

# Christ United Methodist Church



## Connection

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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### Marti's Reflection

I hope you have grown spiritually from our community

book study and sermon series on the Shack. The small groups have taken the time to dig deeper than Sunday's sermon is able in such a short time. Notes and comments let me know that God is using the small groups and the reading for healing some of our Great Sadness.

Lent, a 40-day liturgical season, begins with Ash Wednesday services at 7 AM and 7 PM on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. Ashes will be imposed on the foreheads of worshipers at both services, a sign of sorrow and repentance and a reminder of our mortality.

Tradition says the 40 days, not including Sundays, recalls Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, fasting and being tempted (Matt 4:1-11). For Christians it is a time of reflection on our lives, asking God's

forgiveness and being disciplined around spiritual practices.

Worship in Lent tends to be more solemn with more focus on confession. In some churches songs of praise and joy, including the alleluias, are removed from the liturgy till Easter.

Our sermon/study guide this year will be The Last Week, by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Their provocative book, focused on Jesus' last week in Jerusalem, will give us time to look at each day and the powerful scriptures that often get crushed together on Palm Sunday. Feb 21<sup>st</sup> we'll begin with a look at the two parades into Jerusalem, the Roman authorities on war stallions, and Jesus on a colt. The following week we find Jesus on Monday overturning tables of greedy vendors in the Temple and teaching on the steps. Each Sunday we'll focus on Jesus and the disciples as they- and we- move towards the cross and Easter celebration.

Small groups and books will again be available to help you dig deeper into the spiritual issues. You can sign up for a group or buy your book during coffee hour on Sunday mornings, or during

office hours.

You will be challenged by this series, especially if you read along and join a small group.

Fasting is also traditional during Lent. Biblically, fasting is abstaining from food, drink, sleep or sex to focus on God for a period of spiritual growth. The Book of Acts records believers fasting before they made important decisions (Acts 13:4; 14:23). Fasting and prayer are often linked together (Luke 2:37; 5:33). The purpose of fasting is to take our eyes off the things and experiences of this world so that we can focus on God. Although fasting in Scripture is almost always a fasting from food, there are other ways to fast. Anything you can temporarily give up in order to better focus on God can be considered a fast (1 Corinthians 7:1-5). Some fast from sweets. One woman I know fasted from speeding. Last year my daughter gave up Facebook for Lent. The purpose is a deeper relationship with God through spiritual discipline.

Our youth will be fasting for 30 hours raising funds to help eradicate hunger beginning at noon on Friday, Feb. 26 and breaking their fast with holy communion at 5:30 PM on Sat. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. I will fast with them, only at home. Would you like to as well? You can choose to fast one meal or part of a day, then join us in the Sanctuary to break the fast.

I trust that as I finish up chemo (hopefully on March 8<sup>th</sup>, white blood count remaining high) that God will help me this season to be ready for new life in Christ this Easter. It is my prayer for you as well. Rev. Marti

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**MARCH CONNECTION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 17TH**

CUMC offers free child care on Sundays during the 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. worship services and upon request for church activities and committee meetings during the week. If you are in need of child care, please call Dayna Beckman at (801) 566-6365 at least five (5) days before the event in which you need child care.

If you are interested in working in the nursery on Sundays, during the week, please contact Dayna at (801) 566-6365. You must be at least 14 years of age. Working with our youngest children is a wonderful opportunity for grandparents who live far away from their grandchildren or for grandparent wannabes. We would love to have young at-heart "seniors" to cuddle and play with our toddlers. This is a paid position.

Lent Sermon series -	
Feb. 21	Sunday: A Tale of Two Parades
Feb. 28	Monday: Jesus overturns Tables in Temple
March 7	Tuesday, Wed
March 14	"Thursday: Betrayed by Friends"
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to support UMCOR	
March 21	"Friday: Jesus On Trial for What?"
March 28	Palm Sunday worship
April 1	Maundy Thursday service at 7 PM
April 2	Good Friday – Tenebrae at 7 PM
April 4	Easter- Celebration of New Life in Christ

### From Pastor Tom's Desk

#### ENTHUSIASM

I like doing word studies, going back to a word's origin from Greek or Hebrew.

And one day, I ran across the word "enthuse."

