



# The Grapevine

November 2011

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## **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

## Some Thoughts on Thanksgiving



Many Americans think of Thanksgiving as a wonderful time to celebrate getting out of school for a long weekend, and eating a great dinner. Or, maybe they think it is the start of the Christmas holiday season. What is the real meaning behind Thanksgiving?

We can trace this historic American Christian tradition to the year 1623. After the harvest crops were gathered in November 1623, Governor William Bradford of the 1620 Pilgrim Colony, "Plymouth Plantation" in Plymouth, Massachusetts proclaimed: With your wives and little ones, do gather at the Meeting House, on the All Ye Pilgrims hill... there to listen to the pastor, and **render Thanksgiving to the Almighty God for all His blessings."**

Again, on January 1, 1795, our first United States President, George Washington, wrote his famed National Thanksgiving Proclamation, in which he says that it is our duty as a people, with devout reverence and affectionate gratitude, **to acknowledge our many and great obligations to Almighty God.**

Many years later, on October 3, 1863, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed by Act of Congress, an annual National Day of Thanksgiving "on the last Thursday of November, as **a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."**

So it is that on Thanksgiving Day each year, Americans give thanks to Almighty God for all His blessings and mercies toward us throughout the year.

Blessings, *~Pastor Dave*

## **CALENDAR REMINDER!**

### **All-Church Charge Conference**

*will be held on Thursday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m.* District Superintendent, Dr. Eric Smith will be with us and everyone is encouraged to attend this important event.



# FOOD BANK NEWS

## December Food Baskets

**Packing: Sunday, Dec. 11 (following the 10:30 service)**

**Delivery: Saturday, Dec. 17 at 9:00 a.m.**



Donations are still needed for our December food box delivery. We are especially in need of pie crusts, stuffing, canned pumpkin, white potatoes and yams. There are collection boxes in both the narthex and the entryway at the church.

In addition to these food items, we will try to make the food boxes very special by adding either a chicken or a turkey. Monetary donations toward the purchase of these would also be greatly appreciated.



Our program will include setting up Christmas Giving Trees to provide gifts for all children on our list, ages 18 and under, and for Louisville Seniors. Christmas Giving Trees will be set up in our church and in many businesses around town. You will be hearing more from Chris Wecker and Jan Stewart, in the weeks to come.

We thank each and every one of you, in advance, for making this year's Christmas food delivery and gift giving the great success we know it will be!

## LUMC's Annual All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 20, 2011

5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

*Sign up in Fellowship Hall for the specialty dish you would like to contribute to this fun and delicious community event.*

*The food is always amazing and the company even better!*



## Church Council Briefs



- **Finance** – reported that the fiscal year ended on a positive cash flow note; attendance is up 20% and income up 11%
- **Trustees** – had the church office re-keyed for security reasons (if you need a key, please contact Mike Sarver (nicolesarver@gmail.com)); chose a contractor to complete the heating and ventilation work needed in the fellowship hall and will be doing a fundraiser to pay for that project; reminded everyone that scholarship applications are due by October 31, 2011; chose Nov. 5th at 9 a.m. for the Fall Church Clean-Up Day
- **Jefferson Street Preschool** – reported that registration for fall classes is very good, with M-W-F mornings full (with a wait list), T-Th mornings with 4 openings, and afternoon Pre-K class with 5 openings; would like to complete the landscaping projects around the property and may investigate having the labor done by a Boy Scout working toward his Eagle badge
- **Christian Education** – reported that Sunday School is going well, with increasing numbers of children and several new volunteers
- **MYF** – has plans for a late October visit to the Anderson Farms “Haunted Corn Maze”
- **Pastor Dave** – reported on the stewardship campaign, which will include a mailing and one stewardship sermon; gave a reminder regarding our annual all-church Charge Conference which will be on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Mission** – leaders Carol Hill and Sue Peverley, thanked everyone again for their donations to “Attention Homes” and invited us to look for a new Attention Homes outreach project each month
- **Music** – a brand new Christmas cantata has been selected and will be performed on Sunday, December 11, 2011
- **Old Business** – recipes are still needed for the new church cookbook, so please put them in the box in the Fellowship Hall or e-mail them to Kathy Quillin at: [kkquillin@comcast.net](mailto:kkquillin@comcast.net)
- **New Business** – Pastor Dave reported on the denomination-wide “Vital Congregations” initiative being adopted by the Rocky Mountain Conference; it will be discussed at the upcoming Charge Conference; for more information on this new initiative check out the website at: [www.umvitalcongregations.org](http://www.umvitalcongregations.org)

### **CPR AND FIRST AID TRAINING**

Jefferson Street Preschool is going to be a host site for CPR and First Aid training. They are inviting anyone from the community who is interested to participate. The classes will be held on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m. Each portion of the class is about 2 ½ hours in length. If you choose to participate in both CPR and First Aid, the class will be approximately 5 hours long. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board, if you wish to attend.

