



# GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## THE CIRCUIT RIDER



FEBRUARY, 2012

### PASTOR'S CORNER

Are you more of a cat person or a dog one? Cats let you know what they think of you. Your average cat has a home and may or may not let you live in it with them. Dogs, if they like you, are all about being happy. Your dog is YOUR dog and he will want to be where you are at all times. The dog will let you know when it is time to take a walk, to play or it's just time for you to get off the couch and let him out. A cat expects to have food and water out and for the cat box to be clean and ready. I have seen people "walk" their cat on a leash but it is a rare sight. The thing about pets is that they are dependent on you and you in turn have a companion.

I was reading in the *United Methodist Reporter* a story about New Year's Resolutions. Amy Forbus and her friend went clothes shopping in January to get some good deals. They were both upset to find that the size they used to be was no longer the size they were at that moment. It put a real damper on the shopping to look for the next size up, so they quit shopping. We can lose a size if we want to, they told each other.

During the next few weeks they challenged each other to do more to hit that goal. First thing in the morning one woman would text (on her cell phone) the other to say she just did 40 sit-ups. The other woman would text back that she did 45. If they passed by the coffee shop and didn't buy a doughnut they would text and brag about missing a snack. You can guess what happened. They lost weight and had a great time doing it.

When you make positive relationships a goal in your life then your life can change. Jesus called the disciples, men and women, to follow him. God called out to the Israelites and they followed him. Christianity is about relationships with each other. Paul wrote those New Testament books as a response to young congregations who were trying to live in relationships with each other.

February is a month about relationships and love. Think about it love only happens when we risk living with others and when we allow God to speak to us. John Wesley believed that God was always calling to us offering us grace and hope. God chose us all, not just the few, to be in relationship with God. Be intentional about living in relationships that foster life and love. Be brave to see when your relationships might be leading to destruction and need to be changed.

Grace is a place to learn about relationships and to be challenged to grow in love. We're glad you're here! There's always room for more!

God Bless,  
**Rev. Jeff Babb**

### FEBRUARY COMMITTEE DATES

Wednesday, February 8, **FINANCE** at 7:00 P.M.  
Sunday, February 12, **TRUSTEES** at 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday, February 26, **CHURCH COUNCIL** at 11:00 A.M.  
Tuesday, February 28, **CARE TEAM** at 1:00 P.M.



### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Please join us on Wednesday, February 22, at either one of the two services that will be held. The Imposition of Ashes Service will be at noon and the Ash Wednesday Service will be at 7:00 P.M., both in the sanctuary.

### LENTEN STUDY

Join **Janice Gibson** for a Lenten Study on her new book *Spiritually Fit: God's Workout for You*. This five-week study runs from February 26th to March 25th on Sundays at 11:30 A.M. in the Conference Room. If you are interested in attending or would like to purchase a book for the study, please call the office at 303-756-1595. The cost of the book is \$9.00.

### EXPLORING GRACE, NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS

The next class starts February 12th at 9 A.M. and will continue for the next four Sundays. **Clark Milsom** will be once again leading the exploration of our history at Grace and the history of the United Methodist Church. Come and join in and then make a commitment to join Grace UMC. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary on the table or to call the office to sign up.

### REPORT OF GRACE PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

On December 31, 2011, the total investments held by the Grace Permanent Endowment Fund totaled \$568,043.01. As of that date, since the founding of the PEF seventeen years ago, total gifts to the PEF have amounted to \$503,467. During 2011, the PEF received \$62,923 in gifts and memorials, which is the largest amount received by the PEF in a single year, except when it received \$200,000 from the sale of the land northeast of the Church. Most of that amount, \$55,347, came from the **Arlene and Merrill Ladwig** estate. \$5,082 came from the **Willa and Boyd Green** estate. Also, two member families gave over \$1,000 each to the PEF. We are grateful to all those who remember Grace in their estate planning, or otherwise make contributions to the PEF.

