

# The Sunday Flame

## Classes for Children and Youth:

- **Infants to Age 3** – Loving Nursery care in Room 103.
- **Age 3 to K** - With Sandy Johnson in Room 104 (by the south stairs) at 9:10 a.m.
- **Grades K through 5** – The Summit Downstairs in 9:10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, Downstairs (Children should be picked up at 10:00 a.m.)
- **Grades 6 through 12** – with Gary Dyer will meet today in the Youth Room at 10:00 a.m.

## Adult Classes:

### **Ongoing Adult Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. in Room 109:**

New members are always welcome for the Sunday morning Adult Bible Study, led by Jim Moore in Room 109.

### **Women's Study Group 10:00 a.m.**

The Women's Study Group will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the classroom off Great Hall. They are discussing the book "Boundaries" by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend.

## **Our Wednesday Nights Together (WNT)**

will resume on January 14<sup>th</sup> with these classes and activities:

“Living the Questions” led by Jim Marshall and Rev. Melanie Rosa

“What's So Amazing About Grace?” led by Katie Vigil

Yoga for the Harried Heart – a low impact yoga class

Wednesday Night for Kids – For all children ages 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Silas Youth Praise Band Rehearsal – David Heck, Jr. Director

Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. (RSVP needed)

Your 2009 Offering Envelopes are in the hall.

Please do not use these until January.

The 2009 Flower Chart is up in the hall. Sign up now for flowers for our Worship in memory/honor/celebration of loved ones or events. The cost is \$35.00. We can have up to 2 arrangements per Sunday. You can also call the church office at 303-237-7768 to be added to the list.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Greg Dyer, Millie Malcolm, Mary Lou Kinder, Vern Yost's mother, Arla.

*If you have a Prayer Concern/Joy, please speak to our Pastor or call our Prayer Chain -Marabeth Dial @ 303-986-0716 or the Office @303-237-7768.*

## **OUR MINISTRY THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, Dec. 28th**

8:30-10:30 Social Time  
8:45-11:45 Child Care (Infant - 3)  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
9:00 a.m. Adult Classes  
9:10 a.m. The Summit for Kids  
10:00 a.m. Adult Classes  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Social Time – Parlor  
11:30 a.m. Instrum. Ensemble

### **Monday, Dec. 29th**

10:00 a.m. JAC Quilters

### **Tuesday, Dec. 30th**

10:00 Quilters

### **Wednesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfasts  
Church Office Closes at Noon

### **Thursday, Jan. 1st**

Church Office Closed

### **Friday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Church Offices Closes at noon

### **Saturday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Salome Circle

## **Year-end Contributions**

Must be received in the church office by noon on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> or postmarked no later than Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your generous support of our ministry in 2008!

## **Sermon Series – “Challenging Scriptures”**

Rev. Rosa's new sermon series begins Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> and runs through Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

January 18 – “Challenging Scriptures: The Origin of Sin”

January 25 – Challenging Scriptures: Are the 10 Commandments Necessary?”

## **New Year Educational Opportunities**

In addition to the Wednesday Nights Together opportunities, Sunday mornings in 2009 at LUMC offer a more education opportunities in a new “2 Track” format. At least 2 adult offerings will be offered at both 9:00 and 10:30, enabling you to choose your class and then attend church services during the other track.

For Winter 2009 (beginning January 11<sup>th</sup>)

- 9:00 Room 109: Adult Bible Study, led by Jim Moore  
Parlor: Surviving the Squeeze: Being Happy and Healthy in the “Sandwich” Generation
- 10:30 Women's Study/Discussion Group: Great Hall Classroom, led by Gayle Grimes  
Parlor: Money Matters: Financial Freedom for All God's Children

## **Save These Dates:**

Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. Slumber Party –  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-12:00 Faithworks

Sat., Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – Habitat for Humanity Work Day in  
Arvada

Have a Safe and Blessed New Year!

