

Worship and Celebration

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September 20, 2009

*“We renew our commitment to become faithful witnesses to the gospel, not alone to the ends of earth, but also to the depths of our common life and work.”
—from the Preamble, The United Methodist Social Principles*

Prelude 9:30 *Allegro Moderato from Violin Concerto #1* Bruch
Serena Klein, violin

Call to Worship

One: We are called to ministry with each other here in this church and with the world outside these walls.

People: We commit and dedicate our lives to something bigger, wider, and deeper than just our own selves.

One: We look to the teaching, wisdom, and life of Jesus to understand how we should be in relationship with others and with God.

People: We affirm our church and this world as the place of God’s handiwork and we will serve to preserve and enhance it for the ones to come.

***Opening Hymn** *We Are Called* #2172

Welcome / Community Focus

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

Bible Presentations: (in unison)

We pray for learning and joy as you receive these Bibles, and we wish for you a lifetime of exploration and growth. May these Bibles connect you with your history and heritage. As you read the stories may they become for you a source of faith and understanding, a challenge and a comfort. May our church always be a safe and creative environment for all children to question and learn. Amen

Children’s Time

*Children are invited forward for a special time for them.
They will be led to their classrooms for Sunday School following Children’s Time.*

Choral Invitation to Prayer

Congregational Prayer: Gracious God, in a world where many are lonely: we give thanks for our friendships. In a world where many are captive: we give thanks for our freedom. In a world where many are hungry: we give thanks for our daily bread. And we pray that our empathy will grow larger, our compassion deeper, our service wider, and our hearts more humble. Amen.

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn** *For the Healing of the Nations* #428

Invitation to Offering

The Offertory *Where the Rivers Meet* by Boertje

***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

Special Music 7:45 *It’s Me, It’s Me O Lord*
African-American Spiritual, Good Morning Choir
9:30 *Inscription of Hope* Z. Randall Stroope
Chancel Choir; Carl Almquist, narration

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:30-37

Reflection “Stated Convictions” Rev. R. Butler

***Hymn** *Jesu, Jesu* #432

***Benediction** A Companion Litany to Our Social Creed

***Response** *May You Run and Not Be Weary* #2281

Postlude *They’ll Know We Are Christians* by Scholtes

*Please stand as you choose and are able.

Assisting in Worship: Mary Ann Wisheart, Jana Tompkins,
Sydney Vogel, Carolyn Cline, Debbie Willeford,
Serena Klein, Kent Smiley
Co-Pastors: Rev. Rusty Butler and Rev. Valerie Oden
Acolytes: 9:30 Madison Cox and Haley Peterson
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:

9:30 *What Does it Mean to be a Christian?* Chancel Choir
Charles A. Knutson at the organ console

AUMC Opportunities

Who are we as United Methodists and where do we stand?

Sunday Talk Back: today and next Sunday, join Rusty and Valerie in the Chapel from 10:45 to 11:15 to discuss the 3 week sermon series on the United Methodists Social Principles. **Copies of the Social Principles** are available on the reception desk.

Copies of the book ***Saving Jesus from the Church*** by Dr. Robin Meyers are available in the narthex for \$20. The five week book study begins Tuesday, October 13 at 7 pm.

Children’s Choir

There were twelve happy faces at the first Children's Choir rehearsal of the season last Sunday. Our goal is to have fifteen singers by Christmas, so don't miss out. Bring a friend and come today. You'll find us (3rd graders through 6th graders) each Sunday morning at 10:35 in the choir room. We'll sing for the congregation on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Just think.....only eleven rehearsals before our Christmas party!! Want fun? Then COME!

Denver Urban Ministries (DenUM) Game of Life

We have decided to postpone the DenUM Game of Life schedule for today until early in 2010. If you're interested in participating, look for more information on our new date coming soon. Thanks! Rebekah Fisher, rbuffles@hotmail.com, 303-834-8784.

Philip Bender-Stone, LCSW

My Teenager is Driving Me Crazy!! Strategies for Managing the Teenage Years

TODAY, 6 pm Room 209

Philip will eat with the youth group and their parents at 6 pm. The youth will then go on to have their own meeting while Philip meets with the parents.

How to Raise Your Parents/Tough Talk in a Safe Place-The Fishbowl

Sunday, Sept. 27, 6 pm Room 209

The youth will play some games and have fun learning how to get more of what they want from their parents. They will get a safe place to talk about issues that are bugging them in a “Fishbowl.” Parents will review personality assessments from the previous meeting to help educate their teenagers. At the end of the session parents will be allowed to ask questions, share frustrations, and get advice from others in a “Fishbowl.”

UMW Lydia Ladies Upcoming Events

Wed, Sept. 30-Bingo at Arvada Care/Rehab Health Center, 2 pm

Tues, Oct. 13-Pizza Party/Planning Meeting, 6 pm

Wed, Oct. 28-Bingo at Arvada Care/Rehab Health Center, 2 pm

Habitat for Humanity Pumpkin Patch

Halloween is coming soon and the Habitat for Humanity pumpkin patch will again be located at 68th & Wadsworth. Check it out beginning October 17 for a great variety of pumpkins and gourds. Sign up in the Center to help unload pumpkins on Friday, October 16, from 4:00-6:00 pm or to work a shift at the patch. Proceeds will build a town-home beginning in early 2010. Details available in the Center.

