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# The Circuit Rider

*You're Invited!*

"Getting To Know AUMC" is an opportunity for everyone in our community of faith to learn more about Arvada United Methodist Church and one another. We especially welcome those of you new to AUMC.

Please choose ONE of the following dates. We will meet for 90 minutes in Room 209 next to the John Allen Memorial Library. Child care is available during worship, classes & meetings. Please RSVP to Connie in the church office: 303.421.5135.

Sunday, September 7, 2008 10:45am – 12:15pm  
*light refreshments served*

Wednesday, September 17, 2008 6:00pm – 7:30pm  
*light refreshments served*

Sunday, September 21, 2008 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
*dinner served*

Sunday, January 11, 2009 10:45am – 12:15pm  
*light refreshments served*

Sunday, January 18, 2009 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
*dinner served*

Wednesday, January 28, 2009 6:00pm – 7:30pm  
*light refreshments served*

Have you ever wondered...?

How can I be a spiritual person with a 21st century worldview and have an authentic faith?

Why is Arvada United Methodist Church different from many other churches?

Who is John Wesley?

What is a Reconciling Congregation?

How do I read the Bible if I don't read it literally?

How do I find out what's happening here at AUMC?

"Taste of AUMC"? - yummy?

AUMC has the tradition of infant baptism; what do I do for my child (ren) who are no longer infants?

Mission trips? (yes, actions speak louder than words)

What is a Labyrinth? How do I walk one?

Why do we have one?

Where and how do I learn about the "Wesleyan Quadrilateral"?

WOW! We thought you'd never ask!

Ultimately, what we want you to know is that WE HAVE QUESTIONS TOO. Please come and share your questions with us and open up the opportunity to learn from one another. For those interested in joining AUMC, you are always invited to do so. This class is not a requirement for membership but one, we hope you will very much enjoy.

## NOTHING BUT NETS Olympics



**We had 24  
hours of  
Basketball  
Fun & raised  
\$5,600 for  
the cause!**



Arvada  
United Methodist Church  
*A church where science, religion and life are compatible*

## Sunday Worship Services

7:45 and 9:30 a.m.

From 8:45–9:30 a.m. and at  
10:30–11 a.m. we will have  
Coffee Fellowship in the Center.  
Church school classes will be  
offered during the 9:30 hour.

*September Is*  
National Hispanic  
Heritage Month  
Healthy Aging Month

### SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS

**Ramadan, Islam**, time of fasting and contemplation (one of the five pillars of Islam), begins at sundown 9/1

**Harvest Moon Festival, China**, celebrating abundance of harmony and luck, 9/14

**Independence Day, Mexico**, commemorating end of Spanish rule, 9/16

**Autumnal Equinox/Harvestide**, Wiccan/Neo-Pagan, 9/22

**Rosh Hashanah, Judaism**, beginning of the Days of Awe, begins at sundown 9/29

**Navaratri, Hindu**, commemorating triumph of good over evil, 9/30

### THE CIRCUIT RIDER DEADLINE

#### OCTOBER ISSUE 2008

Deadline: September 8, 5:00 pm

Email submissions to:  
mjwallevik@aol.com

- Articles need to be in Microsoft or e-mail format (e-mail preferred)
- Submit photos (either originals to be scanned and returned to you or a JPEG file of your digital image)

Hard copy, prints of photos can be left in CR Coordinator's box at AUMC

Submissions received after the posted deadline may not appear in the next publication.

Upcoming deadline:  
November Issue October 13 2008

# Rusty's Reflections

The church is on the threshold of yet another new beginning. Part of that new beginning is saying hello to a new pastor, Rev. Valerie Oden and saying goodbye to one of our current staff, Andrea Pinegar. Andrea has been the Children's and Youth Director for the last two years. Andrea started as part-time Sunday School Director and moved into her position under the supervision of Rev. Rooks.

