

# THE LiNK

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**Dear Noreen,**

What are you doing this summer? Having some fun, I hope, though that isn't just something for the summer. I also hope that you will include worship on a weekly basis. While worship is more a way of life than an act on Sunday morning, gathering on Sunday is important to the rhythm of faith. The life of faith requires returning to God's presence and the presence of each other. Christian spirituality is not individualistic or private. Jesus taught only one prayer. It uses "our" and "us," never "my" or "me."

We will be doing some interesting things this summer, and not just on Sunday morning: An all-church camp at Rosalie; have a picnic and listen to the Denver Concert Band at Wash Park; a "night with the stars" and telescopes on Genesee; mission opportunities; "Greet and eat" for young families, couples and singles; dinners for six or eight. And I hope to see you on Sunday, because we need that as individuals and as a community-that's how God made us.



Dr. Richard Evans

Shalom,  
Dick

## What's New?

### Testing the New Link

We are currently testing a new way to send The Link, using Constant Contact. This will enable us to have interactive links to events, the website, calendar and other organizations, as well as register for activities on line. It will come in HTML format, so you don't have to open an attachment. There is also a text only option, which might be easier to read on your mobile device. It will provide more privacy and security. Thanks to Jody Steger, Heather Steelman and Julie Rhody for this possibility.

### Check Out the Remodeled Tea Kitchen

The Tea Kitchen remodel has been completed. What a difference it makes! Thanks to Carl and Chris Mikesell, Bill Wieder and Jim Rogers for their work.

## Reaching More Children Than Ever Before-Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child, the unique shoe box gift project of Samaritan's Purse, enjoyed its most fruitful year ever. We thank the millions of people who participated, and we give glory to God, "who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20b, NIV).

Operation Christmas Child collected 8.2 million shoe box gifts in 13 countries in 2009, including the very first ones from Spain and Hong Kong. That's the most boxes ever-nearly 200,000 more than the previous year. Shoe box gifts were sent to 108 countries, including Guinea Bissau and St. Kitts for the first time. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and distributed more than 77 million shoe box gifts.



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### Happy Father's Day

June 20, 2010

A Father is there to lend a hand, to give advice, to smile, To comfort or encourage or just be with you a while. He's a special man whose love and caring seem to have no end.

He's a teacher and supporter, he's a very special friend!

### June Birthdays

- June 1 = Gilbert, Earl
- June 1 = Smith, Devin
- June 3 = Sells, John
- June 4 = Fine, Jackson
- June 4 = Fine, Madelyn
- June 5 = Marutle, Ratu
- June 6 = Brock, Jim
- June 7 = McFarren, Cheryl
- June 8 = Dailey, Tom
- June 11 = Carter, Anissa
- June 14 = Stephens, Marge
- June 15 = Spangler, Dixie
- June 19 = Palmer, Mark
- June 22 = Dale, Julia
- June 22 = Gonzales, Gregg
- June 22 = Rodriguez, Afton
- June 26 = Morgan, Anna
- June 26 = Sells, Pat
- June 27 = Dickson, Kevin
- June 28 = Belisle, Shirley
- June 28 = Marutle, Lesedi
- June 29 = Johnson, Heather
- June 30 = Sublette, Jake

## Committee Corner: Missions

May 23 was letter writing day for the Bread for the World campaign. As a congregation we are sending 59 letters to Senators Udall and Bennett urging them to keep the issue of children in poverty high up on their agenda. Thank you to those of you who took the time to address this issue and write a letter.

While senators and congressmen have become more easily accessible via email, it has been determined that hand written letters, especially in



volume, carry the most weight. Once a decision has been made on this issue of extending the tax credits, we will let you know the outcome.

June: Christmas in July is coming up...how many more shopping days? No, that countdown to Christmas doesn't have to start yet, but we will be starting to collect shoe boxes of goodies for Operation Christmas Child once again. So,



save your shoe boxes and pick up small, but new toys, school supplies, hygiene items, or other fun things for either a boy or girl between the ages of 2-14. We will begin collecting the boxes in June, and have a Christmas wrapping party at church on July 25. Check out the Missions bulletin board and be listening for more details to follow.

