



LOUISVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Grapevine

June 2009

“For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”
—Hebrews 12:11

The Food Bank needs peanut butter, cereal, personal care items, and Jello!
See page four for more details!

Two Opportunities For Worship Every Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Casual Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Children’s Sunday School (1 hr)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship service w/ short Sunday school
- Holy Communion 1st Sunday of each month

Are you afraid to make a mistake? Some people feel as if no one ever pays attention to them unless they make a mistake. If you goofed in a big way recently, maybe you need to hear about Roy Riegels. I shared this story with you about a year ago in a sermon, but it’s worth repeating. During the 1929 Rose Bowl championship football game between Georgia Tech and the University of California there was a player by the name of Roy Riegels who played for California. During the first half of the game, Roy picked up the ball after a fumble and started running with it. But he got confused and started running in the wrong direction! One of his teammates out-ran him and tackled him after he had run 65 yards—just short of the goal line. Thank goodness—he almost scored a touchdown for the opposing team.

The men filed off the field and went into the locker room. Every player except Riegels sat down on the benches. He wrapped his blanket around his shoulders, sat in a corner, put his face in his hands, and wept. Coach Nibbs Price struggled with what to do with Roy. He finally looked at the team and said simply, “Men, the same team that played the first half will start the second.” All the players left the locker room and went out onto the field—everyone, except Roy Riegels. He didn’t budge, huddled in a corner. Coach Price came up to him and said, “Roy, didn’t you hear me?”

“Coach,” he said, “I can’t do it. I’ve ruined you; I’ve ruined the school; I’ve ruined myself. I couldn’t face that crowd in the stadium to save my life.” But Coach Price put his hand on Riegels’ shoulder and said, “Roy, get up and go back; the game is only half over.” Roy Riegels went back on the field and the players for Georgia Tech would tell you that they never saw another man play football as aggressively as Roy Riegels during that second half as he inspired his team to victory. The next time you make a mistake, remember that story. Also remember the ABC method of handling mistakes.

A: Acknowledge your error and accept responsibility for it. Don’t try to place the blame on other people or circumstances. When you fix the blame, you never fix the problem.

B: Be gentle with yourself. The game is only half over. This is not the first mistake you ever made, nor will it be the last. You are still a good and caring person. Besides, later on you may laugh at the blunder, so try to lighten up.

C: Correct it if you can, and move on. Correcting mistakes may also mean to make amends, if necessary. “Those who are wise don’t consider it a blessing to make no mistakes,” wrote Confucius. They believe instead that the great virtue is the ability to correct mistakes and to continually re-invent ourselves.

Now, go make your mistakes. Though some may be no less than spectacular, if you practice the ABC method you’ll live to laugh about many of them later on. Now that summer has begun, I encourage you to have some fun—within limits! Don’t be too hard on yourself if occasionally you make a mistake— that is the primary way we learn and grow as human beings. Few mistakes we make in life will either be fatal or final. I hope to see you all at the **church picnic on June 7 from 5 to 7 p.m.** and at the **concert in our sanctuary** which begins at 7:00 p.m. You are an important part of our church family, so try to attend. I promise you there will be great fun, food, games, and uplifting entertainment! My family will all be there!

—Pastor Bob

LOUISVILLE UMC YOUTH AND ADULTS
THE CHILDREN OF DISCOVERY CANYON VBS NEED YOU!
June 22-26, 2009, from 8:45 to noon

Thank you to those who have already volunteered time and talent to help make Vacation Bible School at Louisville United Methodist Church a wonderful experience for area kids, youth and adults! **Tuesday night planning meetings** are going well, and there are still spaces to be involved. Angie Anderson (Canyon Crafts), Alice Morris (Gully Games) and Larry Boven (Sagebrush Storytelling) each need **one adult and a Youth aide**. Melody Gifford and Karen Duffy from Lafayette (Red Rocks Rhythm) will need a **Youth aide**.

We will need five adults who each take one day to **help Youth aides watch/play with our Toddler-2 group**. (These are children of VBS teachers and center leaders). We need three people (one adult and two Youth) who will **help Ann Toll with stage setting each day** and lead the Bible Skit for opening celebration/ worship and closing. Please call Ann at home 303-664-4786 to let me know where you want to 'plug in'.

Shamarie Pierce will **coordinate snacks** for Tuesday and Thursday. The Lafayette church will take care of snacks for the other days. Please call Shamarie on 303-974-5982 to find out how to help in this area.

Want to **help with decorations**? We're putting them together on Wed. 6/10 7-9 pm and Sat. 6/13 from 9:30-11:30 am at the Louisville church. You can take a 'critter picture' home to color, too! Youth-- we need you to help paint the decorations and signs!