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## Wednesday Nights Together— WNT—Kicks Off January 14<sup>th</sup>

*Please feel free to join any of these classes at any time.*

The Winter/Spring session of our Wednesday Night Together programming kicks off on January 14<sup>th</sup> with a free dinner for all at 6:00 (RSVP required). Come for dinner and check out the many offerings for adults and children from 6:30-7:30:

**Living the Questions:** Led by Jim Marshall and Rev. Melanie Rosa. The 3<sup>rd</sup> offering from the LTQ team features thought provoking video and discussion sure to lead you to thinking deeper about your faith.

**What's So Amazing About Grace?:** Led by Katie Vigil. Looks at the best selling book of the same name by Phillip Yancey. Through video and class interaction you'll gain a new appreciation of all God has done for you through Jesus Christ.

**Yoga for the Harried Heart:** A low impact yoga class led by a professional instructor is a great way to wind down from a hectic day. Please provide your own mat – payment of \$5/week (with a 12 week punch card) is made directly to the instructor.

**Wednesday Nights for Kids:** For all children ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Kids will spend some time learning songs to present in worship, and additional time in fun activities designed to help them have fun learning about their faith.

**Silas Youth Praise Band Rehearsal:** Led by David Heck. For youth in grades 6-12. Come join one of the very few Youth praise bands in the metro area! Whether you sing or play an instrument, we have a place for you. Contact David Heck for more information, 303-570-4389.

After the free orientation dinner on January 14<sup>th</sup>, dinner is available every week (with RSVP) for a donation of \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids, maximum \$15/family. The weekly menu is printed in the Bulletin, and you may RSVP on the Count Me In on the attendance slip or by calling the office by Monday at noon.

All sessions run for 12 sessions through April 8<sup>th</sup> (no classes on Ash Wednesday – February 25<sup>th</sup>). A special dinner and worship service will be offered for Ash Wednesday on February 25. Dinner at 6:00, Ash Wednesday worship at 7:00.



**December 28, 2008**

Welcome to the Lakewood United Methodist Church. May you find the presence of God among us and be blessed by our worship today.

# 9:00 Worship

PRELUDE "I Wonder as I Wander" arr. Mark Hayes  
Jim Ward, Piano

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" 251

WELCOME AND GREETING Gary Dyer  
*Please record your attendance on the slip and place in the offering plate.*

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN Gary Dyer  
*Loving Child Care is available for infants to age 3 in Room 103.  
Children ages 3- K may go to Room 104 for Sunday School. Children in  
Grades K through 5 may go downstairs to "The Summit".  
Children can be picked up in Fellowship Hall at 10:00*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Psalm 130: 5-7, Romans 8:22-27 Gary Dyer

SERMON "Christmas in the Real World: Still Waiting"  
Rev. Gordon Benesh

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS  
*When we receive freely and give generously, everyone is blessed.*

OFFERTORY "Sing Joy" arr. Mark Hayes  
David Heck, Jr.

\*RESPONSE "Give Thanks" 2036

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Gordon Benesh

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION "Away in A Manger" 217

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\*RESPONSE "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" 251  
(Verse 1)

POSTLUDE "Rise Up Shepherds" arr. Mark Hayes

*Please join us in Great Hall for fellowship and refreshments.*

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## Attendance

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please place in offering plate.*

*Visiting? Please use reverse side.*

*Happy New Year!*

*Please make a point to nurture your spirit in 2009 with regular prayer, worship and participation in the ministries of our church.  
God Bless You.*

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## VISITORS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## Welcome Visitors!

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We hope you enjoy your worship experience today and are richly blessed.

## Make a New Year's Resolution –

**To buy your grocery cards here before doing that grocery shopping.**  
They are on sale in Great Hall today and in the Church Office during the week.

Food banks need your help! The item for DenUM for December is Pasta.

**CDs of our service are available after the service in Great Hall.**

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Coffee Hosts ..... SPR Team

# 10:30 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE "Berceuse de Noel" R. Sawyer  
Jim Ward, Organist

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" 251

WELCOME AND GREETING Amy Strader  
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SPECIAL MUSIC "You'll Never Walk Alone" Richard Rodgers  
Ralph Deputy, Tenor

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OFFERTORY "O Holy Night" A. Adams  
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\*POSTLUDE "Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts" Saint-Saëns

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