



***First United
Methodist Church***

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Circuit Rider

March/ April 2013

March 2013

Dear Friends,

Here we are in the middle of the season of Lent! The calendar seems to march on whether we are ready or not. I want to start off by saying thank you to all of you who prayed, e-mailed, sent cards, and offered your support during my unexpected time away in January. My father's collapse and subsequent need for triple-bypass surgery and a pacemaker came as quite a surprise. I am so grateful that God put me right there in Oregon with him when this all occurred so that I could be of assistance. My dad continues to grow stronger each day and, at 85 years old, the doctor expects him to make a full recovery within the next three to six months. Wow!

So, here we are in Lent. Our wonderful Wednesday Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers are in full swing along with our Lenten Study on Wednesday nights (see the "Coming Up" section for details). I hope that you will take a look at the list of all of the special worship and fellowship opportunities listed in this newsletter so that you can be a part of the life of our congregation as we celebrate our *first* 150 years of ministry here at First United Methodist Church of Fort Lupton. The wording there is intentional. **We are celebrating all that God has done in and through us here in our first 150 years...and we are looking forward to where God will lead us and the impact we will make on our community and our world in the next 150 years as we continue to offer the love of Jesus and to be his hands and his feet!**

Thank you all for being open to where God leads us. I know that God has much work for us to do as we continue to live out our mission as United Methodists, "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world".

During this season of Lent, I hope that you will not only make it a point to be a part of the life of the church yourself, but that you would use this season as a time to invite a friend, a co-worker, a neighbor, or a family member to join you. Maybe you want to invite them to the Easter Cantata or the 150th Anniversary Celebration Concert or to Sunrise Service at the Fort. Now is a perfect time to invite others to join us and to discover what you've already found!

Won't you join me in sharing the gift of God's love with others?

May God bless us all,

Pastor Kirsten

'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Matthew 25: 34-36

Coming up....

Prayer and Healing Service – All are invited to attend this special service focusing on prayer and healing. There will be opportunities for those who would like to be anointed with oil and to be prayed for to come and receive prayer.

- Sunday, March 3 at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Lenten Soup & Salad Supper – Come and join us for dinner. Sign up to bring soup or salad by contacting the church office.

- 6:00 – 6:30 pm Wednesdays through April 3, 2013 in the Fireside Room and Dining Hall
 - **Special Note for our Youth:** Youth Group will continue to meet from 6:30 – 7:30 pm, but dinner will be from 6:00 – 6:30 pm. So, come early if you want to eat!

Final Words From The Cross – Lenten Study of Jesus' final words spoken from the cross

- Meets Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 pm through April 3, 2013 in the Fireside Room

Easter Cantata – “You Thought of Us” – Come and Bring a Friend to this Palm Sunday Celebration

- Palm Sunday, March 24 at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary

150th Anniversary All Church Picture – Come and be a part of this special photo.

- Palm Sunday, March 24 – Immediately following the Cantata on the front steps of the church

Maundy Thursday Worship Service – A service reflecting on the events of Holy Week

- Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Good Friday Time of Prayer and Reflection – Time for personal prayer and reflection

- Friday, March 29 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Easter Services – Celebrate our Risen Savior!

- Sunrise Service - Sunday, March 31 at 6:30 am at The Fort – Road 14 ½ and Hwy. 85
- Following the Easter Sunrise Service at the Fort, the Historical Society volunteers are going to serve a pancake and sausage breakfast, available for just \$5.00 per person. Hope you all can come and share in this glorious morning with your Church family and friends.
- Easter Service - Sunday, March 31 at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary

150th Anniversary Celebration Concert – Featuring the talent of our own congregation

- Sunday, April 21 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Thank You

Dear Rev. Barlow and the Congregation of the First United Methodist Church –Fort Lupton,

I am writing this letter to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the warm and loving welcome that you gave me on the first Sunday that I attended church and each time that I returned. When I found it necessary to leave my husband, there were two members of the congregation who offered me a place to stay in their homes even though they knew nothing about me. I was overwhelmed and humbled by their response. In a world where many people profess to be Christians but do not live their lives by those principles, you have shown me that true Christians really do exist.