Other ways to help: **Bring some decorating materials** and put them in the upstairs adult classroom. We need:

- Three boxes of brown or black plastic trash bags
- Several large refrigerator size boxes (Youth will paint these to look like canyon walls)
- Large clear plastic bottles
- Paper towel cardboard rolls
- Blue and green bulletin board paper and cloth (for waterfalls and streams)
- Potted plants
- Canyon pictures
- A bag of sand
- Rocks for the canyon floor
- Or you can create a 8' x 10' canyon sunrise or sunset and bring it in!



And so very important – **take a registration sheet to three neighbors or friends** so that more kids can Discover the Wonder of God's Word with us this summer!

Call Ann on 303-664-4786 for registration information or to let her know who all will be coming!

In Christian Love,

Ann, Shelli, Nicole and Melody

Small Group News



Women's Bible Study

The **Women's Monday Night Bible Study** will begin "Entering the New Testament", an 8 week study, on April 27.

Contact Janeen Hill 303-494-1860 if you would like to join us Monday nights at seven for an hour or hour and a half. The cost of the workbook is \$15, from The Upper Room.

MONDAY, MAY 11 was Spring Cleaning Day in the kitchen. **The Suzannah Circle** members tackled not only the cleaning of stove, counters, exterior drawer and cabinet faces, the refrigerator, etc. but also the reorganizing of contents, i.e. putting containers, merchandise, and dishes back where they belong as labeled on cabinet doors and drawers. We found many items that belong to others -- not church property. A Lost and Found box is filled with unclaimed dishes, etc. Please check to see if you have left a personal kitchen item.

This was a one time effort for the group and it is our hope that all users of the kitchen will take the time to wipe off surfaces, sweep (vacuum) the floor and return all items to their designated places after use (don't forget to wash the coffee makers too.)

If we all contribute to the continuing maintenance of a clean, neat and well organized kitchen it will not be a difficult nor lengthy cleaning effort for the volunteer(s) who comes in periodically to mop the floor and do the touch up.

We all take pride in our Church home and our kitchen is a focal place for fellowship. Please treat it well.

Sheila Newton for Suzannah Circle

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WANT TO GET A HEAD START? The newsletter deadline for the next issue is June 15. Please email any articles, pictures, or suggestions, to our editor:

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Send mailing address changes to:

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SUMMER FOOD BASKETS

Pack on June 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Deliver on June 20 at 9:00 a.m.

We're not quite ready for the big day, but we're trying furiously. Three months seem to go by faster each quarter...old age?? We're still scrambling to find enough cereal, Jello, and cake mix or any kind of dessert. If you can help, please drop them by the church. Not surprisingly, we are encountering some shortages at our regular source.

We appreciate our faithful who always show up to help pack and deliver. We are traditionally short on delivery volunteers. Delivering might be a bit harder but it's very gratifying to be able to give out the food.

If there are any questions,
please talk to Sandy or Tom Gormley, 303-665-7713
or Ray or Claire Van Meter, 303-666-6271.

TOOLS FOR THE SCHOOL

**Do you have good used toys, books, shelving,
children's old Halloween costumes, or dress up clothes,
pails, shovels, plastic storage bins, etc.?**

Jefferson Street Preschool is having a donation day for all types of items usable by a preschool. We will begin taking donations on Friday, June 5 from 3-5pm. in the church sanctuary. On **Saturday, June 6 you can drop off your donations between 10am – 3pm.** We will have people to evaluate whether these items are appropriate for the school.

Any items not appropriate for use by the preschool will be taken to the *Birds of Prey* second-hand store or Sister Carmen Center unless you specify you would like it back. If you would like to have your items back instead of them going to *Birds of Prey* or *Sister Carmen*, you will need to pick them up by 4 pm on that Saturday.

Please keep us in mind for your used items and mark the dates on your calendars. For more information, please contact Claire VanMeter, 303-666-6271.

Food Bank Needs

The food bank needs your help for our next delivery. We have a great menu planned but are short a few items. The Community Food Share has been short of these items lately so we are asking for your help. Please consider donating one or more of the following before our next delivery on June 19-20.

Peanut Butter
Cereal
Personal care items
Jello

The Youth Group needs name-brand soda and water for its annual Fourth of July fundraiser. Please bring any donations to the church and leave them by the stairs in the fellowship hall.
Thank you!

We are in need of help in cleaning the sanctuary, the kitchen, the bathrooms and the fellowship hall.

It is a huge job for one person to do all of it so we would like to ask for volunteers to do one area.

Please contact the church office or Larry Boven if you are interested.