Pricing for the classes is:

- CPR & First Aid - \$45 (2 or more family members - \$40 each)
- First Aid only - \$35 (2 or more family members - \$30 each)
- CPR only - \$35 (2 or more family members - \$30 each)





**Thank you again for all your donations to Attention Homes in September and October. The staff and youth are very grateful.**

## **UPCOMING ATTENTION HOMES ACTIVITIES**

**November:** As part of the Attention Homes outreach program, the staff prepares and packs lunches, then walks around downtown Boulder to distribute to the homeless teens. They do this daily! We're going to help them with this task in November by packing lunches for them. Our goal is 100 lunches! We'll pack them with the Youth Group on Sunday, November 13, after the 10:30 service and then deliver them to the Attention Homes shelter in Boulder.

We will need donations of peanut butter, jelly, fresh bread, small chip bags, granola bars and sandwich-sized zipper-sealed bags.

**December:** We plan to go to the Attention Homes permanent residence (where approximately 7 youths live) and create a little Christmas party for them. We'll have apple cider and goodies and bring gifts. We'd like to include the names of the kids from Attention Homes on our church 'Christmas tree' so that the congregation can buy gifts for these kids as well as the children in our community.

**Thank you again for your support of this new outreach program.**

**Carol Hill and Sue Peverley**

**Mission Co-Chairs**

## **Holiday Craft Bazaar** **Saturday, Dec. 3** **10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



The LUMC Holiday Craft Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the church. In addition to delicious baked goods, there will be some interesting vendors participating. Krystal will be back with furniture and you can also expect to find: lovely knitted items, jewelry, painted porcelain, miniature paintings, peanut brittle, toffee and more.

If you would like to have a table at the sale or have other questions, please call Sally Burlingame at 303-604-2345. Tables are \$10. Church members are encouraged to donate baked items and crafts. See you there!



## Youth News

The Youth went to Anderson Farms the night of October 23. We had six youth and they all had a wonderful time going through the corn maze, selecting a pumpkin, and being scared on Terror in the Corn. Thank you to Angie Anderson for the tickets - she won them in the Silent Auction at Relay for Life — and to Leeann Ryder for her help.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, Nov. 6 from 4-6 p.m. at the church - we'll be continuing our Thinking Theologically About Money discussions.

### UPCOMING EVENT

Sunday, November 20, from 2-4:30 we will be greeters for Community Food Share at the King Soopers on South Boulder Road and at Sunflower Market in Lafayette. There will be a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please volunteer for at least a one hour shift. This is one of our holiday traditions - helping those in need.

*"Regular Meetings" are 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

### WARMTH DRIVE CONTINUES

Warm clothing — coats, sweaters, hats, gloves and the like — is still being collected in Fellowship



Hall by the new women's service group.

The group is cooperating with our food delivery ministry and notices have been sent to all our regular food recipients. They have been invited to Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon on Saturday, November 5 to pick up any needed items for both children and adults. The items will be available on a first come, first served basis.

If you know of other individuals or families that are in need of warm clothing for the upcoming winter, please invite them to come by the church and participate on November 5.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact: Jonna Densmore at (303) 447-2878 or Kathy Quillin at (303) 666-0807 or

[kkquillin@comcast.net](mailto:kkquillin@comcast.net).

### Welcome To Our Newest Members!

**Ronnie Darnell** — attends the 8:00 service and the 9:15 Adult Sunday School

**Wesley and Sarah Graba** — attend the 8:00 service; Wesley will join our church Trustees in 2012

**Mary Kay Knorr** — Mary helped out at our Attention Homes work day (see the photo on p. 7)

**Paul Williamson** — Paul sings in the bass section of our choir





## ***Learning Through Service at the “Free Store” By Emily Spearman Cannon***

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Hi church!

The fall semester here at MTSO is halfway over, and life is busy! I've been reading sermons by John Wesley, writing papers about gender in the early Church, practicing my “active listening” skills for Pastoral Counseling, and spending several hours a week doing ministry work at a local church. (And in between all of that, I'm somehow finding a few spare hours for housework, quality time with the husband, and sleep!)

Although I'm taking some fantastic classes this year—the best by far is Ethics of Sex, where the professor begins each class by playing popular songs and inviting us to analyze the messages about gender/sexuality/relationships that we hear—I have to admit that my work at William Street United Methodist Church (WSUMC) has been the highlight of my semester. There are times where I'll be feeling completely swamped with homework and readings, but the moment I walk through the church doors it's like a revelation: “Oh, right, *this* is why I'm putting up with all the stress of grad school!” The worship planning, the preparation for community dinners, the hospital visits, the opportunity to work with at-risk kids...it's like a beautiful foretaste of the work which I hope to be doing full-time in less than two years!

