

# THE LINK

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In a "Peanuts" comic strip, there was a conversation between Lucy and Charlie Brown. Lucy said that life is like a deck chair on a cruise ship. Some put the chair so they can see where they have been; some put it so they can see where they are; and some put it so they can see where they are going." Charlie Brown sighs and says, "I can't even get mine unfolded."

I can feel that way sometimes. But as a church we are beyond unfolding our "deck chairs." Last year we finished a visioning process. During several Sundays in October, I want to revisit that vision. We'll look at where we have been, where we are, and where we are going. Each of you is a part of that vision.



Dr. Richard Evans

Shalom,

*Dick*

## MISSIONS CORNER

"Christmas is coming,... the goose is getting fat. Won't you please put a penny in the old man's hat?"

Some of you are already on top of things and have either started your holiday shopping or have at least thought of appropriate gifts for loved ones on your list. If you are like me, you tend to wait till the last minute and hope for

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inspiration. The Missions Committee at WPUMC can help each and every one of you!

Once again, we will be publishing our Alternative Gift Giving Catalog. The organizations sponsored will be the same as last year, but the process will be slightly different. Beginning in mid-October, the catalogues and order forms will be available to you. Order forms and checks can be placed in the offering basket each Sunday and the appropriate cards for your gift giving will be given to you at a later date. The values of this type of gift giving are numerous. Your loved ones don't have to figure out what to do with a box of chocolate or a new tie, and the organization gets much needed funding to carry on their worthwhile programs. You can fine tune your gift to reflect the interests of each person on your list. It is truly the gift that keeps on giving.

Please find below a brief description of each of the local and international agencies we have included in this years catalog. You will also find websites if you would like to get further information on the organizations.

Local Agencies

Loaves & Fishes for Habitat for Humanity is a homeownership program for hard-working, low-income families in need of a safe and affordable home. At Habitat for Humanity, they believe that everyone everywhere deserves a decent place to live. Their program gives people a "hand up", not a hand out.

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DenUM: is a true grassroots organization - and staff, volunteers and clients continue to interact daily in a manner of mutual growth and service. In the daily pursuit of its mission, DenUM is proud to serve the immediate and long-term needs of the most vulnerable in our community, looking beyond crisis to a society of equality, justice, and compassion. This is also one of the Food Banks WPUMC supports.

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The Denver Inner City Parish is a non-denominational, non-profit agency dedicated for the past five decades to serving the secular and spiritual needs of Denver's low-income community. They offer a "familia" model of support that provides holistic, "wrap-around" educational and human services, all of which help develop self-sufficiency for people of all ages. WPUMC currently supports the Food Bank at DICP.

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**Ministry Quick Links**

- [Website Home Page Contact Us](#)

**October Birthdays**

- October 1 - Dale, Brian
- October 2 - Meade, Colton
- October 2 - Ryan, Mary Nelle
- October 2 - Smith, Douglas
- October 5 - Musslewhite, Jim
- October 6 - Johnson, Charlotte
- October 7 - Welch, Dorian
- October 14 - Ford, Cooper
- October 18 - Allen, Charles
- October 21 - Jump, Marcus
- October 22 - Buddington, Cheryl
- October 22 - Munroe, David
- October 24 - Johnson, Ian
- October 24 - Mastalir, Sarah
- October 25 -

Urban Peak works with homeless and runaway youth between the ages of 14 and 24 years of age. They provide a safe and caring place so that youth can begin to work on getting off the streets. Urban Peak has several aspects about its services and work that is unique. The goal of the agency is to assist youth in the best way possible to permanently exit street life.

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International Agencies

Morning Has Broken (Kwaze-Kwasa) is spear headed by our own Daniel Marutle. He travels to South Africa each year to provide training and support to children orphaned by HIV/AIDS and those people serving them.

Heifer International is a nonprofit, humanitarian organization dedicated to ending hunger and poverty and caring for the Earth. Heifer currently provides livestock, trees, seeds and training in environmentally sound agriculture to families in more than 50 countries, including the United States.

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Pura Vida is based in the Denver area, but serves the needs of those in Guatemala. Support their annual Christmas Milk Program and help brighten the holidays for a poor family in Guatemala! Donations are used to provide milk to the rural village of Lemoa, Guatemala.