On January 24, my mom fell and broke the two bones that hold the ankle in place and the foot was totally dislocated. After three days of trying to determine that there were no heart issues, the decision was made to operate on her ankle. The orthopedic surgeon was able to put a plate and pins in one side but the other side was in too many pieces to be pinned. The doctor said the bones should grow back together. The foot is in an absolute no weight bearing situation for at least three more weeks. Currently she is staying in a subacute rehab facility which is essentially a nursing home with decent rehabilitation facilities and staff. She is recovering and her mental state is good right now. When the orthopedic surgeon signs off on this surgery, I will be moving Mom from Colorado Springs to some place north of Denver so I can help look after her. When I have her situated, I plan to resume attending church. Reverend Tom Barlow said in one of the services that I attended that “sometimes the situation simply has to be right for a person to return to the Church” and I believe that is where I am in my life. I thank each and every one of you for making me feel so welcome at a time when I needed it so very much.
Sincerely, Marian Scheuerman



Dear Church Family,

Dave and I thank you for the concerns, prayers, cards, emails, 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

To Everyone at First UMC, I greatly appreciate all the thoughts and prayers while I was in the hospital and now I am home. I still have a long recovery, and plan on being back in the church and office soon. Jim Bangert (received in January)

Thanks to all of you for really making me feel loved. Thank all the ladies who brought food, & for the minister coming and seeing me at the hospital. I am going in Monday, Feb. 4 to have surgery as I have a hernia where they had operated. So I will be down another 6 weeks.
Love in Christ Billie Boss

Dear Members of the Methodist Church, I want to thank you for all your prayers, the treats, and the stopping by to sing Christmas carols to me. Mike makes me feel special. Goldie Nelson

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

Blessings In A Bag

During the Lenten season, why not give the gift of giving? Here's an idea! We are asking people to save one item a day for the 40 days of lent. You may take these items and donate to Blessings In A Bag. We service 134 children each week. Listed are some suggested items:

Chips – individual small packages

Microwave popcorn – individually packed

Granola bars – individually packed

Cookies (small) – individually packed

Fruit juice - individually packed

If you would like to do fresh fruit perhaps you could go in with several friends and purchase fruit items.

Bring your items to the church office and Donna, Jeanette, or Sue will pick them up.

If anyone has small sample bottles of shampoo, conditioner, or lotion that you get from hotels, please save for Blessings In A Bag. Thanks



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!

150th Anniversary Musical

Planning is in progress for the 150th Anniversary Musical event on April 21st at 7:00 pm. This will be a wonderful evening of our church family talent performing sacred, secular, and comedy entertainment on a variety show type atmosphere here at our church.

Please pass the word about this event to neighbors, friends, and family as the public is invited to join in the evening's entertainment. Full of surprises, so Mark Your Calendars!

**Attention to those who have shown an interest in participating in the 150th Anniversary Musical evening: Please contact Jan Brown (303-857-9360) or Marilyn Bangert (303-857-0177) as soon as possible with your selection choices. We need your preferred and final input in order to have you included in the program for the evening. Your kind help and participation is very much appreciated and we look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you!!

