

# The Flame

Invite • Inspire • Involve

December 2008

December is a magical month as we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ. Rev. Rosa's Sermon Series will be  
Christmas in the Real World:  
Interruptions, Expectations, and Transformations  
Please join us!

- December 7: Second Sunday in Advent  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Sermon: "Christmas in the Real World: Interruptions"  
All Church Advent Adventure 5:30 pm
- December 14: Third Sunday in Advent  
Youth Band Silas and Children's Choir  
Sermon: "Christmas in the Real World: Expectations"
- December 21: Fourth Sunday in Advent  
The Music of Christmas  
Chancel Choir, Marty and the Methodists,  
Instrumental Ensemble, Whitechapel Handbell Choir
- December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship  
Sermon: "Christmas in the Real World: Transformations"  
7:00 Featuring Marty and the Methodists  
9:00 Featuring the Chancel Choir and Holy Communion



Join Us for  
the Holidays!

## Advent Adventure

Whether you have known about Advent for years or not sure what it is, you are invited to join the LUMC family for a night of learning and fun!!



Sunday, December 7th 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Carols! Crafts! Storytelling! Chili, soup and drinks provided! Bonfire and S'mores! Please bring a dessert or side to share!! All ages welcome! Please bring items for our Bags of Grace. (Handouts with the items listed are in the hall).

# A Big Thank you!

We appreciate all the handwork of the following ladies who knitted or crocheted sweaters and baby blankets for the residents of the Pine Ridge Reservation:

Grace Marcus, Lillian Marvin, Pat Hill, Delia Johnson, Margaret Kinney, Claudean Baird, Katie Pacheco, Shirley Jobin, Leota Hettinger and Bette Haskell (knitted 30 hat and mitten sets for the mitten tree).

## Thank you to Holiday Fair Participants!

I want to thank all who participated in the 2008 Holiday Fair. It was a wonderful event with many vendors. Some of the special non-profit groups that benefited from this fair are: The Jeffco Action Center, Lakewood High School Key Club, LUMC Crafts Group, Native American Ministries, Pine Ridge Mission, Red Bird Mission and the United Methodist Women.

Steve Watkins

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR LUMC MEMBERS RECEIVING MANDATORY MINIMUM IRA DISTRIBUTIONS

#### IRA Charitable Contributions Act Renewed

As part of the financial bailout legislation enacted in October, the IRA Charitable Distribution act was re-established. The provisions allow those who are receiving mandatory minimum IRA distributions and making charitable donations to a church or other charity, to have the donations made directly from their IRA for significant tax and other advantages. The program is in effect for 2008 and 2009 and allows transfers of up to \$100,000. This is a great way to pay your normal operation or Capital Campaign Pledge. If you are currently receiving mandatory IRA distributions and would like information on how the program works, feel free to contact our Financial Administrator, Laura Winberg at the church office, M, W, F: 303-237-7768.



### POINSETTIA SIGNUP

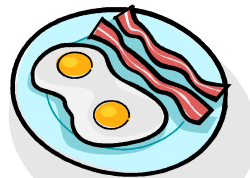
Is now available in the hall. Signup now for a poinsettia in memory/honor/celebration of loved ones to decorate our Sanctuary at Christmas. The cost is \$10.00. You can take your poinsettia after Christmas or we can deliver to a shut in.

### Food Drives

The food item for DenUM in December is pasta. The Jeffco Action Center bin is in the hall. Please help those in need by bringing a food item each time you come to church.

### HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Do your Holiday grocery shopping and use grocery cards you can buy from our church. 5% of all sales benefit our church and the Blue Feather Alliance. (That's \$5.00 on each \$100.00 you purchase and it doesn't cost you a cent more!) Grocery Certificates make great gifts and can be used by food banks at this time of year. Get your certificates on Sunday in Great Hall or during the week in the church office. We appreciate your support.



### MEN'S BREAKFASTS

The Men's Breakfasts for December will be Wed. Dec. 3rd, Dec. 17th and 31st at 7:00 a.m. at Café Del Sol (6th and Garrison). All men are invited to attend this time of food, fellowship and discussion. The men are discussing the book "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White" by Adam Hamilton.



