

Worship and Celebration

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Arvada United Methodist Church Epiphany Sunday January 4, 2009

Prelude *O Morning Star* arr. Ritter

*Call to Worship (Please stand)

One: People of the story, come to the manger.

All: And what if the manger is too far, the road too difficult?

One: God's love calls us, God's light leads us.

All: Then we shall come and worship the Christ child, and hear the call for peace, and bring the gifts of our lives.

***Opening Hymn** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* #220

Welcome and Community Focus

During Community Focus please sign the fellowship book in the pew, pass it down your row and back so we can then greet each other by name.

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Special Music *On Eagle's Wings* arr. Mark Hayes
Debbie Willeford, soloist

Unison Prayer

Source of life, we hear your call to come to the manger, but sometimes we are afraid to believe. We see the wise ones coming, but we wonder at their faith. May we see the light of your love as they do, and follow it with our lives, bearing the most precious gifts we have to you. Amen.

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn** *What Child is This?* #219

Offertory Invitation

Let us give freely, with a generous and joyful spirit, today and every day, in remembrance of our blessings.

Offertory Music *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* arr. Hayes

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #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

Scripture Matthew 2: 1-12

Special Music *We Three Kings* arr. Wilhelm

Reflection *When the Song of the Angels is Stilled...*

***Closing Hymn** *There's a Song in the Air* vss. 1,2 & 3 #249

***Benediction** *There's a Song in the Air* vs. 4 #249

Postlude 9:30 *Joy to the World* arr. Ritter

*Please stand as you choose and are able.

Assisting in Worship: Vera Alexander, Gay Ostrander, Sydney Vogel, Carolyn Cline, Debbie Willeford, Clara Klein, Randy Penn; Rev. Valerie Oden & Rev. Rusty Butler, Co-Pastors

Acolyte: 9:30 David Cox

Welcome Center: Julia Moody

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.

Special Music in January:

11th Quadratic Equation, women's quartet
18th Chancel Choir returns
25th Serena Klein, violin

AUMC Opportunities

Come to the All Church Conference this Tuesday, January 6 at 6 p.m.

First 2009 Meeting for 50+

The 'Cream of the Crop Variety Group' has the honor of entertaining AUMC 50+ on Tuesday, January 6, 2009. Bring an entree or dessert to share; we eat at 6:30 pm and the program starts at approximately 7:30. What a great way to start the New Year.

Be a Part of our Flower Ministry - Help stay in touch and show our concern for members of our congregation and community by filling out a flower card in the bulletin this morning. Put your card in the plate or leave at the main office. You can donate a plant(s), \$10 each, a specific Sunday or any Sunday and/or volunteer to deliver plants. You would be called two or three times a year to deliver, Mapquest maps are always provided. Thank you for helping this meaningful ministry continue. Questions? Call Sherry Marti, 303-431-6005, ext 227 or sherry@arvadaumc.org.

Arvada Voices

Arvada Voices will be moving! After Christmas break, we will begin practicing on Sunday mornings at 10:45 -11:45 in the choir room. This change will begin January 11. If you have any questions, please call Heidi 303-421-5135 ext. 230 or email giggles_ha@hotmail.com

AUMC FOUNDATION

The Foundation will offer the Financial Peace University Series again early in 2009 (same classes as before). Be thinking about the opportunity to take these very rewarding classes. Details for the new class will be worked out after the Christmas holidays. Those who are presently taking part in the series have found the classes to be informative, enthusiastic, and rewarding for them financially.

Wednesday Book Club

You are invited to start the New Year by reading and discussing "Dreams of My Father" a memoir of his life by President-elect Barack Obama at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 21, in the John Allen Memorial Library. As well as relating the story of Obama's life, the book includes a good deal of reflection on his own personal experiences with race and race relations in the United States, ending in Kenya with an emotional scene of realization of the ties of inheritance.