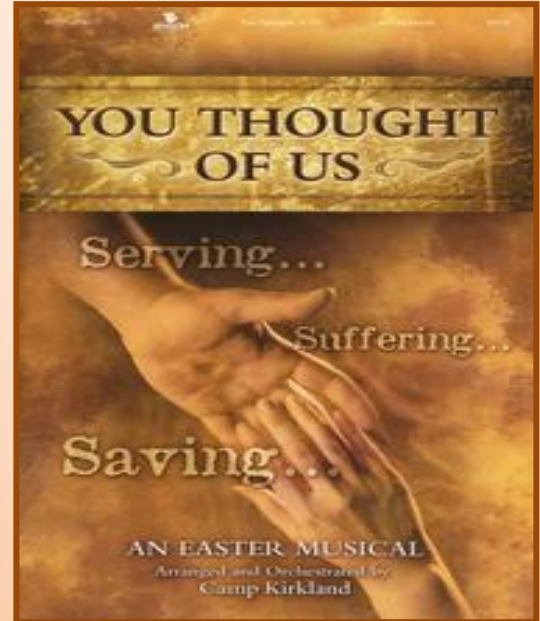
My heart has been deeply touched by the generous hearts of people in our church. Your generosity provided the funds for two bus tickets to Georgia, plus funds for food along the way.

A great big thank you to Mark Barry for taking the time to go to the bus station with us.

Pastor Kirsten has spoken about opportunities being disguised as problems. Who knew what opportunity was in store for us on February 17. Please continue to pray for Adrian and Carmen and the family. Thank you so much, Evelyn

Easter Cantata "You Thought of Us"

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2013
9:00 am



Presented by the
First United Methodist Sanctuary Choir
Directed by: Marilyn Bangert
Audio: Jim Bangert

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Historian Report

The latest scrapbook album is being completed with pictures and news articles concerning our church and church family. I would like to, again, request help for articles or other newspapers when you see something pertaining to our congregation. Please call me or bring them to church, so they can be included in our history album.

You can view these albums at the Fort Lupton City Museum from 10 am – 2 pm Mondays- Saturdays. Thank you, Jan Brown
303-857-9360

March 2013

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<u>3</u> 09:00am Sunday Worship 10:45am Confirmation Class 10:45am Sunday School 05:00pm Healing Service ...	4	<u>5</u> 07:00pm 150 Year Planning	<u>6</u> 12:00pm Bible Study 03:30pm Christian Life 06:00pm Lenten Dinner 06:30pm Lenten Study 06:30pm United Methodist Youth 07:30pm Choir	7	8	9
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<u>31</u> 06:30am Sunrise Service 09:00am Sunday Worship						

April 2013

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	<u>1</u> Office Closed	<u>2</u> 07:00pm SPRC	<u>3</u> 12:00pm Bible Study 03:30pm Christian Life 06:00pm Lenten Dinner 06:30pm Lenten Study 06:30pm United Methodist Youth 7:30pm Choir	4	5	<u>6</u> 09:30am UMW Spring Tea
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March

03/01 Ryan English
03/01 Donald Rosenbrock
03/01 Chris Cummins
03/03 Lindsey Woodruff
03/04 Kacey Payne
03/04 Robyn Rhoades
03/04 Tina Powell
03/04 Susan Francis
03/04 Carri Edgar
03/06 Bella Schroeder
03/07 Sophia English
03/07 Irene Latham
03/07 Ricky Bucher
03/10 Franki DeBerg
03/11 Jocelyn Hostetter
03/12 Arnie Hubert
03/13 Tisha Larson
03/15 Aydin Nunez
03/16 Gloria Norton
03/17 Kathy Bucher
03/17 Pat Terry
03/17 Mary Martin
03/18 Tina Ceretto
03/20 Scott Frazier
03/20 Sandee Saar
03/21 Kristyn Clark
03/22 Angie Larson-Campbell
03/22 George Breickler
03/22 SuzAnn McCrumb
03/24 Vicki Wamsley
03/24 Gary Johnston
03/27 Evelle Brock
03/27 Sammie Bucher
03/27 Jacob McCartney
03/28 Dale Boss
03/28 Sherrie O'Neil
03/28 Dave Bissell
03/28 Barb Floodeen
03/29 Roland Purifoy
03/29 Jon G. Frazier
03/30 Tyler Duncan
03/31 Ava Tijerina



