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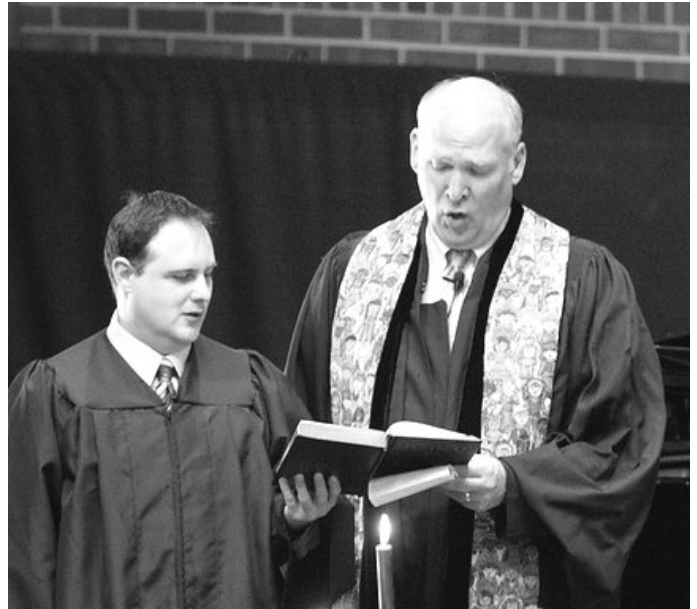
The

Messenger

February 2012

Becoming a Praying Congregation in this Lenten Season

Prayer is communicating with God. Prayer may be either individual or communal and take place in public or private. It may involve the use of spoken word, song, or silence. Prayer is expressing your heart and spending time with the divine presence. It is not a monologue, but a dialogue. We speak to God with our heart and God speaks to our hearts. Furthermore, God listens to our hearts and we must always listen to the still, small voice of God. Prayer can be exciting, powerful, and fulfilling. As a community of faith, we join together in prayers of thanksgiving, petitioning, and connecting. Jane E. Vennard writes that ***“Praying congregations are lively places made up of diverse people who are longing to take prayer seriously. In these congregations, members want to learn about prayer, wrestle with hard theological questions, and learn from one another. They are offered the opportunity to explore their prayer lives in depth, and their experiences and ideas are listened to with respect. In praying congregations everyone becomes eager and willing to talk about prayer.”*** (A Praying Congregation, 2005). This Lenten season we, the people of Mountain View United Methodist Church, are invited to explore what it means to be a praying congregation. Keep in mind that prayer may take many forms such as walking the labyrinth, making tamales, or simply just spending time with one another in small group activities. In the coming months, the committees of



Associate Pastor Brian Kroeger and Senior Pastor Steve Warren

Mountain View will share with the congregation the many ways in which prayer is taking place within our church. This Lenten season, we will ask ourselves how we may be more mindful of our prayer life. Through a series of sermons, mission moments, and a book study on Professor Jane E. Vennard's ***A Praying Congregation***, we will engage what it means to become a more prayerful congregation.

Upcoming February Activities—See Inside

Souper Bowl Sunday—February 5, after 10:30 service (see page 12)

A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial—February 7, 10 am in Frasier Manor (see page 6)

WOW continues with *Speaking of Faith*—February 12, 1 pm (see page 6)

Tamale Making—February 18, 9 to 4, in Barker Hall (see back page)

Ash Wednesday Service and Distribution of Ashes—February 22, 7 pm, in the Sanctuary

Literate Laity to Discuss *The Tower, The Zoo, and the Tortoise*—February 27, 7 pm (see page 6)

Taize Contemplative Service—2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, in the View Room (see page 5)

Wednesday Women's Bible Study *A Praying Congregation*—Wednesdays at 7 pm (see page 4)

We will grow in love of God, neighbor, and self as disciples of Jesus Christ in the Wesleyan tradition.

Opportunities for Adult Spiritual Growth:

February, 2012

Adult Forum... 9:00 am Sundays, Frasier South.....examining the Lord's Prayer

Lively Latté... 9:00 am Sundays, room 208.....faith and current events

S&OS... 9:00 am Sundays, Frasier North.....last week's sermon & other topics

Wednesday Night Women... 7:00 pm Wednesdays, Flatirons Room.....Way of Discernment

Men's Prayer Group... 7:00 to 8:15 pm 4th Monday of each month

Thursday Morning... 9:30 to 11:00 Fraiser Parlor (beginning February 16)

Literate Laity... 7:00 4th Monday, FMRC.....The Tower, the Zoo and the Tortoise

Transformation Group... 9:30 am every other Wednesday, Flatirons Room.....Way of Discernment

Book @ Lunch... 11:00 3rd Thursday, Frasier Parlor.....Crashing Through

Church Office hours

The church office will be open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Fridays. Susie Burley, Finance Manager, will work in the adjacent finance office on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Friday afternoons.

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(include a copy to the church)

Deadline for the March *Messenger* is
Thursday, February 16, 2012.

Sunday Services

- Early service 8:00 am
- Praise service 9:03 am
- Traditional service 10:30 am

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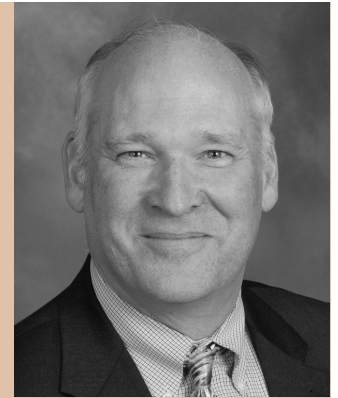
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Deadline for submission of articles for the *March Messenger* is **Thursday, February 16**
Copies will be available in the church Narthex
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Rev. Steven Warren *Senior Pastor*



Why isn't private faith good enough for the United Methodists?

Dear Members and Friends,

I am frequently asked in these distinctly individualistic times, why someone would want to join a church in the first place, or attend a class to do so. One can come to worship without being a member. One can tuck into the delicious Soup Lunches and enjoy the fellowship, without being a member. One can join others in Risk Taking mission and vital service, without being a member. In our United Methodist Church, one can even participate in Holy Communion, without being a member! So, why would anyone want to come to a class, get acquainted with others, and declare publically that they want to be held accountable in their prayers, presence, gift giving, service, and Christian witness? Why isn't a private faith good enough for the United Methodists?

These are all very good questions!

Allow me to say, first of all, that not everybody can be a United Methodist. Our heritage and history reveal that openness and commitment are both highly valued in our congregations. Connectedness and participation count in our view of ourselves and the world, and our UM standards for conduct and community are set high for a reason. They prepare us for a lifetime of service to God, through the most difficult of challenges, which the world lays at our doorstep all the time! Not everyone is cut out to belong to such a community of sacred endeavor!

