

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.
- **Confirmation Class** - with Jim Marshall meets today in Room 7.

Adult Classes:

Advent Study – “Come to the Manger”

Our Advent study this year is “Come to the Manger” in the Parlor at 10:30 and running through Dec. 21st. Today’s leader will be Amy Strader. Everyone is invited to join this class at any time.

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) Continues this Wed., Dec. 10th with a family dinner at 6:00 p.m. Parents will have the opportunity to involve their children in the Dec. 14th Children’s Christmas Musical Presentation. Children ages 3 - 6th grade will work with Tami Hart and Amy Strader from 6:30-8:30 while the parents have the opportunity to shop for a couple of hours. There will only be the Yoga class for adults. Call the church office to **RSVP for the dinner by Monday at Noon** or return the reservation form with this bulletin in the offering plate.
This week’s Menu: Sloppy Joes

PARENTS

Our Sunday School Children are collecting diapers and other baby items in honor of Baby Jesus. Our goal is 25 packages of diapers by Dec. 25th. Children should bring the diapers with them to The Summit.



Sign up for Poinsettias to decorate our church for Christmas in the hall today. You can give poinsettias in honor/memory of loved ones. The cost is \$10.00. Tuesday is the deadline for signing up. You can call the church office at 303-237-7768 to be added to the list by Tuesday noon.

The Giving Tree

Today is the last day to take a tag to buy a gift for students who attend Eiber Elementary School, near the church. Please take a tag or two, purchase the gifts and return the gifts unwrapped to the church by December 14th. Many children will have a special Christmas this year because of your generosity.



OUR MINISTRY THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 7th

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
10:00 a.m. Sunday School – Youth
10:00 a.m. Holiday Fair – Room 109
10:10 a.m. Confirmation Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Social Time – Parlor
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:30 a.m. Instrum. Ensemble
5:30 p.m. Advent Adventure
7:30 p.m. Young Sinfonia Concert

Monday, Dec. 8th

10:00 a.m. JAC Quilters
7:00 p.m. Preschool Council

Tuesday, Dec. 9th

8:45 a.m. Whitechapel Bell Choir
9:00 a.m. Quilting
1:00 p.m. Susanna Circle
6:30 p.m. City of Lakewood

Wednesday, Dec. 10th

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
6:00 p.m. Church Family Dinner
6:30 p.m. Children’s Christmas Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Silas
7:30 p.m. Marty & The Methodists

Thursday, Dec. 11th

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
UMW Reading Group – Maxwell Home

Friday, Dec. 12th

10:00 Taussig Piano Club

Year End Contributions

must be received in the church office by noon on Dec. 31st or postmarked no later than Dec. 31st.

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry in 2008!

A Big Thank you to the Ye Wanton Singers who will be singing at our 10:30 service today.



Today is our **Advent Adventure**, 5:30 p.m. Carols, Crafts, Storytelling, bonfire and smores and food! All ages are welcome. We will also be collecting items for the Bags of Grace project.

The Colorado Young Sinfonia – in Concert

Tonight, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Program will be Baroque Inspiration. A freewill offering will be taken. Come and bring a friend for this evening of beautiful music by some very talented young musicians.



A Blue Feather Alliance Sale of arts and crafts is today in Great Hall. Check it out! Do that Christmas shopping here!

December Sermon Series

Dec. 7th - Christmas in the Real World: Interruptions
Dec. 14th – Christmas in the Real World: Expectations
Dec. 24th – Christmas in the Real World: Transformation

December Schedule

Today, 5:30 p.m. – Advent Adventure
Today, 7:30 p.m. – Colorado Young Sinfonia Concert
Sunday, Dec. 14th, 9:00 and 10:30 – Children’s Music Program
Monday, Dec. 15th, Noon – 50+ Christmas Gathering (Assembly of Military Care Packages at 11:00)
Wednesday, Dec. 17th, 10:00 – UMW Brunch and Wassail Bowl
Sunday, Dec. 21st, 9:00 and 10:30 – Adult Music Program
Wednesday, Dec. 24th,
7:00 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Greg Dyer, Ralph Wright, Millie Malcolm, Denny Lutz (brain surgery), Peter Kelly, son in law of Barbara Tobiska (Non Hodgkin’s Lymphoma); Katie Pacheco (back pain); Mary Lou Kinder.