Andrea's responsibilities for both of those programs will now be shared by Rev. Oden and myself. Part of Rev. Oden's ministerial responsibilities will be leading the Children's Program. Valerie has a number of years experience with children's programming and Sunday School. With what Andrea has been able to establish over the past two years along with Valerie's leadership and vision, we can be assured that the Children's Program will move forward with great promise.

We thank Andrea and her husband Scott for giving such committed and dedicated leadership to the church for the past two years. Beginning in September, with the help of Jake and Lisa Frisch (co-leaders of the Youth Age Level Council) and additional adult volunteers, I will be responsible for leading the Youth Program (7th-12th grades). One of the changes I'm excited about is that as part of our weekly meetings, we will begin to meet once a month with the youth and adult leaders from Jefferson Avenue and Applewood Valley UMC Churches (our Cooperative Parish partners). Our hope is to coordinate various activities between the churches including, for example, Mission Trips, Retreats, Special Events, etc.

### New Kitchen Coordinator

As some of you have probably noticed by now, Tatum Kendall has replaced Heidi Abel as our Kitchen Coordinator. Along with making sure coffee and doughnuts are ready for us during the Sunday Fellowship time, Tatum is also responsible for making sure the kitchens are in good working order and will train volunteers on the various kitchen equipment. Tatum is the daughter of Steve and Lynne Kendall.

Heidi will continue in her position as Director of the Children's Choir.

Speaking for the church, I want to thank both Andrea and Heidi for what they brought to the church in their respective positions. We will miss them and hope for all the best for both.

*Rusty*



All  
CHURCH  
Picnic  
SUNDAY 10:45

SEPTEMBER 21

# DAY OF CONNECTION

Fall Spiritual Retreat

October 18, 2008

## FINANCIAL PEACE University

**Can You Imagine Yourself Debt Free?** Financial Peace University sponsored by the AUMC Foundation is an opportunity to move in that direction. It's a 13-week, video-based small group study that teaches families how to beat debt, build wealth and give like never before.

On average, families who complete Financial Peace University reduce their debt by \$5,300 and save \$2,700 in just 91 days!

### CLASS STARTS SOON!

- 13-week course begins October 19
- Sundays at 6:30 PM
- Cost \$99 per family
- Families who complete the course receive a \$25 refund from the AUMC Foundation

Free class previews: September 28 and October 5 at AUMC

### This program is for you if:

- Your credit cards ARE your emergency fund
- Your dog responds to the name "Ebay."
- You're intrigued by the word "plasectomy."
- You want to know what God says about money.
- You have to sell your house to put your kids through college.
- Stocks, bonds and mutual funds are friends you haven't met yet.

Financial Peace University is open to the first 20 families who sign up. **Call 303-421-5135 now for more information!**

**Imagine Yourself Debt Free!**

# THE Spiritual CONNECTION

Members of the Spiritual Connection struggle to describe what we seek to contribute to our AUMC community. What does it mean to be "spiritual" and what does it mean to be "connected?" This writing, by Abraham Isaac Kook, translated by and included in Daniel C. Matt's book, *The Essential Kabbalah*, brilliantly describes what we reach for.

### *The Song of Songs*

There is one who sings the song of his soul, discovering in his soul everything—utter spiritual fulfillment.

There is one who sings the song of his people. Emerging from the private circle of his soul—not expansive enough, not yet tranquil—he strives for fierce heights, clinging to the entire community of Isreal in tender love. Together with her he conceives profound insights into her past and her future, deftly probing the inwardness of her spirit with the wisdom of love.

Then there is one whose soul expands until it extends beyond the border of Israel, singing the song of humanity. In the glory of the entire human race, in the glory of the human form, his spirit spreads, aspiring to the goal of humankind, envisioning its consummation. From this spring of life, he draws all his deepest reflections, his searching, striving, and vision.

Then there is one who expands even further until he unites with all of existence, with all creatures, with all worlds, singing a song with them all.

There is one who ascends with all these songs in unison, the song of the soul, the song of the nation, the song of humanity, the song of the cosmos—resounding together, blending in harmony, circulating the sap of life, the sound of holy joy.