July 18: WPUMC will once again be providing and serving lunch for the members of Redemption Fellowship. The Youth Group will hopefully be serving the food, but donations of food and adult supervision may still be necessary. Watch for details.

## Prayer Requests and Concerns

Noreen Marutle's sister is very sick in South Africa. She was admitted to a hospital from 5/17/10 to 5/20/10 and on 5/22/10 at about 2:00 am she was in the emergency room and consequently admitted. She is still in the hospital and is complaining about an excruciating headache. The doctors suspected meningitis, and now they are talking about pernicious anemia. She is the sister who is teaching and takes care of her mom, nephew and niece. We are asking for prayers for her speedy recovery.

John Burnett is in rehab after knee replacement surgery. He would enjoy your cards. The address is 1625 Carr St., Lakewood, CO 80214.

Dr. Shelly Smith-Acuna lost her father in May. Please continue praying for their family.

Sandy Warble had surgery on her cheek on May 17, 2010 to remove melanoma.

Rosamond Warren had eye surgery on May 21, 2010.

Peggy Mann is still at St. John's Hospice in Lakewood. She is sometimes able to come to church when she feels better, but do keep her in your prayers.

## June Anniversaries

June 21 = Ray & Lorna Curry (38 years)

June 28 = Phil & Heidi Shaffalo (2 years)

We are now collecting a list of prayer requests and concerns from the congregation for those who are unable to join us in church to voice them or who would like us to know about their loved ones. Please email them to the office at [office@washparkumc.org](mailto:office@washparkumc.org). We will include the information in *The Link*, depending on availability. We thank you in anticipation as this will keep us knowing about our friends in church.

## Senior Community Update

**HAPPY 85TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR HAZEL BURNEY** was held on Sunday May 23rd, 2010. In addition to her family members, friends from WPUMC were able to attend Hazel's Birthday Party in the dining room of Carmel Oaks at 1811 S. Harlan St. in Lakewood, where she recently moved to. The family members brought a spread of delicious chicken, meatballs, sausage, beans, potato salad, deviled eggs, baby shrimp, fruit salads, rolls, coffee, te, soft drinks and water. We were honored to have the Birthday Lady sit at our table so we could watch up close when the Birthday cake arrived and singing "Happy Birthday" finished the celebration. After the party, Hazel invited us to see her apartment which was on the main floor right across the hall from the dining room. We were impressed by the good sized rooms and "walk -in bath tub plus shower". Hazel is very happy there and expressed how nice the staff is to her. They help her all the time. She misses WPUMC, but is now attending Phillips UMC.

## Upcoming Events

**LUNCH BUNCH** - On Saturday, June 12, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. children 3 years old to 5th grade are invited to attend Lunch Bunch, a children's social gathering at WPUMC. Children should bring a sack lunch and a drink. Friends welcome! Reserve a spot by emailing Char at [mschar0516@aol.com](mailto:mschar0516@aol.com).

**CAMP ROSALIE** all-church camp will take place on June 25 -27, 2010 (after dinner on Friday through lunch on Sunday). Mark your calendars! We have a sign-up sheet on our bulletin board in the hallway facing the tea kitchen or you may contact Char at [mschar0516@aol.com](mailto:mschar0516@aol.com) or call her at 719.339.7337.

**GREET and EAT** Sunday, July 11 (5pm-7pm). Come get to know other WPUMC families. Children 3 and up can play in the basement and eat pizza with Pastor Char. Ms. Maria will help with the babies in the nursery. Dinner will be provided for the adults in the S. Parlor. RSVP to Emily Haemer at [elhaemer@gmail.com](mailto:elhaemer@gmail.com).

**VBS** August 2 - 5, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Children 3 years (potty trained) through 5th Grade are welcome to attend the annual WPUMC Vacation Bible School! Registration forms are available on our education bulletin board. A donation of \$10.00 for the first child and \$5.00 for the second child is requested. You can turn in your completed form at the office or the Sunday School room on Sundays. Scholarships are available.

**June 12** = Lunch Bunch

**June 13** = Food Bank

**June 14** = Flag Day

**June 20** = Father's Day

**June 25 - 27** = All church camp

**July 11** = Greet and Eat

**August 2-5** = Vacation Bible School

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