

Circuit Rider

November/December 2012

First United Methodist Church



November 2012

It seems as if 2012 is just flying by! I can't believe that it is November already and that December is right around the corner! (Although it is not quite so hard for me to believe because as I write this I am looking at several inches of snow on the ground.)

It has been a good year here at the First United Methodist Church of Fort Lupton and there is much more to come in the next two months (see the "coming up" section for details). We'll have our annual Church Conference on Sunday, November 11 at 7 pm. We'll celebrate baptisms. We'll celebrate Thanksgiving. We'll celebrate the Advent season leading up to the celebration of the birth of Jesus...

We'll provide 400 Thanksgiving Turkey Boxes to needy families in our community so that they can have a Thanksgiving dinner (in conjunction with the Epworth Foundation). We'll provide food for over 100 children to take home and eat each week through our Blessings in a Bag program. We'll teach 20-25 children/youth about Jesus each week in Sunday School. We'll share the love of Jesus with 15-20 elementary children through our mid-week Christian Life Club. We'll love and nurture 20-25 middle school/high school youth each week through our youth group.

Can you see why I've said there's a lot yet to come this year?

I pray that as you read this newsletter that you will sense just how and where God is calling you to be a part of spreading His love in this broken and battered world.

Maybe you can start by inviting someone to come to worship with you...Guests are always welcome!

Thank you for being the church...God's community of believers...the hands and feet of Christ.

God bless you all,

Kirsten

Isaiah 11: 1-3, 6

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD-and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; **and a little child will lead them.**

With great anticipation, I await the coming of the little child that Isaiah prophesied about...the little child Jesus who came to lead us all...

Coming up....

Annual Church Conference

Sunday, November 11 at 7:00 pm

All are invited to join us as we celebrate the current year and take care of some of the official business of the church.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 pm

Come and give thanks to the Lord our God!

The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem – Advent Study

Wednesday, November 14 – Wednesday, December 19 – 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

Join us as we explore the journey that Mary and Joseph took from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 16 at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

Plan to be with us as our children lead us in celebrating the birth of Jesus!

Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 24 at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary

All are welcome for this candlelight service as we celebrate Jesus' birth.



Our annual Bazaar and Turkey Dinner are just around the corner. I want to thank, in advance, all the people who have volunteered to help us out. We could not do this without your support. Drop by during the day and buy something at the Bazaar. Buy tickets from Iva, Laurie or Donna and enjoy a wonderful meal.

We still have Cook Books for sale. The proceeds are now going to be used for windows in the church. Right now we are working to raise enough money to replace the windows in the church office.

We are getting into my favorite part of the year, Thanksgiving and Christmas and on through Easter. Please plan to join us for our Christmas Tea. It looks like the entertainment will be the Bell Choir from the Brighton Methodist Church. We will have plenty of food. No one goes home hungry.

Neena Hagans - UMW President

UMYF is off to a great start this year! UMYF is now for grades 6th – 12th. Tracy and Suzan DeBerg are leading our junior high group doing the LIVE curriculum from Simply Youth Ministries. Ricky and Mindy Bucher and Wendy Sarazen are leading the high school group this year using some LIVE curriculum and then will begin a series based off the movie 7 Days in Utopia.

CLC and the dedicated leaders are counting with the Fruit of the Spirit Curriculum. If you know of any children in your community, friends or family in grades 1st – 5th invite them to come join us for an afternoon snack, music, games and a lesson on how to live a more "fruitful" life.

Registration Forms and more information can be found on our website at www.ftluptonumc.org.

Here is your Opportunity to help send the message of Jesus Christ to another part of the world...

This year Samaritan's Purse anticipates reaching an important milestone in the history of Operation Christmas Child – 100 million gift-filled shoe boxes since 1993! Your Shoe Boxes represent more than smiles and laughter, they become Gospel opportunities that open doors to share the love of Jesus Christ with children and their families around the world. Samaritan's Purse gives God all the praise and they look forward to the best Operation Christmas Child season ever.



Last year our church collected and took 110 shoe boxes to the collection center in Longmont. Most boxes from this area traveled to Mexico. I think of Anne Sandberg every year when I gather the items to put into the shoe box. The tradition she started years earlier lives on as does her spirit of love and caring concern for all those around her.

The National Collection Week this year will start November 12 (just around the corner) with our final dedication Sunday being **NOVEMBER 18TH**. So pick up a pre-decorated easy to fill box from the back of the sanctuary along with the donation envelopes which include all the information you need to “pack a shoebox”. Or if you prefer you can use your own shoe box (it is ok to wrap it but make sure it can be opened by wrapping the lid separately) or even better use a shoe box size plastic tote (you can line it with Christmas Paper to make it more festive). Please remember to include the envelope with \$7.00 donation to cover shipping. Also there is a label to complete indicating if it is for a boy or girl and also check the age range. Most important, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

If you have questions, please contact Brenda McCutchan at 303-857-4848. You can also get more details and information at www.samaritanspurse.org/occ

Lissa Hood would like to thank you for all the birthday cards. She feels immense gratitude and overwhelming thankfulness that everyone took the time out of their busy day to send a card. She felt so loved by her church family.

