

THE FLAME

FEBRUARY 2007

On January 14th at both worship services, results of the vote on relocation were announced:

187 voted YES on the relocation proposal; 94 voted NO on the proposal

By nearly a 2-1 margin, our congregation declared its vision to grow in a new location.

- Committees are being formed to implement the relocation plan. If you would like to serve on any of the committees, please contact Melanie or the church office:
 - Fund Raising/Capital Campaign
 - Architect Selection
 - Land Acquisition
 - Communications/Public Relations
- There will be no immediate changes in our Sunday School, Worship, Missions/ Outreach or other church programming. In fact, you will see a gradual increase in programming and outreach as we transition to a new location.
- Financial operations of the church will continue as planned. All expenses related to development of the new campus will be paid by future capital campaigns and sales proceeds of the Brentwood St. property.
- Phase I of the Capital Campaign will kick off in the next few months, designed to raise adequate funds to purchase the land at our new location.
- Maintenance of the current property will continue as planned. No major capital projects will be undertaken except the Fire Code mandated improvements required by West Metro Fire Department to keep the PDO program running.
- Listing and marketing of the current Brentwood St. property will not begin until the new site has been placed under contract.
- The relocation plan will strive to avoid any interruption of ministry or move to an intermediate facility. **WE PLAN ON WORSHIPPING AND SERVING FROM OUR BRENTWOOD ST. LOCATION FOR THE NEXT 2 ½ TO 3 YEARS!**
- As we make progress toward relocation, you will have the opportunity to:
 - Participate in focus groups and surveys to develop final plans for the facilities and ministries at our new location.
 - Attend some worship services, picnics and other functions at our new site.
 - Follow the progress of the plan and construction on our website, www.lumc.net.
 - Pray, volunteer and be an integral part of the process as we develop a bright future for Lakewood United Methodist Church's next century!

THE PATH IS CHOSEN

People of faith caring for all people.

**Important Message from your
Worship Ministry
Team**

We are encouraging everyone in the congregation to bring a spirit of humble reverence and respect to the worship service each week. Please keep all food and drink in Great Hall or the Parlor, not the Sanctuary, and please hold your applause during the worship service. Our musicians know that you appreciate them, so there is no need to applaud after every single musical number. It would be greatly appreciated if you could turn off all pagers and cell phones, and keep conversations to a minimum during worship. The acoustics in our sanctuary are such that voices carry more loudly than you realize, and can be a distraction to other worshippers. Thank you so much for helping us to make the worship of God a reverent and spiritually meaningful experience for everyone present.

God Bless You.

MEN'S BREAKFASTS

The Men's breakfasts for February will be Wednesday, February 14th & 28th -7:00 a.m. at Café Del Sol. The Men are discussing the book "John Wesley for the 21st Century". All men are invited to attend this time of food, fellowship and discussion.

**Metro District Annual
Celebration will be at LUMC!**

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, February 24 from 8:30 until 2:45. This festive celebration of our shared ministry in our Denver Metropolitan District. "Weaving Our Many Songs: Giving Voice to Our Diversity" is the theme of the day. There will be worship, great food, cultural events, workshops and ministry resources available. We want a great turn out for this event, in fact a trophy will be awarded to the church with the most people present. If you need childcare, please call the church office. See you at our District Celebration February 24!

During a recent worship service one of our members cars was vandalized. The driver's side window was shattered and a wallet and camera stolen.

Also, a plate glass window was recently shattered in one of our Preschool Classrooms. Please lock your vehicles and hide your valuables while you are at the church and report any suspicious activity to a staff member or lay leader. We want to keep everyone safe at our church. Thank You!



Why Settle for a "Good" Marriage when you can have a "Great" marriage?

You can make the leap from just "good" to GREAT on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones - and focus only on each other. Feb. 9-11, 2007 in Denver

For more information or to register, contact: Harry & Deb Thomas at

303-988-5490
HnDThomas@aol.com

The Eve Circle will meet on Wed., Feb. 14th, 10:00 a.m. at Lakewood Estates.

