



***First United Methodist
Church***



**Circuit Rider
January/ February 2013**

January 2013

Dear Friends,

As we look towards the start of a new year, I want to let you know how thankful I am for you and how proud I am to be your pastor. This is an incredible church, filled with incredible people, who do incredible things to share the love of Jesus. Just a few examples:

- As of the 18th of December we are providing food on a weekly basis to 131 children in our community through our Blessings in a Bag program. These children have food to take home every weekend during the school year because of the dedication of our volunteers.
- Through the hard work of volunteers from our church working with the Epworth Foundation we were able to provide turkeys and all of the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal to 400 families in our community at Thanksgiving time.
- We continue to reach dozens of children and youth through our Christian Life Club and United Methodist Youth Fellowship every Wednesday. We provide them with snacks and/or a meal and teach them about the love of Jesus. (This is in addition to those we reach during our Sunday School Program.)
- New people are coming to our church and finding a welcoming congregation and wonderful music and worship that connect them to God.
- Our church is known throughout Fort Lupton and the surrounding community as the place to come when people need assistance and we do our best to help each person with their needs and to connect them with other resources when we can't provide everything that is needed (utility assistance, rent, etc.).

And in 2012 for the first time in many years, because of the extravagant generosity of our congregation, it looks as though we will have ended the year in the black (with the deficit that has built up from previous years paid off). Through your continued generous giving I am confident that we will be able to meet our expenses going into 2013 and not fall into another deficit situation. Thank you for stepping up to continue to keep the lights on, the doors open, our ministries running, and the wonderful dedicated staff that we have that are here to serve not only our congregation but the community at large.

This and so much more, that there is not room to print here, is why I say I am thankful to serve at the First United Methodist Church of Fort Lupton and that I am proud to be your pastor.

As we celebrate our FIRST 150 years of ministry here in Fort Lupton, I cannot wait to see what God has in store for the next 150!

May God bless you in this new year!

Pastor Kirsten

“We love because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19) Thank you for sharing God's love!

Smile

All Church picture to be taken on Palm Sunday!!!

**To celebrate the 150th anniversary of our church there will be a picture taken
on March 24th – Palm Sunday, following Worship Service.**

Mark Your Calendars!

Thank Yous

Dear Church Family,

Dave and I thank you for the concerns, prayers, cards, e-mails, and food sent during our family illnesses. We are truly blessed and words cannot express how much it was, and is, appreciated and how much your love and support means to us.

May God bless you all! Love, Dave & Barb Irsik

Dear Methodist Church Ladies,

I appreciate all your prayers. At age 91, prayers are needed. I really enjoyed and appreciated all the Christmas cookies Vada brought to my door. They were delicious. I hope everyone has happy and healthy holidays. God Bless, Goldie Nelson

Dear everyone at the Methodist Church, Thank you so much for the Thanksgiving basket. The turkey even had a package of gravy in it. That was something I have never seen! Thank you so much. Your love is so appreciated. God Bless you all with His love and peace and joy.

With deep gratitude, Desiree.

WOW! 400 Turkeys

We gave away 400 Thanksgiving boxes to the needy on November 18, 2012. There was a great gathering at Gray Oil's warehouse. The Fort Lupton First United Methodist Church gave out 400 Thanksgiving food boxes with help from the Epworth Foundation. Many thanks to all of the volunteers, people who donated people involved with intake, Gray Oil. A big thank you to Tina Powell for the use of their truck, dock, and time.

United Methodist Women

2012 honor Verna and Meryl Mullet

Verna, a Colorado native was raised in Southern Colorado, while Meryl was raised in Indiana. Meryl moved to Colorado during the Vietnam War and worked as an orderly in a Denver Hospital where he met the love of his life, Verna

The Sunday that Verna and Meryl attended the Fort Lupton First United Methodist Church was a great day for our church. As a husband and wife who live their life as an example, they are excellent Christian role model for our young couples.

Verna and Meryl have been married 41 years and have 2 sons, Brian and Kevin, 1 granddaughter and 2 grandsons. Verna and Meryl have shared their talents with the Fort Lupton 1st United Methodist Church. Verna, a member of United Methodist Women, has served on many committees and has also shared her artistic talent with arranging the flowers for the altar. Meryl has been on various committees in the church and most importantly, a trustee, where his talent and expertise as a plumber has been greatly appreciated.