Right away I said, "I bet that's Greek." And, I was right.

The term "enthuse" came from the Greek compound word "entheos," - "en" (meaning "inside") combined with "theos" (meaning "god") - that is, "god inside." Roughly translated, someone who's "entheos" (enthused) serves as a vessel housing a god or a spirit. In New Testament times, folks believed a god or spirit held possession of the enthusiastic person. For example, in the Book of Acts Chapter 2, when the Holy Spirit rested like divided flames atop someone's head, it meant that the Holy Spirit filled them, making them enthusiastic," as evidenced by speaking in tongues.

Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Back in the Old Testament 1,500 years or so earlier than this passage in the Book of Acts, being filled with the Spirit

of God meant something quite different. One of the first recipients of God's Spirit was a Hebrew named Bezalel, who accompanied Moses into the wilderness. Back in those days, the Spirit of God inspired more practical acts with a more sensible wisdom:

Exodus 31:1-5 The Lord said to Moses, "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft.

My point: For quite some time (say about 3,500 years or more), God offered, still offers, and will always offer the Holy Spirit to us, giving us our opportunity to become "enthusiastic" - God being with and in us. Yet, to receive such a gift requires a certain kind of openness - like an openness to the unknown and mysterious, moving us outside our comfort zone. And so, this New Year, I challenge you to become enthused ("en-theos") about this new year 2010, opening the arms of your mind, soul, heart, and strength to the God who beckons you to become an added vessel of the Spirit.

Enthusiastically yours,

*Tom*

### Upcoming Coffee Hour Hosts Mark your calendars now!

#### FEBRUARY

- 7- Venture Crew 9410
- 14- **Scout** Sunday - Boy Scouts
- 21- Boy Scout Troop 410
- 28 - Cub Scout Pack 3410

#### MARCH

- 7- Disciple I Study group
- 14- Church and Society
- 21- Pancake Breakfast (no coffee hour)
- 28- Hospitality Cmt.

*Coffee Hour*

### Valentine's Day Covenant Renewal Offered

Has it been years since you made your marriage covenant vows? Are you looking for a Valentine's gift that continues to affirm the promises you made before God and the community of faith? Have you been denied the gift of marriage by state law, but made a covenant with your partner anyway, to affirm your promises "to love and cherish"? Join Rev. Marti in the Chapel on Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 for a Covenant Renewal celebration as we affirm Christ Church's Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors creed.

# The Fourth Annual Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance

Presented by

*The Wesley Bell Ringers*

Four course candlelight dinner  
Entertainment  
Featuring live music by "Stella"  
Free babysitting  
Plenty of parking

February 13, 2010 at 6:00 pm

Christ United Methodist Church  
2375 East 3300 South  
Salt Lake City

Tickets \$20 per person

Tickets will be on sale between 10:00 and 10:30 in the Church Gym on January 17, 24, 31 & Feb. 7th.  
Tickets can also be reserved at [schotize@yahoo.com](mailto:schotize@yahoo.com) or by calling 801-467-6031.

Be sure to mention the number and ages of any children needing care during the evening.

**SEATING IS LIMITED AND HAS SOLD OUT EVERY YEAR!**

Order Valentine's Day flowers & corsages during Fellowship time.

They can be picked up either just before the WBR Dance on 13 FEB or at church the morning of Sun 14 FEB  
Pre-orders were taken through Sun 31 JAN; however, a limited amount will be available to order afterwards.

# YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

January was a busy month for our Youth at Christ-UMC!



We hosted our 3rd Annual Community Youth Dodgeball Tournament on January 9th. We had 56 players who participated from various high schools, churches and sports teams from around the valley! Thanks to all the volunteers who made this event possible!!!



The Shack - youth study began Jan 12th - a 6 week study taking place every Tuesday in the youth room from 6p-730p. This class goes until Feb 16th. Stop by and see what it's about! Thanks to Gayla Bacus and David Robinson for leading this discussion group.

Human Rights Youth Day at Brighton was another fun event for our youth and their families.