Directory Changes:

Joe and Nancy Darden

Mapleton Care Center
115 Ingalls St.
Lakewood 80226

303-237-1325

Nancy Elwood

10516 W. 7th Ave. Apt. 102
Lakewood 80215

Frank Williamson

9390 W. 1st Ave.
Lakewood 80226
303-918-3762

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

This new year has already brought some very interesting developments to our beloved church. The decision of the congregation to relocate has taken many of us by surprise. It is going to be a challenging, exciting, demanding, and interesting journey for us. It is my hope that it will be a journey which will bring us closer together, rather than tear us apart. I understand that those of you who voted "No" to relocation are very disappointed. I want to strongly encourage you to stay invested in our ministry and work with us. We need your input, participation and support, if we are to become the sort of church God is calling us to be.

There is much work ahead for us, but I want to assure you that our ministry at this location will continue with full energy and enthusiasm. We will continue to offer high quality worship and Christian education, pastoral care, missions and outreach. We will continue to be passionate about sharing the love of Christ with a broken world. We will continue to offer intelligent, informed and relevant spirituality to all who come to us.

After reviewing our accomplishments for 2006, I know that we are more than capable of meeting the challenges ahead. Last year we brought in more new members (37) than we lost to deaths or transfer of membership. This is a huge milestone for us! We gave over \$100,000 to Missions beyond our church. We sponsored many successful Mission Trips for youth and adults. We brought the love of Christ to the sick, hospitalized, bereaved and sorrowful. We offered classes for all ages, Vacation Bible School, and had another successful year for Faith Power. We helped countless people grow in faith, hope and discipleship. This is an exceptional congregation, with so very much to offer a world in need. We will continue our passion for reaching people, welcoming them, loving them, and forming them as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. God will be with us every step of the way.

Please continue to keep our church, its staff and lay leaders in your prayers. Please be faithful in your support of our church and help us to be a blessing in this world. You, dear ones, make this ministry possible, and you are the key to our shared future.

Rev. Melanie Rosa

Thursday, Feb. 1st

9:30 a.m. Craft Class Room 7
 7:00 p.m. SPR - Conference Room
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday, Feb. 3rd

8:30 a.m. Salome Circle - Parlor

Sunday, Feb. 4th Communion

8:30 - 11:00 Social Time - Great Hall
 8:45 - 12:15 Child Care (infant to age 3) - Room 103
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School - All Ages
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 12:00 p.m. Brunch - Great Hall
 12:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble
 4:00 - 5:00 Silas (Youth Band)
 5:00 - 6:30 Allies - Jr. High

Monday, Feb. 5th

6:30 p.m. Young Sinfonia Rehearsal

Ministry Teams

6:30 p.m. Education - Room 109
 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
 7:00 p.m. Missions
 7:00 p.m. Worship - Room 105
 7:00 p.m. Evangelism - Parlor

Tuesday, Feb. 6th

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Room 19
 11:30 a.m. Rebecca Circle - Room 7

Wednesday, Feb. 7th

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
 12:30 p.m. Ruth Circle & Sarah Circle
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Disciple - Parlor
 7:00 p.m. Marty & The Methodists
 7:00 p.m. BBs Small Group

Thursday, Feb. 8th

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, Feb. 9th

9:30-2:00 p.m. Taussig Piano Club

Saturday, Feb. 10th

9:00-12:00 MDAC - Parlor

Sunday, Feb. 11th

YOUTH SUNDAY

8:30 - 11:00 Social Time - Great Hall
 8:45 - 12:15 Child Care (infant to age 3) - Room 103
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School - All Ages
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 12:00 p.m. Social Time-Parlor
 12:00-3:00 Staff Retreat - Room 109
 12:15 p.m. Pilgrimage
 12:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble
 4:00 - 5:00 Silas (Youth Band)
 5:00 - 6:30 Synergy - Sr. High

Monday, Feb. 12th

7:00 p.m. Preschool Council

Tuesday, Feb. 13th

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Room 19
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Susanna Circle
 6:30 p.m. Young Sinfonia

Wednesday, Feb. 14th

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast - Café Del Sol
 10:00 a.m. Eve Circle - Lakewood Estates
 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Disciple - Parlor
 7:00 p.m. Shutterbugs

Thursday, Feb. 15th

9:30 a.m. Craft Class Room 7
 11:00-2:00 Public Meeting - Parlor
 7:00 p.m. Eiberhood - Parlor
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Flame Deadline

Sunday, Feb. 18th

8:30 - 11:00 Social Time - Great Hall
 8:45 - 12:15 Child Care (infant to age 3) - Room 103
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School - All Ages
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 12:00 p.m. Social time-Parlor
 12:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble

Monday, Feb. 19th

President's Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, Feb. 20th

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Room 19
 6:30 p.m. Young Sinfonia Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Church Council - Dinner & Special Mtg.