Persons are invited to become members of this church (as opposed to a more casual relationship) because making commitments helps us live out our public faith. Formal membership is a sign and seal of our identity as followers of Jesus Christ. We are persons of ritual, hope, and intellect, and just as in other consequential areas of our lives, following through with our commitments causes us to grow. In making and keeping our promises, we can develop our spiritual maturity—in our workplaces and our communities. Should it surprise us that our faith works this way as well?

Being truly and earnestly a part of something bigger than ourselves helps keep us grounded in the confusing world in which we live. Participating in a brief class, such as **New Member Inquiry**, helps one to orient and connect with others, so that you will immediately see familiar faces in the crowd on Sunday mornings and feel a part of this sacred endeavor. It is meant to deepen one's sense of BELONGING and provide company on the journey of faith. Becoming a member declares that you have some "skin in the game," so that the mission and success of Mountain View is more than a passing fancy or a social obligation for ourselves and our loved ones.

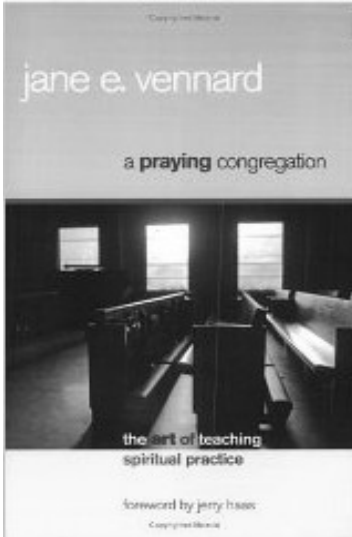
I understand people's reticence. I do! By nature, some folks are just shy and do not wish to stand up in front of others. Having been a member somewhere else, some feel that they know all there is about the United Methodists. Some are afraid of commitment; that they won't be able to live up to such an important promise.

And yet, the opportunity to value church membership as a concrete declaration of a LIVING faith is before us. As in the choice of marriage, God knows us well enough to require true dedication and purposeful commitment. Much of life reveals that our nature responds to the weight of serious commitment and a demanding faith. What seems to matter is not that we see ourselves succeeding at an easy faith, but that we are challenged to grow toward our full potential by demanding conviction!

Formal membership in any church is not required to be loved by God. It is, however, an important step toward greater belonging and higher being, while on the universal journey of devotion. Ours is a faith which may at times be personal, very personal, but it is never private. Christian faith is not meant to be hidden (private). It is meant to give us courage and purpose to live our lives to the fullest potential.

Best, Pastor Steve

A Praying Congregation



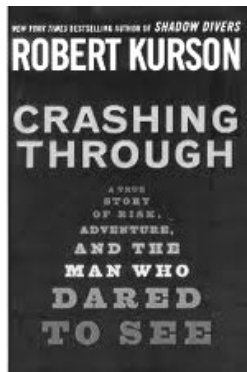
In January, Mt. View embarked on the journey of becoming a praying congregation. Prayer is a strong component of our Christian faith and is a great source of our personal relationship with God. Can you imagine the work of Jesus that can be accomplished when individuals that pray, now become a community that prays?

Our January focus, of Sunday morning worship prayers, centered on the Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation – Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, Intentional Faith Development and Extravagant Generosity. In February, we will bring our attention to Worship prayer to our Prayer Chain, our Congregational Care Team, our Prayer Shawl Ministry, and, on the first Sunday of Lent, our Congregation as we begin a study – **A Praying Congregation by Jane Vennard.**

Our Lenten study will be offered in many venues and will culminate with a workshop led by Jane Vennard. Please plan to be a part of this exciting journey and gain knowledge and joy as your individual relationship with God blossoms within our community of faith here at Mountain View.

Books at Lunch Bunch

The Books at Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, February 16, in Frasier Parlor at 11:00 am. The book we will be discussing is **Crashing Through** by Robert Kurson. This is Kurson's true story about being blinded at age three and living a rich, full life until middle age. Then, a sight-restoring surgery became available. This book explores both his life as a blind man and the ramifications of the decision he has to make about his sight. If this sounds like a good story to you, please join us for a spirited discussion. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the meeting.



Goodbye to Kim



Kim at the piano on November 14, 2010

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Women's bible study will begin a new study, **A Praying Congregation**, by Jane E. Vennard, adjunct faculty member at Iliff School of Theology. Pastor Warren has chosen this book for our church-wide Lenten study. On April 14, Ms. Vennard will be Mt. View's guest for a full day workshop on her book. All women, high school age and up are welcome to join the group on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. Please contact Paula Jeanne Hrynik (303.499.5174) to reserve a book and join us for this study.

It was with great sadness that we learned that Kim Hughes has resigned as Mountain View's organist and bell choir director. She has blessed our congregation with many years of beautiful music. We will miss her devotion to the music program at Mountain View.

We wish Kim well and will miss her participation in the Sunday services.

Rev. Brian Kroeger *Associate Pastor*

Contemplative Service

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Mountain View United Methodist Church is offering a contemplative service on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Contemplative (or meditation) services are one of many ways we find healing rest in our spiritual lives. To be contemplative is to experience a relationship with God in the present moment and to be filled with the sustaining love of the Christ. The ultimate goal of contemplative services is to find peace and spiritual wholeness (or shalom) by stepping back from the busyness of our daily lives.

Brother Roger of the Taize movement wrote:

"From the depths of the human condition a secret aspiration rises up. Caught in the anonymous rhythms of schedules and timetables, men and women of today are implicitly thirsting for the one essential reality: an inner life, signs of the invisible. Nothing is more conducive to a communion with the living God than a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again. When the mystery of God becomes tangible through the simple beauty of symbols, when it is not smothered by too many words, then a common prayer, far from exuding monotony and boredom, awakens us to heaven's joy on earth."

Prayer is a serene force at work within human beings, stirring them up, changing their hearts, never allowing them to close their eyes in the face of evil, of wars, and of all that threatens the innocents of this world. From it, we draw the energy to wage other struggles, to transform the human condition. Prayer, in essence, is communicating with God. Prayer may be either individual or communal and take place in public or in private. It may involve the use of spoken words, song, or silence. It is expressing your heart and spending time with the divine presence. It is not a monologue, but a dialogue. We speak to God with our heart and God speaks to our hearts; furthermore, God listens to our hearts and we must always listen to the still, small voice of God. Prayer can be exciting, powerful, and fulfilling.

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We ask God to flow within them. As a community, we work together to excavate our hearts from the binds of pride, greed, anger, and unawareness of our inner spiritual nature.

You are encouraged to come be a part of a Contemplative Service and see for yourself the power and intimacy of this worship experience. If you have questions about the service, or would like to volunteer to lead a part of the service, please contact Brian Kroeger (303) 494-5025.