If the value of the PEF exceeds total gifts, this year \$503,467 at a year end, a limited amount can be drawn from the PEF to fund certain expenses of Grace during the subsequent year. Up to 15% of the difference between the first two numbers in the first paragraph can be withdrawn from the PEF for such purposes annually. In 2012, that amount is \$9,685.00. **Lyle Stewart**, Chairperson

### FINANCE NEWS

The 2011 year-end financial results are in. December 2011 was a good time for offerings as the General Fund received \$38,683. The results were that we ended the year \$23,847 in the positive. Our total expenditures were \$290,846 which was about \$4,000 below the projected budget. On the Apportionment side of the budget (not listed in the General Fund section) we paid \$21,000 out of \$38,000 due. The Finance Committee agree to use most of the surplus from 2011 to help pay Apportionments for 2012 and to hold a \$5,000 reserve to help pay any employee salary needs, as they also voted to restore salaries back to their 2008 levels. The Building fund loan is now below \$5,000. The Building fund loan ends in June of 2012. The committee would like to thank all of the faithful stewards, members and nonmembers of Grace UMC. God bless

### ADDITION TO COUPLE OF THE MONTH IN JANUARY

**Mildred** and **Bill Andrews** were married in Berkeley CA in April 1949. In the late sixties and early seventies, they sponsored a large, active UMYF group.



## KEEP THESE FRIENDS IN YOUR HEARTS.....

### REMEMBERING FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Members in our Grace family who had health concerns in January:

**Nancy Peterson (Jim)** had laparoscopic back surgery to replace discs and is home recuperating.

**Roy Smith** went home from the rehab and is home recuperating.

**Lee McClure (Frank)** was in Skyridge last month to have her tonsils taken out. She is home now and recuperating.

**LeMerle Milsom (Clark)** saw the bacteria doctor and he indicated there currently are no signs of the "bad guys" in the blood. They will continue the drip for two more weeks when it will be detached; however the port will stay in place for four more weeks. She saw the surgeon at the end of January. Nurses come and go, and hopefully she will begin more aggressive physical therapy in a couple more weeks.



### PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY



The family of **Dotty Hull**, 87, who passed away January 8, suffering from complications after a fall in which she broke her hip and had surgery. She joined GUMC in October 2006. Her Memorial Service was at the Clermont Life Care Center where she lived and she was buried at Ft. Logan with her husband.

### CARE TEAM

Grace Care Team meets every fourth Tuesday at 1:00 P.M. in the Conference Room. Anyone interested in being a part of the Care Team contact **Rev. Jeff Babb** at 303-756-1595. For those of who are presently on the Care Team, bring information and materials needed for discussion.

### PASTORAL CARE

If you know of anyone in the hospital or who needs a visit, please contact the office at 303-756-1595. We want to know about those who are not feeling well or who need help so we can provide the proper pastoral care to members of our church family.



### DBSA (DEPRESSION AND BI-POLAR SUPPORT ALLIANCE)

This group meets at Grace the first and third Mondays every month at 7:00-8:30 P.M.. For more information please call **Harriet Thomas** at 720-249-7277. All are welcome whether you suffer from the illnesses yourself or you have a family member with health issues.

### GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory.....The Gifts and Memorial Committee would like you to know a new updated video camera and components were purchased for use in the Sanctuary with funds given in memory of **Anne Burchett; Gladys Charlier; Ruth Doty; Fern Huckins; Roland Jones; Terry Miller; Phillip VanOort** and **Baird Whitaker**. Also a new water heater was purchased for the commons with funds given in honor of the Thursday Work Crew. A new TV and Blu-ray DVD player was purchased with funds given by the **Rittenhouse** family directed to education use. New music, gloves, repair parts, etc. were purchased for use to the Bell choir with funds given by the **Margaret Tipton** account and a gift from **Bonnie Owston** in memory of her husband **Bill Owston**.

All these gifts were appreciated by Grace church and they enriched our worship experiences and allowed us to continue our outreach to IHN. Each gift is a blessing and we extend our thanks to all.