We want to express our sincere gratitude for your prayers, concern and thoughtfulness and thanks to those who provided special meals during Kathy's recovery from surgery. Your kindness was very much appreciated. Thank you with grateful hearts. In God's love, Kathy and Bob Payne

To the Angels I know of and to those who have wished to remain anonymous I want to thank you for all of the thoughts, prayers, cards and support of all kinds that I and my kids received the last several months. Please know that you have made an everlasting impression in our lives and a difference that we can only hope of paying it forward someday. We have weathered the storm and eagerly await what the Lord has in store for our future and is doing in our lives. I thank God for the loving and caring people that we have in this church and community and will forever be grateful that my kids have been able to see what it means to be a Christian and live a life of being there for others through the love of Christ. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You may never know what you have done in our lives but know when you see us it was more than we could have ever asked for.

With sincere love, Wendy, Jordan, Britney and Rylea Sarazen

November/December Birthdays**November/December Anniversaries**

11/01	Tracy	DeBerg
11/02	Bob	Payne
11/04	Keith	Hayden
11/05	Bill	Brewer
11/05	Jeanie	Tiffany
11/08	Heather	Gross
11/08	Colleen	O'Neil
11/09	Jeff	Hood
11/09	David	Payne
11/09	Brady	Cullum
11/10	Edith	Suckla
11/10	Marty	McDermott
11/10	Abigail	Rentz
11/14	Daryn	Castilleja
11/14	Mike	Fisher
11/14	Mary	Fisher
11/15	Ricky	Boren
11/17	Marcus	Bucher
11/18	Kim	Turner
11/18	Eloise	Martin
11/18	Larry	Fehr
11/19	Dorothy	Cummins
11/20	Lexi	DeBerg
11/21	Diantha	Dickinson
11/22	Rebecca	McClure
11/22	Nathan	Cummins
11/28	Joshua	Irsik
11/29	Jillian	Ceretto
11/29	Sean	Gross

12/03	Kevin	Shaw
12/04	Jimmy	Roedel
12/04	Courtney	Brock
12/04	Brenda	McCutchan
12/05	Dan	Kerr
12/05	Serenity	Stover
12/07	Dilyn	Castilleja
12/07	Dave	Evens
12/07	Todd	Schroeder
12/08	Christa	Boren
12/11	Mikayla	Norby
12/11	Cliff	Carter
12/11	Leslie	Garrett
12/12	Nada	Fehr
12/12	Mark	Barry
12/12	Kelsey	McCartney
12/12	Hanna	McCutchan
12/14	Bill	McCartney
12/14	Jerald	Bangert
12/15	Chris	Ceretto
12/16	Mark	Holsclaw
12/18	Kaitlyn	Turner
12/18	Michelle	Bettger
12/19	Jeff	McClure
12/26	Howie	Francis
12/26	Mattie	Brown
12/30	Ashley	Thiesen-Caldwell
12/30	Jean	Nance

11/04	Patty	Bucher
11/04	Ted	Bucher
11/06	Kristel	Acre
11/06	Mike	Acre
11/06	Dorene	Tadehara
11/06	Gene	Tadehara
11/10	Laurie	McCartney
11/10	Bill	McCartney
11/14	Mary	Fisher
11/14	Mike	Fisher
11/15	Christa	Boren
11/15	Ricky	Boren
11/23	Andy	Anders
11/23	Robin	Anders
11/26	Chris	Cummins
11/26	Mark	Cummins
12/04	Diantha	Dickinson
12/04	Steve	Dickinson
12/06	Cpt. Mark	Saar
12/06	Sandee	Saar
12/10	Gary	Johnston
12/10	Mariann	Johnston
12/16	Don	Cummins
12/16	Dorothy	Cummins
12/18	Patty	Eagan
12/20	Leslie	Garrett
12/20	Pat	Garrett
12/26	Alice	Easterday
12/26	Bob	Easterday
12/26	Caroline	Suppes
12/26	Joe	Suppes
12/29	Joe	Hubert
12/29	Sue	Hubert
12/31	Debbie	Meadows
12/31	Frank	Meadows
12/31/2003	Dave	Evens
12/31/2003	Marcet	Evens

Tutoring Available

Is your child struggling in school? Would you like help from an experienced tutor? A member of our congregation is offering tutoring help. There will be no set fee, but a free will donation can be made to the church. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Gwen at the church office at 303-857-2257 and we will connect you.

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