Dear Friends:



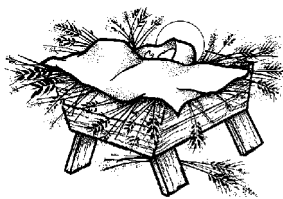
We need Christmas more than ever this year. It has been a year of uncertainty, fear, conflict, and turmoil. How desperately our world needs the promise that Christmas represents! The promise that innocence and goodness are not illusions. The promise that people can love each other and work together. The promise that miracles are possible, and the God who was born in poverty and obscurity is with us even now.

There are few stories, if any, that have been told to as many people in as many places as the Christmas Story. It has been told in the palaces of Kings and in the straw huts of the destitute. It has stopped wars, if only for a few hours. It has closed stores, and turned enemies into friends. It speaks of peace on earth and good will in human hearts. It is a compelling story about a God willing to become human in the most humble way imaginable. A God who reached out to all people for all time in the cloak of vulnerability and meekness. It is a story of long ago, and a story of the present moment. It is a story about others, and a story about us. It reminds us that no matter how broken and battered we may be, we can all be born anew. We can rise above suffering, loss and even death. The most hardened and cynical person can be transformed by the story of God coming to earth as an innocent baby born in a manger.

This year especially, we all need the healing and hope that this lovely holiday represents. So please join with your church family in celebrating this sacred season. Together we will prepare our hearts to receive God's greatest gift, as we allow ourselves to be renewed, refreshed, and even transformed. I look forward to sharing this journey with all of you. May the spirit of Jesus Christ be born anew in all of us this year.

*Rev. Melanie Rosa*





## Come to the Manger

A special Advent Class will begin Sunday, Nov. 30th at 10:30 in the Parlor. Using the resource developed by Robert Kaylor, Pastor of Park City UMC in Utah, we'll walk through the scriptures that prophesied, described and reflected on God becoming flesh in Jesus Christ. November 30th will be led by Rev. Rosa, Dec. 7th by Children's Education Director, Amy Strader, Dec. 14th, Jim Ward, Director of Worship/Adult Discipleship and Dec. 21st by Julie Cicak, Minister of Congregational Care. A few copies of the Study Guide will be available at the first class, or you can order yours directly from our website [www.lumc.net](http://www.lumc.net), click on the "LUMC Bookstore" link, and from there click the "LUMC Recommends" link. Join us and open your heart and spirit to the expectation that is Advent.

## Faithworks Needs You!

On Saturday, December 6, Faithworks will be going to Project C.U.R.E.'s warehouse to sort and pack medical supplies for areas in need around the world. Project C.U.R.E. was started right here in Colorado and has grown into an internationally renowned organization. This is your chance to help. Be at the church on Dec. 6th by 8:30 a.m. and we'll take the van to the warehouse where we'll work until noon.



## Sign up to Help Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity will be building four houses nearby in Arvada (68th and Saulsbury) in January 2009. Lakewood UMC has committed to send volunteers for a workday on Saturday, Jan. 24th, from 9:00-5:00 p.m. Volunteers must be 16 years old. No experience necessary, but experienced people would be of great help. There is even a church nearby where volunteers can get warm. Habitat helps hard-working families obtain decent, safe and affordable homes. And you can help on January 24th. We need 10 volunteers. Please sign up on the big board in the hallway.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2009

Are now available in the hall. Please do not use these envelopes until January. If you do not have envelopes and would like a set, please let the church office know. Envelopes will not be mailed unless requested.



## FLOWER CHART FOR 2009

The new Flower Chart for 2009 is up in the hall. Sign up now for those special occasions in the coming year. We can have 2 signups per Sunday. The cost is \$35.00. The secretary will call you the week before to get your bulletin information.



Congratulations to Kathy and Mike Dano on the birth of their daughter, Lila Eleanor, born on Nov. 13th.

