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# Circuit Rider

November/December



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Dear Friends,

Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Wow! That's a lot of birthdays! What a great year of celebrations we have had as we have commemorated our first 150 years of ministry here in Fort Lupton. We've had opportunities to remember some special moments during our monthly history moments in worship. We had a wonderful musical celebration in the spring to highlight the myriad of talents in our congregation. And in October we had a very special time of worship and celebration as we invited our previous pastors to join with us in worship and at our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon at the Fire Hall. What an exciting and uplifting way to celebrate our rich history!

In the midst of reflecting on our past, I can't tell you how excited I am for what the future holds here at the First United Methodist Church in Fort Lupton. We are celebrating 150 years in ministry and counting! That means that we aren't done yet. God has more ministry for us to do.

*"I am about to do something new.  
See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?"*

*Isaiah 43:19*

God has incredible ministry for us to do in the years to come. There are many more people to welcome to our congregation that aren't here yet. There are more people for us to serve in our community and beyond and new ways for us to serve them.

I hope that as we think about beginning our next 150 years in ministry that you will join me in praying for God's continuing direction. God is doing something new!

As we approach the end of the year, I look forward to seeing each of you in worship. Remember that this is a great time of year to invite someone to join you. Maybe you know someone who would just love to see our children in their Christmas program. Or maybe you know someone that would like to come and help us hand out Thanksgiving baskets. Or maybe you know someone that would really love to come and give thanks to God at our Thanksgiving Eve service or for our Christmas Eve service.

Don't be shy about sharing what you've found here with others. They may just be waiting for your invitation!

May God bless you,

Pastor Kirsten





Dear Gwen, I am having a lovely time in your new website. I am seeing the names of many old friends again and send my greetings from England to you all, especially Carol, Marty and Marilyn, Jim, Diantha, Mariann, Barb - to name a few. The pictures bring back many wonderful memories of our time with you.

David loved the new life he experienced after being in an often difficult business environment. The Lord's business was so much more fulfilling and exciting. I have been well cared for and carried these years and am just beginning a new ministry in a team from church dealing with people in crisis. Times are hard for many here and needs are great. The Stephen Ministry course is such a blessing still. Blessings on you all, Ann Brown

To UMW from Gwen: Do you know what I am doing right now? I am sitting at my desk with the window open enjoying God's gentle breeze touching my cheek. Thank you, thank you for the windows in the church's office. They are great and I love them!!!

Thank You – Thank You – Thank You - There are not enough words to express our thanks to everyone who helped make the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner so wonderful other than a big THANK YOU!!! Those making it come together from the beginning to the end were Mike and Marilyn (Bangert Hog Farm), the Espinosa family, Mike & Gwen, Pastor Kirsten & Tom, Neena, Laurie, Teri, Dave & Barb, Mary Ellen & Cody, Iva, Doris, Vicki, Sue & Joe, Garner, Jennifer, Claire, Kathy, Vada & Jim, Darrel, Janet, Jan & Ron, Colton, Hanna, the Cummins family, and a wonderful Fire Department and great Fort Lupton Firemen. Sorry if we've missed anyone. Hugs and kisses to all, Judy & Ron - A special hug to Ron for putting up with my OCD!

Thank you for your donation of \$100. It was very much appreciated, so we can help people that need help. Fort Lupton Food & Clothing Bank

Thank you so much for the lovely card. God Bless the family of Lee Gee

Congratulations on your 150 years of service. That is a heritage to definitely be proud of. Our prayers go with you for another 150 years of service to our Lord. Blessings from Long's Peak United Methodist Church

The family of Gene Friesen (Gwen Ceretto family and Paula Larson family) want to thank you all for your thoughts, prayers, cards and meals for us while Gene was in the hospital. We do not know how people who do not have a church family get through tough times. Again thanks for everything!

Thank you so much for your assistance with the flood in Longmont and surrounding areas. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated by all. Blessings, Longs Peak United Methodist Church

Church Family, Thank you for the nice birthday card. Nice to be remembered at 63. Loved the footprint post card. So true! Love Kathy Nelson-Purifoy

Thanks for all the good memories and friends I have from you in Fort Lupton. Pastor Kirsten has stopped to see me many times. Cindy Hood and Gwen Ceretto also. Wish I could have attended the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration. God Bless you all, Marcene Martin

Thank you for being such wonderful Christian friends for support during my surgery. Sue Hubert

### United Methodist Church Women

UMW is busy again after taking off for the summer. The Bazaar/Turkey Dinner is coming up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. Thank you to all our volunteers. The Bazaar will be open at 10am. There will also be vendors. Come and get baked goods and Christmas ideas. If you haven't purchased your tickets for the dinner, call Iva Thiesen (303) 857-2244, Sue Hubert (303) 857-6785 or Mary Fisher (303) 833-0721.

