



**Circuit
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January
February
2012**



Happy New Year!

It is with great anticipation that I approach 2012 here at First United Methodist Church in Fort Lupton! I know that God has great things in store for us as we continue to serve and live our lives as followers of Jesus. I hope that you will all be able to join us on Saturday, January 7 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (lunch included) for our Visioning Workshop, as together we discern where God is leading us in the new year and beyond.

In late November, Tom and I had a chance to visit San Francisco and to attend a large United Methodist Church named Glide Memorial that Sunday. If you have seen the movie "The Pursuit of Happyness" (Yes, that is the way it is spelled in the movie!), you have seen Glide. They are located in the middle of the inner city where homelessness, hunger, poverty, and drug abuse are rampant. But this is a vibrant, vital church with over 2,000 people in worship each week and an annual budget of over \$17 million dollars. They have done an incredible job of being the hands and feet of Jesus to the community around them. They have started numerous homeless shelters and free meal programs. They offer recovery programs for those dealing with addictions. They love people regardless of their race, color, creed, gender, socio-economic status, or sexual orientation. In worship the homeless sit right next to the people who have their Volvo's and BMW's valet parked that morning. There were people of all ages and colors sitting around us.

Truly, what we experienced at Glide Memorial United Methodist Church was the epitome of what "the church" is all about. All were welcome to come and to worship God. All were invited to participate...and the church works diligently to spread the love of Jesus and to serve those in need in the church community and the community around them.

You know, it reminded me of First United Methodist Church in Fort Lupton. We do a lot to spread the love of Jesus and to meet the needs of those in our church community and the community around us. Is there more we can do? Yes, of course, but we have a great foundation.

That's why I am so excited about our visioning workshop on January 7. I want us to be all that God wants us to be. Will you join me in praying as we approach our time of visioning?

There's so much we can do to share Jesus' love with others. I don't want to miss out on the opportunities God places before us.

May you feel God richly blessing you in this New Year,

Pastor Kirsten

Shopping for after Christmas Sales?

Don't forget your church!!!!

Wish list

For the Church office

White copy paper

Colored paper for the church newsletter

Postage Stamps (the forever stamps either in a roll of 100 or on the sheets of 20)

Pocket size Kleenex for the pews



The following Brother cartridges which can be purchased cheaper at www.databazzar.com

Black TN 110BK

Cyan TN 110C

Yellow TN 110Y

Magenta TN 110M

Cleaning Supplies:

Clorox Wipes

Toilet Bowl Cleaner

13 Gallon & 33 Gallon trash bags

Items for Kitchen: These are items we use for Sunday School snacks and will also be using for Lenten services.

Plastic forks, spoons and knives

Paper Plates (small and large)

Plastic cups (small and large)

Regular and Decaf coffee

Plastic or paper Soup Bowls

Lemonade for Lenten service



THANK YOU

Thank you for all the prayers, thoughts and monetary gifts I have received since my lay off and hospital stay. You are an amazing Church and I appreciate you very much.

In Christ's Love, Paula Larson



**Blessings in a Bag
School Year 2011-2012**

This year is exciting because we have enough donations to fill all the needed backpacks. Also, we are able to buy the needed food, food that will nourish the minds of these young children. The first half of the year we have given out 1014 backpacks at Butler and Twombly. We have very positive feedback from the teachers and the school officials. This program does make a difference. We have wonderful volunteers and people who donate to the program. The youth have been helping us by unpacking products and Rajean helped us by filling our special Christmas containers. The Country Circle made sure that we were able to give each child an 11 oz of peanut butter jar for the holiday.

Tracy DeBerg has been delivering to the Butler School and will not be able to do so because of schedule conflicts, and Sue and Joe have been delivering to Twombly and we are just getting too old. So the Fort Lupton Fire Department is going to deliver for us. Isn't that just wonderful, we are so blessed. Speaking of blessings, today we received a \$2000.00 check from the Bank of Colorado. God is good. Please pray for this program and for the children. Thank you so much for your support. It is only possible because of your support and prayers.

12/9/2011 Mission:

So far this year we have given out

1 st qtr.	2 nd qtr	3 rd qtr.	Total
Paden's			
\$75.00	\$260.00	\$170.00=	\$505.00
Ministerial Alliance			
\$75.00	\$60.00	\$280.00=	\$410.00
Robyn Taylor, GCM			
\$240.00	\$60, 00	\$90.00=	\$390.00
Food Bank			
\$75.00	\$60.00	\$90.00=	\$225.00
UMCOR			\$100.00
Human Relations Day			\$65.00
UMCOR the Tsunami in Japan			\$1037.00
Towaoc			\$75.00
Jacob Tijerina			<u>\$529.00</u>
Totals			
1st qtr	2nd qtr	3rd qtr	Total
\$2271.00	\$440.00	\$630.00	\$3336.00

It is time to do our 4th quarter giving which we will do this month.

Mission trip opportunity: Guatemala mission trip (Pura Vida) April 20-29 Cost \$1750. Contact Pastor Ray Miller at raymil35@gmail.com.

We are hoping to have a mission trip this year in June to the San Juan mission for the Towaoc Tribe.