## MUSIC NEWS....

### MUSIC NOTES FROM GREG GIBSON

Can you believe we are a month into 2012? The Chancel Choir has started working on our Lenten Cantata, *Who Is This King* by Lloyd Larson and Joseph Martin. We will present it on Good Friday, April 6 at 7:30 P.M. We will be starting work on music for the Variety Show which will be sometime in May. The **Chancel Choir** rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. Please consider singing with us this season. You'll love it!

**NL Praise Team** will continue to present music at the 10:00 service. **Kingdom's Keyboards, Chime Choir, Spirit Singers and Grace Ringers** will continue to enhance our musical experience at the 10:00 service. Thanks to all of the folks who are involved in these groups. If you are interested in getting more involved in the music at Grace, please contact me at 303-699-4576 or [datsmusic@msn.com](mailto:datsmusic@msn.com).

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events. Lydia and Olga of *Duo Classica* will present a concert at Grace on March 18 at 4:00 P.M. It will be titled "Russian Souvenir" and will feature music from Russian composers. Watch the *Circuit Rider* for more information. We will host students from **Nebraska Wesleyan University Jazz Choir** who will give a concert at Grace on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30 P.M. If you can help with housing some of these students or helping to prepare and serve a meal to them that evening, please contact me.

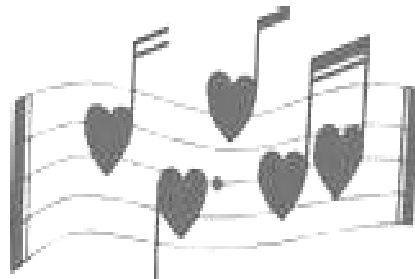
Praising the Lord in song is a way to receive God's abundant grace and give the gift of music to others around you.

The **Mercury Ensemble** had a great concert in January. Please watch the *Circuit Rider* for their next concert or visit their website at [www.mercuryensemble.org](http://www.mercuryensemble.org).



### CHILDREN'S CHOIR NOTES FROM JANICE AND GREG GIBSON

It's wonderful to hear the beautiful sound of children's voices singing praise to God! Every Sunday morning all students two years old and up to fifth grade will meet at 9:00 A.M. in the Children's Choir Room (Room 106), then go to their Sunday School classes at 9:15 A.M.. We hope to see all kids there to join the fun!



# SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EDUCATION

## **LECTIONARY CLASS**

Led by **Kathy Babb**



Studying the Bible is an integral and important part of the Christian life. But just hearing it from the pulpit is often not enough to really get a deep understanding of the context and deeper implications of the texts we use every week from the Lectionary. In this class, we look at history and context of these Scriptures, and we talk to one another about what these Bible passages mean in our day-to-day lives. We share our struggles and victories, our hopes and our doubts in our own faith journeys. We laugh, learn, talk and pray together. Join us in the Conference Room any Sunday at about 9:10. Bring your coffee and hope Michael gifts us with donuts that morning!

## **BIBLE STUDY**



Student Pastor Bradley Swire is considering teaching a morning or afternoon Bible Study after the New Year. If anyone is genuinely interested please contact Bradley at [\*\*bradley.swire@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:bradley.swire@gmail.com) or at the church.

## **SEEKERS CLASS**

**Student Associate Pastor Bradley Swire** is leading the Seekers class. The class meets Sundays at 9:00 A.M. in the Parlor. We will be starting a Lenten study February 26th. Everyone is invited to join us.

## **FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP CLASS**

The Faith and Friendship class meets on Sunday mornings at 8:45 A.M.-9:30 A.M. The class will be continuing their study of the video "God in America." Everyone is always welcome!

## **THE GAMERS GROUP INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM!**

Anyone 30 and over is invited to join this group that meets periodically for spiritual discussions, events out, board games and other meetings. For more information, call **Ladonna Mabry** at 720-473-3130.



