



# The Grapevine

September 2011

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### DRIVERS NEEDED!



If you are able to help provide transportation from the Balfour retirement community (1331 Hecla Drive) to the church and back on Sundays, please let Pastor Dave know by calling the church office at (303) 666-8812

### Two Opportunities For Worship Every Sunday!

- 8:00 a.m. Casual Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship service and Children's Sunday School
- Holy Communion 1st Sunday of each month

## Words from Pastor Dave

In an article that I read, a minister of a church was telling of what it takes to be a successful church today.

He said first of all, if you're going to be a successful growing church you have to have a good location. People have to be able to get to the church quickly and easily. Secondly, he said



if you are going to be a successful church you have to have plenty of parking. He said their studies have indicated that nobody wants to walk more than a half a block to church. Another thing he pointed out is that if you're going to be a successful church you have to have modern up-to-date buildings. As I read this article and realized what he was saying it became very clear that people, when they choose a church, are looking for a church that is easy, that is convenient, that is comfortable.

I think the danger is that we not only do that in terms of the physical facility, but that we also look for a faith that is comfortable, that is easy, that is convenient. I'm afraid that most of us want a Christian faith that is supportive but not challenging, that affirms what we already believe instead of challenging us to take a look at ourselves and our lives and our society.

The Christian faith is a challenging, demanding way of life, because it challenges us to surrender ourselves to God.

You see, deep down in each one of you, somewhere in the very depths of your soul, there is an altar. On that altar there is room for only one. The challenge of life is: Who are you going to put on that altar? Are you going to put yourself on that altar? Or are you going to put the God of this universe on that altar?

~Pastor Dave

### Tom Wold and Amy Brandt

invite you to share in their special day on

Saturday, September 10, at 2:00 p.m. as they celebrate the start of their new life together as husband and wife. The ceremony will take place in the LUMC Sanctuary

with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.



## Boulder Dinner Theater

### *Slow Dance with a Hot Pickup*

*Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.*

This is a world premier and obviously being very well-received, as we were only able to reserve 26 tickets (our usual number is 40). It's an inspiring musical story of ordinary lives touched by an unusual challenge. Forced to share countless hours holding onto a shiny new pickup truck (in hopes of taking it home as their own), the contestants reveal secrets about their lives, dreams, hopes, successes and frustrations.

Please reserve your tickets by September 9 – see the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

*For more information, please contact Claire VanMeter - [vanmeterrc@gmail.com](mailto:vanmeterrc@gmail.com)*



## FOOD BANK NEWS

### **September Food Basket Packing and Delivery**

Packing will be on Friday, Sept. 9th, at 7:00 p.m.

Delivery will be on Saturday, Sept. 10th, starting at 9:00 a.m.

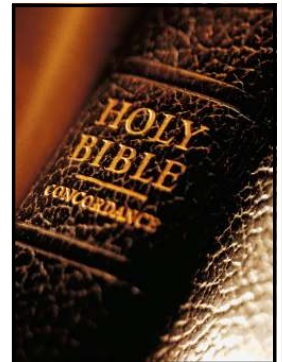
Desserts, peanut butter and cereals along with dressing, canned sweet potatoes/yams and canned/instant potatoes are still needed for this delivery.

Thanks to everyone who helps; without your continued support, we couldn't do it.

For more information, contact the VanMeters ([vanmeterrc@gmail.com](mailto:vanmeterrc@gmail.com)) or the Gormleys ([gormleys@earthlink.net](mailto:gormleys@earthlink.net)).

## *Women's Bible Study*

The Women's Bible Study will begin a new study on Sunday, September 11 using Rick Warren's "God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions".



The weekly meetings are held on Sunday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the home of Alice Morris.

New members are welcomed!

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact:  
*Alice Morris at (303) 926-5519.*

## Church Council Briefs

- **Finance** reported that expenses are less than income so we are still in a positive cash flow. We did see a dip in giving during the summer, but not as much as previous years. Both income and attendance are up from last year.
- **Trustees** formed 2 committees: one to get a second quote for the heating and air conditioning in the Fellowship Hall and one to get information and quotes on flooring options for the Fellowship Hall. A German language school would like to use one of our Sunday School rooms after school either 1 or 2 days per week.
- The **Christian Education** committee met and picked new exciting curriculum and discussed the need for teachers to volunteer.
- **MYF** needs donations of brand name pop and water for the Labor Day event
- **Pastor Dave** is planning a confirmation class.
- **Lay Leader**, Jay Holloway reported that the "Quiet Disciple" will be announced as soon as the plaque is back from the engraver.