Wednesday, Feb. 21st

Ash Wednesday

8:45 a.m. UMW Mission Team
 10:15 a.m. Social Hour/Program/Business - Fellowship Hall
 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
 12:00 a.m. UMW Luncheon
 7:00 p.m. **Ash Wednesday Service**
 8:00 p.m. Marty & The Methodists

Thursday, Feb. 22nd

1:00 p.m. UMW Reading Group
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Saturday, Feb. 24th

8:00-3:00 Metro District Conference

Sunday, Feb. 25th

8:30 - 1:00 Social Time - Great Hall
 8:45 - 12:15 Child Care (infant to age 3)
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School - All Ages
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 12:00 p.m. Social Time-Parlor
 12:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble
 4:00 - 5:00 Silas (Youth Band)
 5:00 - 6:30 Allies - Jr. High Youth
 7:30 p.m. **Young Sinfonia Concert**

Monday, Feb. 26th

7:00 p.m. Women's Disc. Group
 Full Moon Coffee

Tuesday, Feb. 27th

9:00 a.m. Quilting - Room 19
 10:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 28th

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast - Café Del Sol
 12:00 p.m. 50+ Potluck and Program
 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Disciple - Parlor
 7:00 p.m. Marty & The Methodists



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

The Holy season of Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 21, 2007. This is a sacred season of prayer, reflection, and preparation for the joy of the Resurrection we will celebrate at Easter. Please join us for a quiet service of reflection and imposition of ashes on Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. May this be a truly meaningful and sacred season for all of us.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SEDER

On Palm Sunday evening, April 1st, the church will offer another moving Seder meal and celebration at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to join others during the Lenten season and celebrate Seder, complete with full meal, prayers and music. Registration information will be available next month.

GET ACQUAINTED DINNER CLUB

Spring dinner groups are planned for March, April, May and June. Join with others from LUMC for food and fellowship. Call Mary Ann Bleyle at 303-232-7780 or Roberta Nyberg at 303-237-5162 for more details.

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK DONATED TO CHURCH LIBRARY

By Donita Banks

Donita and Steve Banks have donated a copy of daughter Julie Stiegemeier's recently published children's book, *Things I See at Baptism*, to our church library. Julie grew up at LUMC and now lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with her husband, Scott, a Lutheran pastor, and son, Jacob, age eleven.

The newest title in the *Church Book* series, *Things I See at Baptism* helps the young child connect the sights and sounds of Holy Baptism to his or her life as a baptized child of God. Other books in the series, for children ages 1-4, can also be found in our library: *Things I See in Church*, *Things I Hear in Church*, *Things I Do in Church*, *Colors I See in Church*, *Things I See at Christmas* and *Things I See at Easter*. All are published by Concordia Publishing House.

Julie's breakthrough book, CHEEP! CHEEP!, published by Bloomsbury in February, 2006, was honored in the December/January issue of "Parenting" magazine as one of the best books of the year for children ages 1-3. Also, Julie's friend and illustrator, Carol Baicker-McKee, of Pittsburgh, has been nominated for a Kate Greenaway award for her darling three-dimensional illustrations for the book. This prestigious prize will be announced in Great Britain this summer. It is comparable to the Caldecott award in the United States.

Julie's six published picture books and the board book, *Saint Nicholas*, all published by Concordia, are also available in the church library. Julie's books are available at some bookstores, at BarnesandNoble.com, at Amazon.com and through www.CPH.org. For more information, contact Donita at dbanks2571@att.net. You can also access Julie's website: www.juliestiegemeier.com.

JOIN US FOR BRUNCH February 4th, Noon

Did you vote NO?

Did you vote YES?
Do you have dreams, concerns or questions about LUMC's decision to relocate?

Then please join us for a Brunch on February 4, 2007 at noon, celebrating LUMC truly being a church on the move!

No reservations are necessary, and we promise enough delicious food to tide you over until the Super Bowl snacks come out later that afternoon. Additionally, you'll have a chance to write your hopes, dreams, concerns and questions regarding relocation at the Dream Station set up in Great Hall. Set aside the date now, and bring your whole family!

THE MISSION ROAD

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Details are available at

MISSIONS CORNER

in Great Hall, or visit with Jim Marshall.

