

# Circuit Rider

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## Pastor's Page

Friends,

**Happy Lent! This last Sunday, February 21, 2016, we “buried” our Alleluias.**

**It's the Lenten Season, which started on Ash Wednesday, February 10.** In this time of Lent, we are reminded of why Christ died for us. So, things are supposed to be different during Lent. Some people give up a favorite treat or social media. I asked us all on Sunday to practice awareness of God in an effort to “be” with God instead of just “do-do-doing” for God.

**For us at FUMC of Fort Lupton, we are avoiding saying the word Alleluia or Halleluia this Lent.** We will pay a quarter each time we make this mistake! There is an A-Word jar conveniently placed at the front of the sanctuary for all of you happy people who cannot contain yourselves! The money raised goes toward funding Vacation Bible School this summer.

This old tradition of “burying Alleluias” is described in history by Ethel Mariachi in *Family Liturgical Customs for Lent*:

The *deposition* (burial) of the Alleluia of medieval times became a solemn, emotional farewell to a well-known song. “We part from Alleluia as from a beloved friend, whom we embrace many times...” (Bishop William Duranti, 1296.) Apparently the church's Alleluia banner(s) would be placed in a coffin. “Choir boys would march in procession with crosses, tapers, and holy water carrying this coffin with great moaning and mourning.” They would bury the coffin at the cloister (garden)... In Paris a straw figure bearing an Alleluia (banner) of gold letters was carried out and burned in the churchyard.

We do not do anything quite as dramatic as those ancient traditions at Lent, but we do change the doxology, put up purple banners, and avoid saying Alleluia and Halleluia. Coincidentally, this Lent our acolytes have started to serve the worship service again. They carry the light/flame of Christ into the service and light the altar candles. At the end of the service the acolytes extinguish the altar candles and carry the light/flame of Christ out of the service. Perhaps in another year we can creatively consider additional ways of “burying” our Alleluias, led by our new acolyte teams.

**On Maundy Thursday (March 24, Thursday) we will offer a “Living Last Supper” presentation.** Marilyn Bangert has found the script and is putting this together. I expect this will be a great spiritual event. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends!

**On Easter we will again have a Sunrise Service at the Fort at 6:30 am.** It will be ecumenical – meaning that other churches in Fort Lupton will participate. Following the Sunrise Service the Fort personnel will offer a pancake breakfast! Then, we will offer our own Easter Service at 9:00 am.

**Do not forget our every Wednesday Lenten Study: “Revival.”** We trace the development of Methodism with Adam Hamilton. This study offers us our own spiritual revival. The soup and salad supper is at 6:00 pm followed by the study at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited, whether you can attend every week or not.

*“I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.”* John 13:34-35 CEB. You are a great church and you are wonderful people! This has already been a great Lent! Pastor Kay

It is hard to believe that we are starting to plan for the end of the season. It has gone so fast. CLC has some fun activities planned. We will be going to Pizza Hut and bowling. The kids will participating in an Agape Meal the Wednesday before Easter and then will be making May baskets to deliver. They are a "rocking and full of energy" group and are ready to do anything.

Jessie is trying to plan a trip for the younger Sunday school classes but is still working on that. The Middle and High school age classes are viewing the movie "War Room" and trying to figure out where prayer fits into their lives and how we should be praying daily. They are also learning about giving thanks and not just praying when we need something (sound familiar?). They also have some Mission work planned.

I would like to take this time to thank all of the volunteers and the wonderful people in this church who love our kids and are always willing to help out.

Please pray for the Acolyte program that we have implemented. It is still in the beginning stages and we are doing our best to work out the kinks. We ask for your patience and support for the kids as they take part in this ministry.



In His Love

SuzAnn

McCrum

Children's Coordinator



"PayPal is available on our website for contributions."

"You can contribute to our church regularly using electric funding for your bank.

Forms are available to do this from Robin Anders and Rob Payne



From Sue Hubert

Big thank you to everyone who prayed, sent cards and made wonderful meals for myself and Joe while I was recuperating from back surgery. Your love makes a difference, with all of the above I have healed great. Thank you all.