Please join the United Methodist Women in honoring Verna and Meryl with “A Special Mission Recognition Pin” and “certificate” in appreciation of their service to Fort Lupton’s 1st United Methodist Church. Let us send them with God’s blessing as they begin a new part of their life in Montrose, Colorado...

**2013 is our Church's 150 anniversary and many activities will be going on.
Watch for announcements**

**Blessings in a Bag
School Year
2012-2013**



As the 2012 school year began we knew, due to the economy, that we would be challenged in our attempts to provide for all of the children in the “Blessings in a Bag Backpack Program”.

God has blessed us with wonderful donations and great volunteers. We thought that we could do 60 backpacks at both schools but soon realized that one of the schools needed more. We were able to then provide up to 75 at each school. At the present time we are doing 51 at Butler Elementary and 78 at Twombly each week. So far this year we have given out a total of 1338 bags. The need is so great! These children need nourishment to better enable them to concentrate and retain what they are being taught. Seventy five percent of the students at Twombly School and seventy three percent at Butler school are on the free or reduced lunch program. With that information you can clearly see the need in our community. We do our best to provide good wholesome food to send home with them each weekend. The Fort Lupton Fire Department graciously delivers the backpacks to the schools and the Fort Lupton First United Methodist Church youth helped to put the Christmas bags together. God has, again, blessed us and we are very thankful. Thank you all for helping to make this Christmas a little brighter for these children.

Submitted by Sue Hubert

**Mission, Congregational Care and
Adventures In Christian Living**

This year we have four local mission funds:

Fort Lupton Ministerial Alliance, Great Commission Ministries (Robin Taylor at UNC), Fort Lupton Food and Clothing Bank and Home Town Missionaries in Argentina (Bob and Bettye Paden)

Total amount given to these funds through the third quarter is:

Fort Lupton Ministerial Alliance:	\$196.00
Great Commission Ministries(Robin Taylor)	\$376.00
Ft. Lupton Food & Clothing Bank	\$196.00
Bob & Bettye Paden:	\$576.00

We supported 5 of the United Methodist Projects

UMCOR, Human Relations Day, Native American Ministry and Students Day	
UMCOR	\$213.00
Human Relations Day	\$121.00
Students Day	\$yet to do
Congregational Care	\$20.00

Also sent funds to: Colorado Fire Relief \$210.00, Hurricane Sandy still collecting...

Adventures in Christian Living Chores of Love:

♥We worked with the Epworth Church in Denver and the Ft. Lupton Community and we gave out 400 thanksgiving turkey boxes on Nov. 17, 2012

♥We serve many families in the community with the help of food, utilities, rent, tires, clothing prescriptions, mentoring and many other needs

♥We met with the Faith Community Service Fund from Greeley and are working with them to help people with their utility bills

♥Provided transportation for Weld County Connect in September

♥We know there is a need for a homeless facility here in Fort Lupton. Please pray we can find a doable solution

♥Many volunteer hours at the Fort Lupton Food and Clothing Bank

♥Provide meals for shut-in's

*We have a Sunday school group who donates monthly to a child in World Vision

♥We participate in Franklin Graham's Operation Christmas Child

♥We donate to the Heifer Foundation, and a special donation to the Food Bank freezer fund

♥We sponsor the Many Blessings Day Care Center

♥The most amazing feat that we did this year was a mission trip to the Towaoc Ute reservation in Cortez, CO. Twenty missionaries from Fort Lupton First UMC spent 6 days in Cortez. We had Bible Fun at the Church at the Ute reservation with many young Native American children attending. We had pot luck and invited the people from the surrounding area of the church to attend. We did painting and clean up at the church and also at one of the church member's home. The experience was very meaningful for all; we had many young missionaries with us from our church who were amazing at witnessing for Jesus Christ. The Cortez Methodist Church welcomed and opened their church for us. It was an eye opening experience for all of us. The Fort Lupton Methodist Church rose to the occasion to support us both with money and with prayers

♥We also give our support by providing a space for the Blessings in a Bag Backpack Program in the miracle house. This program sends week end food home to the hungry elementary school children. They are currently sending 129 back packs each week

♥We also provide space and kitchen privileges for the Meals on Wheels Program, where meals are prepared 5 days a weeks for shut-ins

♥In this same house we provide space for Open Arms Pregnancy/Life Choice office which is open one day a week for anyone that has a concern about pregnancy.

