

The Circuit Rider

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Open Hearts. Open Minds, Open Doors
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Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

As you read this, I'm on vacation.

For those of you who've been reading my Pastor's Pen over the years, you know that this trip is part of a tradition – if you can have a tradition after one time!? – or at the very least a part of a commitment. The tradition stems from having taken my oldest daughter, Emily, on a graduation trip to Paris in 2008. The commitment comes from knowing if I did it for one daughter, I'd have to do it for the other! This trip is Chloe's graduation trip. I let her choose where to go. She chose Egypt!

We anticipate being uncomfortable in a foreign land with strange customs, and we anticipate being amazed with the history, sights, and culture of Egypt. It takes a certain amount of courage to put aside what you know and being open to experiencing something you really know little about. But somewhere between the “what-we-know” and the “what-we-know-little-about,” God resides. The courage it takes for us to leave one for the other is called faith. Faith that God will go with us.

There are lots of opportunities to have that kind of faith. Not just when traveling to Egypt. Chloe will be going to Boston in January to begin school at the Northeastern University. She will be leaving what she knows and moving to what she knows little about. She will need courage. But we have faith that God will go with her.

In October, my father will be moving from California and the community he called home for 58 years to live near me in Cheyenne. I'm quite sure he knows little about the kind of winters we have! Yet he has courage and enough faith for the both of us to move into this space about which he knows little. God will see him through this transition like God has before, in all his previous transitions.

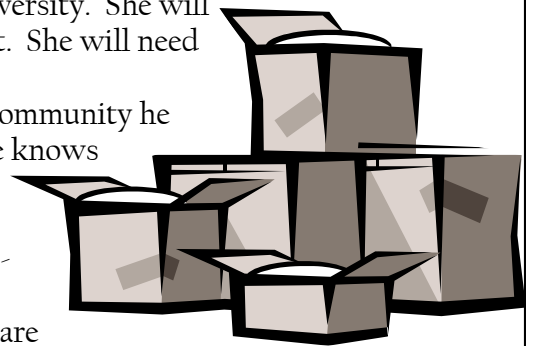
I'm sure you have your own instances where courage and faith are called for.

This fall, the church is moving from “what-we-know” to “what-we-know-little-about”, as we begin ministry in ways we have never done before. We're doing ministry in new spaces, with new demands on our finances, with a different configuration of people with whom to work, and with new needs and opportunities. This is always the case to some degree. The church is always responding to new situations. However, we seldom like it when the church moves from “what-we-know” to “what-we-know-little-about”. We like things

to be the same, reliable, constant, expected, understandable. We hope for that. But in other areas of our lives, we expect transitions. Going to college is expected. Certain moves in life are expected. Jet lag and culture shock is expected! Why don't we expect transitions in church?

Just think of what we'd miss out on, if we refused to enter that space of “what-we-know-little-about”. Pyramids, for one! In the case of the new time and space for our church, who knows what God has in store for us? So take courage. Have faith. Let's go and let's enjoy. God is with us! And God is so good!

Rev. Trudy



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Milestones:

Happy 80th Birthday to Norma Callhoun
on August 8th.

Happy 30th Anniversary to Doug and Judy Parks
on August 16th.

Happy 50th Anniversary to Bob and Dee Clary
on August 27th.

New Babies:

Alexander Hatch

born August 11th

parents are Alex and Jessica Hatch
grandmother is Michele Sorrell

Baptisms:

Eva Fay Stainbrook

daughter of Rhianna Akes and Matthew
Stainbrook

Katherine Helen Hewett

daughter of Thomas and Jennifer Eicher Hewett

Prayers of Sympathy:

Family and friends of Jeanne Carlson

Family and friends of Ruth Beaman

Jane and Don Shrove in the death of her mother,
Anna Ruth Roberts

David Waterhouse in the death of his mother
Janet Cunningham in the death of her cousin

Prayers of Healing to:

Rev. Lynn Evans

Bruni Naylor

Bill Blair

Rev. Skip Reeves

Glenna Hammer

Fred Debelak

Phil Schuetz

Loni Lucas

Gordon Long

Doris Ashley

John Medley

Sue Benner

Alexander Hatch

Eloise Haushein

James Bowles

Debbie Hagan

Pastors On Call

If you have a pastoral emergency (for example, a death of a loved or critical illness/hospitalization) when the church office is closed, call the new on-call number: 275-2716. Please leave a message and the pastor on-call will check for messages every few hours.

If you have a need to talk with a pastor during regular office hours, please contact the church office.

Charge Conference

Save September 23rd On Your Calendar!

Since it was announced that CS Robbins' ordination process has been discontinued, your Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) with Reverend Trudy's leadership has been discerning and praying about how to ensure the programs and processes within the church with one less pastor. In this interim time, volunteers have been asked to take on some key roles and with God's grace they have accepted their charge. The pastors and staff have been discussing how to redistribute responsibilities and with much commitment they have taken up the challenge before them. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee has been reviewing and discussing the impact on the church and they have met those expectations with conviction. All parties have been meeting and discerning how to maintain and grow the quality ministries we have and want at First Church. That process is now coming to some resolution.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee has redistributed some roles and has asked Reverend Elizabeth McVicker to take on the role of Pastor of Spiritual Formation. She has decided that this is a direction she would like to move in order to continue the growth and stability of this church. Those of us on the Committee are excited that Reverend Elizabeth is willing to take on this role. However, this requires an official Charge Conference in order to move her from the Pastor of Congregational Care, primarily because this would move Reverend Elizabeth from 3/4 time to full-time and thus her compensation package will need to be reviewed. With enthusiasm, Reverend Trudy has processed our request to the District Superintendent to hold a Charge Conference on September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this Conference will be to move Reverend Elizabeth from Pastor of Congregational Care to Pastor of Spiritual Formation. We will also share the details of how we have restructured interim roles for continued success until a Pastor of Congregational Care can be found.

