



LOUISVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Grapevine

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"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." . "

- 1 Peter 1:15-16

The Lenten Series continues through Easter. These educational sessions are a great opportunity for fellowship and learning.

Two Opportunities For Worship Every Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Casual Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:15 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

Let's All Make the Lenten Season a Time for Spiritual Renewal!

We are entering the season of Lent, leading up to Easter. Lent wasn't emphasized as a liturgical season until the fourth century and didn't gain wide acceptance until the Middle Ages. Remembering the forty days that Moses fasted on Mt. Sinai and the forty days that Jesus fasted in the wilderness, forty fast days before Easter seemed appropriate to the early Church fathers as a time for spiritual preparation for Easter. The name for the first day of the Lenten season—Ash Wednesday—originated in the middle ages. Since Old Testament days ashes had become the symbol of sorrow and penitence resulting from past sins. People came down to the altar and had ashes put on their foreheads in the shape of the cross by a priest who would say, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return: Originally people came dressed only in sackcloth. The early Protestant reformers thought that such a practice was a flagrant violation of the passage in Scripture when Jesus said, "When you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others, but only by your Father in heaven who sees in secret." There is always a danger that praying in public, fasting, and putting ashes on our foreheads can be nothing more than self-righteous acts where we parade our "pious persona" for public show.

In main-line Protestant churches such as ours, Lent was hardly mentioned until about fifty years ago. Lent has come to be known as a time when we observe Jesus in his process of self-examination. Jesus withdrew into the wilderness to get away from the "rat-race" for a while so he could examine his life and his calling from a larger perspective. The wilderness experience was not a retreat from reality, but a retreat into reality. That is why I think each one of us needs to observe Lent. It is a time for us to go with the divine flow in the river of live instead of always swimming upstream against it.

There is no better time than Lent for mental, physical and spiritual renewal. For many of us the daily stresses of life have dulled our sensitivity to the needs of others and to our own needs. We need to take some time away in prayer and meditation to get in touch with what's really going on in our inner selves, and find a path that leads to healing. The call to fasting during Lent is really a call for us to wrestle with those things that personally tempt and trouble us, and keep us from becoming the kind of person we want to be, and by God's grace can be. Lent is more a time of doing something than it is a time of doing without something. Make this Lenten season a time for new beginnings for you. If Jesus needed a forty day period of time to be renewed mentally, physically and spiritually—so do we!

Yours in Christ's service,
Pastor Bob

Lenten Events

This Lenten/Easter season is the highlight of the Christian calendar and we hope your lives will be spiritually enriched by attending these special Lenten events!

We hope that each of you will make an effort to attend our special Sunday evening Lenten programs that will have a guest speaker and slides. They all begin at 5:30 p.m. with a soup and sandwich supper, with each host church preparing the meal. The first one is Sunday, February 28, at Niwot UMC focusing on the war on terror in Afghanistan with Dr. Greg Young who teaches classes on the Conflict in the Middle East at UNC. The second Lenten program on March 7 will be at Lafayette UMC with Paul Howard of Redemption Fellowship in Denver. And the third Lenten program at Louisville UMC on March 14 will be on the subject of eliminating the AIDS epidemic with Dr. Don Messer, International Chairman of the Global AIDS Project.

The choir will be performing the Easter Cantata, *Jesus, Remember Me*, at both the 8:00 and 10:30 services on Palm Sunday, March 28. They will have a guest conductor, Mike Kilcoyne. The children will be processing into the service with palms.

We look forward to seeing you at our special Passover Haggadah Service and Seder Meal on Thursday evening, April 1. Rabbi Mark Rose from Congregation Har Hashem in Boulder will be leading the Seder Service. On the following day, Good Friday, we will be the host church for a very meaningful Good Friday Tenebrae service at 7:00 p.m. with the Lafayette, Niwot and Erie United Methodist Churches.

On Easter morning there will be an Easter Sunrise Service at Admiral Burke park located directly across from Mountain View U.M.C. This will be followed by a breakfast served by the Wesley Foundation at C.U. for those who wish to stay for a little time of fellowship with other United Methodists in the Boulder area.

