

Circuit Rider

May/June

2012



May 2012

Spring has sprung and God is at work in our midst! It has been a great spring here at the First United Methodist Church of Fort Lupton and the months of May and June are shaping up to be just as great. I hope that you'll take advantage of the things to come.

I have had the privilege of working with our 2012 Spring Confirmation Class over the last couple of months. They have been such a joy as they learn and discover what it means to be a Christian and a United Methodist in today's world. I hope you'll plan to be with us in worship on Sunday, May 6 at 9:00 am as we welcome these young people as new members of our congregation.

In May, we will also be gearing up for our summer Vacation Bible School. Happening in June (check in this newsletter for specific dates and times), this week long adventure is a great opportunity to bring the kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbor kids, etc. to learn more about Jesus and along the way to have a LOT of fun! I hope that you'll stop and pray right now about how God is calling you to support this great outreach into our community. Maybe God is calling you to help in some way with teaching or coordinating snacks or advance preparations. Or maybe God is calling you to invite all of the children you know and some you don't know to be a part of this learning, growing experience.

And don't forget that as we get into June, the church is still here. Even though it may be summer, we'll still worship every week. There will still be opportunities for Sunday School and Bible study. There will still be opportunities to serve others who are in need. Our mission of *Seeking God in Worship, Growing in Community, and Reaching Out to the World* continues...

As summer approaches, I hope that you will take time to remember the commitment that you made when you joined this church: to support it with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. Each of you is vital to the whole.

*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. **Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*** (Philippians 4: 8-9)

Amen.

Blessings to you,

Pastor Kirsten



Come Join Us!!!!

Mission Trip July 8th – July 14th 2012

To Towaoc Native American reservation at 4 Corners, Colorado, 10 miles from Cortez, Colorado

Ways for you to serve:

Keep the Mission Trip in your prayers. Prayers for a safe trip, for energy to paint, and to touch the lives of the children offering Vacation Bible Fun.

Make a donation for supplies and fresh food items

Help prepare meals on May 8th @ 1:00 pm or 6:30 pm

Items that are listed below are for feeding the team and for Vacation Bible Fun. If you would like to donate, please call the church office to sign-up.

Items needed by May 5 th	Items needed by July 5 th
4 lbs ground beef	8 boxes cereal
4 onions	24 boxes of Capri Sun
4 large cans vegetarian vegetable soup	5 large bags of chips
4 cans tomatoes	3 boxes Ritz crackers
4 bags gluten free noodles	12 dozen cookies
For Trail Mix: (2 boxes or pkgs of each)	8 boxes of Granola bars
Chex Mix -Corn cereal	2 – 12 pack Root Beer soda pop
Chex Mix - Rice	2 – 12 pack Cola soda pop
Pretzels twists (small)	3 large jars peanut butter
Wheat crackers	25 individual wrapped cheese & crackers
Cheddar crackers (small)	
M & M's	5 cases bottled water
5 # sausage link or patties	48 Individual flavored yogurt
	2 boxes- 24 individual snack chips
	1 tub of regular cream cheese
	1 tub flavored cream cheese
	1 large (138 oz) Pace Picante Sauce - mild
	2 large bags of tortilla chips
	3 # sliced American Cheese
	2# shredded cheese for egg casserole
	3 pkgs string cheese
	2 large bottles maple syrup
	3 boxes crackers for salad
	3 boxes gluten free crackers
	6# bacon
	1 large jar of Ranch dressing
	1 large jar of Italian dressing
	1 large jar Miracle Whip Salad Dressing for chicken salad
	2 cake pans of homemade brownies
	3# ham for sandwiches

Next Mission Trip meeting is May 1st @ 7:00 pm

EVANGELISM

The evangelism Team has been busy. With the help of Pastor Kirsten we have completed the task of name badges for our members.

Thanks to Steven Tomaryn for building the beautiful name badge rack located in the cry room. We all can now return our name badges to the rack and not forget them at home. This is a great way to help guests feel comfortable visiting our Church.

The Balloon Launch (Launch of Love**) has been a lot of fun for the team. The balloons (**144 of them**) will all be in the color of red which represents the color of the Holy Spirit. Attached to the balloons will be a zip lock baggie containing a self addressed stamped post card (**a note from heaven**), the post card has scripture and asks the recipient to list the date and location of discovery of the balloon, also has a space to write down any prayer request or concerns that they may want to give to the lord and mail back to the Church. Post cards received will be brought up during Joys and Concerns segment of our service and prayed for.**

The balloons will be prayed over by Pastor Kirsten before launch so that the person or persons who find the balloon may receive God's Grace and Love.

The Evangelism Team went through great lengths to insure that all material used is biodegradable and no city codes are violated and has received approval from code enforcement and Chief of Police to launch away. What a great way to introduce our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to people. Let's all pray for a great response.