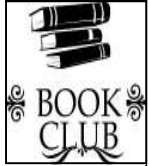
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Send articles to [\*\*jconstance@comcast.net\*\*](mailto:jconstance@comcast.net)



# OF NEWS AROUND GRACE

## GRACE BOOK CLUB

We hope you join us for our monthly book discussion group. Come when you can—new faces are always welcome! Bring your lunch and we'll meet in the Conference Room at 11:30 to discuss that month's selection. Below are the book selections through May:



**February 5th** - *Spiritually Fit: God's Workout for You* by **Janice Gibson**. Keep your soul in shape with these thought-provoking exercises based on Psalm 105, designed to fit into your daily routines.

**March 4th** - *Heaven is for Real* by **Todd Burbo**

**April 15th** - *The Happiness Project* by **Gretchen Rubin**

**May 6th** - *The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb* by **Melanie Amie**

## UNITED METHODIST 101

(UM101) is a free, basic online course designed for new United Methodists and anyone wanting to know more about the denomination, as well as long-time United Methodists who would like to check their basic knowledge of the church. Each of the four modules in this course contains many interactive features and takes about one hour to complete at the participant's leisure. The course dates are February 1 -March 14. Go to [umcom.org](http://umcom.org) click on Training and Services, then click Church Communications Training, click United Methodist Basics, then UMC 101 and follow the instructions to register.

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Join us on Friday, February 17 at 7:00 P.M. in the Parlor. We'll watch "Dolphin Tale," rated PG. Description: This a family film inspired by the amazing true story of Winter, a young dolphin who loses her tail in a crab trap, and Sawyer an 11-year old boy who befriends her. Come casual—kids if you want to wear your pajamas that's ok too!



## NEED MORE STRENGTH?

Visit **Janice Gibson's** new website, [www.godsworkout.com](http://www.godsworkout.com). The site promotes her new book as well as weekly inspiration through an exercise of the week and downloadable study guide for the book.

## HOLY LAND TRIP

**Jim and Barb Reuteler** will be leading a group to the Holy Land in January or February of 2013, with an emphasis on the places where Jesus spent most of his ministry—the Galilee. Of course we will be going to Jerusalem and the area around Jerusalem. We will also take an optional extension to the Sinai to visit sites on the Route of the Exodus, including Mount Sinai. We will have an informational meeting early in 2012. We have been to Israel many times and would like to keep the group between 10 to 14 persons. If you're interested in taking this trip of a lifetime, contact Jim at [Jim@Reuteler.org](mailto:Jim@Reuteler.org) or 720-320-7675 or Barb at [Barb@Reuteler.org](mailto:Barb@Reuteler.org) or 720-272-2116.





# GRACE WOMEN'S NEWS

## COMING UP IN FEBRUARY FOR GRACE WOMEN

- Feb. 7, Tues. 7:00 P.M.-Anna Circle-Library
- Feb. 12, Sun. 11:00 A.M.-Anna Circle Bake Sale
- Feb. 14, Tues. 9:00 A.M.-Quilters-Parlor
- Feb. 15, Wed. 7:00 P.M.-Anna Circle-Library
- Feb. 16, Thur. 10:00 A.M.-Sarah Circle-Parlor
- Feb. 20, Mon. 10:00 A.M.-Rebecca Circle-Parlor
- Feb. 28, Tues. 9:00 A.M.-Quilters-Parlor



### BAKE SALE

Anna Circle will be hosting a fundraiser on Sunday, February 12, 2012 of baked goods for a donation. This fundraiser is to benefit Safe House. Safe House provides safe and secure emergency housing for women and children victimized by domestic violence. This is one of the missions supported by the UMW.

# GRACE MEN'S NEWS

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast will be February 25, 2012. The Men's Group wants to thank everyone for supporting the Food Coupon Program.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR-TO-DATE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Pledged	\$227,735	\$220,000
Other	86,596	59,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$314,331</b>	<b>\$279,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$290,118</b>	<b>\$331,838</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$24,213</b>	<b>\$(-52,838)</b>

Building Grace Fund Total: \$380,425 (from Oct. 2007 to December 2011).