In my work at the church so far, I've had the chance to work with a variety of small groups and mission teams, but there is one particular ministry experience here that I would like to share with you this month. About a week ago, I was privileged to work with the Common Grounds Free Store, a fantastic and innovative outreach ministry that was founded five years ago by a member of WSUMC. The Free Store is, essentially, a place where low-income individuals and families can get clothes, furniture, and other household items free of charge. But here's the cool part: it doesn't feel like a charity, because it's designed to look and feel like an actual retail store. Families come in, get a cart, browse through several sections of the store—linens, toys, clothes, Halloween costumes, small appliances, etc.—and select the items they want, and then “check out”...minus the whole payment part! (Each family is registered with the store, and can “purchase” up to 20 items per person per month; furniture and appliances might count as several items.) Everything is either new or gently used, and it's all donated by churches, local businesses, and individuals throughout the city of Delaware. The store is open three days a week in 3-4 hour shifts, and is entirely staffed by volunteers. Every shopping session also includes a free community meal, where the shoppers get to sit down, place their orders, and be served just like they would at a restaurant (the food is pre-made, however, so the service is a lot faster than it would be elsewhere!)

Feeding the poor and clothing the naked are vital parts of the Christian life, and there are countless ministries which do these things. What sets Common Ground apart, in my mind, is the

sense of dignity which each shopper is afforded. They get to peruse the store's selection in a leisurely manner and choose the items they most need and want. The volunteers call them "Sir" and "Ma'am", and in the "café" area of the store, they have the privilege of requesting and being served the meal of their choice...something which those of us who can regularly afford the luxury of restaurant meals take for granted! (I was assigned to work the café when I was at the store, and I made it my goal to treat each shopper like an honored guest: I refilled coffee, carried around the dessert tray, offered recommendations on the—admittedly limited—menu, and basically pretended like I was a waitress in the finest restaurant in Columbus!)

But it's not just the extra respect given to the shoppers that sets the Free Store apart...the volunteering experience is different as well. As a church, we're more than willing to give money, food, and clothing to those in need, but we're often a bit more hesitant when it comes to actually *interacting* with them. We want to help, but there's something about *seeing* the poverty, the injustice, and the brokenness face-to-face that makes us pause. It's easier to just write a check, and to keep some kind of a barrier between ourselves and the people we serve. But there is no such barrier at Common Ground! Volunteers are expected to converse with the shoppers, mingle in the café, and find out what each family needs. It's heartbreaking at times—I saw a 16-year-old girl with a 2-year-old son, a newborn with a cleft palate, and an elderly veteran with obvious physical and mental disabilities—but it's also incredibly moving...these are the people who Jesus came for! These are the marginalized, the "least of these" who are so often ignored by society, the ones for whom there is a special place in God's heart. And it is our job, as followers of Christ, to get involved and pursue justice for all God's people. Common Ground does a wonderful job in working towards this goal, and I feel so blessed to have such a wonderful ministry to volunteer through! (Plus, I get school credit for it!)

OK church, it is getting close to my bedtime—ever since Stephen got a job, we've been having to wake up earlier—and I think I'm over my normal word limit, so I'm going to bring this letter to a close. If you're interested in learning more about the Free Store ministry, please visit [www.commongroundfreestore.com](http://www.commongroundfreestore.com). And I will see you all in December...my husband and I will be back in Colorado for a few days, so we'll be looking forward to reconnecting with our LUMC family!



*Attention Homes Work Day  
October 23, 2011*

**Those who helped out with the raking, weeding, mowing and trimming were:**

*Top row:* Bob Peverley, Pastor Dave, Larry Boven, and Steve Spearman

*Middle row:* Carol Hill and Donna Spearman

*Front row:* Sue Peverley, Judy Christensen, and new member, Mary Kay Knorr

***We hope to see YOU involved in the next outreach event!***



*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! -- Psalms 100:4*



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## **JESUS LOVES ME (ADAPTED FOR OLDER CHRISTIANS)**

Verse 1: *Jesus loves me, this I know,  
Though my hair is white as snow.  
Though my sight is growing dim,  
Still He bids me trust in Him.*

Verse 2: *When the nights are dark and long,  
In my heart He puts a song.  
Telling me in words so clear,  
"Have no fear, for I am near."*

**CHORUS:** *Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.*

Verse 3: *When my work on earth is done,  
And life's victories have been won,  
He will take me home above,  
Then I'll understand His love.*

Verse 4: *I love Jesus. Does He know?  
Have I ever told Him so?  
Jesus loves to hear me say,  
That I love Him every day.*



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