**WANTED:** If you ever wanted to learn how to run the computer and sound system on Sundays let me know. You would only have to do it once a month. Send me an email: [neenahagans@comcast.net](mailto:neenahagans@comcast.net).







### United In Orange

Partial Story submitted by the Rev. Brad Laurvick

The United in Orange Food Drive was an amazing success across our region. The food drive total was **360,664** donations, with more than 140 sites reporting. This is triple what we raised in 2014 with 80 sites. It will be donated to food pantries in the communities where it was raised.

The Western North Carolina Conference reported its total collection was 584,410.

WAHOO we donated 270 items. Way to go FUMC!



### United Methodist Women

Christmas tea was on Dec. 6 with *Nearly There* (John Denver tribute) as our entertainment. Jennifer Norby made table decorations which were given out as door prizes. Thank you Jennifer!

Donations were collected for Hope @ Miracle House.

Upper Room ( a daily devotional) is available downstairs in dining room & upstairs in cry room. A donation of \$1 would be greatly appreciated.

Spring brunch is April 2 at 9:30 am. Come join us for a fantastic breakfast. Will have entertainment also. Everyone is invited——men & women.

Baby cross for Dustin Saar (Mark & Sandee Saar).

Neena Hagans, Laurie McCartney, Claire Kokoszka, & Donna Howard went to a leadership training in Longmont February 6 - very interesting & got some great ideas to bring back to our group.

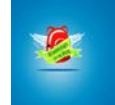
Funerals Alfred Watada - 12/28/15 lunch, Marcene Martin - 1/2/16 coffee & desserts , Jim Dockter - 1/6/16 lunch, Warren Anderson - 2/12/16 lunch. Thank you for all you do for our church & community.

Donna Howard UMW – President

**RECYCLING ABC'S # 1**  
**ABSOLUTELY NO STYROFOAM -LOOK FOR MORE IN UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS**

## Blessings in a Bag

The Blessings in a Bag Backpack Program is doing very well this school year. The total bags given out at the end of January is 1196. In the month of January, the children received hats and gloves along with the nutritious good from the five food groups. February, they received a Valentine bag with toothbrushes and toothpaste. In March they will receive a St. Patrick's Day item and Easter items. These are small items compared to the food that they receive. We are joining the North Colorado Health Alliance and have committed to continue giving healthy food to the children.



The Fort Lupton Firemen are continuing to deliver the bags to the schools, which is an immense blessing. Thank you for your continued support. You are helping to make a difference in the future of the elementary children of Fort Lupton.



**MISSIONS:** Putting our faith in to action is at the heart of our Christian calling. Through mission everyone in church has the opportunity to serve.

Go therefore<sup>a</sup> and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen. Mathew 28:19-20 (NKJV)

Our mission

giving for 2015 was:

Fort Lupton Food & Clothing Bank \$425.00

Padens Ministry \$1879.00

Ministerial Alliance \$443.00

Hope @ Miracle House \$3055.00

A total of \$37,488.80 was donated to missions for the year 2015. These donations include:

Blessings in a Bag, UMCOR, Adventures in Christian Living, Epworth Turkey Fund, Native Americans, Peace with Justice, Mission Trip, World Vision, Student Day, Samaritan's Purse, Global aidFeb, Pakistan ministry along with the 4 mentioned above.

The missions for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2016 are Jan.-Hope @Miracle House; Feb.-UMCOR; Mar.-Native American; April, -Mission Trip.

Thank you for your generosity. You do make a difference in the lives of many people. God Bless You!



**South Platte Valley Historical Society's Pancake Breakfast**  
at "The Fort" (2001 Historic Parkway, Fort Lupton)  
following Sunrise Service - March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Adults \$5, children under 12 \$3

## All Church Mission Trip 2016

We will be traveling to Granada, CO on June 5<sup>th</sup> – June 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing Vacation Bible Fun and small maintenance. Anyone 14 years and older may come without a chaperone, under 14 must have a chaperone. It will cost \$25 per person or \$50 per family. If interested contact Gwen in the church office.



**DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE**  
Following Worship Services in  
Dining Hall

## Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday -last Lenten Study

6:00 pm Soup & Salad

6:30 pm Lenten Study – “Revival”

"The Living Last Supper" Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm in sanctuary

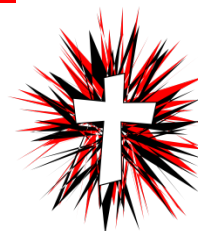
Friday -Time of Reflection

11:00 am – 1:00 pm in sanctuary

Sunday – Easter

6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service @ “The Fort” – Pancake breakfast follows

9:00 am Worship Service – in sanctuary



### March Birthdays

Donald Rosenbrock	03/01
Amanda Ceretto	03/02
Lindsey Woodruff	03/03
Kacey Payne	03/04
Tina Powell	03/04
Robyn Rhoades	03/04
Susan Francis	03/04
Carri Edgar	03/04
Bella Schroeder	03/06
Irene Latham	03/07
Ricky Bucher	03/07
Franki DeBerg	03/10
Jocelyn Hostetter	03/11
Tisha Larson - Cullen	03/13
Zavier Mangus	03/13
Aydin Nunez	03/15
Kathy Bucher	03/17
Pat Terry	03/17
Mary Martin	03/17
Tina Ceretto	03/18
Scott Frazier	03/20
Sandee Saar	03/20
Kristyn Clark	03/21
Angie Larson-Campbell	03/22
George Breickler	03/22
SuzAnn McCrumb	03/22
Vicki Wamsley	03/24
Gary Johnston	03/24
Evelle Brock	03/27
Sammie Bucher	03/27
Jacob McCartney	03/27
Dale Boss	03/28
Sherrie O'Neil	03/28
Dave Bissell	03/28
Barb Floodeen	03/28
Roland Purifoy	03/29
Jon G. Frazier	03/29
Levi Hunziker	03/29
Tyler Duncan	03/30
Ava Tijerina	03/31



### April Birthdays

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

### March Anniversaries

Darrel & SuzAnn McCrumb	3/10
Tracy & Suzan DeBerg	03/10
Mike & Michelle Bettger	03/18

*Happy Anniversary*

### April Anniversaries

Jim & Vada Roedel	04/07
Ron & Jan Brown	04/07
Larry & Sharon Fehr	04/17
Mike & Laura Hayden	04/19
Glenn & Donna Gaul	04/22
Bob & Kathleen Payne	04/22
Troy & Jennifer Norby	04/24

## March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School	29	Mar 1 11:30 Worship Planning 7p Staff Parish Relations	2 10 Bible Study 3:30p Christian Life Club 6p Youth Group +3 more	3 7p Finance Meeting	4	5
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13 Daylight Saving Time starts 9 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School	14 7p Foxy Quilters	15 7p Executive Council	16 10 Bible Study 1:15p Lunch Bunch -Draft 3:30p Christian Life Club +4 more	17	18	19
20 9 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School	21 6:30p Many Blessings 7p Mary Circle	22	23 10 Bible Study 3:30p Christian Life Club 6p Youth Group +3 more	24 7p Maunday Thursday	25 11 Time of Reflections	26
27 Easter Sunday 6:30 Sunrise Service 9 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School	28 Office Closed	29	30 10 Bible Study 3:30p Christian Life Club 6p Youth Group 7:30p Choir	31	Apr 1	2

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10 9 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School	11 Office Closed - Gwen @ a conference 7p Foxy Quilters	12 7p Trustees Meeting	13 Thomas Jefferson's Birth 10 Bible Study +3 more	14	15	16
17 9 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School	18 6:30p Many Blessings 7p Mary Circle	19 7p Full Council	20 10 Bible Study 1:15p Lunch Bunch -Draft 3:30p Christian Life Club +2 more	21	22	23
24 9 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School	25	26 7p Mission/Congregation	27 10 Bible Study 3:30p Christian Life Club 6p Youth Group 7:30p Choir	28	29	30