Remaining Unpaid Building Loan: 5,000.00



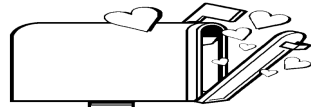
## HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

We continue to update our birthday list. If your February birthday is not listed, or is listed incorrectly, please call the office. For our children and youth, ages are listed inside the parentheses.

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|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Jeannette White      | Bobbie Wheeler      | 24 Nola Greenwald           |
| 4 Alan Roeder          | 11 Evelyn Estes     | Carla Schwartzkopf          |
| 5 Elaine Bishop        | Kris Krotzinger     | 26 John Morris              |
| Nancy Hahn             | 13 Luke Arnhols (8) | Jim Peterson                |
| 6 Frank Kerstetter Jr. | 14 Harriet Speck    | Garrett Zimmerman (17)      |
| Anita Little           | 15 Lynn Bowen       | 27 Heidi Farmer             |
| Roy Smith              | 17 Dorothy Huebsch  |                             |
| 8 Jackie Cozad         | 18 Heather Han      | <b>Correction in</b>        |
| Carol Greenwald        | 20 Fay Hicks        | <b>January Newsletter</b>   |
| 9 Traci Constance (16) | 22 Don Klodt        | Heather Sullivan's birthday |
| Gerald Gillaspie       | Hannah Nash (12)    | is actually December 29     |
| 10 Pace Becker (9)     | 23 Jan Constance    |                             |

### BIRTHDAY BLESSING

We will have our monthly "Birthday Blessing" on February 26, the last Sunday of the month. During the last hymn we will ask everyone who had a birthday in February come up to the front for a blessing from the pastor.



## FROM THE HEART...

My love to the fine people I know at Grace. I'm home from rehab, still tired-but have to do very little! Our God-daughter arranged for a lady to come in five days a week and cook our main meal, dust, vacuum and other household chores and is a big help as she is very good. **Jim** was in the hospital while I was in rehab and he is doing ok now also. I remember my Grace friends and they were very faithful with sending cards, coming to visit at the rehab and calling on the phone. I am very appreciative. My love and good wishes to everyone. **Dorothy Huebsch**

Thank you to everyone at Grace; you have been so generous with your prayers, cards, prayer shawls, calls, visits, food, flowers--so many tokens of love, mercy and hope that all say Grace. It is lovely to be a part of Grace UMC; we could say we worship and live in Grace ; and that's a very good thing. We appreciate all of you and your continuing concern. We are doing well and look forward to a time in a few weeks when Le Merle can join Clark to worship with you at Grace. In loving gratitude, **Le Merle and Clark Milsom**

**Marcel** and I extent thanks to our Grace family for the many cards and kind words to acknowledge the passing of my Mother, **Jeanne Finnegan**. She was very special to our family and your support has been a great comfort. Mother enjoyed her visits to Grace while she spent time with us in Denver. The golf banquet in 2003 was especially fun for her. She was pleased we had found a church home. May you all have the very best in 2012. **Catherine Finnegan-Doyon**

Many thanks for our beautiful poinsettia plant and wonderful card **Halea** made. Also the visit from **Dorothy and Herb Shelton**, who brought it. We were pleasantly surprised. Thanks again from our church family. **Bobby and Grant Wheeler**

**MORE THANK YOUS ON PAGE 11**

**MISSIONS:** *"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8*

**FEBRUARY LOOSE COIN OFFERING**

“Warren Village”

It has been said, “The awakening of potential is the most important thing in life.” Since 1974, Warren Village has pursued the mission of awakening the potential in those who need support and direction in life. Warren Village is a unique family community helping motivated low-income, previously homeless single parent families move from public assistance to personal and economic self-sufficiency through subsidized housing, on-site nationally accredited child care, intensive case management, educational guidance and career development. Please remember to bring loose coins on Sundays.