We also spent the month planning, rehearsing and preparing for doing all 3 worship services in the sanctuary on Jan 31st. Our theme was RETHINK:LOVE from the Shack Series. Our youth praise band, youth dance group and youth drama group all participated. The underlying theme was to allow God's LOVE to set each of us free: free to love just as God loves us.:

The first process of understanding / grasping God's unconditional love is to acknowledge what it is that is "blocking" you:

- a person who you haven't been able to forgive
- you can't forgive God for allowing this to happen to you

The second process would be to realize that until you open up your heart, mind and doors to allow forgiveness to these people and to God - truly in your heart have you truly forgiven them?? Do you still blame God for what happened to you? We walked our church family through asking God to help them forgive this person and for God to forgive this person...then lead them through forgiving God.....

The third process once the person / people and God are forgiven is to ask ourselves is there anyone else you need to forgive? Lots of times when tragedy or loss happens, we feel a sense of guilt to ourselves. We can't forgive ourselves for what happened or for putting ourselves in the position to let something tragic happen to us - even though it wasn't our fault...we still blame ourselves, deep inside. We should each time quiet time to talk with God and ask Him to help us forgive ourselves.

Sending out God's Unconditional Love,  
Barb McClellan (801 792 7478) Director of Youth Ministries

### February CUMC Youth Activities:

Fri 5 FEB: leave CUMC at 530pm to head up to Winter Retreat at Big Canyon Ranch. Return Sun 7 FEB approx 12noon

Sun 14 FEB: Valentine's Day - No Youth Group

Mon 15 FEB: Youth Day at Brighton - leave at 730a return approx 530p

(sign up during Fellowship time or during Youth Group we have a limited # of free passes thanks to the Brighton Ski Patrol)

Sun 21 FEB Sr High Youth Group: 3p - 4:30p / Jr High Youth Group: 5p-7p

Fri 26 FEB 30 Hr Famine (youth arrive at CUMC at 530p)

Sat 27 FEB 5p Church Family invited to 30 Hr Famine Closing Event in Sanctuary

Sun 28 FEB FAMINE SUNDAY - youth share experiences from 30 Hr Famine during all 3 worship services.

### Upcoming Youth Events

Fri 5 MAR - Sat 6 MAR: Spring Fling

Wed 9 JUN - Sun 13 JAN: Jr High (current 6th-8th grader) Mission Trip / Camp to Pinecliff

Tue 6 JUL - Tue 20 JUL: Sr High Mexico Mission Trip to Hogar de Ninos

Mark your calendars! Saturday, March 27 at 7 pm it's Christ UMC Night at the Grizzlies! CUMC Youth will have tickets to this hockey game available for sale for \$15 each at coffee hours. Proceeds will support the upcoming youth mission trips to Mexico and Pinecliff. The youth will also be assistant with the "Chuck A Puck" promotion at halftime of this game.

## United Methodist Women

The Purpose of United Methodist Women: The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

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**FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING,  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 12 NOON.**

**Program: Prayer and Self denial.**

**Meal served- \$3.50.**

**RSVP to any Circle leader.**

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**DORCAS CIRCLE: FEBRUARY 2, TUESDAY, 9:30 a.m. Quilting**

**WITTY KNITTERS: FEBRUARY 8, 1:30p.m. at the home of Margaret Wise, Three Fountain East, 948 East 5014 South. Phone 801-263-0948**

**MARTHA CIRCLE: FEBRUARY 9, TUESDAY, 7:00 p.m., in the parlor.**

**RUTH CIRCLE: FEBRUARY 11, THURSDAY, 11:00 a.m.in the Parlor.**

**LYDIA CIRCLE: FEBRUARY 13, 10:00a.m. in the Sanctuary Reading the book "Amish Grace" by Donald B Kraybill**

**BOOK CLUB: FEBRUARY 15, 1:00p.m. in the parlor. Book: THE LOST SYMBOL BY DAN BROWN**

**CLAIRE CIRCLE: FEBRUARY 16, TUESDAY, 7:00 p.m. in the parlor**

**EVENING KNITTING: FEBRUARY 17, WEDNESDAY, 7:00p.m., in the parlor.**

**DEBORAH CIRCLE: FEBRUARY 18, THURSDAY 9:30 a.m. in the parlor.**

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**FEBRUARY EXECUTIVE MEETING:  
FEBRUARY 25, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.**

