

Worship and Celebration

November 23, 2008

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY/RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Please see an usher for large print hymnals or hearing devices.

Prelude *Variations on 'Ellacombe'* Gudger

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come ye thankful people!

People: We come to worship the source of all gifts!

Leader: We come as we are, ready to name our abundance and give thanks.

People: In gratitude, we sing, listen, pray, worship, and respond with our lives to God's grace.

***Hymn of Praise** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* #694

Welcome and Community Focus

Lighting the Candle of Gratitude

Special Music *We Gather Together* #131
Chancel Choir, Mary Everitt, director

Silent Prayer

Jesus said, "Whenever you do it for the least of these my brothers and sisters, you do it for me." How are you being called to use your gifts for being the hands and feet of Christ in the world?

A Pastoral Prayer **The Lord's Prayer**

***Hymn of Invitation** *The Servant Song vs. 1-3* # 2222

Reception of New Members

*Congregational Response

We welcome you on the journey of faith as we move toward becoming whole human beings. By God's grace we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church.

***Hymn of Response** *The Servant Song vs. 4-6* # 2222

*Ritual of Friendship

(You are invited to greet our new members and one another)

Offering Our Gifts *How Great Thou Art* Riley

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offertory Prayer

Special Music 9:30 *Simple Gifts* arr. Hurrell
Bob Hurrell & Ben Nelson, trombone duet

Scripture Matthew 25: 31-40

Sermon *Gratefully Yours*

***Hymn** *Now Thank We All our God* #102

***Benediction** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing vs. 2* #664

Postlude 9:30 *Give Thanks* Scott

*Please stand as you are able.

Assisting in Worship: Patti O'Neill, Nancy Wade, Sydney Vogel, Carolyn Cline, Debbie Willeford, Clara Klein, Rev. Rusty Butler, Rev. Valerie Oden

Acolyte: 9:30 Danielle Martinez

Welcome Center: Melanie Mayeranderson

If you are new to the community or this church, **WELCOME**. Please sign the fellowship book so we can send you a copy of our newsletter, *The Circuit Rider*. Stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex to pick up brochures describing the programs and activities AUMC offers and a copy of our newsletter.

Next Week's Special Music:

Bob Hurrell & Ben Nelson, trombone duet
We Gather Together, Chancel Choir, Mary Everitt, director

Special Music for Advent Sundays (9:30 service)

11/30 Lisa Frisch, flute; *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, Chancel Choir, Sydney Vogel, director, Andie Nelson, cello
12/07 3 Men & a Bass; *Comfort & Joy*, Chancel Choir, Sydney Vogel, director, Janis Buckles & Tim Stegink, rhythm instruments
12/14 *The Children's Christmas Pageant will be the sermon part of the 9:30 service; the rest of the service will be a normal format.*
12/21 Bronze Ringers; Carolyn Cline & Dianne Cuadrado, Christmas Duets; *Sing Joy to the World*, Chancel Choir, handbells & trumpets, Debbie Willeford, director

AUMC Opportunities

We Need A Little Christmas!

Pull out the holly! It's time to hang the greens and bring Christmas Cheer to Arvada UMC! Join us in The Center on Friday, November 28th, at 5:30 pm., for supper, songs and crafts as we decorate our Christmas trees and deck our halls for the holidays. We'll share a warm meal, Make ornaments, set up and decorate the trees and kick off our season of joy. No charge for this event, but please return the tear sheet to decorated boxes on the way out of church.

Please bring a non-perishable food item with you to help others through the season. Hope to see you there!

Thank You notes: As you may have read in this month's Circuit Rider the bulletin board by the water fountains is available for you to post a thank you to those volunteers who quietly do so many important tasks at the church and may not have been recognized in the past for their efforts. Whether you want to thank someone in particular, or just be thankful for something that gets done around the church, even if you don't know who does it, fill out a note with your message of thanks. May our collective thankfulness overflow the board!

Golden Singles sign up in the Center today for the Christmas Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 2 pm at the Old Neighborhood Restaurant. The cost is \$18 which covers the cost of the meal and tip.

UMW Lydia Ladies Upcoming Events

November 26- Bingo at Arvada Health Care Center, 2:30 p.m.

