



The Grapevine

May 2009

May—A Great Month to Honor our Youth!

I am so pleased that we have such an active group of youth in our church and three very creative, energetic and positive young youth leaders, Jennifer, Suzanne, and Maureen Malcolm. I believe that one of the things right with America is our youth. Our young people are concerned, questioning and seeking what is right in our complicated and confusing world—and they deserve the best answers we “adults” can provide. People who solve problems young or old, usually have a sound basis for their judgments and decisions. Walterman Argos wrote a “Youth’s Credo” that really expresses my perspectives on the subject and I hope that they reflect your views as well.

I believe in the greatness of myself, and that I am in this world for a purpose, that purpose being to put back into life more than I have taken out.

I believe in the integrity of other people, assured that they try as hard to follow their best and highest moral and ethical values and virtues and try to put them into practice.

I believe in the wisdom of older people whose seasoned experience and steadfast devotion have preserved for my generation the precious heritage of the past.

I believe in the noble foundation of the past, knowing that without its storied wealth we would possess nothing.

I believe in the challenge of the future, fully realizing there will be no future except it become alive through me.

I believe in the sacredness of duty, through which I must do those things that are expected of me, and above all, fulfill the divine purposes for which I am here.

I believe in the nobility of work as the creative expression of the best within me, and as my share in easing the common burden of all humankind in a democratic and civilized society.

I believe in the enrichment of play and laughter as the means of cleansing my body of staleness and my mind of dullness.

I believe in the contagion of health, and that I can spread it through cheerfulness, healthy daily habits, sensible expenditure of energies, and the practice of eating healthy, nutritious food to sustain my body.

I believe in the holiness of friendship, knowing that my life is a tapestry woven from the threads of many beautiful lives.

Because I believe these things, I therefore believe in God, who undergirds all my beliefs. God is the “still small voice within”, ever urging me toward growth, maturity and wholeness. Since God cares about all of these things, I believe that even death cannot take away these priceless possessions from me. They reside in the realm of the eternal.

Our nation, founded on the principles of freedom, justice and peace, depends on builders of thoughts to match or undergird our institutions of government. Our democratic society will continue to be strong as long as there are adults and youth of goodwill, who are willing to build it “brick by brick”. It is a building that will always be under construction. May we be guided by God, who is the “General Contractor”, with Christ as our model of what it means to be faithful and obedient servants of God in our own time and place.

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“Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent.”

- Revelation 3:19

Join us for a Cinco de Mayo celebration to benefit the Jefferson Street Preschool on Sunday, May 3! Details on page 3.

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

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It is my hope that during this beautiful month of May, that you will feel a renewed spirit, full of joy and overflowing with gratitude to God for His many blessings all around you! And in this time when many of our young people are graduating from high school and college—let us give thanks for all of them, and for all the marvelous contributions they will be making to create a healthier and more peaceful world for all to live in.

Yours in Christian love and service,
Pastor Bob

Jefferson Street Preschool Update

HOORAH!!!! Premier Members Credit Union here in Louisville has just agreed to loan us the money to open and operate the preschool. We are all very excited and thankful that they see us as a good loan candidate. The all-church conference on April 26 was to discuss and vote on this loan. Our truly supportive church voter unanimously in favor of the loan. We are still applying for the Christian Foundation grant. If we are lucky enough to obtain one of their grants it will allow us to pay our loan off earlier.



We now have an official phone number for the school. It is 303-666-6080. This number is now attached to a voice mailbox that we will check frequently each day to answer all incoming calls. In September, when we can actually move into the building, this will remain our phone number for the preschool.

We have been working on all our needed documents- brochure, applications, parent handbook, staff handbook, emergency cards, etc- with our first pick candidate for the director position. She has 10 years of early childhood education and has the accreditation needed for the director position. We have been holding off actually offering her the position until we were sure of funding. At our next meeting we will be putting an offer package together for her. She will officially start, assuming she accepts our offer, in either June or July on a part time basis. At that point she, along with this committee, will begin looking for teaching staff.

We have been blessed with so many offers of donations of preschool items it sometimes boggles our minds. On the first weekend in June we will officially be accepting these donations. On that Friday, June 5, from 3-5 pm we will be taking donations in the sanctuary. We will block off the street in front of the sanctuary doors for donation delivery. We will also be taking donations on Saturday, June 6, from 10 am-3 pm. We are in need of age appropriate puzzles, games, costumes, books, bookcases, blocks, toys, a globe, aquariums, terrariums, sensory items, plastic storage bins, a file cabinet, etc.... Due to a lack of storage space until that time, please keep all the items you wish to donate at home. If for some reason, you cannot store your items at home until then, please contact Claire VanMeter and we will try to find a storage place.

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, - Reyenne Guerrero –Marketing, Claire VanMeter- Donations, Sheila Newton- Furnishings/Improvements, Sandy Gormley-Legal/Financial.