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**SPECIAL MARCH MEETING.  
MARCH 4, 7PM. "HOW ARE WE RACED"  
TALKING RACE AND THE CHARTER FOR  
RACIAL JUSTICE.**

**Everyone in the church is invited.**

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### Haiti: How You Can Help

1. **Donate:** In the early days of a disaster particularly, the most portable aid that can be offered is money! As United Methodists, we have one of the world's best organizations for relief of disasters and human suffering: the United Methodist Committee on Relief--UMCOR. Gifts to support UMCOR's Haiti Relief efforts can be made to Haiti Emergency, in the memo line. Checks can be put in the church's offering plate. Don't forget that 100% of gifts made to this advance will go to help the people of Haiti, because of your generosity in supporting the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering coming March 14<sup>th</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, and your support of the "church title

2. Would you like to travel to Haiti as part of a work team? Be in touch with Betsy Keyack ([bkeyack@att.net](mailto:bkeyack@att.net)) and Ann Fort ([annfort8269@comcast.net](mailto:annfort8269@comcast.net)), co-coordinators of United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, if you wish to travel to Haiti to help in the recovery phase. A list of names is being collected for response when UVMIM teams are invited, probably in March.

3. Resources are available, to help leaders and parents help children navigate the images they are seeing in Haiti. [http://blogs.gbod.org/younger\\_children/](http://blogs.gbod.org/younger_children/) Rev. Leanne Hadley, an RMC clergy and founder of First Steps Spirituality Center in Colorado Springs, suggests these three books to provide comfort for children in times of uncertainty. *Old Turtle* by Douglas Wood, *God's Paintbrush* by Sandy Sasso, and *Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown. Remember to pray with children for those affected by the earthquake, limit the amount of TV images they see and give them something to do, like purchasing and assembling the health or school kits or taking them to the UMCOR depot to volunteer putting the kits together for shipment.

**Health Kits** - All items included in the kits must be new. Just bring them with you to worship. Prepare a kit yourself or purchase in quantity one or more of the needed items. .

- hand towels 15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", (no kitchen towels, please.)
- washcloths
- bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- toothbrushes (singles brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- one-gallon size plastic bag .

*Philanthropy is commendable, but it must not cause the philanthropist to overlook the circumstances of economic injustice which make philanthropy necessary.*

- Martin Luther King Jr.



### Sunday School Assistance

We are in need of co-teachers for our 10:30 am Sunday School classes. Co-teaching involves leading the classes approximately 2 Sundays a month. All teaching materials are provided, we just need you! Our classes are Pre-K; Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup>; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>; and 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would be interested in co-teaching any of these classes, please contact Vanitta Conrad at 801-486-5473 ext. 12.

### Sunday School Offerings To UMCOR Haiti Relief

Hey kids, for the next several weeks, when you bring your offering to Sunday School, 100% of your offering will go to help with Haiti earthquake relief. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is already in Haiti offering aid and will continue to do so for quite some time. Our Sunday School offering is a way for even our smallest members to help.

### "The Last Week" Sermon Series and Small Group Study

During Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be studying the book "The Last Week" by Marcus Borg & John Crossan.

Top Jesus scholars Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan join together to reveal a radical and little-known Jesus. As both authors reacted to and responded to questions about Mel Gibson's blockbuster "The Passion of the Christ," they discovered that many Christians are unclear on the details of events during the week leading up to Jesus' crucifixion.

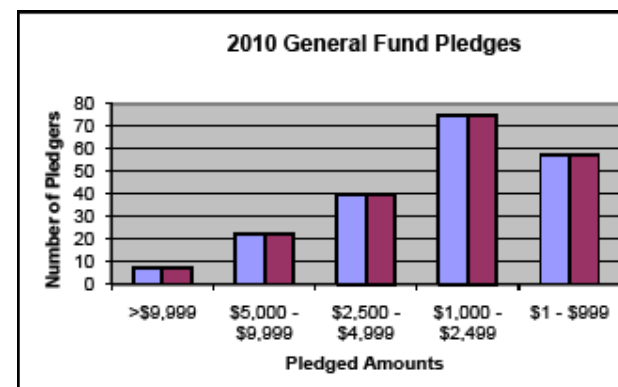
Using the gospel of Mark as their guide, Borg and Crossan present a day-by-day account of Jesus' final week of life. They begin their story on Palm Sunday with two triumphal entries into Jerusalem. The first entry, that of Roman governor Pontius Pilate leading Roman soldiers into the city, symbolized military strength. The second heralded a new kind of moral hero who was praised by the people as he rode in on a humble donkey. The Jesus introduced by Borg and Crossan is this new moral hero, a more dangerous Jesus than the one enshrined in the church's traditional teachings.

