

The Flame

Lakewood United Methodist Church

Lakewood, Colorado
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Invite • Inspire • Involve

January 2011

Send • Serve • Sacrifice

Wednesday **N**ight **T**ogether
Starting (again) on January 12th.

Kids eat free, adults for only \$5,
featuring our new family-friendly menu!
Join us for dinner at 6:00
(and you don't even have to do dishes!)



Childcare available at 6:30.

Dream. Think. Be. Do.

Video and discussion class led by
Jim and Paul at 6:30.

SILAS and Children's Choir rehearsals at 6:30.
Marty and the Methodists rehearsal at 7:30.

S O U L F A R E

On Sunday mornings at 10:10 in Room 109.

Interesting perspectives and
thoughtful discussions.
Faith, focus, friendship.

Coffee drinkers welcome!



CALLING ALL PARENT'S OF YOUTH

A SPECIAL MESSAGE JUST FOR YOU!!



Don't forget, while your youth is in Sunday School you have the opportunity to be learning, relating, and connecting too!! Beginning January 9th, at 10:10 Jim Marshall will teach a class called SOUL FARE. Each week a movie clip, book quote, or current event will be used as a starting point for a discussion about God and life. Knowledge of the Bible, not necessary. Talking in front of people, not required. Thinking about God, mandatory. So after church, grab your doughnut, send your youth downstairs, and head to room 109. What could an extra 50 minutes at church hurt?

PRAYER AND CARE CORNER

Julie Cicak

Ponder this reading:

Prayer is God's greatest provision for our spiritual life. Our relationship with God is impossible without prayer. We cannot know God's mind or heart without prayer. We cannot receive God's direction, hear God's voice, or respond to God's call without prayer. Since this is true, prayer is also God's provision for all of life. It is the supreme means of grace given to all humankind. Prayer was so very important to Jesus that he left even the needy crowd to pray. (Mark 6:31) (A Wesleyan Spiritual Reader, Rueben P. Job, p. 16)

Let us help each other to begin this year with a renewed commitment to revitalize our individual and communal life of prayer. Please share your thoughts, ideas and suggestions with member of the Prayer Team Task Force; (Shirley Washburn, Claudean Baird, Jeanne Morse, Debbie Cooper, Marabeth Dial, Julie Cicak)

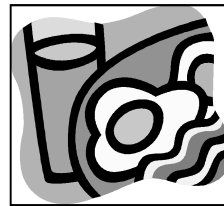
CARE NOTES:

- Care Team Meeting, January 16th at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room
- Card Senders Meeting and Potluck, January 30th at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room



We would like to thank the Quilting Group for the beautiful quilt they made for Bob. It is comforting to know that every knot that was tied was a prayer for Bob! He is coming along pretty well, and is happy to be home after his stay in the hospital and the rehab facility. Thanks too for the calls, cards and visits. They were very much appreciated. Sincerely, Bob and Ramona Smith

MEN'S BREAKFASTS



The Men's Breakfasts for January will be Wednesday, January 12th and 26th at 7:00 a.m. at Café Del Sol (6th and Garrison).

The men are enjoying a study of the book of "Romans" by Robert Jewett led by Pastor Paul. All men are invited to attend this time of food, fellowship and discussion.

The 2011 Flower Chart is up in the hallway in front of the office. Be sure to sign up to give an arrangement in recognition of a special occasion! We can have two arrangements each week, and flowers will cost \$35 again this year. Please contact Stephanie in the office if you have questions.

January Issue 2011

The Flame is a monthly publication of the Lakewood United Methodist Church
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We reserve the right to edit articles. All articles must be 350 words or less.

Upcoming Deadlines:

February 2011 Issue—Jan 18th
March 2011 Issue—Feb 15th
April 2011 Issue—March 15th

FROM PAUL



It is a new year and for me, a new church! As we head into a world of opportunities it is my hope that we have a renewed sense of life for our congregation. We have been through a number of changes in my first six months here and we are by no means finished with this transition. Although we have seen some rough spots, for the most part we're moving forward with optimism and openness. I am grateful to all the people who have taken the time to offer comments of support and correction.

New Years is always a time to look forward and make plans for the future. As we move in to the year 2011 there are number of things that I wish for our church.