April

04/01 Alan Sandberg
04/01 Michelle Gross
04/02 Jullian Rentz
04/03 Gene Edgar
04/04 Jessica Taylor
04/07 Suzan DeBerg
04/09 Megan Hood
04/09 Madison Hood
04/10 Gerald Veenendaal
04/10 Angela Standeford
04/11 Twila Cullum
04/12 Kristy Lee
04/12 Robert Kerr
04/15 Jamie Wood
04/15 Alice Easterday
04/15 Krystin Floodeen
04/16 Jan Brown
04/16 Mike Hayden
04/16 Kathryn Pope
04/17 Lorna Young
04/17 Zayden Larson
04/18 Terri Ryan
04/21 Taylor Leyba
04/23 Austin Hatchell
04/24 Kathy Olson
04/24 Teddy Duarte
04/26 Judy Ceretto
04/26 Jamie Pelis
04/27 Cheryl Patterson
04/28 Jennifer Norby
04/28 Lorra Floodeen
04/29 Jeff Kerr
04/30 Gary Ketcher Johnston

March & April Anniversaries

03/18 Mike Bettger & Michelle Bettger
04/07 Jan Brown & Ron Brown
03/10 Suzan DeBerg & Tracy DeBerg
04/17 Larry Fehr & Sharon Fehr
04/22 Donna Gaul & Glenn Gaul
04/19 Laura Hayden & Mike Hayde
03/10 Darrel McCrumb & SuzAnn McCrumb
04/24 Jennifer Norby & Troy Norby
03/08 Jerry Olson & Kathy Olson
04/22 Kathleen Payne & Bob Payne
04/07 Jim Roedel & Vada Roedel



Peaks Sub-district
 Spring 2013 Lay Servant Ministry Classes
 Saturday, April 20th 9-5 & Sunday, April 21st 2-3:30
 Registration and coffee 8:30 am
 First United Methodist Church of Greeley
 917 10th Ave Greeley, CO 80631

Basic Course

The basic course encourages people to recognize and use their spiritual gifts for work in the Church, helping each congregation to become an outpost for mission and transformation. The basic course for Lay Servant Ministries guides you to discover your gifts of caring, leading, and communicating to develop in leadership roles – even if public speaking is not your gift.

From Your Heart to Theirs (Preaching Class)

Sharing our faith story can be captivating and influential. Yet even the most experienced public speaker may need help preparing a sermon that’s both engaging and compelling. This course helps participants to prepare sermons by providing plans and worksheets, stressing good oral communication, offering suggestions on incorporating stories, and providing time for prayer, study and revision.

Social Principles

Explore Jesus’ social commandments, John Wesley’s social ethics and our current UM Social Principles from the Book of Discipline. Our Social Principles provide the blueprint for the following the “Way” Jesus leads us as Roger Wolsey recommends in his “Kissing Fish” book. Principles cover six areas: The Natural World, The Nurturing Community, The Social Community, The Economic Community, The Political Community, and The World Community. They conclude with the United Methodist Social Creed. Class sessions will focus on the content of the Principles, the use and lack of use of the Principles in our worship and strategies for making United Methodists aware of this powerful part of our heritage.

Dance and Drama in Worship

Engage your congregation and energize your worship services with dance and drama. Learn the nuts and bolts of these expressive ways of worship, along with their history of use in worship services. Participants will take part in dance and/or drama as part of the worship service capping off Sunday afternoon’s classes.

Spring Lay Ministry Training Classes
ENROLLMENT FORM

Indicate Course Choice Below (choose only one):

- Basic Lay Speaking
- From Your Heart to Theirs
- Social Principals
- Dance & Drama in Worship

Early Bird tuition (by April 5th) for all courses is \$35, which includes course materials and lunch on Saturday. After April 5th tuition will be \$40.

Name _____ Mailing Address _____
 Tel. # _____ Email _____
 Local church _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____.00

Note: For Basic Course only – Pastor’s recommendation required: Attached Will follow
Pre-register by email and/or mail this enrollment form and tuition fee by April 5th, 2013

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