APRIL 2007

Adult Work Team

Lemoa, Guatemala : April 13 - 22

JUNE 2007

Adult Work Team

Luccock Park, Montana

June 3rd - 8th

This is the church camp our kids have attended the past 6 years. We have a BIG project to complete, your HELP is needed!

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: APRIL 1, 2007

JUNE 2007

Youth Work Team

McCurdy School

Espanola, New Mexico

June 24 - 30

All spaces on this team have filled!

JULY 2007

Youth Work Team

San Luis Valley

Alamosa, Colorado

July 22 - 27

AUGUST 2007

Adult Work Team

Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota

RE-MEMBER Re-Visited

AUGUST 11 - 17

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MARCH 1, 2007

OCTOBER 2007

Adult Work Team

Red Bird Mission in Kentucky
Complete details in the

March FLAME.

February 2007

EAT BREAKFAST AT THE CHURCH!

BREAKFAST BURRITOS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

Prepared fresh and served in Great Hall
as a fundraiser in support of our
Guatemala Mission team!

Beef and bean burritos, elk and bean burritos, or
just plain bean burritos, plus delicious green chili,
these will be good!

"To go" burritos will be available as well.

SERVING FROM 8:30 to 10:45.

INTERFAITH

HOSPITALITY NETWORK

March 11 - 18

@ Wheat Ridge UMC

We co-host this vital outreach to the homeless with
our neighbors at Wheat Ridge UMC. Many
volunteers will be needed -- YOU can sign up at the
IHN Board starting February 18th.

Be tired. Be refueled.

Give it away.

Come back when you need more...

HEALTH KITS FOR GUATEMALA

Our Guatemala mission team will be distributing health kits to the people of the Lemoa area. You can assist with this project by donating these items -- bring them to

Missions Corner in Great Hall on Sunday mornings thru March.
Small and medium sizes only please.

VITAMINS

(not children's)

PAIN KILLERS

(over the counter, like Advil, Aleve, Excedrin, etc.)

BAND AIDS

TOOTHBRUSHES

TOOTHPASTE

BAR SOAP

SHAMPOO

WASHCLOTHS

A collection bin will be available at Missions Corner in Great Hall.

Thank you for your support!

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A NOTE FROM EIBER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Happy New Year! Once again we want to thank you for all your church did. Everything went well. Friday the 22nd after the storm we delivered the presents, there were hugs and big smiles from all the kids. Please thank the congregation for making a difference in the lives of our students these Holidays!

Sarah Rodriguez @ Eiber

LUMC MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

RE-CYCLE

Cell phones

Eyeglasses

Donate these items
at the Church Office anytime.

Aluminum Cans

Newspaper

Junk mail

Phone books

Cardboard

Plastic bottles

Glass bottles

Collection bins are located at
the south end of the church
parking lot.

FOOD

For the Jeffco Action center
and DENUM.

Non-perishables are collected
and donated to area food
banks. The collection bin is
located in the main hallway.

IHN

Our next Interfaith Hospitality
Network commitment:

March 11 - 18.

MISSION DETAILS ALWAYS:

www.lumc.net

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2007!**

EVAN HAMMER
KELSEY HAMMER
CASSIE FLAMING
KRISTI LAFFERTY
SARA MARUYAMA
KELSI MICHAELS
BRYCE SLAMA
HAYLEY SELTZ
SIERRA SWANSON

United Methodist Women

Features a UM Church Missionary in February!

The February meeting of the Lakewood UMW will be on Feb. 21st, at 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Tiffany Stanley, a young adult missionary (US-2) now serving at Warren Village. Tiffany will share her work at Warren Village and how she decided to become a missionary. She was born in South Carolina, graduated from the University of Georgia and says she is trying to learn to survive in our snow. Please plan to attend and show our support for the work of our missionaries. The meeting will be in Fellowship Hall and lunch will be served for \$5.00. Accurate reservations are most important as this will be a catered lunch. Call Marilyn Ditmer at 303-451-9433 with your reservation by February 15th. The Mission Team will meet at 8:45 in the Parlor. Thank you.