What song do you sing? What song do we sing together?

## THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

Books that spark the creativity within us.

*Praying in Color* by Sybil MacBeth

*The Art of Dreaming* by Jill Mellick

*Illuminations of Hildegard of Bingen* by Matthew Fox

# Bring Your Kids to Worship

The last Sunday of each month, beginning August 31st, our children in Kindergarten–6th grades, will join us in worship for the first few minutes of the 9:30 hour instead of going to KidsSing. They will sit with their parents in the sanctuary for the opening hymn, Call to Worship, etc, and Rusty will call them up to the chancel for a Children's Sermon and offering time. He will then dismiss them to their Sunday School classes. We will continue with KidsSing on the other Sundays.

## Sunday School & Church Activities FALL 2008

7:45	Nursery	Room 300
9:30	Nursery	Room 300
9:30	Preschool 3-5yrs	Room 304
9:30	Kindergarten-2nd	Room 305
9:30	3rd Grade	Room 205
9:30	4th–6th Grade	Room 306
9:30	Junior High 7th-8th	Room 209
9:30	Senior High 9th-12th	Room 206

**KidsSing** – Please bring your school age children to the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. for offering collection and singing to begin their Sunday School hour each week! On the last Sunday of each month, they will begin in worship.

**Super Sunday** – 3rd-6th Grade Christian Education & Fellowship Class; 10:45-12:30; beginning Sunday, September 14 and meeting the 2nd & 4th Sunday each month.

**Arvada Voices** – 3rd-6th Grade Children's Choir; meets every Thursday for practice 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room; 1st rehearsal August 14; sing Special music once a month

**UMYF – 7th-12th Grade Youth Group;**  
6:30-8p.m. most Sunday's; check out the Youth boards for weekly activity updates (in narthex next to kitchenette & outside youth room)

For more information please check out the Children's & Youth Activity Board in the Sunday school hallway

## FOUNDATION Sunday

Foundation Sunday, planned for September 28, will be dedicated to recognizing those who have given to the AUMC Foundation and those who have amended their wills to reflect their inclusion of assets to the Foundation.

The future ministries of our church are the highest goal of the AUMC Foundation. The monies that we can put aside now toward the Foundation are being invested wisely and, as funds grow, so does the optimism of the Foundation Board in development of extended planning.

Chairman, Lloyd Williams, ably leads the Foundation toward its goals at each meeting. Others on the Foundation Board are former chairman, Chris Johnson, Ron Blair, Don Granner, Lisa Ondak and Sydney Vogel.

If you have given to the Foundation or have amended your will, call Connie in the church office at (303) 421-5135. We want to show our appreciation to you on Foundation Sunday and ask others in our congregation to demonstrate support for this far-reaching program. There is plenty of time between now and September 28 for you to remember the Foundation.

We graciously give of our time, talents and monetary means on a daily, weekly or monthly basis for the present needs of our church. By giving to the Foundation, you demonstrate your optimism for future ministries.

*AUMC's present and future ministries are important and our appreciation is great.*

The AUMC Foundation

Board

## A message from Accounting

We ordered envelopes before all the pledges were in so some of you may have been missed. I can make a set for you if you give me a call. I did not order weekly envelopes this year since the majority of our pledges are paid on a monthly basis. This will be changed on the next order. The envelope is important for us in accounting. The "counters" must have an envelope for each contribution so that they can record envelope number, check number and the distribution of your contribution for the data entry "counter". These envelopes are kept on file for one year. Your statement should reflect your contribution by check number and by purpose code. If you have a question about a contribution, we can check the envelope and make corrections when necessary.

The statements are a record of your contributions. We use purpose codes in all our postings. The statement you will receive for the quarter ending September 30, 2008 will be a record of contribution for the 1st quarter of the new fiscal year and codes will be 0809 for operating budget and BF0809 for Center debt.