This congregation has always met God's challenges with grace and prayer. This is just the next step on the journey set before us. Please plan on joining us for this Charge Conference of encouragement of a promising future!

Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack #221 will have its fall round-up for Cub Scouts on September 1st at 6:30 p.m. at Allison Hall! Any boy finished with Kindergarten to 5th grade is encouraged to attend with his parents and see what Cub Scouting is all about. Any older boy who is interested may also come as we also have a Boy Scout Troop for them.

We offer a full camping program and take part in community service events. We also teach them teamwork and the value of integrity and self accountability. It is a year round program and is fun for the whole family.

Thank You!!

John W. Palmer, Cubmaster Pack #221,
Committee Chairman Troop #221,
www.packsonline.com/Wy/221

Sunday Cafe Potluck

All Sunday Cafe Volunteers are invited to a potluck to celebrate another year of ministry together on Saturday, September 18th at 5:30 p.m. at the church.

Please RSVP with Rev. Elizabeth at revelizabeth@qwestoffice.net.

Organ Recital

You are invited to an organ recital presented by college student and church member Evan Courtney on Sunday, August 29th, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Come and enjoy a wonderful program of classical organ music that Evan has been learning in college as he pursues a major in sacred music!

Communion Servers

The Worship Committee is looking for members of the congregation interested in being a Communion Steward. The responsibilities are minimal and the rewards are meaningful.

Communion is served once a month at all three services. Between four and ten people are needed each month. Special services where communion is served include Lent and Advent. Training will be provided for everyone interested.

Please contact Pat Dryden at 635-1488 to volunteer or if you have questions. Our lists are getting out dated so be sure to call even if you have been a communion steward previously.

UMW Unit Meeting

“Flying the Friendly Skies, the Story of Cheyenne Airline Attendants” will be the program for the UMW Unit meeting, September 17th. Mike Kassel, curator of the Old West Museum, will be our guest speaker. Mike also brought us the wonderful program, “Thunder of the Plains” that everyone enjoyed.

Please plan to join us for this wonderful program. We will meet in the new Wesley Room for lunch at 11:30 a.m. with the program to follow. The cost for the luncheon is \$4.00 and reservations may be made with Jean Dove at 635-5005. Join us for a great time, bring a friend and remember you don't have to be a member of UMW to attend.

UMW Meetings

Executive Committee - September 1st, 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Unit Meeting - September 17th, 11:30 a.m. in the Wesley Room

Interest Groups

A Stitch In Time - September 8th, 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Bible - September 10th, 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Morning Glories - September 11th, 8:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Nightingales - September 19th, 4:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Prayer - September 24th, 1:00 p.m. in a member's home

Monday - September 27th, 1:30 p.m. in a member's home

Reading - September 28th, 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room

There are two important meetings coming up soon. The first one is the UMW District Meeting which will be in Pine Bluffs on September 11th.

The second meeting is the UMW Annual Conference meeting which will be held October 22nd - 23rd in Littleton, Colo. This is open to all women and all are encouraged to attend. Please call Michelle Sorrell at 632-1410 or Dee Clary at 634-1877 for more information and registration for either or both of these meetings.

Recycled Treasurers Needed!

Have you started cleaning out those cupboards, the garage, attic, or basement? Remember to donate those no longer needed treasures to the United Methodist Women's Recycled Treasure sale on September 25th. No clothing, please, but some special clothing items might be accepted. Shoes will be accepted. Deliver your treasures to Allison Hall on these days: the 22nd from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., and the 23rd and 24th from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Or you may call to arrange to have items picked up. We have limited storage space, particularly for furniture and large items. We are also looking for volunteers. Do you have some spare packing boxes? Please bring them to the entry to Allison Hall and designate for UMW or take them down to the UMW designated storage area in the dungeon (east end). Don't forget to come and shop on Saturday, September 25th!! The proceeds go to support UMW mission projects. Call Michele Sorrel at 286-0239 or Karen Rice at 778-9581 if you have questions, need items picked up or to volunteer.

UMM - September 25th

The United Methodist Men of the FUMC meet on the 4th Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in Allison Hall. Breakfast will be served promptly at 8:00 a.m. followed by a short business meeting at 8:30 a.m. and then a program from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Please join us for good conversation and Christian fellowship. RSVP to Doug Arnold either by phone at 307-634-0714 or by e-mail at dougarnold@bresnan.net no later than a few days prior to the monthly meeting.

The United Methodist Men's group in our church is defined as a core group of men, partnering with their pastor, to invite and initiate spiritual growth opportunities for all men of the church. Opportunities for participation would include diverse ministries of the church, such as prayer groups, missions, Bible studies, retreats, workshops/seminars, small groups in the Wesleyan tradition, leading and participating on committees, teaching Sunday school classes, youth ministries, mentoring and assisting in leading worship service. The focus is not inward, concentrating only on those who attend a set meeting, but outward to all men, assisting them to engage the process of spiritual growth .

Senior Luncheon

Wow! Has the summer gone by fast or what? Now it is time for more fellowship, fun and fine food. Come and bring a friend on September 2nd at noon. Remember to make or break a reservation by noon, August 31st by calling Kay Gragg at 632-0744 if you are not on the calling lists. If you need a ride, call Grant Farris at 632-2858.

A representative from the Circles program will provide a presentation about this innovative approach to help people in poverty develop relationships and resources to reach self-sufficiency and stability.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet September 12th at 7:15 a.m. We will meet at the Egg & I. Hope to see you there.