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Seeking Common Ground is an international nonpartisan non-profit organization (NGO) based in Denver, Colorado. Their mission is to build peaceful communities worldwide. SCG's 'people-to-people' programs offer individuals the skills to communicate through conflict, transform antagonistic relationships into partnerships, and recognize within themselves the capacity to effect positive change personally, locally and globally.

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Buddington, Bruce  
October 25 -  
Padgett, Evelyn  
October 26 -  
Wieder, Robin  
October 27 -  
Sherriff-Dana, Julie  
October 27 -  
Strickland, Suzanne

**October Anniversaries**

October 5 -  
Jack, Michael and Sue Ann  
October 12 -  
Warren, George and Rosa  
October 17 -  
Acuna, Tony and Shelly



## Autumn Hayride

Families took a Fall Journey at Stockton's Plum Creek Stables - a wonderful outing including a hayride, campfire, singing and hot dogs! Best of all, fellowship with our WPUMC friends!



## Senior Luncheon

Seniors gathered to share company and food at the Senior Luncheon. Afterward, interested parties gathered at the entrance to the church to hear more about the creation and meaning behind the quilt hanging in the hallway. It contains important history for our church!

## Prayer Requests and Concerns

We collect a list of prayer requests and concerns from the congregation for those who are unable to join us in church to voice them or who would like us to know about their loved ones. Please email them to the office at [office@washparkumc.org](mailto:office@washparkumc.org).

## Upcoming Events

**Lunch Bunch:** Our social group for children 3 years of age (potty trained) through 5th grade, will meet on Saturday October 2, 2010 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Children are asked to bring a lunch and a drink. Friends are welcome! We will enjoy crafts, gym time, Bible stories, lunch, and a movie! Friends are welcome! Email Char at [education@washparkumc.org](mailto:education@washparkumc.org) to reserve a spot.

**Ministry Fair** will take place in the courtyard on October 3, 2010 after worship. Each ministry team will display their mission statements and answer questions about this year's initiatives. Please join in the important work of our church and sign-up for one that appeals to you.

**Redemption Fellowship** will be on October 17, 2010 at Trinity UMC from 2:00 to 4:00. Our church will be serving people on that day. If you are interested in helping feed the people, please sign up with Katie Wieder at 303.798.3522 or [katiejunew@comcast.net](mailto:katiejunew@comcast.net)

**Life Line Screening** will be in the Fellowship Hall of WPUMC on October 16, 2010 to screen people for stroke; vascular diseases; heart rhythm and osteoporosis. The fees are \$149.00 for 4 tests and \$159.00 for 5 tests. Pre-registration is required and you can call 1-800-324-1851 or go to <http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=jrd9yudab&et=1103733964032&s=30&e=00143Y70jLfjXnNwBfzXha6jQBBQYKyLleNr7EN1LdBq960zQNYAvTy-Y2p6H-4WxmpcNgCrqr0r2OdPVmr66sllw==> to register. The source code is: HSC3715

**Fall Festival** On October 24, the kids will once more enjoy our Fall Festival at WPUMC. This will take place in the basement and in the courtyard.

**Flu Shots** On October 10, 2010 the Denver Visiting Nurse Association will be here to give us flu shots for this year. This will be done in the North Parlor right after service. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the Habitat For Humanity bulletin board.

## Calendar

October 2 - Lunch Bunch  
October 2 - Habitat For Humanity  
October 3 - Ministry Fair  
October 10 - New Member Orientation  
October 16 - Life Line Screening  
October 17 - Redemption Fellowship  
October 24 - Fall Festival

### FREE DAYS IN DENVER

October 2 - Denver Art Museum  
October 3 - Denver Museum of Nature and Science

October 13 - Denver Zoo  
October 21 - Denver Zoo  
October 28 - Denver Botanic Gardens

### **Timing for LINK and Weekly Info. Distribution**

If you have information that has to be in the weekly updates, you are being asked to please make sure that the information reaches the office at [office@washparkumc.org](mailto:office@washparkumc.org) or at WPUMC on the week you need it in the emails by Tuesday of that week. Information for the Link by the 20th of each month. The information must clearly indicate whether it is for the Link or the Weekly updates or for both. We really appreciate your help!

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