*Thank you for your continuing commitment to the church.*  
–**Bobbie**

# JUXTAPOSITION

by Nancy Wade

Teddy, our 3-year-old Golden Retriever – our “child” – has an innate ability to focus on the present, to stay in the moment, to maintain what the Buddhists call mindfulness. His sense of smell guides him primarily but he is alert and aware through use of all of his senses. Living with him is a joy; he is in love with all of life.

Unlike Teddy, but like many humans, I keep a running To Do list in my head, completing tasks and mentally crossing items off the list – check, check, check – and then going on to the next, occasionally re-ordering things, depending upon my life’s shifting priorities. **Mindfulness is a goal but often seems ironically distant and unachievable.**

Recently, I completed a work project that consumed a great deal of both time and energy. The scope of the project was intimidating, consuming my brain with all the details, questions leading to decisions leading to more questions – ‘round and ‘round in my head at night – keeping me from restful sleep until I felt wound tighter than a spinning top.

At the height of the project, one morning I awoke, sprang out of bed and glanced at the clock. Apparently, I had forgotten to set my alarm and the hour was late. I left a message at the office to tell them I was running behind. There were so many thoughts rumbling through my brain – I was truly in overdrive and it wasn’t even 7:30 in the morning.

I ran into the bathroom, splashed cold water on my face, and looked up to see my eyes – filled with anxiety – looking back at me in the mirror. Although I had just slept for more than 8 hours, I felt enveloped by weariness.

Then it came to me. It wasn’t Monday after all, but Sunday morning. There was no work project to race to, no immediate decisions to make; my well-deserved day of rest was spread out before me like a wide open field, not at all like a checklist. I took a few deep breaths and tried to comprehend what had just happened, startled by my complete disorientation.

Last weekend, we took Teddy for a leisurely mountain hike. The blue Colorado sky was pristine, the sun warm and bright. Ted led us happily toward the trail and we were soon able to unsnap his leash so that he could follow his nose through the brush and around stands of dense pine trees.

Rock-strewn paths beckoned and the random sounds of buzzing insects punctuated the warm air. Deeply engrossed in his sniffing, Teddy set the pace. We took pleasure in watching his happy, unhurried exploration. Standing on that trail, looking out on the majestic and panoramic view, I breathed deeply for the first time in many weeks; feeling calm and grateful.

Our mountain walk lowered my stress, soothed my soul and lightened my load. In the days ahead, I will strive to return there –if only in my mind – **to remember the lessons of mindfulness.**

# Inter-Church ARMS EMERGENCY Service Program

In June, the Inter-Church ARMS Emergency Service Program office relocated from the grounds of Foster Elementary School. The new (and permanent) location for this office is at Arvada United Methodist Church. The new space is significantly larger than the previous space at Foster. For this, and other reasons, we have expanded our services. This expansion will enable us to serve approximately one-third more people than the number of clients we served in 2007.

During the second quarter of 2008, the ARMS Emergency Service Program served 468 individuals. Our program expended \$70,673.65 to provide food, rent, utility and medical assistance for 252 individuals. An additional 216 persons received resource and referral information from ARMS volunteer staff. Approximately one-third of those who received financial aid were children under the age of 18. The current expenditure is \$40,000 more than the amount our program spent out during the 2nd quarter of 2007.

There continues to be an alarming increase in the number of requests we receive from people in the midst of a medical crisis. The ARMS Medical Needs Program is under the umbrella of the ARMS Emergency Service Program. The Medical Needs Program donated approximately \$10,000 during the 2nd quarter of 2008. These funds were used to purchase prescriptions and pay other medical expenses for people who were ill. The majority of clients served by this program were suffering from cancer, asthma and/or diabetes. Our organization paid the rent bill of \$1,000 per month (during April, May and June) for one client undergoing surgery and treatment for cancer. The client said that without our aid he would have become homeless during this most difficult time in his life. He has since returned to a full-time job.

Since moving to AUMC, we are realizing a significant increase in the number of people coming for aid. I am excited about this and hope we are able to serve even more in the months to come.