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.

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By Christmas Eve, the undecorated Christmas Tree in Great Hall will be colorful with hats, mittens, scarfs and other items that will be distributed to the Jeffco Action Center, Family Tree and other agencies. Lakewood United Methodist Women have sponsored this tree for many years. Help us decorate this tree with usable items to give warmth to needy children.

UMW Wassail Bowl

The Annual UMW Christmas Brunch and Wassail Bowl will be Wed., Dec. 17th, 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Save the date and plan to enjoy the good food and program. Donita Banks will present a musical program on “The Carols of Christmas”. The cost is \$5.00 and reservations are due by Dec. 12th to Pat Hill at 303-985-7053.

The 50+ Christmas Gathering

will be on Monday, Dec. 15th at Noon in Fellowship Hall. We are collecting items for Military Care Packages. Join us at 11:00 and help put the packages together or at noon for the catered meal and Christmas Music and Memories program. A list of items needed is listed below and posted in the hall. RSVP on the sign up sheet in the office or call the office at 303-237-7768.

Military Care Packages

We are going to send Care Packages to our brave service men and women. If you know of anyone in the Military that might like a care package, please call the church office with the name and address. Please bring any of these items and leave in the box in the hall next to the Welcome Desk.



Shower to Shower Body Powder, disposable cameras, jelly beans, Altoids, gum, mints, playing cards, word puzzle books, AA & AAA batteries, small cans of Pringles, small individually wrapped cookies (i.e.6 pack of Oreos), white shoe laces for sneakers, foot powder, new DVDs – especially comedies, microwave popcorn, cereal or granola bars, toothbrushes/toothpaste, Little Debbie/Hostess snacks.

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.



December 7, 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

*SONG OF PRAISE "Christmas Hope" Marty and The Methodists
 *HYMN OF PRAISE "People, Look East" 202

WELCOME AND GREETING

Please record your attendance on the slip and place in the offering plate.

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN Julie Cicak
*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*

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE
 Deborah Cooper and Dawn Willbanks

ADVENT SONG (Verse 2) 2090

RELOCATION UPDATE Mike Smith

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

OFFERTORY "Christmas Lullaby"
 Marty and The Methodists

*RESPONSE "Give Thanks" 2036

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 2:18-25 Mike Smith

SERMON "Interruptions" Rev. Melanie Rosa

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
*Communion is open to everyone in our church. You do not need to be a
 member of this or any church to be welcome at the Lord's Table with us.*

*HYMN "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" 196

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE "Amen, Amen" 2072

Please join us in Great Hall for fellowship and refreshments.

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Attendance

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please place in offering plate.

Visiting? Please use reverse side.

Count Me In for dinner....

Wed. Night Dinner:

Adults _____

Children _____

50+

Christmas Gathering
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VISITORS

Name: _____

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Welcome Visitors!

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



In our efforts to go Green, we have changed from Styrofoam to paper cups. Dick Stall has made a rack near the soda machine for your personal mugs if you would like to bring one from home. Remember to use the recycle bin for your used paper cups and other recyclable items.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING?

Use grocery cards for Safeway and King Soopers to do that holiday grocery shopping. They are on sale in Great Hall today and in the Church Office during the week. These are great for your gas purchases, gifts for someone special or food banks.

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

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10:30 Worship

PRELUDE "Night of Silence" Kantor/"Silent Night" Franz Gruber
Ye Wanton Singers

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

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CHORAL INTROIT "Hodie Christus Natus Est" Kenneth Mahy

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" 203

ANTHEM "Good King Wenceslas" arr. David Lee Roberts

RELOCATION UPDATE

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SHARING OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS Warren Dunkin
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OFFERTORY "Hush! My Dear" arr. David Willcocks

*RESPONSE "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95

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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Ave Maria" Franz Biebl
"Nova, Nova" Williametta Spencer
"Cantate Domino" Claudio Monteverdi

*HYMN "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" 196

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*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Jesus Child" John Rutter

*POSTLUDE "Let Christians All with Joyful Mirth" James Mansfield

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