**Our Sunday Morning Worship services are at 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.**

Children and Youth Activities

Sunday School

Nursery 7:45 & 9:30 room 300 3rd Grade room 203
Preschool room 304 4th-6th Grades room 306
Kindergarten room 305 Junior High (7th-8th) resumes next week
1st-2nd Grades room 205 Senior High (9th-12th) room 206

UMYF 7th - 12th

Today: *New Year's Resolutions*, 6:30 pm

Acknowledgements



Flowers:

Jim and Shirley Heck in thanks for family;
Dale Kirk and family in loving memory of Marilyn Kirk.

Greeters:

7:45 – Marcia & Bob Canter

9:30 – Elaine & Irv Levy

Today, Jan. 4

Children's Council, 10:45 am
Youth Council, 10:45 am



This Week: Jan. 5-Jan. 10

Meals on Wheels: Mon-Fri, 10 am
Lite Fitness: Tues & Thurs, 8:30-9:30 am
KDD: Mon-Fri, 9:00-11:30 am

Mon: Bronze Ringers, 6:15 pm

Tues: Morning Bells, 8 am
Care Team, 1 pm
All Church Conference, 6 pm
Fifty Plus, 6:30 pm
Toastmasters, 6:30 pm

Wed: ESL, 9 am & 6 pm
Brown Bag Bible Study, noon
Financial Peace University, 7 pm
Chancel Choir, 7 pm
NA, 7 pm

Fri: Friday Morning Study, 7 am

Parents of AUMC children in grades K-6 are invited to meet next Sunday, Jan. 11, 10:45-11:30 am in the library. Activities for children will be provided.



Next Sunday, Jan. 11

Arvada Voices, 10:45-11:45 am
Parents of K-6th graders, 10:45-11:30
Social Concerns, 10:45 am

Sign Up In The Center

Purchase **King Soopers & Safeway certificates.**

Greeters are needed for February for the 9:30 service.

Adult Education Sunday Morning

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES, 8:20

Insights Book Study, 8:45

Biblical Kaleidoscope, 10:30

During The Week

Toastmasters, Tues, 6:30 pm

Wednesday Brown Bag
Bible Study, noon

**Financial Peace Univ.,
Wednesdays, 7 pm**

Friday Morning Theology
Study, 7 am

UMW Lydia Ladies:

We'll send care packages to our troops overseas for Valentine's Day. The packages will include homemade cookies and Valentines handmade by our church school kids. Please save Pringles containers and consider making a batch of cookies for us (cookies must fit in Pringles containers). All supplies will need to be brought to the church by January 11. If you know of any troops who would appreciate a care package, please send their names and addresses to Deirdre Christen at deirdrechris-ten@hotmail.com or call her at 303-432-9456.

Ministers

*Rusty Butler
Valerie Oden*

Choir Director

Debbie Willeford

Organist

Carolyn Cline

7:45 Music Dir.

Sydney Vogel

New schedules and sign up sheets will be mailed after the first of the year. Make sure to fill them out and return them as quickly as possible so that we can plan accordingly for our upcoming events!

Qigong for Stress Reduction, Thursday, January 22, 6-8 pm

This class is a great way to unwind from the hectic holiday season and get the new year off to a good start. We'll learn some healing exercises that help you relax, including some various stretching exercises, healing sounds, and standing and seated meditations. Qigong means "working with the breath or life energy", but it's so much more than that. To register for this \$20 two hour class call Mary Foster at 303-947-6847.

Singles Workshop

Sat., Jan. 17, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm: Letting Go Workshop - An interactive, Christian-based class that helps singles heal from the past and move forward with more confidence and valuable information that will positively affect future dating experiences. All singles, never-married, divorced or widowed welcome. Interactive format: small groups, visual aids, music, humor & scripture. Cost: \$59 (includes snacks, lunch & materials). Register: Melody Ellenberger, Facilitator, at 303-750-2208, or visit www.SinglesWorkshops.com.

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