

Morning Worship and Celebration

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Arvada United Methodist Church Second Sunday in Advent

December 7, 2008

Prelude

Three Men and a Bass

Carol of the Bells, by Leontovich, arr. Wilhousky;

A 'Soalin' by Stookey, et. al. arr. Thompson

Away in a Manger by Kirkpatrick, arr. Petrie

Call to Worship *Prepare the Way* 7:45-Good Morning Choir; 9:30-Chancel Choir

***Hymn of Praise** *O Come All Ye Faithful* vss. 1, 3, 6 #234

Welcome and Community Focus

During Community Focus please sign the fellowship book in the pew, then pass it down your row and back to get to know one another.

The Advent Wreath – The Candle of Peace

Hymn *Like a Child* verse 1 TFWS #2092

Lighting the Candle

Unison Advent Prayer:

Eternal Light who shines in the dark, we pray for peace this morning. We yearn for peace within our hearts, within our communities, within our world. As we prepare the way for Christmas, may we remember the peace of the Christ--the peace that we are called to be and create. Amen.

Special Music (9:30) *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

Offertory Invitation/Offertory (9:30) *Silent Night*

***The Doxology** #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Offertory Prayer**

***Ritual of Friendship** (7:45 only)

Anthem 7:45- *The Jesus Gift* Good Morning Choir
9:30- *Comfort and Joy* Chancel Choir
Janis Buckles & Tim Stegink, percussion; Sydney Vogel, director

Scripture Mark 1:1-8

Response *Prepare the Way* Chancel Choir

Sermon *Preparing the Way for Peace*

***Hymn of Response** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* #431

Communion

One: God is with us at this Table.

All: May our hearts be open to the stirring of the Spirit.

One: God is with us at this Table.

All: May our minds perceive the wisdom of the ancients.

One: God is with us at this Table.

All: May our lives reflect the grace-filled gift of this holy meal.

Recalling the Story

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing in Communion

Music by Carolyn Cline

Prayer after Receiving

***Hymn** *Angels from the Realm of Glory* vss. 1-2 #220

***Choral Benediction** *Prepare the Way* Good Morning Choir/Chancel Choir

Postlude *Goin' To Bethlehem (Althouse)* Three Men and a Bass

*Please stand as you choose or are able.

Assisting in Worship: Marsha Clark, Dave Maxwell, Brad Pierson, Sydney Vogel, Carolyn Cline, Three Men and a Bass, Clara Klein, Randy Penn, Rev. Rusty Butler, Rev Valerie Oden

Acolyte: Madelaine Bass

Welcome Center: Michelle Hunsinger and Melanie Mayeranderson

If you are new to the community or this church, **WELCOME**. Please sign the fellowship book so we can send you a copy of our newsletter, *The Circuit Rider*. Stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex to pick up brochures describing the programs and activities AUMC offers and a copy of our newsletter.

Next Sunday's Special Music:

7:45 Morning Bells; director, Marion Burnham

9:30 Children's Christmas Pageant

Arvada United Methodist Church
6750 Carr St., Arvada, CO 80004
303-431-6005; www.arvadaumc.org

Sign Up In The Center

Purchase King Soopers & Safeway certificates.

Greeters are needed for January.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



The poinsettias that grace Our sanctuary will be delivered to those Needing our care and concern. Thank you to those who donated the plants and those who deliver them. Your generosity makes this meaningful ministry possible.

Greeters:

7:45-Beth Myers

9:30-Goldie Creason and Geni Furlong

Youth Activities

Sunday School

Nursery 7:45 & 9:30 room 300

Preschool room 304

Kindergarten room 305

1st-2nd Grades room 205

3rd Grade room 203

4th-6th Grades room 306

Junior High (7th-8th) room 209

Senior High (9th-12th) room 206

UMYF 7th-12th

Today: Progressive Dinner & \$5 gift exchange, 5-8:30 pm

Next Sunday: Christmas Traditions, 6:30-8 pm

Our Sunday Morning Worship times have changed to 7:45 and 9:30 am.

Coffee Fellowship in the Center is from 8:45-9:30 am and 10:30-11:00 am.

Children & Youth Church School is during the 9:30 hour.

Nursery provided at both 7:45 and 9:30.