United Methodist Women

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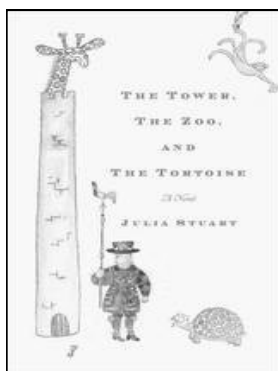
The UMW welcomes all women of the church to join a circle. Please phone Betty Baal, 303-466-6805 for more information.

WOW continues new study *Speaking of Faith*

The Women of the Word (WOW) group will meet on Sunday, February 12, at 1 p.m. (or shortly after the Souper Salad luncheon concludes) in Frasier Parlor—we are trying a different time for the group. We will continue with Chapter 2 of our new study, *Speaking of Faith*, by Krista Tippett, in January. We have extra copies of the study book available in the church office.

For more information, contact Jean Bowen at 303-443-3225.

Literate Laity



Literate Laity has selected **The Tower, The Zoo, and The Tortoise**, by Julia Stuart, for its February discussion. We will meet **Monday, February 27, at 7 pm** in the Frasier Meadows Retirement Community (FMRC) North Community Room to discuss the book.

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, we urge you to join us, share your ideas, and talk about books

that interest you.

For more information, contact Margie Worth

Scholarship Opportunity

The Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event will be held June 1-3, 2012, in Portland, Oregon. The Quadrennial Event offers UMW members the opportunity to come together for inspiration, community, and challenge. The Rocky Mountain Conference United Methodist Women will offer two scholarships of \$750 each toward event registration, hotel, and travel expenses. If you are interested in attending the event and the scholarship would enable you to attend, please complete an application form (found on the bulletin board across the hall from the church office) by February 1, 2012 and return to: Robin Ball, PO Box 4960, Pagosa Springs, CO 81157.

Mary-Martha Circle Meets February 8 at 10 am

UMW
Circles

The Mary-Martha circle will meet Wednesday, February 8 at 10 am, in the private dining room at Frasier Manor Retirement Community. Opal Telleen will share a program. All church women are invited to attend and enjoy fellowship. For more information, contact Jan Winquest at 720-562-8215.

Wesley Annes will not meet in February

Due to participation in the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, the Wesley Annes circle will not meet in February. We will meet again on March 20 for a wonderful program. For more information, contact Dorothy Quincy at 303-440-9223.

A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, at 10 am in the Frasier Meadows Retirement Community (FMRC) Assembly Room on the fourth floor. The 2012 theme for a Call to Prayer and Self Denial is "A Time for Change: Technology." Our focus is on enabling United Methodist Women's (UMW) national mission institutions to assist the marginalized, poor, and physically challenged—especially women, children, and youth—who lack access to information technology training, English as second language classes, and other career enhancement and job-seeking skills.

Prayer and giving have long been vital to women's organizations in the church. One way that United Methodist Women combine prayer and giving is during this time of Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. The annual offering from the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial totals nearly \$1 million dollars. All church women are invited to attend and participate.

Trustee Report

Arnold Scheer

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Trustees Begin 2012 with Elections and Tour

By Arnold Scheer, Vice-chair 2012

Trustees Administration—The Board of Trustees began on January 5 with election of officers for 2012 and continued assignment to some subcommittees. Gary Garrison was elected Chair of the Board, Arnie Scheer was elected as Vice-chair of the Board, and Wendy Saltarelli was elected as Secretary of the Board. Gary will be the primary Trustee's representative to the Church Council, Arnie will be the primary Trustee's representative to the Finance Committee, Karen Radakovich will be the primary Trustee's representative to the Preschool Board, and Jim Bender will be the primary Trustee's representative to the Council ad-hoc Audio/Visual subcommittee. Assignments to other subcommittees and tasks have not been made at this writing. Trustees responsibilities and roles, tasks, and priorities, will be discussed next.

Arnie Scheer and Lee Cortelyou led the Trustees on a 2 1/2 hour tour of the entire building to introduce the old and new members to the facilities infrastructure. The tour illustrated many accomplishments in 2011, areas/issues/opportunities for work in 2012, and the workings of much of the equipment in our over 33,000 sq. ft. facility. A better understanding of the facilities and tasks ahead was appreciated by all attending the tour.

Inside- On January 3, advent decorations were returned to the newly expanded storage area. The space

left over there is available for other BFH storage. The Kitchen Supplies Storage (pantry) expansion resumed with spackling, painting, and tiling of the old elevator space, now merged into the pantry. Work there will be completed soon to provide better storage of cookware and supplies to support general kitchen usage. Painting of the Barker Hall Kitchen also resumed with most of walls now completed, and the floor cleaned. Painting continues. Most of the rolling cupboards and carts had their wheels lubricated for better rolling. It's planned to generally improve the location, organization, and storage of kitchen cookware and supplies. Suggestions for needed additional basic cookware and appliances would help Trustees to upgrade/outfit the kitchen for the many various users. Users vary somewhat in their needs, so basic requirements will be addressed first, with more extensive needs coming only after those needs can be well established and financed. Replacement of worn carpet with tile in the Narthex restroom hallway should be complete in January.

Outside- A steering-stabilizer device was installed in the 15-passenger van.

General- Many opportunities exist to help Trustees with facilities work, and the approved 2012 Trustees Operating budget is not sufficient to do all that has been identified. The Board will be looking for ways for more people to participate either as volunteer help, or through other donations to specific projects. If you can help in either way, please contact one of the Trustees. Thank you. arnoldscheer@estreet.com

Birthdays

February 1

Jim Shaddock
Travis Urynowicz

February 2

Norma Vesey

February 5

Ian MacKiegan

February 6

Margaret Duncan

February 7

Lara Brown
Phillip Chen
Linda Nuss

February 8

Dee Farnham
William Haynes
Jeff Kithcart

February 9

Courtland Spicer

February 10

Steve Hrynik
Tula Roberge

February 12

Bill Blank
Rachel De La Vega

February 13

Katy Howe

February 15

Sue McGrath

February 16

Judy Hlawatsch

Ann Martin

February 17

Ken Bettenhausen

Max Coppom

Roberta Nalley

Amanda White

February 18

Bonnie Carmody

February 19

Dorothy Keyes

February 20

Russell Osgood

Patty Smith

February 23

Paul McClung

February 25

Elizabeth Pahlke

Philip White

February 26

Bill Good

Carolyn Johnson

February 27

Kyung-Ja "Kim" Park

February Events

Wednesday, February 1

9:00 AM There with Care Chop (BH Kitchen)
 9:30 AM Care Team (FP)
 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM Violin - Alfieri (112)
 3:00 PM - 8:30 PM Violin - Bowman (108)
 3:00 PM - 8:15 PM Violin - Morris (111)
 3:30 PM - 7:15 PM BPA (109)
 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM Bridge House Dinner;
 Serve at 5:00 PM (BH)
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Women's Bible Study
 (205 - Flatirons Room)