### Annual All Church Picnic Sunday, September 11, 12:00 p.m.

Our annual "All Church Picnic" will be on Sunday, September 11 at noon. We all had such a great time last year that we thought we should again have it in the Fellowship Hall. After lunch everyone who wishes can run over to Memory Square Park for fun and games. The remainder of us can remain in the Fellowship Hall for an extra glass of tea and a visit with our church family.

Family Life will furnish the main course. All plans aren't completed, but the main course will be something cooked on the grill or something in a bun. The Family Life Committee will also furnish lemonade and ice tea. Please sign up for a side dish of either a vegetable, salad or dessert.

This has always been such a fun, relaxing afternoon to enjoy with your friends. We hope you can all attend!



# JEFFERSON STREET PRESCHOOL

With summer winding down, it's now time to gear up for the new school year. Enrollment is looking very positive for fall with full enrollment and a wait list for the M-W-F class and only 5 openings in both the T-Th class and the afternoon Pre-K classes. Both Samantha (our director) and Bree (our back-up director) have been busy with planning for the new year. Unfortunately, we are losing both of our part-time teachers, Nereis and Kisa. We are very sad to see them go as they both brought a great deal of energy and creativity to the classroom. The kids absolutely adored them and it will be hard to find replacements. But that is exactly what Samantha and Nancy Holloway will be doing next week as interviews begin. Please keep them in your prayers as they search for the right applicants for our very special school.

The play yard has had some recent updating with new mulch, sand and gravel. Our state inspection will be sometime in September, so we need everything to be ready. Also, some of the parents built a new "house" in the yard for the kids to play in. The funding came from a grant specifically targeted for playground updating. Check it out! It is really very cool. Thanks to those wonderful parents for their dedication and talent.

The landscaping for the front yard is scheduled to begin in September and hopefully be completed by the end of October.

If you have questions or would like more information regarding the Jefferson Street Preschool, please contact one of the committee members:

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Sheila Newton - [swnewt@comcast.net](mailto:swnewt@comcast.net)

Claire VanMeter - [vanmeterrc@gmail.com](mailto:vanmeterrc@gmail.com)

Sandy Gormley - [gormleys@earthlink.net](mailto:gormleys@earthlink.net)

**Visit the preschool website at: [www.jeffersonstreetpreschool.com](http://www.jeffersonstreetpreschool.com)**



## RELAY FOR LIFE

**Thanks to all who helped Team LUMC raise \$3900 and the East Boulder County event to bring in over \$89,000 for the American Cancer Society!**



Upper left: Andrew & Bradley carry the Relay banner in the Superior Parade

Left: The senior Spanglers at the event

Above: Team LUMC at the Relay for Life event at Monarch High School



# Youth News



We had ten youth at the Messy Olympics. The events included our old stand-bys - Twister on Condiments, Blow Up a Balloon With Only Your Nose, and Water Balloons. New games this year included Bobbing for Bananas in Milk, Eating the Whipped Cream with No Hands Until You Find the Gummy Worms, Ultimate Wet Soccer, and Balloon Mouth (carrying a water balloon from one bucket to the other in your teeth). We really wound up the summer in style!



Above: 10 youth before the "messy" part  
Right: Twister and lots of shaving cream fun!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, September 5** — Louisville Fall Festival fundraiser

*We'll be cooking brats, burgers and hot dogs at LUMC's food concession at the Louisville Fall Festival. More details to come. We will need donations of name brand soda and bottled water.*

- **Sunday, September 18, 4:00 p.m.** — Regular Meeting

*We will be continuing our discussions on "Which Way to God" and mixing in some "Backstage Pass to the Bible".*

*"Regular Meetings" will be planned for the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.*

**Contact Janeen Hill at [janeen\\_hill@hotmail.com](mailto:janeen_hill@hotmail.com), if you have questions regarding any Youth Fellowship events**