**MISSIONS DONATIONS IN DECEMBER**

Loaves and Fishes.....	\$800.00
UMCOR.....	\$100.00
Endowment Fund.....	\$500.00
Zimbabwe Orphanage Loose coin.....	\$247.00
Zimbabwe Orphanage Christmas Offering.....	\$2000.00
UM Student Day special offering.....	\$50.00
Habitat.....	\$1334.00
Inner City Parish from Missions budget.....	\$250.00

Grace UMC has donated a total of \$19,198 to mission projects during 2011.

**ZIMBABWE MISSIONARIES SEND GREETING AND THANKS**

**Bill and Maria Humbane** were excited to know funds (\$2000.00) were coming from Grace to help pay school fees and buy uniforms for children and youth in their program. The Missions Committee greatly appreciates the generosity of so many of our church members at Christmas as gifts of money were made for this and other purposes in our church. Bill and Maria report that a small orphanage will soon be open on the project property for young children who have become homeless due to the Aids epidemic. Please remember these kind people and the children and youth they service in your prayers.

**IHN UPDATE**

Grace United Methodist Church was host to IHN families from December 24, 2011 to January 01, 2012. We initially had 5 families for a total of 15 people including 4 children 2 years and under as well as a 9 and 12 year old in the group. The United Methodist Women provided a gift to each person in addition to the gifts which had been provided by Calvary Baptist. The group was served a wonderful breakfast on both Christmas Day and New Year’s Eve Day. A Christmas Dinner of ham and turkey with all the accompaniments was enjoyed by all. One family left during the week leaving us with a group of 12. There were many wonderful people who provided dinners, overnight stays, and van driving to and from the day site and other help during the period to a total of 342 volunteer hours for the week. I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of this Mission Project—this includes everyone who brought something for the week to those who do the laundry. With that many people we had a lot of laundry. The participants were very complimentary for the food that was prepared for them and how friendly the volunteers were. Thanks from **Carol Greenwald, Carol Cole and Clark Milsom**

**YIKES! OUR FOOD BARRELS ARE EMPTY!!**

There are more people than ever needing help to feed their families in times of economic crisis. If you are one of the lucky folks that has all you need to eat plus more, please consider bringing extra non-perishable food to our barrels in back of the sanctuary. We have dedicated volunteers who take the food to food banks at DenUM and Denver Inner City Parish. Also the children love to receive the food in the center aisle as they leave the children’s story time during the worship time.



### LOAVES AND FISHES UPDATE - KICKOFF BREAKFAST AT GRACE

Remember that the Loaves and Fishes Kickoff Breakfast will be at Grace this year. It is being hosted by Grace's Men's Club on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 8:30 am. The family for our 2012 build is **Marie and Antonio Estrada** and their two sons, and you will be able to meet them there. Many of our past family members who received houses we built will be there. You will also meet members of other churches in our Loaves & Fishes coalition. Our build is scheduled to start this year on May 9. You may contribute to the \$85,000 cost of this effort by making a donation to Grace with "Loaves & Fishes" marked on the check. We very much thank the congregation in advance and for their donations in prior years.

The family which our 2011 build and contributions supported, **Ali and Kamila** and their four children, moved into their new home at the end of December. They have expressed tremendous gratitude for our support.

Those of you who for any reason feel you can't volunteer in our building effort this year should know there are other volunteer opportunities to support Habitat for Humanity. For one, Loaves & Fishes cleans coins from the Park Meadows Fountain so that our bank will take them. We get credited for the amount cleaned, to be spent to support the house we are building. On a Saturday afternoon, once every few months a few volunteers get together to clean the coins and deposit them. Also, volunteers do most of the work at the Habitat For Humanity Outlet Stores. So, if you like working with people, you can help them with purchasing supplies for home improvement projects by volunteering at one of the three HFH Outlet Stores in the Denver area. Also, if you are looking for inexpensive home improvement supplies the HFH Outlet Stores should be visited. Everything they sell, including home appliances, has been donated, often by builders who need to get rid of over supply items. If you have any questions about Habitat For Humanity or Loaves & Fishes contact **Helen or Lyle Stewart**.