Thursday, February 2

9:00 - 11:00 AM Bldr Networking (BH)
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM MVP MWF Conferences
 (FP/N)
 1:15 PM - 6:45 PM Violin - Brady (111)
 1:30 PM - 9:00 PM Violin-Berg (112)
 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM BPA (109)
 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM MVP Benefit Concert (S)
 6:45 PM - 8:15 PM Chancel Choir (108)
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM BVS&PS Board Meeting
 (208)
 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting (FP)

Friday, February 3

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM MVP MWF Conferences
 (FP/N)
 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Horizon's Student (208)
 1:15 PM - 2:45 PM BPA (109, 111/113)
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM BSS Faculty mtg (110)
 4:00 PM - 6:15 PM BSS Group (all rooms)

Saturday, February 4

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Boulder Valley Power &
 Sail (FP)
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM New Member Inquiry
 Class (Fr)
 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Head for Home (S)

Sunday, February 5

Holy Communion
 Worship Services at 8:00, 9:03 and 10:30
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Christ's Carousel
 Sunday School (109)
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Tamale Tasting
 (Narthex)
 10:30 AM Outreach Presentation (FP)
 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM Souper Sunday (BH)
 12:00 PM Outreach Presentation (BH)
 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM BPA (109)
 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Spirit Singers (108)
 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Crossfyre (Youth Room)

Monday, February 6

12:15 - 4:00 PM Boulder Bridge Club (BH)
 2:15 PM - 4:00 PM Violin - Bowman (108)
 2:30 PM - 8:30 AM Violin - Brady (Nursery)
 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM BPA (109)
 7:00 PM Outreach Meeting (208)
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Reserved (FR)

Tuesday, February 7

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM MVP MA Conferences
 (FP/N)
 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Staff Meeting (FR)
 1:30 PM - 8:30 PM Violin-Berg (108)
 2:30 PM - 8:30 PM Violin - Brady (111)
 2:45 PM - 8:00 PM Violin - Bowman (112)
 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM BPA (109)
 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM Worship Team (208)
 6:00 PM Boulder Genealogy Meeting (FP)
 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Reserved (FR)
 7:00 PM SPPRC (208)
 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM Bell Rehearsal (S)

Wednesday, February 8

9:00 AM There with Care Chop (BH Kitchen)
 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Mary Martha Circle
 (FMRC)
 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Transformation Group
 (FR)
 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM Violin - Alfieri (112)
 3:00 PM - 8:30 PM Violin - Bowman (108)
 3:00 PM - 8:15 PM Violin - Morris (111/113)
 3:30 PM - 7:15 PM BPA (109)
 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM Bridge House Dinner;
 Serve at 5:00 PM (BH)
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Contemplative Service
 (View Room)
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Women's Bible Study
 (205 - Flatirons Room)

Thursday, February 9

9:00 - 11:00 AM Boulder Networking (BH)
 12:00 PM MVP Party Setup (BH)
 1:15 PM - 6:45 PM Violin - Brady (111)
 1:30 PM - 9:00 PM Violin-Berg (112)
 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM BPA (109)
 6:45 PM - 8:15 PM Chancel Choir(108)

Friday, February 10

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Horizon's Student (208)
 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM BSS Tour Rehearsal
 (111/113)
 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM MVP Sweetheart Ball
 (BH)

Saturday, February 11

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Cub Scouts Pinewood
 Derby (BH)
 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Monthly Work Party
 sponsored by Trustees - all are welcome!!
 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM Cantabile Rehearsal (S)
 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Head for Home (S)

Sunday, February 12

Worship Services at 8:00, 9:03 and 10:30
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Christ's Carousel
 Sunday School (109)
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Tamale Tasting
 (Narthex)
 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM Souper Sunday (60 -
 Barker Fellowship Hall)
 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM Cantabile Concert (S, BH)
 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Spirit Singers (108)
 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Crossfyre (Youth Room)

Monday, February 13

7:30 - 12:00 PM Handweaver's Guild (BH)
 12:15 PM - 4:00 PM Bldr Bridge Club (BH)
 2:15 PM - 4:00 PM Violin - Bowman (108)
 2:30 PM - 8:30 AM Violin - Brady (Nursery)
 4:00 PM - 8:45 PM GBYO Rehearsals (BH,
 FP, Classrooms)
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Men's Prayer Group (208)
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Reserved (FR)

Tuesday, February 14

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Staff Meeting (FR)
 1:30 PM - 8:30 PM Violin-Berg (108)
 2:30 PM - 8:30 PM Violin - Brady (111)
 2:45 PM - 8:00 PM Violin - Bowman (112)
 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM BPA (109)
 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Reserved (FR)
 7:00 - 10:00 PM Handweaver's Guild (FP)
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Men's Group (208)

Wednesday, February 15

9:00 AM There with Care Chop (BH Kitchen)
 9:15 AM - 11:30 AM MVP Committee
 Meeting (N/FP)
 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM Violin - Alfieri (112)
 3:00 PM - 8:30 PM Violin - Bowman (108)
 3:00 PM - 8:15 PM Violin - Morris (111/113)
 3:30 PM - 7:15 PM BPA (109)
 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM Bridge House Dinner;
 Serve at 5:00 PM (BH)
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Women's Bible Study
 (205 - Flatirons Room)

Thursday, February 16

Deadline for Messenger articles
 9:00 - 11:00 AM Boulder Networking (BH)
 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Books at Lunch Bunch
 (FP)
 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM UMW Executive Board
 Meeting (FP)
 1:15 PM - 6:45 PM Violin - Brady (111)
 1:30 PM - 9:00 PM Violin-Berg (112)
 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM BPA (109)
 6:45 PM - 8:15 PM Chancel (108)

Friday, February 17

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Horizon's Student (208)
 1:15 PM - 2:45 PM BPA (109, 111/113)
 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM BSS Rehearsal (111/113)

Saturday, February 18

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Tamale Making
 (BH, Barker Kitchen)
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Caregiver Support
 Group (FP, FR)
 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Head for Home (S)

Sunday, February 19

Worship Services at 8:00, 9:03 and 10:30
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Christ's Carousel
 Sunday School (109)
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Tamale Delivery (BH)
 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM Souper Sunday (BH)
 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Spirit Singers (108)
 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Crossfyre (Youth Room)

Monday, February 20

Presidents' Day

Office Closed

12:15 PM - 4:00 PM Boulder Bridge Club (BH)

2:15 PM - 4:00 PM Violin - Bowman (108)

2:30 PM - 8:30 AM Violin - Brady (Nursery)

6:30 PM Finance Committee (208)

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Reserved (FR)

Tuesday, February 21

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Staff Meeting (FR)

1:30 PM - 8:30 PM Violin-Berg (108)

