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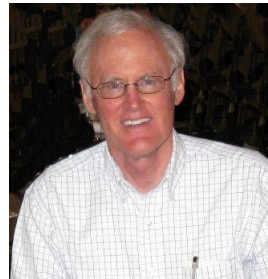
September Birthdays

- September 3 = Loyd, Mary
- September 3 = Roebken, Annie
- September 7 = Shermer, Jason
- September 8 = Abman, Megan
- September 8 = Abman, Mark
- September 9 = Nelson, Mabel
- September 11 = Strickland, Chaz
- September 13 = Bondy, Steve
- September 14 = Kellner, John
- September 14 = Kullheim, Mary Ann
- September 14 = Wieder, Katie
- September 15 = Munroe, Michelle
- September 16 = Robertson, 'Wil'
- September 16 = Shoher, Wilma
- September 17 = Hines, Andrew
- September 23 = Justice-Bondy, Karee

Greetings!

No Rally Day This Year. Why? Because we didn't stop for the summer. Below are some pictures from Vacation Bible School August 1-4, and the Blessing of the Pets during the service on August 14. (Photos by Ali Gibson)

At this church we try to take life seriously as well as playfully. We invite you to share life as part of our church family. You don't have to park your brains at the door when you come here. Here you will be accepted and invited, as we say in our Mission Statement, ". . . as we grow together toward fullness of life with God's creation through living the teachings of Jesus Christ: Love, Justice, Mission and Hope." Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life, there is a place for you here.



Reverend Richard
Evans

Shalom,

Dick

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



September 24 = Hunter,
Keeley
September 25 = Johnson,
Margot
September 26 = Aden,
Greg
September 26 = Tobler,
Faryn
September 28 = Sehl,
Peter

September Anniversaries

September 8 = Doug Dana
& Julie Sherriff-Dana
September 9 = Bruce and
Cheryl Buddington
September 13 = John and
Patricia Sells
September 14 = Mr. John
Agnoletti & Mrs. Lynne
Kinghorn-Agnoletti





BLESSING OF THE PETS







HABITAT PROJECT BEGINS TO LOOK LIKE A HOUSE!



Work is well under way on the Habitat for Humanity house sponsored by Loaves and Fishes, the church coalition in which we take part. It's exciting to see the changes on what was a bare lot just a few weeks ago! You can see the "bones" of Ali and Kamila's home at 800 S. Patton Ct. structure; next comes the roof. Then we'll add doors, windows and siding before moving to inside work. If you want to spend a day as a volunteer or if you can contribute to the construction cost, contact Carol Nelson at 303.810.4635 or customtrainingllc@q.com.

Here are the dates for our build this year. If a different Wednesday - Saturday would work better for you, let Carol know and she'll see what she can do.

- Fri., 8/26
- Thurs., 9/1
- Sat., 9/10
- Fri., 9/16
- Thurs., 9/22
- Sat., 10/1



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Gleaning in Alamosa:

September 9 and 10th are the date for this fun-filled event! We will be leaving Denver Friday afternoon on the 9th, heading for Alamosa. A van has been rented, so you can "leave the driving to us", or rather to Tony Palizzi. Depending on when we leave, we will either eat a sack dinner along the way or stop in the lovely town of Center for the most delectable Mexican food around. Once arriving in Alamosa, we will go to our overnight accommodations: either indoor "church camping", or your own room at a local motel. Saturday morning breakfast will be from the Milagro (miracle) Cafe. From there we will head out to the fields and learn how to harvest potatoes! Who would have thought us City Slickers could get so much done in a day! After this gleaning, we will join others working with the Milagro Food Bank for a "Farm to Table" lunch before heading our tired bodies back to Denver. Last year we picked so many potatoes, we brought back bags to share with the food bank at the Denver Inner City Parish. So, come join in the fun and spread some good will through Colorado! One highlight from last year's trip was walking thru the Farmer's Market held in Alamosa on Saturday mornings! Talk about local food! The fruits and vegetables and goodies offered at this market were awesome...putting our local Farmer's Markets to shame!

Redemption Fellowship:

We have seen many changes over the past couple of years we have been serving meals to those attending Redemption Fellowship:

- Their numbers continue to grow steadily
- They have a new pastor
- We have had many faces and sets of hands helping with this mission

- I have learned what phenomenal cooks we have within our church family

With all these changes, several things remain constant:

- The appreciation from those we are serving
- The sense of humility I feel each time I attend
- The appreciation I have for the faithful servants from our congregation who regularly help with this mission

So, if you feel you might be missing out on some of this, please mark your calendar to join us on October 16 when we will once again bring nourishing food and cheerful goodwill to the congregation of Redemption Fellowship.