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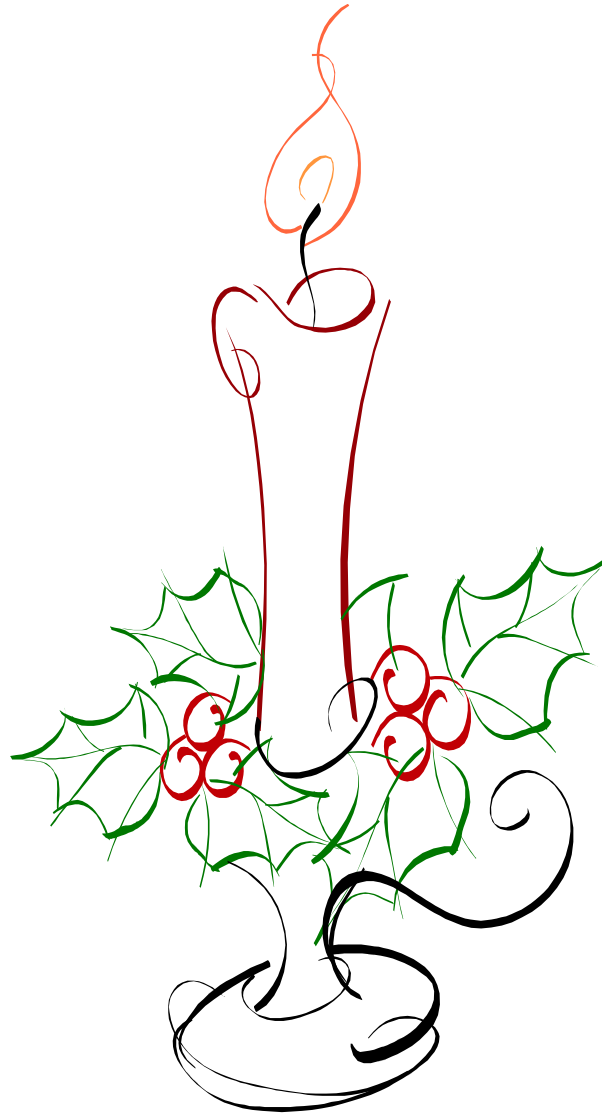


# YOUTH NEWS

REVERB—Grades 6 - 7 - 8  
ONE80H Grades 9 - 12  
SILAS Grades 6 - 12

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*No deep darkness  
in the world  
can overcome  
the light,  
A single candle  
flame will burn  
against the  
darkest night.  
Let all the world  
of darkness come;  
resentments,  
envies, fears.*



*Then light the single flame of love,  
the darkness disappears.*

Soak Up. Squeeze. Soak up. Squeeze.  
Repeat, repeat, repeat...

WEDNESDAY 3rd

Dinner 6PM  
Silas 6:30 - 7:30

SUNDAY 7th

Worship @ 9 & 10:30  
Sunday School 10AM  
Advent Celebration  
5:30 - 7:30

WEDNESDAY 10th

Dinner 6PM  
SILAS 6:30 - 7:30

SUNDAY 14th

Worship @ 9 & 10:30  
Sunday School 10AM

REVERB and  
Youth Christmas  
Movie @ LUMC  
4:00 - 6:30

SUNDAY 21st

Worship @ 9 & 10:30  
Sunday School 10AM  
REVERB &  
Youth Party with Trinity  
4:00 - 7:15

WEDNESDAY 24th

Christmas Eve  
Worship Services  
7PM and 9PM

SUNDAY 28th

Worship @ 9 & 10:30  
No Sunday School



## THE SUMMIT:

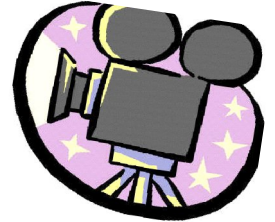
Where Kids Grow Closer to God

CLIMB—REACH—LEARN

LIGHTS— CAMERA— ACTION!

The Summit is going to HOLLYWOOD!

We need all the children's help as this December we are making a MOVIE of the Christmas story.



We will also play computer games, sing Christmas Carols, and have a ton of fun as we learn about Jesus and his birth.



PLUS, an "After Christmas, Christmas PARTY" where we will get to view the final cut of our movie.