The staff at AUMC has been so wonderful to us. I cannot fully express my gratitude for your generosity. Thank you for your continued support. Your contribution enables our agency to serve those who are the most vulnerable in our community.

Cordially, *Ivy Malden*, Executive Director

# Good Morning Choir

Perhaps one of the best kept secrets in our church is our year-old choir for the 7:45 service on Sunday mornings. We have just the plan for music lovers who are early risers and who wish to keep their calendars free for things other than choir rehearsals. Have you once been in a choir but have lost your love for weekly commitments? If so, the Good Morning Choir of 7:45 is just the place for you. This is how it works. We sing once a month and on the Sunday we sing, we have an hour rehearsal following the service. We are already there at church, our voices have warmed up from the hymns sung during the service, and one hour a month seems to be almost enough to have a quality anthem for the following month. For those who wish for a little more rehearsal time, you'll be given a cassette of your voice part of anthems that will be used during the year. You can take it home and practice with it...even in the shower, if you prefer. We have just too much fun not to invite you to join us. Oops! Our secret is out. Come "try us out". Or call Sydney at (303) 424-6409.

## Music MINUTE

THE TIME FOR SINGING HAS COME!

Welcome back to Fall! If you have been away this summer, now is a great time to be looking ahead to this Fall. Our new minister, Valerie Oden will be with us starting in September. The Chancel Choir has some wonderful anthems planned for this month. Please join us! On September 21, Harmony, a local GALA chorus will share their music at the 9:30 service. Also this month, we will hear from the Arvada Voices, Mary Everitt, cello & the Good Morning Choir.

In October, the Chancel Choir will sing several songs written in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. AUMC will host an African troupe on October 26th. They will join with our Chancel Choir on some numbers! We'd love to have YOU be a part of that! It promises to be a "once in a lifetime" experience!

In November, we will have our annual Thanksgiving service which will feature the Jeffco Brass & the Chancel Choir. We would love to have YOU be a part of this uplifting celebration & service. We will begin our preparation of special music for the Advent season, and the Candlelighting services. Also, our Holiday Orchestra will be back for the first Candlelighting service and would welcome you to become a part of their group.

YOU would add so much to these musical experiences while serving your church. Think it over and contact Debbie Willeford for details of how to become involved; 303-657-1328 or [wdl12@msn.com](mailto:wdl12@msn.com)

## Singles Workshops

**Saturday, September 13, 8:45 am to 12:00 pm**

**Getting Closure Workshop**—A healing, Christian-based class for singles dealing with relationship endings. By looking at why and how relationships end, we discover how to make better choices in the future. All singles, never-married, divorced or widowed welcome. Interactive format: small groups, visual aids, music, humor & scripture. Cost: \$29 (includes continental breakfast & materials). Register: Melody Ellenberger, Facilitator, at 303-750-2208, or visit [www.SinglesWorkshops.com](http://www.SinglesWorkshops.com).

**Tuesdays, September 16-30, 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm**

**Creating Lasting Love**—Christian-based dating preparation class for singles (never-married, divorced or widowed). Increase social skills, confidence, and gain the knowledge to make better choices. Interactive format: small groups, visual aids, music, humor & scripture. Cost: \$49. Register: Melody Ellenberger, Facilitator, at 303-750-2208, or visit [www.SinglesWorkshops.com](http://www.SinglesWorkshops.com).

**Saturday, September 20, 8:45 am to 12:00 pm**

**Emotional Availability Workshop**—Christian-based class for singles. Learn: how to tell if someone is emotionally available by how they look, talk & behave; how to talk about your past so that you don't sound wounded or bitter. All singles, never-married, divorced or widowed welcome. Interactive format: small groups, visual aids, music, humor & scripture. Cost: \$29 (includes continental breakfast & materials). Register: Melody Ellenberger, Facilitator, at 303-750-2208, or visit [www.SinglesWorkshops.com](http://www.SinglesWorkshops.com).

