

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
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SUNDAY SCHOOL ALL AGES
AT 9:00 AM
WORSHIP AT 10:30

First News



SEPTEMBER 2011

From the Pastor

Schedule Change 9/11
Sunday School for all
ages at 9:00 am
Worship at 10:30 am



“You have cancer and you need surgery to remove it,” were words I never thought I would hear. I was coming out from the unconscious state of the colonoscopy when I first heard those words. My thought was, “who is this guy? And did he say what I thought he said?” My world became filled with two feelings. The first was a surreal feeling. Is this really happening to me? Am I in a dream? Would somebody please wake me up? The second feeling came from finding that my world was out of control. I felt like I was in free fall there was nothing for me to grab onto. When I told Roxann and then called my kids, it was as if I was talking about someone else.

After the cancer was discovered the doctor set up two appointments. The first was for a CT scan the following day on Wednesday. The second, was with a surgeon two days later on Friday. The time between hearing I had cancer, the CT scan, and the doctor’s appoint felt like everything was in slow motion. The Valley of the Shadows from the twenty third Psalm took on a new meaning for me.

During the time between getting the CT scan and waiting to see the doctor I was able to find peace. The peace I experienced was not one that made everything disappear, but a peace that reassured me that no matter what, I would not be alone through whatever lay ahead.

Through the talent of the surgeon and the power of prayer the surgery was a complete success. I felt the power of prayer embracing me before and after the surgery. I am so grateful that my family was with me. I would not have wanted to face the uncertainty of surgery and recovery without my family. Also, I am so grateful for all the people praying for me before, during and after surgery. It would have been much harder to go through everything without that kind of spiritual support. Thanks to all of you who have supported me in the last few months.

Michael

Sunday School

"Sunday School will begin a brand new school year on September 11th at 9:00am. Children enrolled in Preschool through youth in High School are welcome to attend. Childcare is available for children younger than preschool age. There will also be an adult Sunday school that also begins at 9:00am. We look forward to a fun year filled with lots of surprises!! Questions? Call Toni Yorty 948-5831 or email at haikaichi@msn.com. We look forward to seeing everyone again on September 11th!!!"

Confirmation Class for Youth

Starts: September 11
 When: During Sunday School
 Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am
 Who: 6th through 12th grade

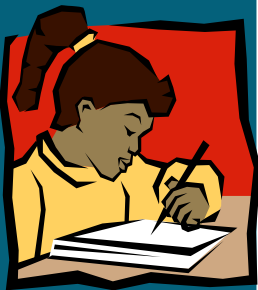
Place: The Upper Room (the room above Cooper Corner)

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?"

Youth Group

Youth Group will have a Fall Kickoff picnic on September 11th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Sayer Park at the shelter near the volleyball courts. This will be a family celebration and the Youth Group will provide hamburgers and hot dogs and we ask that the families bring a dish to share. We hope families come to meet the leaders, other families and to get information about events and activities for this year.

Please call Rilla at 945-6232 pm Weds or Thurs or at 928-9836



Our winter worship schedule begins September 11th.

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

Worship at **10:30**.



Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 6 (instead of Wednesdays) at 6:15 pm in the Prayer Room. Books (Joshua—Ruth) are available in the church office for \$10.00

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School resumes September 11 at 9:00 am in Cooper Corner and will be using the study, "When Christians Get it Wrong." More and more young adults have opted out of Christianity and the church. The reason? Christians. With his familiar style, Adam Hamilton tackles these issues and addresses the how's and why's of Christians getting it right when it comes to being Christ in the world.

United Methodist Women

The next meeting will be September 8th at Nancy Brook's home. 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. Registration forms are in the church office. Registration deadline is September 1, 2011.

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.

Urgent Appeal from UMCOR West

Our facility will be filled to capacity with volunteers until the middle of November. Our supplies for building UMCOR disaster relief kits are quickly disappearing. Please consider helping UMCOR West by sending completed kits and partial kits or by writing a check to FUMC and write Advance #901440 on the bottom left of your check.

HORN OF AFRICA: UMCOR RESPONDS TO FAMINE

UMCOR is sending grants to support the work of ACT Alliance, Church World Service, and Global Medic in Somalia, Kenya, and Ethiopia. Funds will provide food, clean water, and shelter for those who are displaced and living in camps. If you wish to help, you may make your check out to First United Methodist Church and write UMCOR Advance #982450 on the left bottom of your check.

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.



Glenwood Springs Women's Connection invites all men and women to...

"ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL"

Ron "Coach" Milhorn from KMTS will share some fun sports memories and will also provide our music.

Earlie Thomas shares
"A Game Plan for Life."

Earlie is a former football player at CSU and also played with the New York Jets and the Denver Broncos

Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011 6:30 to 8:30pm

Glenwood Springs Community Center

Program and BBQ—\$15.00

Reservations—Please for dinner and Childcare

Call Bonnie at 970-618-9402 or email Jean at pinkynjm@rof.net

2 sets of 2 Rockies Tickets Donated by
Alpine Bank for the
9-17-11 game to be given away

WIN!

Meeting sponsored by Heim and Johnson Family Dental 945-9119

Glenwood Women's Connection is affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries

EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN

If you are interested in being included in an email prayer chain, please email the office, attn: Rilla and I will add your email to the list.



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 October by September 20th.

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 p.m. Al Anon Cooper Corner	2 9:00 am Zumba in Bethel	3 10 am Women's AA 10 pm Young & Restless AA
4 9:00 am Worship	5 Labor Day Office closed 5:15 pm OA Cooper Corner	6	7 5:30 pm Sounds of Praise in Bethel	8 9:30 UMW Brooks' Home 7:00 p.m. Al Anon Cooper Corner	9 7:30 am Men's Group at Hot Springs Pool Grill 9:00 am Zumba in Bethel	10 10 am Women's AA 10 pm Young & Restless AA
11 9:00 am Sunday school All ages 10:30 Worship 11:45 Committee Meetings 12:30 pm Ad Council 5:00pm Youth Group	12 5:15 pm OA Cooper Corner	13 6-7:30 pm Adult Bible Study Prayer Room 6:30 pm Heartbeat Cooper Corner	14 5:30 pm Sounds of Praise in Bethel	15 5:00 p.m. Extended table Our Church Serves 7:00 p.m. Al Anon Cooper Corner	16 9:00 am Zumba in Bethel	17 8:30 County Extension FH 10 am Women's AA 10 pm Young & Restless AA
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September Birthdays

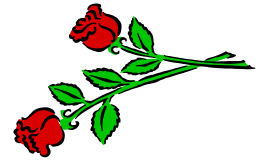


9/9 Dave Alcott
 9/11 Sharon Green
 9/18 Jan Shute
 9/22 Bonnie Broetzman
 9/22 Elaine Speck
 9/24 Angia Gilbert
 9/24 Kikuko Woodyard
 9/26 Klaus Kocher
 9/30 Kim Henrie
 9/30 Emily VanDevender
 9/30 Grace VanDevender



Anniversaries

9/2 Steve & Jan Shute
 9/5 Russ & Sandi Brown
 9/5 James & Kristen Kellogg
 9/11 Jim & Veda Waters
 9/12 Kent & Anne Jolley



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.