Coffee mugs have been designed to be gifted to guests that visit our Church. Coffee mugs will be sold down stairs after service for \$5.00 each to help cover costs.

We invite the congregation to ignite the fire that burns within for the Love of our Lord, to watch a short video series "Heart of Passion**" by Louie Giglio.**

This will take place each Sunday of June right after fellowship down stairs. This is an inspiring four part series that is sure to light that fire. We encourage everyone to attend. You will be glad that you did.

THANKS TO ALL THE TEAM FOR ALL YOU DO

BE A CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN

What's Happening!

- Thursday, May 3rd** **National Day of Prayer @ 6:00 pm at the Rec Center**
- Sunday, May 6th** **Confirmation during Worship Service**
- Tuesday, May 8th** **Cook for Mission Trip @ 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm**
- Sunday, May 13th** **Recognition of Mother's Day during Worship Service**
- Sunday, May 20th** **Recognition Sunday during Worship Service**
- Sundays, June 3rd – 24th** **Adult Sunday School – "Heart of Passion" by Louie Giglio - following Worship Service**
- Sundays, June 3rd – Aug. 26th** **Children's Summer Sunday School during Worship Service- all ages welcome**
- Mon. – Thurs., June 25th –28th** **Vacation Bible School 9:00 am - 11:30 am. Location to be announced**
- Tuesdays, July 17- Aug. 21st** **Summer 6 week bible study class at Joe and Sue Huberts Supper included.**
Joe and Sues address:1115 3rd St., Fort Lupton, phone 303- 857-6785

Upcoming events

New Sunday School Class: John Wesley and the Roots of Methodism. Sundays right after worship beginning July 8. Led by Rev. Tom Barlow.



Blessings in a Bag Back Pack Program

Children need consistent nutrition in order to maintain their peak learning capacity. Studies show that students who receive adequate nutrition are less likely to be absent due to sickness and are able to perform better in class.

Ensuring that our Fort Lupton elementary children receive the proper food for the weekend is a large task that Jeanette Thiesen, Donna Howard and Sue Hubert take very seriously. Food from the five food groups is provided with protein being a main concern. Students need balanced, healthy food to ensure that their bodies are receiving the proper nutrition to grow, both in body and mind. The Blessings in a Bag Back Pack Program has been in existence in Fort Lupton since 2006 and has received positive feedback from the schools every year. We started with 30 children at Twombly and are now serving 119 children at Twombly and Butler combined. A total of 2872 backpacks have gone out so far this school year. We have had 326-plus volunteer hours. Starting in the last school week in December the Fort Lupton Fire Department has been delivering the bags to the school for us. This has been such a great blessing. Thank you all for your support in the program and while shopping if you see any good buys in juice, protein products, vegetables, cereal or milk, please let one of us know. We are always looking for bargains that enable us to buy more for our dollars. Thanks again for your support! Sue Hubert



Email sent from

Marilyn K Shipan – mkshipmani@att.net

Greetings from North Carolina. So often on Sunday mornings as folks here want to sing, "The Church in the Wildwood", I remember being a part of FLC UMC, Sunday School, MYF, and worship, plus trip to church camp. I am an ordained elder in the North Carolina Annual Conference and serve a circuit of three churches in Durham County. I completed seminary at the Divinity School Duke University.



Thank You from the Bud Penfold Family: Kirsten and church members, Thank you for everything which you did for Pop's service. Everything was great and our families are very appreciative. Sincerely Jon and families

It's hard to believe another Sunday School year is about to end. We have started our last rotation, "Songs and Psalms" and we will be ending the year on May 20th with our recognition Sunday of our children and volunteers. Please plan on attending and staying for refreshments after services in the fireside room. The Children will all get an opportunity to visit the Sunday School store and take something home with them.

It has been a great year for our Sunday school program thanks to our great teachers and the wonderful children who want to learn about our Heavenly Father through music, art, science, games, movies and cookery! Our church is so blessed to have the leadership that recognizes the importance of educating our youth and the congregation that supports the program.

Thank you,

Janet

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.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

This is an educational program designed to help family caregivers (no professional caregivers please). This program will help you take care of yourself while caring for a parent, spouse, friend, someone living at home, in a nursing home, or across the county.

This class meets once a week for six weeks.

Dates: Tuesdays

May 8th – June 12th

Time: 9:00 am – 11:30 am

Location:

Erie Community Center

450 Powers St.

Erie, CO 80516

Free!!!!

Everyone must register by May 1st by calling

Jillian Broce @ 970-346-6950 ext. 6130

Presented by: Weld County Area on Aging &

Front Range Hospice

Sponsored by: Town of Erie Parks & Recreation

Department



Several of our members attended a Spring Tea at Evans UMC and a good time was had by all.

We have had to request a second recycle bin from Gator Rubbish since one bin was not enough for our use.