December 7- Holiday Tea: Meet at church to carpool. We'll leave promptly at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday Book Club

Wednesday Book Club will not meet on the regular date of Nov. 24 because of proximity to Thanksgiving. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 3, in the John Allen Library. All readers are invited to come and enjoy this discussion of "A Hope in the Unseen--An American odyssey from the inner city to the Ivy League" by Ron Suskind. This book is based on his Pulitzer Prize winning series of articles for the Wall Street Journal on Washington D.C. honor students.

Urban Peak: Please pick up food tags in the narthex. Donations need to be received in the Center kitchen, by noon on Thursday, December 4.

Our Sunday Morning Worship times have changed to 7:45 and 9:30 am.

Coffee Fellowship in the Center is from 8:45-9:30 am and 10:30-11:00 am.

Children & Youth Church School is during the 9:30 hour.

Children and Youth Activities

Sunday School

Nursery 7:45 & 9:30 room 300	3rd Grade room 203
Preschool room 304	4th-6th Grades room 306
Kindergarten room 305	Junior High (7th-8th) room 209
1st-2nd Grades room 205	Senior High (9th-12th) room 206

UMYF 7th - 12th

Today: Bowling, 6:30-8 pm

Next Sunday, 11/30: X-treme Challenge, 3:30-6:30 pm
(Permission slips required)

Acknowledgements



Flowers:

Carol Dulaney in loving memory of John Pankoff III and appreciation for the support of AUMC; Anne Cohan in loving memory of cousin Joanie; Don and Sandy Granner with gratitude for the many blessings in our lives.

Carol Jordan in loving memory of mother, father, brother and cousin.

Greeters:

7:45 – Warren & Mattie Jean Petty

9:30 – Elizabeth Cawthorne & Marjorie Anderson

Today, Nov. 23

Holiday Orchestra rehearsal, 10:30 am



This Week: Nov. 24-Nov. 29

Meals on Wheels: Mon-Wedi, 10 am

Lite Fitness: Tues, 8:30-9:30 am

Yoga: Mon, 6:00-7:00 pm

KDD: Mon-Wed, 9:00-11:30 am

Mon: Bronze Ringers, 6:15 pm

Tues: Morning Bells, 8 am

Care Team, 1 pm

Toastmasters, 6:30 pm

AdCOM, 6:30 pm

Wed: ESL, 9 am & 6 pm

Brown Bag Bible Study, noon

Chancel Choir, 7 pm

Thurs: Thanksgiving Day Service, 9 am

Fri: Hanging of the Greens, 5:30 pm

Join in the fun as we decorate the church for Advent



Next Sunday, Nov. 30

Nursery Committee, 9 am

Holiday Orchestra rehearsal, 10:30 am

Sign Up In The Center

Purchase **King Soopers & Safeway certificates.**

Greeters are needed for December for the 9:30 service.

Butter Braids are here! Please pick up your order in the Center.

Adult Education Sunday Morning

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES, 8:20

Insights Book Study, 8:45

Biblical Kaleidoscope, 10:30

During The Week

Toastmasters, Tues, 6:30 pm

Wednesday Brown Bag
Bible Study, noon

Helen Young Celebrates 100th Birthday

Helen Young will celebrate her 100th birthday on Tuesday, Nov 25. To help her celebrate this monumental occasion, please join us in a 'card shower.' Send your cards to Helen at: 11800 W 49th Ave, #222, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. She lives at the Mountain Vista Care Center. Congratulations Helen!

Ministers

Rusty Butler
Valerie Oden

Choir Director

Debbie Willeford

Organist

Carolyn Cline

7:45 Music Dir.

Sydney Vogel

Jeffco Action Center is experiencing an increase in the number of people needing help in our community. On Monday, Nov 17, they helped 214 families. Right now, their much needed items are: blankets and food, especially soup, tuna, canned protein and boxed mac & cheese. Respond to this great need by bringing food to the church for our monthly donation on Dec 7 or deliver your donation directly to Jeffco Action Center at 8755 W 14th Ave in Lakewood. Thank you in advance for sharing with these families in our own community.

Thank you . . .

to Jean & Carl Almquist, the Care Team, Rusty for your visits, for the plants, the plant deliverers, and everyone for all your calls. My journey started in May with a heart attack and surgery. Now another surgery for an aneurism later, I am recouping in Oberon House and getting along pretty well. All of your care and concern has meant a lot to me and has helped in my recovery. I miss church and seeing everyone but I continue to work on getting better. Sincerely, Arlene Mason

Thanksgiving Day Service 9 am Arvada UMC

A time for special music, reflection, thankfulness

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