

Worship and Celebration

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Arvada United Methodist Church

February 8, 2009

***Prelude** *Jesus Loves Me* arr. Sewell

*Call to Worship

One: As the day dawns anew,

All: So do our spirits.

One: As our community gathers,

All: So does our joy.

One: As God's love awakens us,

All: We become one. Let us join in worship today!

***Opening Hymn** *God of Grace and God of Glory* #577

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.

Special Music (9:30) *Hymn of Promise* Arvada Voices

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Unison Prayer

Merciful God, how do we keep our hearts open to the Jesus who looks threatening or smells bad or needs too much or doesn't speak our language? Others can close the door of their hearts to the stranger-Jesus, but not those of us who bear his name. We have promised to see his face in the face of the hungry, imprisoned, sick, and needy. God, keep us grounded in Jesus' words, even when other scripture seems to give us a way out. Amen. (P. McAllister, The Progressive Christian, Feb, 09)

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** *Help Us Accept Each Other* #560

Offertory Invitation

We give because we are blessed. We give to share our abundance. We give for those in need. We give so that justice might grow.

Offertory Music *Come Just as You Are* arr. Hayes
Carolyn Cline, piano

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #94

*Offertory Prayer

*Ritual of Friendship/Reception of New Members Congregational Response

**We welcome you on the journey of faith
as we move toward becoming whole human beings.
By God's grace we will together live out
the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

***Hymn of Response** *The Servant Song* vs. 1,2,3 # 2222

Special Music *Here I Am, Lord*
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 23:1-3
Isaiah 56:3
1st Co 9:16-23

Reflection *Diversity*
This is the fourth of a four part series called
"How Faith Meets Life: The Church Weighs In"

***Closing Hymn** *We Are Called* #2172 vs. 1& 2

***Benediction** *We Are Called* #2172 vs. 3

Postlude 9:30 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* arr. Swann

Please stand as you choose and are able.

Assisting in Worship: Patti O'Neill, Jeff Hartman, Janis Buckles, Carolyn Cline, Debbie Willeford, Clara Klein, Randy Penn, Rev. Rusty Butler, Rev. Valerie Oden
Arvada Voices: Katie Cannon, Faith Christen, Madison Cox, Jonathan Crisler, Valeria de Luna-Kent, Carlton Greenley, Haley Peterson, Annie Schwertfeger; director, Heidi Abel; accompanist, Carolyn Cline

Acolyte: 9:30 Weston Shinn
Welcome Center: 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 :
2/15 *Norwegian songs*, Charles A. Knutson
Empty of Me, Chancel Choir, fiddle, bass, guitar & banjo

AUMC Opportunities

Welcome to our New Members! If you see someone wearing a purple ribbon, please make a point to meet them and welcome them into our congregation.

Super Sunday is today! All 4th-6th graders are invited to meet in room 209 for "Being Peacemakers," from 10:45 – noon.

Acolytes are an important part of our worship service. If your 5th or 6th grader is interested in serving in this way, please let Valerie know. Training sessions will be held Feb. 22 at 10:45 and March 1 at 9:00 and at 10:45. The acolytes are asked to come to one of the three sessions. Thank you.

Hannah Circle will meet Tuesday, Feb 17 at 9:15 am. The program will be by Mary Everitt on China.

THIRTEEN WEEKS TO IMPROVED FINANCES

The AUMC Foundation is sponsoring the Financial Peace University beginning next Sun., Feb. 15 at 3:30 pm. Classes are held weekly and presented by Dave Ramsey via video accompanied by discussions facilitated by Chris Johnson of the AUMC Foundation. The cost of the classes is \$99 for singles or couples, and teenagers in your family are welcome. Sign up in the church office at (303)421-5135. There is a \$25 rebate for those who finish the class. See you there!

The Golden Singles meets Sunday, Feb. 15, at DiCicco's, 5660 Olde Wadsworth Blvd at 11:30 am. For reservations call Fran Colson, 303-421-1370. Hope to see you then.

All-Church Lenten Study: *The Death and Resurrection of Jesus* with Marcus Borg. Held for 5 weeks on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm beginning Feb. 24 and Wednesdays at 12:00 pm beginning Feb. 25. Please sign up in the Center, no book required.

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY = SUPER SUCCESS!

The youth would like to thank you for your generous support of the food drive last Sunday. Combined with the monthly food ingathering, you brought in a total of 721 canned goods and other items. All contributions have been donated to local area food banks. Thanks for *tackling* hunger and proving that we can make a difference!