2:30 PM - 8:30 PM Violin - Brady (111)

2:45 PM - 8:00 PM Violin - Bowman (112)

5:15 PM - 6:30 PM Intentional Faith (208)

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Reserved (FR)

7:00 PM Reserved (BH)

7:15 PM - 8:15 PM Bell Rehearsal (S)

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM There with Care Chop (BH Kitchen)

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Transformation Group (FR)

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM Violin - Alfieri (112)

3:00 PM - 8:30 PM Violin - Bowman (108)

3:00 PM - 8:15 PM Violin - Morris (111/113)

3:30 PM - 7:15 PM BPA (109)

3:30 PM - 7:00 PM Bridge House Dinner; Serve at 5:00 PM (BH)

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Taize Service (View Room)

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Women's Bible Study (205 - Flatirons Room)

Thursday, February 23

9:00 - 11:00 AM Boulder Networking (BH)

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM MVP T/TH Conferences (FP/N)

1:15 PM - 6:45 PM Violin - Brady (111)

1:30 PM - 9:00 PM Violin-Berg (112)

4:15 PM - 5:45 PM BPA (109)

6:45 PM - 8:45 PM BVS&PS Membership Meeting (FP)

6:45 PM - 8:15 PM Chancel Choir (108)

Friday, February 24

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Horizon's Student (208)

1:15 PM - 2:45 PM BPA - (109, 111/113)

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM BSS Faculty meeting (110)

4:00 PM - 6:15 PM BSS Group (most rooms)

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Fun Club-FP

Saturday, February 25

7:00 AM - 1:00 PM Restorative Justice Meeting (FP & Classrooms)

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Boulder Bridge (BH)

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Head for Home (S)

Sunday, February 26

Worship Services at 8:00, 9:03 and 10:30

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Christ's Carousel

Sunday School (109)

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM Souper Sunday (BH)

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Girl Scouts (FP)

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Spirit Singers (108)

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Crossfyre (Youth Room)

Monday, February 27

12:15 - 4:00 PM Boulder Bridge Club (BH)

2:15 PM - 4:00 PM Violin - Bowman (108)

2:30 PM - 8:30 AM Violin - Brady (Nursery)

4:00 PM - 8:45 PM GBYO Rehearsals (BH, FP, Classrooms)

7:00 PM - 8:15 AM Men's Prayer Group (208)

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Reserved (FR)

Tuesday, February 28

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Staff Meeting (FR)

1:30 PM - 8:30 PM Violin-Berg (108)

2:30 PM - 8:30 PM Violin - Brady (111)

2:45 PM - 8:00 PM Violin - Bowman (112)

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM BPA (109)

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Reserved (FR)

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Radical Hospitality (208)

7:15 PM - 8:15 PM Bell Rehearsal (S)

Wednesday, February 29

9:00 AM There with Care Chop (BH Kitchen)

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM Violin - Alfieri (112)

3:00 PM - 8:30 PM Violin - Bowman (108)

3:00 PM - 8:15 PM Violin - Morris (111/113)

3:30 PM - 7:15 PM BPA (109)

3:30 PM - 7:00 PM Bridge House Dinner;

Serve at 5:00 PM (BH)

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Women's Bible Study

(205 - Flatirons Room)

BH = Barker Hall, downstairs

FR = 205, Flatirons Room

FP = Frasier Parlor

S = Sanctuary



Mountain View Has a New Organist

It is with great joy that we have hired Jim Ruth as our new organist. He has played many times as needed in the past. We now look forward to hearing his wonderful music on a regular basis. He was previously organist at Trinity UMC in Denver for 15 years.

Mountain View College Affiliations

- Nick Asocar, The Bridges Program, Boulder
- Audie Balue, Boise State University, Boise, Idaho
- Thomas Balue, Colorado State University
- Phillip Chen, University of Colorado, Boulder
- Lizi Clem, Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana
- Joy Fest, University of Heidelberg Medical School
- Jordan Flewelling, University of Colorado, Boulder
- Ben Forbes, Metro State, Denver
- Richard Forbes, Pikes Peak College, Colorado Springs
- Laura Hughes, University of Colorado, Boulder
- Kevin Juvan-Hubert, Wyo-Tec, Laramie, Wyoming
- Chris LaPanse, University of Colorado, Boulder
- Patrick McGrath, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Alexa Mehos, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon
- Carissa Mehos, American University, Washington, D.C.
- Connor Newman, University of Colorado, Boulder
- Roxy Nicholson, Empire Beauty College, Arvada
- Alison Pachovas, St. Petersburg College, Tarpon Springs, Florida
- Chloe Pachovas, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa
- Alex Przedpelski, Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon
- Ryan Schmitz, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri
- Michelle Strand, University of Colorado at Denver.
- Ryan Strand, Evergreen State College, Olympia, Washington
- Lexi Strickland, University of Colorado, Boulder
- Niles Sulko, University of Colorado, Boulder



Children and Family Ministries

Larissa Hoffman *Director*

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This month in Christ's Carousel...

“Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Mark 4:9

Jesus used parables to teach. They are stories with a purpose. They are also one of my favorite things to use with kids. Most of the parables are easy to tell, easy to act out, easy to pull things from that lead to art projects and cooking recipes, and easily made into Veggie Tale cartoons. However, they are not always easy to understand. Kids and adults alike have problems gathering the real meaning from the parables themselves, and often times the lesson is lost to coloring pages and word searches that fail to actually teach the lessons Jesus had intended.

The Parable of the Sower is great one. On the surface it is a story of a farmer who plants seeds, which leads to lessons on planting and decorating flower pots, but dig further and we find a whole lesson on how to use God's word to grow our spiritual selves. And that is the lesson we are currently delving into this session in Christ's Carousel.

In Sunday Morning Live we retold the parable in two ways: we used felt board puppets and props to tell the story, and we acted out the story with a fun melodrama based on the parable. We also played a game where we dug through sand in our sensory table searching for flower petals with pictures from the story. We then laid the petals out in order and went through the main story points as a group. There was plenty of time for discussion as we participated in each activity.

Our Christ's Carousel music time included a new song to learn, instruments to play, and a listening activity. We heard music that represented the story points, and as we listened, we illustrated the parable in our own ways.

We created flower seed hangers and painted with powder paint to represent the soil in our Art in Heaven workshop, and we baked lemon poppy seed cookies to help us remember the importance of the seeds in Solid Rock Cafe. In Master Peace Theater, we watched 'A Friend Planting Seeds is a Friend Indeed!' and talked about the importance of getting along with others and having faith.

Our family gathering activity for this session will find us creating window gardens of faith to take home. We all encourage our kids to eat fruits and vegetables on order to grow and stay physically healthy. Hopefully, our faith gardens will remind the whole family of the importance of

helping one another to stay healthy in our spiritual lives as well.