**Saturday, September 27, 8:45 am to 12:00 pm**

**Blocks to Intimacy Workshop**—Christian-based class for singles re: dating ambivalence. All singles, never-married, divorced or widowed welcome. Interactive format: small groups, visual aids, music, humor & scripture. Cost: \$29 (includes continental breakfast & materials). Register: Melody Ellenberger, Facilitator, at 303-750-2208, or visit [www.SinglesWorkshops.com](http://www.SinglesWorkshops.com).

# AUMC CARES

## *Joys & Concerns*

### IN MEMORY

CARL BRANSON  
*longtime member of AUMC*

DOROTHY GALLOWAY

ERIC JENSEN  
*Eva Morrell's nephew*

ERIK PIERSON  
*Brad Pierson's brother*

### BIRTHS

JULY 7

MADISON KYLYN SCHUEHLER

PARENTS  
*Chris & Kreslyn Schuehler*

GRANDPARENTS  
*Ron Blair and  
Jerry & Lois Schuehler*

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

PETER & VICTOR AVILA  
Mary Ann Wischart's brothers

ANNE COHAN & HER HUSBAND,  
ART COHAN

Anne's mother, ANNE KELLY, &  
sister, BARBARA KELLY

BARBARA ENGDahl

JULIE HYSLOP  
Barbara Maxwell's niece

ARLENE MASON

BARBARA MAXWELL

EDITH MONROE

BILL MOODY

EVA MORRELL

TODD NELSON

LINDA & JIM NEWMAN

BRAD PIERSON

ALICE RATLEY

CRIS SAMMETH

BRUCE VAN METER

MARIE WALLEVIK

Please include others whose names are not listed but who also need our prayers. We ask that you place information in the offering plate on Sunday or contact Sherry at 303 431 6005, sherry@arvadaumc.org, when you or someone you know is in crisis or in need of a call. In the event of an emergency or death, please directly contact Rusty at the church 303 421 5135 or rusty@arvadaumc.org.

## Social Concerns Committee

**The Social Concerns Committee needs your help!** We need coordinator roles filled in order for these important events to be a success: Alternative Gift Market, Thanksgiving Baskets, Christmas Adopt-a-Family, and Urban Peak. Additionally, we need people to serve as our liaisons to CROP Walk, Interchurch ARMS and Habitat. Several of these positions have well-defined time-frames and do not require an ongoing commitment. You will have the support of our committee, the resources from past years, and my undying gratitude. If you are interested or would like more specific information, please contact Rebekah Fisher rbuttlers@hotmail.com, 303-420-8102.

## JOHN ALLEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS



### **NEW MATERIALS** in the John Allen Memorial Library **ADULT BOOKS**

*An Elm Creek Quilts Sampler* by Jennifer Chiaverini  
*Signs and Wonders (Harmony novels)* by Philip Gulley  
*Winter Morning Walks (poetry)* by Ted Kooser  
*Who Wrote the Bible* by Richard E. Friedman  
*I Don't Believe in Atheist* by Chris Hedges  
*Josephs Bones* by Jerome M. Segal

### **CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

*All I See Is Part of Me* by Chara M Curtis  
*Good Night Fairies* by Kathleen Hague  
*A Packet of Seeds* by Deborah Hopkins  
*The Summer Solstice* by Ellen Jackson  
*The Winter Solstice* by Ellen Jackson  
*Today at the Bluebird Cafe: A Branchful of Birds* by Deborah Ruddell  
*Jacques & Spock* by David Michael Slater  
*Duck at the Door* by Jackie Urbanovic  
*Mammoths on the Move* by Lisa Wheeler  
*Old Cricket* by Lisa Wheeler  
*Porcupining: A Prickly Love Story* by Lisa Wheeler  
*Soft House* by Jane Yolen

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON *Book* CLUB

Readers welcome Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 1:30 p.m. at John Allen Memorial Library for discussion of *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. Events of this novel, by the author of "The Kite Runner" international best seller, occur during the last thirty years of Afghanistan's political history from the Soviet invasion to the reign of the Taliban to post Taliban rebuilding. Hosseini tells an entrancing tale of two generations of characters brought "jarringly together by the tragic sweep of war – their struggle to survive, raise a family and find happiness."