"The Last Week" depicts Jesus giving up his life to protest power without justice, and to condemn the rich who lack concern for the poor. In this vein, at the end of the week Jesus marches up Calvary, offering himself as a model for others to do the same when they are confronted by similar issues. Informed, challenged, and inspired, we not only meet the historical Jesus, but meet a new Jesus who engages us and invites us to follow him.

**Join us for this series as we offer ways to make your Lenten season a more meaningful time.** Please watch your bulletin for small group meeting times and more information. Books will be available for purchase during coffee time and in the church office beginning Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.



### Stewardship Corner



**Charitable Giving Made Easy!**  
 Now you can make contributions to Christ UMC through our website using your Checking or Savings Account or a Debit/Credit Card! Just click on the link on our home page titled "New Convenience" and enter your information. You no longer need to give this information directly to the church office! If you have any questions, please call Vanitta Conrad, Financial Secretary at 913-486-5473 ext. 12.

**Thank you to all who have made pledges for 2010. We sincerely appreciate your support. If you haven't completed a pledge card, but would like to do so, please contact Vanitta Conrad, Financial Secretary at 801-486-5473 ext. 12.**

<b>2007-2009 CUMC Building Fund Report</b>
Amount Pledged: \$657,106
Amount Paid on Pledges: \$601,215
Amount Overpaid on Pledges: \$60,114
Amount Given by non-pledgers \$191,771
<b>Total Given to 2007-2009 Fund \$853,694</b>
Amt Given as Prepaid 2007 Bldg Fund \$63,004
<b>Total Incoming Funds \$916,698</b>
<b>Loan Balance 1/1/2007 \$2,820,245</b>
Principal Paid 2007-2009 \$180,909
Additional Principal Pd 2007-2009 \$397,854
<b>Loan Balance 12/31/2009 \$2,241,482</b>
Interest Paid 2007-2009 \$444,042
<b>Total Outgoing Funds \$1,022,805</b>



# JOYS, CONCERNS AND THANKS

Congratulations to Lucy and Terry Waite on their wedding, Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Trip, Jennifer, Smith & Hudson Hoffman on the birth of their little baby girl – Ellie Ann, Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Homeless Youth Resource & Outreach Center (HYRC) & the homeless youth it serves

along with the CUMC Church & Society Committee

### THANK YOU

for the many generous donations given to support the Christmas Backpack outreach during December 2009. Thanks to you, your families & friends and even some business affiliations, we were able to deliver not one, not two, but **five vehicles FULL** of sleeping bags, tents, blankets, coats & hoodies, thermal underwear, regular underwear, socks, assorted food & candy items, assorted toiletries, flashlights with batteries, hand & foot warmers, playing cards, fast food gift cards, monetary gifts, & other miscellaneous items to the HYRC during the 2009 holiday season.

By answering God's call to help others in need, **many have been blessed.**

### Thank You!

HYRC 2010 Wish List now available! See page 7.

### Stephen Ministry Prayer Corner

God of compassion, source of life and health: strengthen and relieve your servants, the Haitians, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may find help in weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through him who healed the sick and is the physician of our souls, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

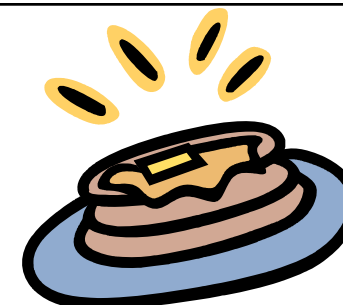
Alice Rains thanks you for all the cards, etc. during her recent hospitalization.

I want to thank the youth group for coming out to rake my leaves this Fall and also the boy scouts for putting up my Christmas lights & trees. Thank you so very, very much!