Here at Louisville UMC, we will be having an Easter Breakfast served from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and an Easter Egg hunt for the kids at 10:00 a.m. Our regular 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 Easter Services will be very special with our sanctuary full of beautiful, fragrant Easter Lilies and with special music performed by our Sanctuary Choir. Be sure not to miss it!



Youth News

Despite the snowy weather, we had a good turnout for the annual Chili Cook-off. The winners were:

Judge's choice

Wild & Crazy—DJ Guildner
Olympic Chili—Tom Gormley
Veggie-Weggie—Janeen Hill

People's Choice

Triple Lutz—Courtney Peverley
Bradley's Chili—Bradley Spangler
Wild & Crazy—DJ Guildner

The judges were Brenda Bonilla, a Louisville resident (and friend of mine) and Joe Nicholl, a member of LUMC who recently graduated from college and is now working for the FDA. They had a tough task, picking the top chili from nine contenders (including honorable mention "El Loserito", Mark Spangler's wonderful macaroni and cheese) but managed to agree without needing a tie breaker. The event raised over \$400 which the youth donated to Haiti earthquake relief.

Our next meeting will be Sunday March 7 at the church, starting at 5:30. We'll have pizza and some fellowship and then watch a really bad movie (one of my personal favorites and it's only about an hour long). Bring your favorite movie snack to have (and/or to share) while we watch the movie. We will finish up by 7:30 p.m. Friends are always welcome to join us.

— Janeen Hill



Sheila Newton picks her "poison".



Judges Brenda Bonilla and Joe Nicholl take a break from sampling the various chili recipes.



Winners Courtney Peverley and DJ Guildner assess where their names will be next year.

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WANT TO GET A HEAD START? The newsletter deadline for the next issue is March 25. Please email any articles, pictures, or suggestions, to our editor:

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Spring District Conference Information

Rev. Bob really encourages our participation in the District Conference. There are some great workshops and some wonderful fellowship opportunities. Join with other United Methodists in the area. You will find it to be an enriching experience. Bob is more than happy to

carpool with anyone who is interested in attending. He is willing to drive to the First Methodist Church in Longmont and back. Please let him know if you can come! There are good workshops for people from the Finance committee, S.P.R.C., Trustees, Music, Lay leaders, youth directors, Ad Council chairs, pastors, etc. Let's have some representation from our church, let's support our connectionalism as United Methodists and work together to strengthen our churches! These district meetings are important!

The Spring Meeting is to be held at Longmont First UMC on March 20th; from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Topics for the Spring Conference include:

- Rethinking Church in the Peaks Sub District: Loren Boyce, Associate Director of Mission and Ministry, Rocky Mountain Conference
- Review of the UU&O (Understaffed, Underpaid, and Overworked) Workshop Results—Challenges Facing the Local Church: Chuck Keim, Chair, Peaks Sub district Leadership Team

Workshops Include:

- Music Spirituality Workshop — Learn And Sing — Combining secular styles with Traditional Music: Marilyn Penn, Director of Music, Lyons UMC
- Local Church Finance — Management for the 21st Century Church: Pat Moore, Associate Treasurer, Rocky Mountain Conference
- Hispanic Ministries — New Ideas For A New Century
- The Role of the SPPRC — Helping Overworked Pastors and Other Basic Skills: Eric Smith, Peaks and Plains District Superintendent
- Lay Speaking Ministries for Every Congregation — Lightening the Pastor's Load : John Dietz, Peaks Sub District Lay Leader
- New Congregations — Churches Without Walls — Rethinking Worship Communities: Jim Calhoun, Pastor, Erie UMC
- Storytelling As A Spiritual Tool — Modern Parables: The Everyday Stories: Mark Heiss, Pastor, Mead and Platteville UMCs
- Fun, Creative and Effective Stewardship Campaigns in a Tough Economy: Bob Toll, Pastor, Louisville UMC
- Trustees — How to Make The Job Fun (And Other Basic Skills)
- Local Church Administration — Conversations with Administrators, secretaries and Office Managers: Bernie Bliss, Administrative Secretary, Peaks and Plains District Office



It's Not Too Early To...
RELAY!