For more information on all that we are doing with this parable in Christ's Carousel, please check out our blog at www.christscarousel.blogspot.com.

Our next session begins on February 12. We will be exploring how Jesus called the Disciples. Volunteers are still needed to teach all workshops for this session, as well as sessions on Easter and the Golden Rule later this spring. Please let me know how you can be involved with our kids!

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday February 5

Christ's Carousel kids sing at 10:30 worship
Family Activity Gathering
(making faith gardens) 12:30-2 pm

Sunday February 12

New session in Christ's Carousel:
Jesus Calls the Disciples

Friday February 24

Fun Club (parent's night out event) 5:30-9:00 pm

Sunday March 4

Christ's Carousel kids sing at 10:30 worship
Family Activity Gathering 12:30-2 pm

Sunday March 11

New session in Christ's Carousel:
Events of Holy Week and Easter

Carousel Family Gathering Activity

February 5, 12:30-2:00

Meet me in room 109 following the soup lunch on February 5 to learn all about the Parable of the Sower from your kids! We will create family faith gardens to take home and watch grow and talk about what it means to grow with God.

Fun Club

February 24 5:30-9:00pm

Drop the kids off for a night of movies, pizza, and crafts, while you enjoy some quiet time! Cost for the event is \$5 per child/\$10 per family, and is open to kids of all ages (nursery care is available for our younger participants.)

To RSVP, please email me by Wednesday 2/22.



Youth Ministries

Scott Pelletier *Director*

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A Crossfyre Moment

As we start the New Year, I would like to share the success that the Crossfyre youth program has experienced. We have had a great year so far, with consistent participation of 18-22 people every Sunday night! On Sunday, January 15th, we had 27 people for Crossfyre, on a night that we had planned devotions! Mountain View UMC can be very proud of Crossfyre.

This group has embraced devotions and group building activities, which gives Crossfyre a critical foundation for growth. The youth are bringing friends to our programming, which shows that they are proud of the direction Crossfyre is heading. This is a result of the wonderful youth we have here, and the support of this congregation!!!

As we move forward, I am putting serious thought into splitting the senior high and mid high groups. I think with the success that we are experiencing and the numbers of youth showing up on a weekly basis, we can now logistically approach this subject.

Senior high and mid high youth are at different levels

of their spiritual growth and development. I believe that by separating the group we can better meet the needs of the youth. Programming would be similar between the two groups but age-appropriate.

We would still do many activities as a mixed group like fundraisers, mission trips, and fun excursions, but, spiritual formation and group building activities would be split. We would still remain Crossfyre, a single ministry inside the church but become more effective in reaching our goals.

This change would not occur until this summer or the beginning of the 2012-13 school year. There are many logistics and much planning to be done in the meantime. And, we are always looking for more volunteers!! If you have any interest in helping with youth, please let me know.

As I stated before, Mountain View UMC can be extremely proud of the Crossfyre youth group and the direction we are headed in. Please continue to support this vital ministry.

God Bless,
Scott Pelletier

The Green Team

Mary Beth Downing *Director*

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What's up with the Green team? A few things. A big **Thank You** to all who bought bags, gift bags, jelly/jams, and re-usable ribbons at the Christmas Bazaar. We made over \$350, a record! Last year the money raised bought an energy-efficient refrigerator matching the refrigerator donation from Fred Walls. These new appliances save the church a sizable amount in electric usage. A special thanks to Patricia White and Katy Howe who provided so much of the raw materials and minded the shop! A thank-you to Jeanne Malmsbury and Mary Beth Downing for their energy too.

Next? The team is exploring writing a grant with the expert guidance of Cheryl Runyon to help simplify our recycling efforts. Grants are available to non-profits to increase their recycling practices.

We are exploring a short term Sunday school offering that promotes our individual commitment to finding/

creating a personal Sabbath each week. We hope to time the class to raise awareness of the National UNPLUG day which advocates a commitment to 'unplug' from our electric grid addictions for 24 hours. The Unplug Day is set for March 23-24. It is meant to coincide with the Jewish Sabbath that begins at sundown on Friday night until Saturday sunset. Interested? Contact Mary Beth Downing 303-875-2110 or mbethdowning@aol.com Part of the greening of our conscientiousness is remembering our natural world/environment and our place in it. Consider joining us.

Did you make a resolution to eat more fish this year? Find out about which fish species are the most ecologically balanced. Visit: EDF.org/seafood. They have a pocket/wallet size chart that explains which choices are Eco-Best, Eco-OK, and Eco-Worst. From your mobile phone: m.EDF.org/seafood



Outreach

Trudy Gygi *Chair*

email: mabelgygi@yahoo.com



Super/Souper Bowl Sunday

Although the Broncos will not be in Indianapolis for the Super Bowl, we can have a “souper” time by donating gifts for the Community Food Share. The Crossfyre Youth and Outreach Team invite you to participate in the super “Souper” Bowl festivities on Sunday, February 5. The Crossfyre youth will be collecting soup, or other canned goods, and monetary donations in the Narthex following the 8:00, 9:03 and 10:30 services. We will enjoy fellowship during the Soup and Salad luncheon following the 10:30 am service. The Outreach team is inviting a speaker from Community Food Share to talk about its mission to ensure that no one in Boulder and Broomfield Counties goes hungry.

Shelter Meals Need Help!

Volunteers are needed for the next shelter meal, Sunday night, February 12, about 4:00 to 7:30 pm. Thank you for this January’s group and their fish chowder! Ask Marilyn Lanning, Belinda Strickland, and Gerry Naugle about their evening, and then make plans for your own experience. Call the office or Kay Lathrop 303-444-1467 to join up.

Haiti: Two Years Later

It’s hard to believe that two years have passed since the devastating earthquake in Haiti. During those first crucial months, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) addressed widespread emergencies, distributing food, water, and shelter assistance to hundreds of thousands of beneficiaries. We conducted needs assessments and began to devise immediate and long-term relief and recovery plans in coordination with other international agencies and our chief partner, Eglise Méthodiste d’Haiti (Methodist Church of Haiti, EMH). Read the Progress Report that describes UMCOR’s work at. <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/media/haiti/twoyearslaterhaitireport.pdf>



Thanks to Mountain View

We (the wider Mt. View congregation) have received notes of thanks from the following organizations:

From Community Food Share: Please accept our sincerest thanks for your recent donation of 232 pounds of groceries and for a gift of \$144. These contributions go a long way in helping us fulfill our mission of ensuring that no one in our community goes hungry.

From UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief): Thank you for your generous gift to UMCOR. 100% of your combined contribution of \$501.00 is training health care workers in safe birthing practice and providing safe motherhood kits.

And again from UMCOR: Thank you so much for your generous contribution to UMCOR West Office and Depot in Salt Lake City. The gift you gave to UMCOR West will be well used to aid our work as we seek to reach the most vulnerable of populations around the world with our disaster relief supplies.