## ***Change is Bittersweet***

***By Emily Spearman Cannon***

*Emily is LUMC's sponsored Candidate for Ministry.  
You may contact her at: [espearman@mtso.edu](mailto:espearman@mtso.edu)*

Greetings from Ohio! The summer is almost over, and MTSO's fall semester is about to begin...and I couldn't be more excited! I have a full schedule of classes to look forward to—Pastoral Care, Ethics of Sex, United Methodist Doctrine, and History of the Holocaust—and I'm looking forward to getting back to the weekly chapel services, the choir rehearsals, and the dinners/study groups/assorted social groups which I have grown to love so much over this last year. (And yes, I realize that looking forward to classes and chapel makes me a “religi-dork” of the highest degree...but at least I have 200-plus seminarian buddies with whom I can share my dorky delight!)

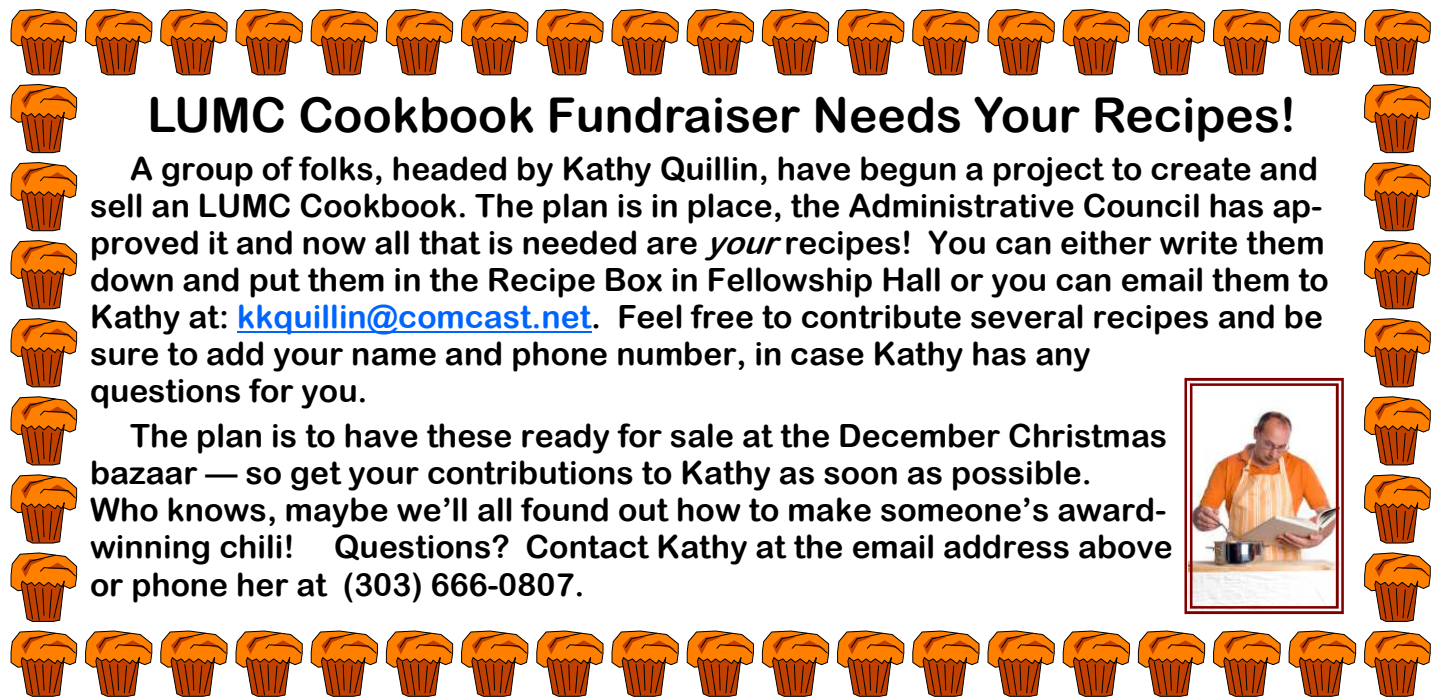
I am also in the process of beginning my Field Education, which is one of the more time-intensive requirements for the Master of Divinity degree. All Masters of Divinity students are required to spend approximately 400 hours during their second or third year at MTSO engaging in practical ministry at the church/hospital/outreach organization of their choosing. I have chosen to serve as a ministry intern at William Street United Methodist Church, which is a vibrant and mission-oriented congregation in downtown Delaware. I've been attending William Street on a regular basis since last September, and I am thrilled to spend this next year working with Pastor Julie (who often reminds me of a female version of Dave...she is incredibly warm and Spirit-filled, and she makes everyone in the congregation feel welcome!) Much of my work at the church will be centered on community outreach; I will be making hospital calls, networking with other churches and local organizations, and possibly spearheading the creation of Hispanic-outreach ministry. I think that it's going to be an exciting time, and I'm so eager to start putting some of my highfalutin' seminary book-learning into real-life practice!