Lorraine Dale

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pax Cakes Event

The CUMC Education committee is sponsoring a fun, family event - our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Pax Cakes" on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, the day before Ash Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m. Plan to join us for a delicious pancake dinner followed by some fun activities as we prepare for Lent, including pancake races for all ages.



Pancakes are associated with the day preceding Lent because they were a way to use up rich foodstuffs such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent. So mark your calendars and bring your spatulas!

**If you have an electric griddle you can lend for the Pax Cake cooking, and/or if you would like to help set-up, cook, or clean-up, please call Vanitta Conrad at 801-486-5473 ext. 12.**

### Sunday School Rooms & Teachers

#### 9:00 am

Room 103 – Pre-Kindergarten: Laurie Anderson & Sarah Malin-Craft

Room 202 – Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Gina Williams, Marcy Rigstad & Paula Vernon

Room 203 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades: Colleen Werzinski & Kitty Borrowman

Room 208 – 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades: Eleanor Anderson & Mandy Loveday

Room 200 – Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup> Grade +): Marti Zimmerman, Tom Towns & Bev Goodier

Room 209 – 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grades: Jon Jolley,

Karen Berner & Patsy Simons

Room 207 – 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades: Kurt Zimmerman & Paul Conrad

Room 101 – Life & Times Class: David Hoepfner  
Parlor – Wesleyan Class: Jay Vestal

#### 10:30 am

Room 103 – Pre-Kindergarten: Margret Boes-Ingraham

Room 202 – Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Gina Kiechle

Room 203 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades: Patsy Simons

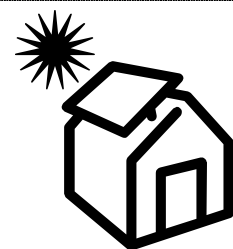
Room 208 – 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades: Dorothy Pearce

Jim Miller, was the Christ United Methodist Church Chancel Choir director for 24 years. He retired in 2005 and moved to Montana to be near his family. Jim died in December, 2009, from complications due to heart surgery. Many of you have expressed interest in honoring him for his service to our church. You can write a check to CUMC with Jim Miller on the "memo" line. The money will be used by the Chancel Choir to purchase music.



### Come Have Fun With Us!

Parent's Day Out is for children 18 months through 4 years old. Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9:30-3:30. We have openings for all age groups, any or all days. Please contact Marcy Rigstad to enroll or for more information: 801-486-5473 (at church on PDO days) 801-277-0761 (home) or mrigstad@xmission.com.



**We have a chance to Go Solar!**

Rocky Mountain Power has awarded our church a grant of \$60,000.00 from its Blue Sky Energy Fund to support us in

becoming a producer of clean energy. This we can do by putting 108 solar panels on the roof of our new building.

This one act could:

- Make CUMC a literal beacon of light in our faith community and the community at large
- Save money on the church's electric bill
- Enhance our image as a leader in the community
- Develop a sense of ownership by donors. A plaque with the names of those honored and memorialized will be featured in the hallway
- Reach out to our neighborhood and community through media presentations and hosting tours of the generating facility
- Serve as a model in wise and gentle use of God-given resources, reconfirming CUMC as a true Whole Earth Church
- Help our planet by avoiding as much as 16 tons of carbon dioxide emissions per year.

We are not alone in this movement, but already have a number of confederates including the generous support of Rocky Mountain Power. Note that their Blue Sky Program funds come from voluntary payments by the wider community that has purchased Blue Sky shares with each power bill payment, and CUMC itself is a share-owning member. Thus our own funds have contributed to our receipt of the Blue Sky grant.

Please join us in the months to come as a partner in optimism, work and prayer for this wonderful opportunity. Any questions you have can be addressed by calling, e-mailing or talking with members of the proposal committee, including:

Bob Pearce, Chair  
Andrew Lengyel, Secretary

Dear Reconciling Friends,

I wanted to let you know of an amazing opportunity we have to move the United Methodist Church one step toward our goal of ensuring persons of all gender identities and sexual orientations are celebrated in our churches. On Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm we will have a representative from the Reconciling Ministries Network here in our annual conference to train us on how to share our stories to encourage others to action. We are going to be hosting a number of house parties around our region to talk about the work we are doing and engage new volunteers in our work for full equality.

It will be a time when we can learn new skills, come together to celebrate our work and plan for equality in our region and worldwide for the United Methodist Church.