It's hard to believe it's June already. The time is certainly flying by, especially for the preschool planning committee. As you know, we meet on a weekly basis to take the preschool plans to the next step. We are now in the process of working with the State to get licensing and with the City to get licensing and zoning permits. We are lucky in that the City of Louisville is letting us use the site plans, child numbers and traffic study from Fairview Montessori for our license and our Special Use Review. We should have the City taken care of by

August. The State licensing will be ongoing for several months as they need to come and look at the school after Fairview vacates.

We will close on the loan with Premier Members Credit Union on Thursday, May 28. That will give us several reasons for celebration. First it will mean that we have a majority of the needed funding to open the school. (We still will need more for a few things that I will mention later.) It will also mean that person affiliated with our church can become a member of the Credit Union as we are moving our bank accounts there. We will have established credit so in a couple of years when the school is *bursting at the seams*, we won't have a problem getting a loan for an addition! It also means that we can now start to hire staff members. We have hired a Director/teacher who be put on the payroll as part time in mid July and full time in August. We have been interviewing for the administrative assistant position and have offered the position to Reyanne Guerrero. We all feel that she will be a great attribute to the school and has offered her services without pay until September. The Director, Samantha Bryant, has volunteered numerous hours to help with the start up of the school. We have been truly blessed to find such dedicated and giving people for these positions.

Our "Tools For the School" donation days are fast approaching. Remember to bring your age appropriate, good used or new items to the church Friday, June 5, from 3-5 and Saturday, June 6, from 9-12. We will also have a booth at the "Taste of Louisville" that same day so please plan to stop by and see us if you are in town. We have some great volunteer opportunities for anyone who has time to donate. We have received 24 chairs from a private donor that need to be refinished. We have some volunteers already but could use more help if you can spare the time. Please let anyone on the committee know if you can help us out. We will also be needing many helping hands during the last week of August and the first two weeks of September. Please mark your calendars to be helping with all the preschool hands on help during those weeks.

If you are the parent of a preschool aged child, We hope that you are considering sending your child to Jefferson Street Preschool. We will be happy to give you a tour of the building-although it will look quite different in September. We are accepting applications now and you can find more information on our website at info@jeffersonstreetpreschool.com. Also, on the table under the bulletin board in the office entryway we have brochures with lots of information.

Please continue your prayers for our preschool and the committee that we can continue to make wise decisions in the upcoming months. Thank you all so much for your support. May this new preschool be one of God's blessings for our church and the community. Questions regarding specific subjects should be addressed to the appropriate committee member. Nancy Holloway –Personnel/Staff, - Reyanne Guerrero –Marketing, Claire VanMeter- Donations, Sheila Newton- Furnishings/Improvements, Sandy Gormley-Legal/Financial.

Your Preschool Committee: Claire VanMeter, Sheila Newton, Nancy Holloway, Sandy Gormley, Reyanne Guerrero, Alan Hill, Eric Guerrero, Jay Holloway and Tom Gormley.

Upcoming Events

SpiriTed Comes to LUMC

On Sunday, June 7, our church will be hosting a **nationally renowned screenwriter and humorist, Jonathan Richard Cring and musician and conductor Janet Clazzy** for a performance at 7:00 p.m. It will be an evening of music and monologue, including readings from Mr. Cring's recent book Digging For God (in the rule) with original musical tunes performed by Ms. Clazzy on the oboe and WX-5 Wind Machine. (This is an amazing instrument).

Mr. Cring is the author of eleven books, and has produced sixteen feature films, twelve screenplays and dozens of musical compositions, and is a winner of the Billboard Music Award and recent recipient of the Best Screenplay Award at the American Top Ten Films Festival. Jonathan and Janet are from Henderson, Tennessee, and the name of their group is "SpiriTed".

We will begin the evening with a pot-luck supper at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **Come join us for an evening of uplifting spiritual entertainment--laced with music, spirit and humor.** The artists pay for all of their own expenses; however, we will take up a free will offering, as a "thank you" for sharing their talents with us. Books, movies, and CDs will be made available after the performance.

You're Invited! To attend First UMC Boulder's
June 12-13 Workshops by June Theologian in Residence
Rev. Dr. Linda Mercadante!

Come check out the June 12-13 workshop, "**Finding and Serving the Spiritual But Not Religious.**"

See the next page (page seven) to learn more about the sessions, and about the presenter, the Rev. Dr. Linda Mercadante, professor of theology at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. She is a leader in the field of those who claim to be "spiritual but not religious," and is currently working on a book that will reflect her learnings and the implications for the Church.

See Pastor Bob for more information!

Church Signs!