And this brings me to the bittersweet portion of this month's column: Stephen and I have just become members of William Street UMC. My decision to transfer membership, while difficult, is a necessary logistical step in both my ordination process and in Stephen's entry into the workforce. By joining a church in the West Ohio conference, I can complete my ordination requirements locally (which is much more convenient than flying back to Colorado for meetings several times a year!) It also gives Stephen more flexi-

bility as he begins his career; it would be difficult for him to get his foot in the door if he had to move out of the state once I graduate in two years. At this point, we're looking at being Ohioans for at least the next 4-5 years... but we've both agreed that an eventual return to Colorado is quite possible!

While being officially welcomed into a local congregation was exciting (and gave me the opportunity to tease my formerly-Baptist husband about my success in "converting" him), knowing that I would no longer be on the LUMC membership rolls was rather heart-wrenching for me. After all, it's been my home church for almost a decade! I remember my very first Sunday at Louisville back in 2002: our family had just moved to the area, and we had been church-shopping for a month or so, but none of the other places had really "clicked". But after an hour of wonderful music—I remember Robin, with Alec in utero, singing with the "Methatones" quartet—and warm welcome, I immediately knew that this was the church I wanted to be at! (The fact that the youth group was going to Water World that day may or may not have influenced my decision.) Even though I've been living out-of-state for nearly five years, I still consider LUMC to be "my church"...and I don't think that's going to change! You are my church family; you are the people who nurtured me and supported me throughout high school and college, and I can say with absolute certainty that I would not be where I am today without your influence and love. So have no fear: I may not be an official LUMC-er anymore, but I'll still come by for visits...and I'll still be writing these columns!

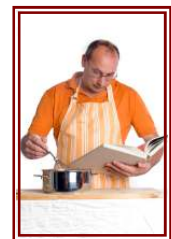
Much love from Ohio, and I'm looking forward to sharing my thoughts and insights with you as I embark upon my second year of seminary!



## LUMC Cookbook Fundraiser Needs Your Recipes!

A group of folks, headed by Kathy Quillin, have begun a project to create and sell an LUMC Cookbook. The plan is in place, the Administrative Council has approved it and now all that is needed are *your* recipes! You can either write them down and put them in the Recipe Box in Fellowship Hall or you can email them to Kathy at: [kkquillin@comcast.net](mailto:kkquillin@comcast.net). Feel free to contribute several recipes and be sure to add your name and phone number, in case Kathy has any questions for you.

The plan is to have these ready for sale at the December Christmas bazaar — so get your contributions to Kathy as soon as possible. Who knows, maybe we'll all found out how to make someone's award-winning chili! Questions? Contact Kathy at the email address above or phone her at (303) 666-0807.





Summer

Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;  
be merciful to me and answer me.

Psalm 27:7



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## W5: Words from Wesley Will Work in Our World

**“Catch on fire with enthusiasm for the new Louisville United Methodist Church (Colorado) Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/louisvilleumc.org](http://www.facebook.com/louisvilleumc.org)!” – John Wesley**

*(Okay, okay ... John Wesley didn't really say that. But he might have, had he been alive in the Facebook era! In any case, if you are on Facebook or were looking for a reason to get a Facebook page, please check us out, “like” our page and encourage your “friends” to do the same.)*

*Paraphrasing an actual John Wesley quote, let's do **all** the good we can, by **all the means** we can.*



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suggestions, to the editor:

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