Finances; my wish is that we can move much closer to a balanced budget in the coming year. As I said during our stewardship campaign, I am fiscally conservative and I believe we have to live within our means. We can achieve this goal by tighter controls on spending, by greater commitment to our giving and by inviting more people to become active in our church.

Lay Leadership; my wish is that we will see our laity step forward and make the programs that are important to them happen. You don't need to have Amy, Jim or I to be there for you to do ministry. One of the ways we will see growth in our church is through a broad spectrum of small groups meeting the needs of our congregation and community. If you have a passion for serving, you will find us happy to support and find resources for you, but we likely won't be able to lead it for you and that's a good thing. Take charge, and find a way to invite people to become more active beyond the walls of our church.

The future; my wish is that by the end of March we will have come to a conclusion about the future of our physical location and the type of facility which is right for Lakewood UMC. This decision has been hanging over us for too long and now it is time for us to make a plan and go forward so that we can invite people to become a part of the building excitement. (Noticing a trend here?)

I have found that wishes rarely come true without a great deal of hard work. And these are certainly not the full extent of my hopes and dreams for our congregation for the coming years. These are some areas in which we will focus and together we will work to continue the ministry of Lakewood UMC. It will involve commitment and a willingness to invite new people to join us in our journey of faith. I hope that I can count on your support as we move our church into a future filled with hope.

On Sunday, January 30th at 11:45 we will have an annual planning meeting to set as much of the church calendar as is possible for the coming year. Please have each committee send a representative so we can have a coordinated schedule for 2011.

In January we will be taking time in worship to look to the future of our church, what it will take to get us there, and what it might look like when we get there. Join us and invite a friend or neighbor to come with you.

Peace&Grace,

Pastor Paul

Adult Sunday School Classes

Isaiah, Matthew, Mark
Bible Study
9:00 in Room 109
led by Tony McCrary



SOUL FARE
at 10:10 in Room 109.
Faith discussions and
focus, led by Jim Marshall.
Coffee drinkers welcome!

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Women's Study Group
Great Hall classroom at 10:10.

W ednesday N ight T ogether

Join your church family for dinner at 6:00PM.

Beginning January 12th, with a new family-friendly menu.
AND, kids eat **FREE**, adults eat for just 5 bucks!

Make sure to RSVP by noon on Monday by using the tally sheet in worship on Sunday morning, or by calling the church office. We will create a new standing reservation list beginning on the 12th, so make sure you use another method to RSVP for the first dinner of the new year.

We will continue with the video and discussion series:

DREAM, THINK, BE, DO

Children's Choir and Silas rehearsals at 6:30.

Marty and the Methodists rehearsal at 7:30.

Childcare is available while you're in class or rehearsing.

45 DAYS

The registration deadline for all 8 of our
2011 mission trips is 45 days prior to the trip!

In January and February we are collecting
NEW OR GENTLY USED shoes for our
neighbors in Guatemala. But only in
these sizes - CHILDREN'S and SMALL ADULTS.



The collection bin is at Missions Corner in Great Hall.



The Gathering

Come see the new space!! Sunday, January 23, 6:30. Members of The Gathering and the church staff (thanks Jim) turned an unused room in the church into a super cool new “lounge” for us and other groups in the church to hang out in. There will be couches, a flat screen

TV, and a mini-fridge!! We will ‘gather’ for sweet treats, coffee, and conversation. I heard Rob Bell might even make an appearance! Childcare provided.



Please RSVP and/or reserve childcare by contacting Amy at the church office, by e-mail (amy@lumc.net), or on Facebook.

The Gathering is for folks out of high school and more or less, younger than 50. Some of us are single, some married. Some of us have kids, some don't. We welcome you no matter how involved (or not,) you have been in our church or any church. We hope that you can feel like you are a part of the community when you are with us.



Church Office Closures

Church Office Hours:
Monday—Friday:
8:30—3:00 p.m.

12:00 noon on Friday, 12/31
Closed on Monday, 01/03/2011
Closed on Monday, 01/17/2011

Buy grocery cards here for Safeway and King Soopers.

5% of all Grocery Card sales benefit our church and the Blue Feather Alliance. Get your cards on Sunday in Great Hall or during the week in the church office. We appreciate your support.