Young@ Heart

It is time to gather for a new season of Young@Heart. We will meet in Allison Hall on September 10th at 6:30 p.m. It will start with a potluck and follow with a program presented by Bev Gross, Quality of Life Manager for the American Cancer Society, called the Service for Patients.

Please bring your calendars as we will also set up hosting dates for the coming year. Bring your smiles and something to share for the potluck. Child care is available upon request. Please call Tom or Sharon at 634-7240. Hope to see you there. Everyone is welcome.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the October issue of The Circuit Rider is noon on September 24th. Article can be emailed to Becky Burns at ruan61@msn.com or left at the church office.

Greeting Cards

UMW will have greeting cards available at coffee hour on September 19th. Proceeds go to mission projects helping women, children and youth both locally and worldwide

Greeter Ministry Begins

If you would like to serve as a greeter on Sunday mornings, please let Rev. Elizabeth know. Greeters will serve one Sunday a month and need a friendly smile and warm handshake.

Music Ministry Wants You

A new music season is here and there are many different groups to join. Ron Swim and Gretchen Young invite you to check out all the different ways this ministry serves not only FUMC but the whole community!

For a full listing of choirs, handbells, dancers and bands, turn to page 14.

Seekers and Joiners

Newcomers to FUMC are invited to attend the Seekers and Joiners meeting for an orientation to the church's ministries and the beliefs of the United Methodist Church. This is also a wonderful time to get to know you better. The next Seekers and Joiners meeting will be Sunday, September 19th at 6:15 p.m. in the church parlor. Please let Rev. Elizabeth know if you would like more information or wish to attend.

The next day we will receive new members will be Sunday September 26th. Please talk with Rev. Elizabeth if you are interested in joining the church.

CIHN Happenings

Our next host week for homeless families in the Cheyenne Interfaith Hospitality Network is September 12th through 19th.

The sign up for volunteers to host and provide meals begins August 29th between services in Allison Hall. Please stop by to see how you can help.

RFL Square Dance

Your Relay for Life team will be having its annual Square Dance and Sloppy Joe Dinner on Friday, September 17th, at 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale in Allison Hall. Come and enjoy an evening of intergenerational fun with square dance caller Dave Guille!

Birthing Kits

On August 29th, the UMW will be collecting cash donations for Birthing Kits. Each kit cost \$9.00 to assemble. Because of so many natural disasters they are in short supply. They are needed because of such unsanitary conditions.

We'll be collecting after church services, just look for "the ladies with the basket".

Trustee Notes

Your FUMC Trustees, with the help of our staff, have compiled a list of many small projects that we hope to complete soon.

The completion of our beautiful new areas have highlighted some areas in the older areas that could use “sprucing up”. While some of these are in highly traveled areas, some are in less obvious areas. One area that will garner much attention is the “Dungeon”, which is our storage area under the Education Wing. If you have time and would like to assist with a project, please contact Trustee Chair Jim Leece or contact the Church office.

In other business, the Trustees gave the approval to go ahead with wooden banisters coming down from the choir loft to the floor of the sanctuary. This is a much needed safety feature. Many of us have witnessed members of our congregation falling in this area.

We will be seeking bids on replacing the exterior doors for the southwest entrance. These doors are badly weathered and no longer hang or swing properly. The new design should greatly enhance the look of our church.

The Trustees have been working to improve the Fireside Room, but more is left to do. In order to accomplish this, the Trustees will sponsor another Pancake Feed on Sunday, October 3rd. Please put this date on your calendar and come hungry!

If you have any questions or suggestions for your Trustees, please contact Jim Leece or call the Church office.

Mission Moment

September 19th - Volunteer Fair - On Sunday, September 19th, the Mission’s Committee is sponsoring a “Volunteer Fair”. Come through Allison Hall between services and visit with local business to find out how you can help.

United Methodist Women collecting Health Kits - Additional supplies are needed to send 75 health kits to United Methodist Committee On Relief. More toothbrushes, large combs, finger nail clippers, hand towels, 3 oz. bar of soap (or larger), and band-aids are needed.

New Member Social

All new members of FUMC who joined the church in 2008, 2009 and 2010 are invited to a social to meet some of the leaders of the church. The social will be Sunday, August 29th at 4:00 p.m. in Allison Hall. We want to make sure you continue to feel comfortable and are finding your place in the congregation! If you have any questions, contact Rev. Elizabeth.

If you are a class or group leader, or serve on a church committee or Administrative Council, or an officer of UMW or UMM, consider attending this event and meet our newest members. Please RSVP to the church office.

Our Financial Health

FUMC Operating budget 2010

July Income \$51,658.33

July Expenses \$54,265.65

Year to Date. Deficit (\$21,130.10)

We thank you for your Time, Talent and Gifts

Reducing the Mortgage

In the near future our First United Methodist Church family will be hearing about a three year program to reduce the mortgage on our new facilities. Three years ago, when we started on this endeavor, we knew that we would have at least two drives to accomplish this great dream. We are concluding our first three year capital campaign, and, because of the generosity and faithfulness of this congregation, we have paid almost half of the cost of our beautiful new space!

Now, with the building phase concluded, we are already beginning to realize the possibilities that our new space offers. We know that reducing the remaining debt can open our new doors wider to allow even greater ministries!

A wonderful group of our church members has been assembled to serve as our leadership team. All of us will do our very best to fully inform all of you as we look forward to this great opportunity to promote God’s work. We hope you will be prayerfully considering how you might help our congregation with this important task.