Step 13 *A Step in the Right Direction*

February has become STEP 13 awareness month at Mountain View. Men’s gently-used clothing donations received at Mountain View are regularly set aside for STEP 13. However, donations of all kinds are accepted all year. Seven years ago, Parker and I began to share our enthusiasm for an organization we discovered called STEP 13.

This faith-based, residential, rehabilitation facility for substance-abusing males is located in Denver — about a home run’s distance from Coors Field. Founder Bob Cote began STEP 13 over 26 years ago when what he called a “miracle” caused him to abandon his bottle and vow to overcome his addiction. Not only did he succeed at that, he started to enlist others to join him. To date, tens of thousands have passed through STEP 13’s door. Did they all succeed? No, but about 40% of them did — an amazing success rate for such an endeavor.

Once again, we bring STEP 13 and its worthy mission to your attention. Since STEP 13 is totally self-supporting, there is much it can use — especially in this economy. Thank you for prayerfully considering how to help STEP13. For a better look at STEP 13, go to www.step13.org. Questions? Contact Mary or Parker Tracy at 303-499-0508.

BUUMP Report on APSAR in Bolivia

I received an update from our APSAR mission site in Bolivia on December 18, and it is sad this time. APSAR is the Association for Rural Health Care, which was founded by Dr. Orlando Taja Kruger and Adela Asbun in 1987. They built a second-level rural hospital in Mallco Rancho, Bolivia, with help from many UMC mission teams including those from BUMMP in 2003 and 2005. APSAR built the hospital to help the poor indigenous people of a rural region about 30 miles from the big city of Cochabamba. While they and its Bolivian doctors, nurses, and support workers have done much good for many years, and we through them, they could not continue and must shut down APSAR now. The hospital we helped build continues to exist, but will be run not by APSAR, nor the Mallco Rancho municipality that took it over. It will be run by Cuban doctors brought in by the Bolivian national government to work in the rural areas. In their decision to use Cuban medical personnel, the government overlooked the fact that in doing so they have displaced about 30 Bolivian doctors, nurses, a dentist, and administrative persons employed by APSAR. Their reasons don't seem rational to us.

Following is most of Orlando's message to us:

"It is almost three years since we left Mallco Rancho, difficult years for us, with a lot of sadness and sorrow, many times in disbelief of what had happened.

During this time, after several meetings with health and municipal officials, community leaders and lawyers from both parties, we finally have signed the transfer papers of the Hospital and the assets over to the municipal government and they in turn (since they could not managed it by themselves) have turned it over to the Cubans. The ending part of this life experience, even though somehow painful, gave us the understanding that people are not always trustworthy and may act against their own interests.

However, through this experience we had many good things, like the wonderful feeling of being useful saving

and protecting the lives of the underprivileged. And something that we will always keep in our minds and hearts are the reminiscences and enjoyable memories of our relationship with you, because we had the unique privilege of meeting, sharing and working with a wonderful, generous, and excellent group of human beings. A lot of what we have accomplished was because of your valuable help. That we will never forget.

Since we left Mallco Rancho, we have tried to start the project in Vinto and Quillacollo, but we couldn't get enough funding to make it function because it is difficult to get funding for NGO's, and it became complicated and not too safe to work in the rural area. That is why we have decided to close down APSAR, effective soon, that will be completed maybe in a couple of months.

This last decision forced us to look for other options to make a living, since we were having difficulties finding a job in the public health system. In the meantime and because we need to survive, taking advantage of Adela's cooking abilities, we have decided to open a small place to serve food, and for a couple of weeks now, Adela is in charge of a little restaurant.

Well, we guess this information briefly covers our whereabouts since we left Mallco Rancho. We feel that we owed you these, because you were an important part of our endeavors.

The main reason for writing was to send all of you greetings and best wishes for the holiday season, but we thought that you needed the information first."

So thank you to all those who have helped with the APSAR-created and run hospital mission since 2003 until now. Please consider that this hospital has been very helpful to many needy Bolivians while it could continue under APSAR, and the hospital we helped to build might even be helpful now under Cuban control.

Arnold Scheer,
BUMMP Bolivia Teams Organizer-leader, 2005

The February "Do Good" File :

Kids and grown-ups alike can find ways to follow Wesley's teaching to "Do Good".
The list below describes activities that could use your help this month:

- Bring a can of soup for "Souper Bowl of Caring" on Sunday (2/5)
- Listen to a speaker from Community Food Share on Feb 5 (10:30 and Noon)
- Read an update on Haiti "Two Years Later" online at mtview.org (click Ministries, then click Outreach)
- Donate to Step 13, a Denver Christian-based program for homeless men
- Pray for Dan Mullet, MV member on a mission to Haiti
- Bring in blankets, socks, and thermal underwear for Boulder County Cares (Narthex)



Notes from Mozart

Mozart Adevu *Covenant Missionary*

<http://new.gbmg-umc.org/> or <http://tinyurl.com/3mvwdy9>.

Mozart and his family wish to thank you for your prayers and support over the years. His family is doing well. His wife will be helping in some nutrition training programs this year in Ghana. His eldest son is an intern in an Architectural firm in Accra, Ghana. His other two children are doing well as a 1st year student at the University in Kumi and in the final year of Senior High School.

Mozart is in the town of Kasungami which is located about 7 miles from Lubumbashi in the South Eastern tip of the Democratic Republic of Congo. The population there is around 43,000. The people are mainly migrants who have fled the war in the DRC. Their main occupation is peasant farming. There are two agencies currently working in the area. Our UMCOR team has come in and done an assessment.

Three main issues were expressed. The first was the increased use of pesticides which was not increasing the yield of the crops. The second was malnutrition and the third was poverty. From this assessment members from the community and UMCOR team are going to conduct trainings in nutrition and integrated crop and pest management. This training will include the introduction of moringa and soybeans and also train the locals to be-

come trainers.

The team also met two families of Kasungami. One family is a tailor who lives with his wife and 5 children. The sewing business is slow; very few people can afford to get new dresses on a regular basis. The family can afford to send only 3 children to school. The family, also peasant farmers, are growing amaranthus, Chinese cabbage, okra, and pumpkins. They are able to sell some vegetables when there is a good harvest. The second family was a single mom with 5 children. Her husband escaped from the war and left her, and she came to Kasungami. She is now selling cassava leaves for a living.

Please continue to keep Mozart and his family and UMCOR team in your prayers, and also pray for the community of Kasungami that they will continue to learn about new farming practices and be able to feed their families nutritional food.

Learn More About Mozart

Please hold the morning of March 18 to learn more about Mozart Adevu, our Covenant Missionary. His story and work will be presented in Frasier at 10:30 and at the Souper Lunch at Noon. Mozart works and lives in Eastern Africa, and his main focus is providing training in sustainable agricultural techniques to farmers identified by local churches and conferences.