Don't forget we are collecting DIAPERS for babies born this Christmas season! Our goal is **25 packages** before the **25th of December!!**



## Parent's Night Out

Hey Parents, need a night to go shopping without the kids?

Here is your chance!!!

**Wednesday, December 10th**

**6:00-8:00 pm**



Drop off the kids, we will feed them dinner, and you have a couple hours to yourself.

All children who come will be able to be in the Children's Christmas program the following Sunday during church!



## GIVING TREE 2008 Eiber Elementary School



Lakewood UMC will be spreading Christmas cheer again this year for the families of Eiber Elementary students. The Giving Tree is up in the Narthex. Please take a tag or two, purchase the items and return them to the tree unwrapped with the tag attached. Presents

must be returned by Dec. 14th so they can be delivered to the school to be wrapped and distributed by teachers before school holidays.

If you don't have time to shop, you can donate \$25 toward the purchase of some Ipods for the most developmentally disabled students to use in class. Put your check in the offering plate marked "Eiber Ipod" or give it to the church secretary. Eiber educates around 400 students in grades K-6. Eiber is a PBS school and provides Positive Behavior Support to its students. Eiber focuses its effort toward the three "Rs" Just different ones: Ready, Respectful and Responsible. Don't forget Eiber this Christmas.

## THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Wassail Bowl and  
Brunch will be  
Dec. 17th, 10:00

Plan now to attend the UMW Wassail Bowl and Brunch in the Parlor. 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.



## Military Care Packages to Be Assembled at 50+ Christmas Gathering

At the December 15<sup>th</sup> 50+ Christmas Gathering, volunteers will be assembling and packing "Care Packages" for persons connected to the congregation (and it's members) who are currently serving in the military. We have the names of several members in the service, but we would like to provide a package with love and thanks from LUMC to any relative of an LUMC member or friend. If you know of someone in the military you would like to add to the list, please call Milly at the church office, 303-237-7768 or e-mail the name, shipping address, and relation to LUMC member to [secretary@lumc.net](mailto:secretary@lumc.net). Help us make Christmas a little brighter for the women and men who help guard our freedom!

Come at 11:00 if you would like to help assemble the packages and stay for lunch and program at noon.

The Program for this gathering will be a Christmas Music program presented by an ensemble from Lakewood High School. You won't want to miss it!

Call the church office at 303-237-7768 by Dec. 11th to reserve your sport for the catered lunch. The suggested donation is \$4.00. Come and bring a friend. Please note that the meeting is on Monday—not the usual Wednesday.

### ITEMS NEEDED:

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.

## THE COLORADO YOUNG SINFONIA IN CONCERT

Sunday, Dec. 7th, 7:30 p.m.

The Program will be:

Bach Brandenburg Concerto #3

Corelli Concerto Grosso #2

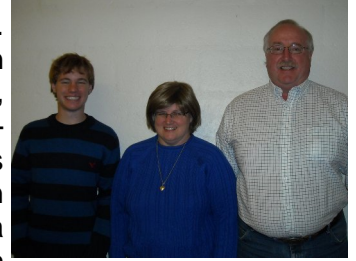
Handel Harp Concerto—Emily Levin, soloist

Vaughan Williams Five Variants on Dives and Lazarus

A freewill offering will be taken. Come and bring a friend for an evening of beautiful music.

# Welcome New Members!

Karen and Mike Bent and son, Zach Herr, are delighted to be joining our church. Karen and Zach are transferring from Golden UMC. Mike has joined by Profession of Faith. The Bents have been attending Lakewood as a family for about a year, although Zach was baptized at Lakewood as a baby. Karen and Mike recently celebrated their fourth anniversary. In addition to Zach, Mike has a son, Adam, who is also a high school senior. Zach plays bass for Silas. He went on the youth mission trip last year and plans to go again this year. At Golden High School, where he is a senior, he is active in cross country track and baseball. He also works as a youth baseball umpire in the summer. Karen and Mike say they spend a lot of their time following their sons' sports events. They are avid baseball fans. Mike brags that he was one of the first people to get season tickets for the Rockies; Karen will stop at any lighted baseball field just to see who is playing. The Bents have recently gotten a new shelter dog and have a rabbit and a bird. Mike says that he loves the youth activities available for Zach; they also like the way Lakewood UMC reaches out to its local community. A big welcome to the Bent family!