We are looking forward to working with you on this critical piece of ministry! Together we can make a real difference—plan to be a part of it!
Yours in faith,
Jim and Cel Landen, Program Leaders

Building Committee

/B.R.I.D.G.E. Team Update

As always, we'll begin with a brief update on the capital campaign. Total contributions received as of July 31st: \$1,995,043 which represents 95% of the total pledged amount. Now with 4 months still left to go in the current campaign, current pledges should be paid in full by November 30th of this year.

To date the project has been funded through a construction loan - we should transition from that construction loan to a mortgage loan this fall.

It's evident as you walk through the new addition that the major part of the construction has been completed and although we still have some punch list items to complete the list is shrinking fast.

The doors at the south entrance that were damaged during construction have been replaced; however, there is still work to be done on the hardware.

The streetscape lighting still needs to be installed along 18th street. All of the electrical service is in place. This will be identical to the lighting currently installed on the west side of the Church parking lot and is part of the project and assistance we received from the Downtown Development Authority.

The shower floors in both of the lower level men's and ladies restrooms were poured improperly and as a result don't drain correctly. The shower floors will both be removed, the drains repositioned and the floors re-poured to correct the problem.

All of the landscaping in front of the Sanctuary and the new entrance has been completed. This work has all been completed by Cary Weber, his crew and numerous volunteers from the congregation. If you haven't had an opportunity to walk or drive down 18th Street past the front of the property - I'd encourage you to take the opportunity to do so. Simply put..... it's warm, it's inviting, it's just beautiful....thanks to everyone for all your hard work.

The need to secure the sanctuary by adding lockable doors to the East entrance is under review and will be completed this fall. The detailed plans are displayed by the East door so please take a moment to view them.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the campaign or the project please don't hesitate to contact a member of the building committee or the B.R.I.D.G.E. Team.
Bob Gross, Co-Chair, B.R.I.D.G.E. Team

Heritage Sunday

Each year we have the opportunity and privilege of celebrating our older members. These members have remained faithful through the years as this church has grown, faced difficulties and added more than one addition to the facilities.

On Sunday, September 26th, we will recognize and honor two very special groups: members born between 1907 (our oldest member) and 1930 (our newest 80 year olds) and those with a membership in this church of 50 or more years. Some names appear on both lists. One member joined this congregation in 1936. That is 74 years of worshipping in our sanctuary.

You are invited to celebrate our "Honored Guests" following the 8:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. worship services at a reception in Allison Hall. This time of fellowship is your chance to visit with, learn from, and thank these very special and treasured people. They bring a rich heritage of talents and service to the younger and newer members and have lived our history. They will be invited to share their favorite Bible verses and these will be shared with all of us.

What Is A Stephen Minister Like?

They Are among Us

No, we're not talking about angels or aliens. We're talking about individuals who care about others. The Scriptures describe their service well: "Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering" (Hebrews 13: 3). If you or someone you know wants to do more as a Christian caregiver, consider Stephen Ministry. This is our congregation's one-to-one care giving ministry. A training class is starting in January. Please contact Rev. Elizabeth for more information.




Sunday Morning Schedule At First United Methodist Church

8:30 Traditional Worship Service With Sign Language Interpreter Available. Contact the Church Office for schedule. *****