I want to thank everyone who helped clean the kitchen. It is great to know we can count on our church family. The Spring Brunch was a success with 63 attendees. There were members from 11 area churches plus friends and family of our members. Heaven Leigh Jazz provided the entertainment.

The next UMW meeting is scheduled for May 3rd which has been cancelled so we can all attend The National Day of Prayer.

Our next Mary Circle meeting is on May 21st. Our guest speaker will be Renee Dupre, a Mesionic Jew. She will give a talk on her stay at a Jewish settlement. Anyone interested in hearing Renee speak is invited to attend.

Neena Hagans, President
United Methodist Women

May Birthdays

1 Sharon Fehr
3 Janet Lee
3 Stacey Thieman
4 Marcet Evens
4 Randall Powell
6 Sam Duarte
7 Caroline Suppes
8 Jim Edens
8 Shawn Ryan
10 Matt Fehr
10 Paige Gaul
11 Dawn Ceretto
11 Fred Patterson
12 Genevieve LeBlanc
13 Dave Wamsley
15 Tom O'Neil
17 Elise Ceretto
17 Tanya Unrein Marrs
18 Claire Kokoszka
20 Blaine Minatra
21 Joni Purifoy
22 Megan Anders
22 Pat Garrett
23 Jeremy Olson
23 Sam Powell
24 Devin Cummins
24 Corey Dale
25 Lori Hatchell
28 Nonnie Hunziker
29 Piper Wallingford
30 Brandon Edgar



May Anniversaries

2 Arnie and Theresa Hubert
24 John & Eloise Martin
24 Dave and Vicki Wamsley
26 Todd & Audrey Schroeder
30 Ricky and Mindy Bucher
31 Tom & Kirsten Barlow

June Birthdays

1 Josh Edens
1 Laila Solano
2 Courtney Bucher
3 Ashley Gross
3 Angel Gross
4 Steve Dickinson
4 Jerry Olson
4 Josh Pelis
7 Claudia Miller



8 Jason Ryan
9 Cameron Payne
11 Wendy Sarazen
11 Mary Lou Stieber
12 Gwen Ceretto
12 Krista Payne
13 Traci DeBlicke
14 Mike Ceretto
15 D'Nay Castilleja
17 Todd Cullum
17 Kolton Johnston
17 Jenae Taylor
18 June Dailey
18 Charlotte Solomon
19 Ed Button
20 Jim Bangert
20 Kira Norby
21 Ian Bissell
21 Jacque Kerr
22 Carol Duarte
22 Shawn Johnston
23 Merle Mullet
27 Misty (Olson) Norton
29 Amanda Reid
29 Vicki Schniepp
30 Jordan Sarazen



June Anniversaries

2 Lee and Sandy Amato
5 Merle & Verna Mullet
5 Randy and Lisa Semroska
6 Ron and Jeanette Thiesen
7 Mike and Marilyn Bangert
7 Jeff and Becky McClure
8 Mickey & Lori Hatchell
11 Martin and Carol McDermott
12 Richard and Janet Lee
20 George and Babe Breickler
20 Fred and Cheryl Patterson
21 Ed and Rhonda Button
22 Bud and Nada Fehr
26 Steven Tomaryn & Sue McElhinney
29 Jim & Keri Roedel
29 Sean & Heather Gross
30 Tom & Sherrie O'Neil



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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	29	30	1 7:00 pm Mission Trip meeting	2 03:30pm CLC 05:55pm Worship Band 06:30pm Youth 07:00pm Choir	3 07:00pm UMW 6:00 World Day of Prayer – Rec Center	4	5
19	6 09:00am Sunday Worship 10:45am Sunday School	7	8 1:00 PM & 6:30 pm Cooking for Mission Trip 07:30pm Trustees Meeting	9 03:30pm CLC 05:55pm Worship Band 06:30pm Youth 07:00pm Choir	10	11	12
20	13 09:00am Sunday Worship 10:45am Sunday School	14 07:00pm Foxy Quilters	15 07:00pm Endowment Comm. Meeting	16 01:15pm Lunch Bunch 07:00pm Choir	17 07:00pm Finance Meeting	18	19
21	20 09:00am Sunday Worship 10:45am Sunday School	21 06:30pm Many Blessings 07:00pm Mary Circle	22 07:00pm Church Council Meeting	23 07:00pm Choir	24	25	26
22	27 09:00am Sunday Worship	28 Office Closed	29	30	31		

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
23	3 09:00am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Heart of Passion Sunday School Class	4	5 07:00pm SPRC	6	7	8	9
24	10 09:00am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Heart of Passion Sunday School Class	11 07:00pm Foxy Quilters	12 07:30pm Trustees Meeting	13	14	15	16
25	17 09:00am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Heart of Passion Sunday School Class	18 06:30pm Many Blessings	19	20 01:15pm Lunch Bunch 07:00pm Worship Planning	21	22	23
26	24 09:00am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Heart of Passion Sunday School Class	25	26	27	28	29	30