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Birthdays

Ryan Abman - Dec 11
 Laura Aden - Dec 21
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 Henry Dale - Dec 8
 Geoffrey Dickson - Dec 22
 Kathryn Dollis - Dec 8
 Randy Dudler - Dec 10
 Audrey Edwards - Dec 31
 Blair Goering - Dec 28
 Kelly Goering - Dec 18
 Barb Gonzales - Dec 13
 Emily Haemer - Dec 1
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 Noreen Marutle - Dec 26
 Malebo Marutle - Dec 29
 Matthew McFarren - Dec 7
 Tobin McFarren - Dec 12
 Mary Mefford - Dec 3
 Elaine Musslewhite - Dec 21
 Jaime Obleski - Dec 23
 Mary Ann Palmer - Dec 14
 Craig Robinson - Dec 10
 Joseph Salis - Dec 27
 Vera Smith-Williams - Dec 5
 Jody Steger - Dec 13
 Lucas Strickland - Dec 21
 Maren Strother - Dec 11
 Jennefer Traeger - Dec 28
 Will Wieder - Dec 29
 Penny Wilson - Dec 25

Anniversaries



Christmas reminds us that the gift of life is not just for "us," but for all God's people. It sometimes comes in unexpected places, and in unexpected ways. May it come for you. Merry Christmas!

"So hallowed and so gracious is the time."

In Shakespeare's Hamlet (Act I, ii), on the dark battlements of Elsinore, Marcellus speaks to his companions about Jesus' birth:

"Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes
 Wherein our Savior's birth is celebrated,
 The bird of dawning singeth all night long;
 And then, they say, no spirit dare stir abroad,
 The nights are wholesome, then no planets strike,



Reverend Richard
Evans

No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm,
So hallowed and so gracious is the time."

John Kellner and Sarah
Mastalir-Kellner
December 4, 2010
Years Married: 1

This Christmas season, with all its activities, and not enough time to do everything you need or want, may you discover that this time is both hallowed and gracious. May you discover the Incarnation of Christ for you. Emmanuel-God with us.

Merry Christmas,

Dick

Newest Habitat Home Is Dedicated



A large and enthusiastic crowd gathered in late October to dedicate the Kased-Ruhaif family's home. The home was built by the Loaves and Fishes coalition of Habitat for Humanity, in which our church is active. Nearly 100 volunteers, supporters and new neighbors joined the family of Ali and Kamila and their children for the celebration. "The dedication was extraordinary successful," said Wilbur Moulton, a coalition member. "The mingling of all made it just like an extended family reunion."

The family is shown on the porch of the new home. Both units in the two-story duplex will be occupied by new Habitat homeowners. Habitat homes are not given to the families. Each homeowner pays back a no-interest mortgage equal to either the actual cost or the appraised value, whichever is lower. That money becomes available to build additional Habitat homes. In addition, prospective homeowners must show a need for affordable housing and agree to partner with Habitat through sweat equity hours.

Youth Group Update



On November 20, the Youth Group delivered food for over 40 meals as part of DENUM's Food For All food drive for Thanksgiving. Thank you to our congregation for donating food, money, and gift cards to make this effort possible. Our church was one of forty groups who helped to package 1500 Thanksgiving meals for those in need.

Missions Corner

I am so THANKFUL for all the GIVING that all of you at WPUMC have done this year! It is because of your caring that we have been able to make such a difference this year. Look at the list below of some of the things we have collectively accomplished:

- Helped to build a house through Habitat for Humanity
- Picked over 1000 pounds of potatoes
- Delivered nutritious food and money to local food banks
- Provided and served meals and companionship to Redemption Fellowship
- Sent 39 boxes of Christmas boxes to children across the world
- Supported our youth in Mission work in the Rocky Mountain area
- Aided in AIDS/HIV relief in South Africa and India

I am sure there are more activities that I am forgetting, but the bottom line is, we walk the walk and do our best to make a difference! However, there is more to be done! We can't sit back and give ourselves a pat on the back. There are more families willing to work towards home ownership. There are still people in desperate need of food, right in our own backyard. We need to find more ways we can truly make a difference. Once we find those ways, our lives will be changed along with those we find to serve. Here are some immediate needs and ways you can help. Please take that step and either continue your involvement or step out of your comfort zone and take on something new:

- Look for the Missions Mitten Tree for ways to help those less fortunate.
- The Alternative Gift Giving catalogue will be available the first Sunday of Advent either as you exit the sanctuary or by the Mission bulletin board. It will also be available at the church office. You will find gifts that keep on giving!
- Redemption Fellowship will be December 18. We could still use some food donations of dinner rolls, a green salad, and Christmas cookies. Sign up on the Missions bulletin board.
- Sandwiches in the Park will be our newest venture. We will be working together to provide a simple PBJ sandwich lunch and warm socks to the homeless. Watch for details and join in this new effort!
- International Mission work in Guatemala. We will be sending members of our congregation to a rural region of Guatemala to help build a school. Consider joining them, or support their work with your prayers.