9:45 Spirited Traditional Worship Service *****

9:45 Sunday School available for all ages, from pre-school to adult *****

11:15 The Source A contemporary service with the Praise Band and Singers *****

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September Happenings at First United Methodist Church</h1>			<p>1 9:00 UMW Executive Council 1:00 Staff Meeting 4:00 IGNITE Print/Visual/Web 5:00 IGNITE Major Gifts 5:30 Bells of Glory 6:00 IGNITE Training 6:30 Cub Scout Roundup 6:30 IGNITE Advance 6:30 Sounds of Joy 7:00 Combined Choir</p>	<p>2 9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 Pointe Frontier 11:00 Care and Prayer Ministry 12:00 Senior Luncheon 5:30 Praise Team 6:30 Missions 7:00 Worship 7:00 Family Ministry Council</p>	<p>3 9:00 Kid's Day Out</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 Labor Day Sunday</p>	<p>6 Labor Day/Office Closed</p>	<p>7 8:00 Hospitality Committee 9:00 Historians 9:30 Worship Planning 11:00 Source Planning 11:30 Foundation Lunch</p>	<p>8 9:30 A Stitch in Time 1:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Invitation to John 5:30 Bells Of Glory 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Sounds of Joy 6:30 Disciple 3 6:30 Youth Mission parent mtg. 7:00 Combined Choir</p>	<p>9 9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 Pointe Frontier 11:00 Care and Prayer Ministry 5:30 Praise Team 6:00 Adult Ministry Council 7:00 Trustee</p>	<p>10 1:00 UMW Bible 6:30 Young@Heart</p>	<p>11 UMW District Meeting 8:30 UMW Morning Glories 6:00 Movie Night</p>
<p>12 Rally Sunday 7:15 Men's Breakfast 8:30 Sign Language 11:15 3rd Grade Bible Study</p>	<p>13 9:00 Galatians Class 5:30 Capital City Brass 6:30 Monday Night Bible Study 7:00 Aldersgate Choir 7:00 Building Committee</p>	<p>14 8:00 Hospitality Committee 9:00 Historians 9:30 Worship Planning 11:00 Source Planning</p>	<p>15 1:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Invitation to John 5:30 Bells of Glory 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Sounds of Joy 6:30 Disciple 3 6:30 Green Team Video 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 GreenTeam</p>	<p>16 9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 Pointe Frontier 11:00 Care and Prayer Ministry 1:00 Homebound Ministry 5:30 Praise Team 5:30 Finance 7:00 Staff Parish Relations</p>	<p>17 9:00 Kid's Day Out 11:30 UMW Unit Meeting 6:00 RFL Square Dance/Dinner</p>	<p>18 8:00 Cheyenne Women's Civic League 5:00 Sunday Café Potluck 6:00 Movie Night</p>
<p>Christian Interfaith Hospitality Network Host Week for First United Methodist Church. Sign ups to volunteer begin on August 29th during the Sunday Café.</p>						
<p>19 Greeting Cards Sales 9:00 Risk Taking/Missions 4:30 UMW Nightingales 6:15 Seekers and Joiners</p>	<p>20 9:00 Galatians Class 2:00 IGNITE Training 5:30 Capital City Brass 6:30 Monday Night Bible Study 7:00 IGNITE Team Training 7:00 Aldersgate Choir</p>	<p>21 8:00 Hospitality Committee 9:00 Historians 9:30 Worship Planning 11:00 Source Planning 6:00 IGNITE Team Training</p>	<p>22 1:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Invitation to John 4:00 Recycled Treasure Set Up 5:30 Bells of Glory 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Disciple 3 6:30 Sounds of Joy 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>23 8:00 Recycled Treasure Set Up 9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 Pointe Frontier 11:00 Care and Prayer Ministry 5:30 Praise Team 7:00 Ad Council/Special Charge Conference</p>	<p>24 Staff Retreat at the Abbey 8:00 Recycled Treasure Set Up 12:00 Newsletter Deadline 1:00 UMW Prayer</p>	<p>25 8:00 UMM 8:00 Recycled Treasures Sale 5:00 Kid's Night Out 6:00 Movie Night</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>CIHN Families</p> </div>						
<p>26 Heritage Sunday 8:30 Sign Language 11:15 3rd Grade Bible Study</p>	<p>27 9:00 Galatians Class 1:30 UMW Monday 5:30 Capital City Brass 6:30 Monday Night Bible Study 7:00 Aldersgate Choir 7:00 Kitchen Committee</p>	<p>28 8:00 Hospitality Committee 9:00 Historians 9:30 Worship Planning 10:30 UMW Reading 11:00 Source Planning</p>	<p>29 1:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Invitation to John 5:30 Bells of Glory 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Disciple 3 6:30 Sounds of Joy 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>30 9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 Pointe Frontier 11:00 Care and Prayer Ministry 5:30 Praise Team</p>		

Sunday Evening Schedule At First United Methodist Church

**3:00 Children Of Grace 2
3:30 Ring Tones
4:00 Children Of Grace 1
4:00 Noah's Commotions
4:30 Celebration Jr.
4:30 Celebration Sr.
4:30 Men's Group
5:00 Motions of Grace
5:00 Bells Now
5:30 Dinner
6:00 Chimes Too
6:00 UMYF
6:00 Sprouts
6:00 Adult Study**

There is something for everyone! Join us Sunday, September 12th

Children's Ministries

For more information about any of the Children's Ministry programs, please contact:
Michele Sorrell
Director of Children's Ministries
(307)632-1410
masorrell@qwestoffice.net

September Sunday School

September B.I.G. Theme: God

Chooses Us

September B.I.G. Idea: We

believe that God chooses ordinary people to make a difference in God's world.

September Bible verse: And God said, "I will be with you."

Exodus 3:12a

Stories:

September 5th - Moses and the Burning Bush

September 12th - Samuel

September 19th - David (God looks at the Heart)

September 26th - Matthew

Join Us On the Farm

The Sprouts will be going to Miller Farm on Saturday October 2. Join us as we see how we take care of God's creation and God's creation takes care of us.

We will get lost in a corn maze, take a hay ride, and harvest vegetables.

Chaperones/drivers are needed. Younger siblings may attend if parent is participating.



Attention 3rd Graders and Parents

3rd Grade Bible Class for children and parents

It has been the tradition of First United Methodist Church for many years to see that every young person owns a Bible. We would like to present you with your own copy of this beloved book. There will be a four week "Getting to know your Bible" class for children and parents.

When: Every other Sunday for 4 weeks, Sunday September 12th, 26th, October 10th and 24th.

Time : 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

After completing the class, participants will be presented with a Bible during church. All 3rd grade students at the presentation will receive a Bible. Children are not required to attend the class to receive a Bible. Please let Michele Sorrell know if your 3rd grader would like a Bible.



Rally Day

Sunday, September 12th is the official start of the 2010-2011 Sunday School year. The Family Ministry Committee and the Sunday School teachers wish to see EVERYONE involved in this exciting program!

New and returning students will need to register for the new school year. Forms will be available in the classrooms, as well as in Allison Hall.

Pre-school thru Kindergarten classes are held upstairs in the Education Building and Elementary grades 1st thru 6th are held on the lower level.

Sprouts

Sprouts is a pre-teen fellowship group for children in 3rd - 6th grade. The group will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. starting on September 12th. The children will work together to do acts that show love for God and for neighbor. The program guides the way to 7th grade Confirmation Class and to Youth Group.



Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Allison Hall. \$3.00 for a home cooked meal!

Sunday, September 12th - Sprouts Kick-off 6:00 p.m.

Friday, September 17th - Lock-in/Relay For Life Square Dance

Sunday, September 19th - Sprouts at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 26th - Sprouts at 6:00 p.m.

Childcare Ministries

Can you believe summer is over and school has already started back up?! August was an incredibly exciting month! We travelled to the Terry Bison Ranch, found fun in water play, and finished with a Kids Day Out, End of Summer Bash where we had a wonderful time playing at the Children's Village and a wonderful BBQ!