Children and Youth Activities

Sunday School

Nursery 7:45 & 9:30	room 300	3rd and 4th Graders	room 303
Preschool	room 304	5th and 6th Graders	room 306
Kindergarten	room 305	Junior High (7th-8th)	room 209
1st and 2nd Graders	room 205	Senior High (9th-12th)	room 206

UMYF 7th – 12th

Today: “Second Wind” Walk, 11 am

Snack supper, 6 pm Special Youth + Parent Event, 6:30 pm

Next Sunday: Snack Supper, 6 pm Special Youth + Parent Event, 6:30 pm

Acknowledgements

Flowers:

Lisa, Stephen, Sarah & Hannah Ondak;
The Gamber Family in memory of parents
and grandparents, Chuck & Jane Gamber.

Greeters:

7:45 – Laura Rothenberger and Barb Wells

9:30 – Sally Ross and Betty Van Dyne

Today, September 20

Hunger Sunday
Children's Choir, 10:35 am

This Week: Sept 21 -Sept 26

Meals on Wheels: Mon-Fri, 10 am

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

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

ESL: Tues, 10 am; Wed, 9 am, 1,6 pm; Sun, 1 pm

Mon: First Aid Class, 6 pm

Foundation Board Meeting, 7 pm

Tues: Morning Bells, 8 am

Care Team, 1 pm

AdCOM, 6:30 pm

Toastmasters, 6:30 pm

Progressive Christianity, 7pm

Labyrinth Walk, 8 pm

Wed: Brown Bag Bible Study, noon

Afternoon Book Club, 1:30 pm

Women's Spiritual Journey, 7 pm

Chancel Choir, 7 pm

Thurs: Circuit Rider Volunteers, 10 am

Financial Peace University, 6:30 pm

Fri: Friday Morning Study, 7 am

Caregivers Support, 9 am

Recorders, 9:30 am

Sat: Reiki Workshop, 1 pm

Qigong/Meditation Class, 5:30 pm

Next Sunday, September 27

Nursery Committee, 9 am

Children's Choir, 10:35 am

Social Concerns, 11 am

Worship Services

(with Nursery available)

7:45 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

Church School

9:30 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship

8:45 and 10:30 a.m.

in the Center

Sign Up In The Center

Purchase **King Soopers & Safeway certificates**. Social Concerns receives 4-5% of sales to use for mission projects.

Welcome people as they come to church. Greeters are needed for Oct.

Adult Education Sunday Mornings

Adult Bible Studies, 8:20 am

Insights Book Study, 8:45

Biblical Kaleidoscope, 10:30

During The Week

Toastmasters, Tues, 6:30 pm

**Brown Bag Bible Study,
Weds, noon**

Women's Spiritual Journey,
Weds, 7 pm

**Friday Morning Theology,
7 am**

Wednesday Book Club

You are invited to read and discuss the remarkable life-story of Trond Sander presented by Per Petterson in *Out Stealing Horses* with Wednesday Book Club at 1:30 pm, Sept. 23 in the John Allen Memorial Library at AUMC.

Come! Share your reactions to this book recommended by Ian Thomson of *The Guardian* as "a minor masterpiece of death and delusion in a Nordic land."

Qigong and Forms of Meditation, Saturday, Sept. 26, 5:30-7 pm. In this workshop, we will learn about different

forms of meditation, including standing meditation, sitting meditation, and finally walking meditation on the beautiful labyrinth. The primary goal is learning to focus on one thing at a time without allowing distractions. Fee is \$20. Register with Mary Foster at lionspirit@q.com or 303-947-6847.

Russia Initiative Golf Approaches

Sign up now for the second Russia Initiative UMC Golf Outing, Monday, September 28, Inverness Golf Course, 200 Inverness Dr., West, (Near Dry Creek and I-25) with 8:00 am shotgun start and 4 person scramble. Golfers fee: \$90.00 (includes lunch). Profits will support the Russia Initiative Bethany UMC church building project in Pushkin, Russia. \$35.00 of the fee is tax deductible. Inverness Golf Course is a premier professional course available only to hotel guests and members. Lunch will be served at the Willow Creek Club House immediately following the games. Excellent prizes will be awarded. Make check payable to Hope UMC and put GOLF outing on memo line. Send to Cindy Wiant at 7164 S. Himalaya Way, Centennial, CO 80016 by Sept. 21 or phone Donna Ralston at 303-850-7587. For more information on the Russia Initiative, a mission of the UMC General Board of Global Ministries, see <http://new.qbqm-umc.org/work/initiatives/russia/>.

Assist Running the Audio and Video for the 9:30 Service

We are in need of some assistance running the Audio and Video for the 9:30 service. Full training is provided and you only need to do it one Sunday per month. Please let Kent Smiley know at ksmiley@hotmail.com or 303 456 5418.

Ministers

Rusty Butler

Valerie Oden

Choir Director

Debbie Willeford

Organist

Carolyn Cline

**7:45 Music &
Children's Choir
Dir., Sydney Vogel**

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