We welcome Larry Jesse to our church family. Larry is a native Coloradoan. Larry is now retired but worked as a computer operator for 16 years. He also owned and operated two Baskin-Robbins ice cream stores in Colorado Springs. Larry says he still misses the ice cream – Pralines 'n Cream remains his favorite flavor. Larry has three grown sons and enjoys his eight grandchildren. He loves Broncos football, going to movies and listening to music. We are so glad Larry has joined our church!

Denny Lutz has been coming to the church for a while, and we are so glad he has decided to join. Denny, a native of Montana came to Colorado in 1991. Denny loves his job installing windows. He adores his Keeshound, Cleo and says she is one spoiled dog; she gets to accompany Denny to work. When able Denny enjoys golf and fishing. Denny faced brain surgery last year and was able to regain his health. He may be looking at another operation, but is facing the future with the help of his faith. Welcome Denny!



Leslie and Shawn Smitley are newlyweds, having been married for five months. Leslie was born and raised in New Orleans and Shawn was a Navy brat who got to live in many different places, the most exciting was Australia. The Smitleys attended Trinity Church when they lived downtown, but after moving to Lakewood they found a church home at LUMC. Leslie is a nurse who works for the University of Colorado in cancer research. Shawn is a controller for Mercy Housing, a national non-profit that finds and offers affordable housing. Leslie and Shawn have already found plenty to do here— helping with the Summit and bringing dinner to homeless families during the last IHN rotation. They don't have too much spare time but love to travel when they do. Welcome Smitleys!

Terry and Karen Ward and their daughter Ann Marie are no strangers to the church; Terry's father Dean and brothers, Jim and Jeff, have attended Lakewood for many years. Terry is an electronic technician and works for Sypris collecting and storing satellite data. Karen is an ad composer for Dex. Ann Marie attends Metro State and is majoring in English with a minor in music. Ann Marie has been a member of the Chancel choir since September. The Wards also have a son, Matthew, who recently graduated from Metro State and is getting married next year. In their spare time, Karen likes to ride her palomino horse, White Silk. Terry and Ann Marie enjoy indoor rock climbing. Welcome Wards!



# December 2008

## Monday, Dec. 1st

6:00 p.m. Congregational Life  
7:00 p.m. Trustees, Worship, Missions  
Education Teams

## Tuesday, Dec. 2nd

8:45 a.m. Whitechapel Bell Choir  
9:00 a.m. Quilting – Room 19  
11:30 a.m. Rebecca Circle – Room 7  
6:30 p.m. Young Sinfonia

## Wednesday, Dec. 3rd

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline  
12:30 p.m. Naomi Circle - Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Church Family Dinner  
6:30-7:30 Children's class and music  
6:30 p.m. Adult Classes  
6:30 p.m. Silas  
7:30 p.m. Marty & The Methodists

## Thursday, Dec. 4th

9:30 a.m. Craft Class Room 7  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

## Saturday, Dec. 6th

8:30 a.m. Faithworks—Project CURE  
8:30 a.m. Salome Circle – Parlor

## Sunday, Dec. 7th

8:30 - 11:30 Social Time – Great Hall  
8:45 - 11:45 Child Care (infant to age 3)  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary  
9:00 a.m. Adult Classes  
9:10 a.m. The Summit Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School – Youth  
10:00 a.m. Adult Classes  
10:10 a.m. Confirmation Class—Room 7  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Conf. Room  
11:30 a.m. Social Time—Parlor  
11:30 a.m. Instrumental Ensemble  
4:00-5:00 Youth  
5:30 p.m. Advent Adventure  
7:30 p.m. Young Sinfonia Concert

## Monday, Dec. 8th

10:00-2:00 JAC Quilters—2nd Floor  
7:00 p.m. Preschool Council

## Tuesday, Dec. 9th

8:45 a.m. Whitechapel Bell Choir  
9:00 a.m. Quilting – Room 19  
1:00 p.m. Susanna Circle  
6:30-8:30 p.m. City of Lakewood