For those of you who plan ahead, dates for 2011 Vacation Bible School have been established: June 20th through 24th. Dinner will be at 5:15 and activities from 5:45 to 7:30. Watch for more details in the Spring.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

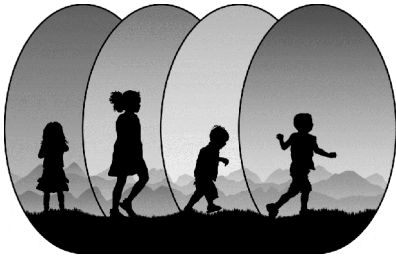
Stay informed and watch God's love spread!

Lakewood United Methodist, Colorado
The Gathering
Lakewood UMC Youth

UPDATE INFORMATION

Be sure and notify the church office when you have a change in your e-mail, phone or address.

You can still sign up to have your Flame newsletter sent by E-mail. This saves on paper, printing and mailing costs—and it comes to you in color and before the mailing. Let your church secretary know if you would like to be added to this list.

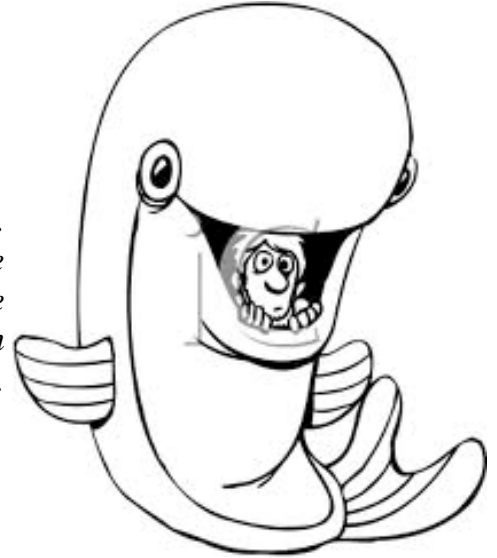


The Summit

Making choices can be difficult no matter what your age. Making matter even more complicated we know that God gives us the freedom to choose our responses to God and to others.

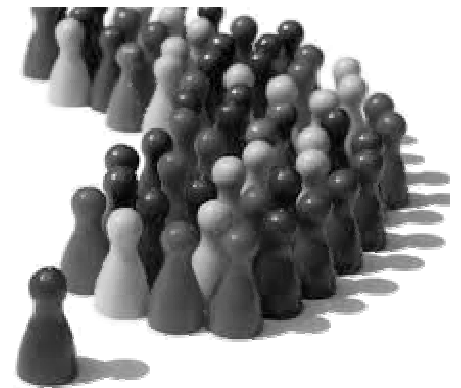
Using the story of Jonah and the big fish, the Summit will start the year off by looking to God's teachings in order that children might learn how to make choices that reflect what God wants us to do or be. As always, we will incorporate games, science, music, cooking, computers, movies, and missions into our times of learning.

The Summit is our children's Sunday School program. Children Kindergarten through 5th Grade are dismissed from the Sanctuary after the Time for Kids during the 9:00 am service and need to be picked up by a parent or guardian from the downstairs hallway by the kitchen following the service.



Rock Solid

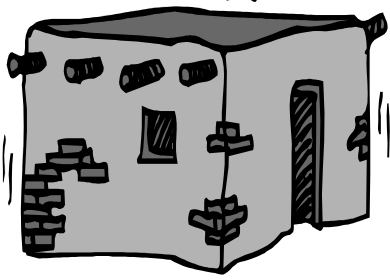
During the months of January and February preschoolers at Rock Solid will follow up learning about Jesus' birth by learning about Jesus' stories and teachings. Beloved favorites like the parable of the mustard seed and the golden rule and lesser known ones like the unforgiving servant and the sower. Children will learn that Jesus told us "happy are those who hear the word of God and obey" (Luke 11:28). If you have preschool age neighbors or grandchildren this class is a great door into our church!!!!



Rock Solid is our preschool Sunday School program. Children are dismissed from the Sanctuary after the Time for Kids during the 9:00 am service and need to be picked up by a parent or guardian from Room 104 following the service.

We are inviting families to worship together at 9:00am on Sunday, January 2nd. As such, there will be no Summit or Rock Solid Sunday school.

THE MISSION ROAD



Guatemala In March

Our team will be in the village of Lemoa building adobe homes.