TODAY, December 7

Communion

Alternative Gift Market in the Center
Children's Age Level Council, 10:45 am

Holiday Orchestra Rehearsal, 5 pm
Food Sorting, 5:30 pm

This Week: Dec. 8-Dec. 13

Meals on Wheels: Mon-Fri, 10 am

Lite Fitness: Tues & Thurs, 8:30-9:30 am

Yoga: Mon & Thurs, 6:00-7:00 pm

KDD: Mon-Fri, 9:00-11:30 am

Mon: Bronze Ringers, 6:15 pm

Tues: Morning Bells, 8 am

Care Team, 1 pm

Toastmasters, 6:30 pm

Women's Spiritual Journey, 7 pm

Wed: ESL, 9 am & 6 pm

Brown Bag Bible Study, noon

Financial Peace University, 7 pm

Chancel Choir, 7 pm

Thurs: Arvada Voices, 5:30 pm

Blue Christmas, 7 pm

Board of Trustees, 7 pm

Fri: Friday Morning Study, 7am

Labyrinth Walk, 7 pm

Sat: UMW Cookie Sale, 9 am

Christmas Pageant Party, 9 am

Library Committee Meeting, 10 am

NEXT SUNDAY, December 6

Christmas Pageant, during 9:30 am service

Holiday Orchestra Rehearsal, 5 pm

Show your care and appreciation for a soldier by sending a Christmas card to the following address:

A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

AUMC Opportunities

Alternative Gift Market: Today is the day! The Alternative Gift Market is open – come to view the displays of 36 alternative gifts and representatives to answer your questions. You can mark your shopping list with the gifts you wish to buy in honor of a friend, family member, neighbor, colleague, etc. You will receive an insert that describes your gift, and you can purchase a gift card at the same time. After writing your check, your shopping is complete. All purchases are tax deductible. As an added feature, Project Salvador has tables of handcrafted gifts from third-world artisans for sale.

Jeffco Action Center is experiencing an increase in the number of people needing help in our community. Right now, their much needed items are: blankets and food, especially soup, tuna, canned protein and boxed mac & cheese. Bring food to the church for our monthly donation on Dec 7 or deliver directly to Jeffco Action Center at 8755 W 14th Ave in Lakewood. Thank you in advance for sharing with these families in our own community.

Poinsettia Plants: We now need people willing to share a little time & deliver poinsettias through Dec 28. Either note this in the fellowship book on Sunday, sign up on a sheet in the Center, or call Sherry Marti, 303-431-6005 ext 227.

CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY: Help a family from Foster, Lawrence, and Russell Elementary Schools. A family can be adopted by an AUMC family, a UMW Circle or other church activity group, or even your neighbors. We ask that an article of clothing and a toy be provided to each child, and a present (often a gift card) given to each parent. The schools will provide lists of wanted/needed items and sizes. Please contact Melinda Reed (303-421-9414/mkhreed@comcast.net) to volunteer. If you cannot take an entire family (usually 3-6 people), we will pair you with others who wish to help.

Children's Christmas Pageant will be part of the 9:30 worship service on Dec. 14. All children ages 3 – grade 6 are welcome, with youth and adult volunteers needed. The "Pageant Party" is Sat, Dec. 13, 9-11:30 am for costuming, rehearsal, singing, crafts, and games. Nursery care will be provided so parents get the morning off. Registration is required. Forms are available through Sunday School and the Dec. Circuit Rider. Or you can email pageant@arvadaumc.org

Christmas Baskets: Did you miss your opportunity to help out with our Thanksgiving Baskets, never fear Christmas is almost here. We need your help to provide Christmas meals to families in need from local schools. Please pick up food tags in the Center or Narthex and bring your generous contribution to Room 209 by Thursday, December 18. We also need help assembling boxes on Saturday, December 20 at 9:00am. Please contact Rebekah Fisher, rbuttles@hotmail.com, or 303-420-8102, for more information.

NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT? UMW has several cookbooks available. Cost is \$10.00 and may be purchased in the Center or from a UMW Board Member.

United Methodist Women Cookie Sale – All members of the church are asked to help with the annual Cookie Sale, Sat, Dec. 13, 9-12 noon. Price is \$7 per lb. Please bring you homemade cookies, candies, breads and pastries to the Center on Fri, 12/12 from 3-7 pm. Proceeds for the sale benefit Lawrence, Foster, & Russell Elementary Schools allow children to participate in special programs such as field trips, Outdoor Lab, etc. Sadly, we ran out of cookies by 10 am. last year. Please bake a cookie and help a child. Thank you for your support.

Wreaths and Garland: Fresh wreaths and garland are for sale this morning outside the narthex. There are extras for purchase this morning if you didn't preorder. Your purchases support Kids' Discovery Days Preschool serving families in our church and community.