Forwarded by Sheila Newton and Pastor Bob



The Rev. Dr. Linda Mercadante, June Theologian in Residence

Join us as Linda returns to First United Methodist Church, Boulder, with further insights from her extensive research, presenting her workshop:

Finding and Serving the "Spiritual But Not Religious"

Friday, June 12, 7:00pm – 8:30pm Who Are the SBNRs?

Saturday, June 13, 9:00am – Noon Stories of the SBNRs & Serving the SBNRs

Please RSVP to Rosalee Blake at 303-258-3360, or rtblake@hughes.net

Child Care Available: Please RSVP to aerinrose@aol.com

Friday June 12, 7:00-8:30pm Who Are the SBNRs? There is a definite decline in religious participation in North America that should concern all of us. What are the roots of this decline? Why are more people calling themselves "spiritual but not religious?" Is there a difference between religion and spirituality? Dr. Mercadante will help us get a better sense of the spiritual landscape in 21st century North America.

Saturday, June 13 9:00am-Noon

1. Stories of the SBNRs There is a dramatic increase in persons calling themselves "spiritual but not religious." Among young people, the percentage may be as high as 50%. Who are these people and what are their stories? Dr. Mercadante will share her research on the "SBNRs," especially her discoveries from the nearly 70 interviews she has conducted across North America. We will also have time for participants to talk about their own experiences, or those of friends and families, who may think of themselves as "spiritual but not religious."

2. Serving the SBNRs Although religious difference can lead to tension, there is also an amazing amount of good that religions have always offered to persons and society. Dr. Mercadante will help us realize the kind of "spiritual capital" that organized religion produces. Given these benefits, what can religious groups do to help the "SBNRs" with their very real spiritual longings and needs? How can we help our young people realize the importance of religion? These and other topics that concern all of us will be discussed in our "brainstorming" session.

About the Presenter:

Dr. Linda Mercadante has served over 20 years as Professor of Theology in the Straker Chair of Historical Theology at The Methodist Theological School in Ohio. She is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and has devoted her career to studying the intersection of religion and culture. She has authored four books and nearly 100 articles, as well as speaking internationally on a variety of topics including interfaith families, theology through film, spiritual memoir writing, and the spiritual roots of addiction and recovery.

She is at work on a book about her current project, tentatively entitled "**Restless Souls: Understanding the 'Spiritual but Not Religious'.**" This project, which explores the beliefs and practices of the "SBNRs," has been featured in news articles, online websites, and on the radio. You can learn more about it by visiting her website www.healthybeliefs.org and clicking on the tab "Spirituality Not Religion." Linda will do further interviews the first weeks in June. If you are part of a spiritual group or are an individual who participates in a variety of spiritual practices such as Buddhist, Hindu, Native American, shamanistic, Yogic, etc., **please contact Linda to schedule an interview at 303-258-3582 or lmercadante@mtso.edu.**

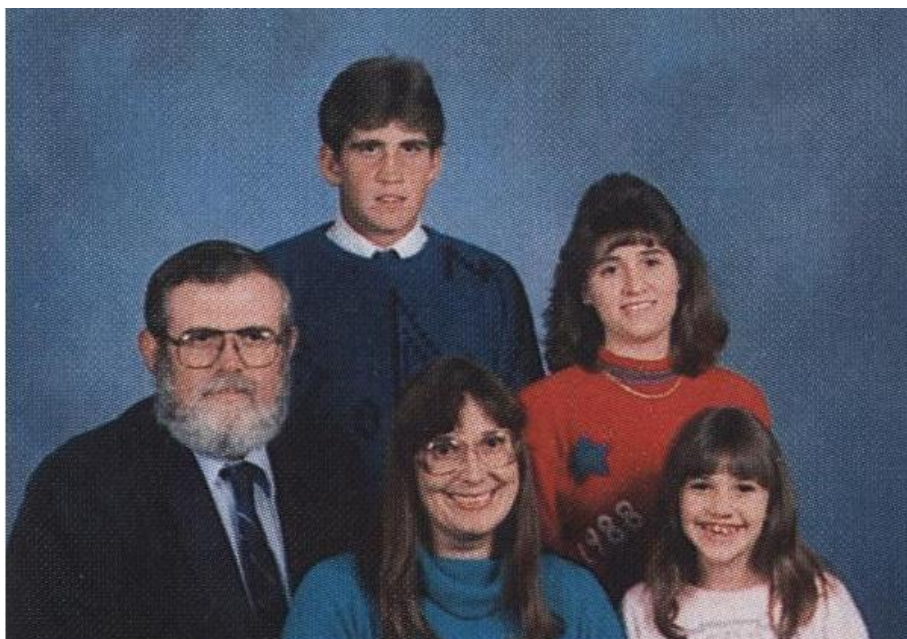
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