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.



CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION AND



JEFFERSON STREET PRESCHOOL BENEFIT

Sunday, May 3 is just around the corner and we hope everyone is planning on attending our Cinco De Mayo Luncheon. The luncheon will take place immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service and promises to be a time for fun, great fellowship and an exciting menu.

We will feature world famous dishes by our own Mark Spangler and DJ Guildner accompanied by many companion dishes furnished by the Family Life Committee. This will be accompanied by wonderful Mexican Music and a piñata for the kids.

The Jefferson Street Preschool is a reality that our whole church can look forward to and be proud of. The Family Life Committee is giving it our full support and all proceeds taken in will be donated to the preschool to help fund the multitude of expenses accrued in such an endeavor.

Submitted by Claire VanMeter



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Children's Sunday School continues from 9:30 to 10:25 each Sunday morning through May 31. We'll meet Ezekiel (remember Dry Bones!), and then learn about the Fruits of the Spirit (Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control) from Galatians 5:22-23. After that, on May 31, it's Pentecost-the birthday of the Christian church! We'll celebrate with a birthday cake and learn how the disciples received God's gift of the Holy Spirit and started to spread the Good News about Jesus' life and message of love.

N Beginning Sunday, June 7, we'll have Sunday School for toddlers and children through 4th grade upstairs during the 10:30 worship only. Youth and adults are asked to help on a rotating basis during the summer. All children finished with 5th grade or higher will return to the Sanctuary after singing practice, to enjoy worship with families and friends. Small craft bags will be provided by the ushers as needed.

Our adult Sunday School class meets every Sunday morning 9:15 to 10:15. Bring coffee and/or a snack and join others in hearing Prof. Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University Dept. of Religion discuss the Old Testament. Video followed by discussion. You won't fall asleep with Amy-Jill!

Happy Eastertide to everyone and keep on coming to Sunday School!

Ann Toll, Christian Education Chair

Bible Sunday is Almost Here!

Do you remember getting your first Bible? Was it a gift from your church or a favorite teacher? Louisville United Methodist Church has a tradition of giving each child Third Grade or older who has never received one, a Bible on Bible Sunday. This year it will be in a brief ceremony on May 24 during the 10:30 Worship Service (and yes, you will still get to hear Pastor Bob's sermon this time!). Ann will contact parents to confirm names of those children who will participate.

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 7 for an hour or hour and a half. The cost of the workbook is \$15, from The Upper Room.

Volunteers Needed!

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.

"DISCOVERY CANYON VBS" IS COMING TO LOUISVILLE THIS SUMMER!

(And yes, volunteers are needed!)

Explore the "Wonder Of The Word" during "Discovery Canyon" Vacation Bible School (VBS) to be held at Louisville United Methodist Church June 22-26, 2009! Kids ages 3 through Grade 5, Youth helpers and Adult Volunteers will join together in celebrating the great height and depth of God's love for us, as we experience together the daily themes of: Rejoice, Pray, Ask, Tell and Seek! Like last year, we will have a critter mascot to learn about each day, linking The Word with the wonder of God's animal creations. We'll have a mission focus, along with daily skits and lots of fun music. Look for a registration form on the church website: www.LouisvilleUMC.org and also elsewhere in this newsletter, in Worship, and on the table in both entryways. Registration fees (same as last year) will be \$15 per child or \$25 per family. Spread the word, because all are welcome!

For interested volunteers in Registration, Arts/Crafts, Interior Decorations, Outdoor Games, Science, Storytelling, Snack Creation, Guiding Children, Drama, Publicity and development of Outreach materials are invited to planning meetings held every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 7:45 from now through June 16. Join us for summer adventure! For more details, please ask Ann Toll, Shelli Schoettger or Nicole Sarver. Registration forms and fees may be left at the church office (place in VBS Registration file on the front desk) given to Ann, Shelli or Nicole, or mailed in care of Ann at the church: Louisville United Methodist Church, Christian Education/VBS, 741 Jefferson Avenue, Louisville, CO 80027.

UMC Connections -- Mountain View UMC in Boulder is willing to share decorations from their "Discovery Canyon VBS" held the previous week. And, we have been asked by our fellow United Methodists of the Lafayette church to consider combining with them this summer. Louisville UMC VBS planning committee members are very open to this idea and believe it has the potential to enrich the experience for all children (probably 65), youth (around 10) and adult volunteers (around 22) who participate. In addition, we would be able to make our budget dollars stretch even further, have an even greater depth of volunteers to help, and connect with our sister congregations in Boulder County--an important hallmark of United Methodism! We are very interested in your thoughtful feedback on this promising cooperative opportunity. Call Ann at home 303-664-4786 any evening.

May God's blessings be with you during this wonderful season of Eastertide. As we remember the triumph of Jesus living again in each of us,

Ann Toll



Clowning Around

On Sunday, April 19th, we were entertained by renowned clown dramatist Kenneth Jay. He enlightened us and, after the service, made balloon animals for all the kids!