More information to follow.

As we finish out the year of 2011, we want to thank all of you for your support of missions.

Remember the mission field is right out our doors.

Sue Hubert

Dinner for Eight

First United Methodist Church, Fort Lupton

There has been an interest in starting up the Dinner for Eight again. Dinner for Eight is a gathering with eight people who gather for dinner and fellowship with each person/couple sharing a dish. If you are interested in coordinating this special ministry please contact the church office.

An Invitation to Join Fort Lupton UMC Healthy Living on Spark People

What is Fort Lupton UMC Healthy Living?

It is a group of FLUMC members and friends that started out doing Steve Arterburn's "Lose it For Life" program together. When our 18 week session ended members missed the program, but the materials to continue were very expensive. Instead we will be doing weekly devotionals online on the Spark People website and meeting twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. Our group is open to anyone interested in sharing devotionals, inspiration, praises, ideas, supporting each other, and getting healthier in 2012.

What is Spark People? Spark People is a free website devoted to healthy living. It provides resources such as articles, videos, food trackers, fitness trackers, meal plans, inspirational stories, and the ability to join groups of Spark People users. Our group is "Fort Lupton UMC Healthy Living." You can use as many or as few of the features of the site as you like and still be a part of the group. You can also join other groups. With millions of members there are groups for every need and interest (Christian music lovers, celiac disease, marathon runners, broncos fanatics, etc.).

How do I join? Go to www.sparkpeople.com and create a free account. Then email either Gwen Ceretto firstumcflco@aol.com or Carol Duarte vcduarte@aol.com with your spark people name and we will add you to the team. You can also go to: <http://teams.sparkpeople.com/FLUMC> to join after creating your account.



Fort Lupton UMC Healthy Living - Sharing HIS Spark

Kiva

Have you heard about *Kiva*? *Kiva* is a Person-to-Person Microfinance organization that loans to entrepreneurs around the world. Its mission statement is “to connect people, through lending, for the sake of alleviating poverty”. *Kiva* promotes *dignity* and *accountability* through empowering its recipients. This is sometimes difficult with charitable donations. The repayment rate of *Kiva* loans is 98.79%. Usually many *Kiva* lenders are needed to fully fund one *Kiva* loan request. *Kiva* lenders set up an account online at www.kiva.org. For as little as \$25.00 an individual can become a *Kiva* lender and make a difference in the world.

The FUMC missions committee makes loans in the amount of \$100. The loans are repaid in increments. When The FUMC *Kiva* account reaches a balance of \$100 dollars we find another *Kiva* loan recipient. The First United Methodist church has made thirteen \$100 loans and to date our repayment rate is 100%. We have helped many individuals around the world in Peru, Philippines, United States, Mali, Cambodia, Palestine, Mexico, Kenya, Guatemala, Afghanistan and Paraguay.

Some of the recent loan recipients:

- Odai in Palestine – Crafts
- Sol Group in Mexico – General Store
- Mary in Kenya – Food production and sales
- Duo Nohemi Group in Guatemala – Grocery Store
- Myrna in the Philippines – Farmer, pig production
- Ahmadi Group in Afghanistan – Butcher shop

Be sure to check out the *Kiva*'s website.
Submitted by: Claire Kokoszka

UMW News

The Turkey Dinner was a big success once again. There are still some problems we need to work on to make it run smoother though. A big thank you to everyone that helped with the dinner & Bazaar. Without you, we could not pull off this fund raiser. Our Christmas Tea was on December 11. Every one enjoyed the entertainment by Liz Masterson. She sang some traditional Christmas songs, read some poetry, & sang “cowboy songs” too. We missed the men we have had in the past & wish we would have had a better turn out. There were 41 people total. Though a small group they were very faithful with their donations for Adventures in Christian Living which was our donation project for the tea. \$117.20 was collected to give to the fund. On Christmas Sunday a copy of the Charter For Racial Justice will be an insert in the bulletins. We try to present it in some way each year to remind everyone to follow Jesus Christ in word & deed and to struggle for the rights and the self determination of every person & group of persons. A thank you to Neena for printing copies for the bulletin. The full copy of the charter can be found in the back of the church by the usher's seats. The nominating committee did another good job recruiting officers for next year. Once again we do not have a publicity person. Neena will be the new UMW president. Other offices have been traded around amongst ourselves. We have a leadership training coming up on January 21st. It will be held in Longmont this year. We served at another funeral luncheon for the family of Barb Rosenbrock. Thank you to everyone who helped with the refreshments and set up & tear down. Mary Circle collected the Thank Offering at our November meeting which goes to the district for undesignated giving. We collected enough offering throughout the year to purchase gifts for 2 of the Angel Tree children, purchase a goat & bees through Samaritan's Purse to go to a needy family. We asked for volunteers to sign up for officers. We are without a leader for Mary Circle. Our annual Christmas dinner will be on the 19th of December at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room. It will be a potluck and we will also have an ornament exchange. Submitted by Laurie McCartney

Look at What's Happening in Our Church

Choir and Worship Band Time Change for Lenten Season

During the Lenten Season (from February 22 through April 11)
Adult Choir Rehearsals - Wednesdays 7:30 - 8:30 pm
(Youth are invited to join in from 7:30 - 8:00 pm for a joint rehearsal with the worship band and adult choir)

New Discipleship Opportunities
"Just Walk Across The Room"
Wednesdays,
January 18 – February 15 -
Noon-1 pm or 7:30 pm–8:30 pm

What if you knew that by taking ten steps across a room and saying hello to another person, you could impact his or her eternity? It has nothing to do with methods and everything to do with taking a genuine interest in another human being. Join us as we explore how we can share our faith with others. It takes just a walk across the room to share Jesus' love with others. Our guide will be Pastor Bill Hybels book **"Just Walk Across The Room"**.

