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Habitat Build Underway! We Need Your Help!

Our next Habitat for Humanity build has started. Have you signed-up to volunteer yet? Remember, we're building half of a duplex at 54 Hazel Court for Anthony Fernandez and Angela Digesualdo and their two very young children, Anastasia (2) and Anthony (5).

The family has lived in Denver their entire lives, and Anthony and Angela are high school sweethearts. The Fernandez-Digesualdo family has lived in their current neighborhood for a year now, and it's proving to be unsafe due to a heavy atmosphere of drug activity. On many occasions, people have knocked on the door looking for drugs, making Anthony and Angela believe the previous tenant was a drug dealer. "Angela and I are used to it," Anthony said, "But we'd like our children to have better." Please help these adorable children and their parents into a better home!



2009 JULY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Choir Rehearsal - 7 PM	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5 9:30 am Worship Service 5:00- 7:30 pm Youth Group	6	7	8 Knitting for a Cause - 7 PM; South Parlor	9	10	11
12 Tiny Town Outing FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship Service 5:00- 7:30 PM Youth Group	13 FREE DAY - Denver Museum of Nature & Science	14	15 Choir Rehearsal - 7 PM	16 Leah Circle - 10:30 AM	17	18
19 9:30 am Worship Service COMMITTEE SUNDAY 5:00- 7:30 PM Youth Group	20 FREE DAY - Denver Botanic Gardens	21	22 Knitting for a Cause - 7 PM; South Parlor	23 Vacation Bible School	24 Vacation Bible School	25 Vacation Bible School
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Remember, our church supports a group of other churches (called the Loaves and Fishes Coalition) to build a Habitat for Humanity house in the Denver metro area each year. Once a week we help supply the volunteers to help build the home from start to finish. It is an extraordinary experience, and you can be a part of it. No construction experience or tools are necessary. Young adults over the age of 16 and friends of anyone associated with our church are welcome.

We still need help on the following dates:

- Fri., 7/3
- Wed. 7/15
- Sat., 7/25

If a date you are available is not listed, you are welcome to participate on other Tues., - Sat., in July. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, contact Carol Nelson at 720.747.4626 or at csjdenver@comcast.net.

*** Also announcing the "Nickles for Nails, Dollars for Duplexes: Building a House Piece by Piece" fundraiser to launch June 28 and continuing into July.** As a coalition, we must raise \$85,000 to build our 2009 house. We are not quite half-way toward our commitment. Look for a way to contribute and reach our church's goal of \$800. We'll track our progress by adding a piece to a house puzzle each time we raise \$100.

A letter from our pastor

Goodbye Chris and Andrea

Life is full of goodbyes and hellos. This month we say both. Chris and Andrea will be leaving for Cincinnati, where Chris will be the director of music for a Catholic girls high school. As a side benefit, his best friend is the music director at the boys school across the river, and they will get to do some projects together. The school's gain is our loss. Chris and Andrea have been a wonderful addition to our church, our staff, our choir and our youth. Their last Sunday will be August 2nd. While we will miss you both, your singing and playing, we would not want to keep you from as Chris said, "What I was put on earth to do." "Goodbye" originally meant "God be with you," then it got contracted and lost its real meaning. Now it's more like, "See ya." I mean it: God be with you.

Welcome Tyler and Crystal

For many years WPUMC has had a tradition of having a seminary student on staff. In keeping with that, we are glad to welcome Tyler Amundson and his wife Crystal. Tyler has completed his first year at The Iliff School of Theology, and Crystal has a Master's degree in mental health counseling, and does therapy with children at the Community Reach Center. This past year Tyler was an intern in the Bishop's office, developing young adult ministries for our Conference. Here he will be involved, on a part-time basis, in a wide variety of ministry experiences, including youth, young adults, visitation and worship.