Sure, the annual Relay for Life isn't until August, but it's not too early to start planning! This year, our very own Janeen Hill is the co-chair of the event. As exciting as this is, she is unable to be the leader of our LUMC team. Caroline and Courtney Peverley are volunteering to captain the team again, but we need participants! See Courtney for more information.

Also: Necklaces for sale! \$5 each, and revenue goes to support the American Cancer Society. Contact Janeen Hill, or a Peverley sister if you are interested.

Jefferson Street Preschool Update

YIPPEEE!!!!!!

Our Tues/Thurs class of 3year olds is now full for the fall session! We continue to get calls and do tours and now have a waiting list in case someone cancels. We are at least half full for the Mon/Wed/Fri classes of 4 year olds and still continue to get calls and do tours for that group also. It seems to be a smaller percentage of calls and tours though. It must be because they are already enrolled somewhere else as a 3 year old and will continue their preschool experience there. Since our 4 year old class is not full and our afternoon classes are not full, we will be offering a pre-K class in the afternoons. This seems to be a need that we will be happy to fill. The class will be from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. Mon-Thur.

Our summer camp program is really taking shape. The camps will begin on Mon, June 7 and run for 2 weeks each. The first camp will be "*Birds, Bugs & Gardens*". Can you guess what the kids will be doing? We are trying to get the Boulder County Beekeepers to bring their exhibit so the kids can learn the importance of pollination in the garden they will be planting. We will try to have special guests at each camp to reinforce the importance of the curriculum or just add more fun to the program. Please check out the preschool summer camp brochure on the bulletin board for all the camps and the fun times this summer will bring to the preschool.

On behalf of the preschool committee and staff, we want to thank you all for all the support you have given us this first year. We hope you will continue to keep the preschool in your prayers as we go into the summer months and our second year.

If you have questions or would like more information regarding the preschool, please call one of the committee members- Nancy Holloway, Sheila Newton, Claire Van Meter or Sandy Gormley.

Boulder Dinner Theatre Outing

Our next trip to the Boulder Dinner Theatre to see *Chicago* will be on Sunday, April 25th. Tickets are \$40 each and need to be reserved by March 25th. There is a sign up sheet at church. See Claire Van Meter for more info.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There is a new project that Janeen and I have decided to get underway on behalf of LUMC. We are going to be putting together about 100 "health kits" to send to the UMCOR Depot West in Salt Lake City to replace those that have been sent to Haiti. We will be meeting at the Fellowship Hall for this activity on Wednesday, March 10 at 7 p.m.

We need volunteers to assemble the kits, and would also appreciate donations to cover the cost of including a monetary donation with the kits and the cost of shipping them to Salt Lake City.

--Donna Spearman

Food Basket Delivery Time

Hi Everyone,

It is time again to plan our packing and delivery of food boxes. Since we had such success with packing a week early, we are going to try it again. We will be packing the boxes on Sunday, March 7 at 12:30 pm. in the church fellowship hall. Delivery will be on the following Saturday, March 13, starting at 9:00 am. We sincerely hope you will consider helping again this time as we never have as much help during the year as we do at Christmas, but we have just as many food recipients. Please let us know if you are able to help. Thank you so very much for your past help and we hope to see you on either the 7th or 13th.

Sandy Gormley & Claire Van Meter

Louisville Community Food Bank

Haiti – Operation Resurrection

The Western Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church is undertaking *OPERATION RESURRECTION 2010: Lifting Haiti from the Rubble*. They have four goals by Easter. By faith we will achieve these goals many times over.

1. Educate ourselves about Haiti's history, culture and economics.
2. Contribute \$100,000 for UMCOR
3. Commit 25 Volunteer in Mission Teams for Haiti over the next 5 years
4. Replace the 23,000 Health Kits sent from UMCOR Depot West to Haiti”

It is my hope that LUMC can be a part of this resurrection effort. Our Youth Fellowship has offered the proceeds from the Chili Cook-Off to toward these goals. Now I would like to invite the rest of the congregation to contribute, by helping to send approximately 100 Health Kits to the UMCOR Depot West in Salt Lake City. The materials for the kits have already been donated, but there are still several ways that you can contribute:

- Join us in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. to make up and pack the kits
- Contribute \$2 toward a kit ... \$1 buys the toothpaste that will be added to the kit after it reaches Salt Lake City (this ensures that the toothpaste doesn't expire before the kit is sent out); and, \$1 covers the cost of getting the kit to its final destination. We'll need to send \$200 total along with our 100 kits. If you write a check, please designate it in the memo as “UMCOR Health Kits”.
- Contribute toward the cost of shipping the kits to Salt Lake City - we are uncertain as to the exact amount this will cost but it could be another \$100 or more.