Wednesday, February 22 – Ash Wednesday Service
– 6:30 pm – Sanctuary (Soup Supper at 6:00 pm)

During this traditional Ash Wednesday Service we will be offering the imposition of ashes.

Wednesdays, February 29 – April 11

6:00 – 6:30 pm **Soup Supper**

6:30 – 7:30 pm – **Lenten Study** – "24 Hours That Changed the World"

Walk with Jesus on his final day. Sit beside him at the Last Supper. Pray with him in Gethsemane. Follow him to the cross. Desert him. Deny him. Experience the Resurrection. During this study, we'll view video clips of the actual locations of Jesus' last 24 hours of life, study the Scriptures, and have discussion surrounding each of these events. The youth will be joining us for the meal and the study.

Women of Faith 2012
Tickets now available for next year's Women of Faith conference!
It is titled "CELEBRATE"! It will be Friday evening Sept. 28th and all day Saturday Sept. 29th. The amount for each ticket is \$89. If interested, please call Marilyn Bangert @ 303-857-0177 or email at sewsing@quixnet.net.
If you signed up for a ticket last year it is time to make your first payment. Any questions call Marilyn.



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April 14, 2012

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1. Inspiration and encouragement are always in style
2. You can print a [gift certificate](#) right away (no shipping, no waiting! Visit the website @ www.womenoffaith.com)
3. Dive deeper
4. Laugh louder
5. Grow stronger

10 am - 5 pm. Doors open at 9 am.
\$59 standard \$79 VIP section

Cards for Our Military
We are sending cards from the church to our military men & women. Please send your APO address to f812452@yahoo.com and we will see that they get cards from us periodically. They need to know that we are thinking of them.
Thanks,
Mary Fisher



January 2012




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January Birthdays

- 1 Catherine Knaus
- 3 Bonnie Shaw
- 6 Donna Howard
- 8 Clementine Fitch
- 9 Donald Schneipp
- 9 Scott Edgar
- 9 Anthony Garrett
- 10 Jean Bangert
- 10 Gene Hagans
- 12 Lucile Dahlberg
- 12 Teri Kopfman
- 13 Lee Amato
- 15 Jacob Tijerina
- 16 Stacey Olson
- 17 Heather (Kokoszka) Rentz
- 17 Jesse Wallace
- 18 Clete Larson
- 18 Julie Taylor
- 19 Polly Cummins
- 21 Victoria McCrumb
- 21 Jon Frazier
- 21 Mariann Johnston
- 22 Mark Saar
- 24 Joshua McDaniel
- 25 Kristel Acre
- 25 Lisa Standeford
- 27 Don Cummins
- 29 Babe Breickler



January Anniversaries

- 1 Dave and Jodi Bissell
- 21 Mike and Gwen Ceretto
- 23 Scott and Kathy Frazier
- 26 David and Barb Irsik
- 28 Lloyd and Iva Thiesen

February Birthdays

- 1 Sandy Amato
- 1 Theresa Hubert
- 2 Jodi Bissell
- 3 Carol McDermott
- 3 Mindy Bucher



- 3 Dorene Tadehara
- 3 Phil Tiffany
- 4 Don Tomoi
- 6 Sean Brown
- 6 Colton McCutchan
- 9 Marilyn Bangert
- 10 Blane Gross
- 11 Joe Kopfman
- 12 Alexander Anders
- 12 Alyssa Johnston
- 12 Glenn Gaul
- 12 Lloyd Thiesen
- 15 Dale Hostetter
- 15 Joe Hubert
- 17 Cody LeBlanc
- 18 Andy Anders
- 18 Amber Irsik
- 18 Christa Riojas
- 18 Kathy Frazier
- 19 Shirley Frewin
- 19 Jason Kokoszka
- 19 Robin McDermott-Taylor
- 20 Meghan Lewis
- 20 Gene Tadehara
- 20 Loree Unrein
- 21 Kobe Roedel
- 21 Ashley Button
- 21 Barbara Palombo
- 22 Joyce Acre
- 22 Robin Anders
- 24 Skye Kopfman
- 26 Mary Ellen LeBlanc
- 26 Brian Shaw
- 27 Pastor Hugh Harris
- 27 Mica Button
- 27 Ron Thiesen
- 27 Margaret Walter

February Anniversaries

- 2 Randall & Tina Powell
- 19 Jim & Mary Edens