Next Month: October. 22 – *"Eat, Pray, Love: A Memoir"* by Elizabeth Gilbert

# UMW HAPPENINGS SEPTEMBER 2008

## HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES OF ARVADA UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### MESSAGE FROM UMW PRESIDENT, ELEANOR STARCHER

Summer is almost over and it's time to begin the fall program and planning for the next year. Our planning session will be over before you get this Circuit Rider but we welcome all suggestions any time you have them. It is time for new officers, and we need several this year. Prayerfully consider saying yes to a one or two year commitment when asked. The Unit needs you and most of all, God needs you to help us continue the mission work that was started years ago by our mothers at home and around the world.

Four members attended the School of Mission and will be ready to give programs for any circle needing one. Those who attended were Eleanor Starcher, Betty Buelter, Marian Griffen and Sheila Kent. We studied "Palestine-Israel" and "Native Americans."

Remember and notify your members that the General Meeting for September is to attend the Metro-District Annual Meeting at Englewood United Methodist Church at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, September 27. We will meet to car pool from the church at 8:15. The speaker is Rev. Marilyn McGraw on "Impressions of Palestine & Israel." This is always a very informative and inspirational meeting as well as a place for good fellowship. It would be fantastic if we could have at least two members from each circle attend; more would be even better.

The Annual Report from Urban Peak arrived. Did you know that they have some new leadership and have increased their program? They served 21,000 meals to youth and provided a night's lodging for 10,000. The street Outreach program reached 9,000 and an average of 60 visited "The Spot" each evening. A total of 74 have received their GED and 174 have found employment through their Education and Employment program. Health and Human Services are available, and 100 housing units are ready for youth who need a place to live.

Beth Runkel is the new U.S. 2 Missionary assigned to Warren Village. Beth is a charming young women and ready to give a program for anyone who needs a circle program. She is the Religious Relations Development Assistant. Her telephone number is 303-320-5027.

September 4 is the Executive Meeting. Come with changes in addresses and membership rolls for the yearbook.

October 2 is the Executive Meeting, 9:30 a.m. followed by the General Meeting at 1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle will hostess lunch. The program is on "Israel" by Marj Crabb.

### UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

#### Deborah Circle

September 2 at 2:30 p.m. at Springwood

#### Elizabeth Circle

September 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Lunch at the Eggshell or Covenant Village

#### Esther Circle

September 18 9:15 a.m. at the church

Carrie Bujack "The History of Hymns". Lunch after meeting

#### Hannah Circle

September 16 at 9:15 a.m. at the church

Program will be Dianne Cuadrado and Bob Hurrell

#### Hope/Ruth Circle

September 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

#### Mary Martha Circle

September 16 at 7 p.m. Melinda Reed hostess and

Shirley Simons will give the program "For the Love of Children"

#### Priscilla Circle

September 18 12:30 p.m. "Sound of Music"

by Dianne Cuadrado and Bob Hurrell

### BOOKWORMS

Next meeting in November

### LYDIA LADIES

Will meet September 23 Warren Village 6:30 p.m.

Potluck dinner with planned activities for children

### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 24

Bingo at Arvada Health Care Center  
2:30 p.m.