Our neighbors are suffering. LUMC has a long history of being God's agents of new life in our local community. Now let's extend that resurrection to our neighbors in the world beyond! Alleluia!

-Donna Spearman

Ad Council Report

The LUMC Ad Council meets at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of every month. Each committee chairperson is invited to attend and present status for their committee. All persons associated with the church are also invited to attend, participate, and vote on issues that affect our church. Each meeting lasts approximately 1 1/2 hours (some more, some less). The meetings are always informative, usually quite lively, and sometime entertaining, so please attend.

The Ad Council met on February 9th and I'll highlight and summarize the proceedings. Full notes are available at the next Ad Council meeting, or by request.

Finance: Eric Shaffer presented the church financials. January income was slightly down from budget amounts but expenses were much higher than anticipated. Heating for the month was almost double the expected amount. We need to be more mindful of lights and thermostat settings.

Youth: The youth participated in broomball in Greeley, and packed Valentine's Day packages for college youths. Janeen Hill is the official Youth Leader. The Chili Cook-off will be held in February.

Sunday School: Some drop in attendance has been noticed lately. Attending students continue to actively participate using the excellent curriculum. The DVD player in the large Sunday School room has disappeared.

Missions: There is an upcoming District meeting which Rev Bob encourages all to attend. This would be a good resource for finding youth mission trips.

SPPRC: Tom G. reports that Angie A. will no longer be directing the choir. Michael Kilcoyne will be filling in during the Easter season. The Pastor's Responsibility survey is in process and the SPPRC will meet on February 21st.

Worship: Sheila N. reported that a Seder meal would be the next event sponsored by the worship committee. The committee will be meeting on Mar. 7 to plan the event. They will need volunteers to cook. The district is sponsoring a workshop called Re-Energizing Organizational Volunteers on April 17. Sheila would like someone to attend.

Calendar: The Easter and Lenten calendar events were discussed and the calendar verified. Sheila S. would like everyone to e-mail her with any calendar events.

Pastor Report: Bob is working on the Lenten joint services.

Preschool: Sheila N. reported that the preschool has a full enrollment in the Tues/Thur classes for the fall. The preschool will have a booth at the Yellow Scene Kid's Expo on Saturday April 17.

New Business: A motion to pay apportionments this month passed, though we were in the negative for the month.

The next Ad Council meeting is March 9th at 7:00 PM.

Bob Peverley, Ad Council Chairman

Worship Committee Report

The Worship committee is preparing for the Seder Meal to be served Thursday, April 1. The Seder is a wonderful historical Lenten experience which connects with our Jewish old testament roots. There will be a planning meeting on Sunday, March 7th, at 11:45 a.m.

A thank you to Sandy Gormley for assuming the job of printing the weekly Church Service bulletin.

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An update was received from Conference on UMCOR Haitian Relief efforts:

Relief Supply Kits

- **Thousands of relief supply kits were previously in stock at the two UMCOR Depots in Salt Lake City, UT and Baldwin, LA because of United Methodists' commitment to preparing kits in advance of the emergencies where they are required.**
- **The UMCOR West Depot sent around 23,000 relief kits to Haiti and the Sager Brown Depot sent thousands more!**

Financial Donations

- **\$115,752 has been received from churches and individuals at the Conference Office, as of January 31st, for the UMCOR Haiti Emergency relief efforts.**
- **Many other churches and individuals sent thousands of additional funds directly to UMCOR.**
- **100% of your donations to UMCOR are used to respond to the tragedy, not on administrative costs.**
- **One Great Hour of Sharing is March 14th. Please plan to celebrate this meaningful day with a special offering.**