Thank you for all you have done and for all I know you will continue to do. I look forward to working hand in hand with you in the coming year!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

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Thank you WPUMC

A big thank you to everyone who helped with Hanging of the Greens in November. The sanctuary looks great!

The First United Methodist Church of Joplin, Missouri sent letter to the WPUMC congregation thanking us for the \$1,872.00 donation to help with tornado disaster relief.

Denver Inner City Parish sent a letter to the congregation thanking us for an in-kind donation that will help the DICP serve and strengthen our community.

Senior News

Charlotte Blackmer enjoyed her family descending upon her at home on November 11th with birthday goodies to help her celebrate her 94th birthday. They all had such a good time, they decided to come again to Charlotte's house for Thanksgiving.

Audrey Edwards suffered a problem with her foot in November and was hospitalized and then sent to rehabilitation. Since December 31st is her birthday, she is hoping to be home to enjoy the celebration.

Jane Hawkinson, 94, will remain in Florida to help her daughter, Susan, who is suffering with health problems. Jane is now planning to fly back to Denver after Christmas.

Vera Anderson, 101, phoned Izzie in November to say "hello" and ask how everyone is and how the church activities are. She was delighted to hear that the church attendance and membership and money had all improved. Vera and her husband, **Milton**, were WPUMC members for over 50 years. They owned Anderson's Grocery on S. Gaylord St and supplied the groceries for most of the dinners served in our Fellowship Hall in the 1940's, 50's and 60's. Also the food for Camp Rosalie every summer. Vera now lives with her son Troy and his wife, Eva, in Longmont. She is still staying well and even having a little vegetable garden in the backyard.

Donald Dudler, 77, younger brother to **Randy Dudler**, passed away on November 15, 2011 from natural causes. He lived in Tuscon, AZ.

For those of you who would like to get in contact with these church members, please contact Kelly in the office for updated addresses and phone numbers!

Blessings in Motion: Mission Trip Memories by John Burnett

One of our members would like to share his and his wife's (Jan's) many Mission trips:

Several of us from WPUMC were energized by trips through United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, which included the following:

The Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota during August of 1996. We were included with 17 adults and 7 youth. Our work was to repair a community center with a ramp for the handicapped. A youth retreat center on the Island of Antigua during October of 1995. Volunteers from WPUMC were Carl & Janette Trimble, Gail Kahler, Jack Gooch and John and Jan Burnett who were a part of the others from the Rocky Mountain Conference. Our work was to repair the retreat center; 60 pounds of tools and money were given by member of the WPUMC for this project.

Another repair trip was scheduled for Serdan, Mexico to demolish and rebuild bathrooms and remodel the kitchen at an orphanage for 22 children whose parents were killed in the disastrous Mexico City earthquake.

As members of a WPUMC steering committee, we helped make preliminary plans for InterCommunity caregivers whose mission was to match trained volunteers with physically and developmentally challenged individuals. After 7 years, this agency merged with another similar agency, "Helping Hands", which continued this service.

Though I am now unable to do most of these physical tasks, I still enjoy being a part of the Mission's committee. I appreciate the work of Carol Nelson involving WPUMC in Habitat for Humanity. In this work, I have been touched by the financial and personal support of our church in responding to these human needs. As our readers know, these needs are even greater now.

John Burnett

John has many other stories that he is very happy to share, you just need to ask him!

Member News

Joe Miklosi was featured in a Denver Post article on November 22. [Read more...](#)

In September, **Liesje Johnson** won the Minoru Yasuri Community Volunteer Award, presented by the Denver Foundation. [Read more...](#)



Dec 3 - Lunch Bunch, our social group for children, will meet Saturday, December 3rd from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 2 downstairs. We will rehearse for our Children's Christmas Program and participate some fun Christmas activities! Children 3 years of age (potty trained) through 5th Grade invited. Bring a lunch and a drink! Parents, please RSVP to education@washparkumc.org so we can have an accurate count of children for that day!

Dec 10 - The **Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal** will be held Saturday, December 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the sanctuary. All children who are planning to participate in the Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 11th during our worship service at 9:30 a.m. are requested to attend. Children of all ages invited to come to rehearsal with their parents! Questions? E-mail Char at education@washparkumc.org.

Dec 11 -

9:30 a.m - **Childrens' Christmas Program** during the service.

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Wash Park UMC Christmas Caroling.** Everyone invited! Soup and supper will follow. We need soups, salads and cookies! RSVP to Char at education@washparkumc.org to reserve your spot! \$5 person or \$15 per family.

Dec 16 - 11:00 a.m. Preschool Christmas Program.

Dec 20 through Jan 3 - Preschool Christmas Break.

Dec 24 -

5:00 p.m. **Children's Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.** A special Christmas message designed "just for children" will be presented!

7:00 p.m. **All-Church Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.**

Dec 25 - 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Service

Dec 26 through Jan 2 - Church closed.

Christmas Pointsettias

Look for order forms in the Sunday bulletins or stop by the church office to order pointsettias in honor of or in memory of your loved ones.

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