♥We participated in the fund raiser, fill the baby bottle campaign

♥We open our church to many organizations for meetings and classes, such as Best Start for Babies.

The Mission field is right out our doors here in Fort Lupton, CO.

Lupton, CO.

Sue Hubert

Coming up....

Read Through the Bible in One Year –
Starting January 1, 2013

- Join us in reading *The Daily Message* Bible this year.
- This Bible is broken up into daily reading sections of about 15-20 minutes each.
- Easy to read in the Message translation
- Contact Pastor Kirsten or Gwen if you'd like a copy of this Bible.
- Starting Wednesday, January 9 we will be discussing these weekly readings at our Wednesday noon Bible Study-all are welcome.

Confirmation Class for all students 6th grade and up who would like to explore their faith

- Meets Sundays during Sunday School (10:45–11:45 am) from January 27 through May 5.
- For more information contact Pastor Kirsten.

Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00 pm –
Wednesday, February 13, 2013 including the traditional imposition of ashes

- Soup & Salad Supper at 6:00 pm that night.

Final Words From The Cross – Lenten Study

- Meets Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 pm from February 20 – April 3, 2013
- Soup & Salad Supper from 6:00 – 6:30 pm Wednesdays – February 20 – April 3, 2013
 - Special Note for our Youth: Youth Group will continue to meet from 6:30 – 7:30 pm during this time, but dinner will be from 6:00 – 6:30 pm. So, come early if you want to eat!

WHAT ARE YOUR MEMORIES?

We are looking for personal stories to supplement the official church history.

Please answer the following questions and turn in with your offering or leave at the church office.

How long have you and/or your family been at our church?

What stands out for you ie: memories, special events, etc?

What brought you to our church?

Do you have a story to share?

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

UMW had a good year. We had a successful Spring Brunch. We did very well for the Turkey Dinner.

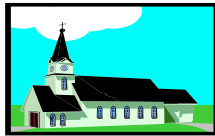
We had a record crowd for the Christmas Tea. The Brighton UMC Bell Choir was our entertainment. If you have not had a chance to hear a Bell Choir you are missing a great experience. Everyone enjoyed the Choir. The leftover deserts were included with the Christmas Treats for the shut-ins.

We want to thank our Church family. Without your help we would not be able to put on the Funeral Dinners or the Turkey Dinner. Our group is small but with your help we can do great things.

Neena Hagans
President - UMW

**PRAYER
MINISTRY
PRAYER CHAIN**

For
**First United Methodist Church
of Fort Lupton**
303-857-2257
To start prayer chain call
Jocelyn Hostetter @ 303-842-7677



TO ACTIVATE:

Call Jocelyn Hostetter @ 303-842-7677

DIRECTIONS FOR CHAIN:

Pray!

Call Next Number Immediately
If not home leave information
on answering machine or with family,
then call the next number.

Write down exact information,
pass on exact information.

Deliver information immediately
without discussion.

PRAY IMMEDIATELY

DAYTIME

Jocelyn Hostetter	303-842-7677
Sue Hubert	303-857-6785
Jeanette Thiesen	303-857-4757
Donna Howard	303-659-0335
Sharon Ceretto	303-857-2286
Monday – Thursday	303-857-1193
Sandy Neb	303-857-4489
Iva Thiesen	303-857-2244
Church	303-857-2257
Kirsten Barlow	720-383-5772
Joyce Acre	303-857-2458
Kim Turner	303-579-3898
Jocelyn Hostetter	303-842-7677

EVENING

Jocelyn Hostetter	303-842-7677
Claire Kokoszka	303-857-6404
Neena Hagans	303-857-7945
Carol McDermott	303-857-4884
Mariann Johnston	303-857-2445
Laurie McCartney	303-857-1511
Gwen Ceretto	720-236-8802
Kirsten Barlow	720-383-5772
Ron or Judy Ceretto	303-857-6830
Mary Jean Brewer	303-857-4653
Janet Lee	303-857-6958
Marilyn Bangert	303-857-0177
Darrel McCrumb	303-857-1362
Jocelyn Hostetter	303-842-7677