October 12

UMW Sunday  
Speaker Rev. Sandi Dillion

### QUILTERS

Will meet at Eleanor Starcher's home August 18 at 7:30 p.m.  
9526 74th Way

# September 2008

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
<p><b>*EVERY SUNDAY</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>*EVERY MONDAY</b> <b>**EVERY MONDAY THRU FRIDAY</b></p> <p>**Meals on Wheels 10:00am</p> <p><b>CLOSED LABOR DAY</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>*EVERY TUESDAY</b></p> <p>*Morning Bells 8:00am *Lite Fitness 8:30am KDD Orientation 9:00am *Care Team 1:00pm *Toastmasters 6:30pm Fifty Plus 6:30pm AdCOM 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>*EVERY WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>*KDD Begins 9:00am *Brown Bag Bible Study 12:00pm *Chancel Choir 7:00pm *NA 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>*EVERY THURSDAY</b></p> <p>*Lite Fitness 8:30am UMW Team Meeting 9:30am</p> <p><b>DIRECTORY PHOTOS</b> *Library Work Day 2:00 - 5pm *Arvada Voices 5:30pm *Yoga 6:00pm</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>*EVERY FRIDAY</b></p> <p>*Friday Morning Study 7:00am</p> <p><b>DIRECTORY PHOTOS</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>*EVERY SATURDAY</b></p> <p><b>DIRECTORY PHOTOS</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>FOOD INGATHERING</b> Reception for Rev. Valerie Oden 8:45 &amp; 10:30am Worship Committee 10:45am Food Sort 10:45am Getting to Know AUMC 10:45am</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>DIRECTORY PHOTOS</b></p> <p>Circuit Rider Deadline 5:00pm Progressive Chistian 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>DIRECTORY PHOTOS</b></p> <p>Finance Committee 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>DIRECTORY PHOTOS</b></p> <p>Hope/Ruth Circle 1:30pm Spiritual Connection 6:45pm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>DIRECTORY PHOTOS</b></p> <p>Trustees 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>DIRECTORY PHOTOS</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Singles Workshop 8:45am Pride in AUMC 9:00am - 1:00pm <b>DIRECTORY PHOTOS</b> Library Committee 10:00am</p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Labyrinth Walk 8:00pm</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Visitation Team 10:00am C.P.R. Class 6:00pm *Bronze Ringers 6:15pm Progressive Chistian 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Hannah Circle 9:15am Singles Workshop 7:00pm Women's Spiritual Journey 7:00pm Mary Martha Circle 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>*ESL 9:00am &amp; 6:00pm Getting to Know AUMC 6:00pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Esther Circle 9:15am C.R. Volunteers 10:00am Priscilla Circle 12:30pm SPR 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Singles Workshop 8:45am Senior Game Day 1:00pm</p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Financial Peace University Preview 8:45 &amp; 10:30am All Church Picnic 11:00am Getting to Know AUMC 5:00pm</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>First Aid Class 6:00pm Progressive Chistian 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>AdCOM 6:30pm Singles Workshop 7:00pm Women's Spiritual Journey 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Afternoon Book Club 1:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Grow the Church 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Caregiver's Support 9:00am ARMS Concert 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Singles Workshop 8:45am</p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>COMMUNION</b> Financial Peace University Preview 8:45 &amp; 10:30am Nursery Committee 10:00am Social Concerns 10:45am</p> <p><b>FOUNDATION SUNDAY</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>AdCOM 6:30pm Singles Workshop 7:00pm Women's Spiritual Journey 7:00pm</p>	<p><i>Arvada</i> <b>United Methodist Church</b></p>			



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## *Spiritual. Silent* **Blessings**

Mother Meera will give Darshan (silent blessings) at AUMC on September 8 and 9 (Monday and Tuesday), with sessions at 2 pm and 7 pm. Darshan is the bestowal of Love, Light and Grace. Darshan is free, though reservations are required.

To make a reservation, please visit:  
<http://www.mothermeerahomecolorado.org/colres20/ExternalResPerson.php>.

For more information about Mother Meera and her Darshan, see [www.MotherMeera.net](http://www.MotherMeera.net)  
<<http://www.mothermeera.net/>>

The school supply drive for UMCOR has been extended. Please bring supplies to the church by Sunday, Sept. 7. Thanks to all who donated to our project.

–Deborah Circle

**50+** RETURNS  
for 2008-09  
Season

Join us Tues, September 2 for 50+ at 6:30 p.m. for our potluck dinner, and at 7:30 p.m. our favorite twosome, Dianne Cuadrado and Bob Hurrell will provide our entertainment. Bring a dish to share and your own table service, then be ready to sit back and enjoy the program.