The Christmas Tea will be on December 8th at 2pm. We always have excellent entertainment and good food so plan on coming. Men are also welcome at the tea.

Neena Hagans  
UMW President

### **KIVA**

Myrna R. is 53 years old and lives in the Philippines. She is a single parent to her three minor children. She has been engaged in a hog-fattening business for more than eight years.

The First United Methodist Church helped finance a loan which helped expand her hog-fattening business. She believes that her business will help her family to rise up and fight against poverty and help fund the educational needs of her children until they finish college.

**Her loan has been fully repaid.** She is very thankful to Kiva for supporting her dream for a better life for herself and her children.

#### **What is KIVA? <sup>1</sup>**

- KIVA is a non-profit organization with a mission to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty.
- KIVA believes that providing safe, affordable access to capital to those in need helps people create better lives for themselves and their families even in remote areas of the world.

FUMC has made 28 loans in 20 countries for a total amount loaned of \$2,800. All loans are repaid or current with only one loan in default with a loss of only \$12.88. The countries where loans were made are: Afghanistan, Armenia, Bolivia, Cambodia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mali, Mexico, Nicaragua, Palestine, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ukraine and the United States.

Check out the Website. Anyone can make a loan for as little as \$25.00! [www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org)

Submitted by: Missions Committee

## Coming up....

### Turkey Dinner

**Saturday, November 2** – see details in the UMW section of the newsletter

### Daylight Savings Time Ends

**Sunday, November 3** – Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

### All Saints Sunday

**Sunday, November 3 – 9:00 am worship**

Join us in worship as we celebrate communion together and remember the saints that have gone before us. We will have a special time of remembrance of those we have lost this year during our time of worship.

### Annual Church Conference

**Sunday, November 3 at 12:00 noon**

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

### Great Thanksgiving Give-Away

**Saturday, November 23 from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon**

Join us at Gray Oil at 638 Main Street in Fort Lupton as we give away 400 Thanksgiving food boxes to those in need in our community. Know of a needy family? They can sign up in the church office to receive one of these boxes.

### Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

**Sunday, November 24 during our 9:00 am worship service**

Join us as we dedicate these shoe box gifts for children.

### Thanksgiving Eve Service

**Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00 pm**

Come and give thanks to the Lord our God!

### Hanging of the Greens

**Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**

Come help decorate the church for the Christmas season.

### United Methodist Women (UMW) Tea

**Sunday, December 8 – 2:00 pm** – All are welcome! See details in UMW article.

### Children's Christmas Program

**Sunday, December 15 at 10:45 am** in the Sanctuary

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

### Christmas Cantata

**Sunday, December 22 at 9:00 am**

Come join us in this special Christmas worship service as the choir leads us in celebrating the birth of Jesus.

### Christmas Eve Service

**Tuesday, December 24 at 5:00 pm** in the Sanctuary

All are welcome for this candlelight service as we celebrate Jesus' birth. Come and bring your friends, family, and neighbors.





### November Birthdays

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

### December Birthdays

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

### November Anniversaries

11/04	Bucher, Patty
11/04	Bucher, Ted
11/06	Acre, Kristel
11/06	Acre, Mike
11/06	Tadehara, Dorene
11/06	Tadehara, Gene
11/10	McCartney, Laurie
11/10	McCartney, Bill
11/14	Fisher, Mary
11/14	Fisher, Mike
11/15	Boren, Christa
11/15	Boren, Ricky
11/23	Anders, Andy
11/23	Anders, Robin

### December Anniversaries

12/04	Dickinson, Diantha
12/04	Dickinson, Steve
12/06	Saar, Cpt. Mark
12/06	Saar, Sandee
12/10	Johnston, Gary
12/10	Johnston, Mariann
12/16	Cummins, Don
12/16	Cummins, Dorothy
12/18	Eagan, Patty
12/20	Garrett, Leslie
12/20	Garrett, Pat
12/26	Easterday, Alice
12/26	Easterday, Bob
12/26	Suppes, Caroline
12/26	Suppes, Joe
12/28/1945	Schmidt, August Forrest
12/28/1945	Schmidt, Velma Jeanne
12/29	Hubert, Joe
12/29	Hubert, Sue
12/31	Meadows, Debbie
12/31	Meadows, Frank
12/31/2003	Evens, Dave
12/31/2003	Evens, Marcet