You can participate in this project by **PURCHASING BRICKS** at \$5.00 per brick!

Our goal is to raise the entire cost of one house, \$2,700. We have already received \$1200.00 towards this goal. Buy a brick, or several bricks, at Missions Corner in Great Hall beginning Sunday, January 23rd.

We are also collecting new or gently used shoes for the people of Lemoa, Guatemala. Children's or small adult sizes only.

The collection bin is at Missions Corner in Great Hall. Please, children's or small adult sizes only.



Volunteer For The Interfaith Hospitality Network January 9 - 16

Your assistance makes a BIG difference.

Homeless families find dignity, hope, and a fresh start @ IHN.

WILL YOU HELP OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS?

The sign-up sheet is at Missions Corner in Great Hall.

It takes a congregation...

LUMC will be involved in 8 non-local mission trips in 2011.

Choose a trip, join a team, take a ride, on the Mission Road!

We always collect non-perishable **FOOD** items for the Jeffco Action Center.

Special food item for January is canned vegetables.

The collection bin is located in the main hallway.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

January 9 - 16

MISSION TRIPS

Guatemala

March 11 - 20

El Paso, Texas

March 26 - April 2

Pine Ridge, SD

May 7 - 13

Salt Lake City

May 22 - 26

**Rosebud Reservation,
South Dakota**

July 17 - 23

McCurdy School

Espanola, New Mexico

Sept 25 - Oct 1

YOUTH TRIPS

The Heifer Project

"Global Passport"

Perryville, Arkansas

June 4 - 10

Current grades 9 - 12.

Kansas City, Missouri

"Urban Beat"

June 26 - July 1

Current grades 6-7-8.

45 DAYS

The deadline to register for any mission trip is 45 days prior to the trip.

RE-CYCLE

CELL PHONES AND EYEGLASSES
Donate these items at the Church Office anytime.

ALUMINUM CANS, NEWSPAPER,
JUNK MAIL, PHONE BOOKS,
CARDBOARD, PLASTIC, GLASS
AT THE RECYCLING CENTER:
1050 QUAIL STREET.

JANUARY 2010

New Year's Youth and Parent's Breakfast

January 16th at 11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Big G's Famous Pancakes

Reconnect after

the holidays!!

Sign up for March ski trip,

this summer's mission

trips and camp!!



Dates--Dates--Dates

March 4-6

Ski Trip w/ Trinity



June 4-10

Heifer Project

Current 9-12th



June 26-July 1

Kansas City

Current 6-8th



July 31-Aug 5

Camp w/ Trinity

Current 8-12th



High School Youth Group

Thursday, January 20th and 27th

5:30-7:00

"Burgers Plus" the Bible

Meet at Burgers Plus (1104 West Colfax), bring your Bible, and \$3.00. In these first two of three nights we will go on a guided tour of the parts of the Bible.

Middle School Youth Group

Friday, January 28

7:00-9:00

Games and God

Don't miss this night of all church games like sardines, capture the flag and more. Plus...What can these games teach us about what the Bible says God is like?



Christmas Party With Trinity
Andrea and Sydnee can't seem to figure out just what Jasmin is so excited about.



Sr. High Youth Group
Andrew may have found his calling, french fry sculpting.



Christmas Party With Trinity
Beth and Jennifer having a great time.

January 2011

Saturday, Jan. 1st

Sunday, Jan. 2nd

8:30 - 10:30 Social Time – Great Hall
 8:45 - 10:30 Child Care (infant to age 3)
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
 11:30 a.m. Wind Ensemble

Monday, Jan. 3rd

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, Jan. 4th

9:00 a.m. Quilting – Room 19
 11:30 a.m. Rebecca Circle – Room 109
 6:30 p.m. CYS
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Wednesday, Jan. 5th

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
 12:30 p.m. Naomi Circle - Parlor
 7:30 p.m. Marty & The Methodists

Thursday, Jan. 6th

9:30 a.m. Craft Group—Room 7

Friday, Jan. 7th

Saturday, Jan. 8th

8:30 a.m. Salome Circle – Parlor

Sunday, Jan. 9th

8:30 - 10:30 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
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School – Youth
 10:10 a.m. Adult Classes
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
 11:30 a.m. Social Time—Parlor
 11:30 a.m. Wind Ensemble