Congregational Care Ministry Reaches Out to Mountain View Members

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13:34.)

To belong and serve in a faith community like Mtn. View UMC is part of God's plan and intention for us. A congregation is a school for love, the place where God's Spirit forms us and the place where we learn how to give love to and receive love from others. It is important for us as a congregation of Christian believers to reach out to each other in love and this is what we're trying to accomplish with our Congregational Care Ministry.

Currently, there are three major components to our Congregational Care Ministry:

The Care Team - A group of compassionate, dedicated laity plus our pastors comprise this team. Among the activities of the Team are:

Phone calls and personal visits to check-in with homebound members

Van and car rides for members to come to worship services

Communion to shut-ins

Receptions for funeral services

Meals for members needing temporary assistance

The Prayer Ministry –There are times in our lives when we would like others to pray for us or our loved ones. The Prayer Ministry tries to meet this need. Those wanting the prayer support of others may call the church office and ask for their names to be placed on the Church's Prayer List. Then an email message telling about the prayer request is sent to a number of us who want to include these folks in our prayers. If you would like to be one of our "pray-ers" please call Jan Winquest at 720-562-8215.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – A handful of skilled women keep their fingers busy knitting shawls. When finished, the shawls, and those who will be receiving them, are blessed by prayers. The shawls are then delivered to people with special needs by our pastors and The Care Team.

You are invited to become a part of the Congregational Care Ministry. Please let us know by calling the church office 303-494-5025.

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Mountain View UMC Permanent Endowment Fund

Goals –

- To encourage each adult member of Mountain View to have a current will and estate plan
 - To encourage members of the church to provide gifts to the church through their wills and/or estate plans
 - To increase the Fund's value to a minimum of **\$500,000**
- To make grants to support worthy programs from the Fund's earnings

Financial Statements as of December 31, 2011 Statement of Financial Condition

Assets:

Investments – Permanent Endowment Fund	\$170,484
Investments – Church Restricted Endowment Fund	\$ 27,773
Other Assets	<u>\$ 1</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$198,258</u>

Liabilities:

Fund Balance December 31, 2011	\$ 0
	<u>\$198,258</u>

Statement of Activities

Income:

Contributions	\$26,837
Earned Interest and Dividends	\$ 3,913
Unrealized Investment Losses	<u>\$ (6,346)</u>
Total Income	<u>\$24,404</u>

Fund Distributions

\$ (3,500)

Increase in Net Assets for 2011

\$20,904

Contributions – We are so very, very grateful to our Mt. View members who made contributions to the Fund in 2011.

Investments – The slump in the stock market in 2011 had a negative impact on the Fund's investments resulting in unrealized investment losses of \$6,634.

Fund Grants – The Fund made five grants in 2011 totaling \$3,500:

- (1) 1,500 to provide operating funds for the Kids' Hope Program
- (2) \$900 for the Spirit Singers Youth Choir's trip to Washington, DC
- (3) \$500 for a new deck at the Buckhorn Youth Camp
- (4) \$300 to underwrite the "Cultivating Compassionate Communities" workshop
- (5) \$300 to underwrite a second series of "Cooking Matters" classes

Mountain View Legacy Makers – **Twenty-nine** Mountain View individuals/families have indicated they have made provisions for gifts in their wills or estate plans to benefit our church. They are recognized as Mountain View Legacy Makers.

Permanent Endowment and Planned Giving Committee Members:

Susie Burley, Max Coppom, Larry Ferguson, Kay Lathrop, Keith Martin, Jim Rhoads, Gary Schmitz, Pastor Steve Warren

Endowment Committee Authorizes \$4,000 for 2012 Grants

Do you have a special project or program that needs some funding? If so, consider applying for a 2012 Endowment Fund Grant.

The Endowment Fund Committee has authorized \$4,000 to be disbursed from the Fund's earnings to meet special needs of the church. Any church member or church committee/team is eligible to apply. **Application forms are available in the church office and on the church's website. The application deadline is March 26, 2012.**

Gifts to the Permanent Endowment Fund are restricted in perpetuity; however, earnings on the Fund's investments are used to underwrite these special grants. As the Fund grows in value, the total earnings will increase. This results in more money being available to underwrite the grant program. Once again, the Committee thanks all our members who have made a contribution to the Endowment Fund.

By Max Coppom, Endowment Fund Chair



**Mountain View
United Methodist Church
Boulder, Colorado**

Crockpot Cook-off January 22



And the winner is...Rebecca de la Vega!



Yummy Ice Cream!



Youth Ministries director Scott Pelletier (center with hat) talks with some patrons of the Crock Pot cook-off. It was a big success this year.



Tamales are coming!



Guillermo Casarrubias coats a pepper for tamales

To raise money for their upcoming mission trip to Nassau, the youth will be selling tamales. Presales begin January 29 and continue until February 12. On February 18, we'll have an all-church tamale making party! Please join us in Barker Hall from 9:00-4:00 (or some portion thereof) that Saturday, and join in the fun. All are welcome! If you don't already know how to make tamales, we'll be happy to teach you, and if you'd like the recipes, we'll send you home with those, as well. Many hands make light work, and in years past, we've had a good time chatting and singing, as we fold tamales. We'll have chicken with green sauce, pork with red sauce, sweet corn, and (the surprise favorite) prune with chocolate, priced at \$15 per dozen. Last year we made over 2,200 tamales and we hope to do even better this year.

2011 Financial Information

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Income:	\$565,973	\$532,511	\$-33,462
Expenses:	\$547,556	\$519,653	\$-27,903
Net Income:	\$18,417	\$12,858	\$-5,559

On the income side of our operating budget, we entered 2011 with a very low pledge estimation, i.e. \$362,000. We knew that was lower than normal giving, so we budgeted a large amount of income that we presumed would come in, knowing all the while we must monitor income closely. And largely, the money did come in.

On the expense side, we budgeted for a full complement of staff and nearly the amount requested by all department chairs. Throughout the year those department chairs managed their budgets very closely. Eleven expense areas were at or under budget, with one of them,

personnel expense, under budget by more than \$25,000

So, with a steady income and a reduced amount of expenses, we ended the year \$12,858 in the black in our operating budget.

Furthermore we paid, as always, the scheduled principal on our mortgage payments. This year that equaled \$18,000 on the general church mortgage and \$2700 on the solar panels.

We also give thanks that years of saving and planning, plus generous donations from interested congregation members, enabled us to clean and restore the organ and replace the cloth behind the cross. Isn't it beautiful!

2011 was a difficult year to plan for and to carry out successfully. But, thanks to all that you do and all that you give to Mountain View, it was a success. May we all enjoy a happy and prosperous 2012.

The Finance Committee