September is going to be an amazing month! We will have Kids Day Out on Friday, September 3rd and Friday, September 17th. We are going to start a new year with fun stories and activities.

Kids Night Out will be on Saturday, September 25th, where we will learn more about the love of God through fun and games.

As we move through September, we appreciate your continued support and prayers. As always, we appreciate any donations to the child care whether through games, toys, or even volunteering! If you are interested, please contact me at johnsonver@qwestoffice.net or 632-1410.

Blessings to you this month!

Veronica Johnson

Director of Child Care Ministries



Kid's Day Out is a program for newborn through kindergarten age children. Kid's Night Out is open to children newborn through 12 years old. Children need to bring a sack lunch. Please do not send a lunch with peanuts or peanut butter because we have children with nut allergies that endanger their lives. Pre-registration is required. Register at the nursery or with Veronica Johnson, 632-1410. A donation is requested.

Youth News

We had a great time at Waterworld and Whitewater rafting in August! Many thanks go to the adults who are coming forward to serve as Youth Sponsors. God is so good! We are in the process of planning our activities for the rest of the year, so watch Facebook and get on the e-mail list for up-to-the minute news. E-mail revelizabeth@qwestoffice.net to be included on the e-mail list.

Here's what September looks like so far:

Sunday, September 5th - no Youth Group - Labor Day

Saturday, September 11th - Movie Night at the church 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September, 12th - Youth Group - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 18th - Movie Night at the church - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 19th - Youth Group - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 25th - Movie Night at the church - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 26th - Youth Group - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Designated Funds

Help!!!! We are trying to establish a notebook describing the purpose of our designated funds. Most of the funds have been identified. However, we need help with the following funds:

23015 Adult Missions Fund

23053 Seminary Fund

23073 Prayer Shawl Ministry

23085 Youth Scholarship Fund

23090 Youth Missions Fund

24010 CIHN Designated Fund

23020 Education Projects

23067 Library Fund

23084 Youth - Kenneth Cartie Fund

23086 Matthew Class/LCCC Scholarship

23098 Youth Ministries

If you know anything about these funds please contact Ann Segrave at the church office 632-1410

The Matthew Class

Summer is over and fall finds the Matthew Class beginning a study on the book of Revelation from the Bible. Rev. Lonnie Johnston will begin our study on September 12th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. The following Sunday will be led by Alice Johnson and John Lavery using the book "When Time Shall be No More." The class will compare two theories of thought, the first is that Revelation was written about the Roman Empire and the second is that Revelation was written about the coming of Christ and the end of time. This study promises to be informative and provide discussion. Please bring your Bibles to class.

The Matthew Class is a progressive class using guest speakers, visual and reading material. You are always welcome and questions should be directed to either Sharon Russell 632-6589 or Alice Johnson 214-2365

Learning Opportunities For Adults

Join us Sunday Evenings for dinner at 5:30 p.m. and then for a Sunday Evening class for adults from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. These classes will follow the morning's sermon themes.

September 12th - Panel on Passionate Worship
September 19th - Risk-Taking Mission and Service
September 26th - Intentional Faith Development
October 3rd - Radical Hospitality
October 10th - Extravagant Generosity

J.O.Y. Class

Scouting the Divine: Finding God in Wine, Wool, and Wild Honey

Come join the J.O.Y. (Jesus, Others, Yourself) Adult Sunday School on September 12th as we begin Margaret Feinberg's study based on her book: "Scouting the Divine: Finding God in Wine, Wool & Wild Honey." We will Scout the Divine and move from just reading the Bible to entering stories that can be touched, tasted, heard, seen, smelled, and savored. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the J.O.Y. classroom in the basement of Allison Hall. For more information contact Amanda Singhas at 638-4417 or via email at imbull53@aol.com.

Monday Night Bible Study

You are invited to join the Monday Night Bible study group! We meet, well, on Monday nights, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. On September 13th, we are beginning a new study by Beth Moore entitled "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit." This study will last for 11 sessions. Please contact Kathy Sanford at 514-3721 or via email at kathwyo@msn.com if you are interested in joining us.



Disciple Connection

We are excited to offer the following classes this fall. More classes may develop as facilitators volunteer. Watch for these developments in the Sunday Bulletin or call the church office.

Disciple III - Wednesday evenings from 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. with Mike Millheiser and Terry Curry as facilitators. Class begins September 8th.

Invitation to John - short term Disciple class - Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. with Helen McCracken facilitating. Class begins September 8th.

Bible Study on "The God Who Loves" and a study of Galatians - Monday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. with Carol Waeckerlin and Sandy Kappeler facilitating. Class begins September 13th.

Facilitators are still needed. We have folks who want to take Disciple I who need a facilitator! Please volunteer.

Drivers Needed

American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery Program is looking for more volunteer drivers. The Road Program is used to drive patients to and from their treatments. This is done locally. If you would like more information, call Bev Gross at 634-9331.

Volunteers Needed

There is a need for volunteers to work in the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center/American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center. The volunteers would work directly with patients to promote education and programs on cancer in Cheyenne. Contact Bev Gross at 634-3635, if you are interested.

Have You Ever Heard Of Lynn Tilton?

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I'll bet not. Nor, most likely, have you ever heard of her company, "Patriarch Partners, LLC". But it might be worthwhile to pay attention to her philosophy.