<— Kenneth Jay makes Alec a balloon animal.



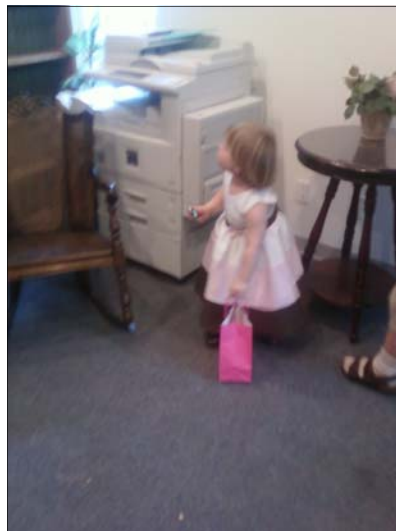
Easter Sunday



Reach!!



Climb!!



Search!!



Learn!!



Play!! (congratulations Melody!)

Youth News



Andrew Spangler really gets into the egg hiding?

On Easter Sunday, the youth group hid the eggs for the Sunday School Easter egg hunt. Then, our leaders graciously hid some eggs for us! Thank you!

During the past couple weeks, the youth group has been selling baked good orders. They will make and bake these on Saturday, May 2 and distribute them on Sunday, May 3 after the 10:30 service.



Antje Heideroth found an egg!

One of Those Moments...

Last Friday I was going through the Indianapolis Airport. People in the Security Check line were grumbling about what nonsense the process was, blah, blah, blah. An elderly lady (in a different line) was struggling with her luggage, pocketbook, etc. She was also confused about what to do, how to do it, couldn't get her shoes off (and a host of other things). The Security Officials weren't helping the situation either (they can be mighty callous at times). I started to move her direction, but before I could get out of the line I was in, a gentleman (close by) set down all of his stuff, and began to help the lady. I thought he looked familiar, but it didn't register; it was fascinating to see him come to her aid (nobody else was making a move to help!). He was talking to her, making conversation, helping her untie her shoes, putting her things in one of those bins, and making sure she was AT EASE. He helped her through the screening gate, then calmly put his things on the belt, went through and immediately began to help the lady put her shoes back on, gather her belongings, etc. In the meantime she had reached in her purse to show him pictures of her family. He made a big fuss over the photos, then asked for a wheelchair so he could get her to her gate. Honestly, it was a Hallmark script. They disappeared down the concourse together...he was pushing the wheelchair and she was jabbering with him. It made me smile...a lot. **NOW HERE'S THE KICKER:** I got through security and went to get something to drink. Just beyond the little restaurant was a group of people gathered, all excited, shaking hands, etc., and in the center of them was **THE KIND GENTLEMAN**. Guess who it was? **TONY DUNGY**, the recently retired coach of the Indianapolis Colts! I looked at his hand and, **SURE 'NUFF** there was the **HUGE** diamond Super Bowl ring.

The elderly lady didn't know who he was, or care **WHO HE IS**, or would even have known had she been told. **HE DID THE RIGHT THING BECAUSE IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO**. Important people serve others with a sense of purpose. These kinds of things are still **THE BEST LESSONS EVER**. Thanks for letting me share it.

Author Unknown, submitted by Rev. Bob

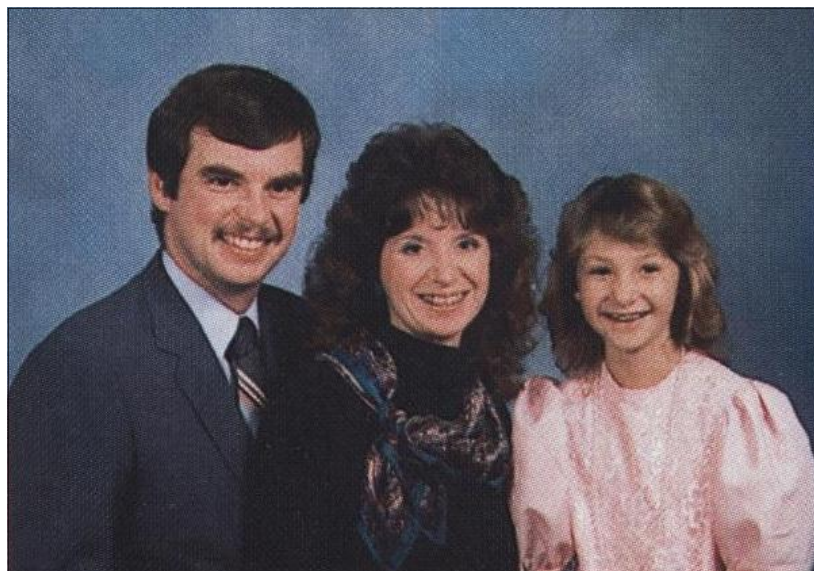
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