Please come join other reconciling Methodists in your annual conference on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 til 4:00! The training will take place at the offices of Voices for Utah Children at 757 E. South Temple (there is plenty of underground parking off of J Street). Please contact me at (801) 486-7993 or thaven47@gmail.com if you will be able to attend this useful and important training or if you have more questions.

The Running for Relief 5K Run/Walk is coming up in 2 months! Get your running shoes on and start moving! Proceeds from this year's race will be divided between Huntsman Cancer Institute, Central Asia Institute (Three Cups of Tea), and the UMCOR relief effort in Haiti. Online registration is NOW open, go to [www.signmeup.com/63640](http://www.signmeup.com/63640). Paper registration forms are also available in the office. If you are interested in volunteering or donating a door prize, please contact Gina Williams (801-588-0466, [chuckgina1@comcast.net](mailto:chuckgina1@comcast.net)). Invite your friends and neighbors for a really fun morning and once again, everyone gets burritos!!



**HOMELESS YOUTH RESOURCE & OUTREACH CENTER, SALT LAKE**

Did you know that there are 750-1200 homeless youth along the Wasatch Front and on any given day, the HYRC serves 100-150 of those homeless youth?

**To continue this valuable outreach, they need help and here's what you can do:**

**WISH LIST DONATIONS NEEDED:** The Church & Society Committee is looking for people to provide the simple blessing of donations to the Homeless Youth Resource Center during 2010. Here's how you can help:

Purchase items from the monthly Wish Lists and leave them in the clearly marked HYRC donation basket at CUMC, located in the hall between the multipurpose room & kitchen, any time during 2010. Coni Hampton will collect the items on a regular basis and deliver them to the HYRC.

Volunteer your family, committee, Sunday school class, ladies' circle, reading group, scout group, neighborhood, study group, youth group, exercise group, place of business, choir group, etc. to sign up for *one month* during 2010 to collect some of the needed items from the Wish List. Let Coni know which month you have chosen by contacting her at 801-272-5988 or [mwhcjh@comcast.net](mailto:mwhcjh@comcast.net). At the end of your chosen month, Coni will gather the collected items from you and deliver them to the HYRC, or she will give you the information you need if you'd like to deliver them yourself.

**WISH LIST:** Each month, a Wish List from the HYRC is provided to us. We share that Wish List with others through our church website, our church newsletter, and our Sunday bulletins. There are also copies of the Wish List in the HYRC donation basket at CUMC located in the hall between the kitchen & the multi-purpose room. Should you request it, Coni will even email a Wish List directly to you. It is never expected that you should purchase everything on the list. The list is only meant

to be a guide for you as you purchase the items you wish to donate.

**WE HOPE YOU WILL PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER MAKING DONATIONS TO THE HOMELESS YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER DURING 2010.**

Thank you and blessings from CUMC's Church & Society Committee.

**HYRC WISH LIST JANUARY - MARCH 2010**

**\*\*Their greatest need: Financial Contributions**

Checks should be made out to CUMC with "Homeless Youth Resource Center" on the memo line. They can then be placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or mailed to: CUMC @ 2375 East 3300 South, SLC UT, 84109-2796

**\*\*Also on the HYRC Wish List of needs:**

- \*Tents (new or gently used)
- \*Sleeping Pads (new or gently used)
- \*Large Backpacks (new or gently used)
- \*Thermal Underwear (new; men & women; all sizes)
- \*Men's Boxers or Boxer Briefs (new; sizes M, L, XL)
- \*Socks (warm for winter; men & women)
- \*Boots, waterproof/hiking (men & women, all sizes)
- \*Belts (L, XL)
- \*Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D)
- \*Combination Locks
- \*Alarm Clocks
- \*Fingernail Clippers
- \*\$10 Gift Cards to: Smith's, Payless Shoes, Wal-Mart
- \*\$5 Gift Cards to: McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's
- \*Non-Perishable Food Items: mac-n-cheese, raviolios, spaghetti's, Top-Ramen noodles, peanut butter, soup, etc.
- \*Laundry Detergent
- \*Disinfectant Cleaning Products: (anti-bacterial wipes, Lysol, etc.)
- \*Bus Tokens