Lynn Tilton is one of only three self-made female billionaires in America, Oprah Winfrey and Meg Whitman (former CEO of E-Bay) being the other two. Lynn Tilton, while planning to retire at age 40, after 18 grueling years as a juggling, struggling single mother working 100 hour weeks on Wall Street had a calling to save American jobs. So, ten years ago, rather than retire to the island she had bought in order to pursue her passion for poetry, Ms. Tilton used the \$10 million she had saved over her years working at Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, and Merrill Lynch, and began her mission to save distressed companies. Over these short ten years, her \$7 billion private equity firm, Patriarch Partners, has rescued more than 150 companies and saved over 250,000 jobs. Companies like MD Helicopters, Spiegel, and American LaFrance are among the 74 companies that are currently under her tutelage, representing 120,000 jobs.

So what has that success got to do with First United Methodist Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming? It is the philosophy she holds regarding businesses and people. She believes that "the greatest force of nature is people standing shoulder to shoulder, walking in the same direction."

For the past three years, many in this church have worked together as a team of people with the goal of connecting our historic Sanctuary to the Educational Building. That meant dreaming, designing, creating, cutting, redesigning, and providing capital to pay for the project. Now that dream is a reality; the Connecting Place is nearly complete and by the end of the payment period for the initial Capital Campaign, more than half of it will be paid for. The follow-on debt reduction campaign will provide us with the opportunity to pay for the remaining mortgage.

Thank you, EVERYONE, for being among that team of people who are continuing to give their dollars, their passion and perseverance to this dream of Connecting the Past and Creating the Future. We can do it because we are "willing to stand shoulder to shoulder and walk in the same direction."

Dave and Helen McCracken, Capital Campaign Program Leaders

Circles Information Night

Would you like to help make a difference in our community? Since January 2009, Circles has held weekly meetings with selected families who are working toward self-sufficiency. Circles also trains volunteers who serve as friends and allies with the families as they develop resources needed to thrive and prosper. Currently eight families and 20 allies are building intentional, diverse and long-term relationships across economic class lines to end poverty in our community, and another eight families are enrolled in a 15-week preparatory class. It's time to train new allies, and Circles is hosting an Information Night. It's a great introduction for those who would like to learn more about Circles and a chance to meet some of the people whose lives have been changed!

Circles Information Night is Wednesday, September 1st from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (dinner and child care provided) at the Cheyenne Hills Church, 7505 US Highway 30. To RSVP or for more information call, Connections Corner at 634-3333.

Spiritual Formation

5-day Academy for Spiritual Formation is planned for March 20th - 24th at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center, Sedalia CO. The Academy is designed to feed both the head and the heart; offering both knowledge about spirituality and a context for experiencing the love of God. The theme for the week is "Listening for the Heartbeat of God" (inspired by Philip Newell). For more information and registration log on to: <http://rmcumc.org/rmc/resources/751-5-day-academy-for-spiritual-formation.html>.

Rev. Brenda Lear, Registrar for 5-day Academy brendarmcumc@juno.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. in the Fireside room of Allison Hall. The Prayer Shawl Ministry consists of dedicated ladies who knit or crochet and those who deliver the shawls. For more information, call Sandy Kappeler at 632-4923.

Music Notes

Music rehearsals for fall worship are starting soon! Come and be a part of this exciting ministry! Whether you are new to the church or a longtime member, you are always welcome to join one of our musical groups. Or maybe you used to sing, dance or play handbells and would like to get back into it – you are welcome, too! Take a look and see if there is one (or two!) that interests you, and please join us, or have your children join us, for a spiritual, fun and musical year!

Adults and Youth

Aldersgate Choir - meets on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. and sings twice a month at the 8:30 a.m. service. We will have our first two rehearsals combined with Chancel Choir on Wednesdays September 1st and 8th and sing a combined anthem on Sunday, September 12th. Then we will start our normal rehearsals on Monday, September 13th. This group is a vocal choir for adults and for youth grades 7 - 12.

Chancel Choir - meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and sings every Sunday at the 9:45 a.m. service. We will have our first two rehearsals combined with Aldersgate Choir on Wednesdays, September 1st and 8th and sing a combined anthem on Sunday, September 12th. This group is a vocal choir for adults.

Bells of Glory - meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and plays once a month in worship. Our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 1st. This group is a handbell choir for adults.

Sounds of Joy - meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and sings twice a month in worship. Our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 8th. This group is a women's vocal ensemble for adults.

Praise Team - meets on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. and participates in the Source Praise Service at 11:15 a.m. This group is for both singers and instrumentalists, with the singers being all ages and basic musical skills required for the instrumentalists.

Ring Tones - meets on Sundays at 3:30 p.m. and plays once a month in worship. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 12th. This group is a handbell choir for youth grades 7 - 12.

Motions of Grace - meets on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. and participates in worship TBA. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 12th. This group is a liturgical dance group for adults and for youth grades 8 - 12.

Children

Children of Grace 2 - meets on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. and participates in worship TBA. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 12th. This group is a liturgical dance group for children grades 5 - 7.

Children of Grace 1 - meets on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. and participates in worship TBA. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 12th. This group is a liturgical dance group for children grades K - 6.

Noah's Commotions - meets on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. and participates in worship TBA. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 12th. This group is a chimes choir for children ages 3 - 5.

Celebration Jr. - meets on Sundays at 4:30 p.m. and participates in worship once a month. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 12th. This group is a vocal choir for children 3 yrs. - 2nd grade.

Celebration Sr. - meets on Sundays at 4:30 p.m. and participates in worship once a month. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 12th. This group is a vocal choir for children grades 3 - 6.

Bells Now - meets on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. and participates in worship TBA. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 12th. This group is a chimes choir for children grades 3 - 6.

Chimes Too - meets on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. and participates in worship TBA. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 12th. This group is a chimes choir for children K - 2nd grade.

If you would like more information about any of these groups, please call either Ron Swim or Gretchen Young at 632-1410. We hope you and your family will join us!