## Wednesday, Dec. 10th

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline  
6:00-6:45 p.m. All Church Dinner  
6:45-8:00 Children's Music Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Adult Classes

6:30 p.m. Silas  
7:30 p.m. Marty & The Methodists

## Thursday, Dec. 11th

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir  
UMW Reading Group -  
Mary Maxwell's home

## Friday, Dec. 12th

9:00 a.m. Taussig Piano Club

## Sunday, Dec. 14th Children's Music Program

8:30 - 10:30 Social Time – Great Hall  
8:45 - 11:45 Child Care (infant-age 3)  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
9:00 a.m. Adult Classes  
9:10 a.m. Summit Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School – Youth  
10:00 a.m. Adult Classes  
10:10 a.m. Confirmation Class  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. Social Time—Parlor  
11:30 a.m. Instrumental Ensemble  
4:00-5:00 Youth

## Monday, Dec. 15th

12:00 p.m. 50+ Christmas Lunch  
**Flame Deadline**

## Tuesday, Dec. 16th

8:45 a.m. Whitechapel Bell Choir  
9:00 a.m. Quilting – Room 19  
11:30 a.m. Bible Study—Room 7

## Wednesday, Dec. 17th

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast—Café  
Del Sol  
10:00 a.m. UMW Wassail Bowl  
12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline  
7:30 p.m. Marty & The Methodists

## Thursday, Dec. 18th

9:30 a.m. Craft Class Room 7  
7:00 p.m. Eiberhood - Parlor  
7:00 p.m. Nat'l Graves Support  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

## Saturday, Dec. 20th

8:45 a.m. Whitechapel Bell Choir

## Sunday, Dec. 21st Adult Music Program

8:30 - 10:30 Social Time – Great Hall  
8:45 - 11:45 Child Care (infant-age 3)  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
9:00 a.m. Adult Classes  
9:10 a.m. Summit Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School – Youth  
10:00 a.m. Adult Classes  
10:10 a.m. Confirmation Class  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. Social time—Parlor

11:30 a.m. Instrumental Ensemble  
11:30 p.m. Rehearsal -Christmas Eve  
4:00—5:00 p.m. Youth—Holiday Party with  
Trinity

## Monday, Dec. 22nd

10:00-2:00 JAC Quilters—2nd Floor  
7:00 p.m. Women's Disc. Group  
Full Moon Coffee

## Tuesday, Dec. 23rd

9:00 a.m. Quilting – Room 19

## Wednesday, Dec. 24th

**7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve Services**

Church Office closes at noon

## Thursday, Dec. 25th

**Church Office Closed**

## Friday, Dec. 26th

**Church Office Closed**

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

8:30 - 10:30 Social Time – Great Hall  
8:45 - 11:45 Child Care (infant-age 3)  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
9:00 a.m. Adult Classes  
9:10 a.m. Summit Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School – Youth  
10:00 a.m. Adult Classes  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. Social Time—Parlor  
11:30 a.m. Instrumental Ensemble  
4:00-5:00 Youth

## Monday, Dec. 29th

10:00-2:00 JAC Quilters—2nd Floor

## Tuesday, Dec. 30th

9:00 a.m. Quilting – Room 19

## Wednesday, Dec. 31st

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfasts—  
Café Del Sol

Church Office Closes at Noon

The Church office Hours are:

8:30-4:00 Monday—Thursday

8:30-2:00 p.m. Friday

## Holiday Hours

The Office will close at noon on  
Wed., Dec. 24th and will be closed  
on Thursday and Friday,  
Dec. 25th & 26th.

The Office will Close at  
noon on Wed., Dec. 31st  
Closed on Jan. 1st and  
Open on Jan. 2nd till Noon.

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## Ye Wanton Singers Dec. 7th—10:30 a.m.

If you have not heard this wonderful  
a cappella group before, you are in for a treat.  
They sing a variety of music. Please join us  
at 10:30 on Dec. 7th.