Visioning for our church

"Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18). As a church we are engaging an intentional process of visioning—where are we going, and why, and how do we get there? Who is God calling us to be? Liz Edgar, one of our members who helps non-profits in visioning, will be helping us in the process. We want to hear everyone's voice so please take the time to complete either an on-line survey at <http://tinyurl.com/m9gmhk>, or to fill out a hard copy on the table by the tea kitchen. As Henry David Thoreau said, "The future is worth expecting."

Shalom,

Dick

July Birthdays

July 1	Benedict, Ilene
July 1	Kirschman, Ruth Ann
July 3	Shaffalo, Heidi
July 4	Mitchell, Linda
July 4	Nelson, Carol
July 6	Ahnstedt, Eleanor
July 7	Eronymous, Kevin
July 7	Hoskins, Ron
July 8	Dickson, Bryce
July 12	Haemer, Anna
July 12	Hamrick, Gunter
July 12	Steger, Katherine
July 15	Jump, Tom
July 16	Berger, Jake
July 19	Ryan, Katrina
July 23	Bomberger, Cathy
July 23	Hays, Grace
July 24	Hammond, Carol
July 28	Rogers, Kristin
July 29	Jump, Tyler
July 30	Hines, Barbara

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 12 - A trip to Tiny Town has been planned! Bring a picnic, and we will caravan to Tiny Town for a fun-filled afternoon! Games, sight-seeing, and train rides are planned. The fire department will be there with their fire trucks for the kids to enjoy! \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for kids 2 to 12 years of age, and \$1.00 under 2 years of age. Questions? See Char or email her at education@washparkumc.org

July 23 - 25 - CAMP E.D.G.E. Vacation Bible School will be held July 23rd, 24th in the evenings at 6:15 to 8:00 and the morning of July 25th at 9:00 to 1:30. Children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to join us.

August 14 - A Night With the Stars. Have a picnic and see the moon, Jupiter, star clusters and other celestial phenomena through a powerful telescope. An astronomer will guide us in our viewing.

Camp E.D.G.E - Vacation Bible School

REMINDER! CAMP E.D.G.E. Vacation Bible School will be held July 23rd, 24th in the evenings at 6:15 to 8:00 and the morning of July 25th at 9:00 to 1:30. This is a great chance for your kids to build relationships with other members of the church as well as getting greater bible study exposure in a fun environment.

Children 3 years of age through 5th grade are invited. Registration forms are on the Children and Family Ministry bulletin board in the narthex. We will be learning Bible stories to a camping theme. Children are invited to bring their friends!

National Wildlife Refuge Events

For all the following events, call 303.289.0930 to register. There is no charge on most of the programs. Parents are encouraged to go with their children.

Birdwatching: Guided and self-guided birding opportunities available for everyone. Grab your cameras, binoculars and a bird guidebook and head out to the trails or join one of the special birding programs available.

Wild Treks Program:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays; 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Reservations required.

Wild Rides

Two-hour guided wildlife viewing tours. Wednesdays; Saturdays and Sundays; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday Tots

Offered the first and last Tuesdays of the month from 10:00 to 11:00. Designed for ages 2 - 5 years old.

Burly Bison

July 7th and 28th, 2009. Learn some fun facts about North America's largest land mammal, the Bison. Make a craft to take home.

Disappearing Treasures.

July 14th, 2009 from 10:00 to 12:00 noon

This is a unique opportunity to tour the only National Eagle and Wildlife Property. You'll also learn about the Native American Eagle Feather Program. Families are all welcome.

Froggy Night Out:

Listen to the jug-a-rum of bullfrogs and the whining of chorus frogs on this adventurous night hike around the Refuge wetland. Bring your flashlights and bug spray. Saturday July 25th, 2009 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Bits & Bites

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY and BOOK GROUP are taking a break this summer. The groups will resume their studies in September this year - dates TBA.

LOVELY LAWN! Have you noticed our nice green lawn and neatly trimmed bushes? Tony Smith-Acuña has spent hours this summer keeping our lawn fertilized and bushes trimmed. Thanks, Tony!