Thank You † Thank You † Thank You

To all the individuals who volunteered their time to make the lunches served each parade day during Cheyenne Frontier Days another success, THANK YOU!!

We estimate there were close to 175 volunteers here on those days, first preparing the food, and then grilling burgers, working in the kitchen, serving pies, and working in the dining hall. A special thank you for your generosity and commitment each year to baking all those delicious pies and cookies!!!

We served 1504 people, and the profit from those lunches was just shy of \$5,000. That money went to the General Fund.

We became a lot "greener" this year by not using Styrofoam plates and cups. It gave our dishwashers a workout keeping the plates, silverware, and glasses moving back to the dining hall, but by going "green" we reduced our trash significantly, and didn't need to ask for extra trash pick ups from the City.

As usual, we all look forward to seeing our "little white church" in the parade, and a special thank you to the United Methodist Men's group for getting it ready to go and taking on the responsibility of securing drivers and vehicles for each parade.

A special thank you to the face painters and the youth creating balloons that kept the children occupied and amused.

The Off the Wall art sale was a new project by the Disciple Classes and the Care & Prayer Ministry. The sales added around \$1,500 to the general fund.

If you have suggestions for us to consider for next year, please let the office know at 632-1410, and ask for or leave a message with Marlyn Salley.

Dear United Methodist Friends!

Thank you so much for such great hospitality and kindness to our group each year (not to mention the great discount on the delicious food!) May God bless all of you abundantly! In Christ, Jodie and friends

"Off the Wall" was "Outta Sight!"

Thanks to everyone for their part in the "Off the Wall" art sale. To those who contributed items for sale, those who donated easels, those who helped to catalogue and hang the show, those who took care of sales and those who purchased, our sincere thanks to you all. By your efforts we were able to give around \$1500.00 to the Operating Budget at the church. Outta Sight!

August Comea

The Finance Committee served dinner at Comea on August 17th. We served 86 dinners that evening consisting of seven large lasagnas, salad, bread and cake. A big thank you goes to Mary Ann Fritz, Bev Gross, Barb Harris, Steve Hopkins, Ron Rice, Tom Sanders, Ann Segrave, Mel Toland and all those that helped.

Dear FUMC and fellow Guatemala Mission Team Members,

Thank you all so much for gathering together and giving me such a warm and wonderful send off before I moved to Pennsylvania. I was touched by your thoughtful cards and generous gifts. What a blessing it has been to be a part of such an amazing church! All is well here on the family farm, and yet I truly do miss my church family. As I pull weeds, harvest vegetables, or walk through the fields, my thoughts often turn to dear friends in Cheyenne and Patulup. I miss you all.

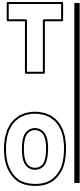
Bless you for your kindness.

Sheila Russell, RR# Box 3149, Rome, PA 18837
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Dear First United Methodist Church Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for choosing me as a recipient of the JKL Scholarship. I will be using this money towards my nursing degree at LCCC this fall. I know God will be watching over me and He will guide me through to follow my dreams! Thanks again.

Amelia Abernathy



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Join Us For Worship!

8:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship Service

9:45 a.m. - Spirited-Traditional Worship Service

11:15 a.m. - The Source - An Informal Praise Service

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Sunday Café Fellowship

Worship Schedule

September 3rd - Blessing of our Hands. The Sacrament of Holy Communion at all three services.

Rev. Elizabeth McVicker preaching.

Celebrating First United Methodist Church!!

RALLY DAY! September 12th - "Celebrate FUMC's Passionate Worship!" Rev. Trudy D. Robinson preaching on Luke 4: 14 - 30. A Rally Day Celebration from 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Join us for a PARTY! Get to know others in your community of faith in the "old-fashioned" way - during a POTLUCK! Together we'll create a sumptuous brunch buffet. If your last name ends with the letter A-H, bring main dishes; I-P, bring side dishes/salads; Q-Z bring deserts. Bring your dish to help supply our ongoing, morning-long buffet. And come with the intention of worshiping passionately and celebrating with new and old friends!

Sunday Evening Conversation!

The celebration continues as we invite you to learn and share more about worship with a panel of worship leaders: Rev. Trudy Robinson, Rev. Elizabeth McVicker, Rev. Lonnie Johnston, Rev. Sandi Dillon, Rev. Steve Earnshaw, Rev. Travis Walker. Come ready to hear their perspectives on worship and to ask them your questions! This is the first of many adult learning opportunities offered on Sunday evenings, from 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. See the article on Page 12.

September 19th - "Celebrate FUMC's Risk-Taking Mission and Service," Rev. Trudy D. Robinson preaching on Matthew 25: 31 - 36. Come hear stories and see pictures of the Youth Group's mission trip to the Bahamas! And stay for Sunday Café Fellowship and a special Mission Fair. Service Organizations in Cheyenne will be available with information how you can be involved and make a difference in the lives of others.

September 26th - "Celebrating FUMC's Intentional Faith Development!" Rev. Trudy D. Robinson preaching on Ephesians 4: 21 - 24. Stay for Sunday Café Fellowship to celebrate Heritage Sunday and those members of our congregation who are over 80 years young or who have been members of FUMC for over 50 years.

October 3rd - "Celebrating FUMC's Radical Hospitality" Rev. Trudy D. Robinson and Rev. Elizabeth McVicker preaching on Luke 15: 1 - 2 and World Communion Sunday.

October 10th - "Celebrating FUMC's Extravagant Generosity" Rev. Elizabeth McVicker preaching on Colossians 3: 1 - 11. Come hear stories and see photographs of this year's Guatemala Mission Team. Celebrate all the ways FUMC supports ministry here and across the world.