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"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." - William James

How does our church make a difference? To you? To our community? To the world? During the month of October, as part of our stewardship emphasis, we will be looking at how our church makes a difference. I can identify a lot of ways. If you have a story about how WPUMC has made a difference, let me know. (minister@washparkumc.org)

Shalom,

Dick

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Reverend Richard
Evans

WHOLE GRAINS FOR GROWING BRAINS

Please join the Great Harvest Bread Co. of Denver (owned by Wash Park UMC members Sheri & Matt Salis) and the Denver Public Schools' Educational Outreach Program for their sixth annual Whole Grains for Growing Brains fundraiser.

On Saturday, **October 22nd**, the Great Harvest Bread Co. located in the Belcaro Center at 765 South Colorado Boulevard **will donate 100% of our sales to the DPS Educational Outreach Program** to support their efforts to support homeless students in our school system.

This is not a donation of profit, nor is it a donation of a percentage of sales. Every cent taken in on this special day will go directly to this important program that helps our community's children face their many challenges with food, clothing, transportation, and other necessities so many of us take for granted. Customers on October 22nd will also have the

opportunity to buy bread and donate it back to this cause. Donated bread will be distributed to families in Denver homeless shelters.

Please help us spread the word about Whole Grains for Growing Brains 2011, and please consider shopping at our bakery from 6:00am to 6:30pm on this day for the children in our school district that need us the most.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

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, we are still short 7 boxes from our last year's 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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Calling all church members and weekly attendees! Our first picture date will be on Sunday, Oct. 16th starting with our senior members at 8:45 am. Seniors may choose to have their photo taken in either the South Parlor or in the Courtyard (weather dependent). Following church at 11:00 am we will start taking photos in order of sign up. We will have a sign-up sheet available online through Sign-up Genius, a great way for us to get everyone signed up

at their desired time (look for Sign-up Genius instructions in weekly updates and announcements during the next few weeks).

We are able to take two families at one time. Both Rick Jansen and Sharlene Douthit have volunteered to take our photos that day. The slots are in 10 min increments. We will have extra coffee and snacks that day to hold you over while you wait to have your photo taken. Please feel free to talk with Marni or Amy if you do not wish to sign-up via Sign-Up Genius. We will be sure to get you on the list. Also, if you are unable to attend on the 16th- a second photo date will be announced!

GROCERY CERTIFICATES

WPUMC offers grocery spending cards at King Soopers, Safeway and Whole Foods as a fundraiser for our church. By purchasing the cards from the church, we receive 5% of all of your expenditures at these businesses, at no cost to you! Stop by the table in the narthex either before or after Sunday service to make your purchase.

Upcoming Events and Calendar

Lunch Bunch: Saturday, October 15, 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!

Flu Shots: Visiting Nurse Assoc. will offer seasonal flu shots on Sunday, October 9, following the worship service.

Senior Luncheon - Sunday, October 9 in the South Parlor from 11:00-1:00 pm.

Hay Ride & Cook-out at Plum Creek Stables - Sunday, October 16 from 3:30-6:30 pm (see the sign-up sheet on the education bulletin board)

Home for the Holidays Craft Fair - October 21-22

WPUMC Fall Festival - October 23

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 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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