Reiki Level 1 Class Forming Reiki is a natural hands on healing process that can be used on one's self or others. If interested call Bob O'Connell, 303-421-5135.

UMW Lydia Ladies Upcoming Events:

February 14, 3:00 pm - Valentine Party at Oberon House
February 25, 2:30 pm - Bingo at Arvada Health Care Center
March 6, 5:00 pm - Potluck Dinner for Bridgeway

Visitors welcome to program: "Senior Reach" (free services information for Seniors) Thurs, Feb. 19, 1:00 pm in the Chapel. This program is sponsored by Priscilla Circle. For information call Betty Goode, 303-421-2448 or Betty Duvall 303-424-0418.

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 10:30-11:15 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) room 209
1st-2nd Grades room 205	Senior High (9th-12th) room 206

UMYF 7th – 12th

Today: 6 pm, Light supper; 6:30-8 pm, *The Things People Do*
Next Sunday: 6 pm, Light Supper; 6:30-8 pm, *Lights of the Round Table*

Acknowledgements



Flowers:

Del and Martha Kyhn in honor of family birthdays;
Everett and Arlette Gomer in memory of Everett's parents and Arlette's father;
Nick and Sally Garrish in loving memory of Nick's mother Maxine Garrish.

Greeters:

7:45 – Linda and Bob Bryant
9:30 – Betty Buelter and Fran Armstrong

Today, Feb. 8

New Members Received
Arvada Voices, 10:45 am
Super Sunday, 10:45 am



This Week: Feb. 9-Feb. 14

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

Mon: Bronze Ringers, 6:15 pm
Labyrinth Walk, 7 pm

Tues: Morning Bells, 8 am
Care Team, 1 pm
Toastmasters, 6:30 pm
Women's Spiritual Journey, 7 pm
Finance Committee, 7 pm

Wed: ESL, 9 am & 6 pm
Brown Bag Bible Study, noon
Hope/Ruth Circle, 1:30 pm
Spiritual Connection, 6:45 pm
Chancel Choir, 7 pm
NA, 7 pm

Thurs: Beyond Theology, 7 pm
Trustees, 7 pm

Fri: Friday Morning Study, 7 am
Reiki II, 6 pm

Sat: Reiki II, 12 pm



Next Sunday, Feb. 15

Arvada Voices, 10:45 am
Financial Peace Univ., 3:30 pm

Sign Up In The Center

Purchase **King Soopers & Safeway certificates.**

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

Sign up for **The Lenten Study: *The Death and Resurrection of Jesus.***

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**

Friday Morning Theology
Study, 7 am

Habitat for Humanity

Wednesday, February 4 was the beginning day of the build located at 68th and Saulsbury. AUMC is a member of Jeffco Partners for Interfaith Action, an organization of ten area congregations and the Arvada Kiwanis. They have raised funds and helped build 8 homes through Habitat for Humanity during the past 10 years. Those interested in participating in the build, providing lunch for volunteers or donating additional funds can find information in the Center between services each Sunday or sign up on line at

www.jeffcopartners.com. This build will last approximately 12 weeks. Volunteers who wish to work must be at least 16 but do not need any construction skills or tools. Join us in helping a deserving family in need build their own home.

Be in the JAAVA Spiritual Loop

Join the new Yahoo! group for members and friends of the JAAVA churches (Jefferson Avenue UMC, Applewood Valley UMC, Arvada UMC).

- Hear about spiritual events
- Spread the word about spiritual events
- Discuss spiritual books and ideas

Browse to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/JAAVASpiritualInterests>. Sign In with your yahoo! ID or Sign Up to get one. Request group membership with a message naming the JAAVA church with which you are connected. (For more detailed instructions check the Spiritual Connection page on AUMC's website.)

Kids' Discovery Days Fall Enrollment

Enroll your child now for preschool beginning September 3, 2009. Our AUMC weekday preschool serves children 1 year old (must be walking) through pre-kindergarten. We are state licensed and nationally accredited. Visit with your child any weekday morning between 9:00 and 11:30 am or call 303 431-6005 X 238 for more details. Pick up a brochure from the pocket on our bulletin board in the hallway leading to the Center. Scholarships are available. Also, ask about availability in our current spring semester.

Ministers

Rusty Butler
Valerie Oden

Choir Director

Debbie Willeford

Organist

Carolyn Cline

7:45 Music Dir.

Sydney Vogel

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