**If you would like to join our church family, contact
Gayle Grimes at 303-234-1140 for information
on our next new member reception day.**

**Congratulations and God's blessings upon these
young ladies who were recently baptized into our
family of faith:**

Kelsey Angelise Michaels - January 7, 2007

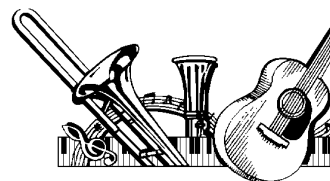
Cassandra Ann Flaming - January 14, 2007

**COLORADO YOUNG SINFONIA
IN CONCERT**

Join us for an evening of beautiful music on Sunday, Feb. 25th, 7:30 p.m. The program will be "Light and Dark" with Emily Levin, Harp.

The Colorado Young Sinfonia is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing talented, young instrumentalists in the Denver area with a unique chamber experience. Basil Vendryes, principal violist for the Colorado Symphony Orchestra directs the ensemble.

A freewill offering will be taken. Come and bring a friend.



GOT BOOKS??

Don't forget to check out our wonderful selection of adult and children's books in our church library.

There are also free books on the shelf in the Sunday School Office.

**DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR
GROCERY CERTIFICATE /
CARD PROGRAM?**

Safeway and King Soopers Certificates/cards are sold here on Sunday and Tuesday mornings. Our church receives 5% of all sales. This is a great fundraiser for our church. These certificates make great gifts and can be used by Food Banks that are in great need. You can also get your prescriptions, flowers, photos with these certificates. Help others and help your church by buying certificates here.



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ON THE COUCH

Four years ago, I sat in an office with Teena and Melanie, creating the seeds that have led to a unique partnership and private practice. Since that time, I am proud of what the services that have been possible because of these endeavors, including voluntary counseling/supervision/ program development for a local non-profit, low-cost/pro-bono counseling to clients with minimal incomes, articles, educational classes, and crisis intervention. (This does not even include the work that happens in a usual private practice!)

There is now a bitter-sweet change on the horizon- more services are being requested than my current location affords me. How delightful- the dream of yesterday is now a viable ministry, busting at the seams! However, it means that I must take a leap of faith, and leave the nurturing surroundings I have become accustomed to. As of January, the office will be relocating to Wheat Ridge. My hope is that this new setting will provide more privacy for members of the church and allow further opportunities for classes and groups. To continue providing other forms of assistance, you can soon link to the office's website and find previous and new "On the Couch" articles, literary recommendations, and a wide array of community resources. Please feel free to use this site as often as you need to!

For all those who have helped make this possible, (and there are so many!) your generosity has meant more than I can say- I only hope to be able to one day provide for another as you have. I look now to the future, with a heart full of hope that I can continue the vision that this church started. Thank you all, for making this possible!

Peace-

Tania

New contact information:

Side by Side Counseling LLC

4251 Kipling Street, Ste 150, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

303.915-5597 tania@sbscounseling.com www.sbscounseling.com

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN) Coming in March

We begin our 2007 mission outreach this year by co-hosting the homeless families at Wheat Ridge UMC from March 11th through March 18th. We will need to provide dinner hosts, evening hosts and overnight hosts for four nights, Monday, March 12th, Tuesday, March 13th, Wednesday, March 14th and Thursday, March 15th. We will also be doing laundry. Watch for the sign up board in the hall on February 18th.

You are invited....

Clara Lou Humphrey and Frank Williamson will celebrate their marriage at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25th at Green Mountain United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend. A cake, punch and coffee reception will follow the ceremony. Please, cards only; NO gifts. They say they have too much "stuff" already.

50+ will meet on Wed., February 28th, Noon, for their potluck and program. Bring a dish to share, your table service and a friend for this time of good food and fellowship. The program will be given by Deanna Evans on their trip to Warwick Castle.

The Flame deadline is the 15th of each month. Articles should be 350 words or less. We reserve the right to edit all articles.

We are on the web:

www.lumc.net

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Jim Ward, Organist

Shirley Jobin, Organist Emeritus

Sally Ford, Financial Administrator

Milly Helgeson, Administrative Assistant

Mary Parkovich, Preschool Director

Brenda Stiner, Parents Day Out Director

Spring is Coming.....Promise!



The ice and snow will thaw and melt and the light and warmth of the sun will energize us. After a chilly winter and to prepare our church campus for Easter, the Board of Trustees will again host the Annual Spring Clean-Up Day on Sat., March 31st, 9:00-1:00 p.m.

(Breakfast items will be served). LUMC's entire church family is invited to pitch in and work together to spruce up our facility - both inside and out. The hands of many will accomplish much. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us on March 31st.