Operation Christmas Child:

Christmas in July was another huge success. Thanks to your generosity, we wrapped 31 boxes filled with goodies to be sent around the world for Christmas. While this is a great number, it is 7 boxes short of our last years record. For those who forgot to bring a box, there are more empty boxes sitting in the Narthex, complete with instructions on just what to do. When you have filled your box, please return it to the Narthex and put it in the Food Bank collection basket. We are asking for a donation of \$7 for each box to help with the shipping of these boxes. These checks, made out to WPUMC, with Operation Christmas Child in the memo line, can be put in the offering plate any Sunday.

Any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact Katie Wieder @ 303.798.3522 or katiejunew@comcast.net

SAVE-THE-DATE FOR OUR SPECIAL SPEAKER, REV. DR. JIM GULLEY

Rev. Dr. Jim Gulley will be our speaker on September 25. A former missionary in Nigeria and Cambodia , Jim is a specialist in sustainable agriculture. In addition to his professional mission service, he has worked for the US Department of Agriculture and the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Ibadan , Nigeria . As a consultant to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), he has been working in Haiti . He was trapped in rubble for 55 hours when the earthquake hit. Come and hear about our mission work in Haiti.

SENIOR NEWS

MARIE DORR , our member here at WPUMC, celebrated her 88th Birthday on August 12, 2011 by moving into Heritage Club on 2020 S. Monroe St. # 219, Denver, CO 80210. She now lives next door to Wilma Shober - also a member of WPUMC.

AUDREY EDWARDS sold her house on S. Krameria and moved to Porter Place which is at 1001 E. Yale Avenue, Denver, CO 80210. She is at # 208. Charlene Sullivan has been giving Audrey rides to and from Church on Sundays and will happily continue doing it.

JANE HAWKINSON , 97, is flying on Friday August 2, 2011 to attend her great grandson's baptism on Sunday, August 28, in the State of Maryland where she will visit a granddaughter and her family. She will then join her daughter Susan and husband who will drive to upstate New York, then to Florida. Jane will be away for a month and fly back to

Denver in October.

SENIOR LUNCHEON has been re-scheduled from September 18th to October 9th, 2011 in the South Parlor from 11:00 - 1:00 pm.

FORMER MEMBER SARAH ALLEN GRADUATES VALEDICTORIAN



June and Sarah Allen joined Washington Park United Methodist Church in 2005 from Washington DC where June transferred from the Federal Reserve. June and her 13 year old daughter Sarah, lived on Williams street with their golden retriever Sadie and cat Dinah. June and Sarah became very active in our church with Sarah in the youth group and both helping Izzie Longwell with

communion. June and Sarah were both very talented pianists and Sarah had asked for permission to learn to play our church organ. Not long afterwards, Sarah became the accompanist to many of the old favorite hymns. Sarah was also a wonderful babysitter to Ryan and Emily Hoskins. Unfortunately for WPUMC, June transferred with her job and she and Sarah moved back to Washington DC in 2007. Sarah graduated Valedictorian of her class from Connelly School of the Holy Child this past June. Sarah plans to attend the University of Rochester in the fall. They both developed many wonderful friendships with the members of WPUMC and continue to keep in touch.



Upcoming Events and Calendar

Lunch Bunch: Saturday September 10, 2011. All children 3 years of age (potty trained) through 5th grade invited. Games, crafts, Bible stories and FUN! Bring a lunch and a drink. Bring a friend! E-mail Char at education@washparkumc.org to reserve your spot!

Baby and YOU Luncheon: A time for parents and their new babies to get to know one another!

WHERE: Washington Park UMC, Fellowship Hall

WHEN: September 11, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

WHO: Parents and babies (14 months and younger) invited!

NURSERY PROVIDED FOR OLDER SIBLINGS! (Please send a lunch and drink for them)

RSVP: E-mail Char at education@washparkumc.org to reserve your spot!

Third Grade Gift Bible Sunday: September 18, 2011, during 9:30 a.m. worship. All third graders invited to receive a Bible as a gift from our congregation! E-mail Char at education@washparkumc.org with the name of your Third Grader!

Special Speaker: September 25, 2011, during 9:30 a.m. worship service. Rev. Dr. Jim Gulley, a specialist in sustainable agriculture, was trapped for 55 hours under rubble

during the earthquake in Haiti. See article above for more information. Do not miss this amazing opportunity to hear him speak!

Free Days In Denver

Tuesday, September 6 = Children's Museum of Denver (4 - 8 pm).

Monday, September 26 = Denver Botanic Gardens in Denver

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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 in person) by Tuesday on the week you need it in the emails. 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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