

THE LINK

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Little Hairy Audacious Goals

James Collins and Jerry Porras coined a term, "Big Hairy Audacious Goal" (BHAG, "BEE-hag") as a kind of vision statement for companies, "an audacious 10-to-30-year goal to progress towards an envisioned future." Examples: Amazon-Every book, ever printed, in any language, all available in less than 60 seconds. Google-Organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful. Microsoft-A computer on every desk and in every home. Motorola-Invent a way to sell 100,000 TVs at \$179.95; Sony: Change the worldwide image of Japanese products as poor quality; create a pocketable transistor radio.

In 2009 we developed mission and vision statements for our church. (They are printed below.) I've been thinking about some "Little Hairy Audacious Goals"-LHAGs-for the next 18 months or so. For example, have the Queen City Jazz Band join us for worship the Sunday after Easter. Have Art Jones from D.U. present his "Wade in the Water" program about spirituals. Take our youth on a summer mission trip. Take our adults on an international mission trip. I will invite our staff and leadership to come up with some "hairy goals." And I invite you to get "hairy" too. What are your LHAGs for our church? Let me know.

Shalom,

Dick

Washington Park United Methodist Church is an inclusive community of faith, accepting people as they are, growing toward fullness of life with God's creation through living the teachings of Jesus Christ: Love, Justice, Mission and Hope.

In five years, Washington Park United Methodist Church will be fully engaged with life, offering vital ministries and intentional outreach to enhance the spiritual growth of our congregation, community, and the world.

**A New Homeowner's Adventures
Along the Trail to a Habitat Home**

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Imagine how much the little things matter to a new Habitat for Humanity homeowner. Rebecca Fernandez sat down shortly before Christmas to talk about finally being in her own home, which was completed by the Loaves and Fishes coalition of churches in October.

"I can paint the bathroom without having to ask permission," she said. "I can put up shelves. I want to landscape the back yard. For the first time, I have a dishwasher! We were living in a basement apartment before, and we couldn't share our Christmas tree with others." This Christmas, a decorated tree stood by the front window.

Like every potential Habitat homeowner, Rebecca began the process of earning her own home months before moving in. Last June she and her daughter Danielle lived in a substandard rental apartment, worrying that a rent increase would strain her limited income even more. She prayed for a home of her own, and almost immediately, a Habitat flyer arrived.

Senior News

The Snow Buddy Program at Volunteers of America is connecting seniors with volunteers to remove snow throughout the 2010 - 2011 winter season. The program's goal is to assist seniors in the community who need help with shoveling snow for the winter. To get help for your senior, please contact Amelia Sidinger at 303.297.0408 X 13130. For more information about the Snow Buddy Program or to offer your help, call Volunteers of America at 720.264.3379 or email: snowbuddies@voacolorado.org.

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January Birthdays

- January 1 Acuna, Tony
- January 1 Jack, Sue
- January 1 Marutle, Daniel
- January 2 Haemer, Matthew
- January 3 Hamrick, CB
- January 4 Curry, Ray
- January 11 Buddington, Jenny
- January 13 Tobler, Douglas
- January 16 Schmidt, Jon
- January 17 Abman, Lauren
- January 17 Hoskins, Michelle
- January 18 Longwell, Izzie
- January 19 Smith, Annette
- January 20 Scafe, Harriet
- January 21 Munroe, Colin
- January 21 Shermer, Mason
- January 22 Banbury, Alexis
- January 24 Kimbrel, Logan
- January 24 Kimbrel, Natalie
- January 25 Dickson, Carla
- January 26 Munroe, Angela
- January 29 Eronimous, Lori
- January 29 Robertson, Laura
- January 29 Schumacher, Michael
- January 31 Haemer, Luke

Youth Group Update

Our Youth Group worked with DeNUM to provide food and support for families in the Denver area this

January Anniversaries

- January 10 Daniel and Noreen Marutle



fall. With help from groups like ours, DeNUM reports that the Food For All 2010 program was an overwhelming success! Over 42,000 lbs of food and \$6,913 in gift cards were collected! In addition DeNUM was able to provide over 470 Thanksgiving meals, feeding over 3,500 people! At least 900 volunteers from all across the metro area were involved in making this happen, including those from WPUMC.

As a faith-based activity, youth are being encouraged to find meaning in lyrics in contemporary music. We are then working together to find ties to scripture from those lyrics

A highlight of the youth group calendar, the annual Ski Weekend, has been tentatively scheduled for February 19th & 20th. Hold that date!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Evening Bible Study -Wednesday Evening Supper and Bible Study will continue in January! We will complete our Advent Study on Wednesday, January 12th. On Wednesday, January 26th, we will begin our new unit of study, Survey of the Bible, at 5:45 pm in the South Parlor. This is a co-ed study! All are welcome. Come prepared to learn or to review! Nursery available upon request. For questions, email Char at education@washparkumc.org.

Lunch Bunch -will be held on Saturday, January 8th from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Children 3 years of age (potty trained) through 5th grade invited! Children should come with a lunch and a drink. Our group is growing! We will separate into groups and have activities for older children this year! Parents are needed to help!

Our next **Senior Luncheon** will be held on Sunday, January 9th at 11:00 a.m. in the South Parlor. Izzy Longwell will speak to us on the history of our congregation. Everyone is invited! Reserve your place by e-mailing Char at education@washparkumc.org.

Pre-School Registration Lottery-Monday, December 6 through the end of January, Lottery Forms will be available at the Church office for anyone interested in being a part of our school for 2011 -2012.

Calendar

January 8 = 10:30 am Lunch Bunch
 January 9 = Food Bank Sunday
 January 9 = 11:00 am Senior Luncheon
 January 12 = 5:45 pm Bible Study
 January 12 = 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
 January 16 = 11:00 Committee Sunday
 January 19 = 5:45 pm Bible Study
 January 26 = 5:45 pm Bible Study
 January 26 = 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

FREE DAYS IN DENVER

January 1 = Denver Art Museum
 January 7 = Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield
 January 8 = Denver Zoo
 January 9 = Denver Museum of Nature & Science
 January 17 = Denver Botanic Gardens

January 24 = Denver Zoo

January 31 = Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Timing for LINK and Weekly Info. Distribution

If you have information that has to be in the weekly updates, please make sure that the information reaches the office at office@washparkumc.org or at WPUMC on the week you need it in the emails by Tuesday of that week. Information for the Link must be received 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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