2013 - 150th Anniversary 1st United Methodist Church

Poster Contest

Deadline: March 15, 2013

All members of 1st United Methodist Church
4 divisions: Grades 1-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12, & Adult

Theme: Fort Lupton 1st United Methodist Church-- Past--Present-- Future

Resources: Scrapbooks at Museum
History Books, Members of church
Images to consider: Past/current buildings, people, objects

Any medium: Photos, painting, pencil, computer scanned, stamping, mixed media. Must be flat
2-D art work no larger than 8 ½" X 11".

High quality, done with care, concern and enjoyment. Art will be handled with care, to be
submitted to church office, originals will not be returned, will be displayed.

Participant name to appear on back with date submitted, address and age. Art work will then
become the property of Ft. Lupton 1st United Methodist Church.


Allow 2-3 weeks to process, judge and notify winners

Any Questions contact Sue Hubert 303-857-6785

January 2013

<u>1</u> 08:00am Office Closed	<u>2</u> 07:00pm Choir	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>		
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January Birthdays

01/01 Knaus, Catherine
 01/03 Shaw, Bonnie
 01/06 Howard, Donna
 01/09 Fitch, Clementine
 01/09 Schniepp, Donald
 01/09 Edgar, Scott
 01/09 Garrett, Anthony
 01/10 Bangert, Jean
 01/10 Hagans, Gene
 01/12 Dahlberg, Lucile
 01/12 Kopfman, Teri
 01/13 Amato, Lee
 01/15 Tijerina, Jacob
 01/16 Olson, Stacy
 01/17 Rentz, Heather
 01/18 Larson, Clete
 01/18 Taylor, Julie
 01/19 Cummins, Polly
 01/21 McCrumb, Victoria
 01/21 Frazier, Jon M
 01/21 Johnston, Mariann
 01/22 Saar, Cpt. Mark
 01/24 McDaniel, Joshua
 01/25 Acre, Kristel
 01/25 Standeford, Lisa
 01/27 Cummins, Don
 01/29 Breickler, Babe
 01/30 Thompson, Brian
 01/30 Barlow, Tom

February Birthdays

02/01 Amato, Sandy
 02/02 Bissell, Jodi
 02/03 McDermott, Carol
 02/03 Tadehara, Dorene
 02/03 Tiffany, Phil
 02/03 Bucher, Mindy
 02/04 Tomoi, Donald
 02/05 McCutchan, Colton
 02/06 Brown, Sean
 02/09 Bangert, Marilyn

02/10 Gross, Blane
 02/11 Kopfman, Joseph
 02/12 Anders, Alexander
 02/12 Thiesen, Lloyd
 02/12 Gaul, Glenn
 02/12 Johnston, Alyssa
 02/13 Edens, Mary
 02/15 Hubert, Joe
 02/15 Hostetter, Dale
 02/16 Biancaniello, Gino
 02/17 Ceretto, Jaxon
 02/17 LeBlanc, Cody
 02/18 Frazier, Kathleen
 02/18 Anders, Andy
 02/18 Irsik, Amber
 02/19 Taylor, Robin
 02/19 Kokoszka, Jason
 02/20 Unrein, Loree
 02/20 Tadehara, Gene
 02/21 Roedel, Kobe
 02/21 Button, Ashley
 02/22 Acre, Joyce
 02/22 Anders, Robin
 02/22 Garza, Makenzie
 02/23 Irsik, Normita
 02/24 Kovach, Luke
 02/24 Kopfman, Skye
 02/24 Irsik, Olsen
 02/26 LeBlanc, Mary Ellen
 02/26 Shaw, Brian
 02/27 Walter, Margaret
 02/27 Thiesen, Ron
 02/27 Button, Mica

Anniversaries

01/01 Bissell, Dave & Jodi
 01/09 Thiesen-Caldwell, Ashley & Joe
 01/21 Ceretto, Gwen & Mike
 01/23 Frazier, Kathleen & Scott
 01/26 Irsik, Barb & David
 01/28 Thiesen, Iva & Lloyd
 02/02 Powell, Randall & Tina
 02/19 Edens, Jim & Mary

