED METHODIST PASTOR. THE CRUISE WILL BE 26 SEPT - 7 OCT 2012. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, WE HAVE BROCHURES.  
JOHN AND PAULETTE PARKER

### 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.

### **Glenwood Springs Women's Connection** Silent Auction—Get a head start on your **Holiday Shopping!**

Speaker: Sharon Van Wyhe of Fort Collins tells of changes, challenges, and choices in her life.

Thurs., Nov. 3, 2011—6:30 to 8:00 pm—Silver Spruce Motel, 162 W 6<sup>th</sup> St.—back of the office

Dinner and program \$14.00—First time guest \$7.00

For Reservations call Bonnie at 970-618-9402 or email Jean at pinkynjm@rof.net