Monday, Jan. 10th

10:00 a.m. Church Women United
 10:00-2:00 JAC Quilters
 7:00 p.m. Preschool Council
 Ministry Teams
 7:00 p.m. Congregational Life
 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
 7:00 p.m. Missions
 7:00 p.m. Worship
 7:00 p.m. Education Team

Tuesday, Jan. 11th

9:00 a.m. Quilting – Room 19
 1:00 p.m. Susanna Circle – in homes
 6:30 p.m. CYS
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Wednesday, Jan. 12th

10:00 a.m. Eve Circle - Parlor
 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
 6:00 p.m. Church Family Dinner
 6:30-7:30 Children's Choir
 6:30 p.m. Adult Classes
 6:30 p.m. Silas
 7:00 p.m. Shutterbugs
 7:30 p.m. Marty & The Methodists

Thursday, Jan. 13th

Friday, Jan. 14th

Saturday, Jan. 15th

Sunday, Jan. 16th

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

Monday, Jan. 17th

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, Jan. 18th

9:00 a.m. Quilting – Room 19
 11:30 a.m. Bible Study—Room 109
 6:30 p.m. CYS
 7:00 p.m. Church Council – Room 7
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Flame Deadline

Wednesday, Jan. 19th

8:45 a.m. UMW Mission Team
 10:00 a.m. JAC Quilters
 10:15 a.m. UMW Program/Business
 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
 6:00 p.m. Church Family Dinner
 6:30-7:30 Children's Choir
 6:30 p.m. Adult Classes
 6:30 p.m. Silas
 7:30 p.m. Marty & The Methodists

Thursday, Jan. 20th

9:30 a.m. Craft Group - Room 7
 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
 7:00 p.m. Eiberhood

Friday, Jan. 21st

Saturday, Jan. 22nd

Sunday, Jan. 23rd

8:30 - 11:30 Social Time – Great Hall
 8:45 - 11:45 Child Care (infant to age 3)
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 9:00 a.m. Adult Classes
 9:10 a.m. The Summit
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School – Youth
 10:10 a.m. Adult Classes
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 11:30 a.m. Social Time—Parlor
 11:30 a.m. Wind Ensemble
 6:30 p.m. The Gathering

Monday, Jan. 24th

10:00-2:00 JAC Quilters—2nd Floor

Tuesday, Jan. 25th

9:00 a.m. Quilting – Room 19
 6:30 p.m. CYS
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Wednesday, Jan. 26th

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
 6:00 p.m. Church Family Dinner
 6:30-7:30 Children's Choir
 6:30 p.m. Adult Classes
 6:30 p.m. Silas
 6:30 p.m. Women's Disc. Group
 7:30 p.m. Marty & The Methodists

Thursday, Jan. 27th

11:20 a.m. UMW Reading Group
 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Friday, Jan. 28th

7:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

Saturday, Jan. 29th

Sunday, Jan. 30th

8:30 - 10:30 Social Time – Great Hall
 8:45 - 11:45 Child Care (infant to age 3)
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 9:00 a.m. Adult Classes
 9:10 a.m. The Summit
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School – Youth
 10:10 a.m. Adult Classes
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 11:30 a.m. Social Time—Parlor
 11:30 a.m. Brass Ensemble
 11:30 a.m. Card Sender's Potluck

Monday, Jan. 31st

10:00-2:00 JAC Quilters—2nd Floor

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Paul A. Brunner, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Amy Strader, Pastor to Children,
 Youth, and Families
 Jim Marshall, Minister of Missions, Spiritual
 Life and Fajitas
 Julie Cicak, Congregational Care Minister
 April Cass, Director of Hospitality
 David Heck, Jr., Director of Music
 Ben Ehrlich, Organist
 Tami Hart, Director of Children's Music
 Laura Winberg, Financial Administrator
 Stephanie Kirk, Administrative Assistant
 Mary Parkovich, Preschool Director
 Brenda Stiner, Parents Day Out Director

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A HUGE THANK YOU...

To our Floor Guys!

**John Nyberg, Chuck Carscallen, Chuck Palmer,
and Rick Roline have spent years mopping,
removing scuffs, and buffing our hallways. They
are hanging up their mops and “retiring.”
We cannot express our gratitude for all they have
done and the many hours they have spent
beautifying our church.**