### GRACE UMC FELLOWSHIP HOUR



Many thanks to our January Coffee Hour hosts: **Nancy Peterson; Jean and Roland Bame; Jim Turner; Karen, Julia and Lauryn Hendricks; Mary Lou Miller; Glende Martin**. Volunteers are needed to "serve only" after the 10:00 service. Sign-up sheets are in the Eudora Street foyer. Thank you all! **NOAH COMMITTEE**.

### GREETERS RECOGNIZED

NOAH Committee extends thanks and appreciation to the following who greeted in January at the 10:00 A.M. service: **Lori Vanderhye; Ryan Badger; Dorothy Shelton; Brent Hobson; Bev Krantz; Betty and Roger Johnson; Arlene and Frank Lawrence**. If you are interested in serving as a greeter for the 10:00 A.M service, please contact **Susan Kayler-Daley** at 303-883-0108.



## YOUTH CORNER

Youth:

Hello everyone! We have a busy month ahead. This should be review for everybody as I tried to get this out to you last month as well. As always, please look for e-mails and other announcements....and PLEASE DO NOT RELY ON YOUR KIDS ALONE TO RELAY IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO YOU IN A TIMELY FASHION. Please let me know if you aren't receiving important e-mails and announcements. Thanks!

Feb. 3rd-4th: YLC at St. Andrew UMC

Feb. 5th: Youth group at 1:00 P.M.! We will be rehearsing for Youth Sunday. No youth at normal time due to the Super Bowl!

Feb. 11th: Youth Sunday dress rehearsal 5-7 P.M. in the Sanctuary. I need everyone involved in Youth Sunday to attend as this will be our final rehearsal!

Feb. 12th: Youth Sunday! Everyone meet at the church at 9 A.M. We will be doing the 10:00 A.M service. All parents are invited to attend! No youth tonight. Enjoy an evening off after all the festivities and preparation for this morning.

Feb. 19th: Concert in Colo. Springs! Please meet at the church at 1:00 P.M. We should return by 11:00 P.M. I believe most of you have the next day off of school...check your schedule!

Feb. 26th: Youth at church 6-8 P.M.

You will all receive specific event e-mails at least a week prior to each event, and at least 2 weeks in advance of anything needing to be turned in. Please advise me if you aren't receiving anything from me. Thanks and looking forward to doing God's work with each of you this month!

**Bradley & Kate,**  
Youth Leaders

## FROM THE HEART...CONTINUED

Thanks to all who supported the Mission Team's Potato Bar on January 22nd to help support the Grace Shelter program for temporarily homeless families in our church. Thanks to the **Mission Team** who provided a delicious potato bar, to the **Sunday School kids** who made the wonderful Mr. Potato Head table decorations, and to all of you who came and enjoyed a potato! A huge THANK YOU to the leadership provided by **Beverly** and **Tim Farmer** that made the event possible! Also thank you to **Olive Knight's** book club who met and she was telling them about the potato bar and what the money was going for and explained what IHN was. The women decided to donate to the project and passed the hat for collections. Their total was \$105.00. The donations from the potato bar was \$635, making a final total combined of \$738.00.

My deepest thanks to **Pastor Jeff** and my Grace family for the visits, cards, calls and meals you have sent in support of me and Jim as I am progressing through recovery from spinal surgery. My gratitude is deepest, or course, for your prayers and loving concern. May you be blessed in return. **Nancy Peterson**

Thank you so much for letting us in your church! We've had such a great experience last month and it all wouldn't have been possible without the hospitality of Grace UMC.

Once again Thank You, **KU Alternative Breaks Playworks**

## EVERETT SPINET PIANO

The piano is for sale and if you are interested in buying it or want to know more specifics, contact **Don Combs**.

We welcome your contributions to the newsletter.  
The deadline is the 15th of each month.  
Worship Opportunities at Grace Church  
Sunday Short Service - 8:30 A.M.  
Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 A.M.  
Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.

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Associate/Student Pastor - Bradley Swire

## **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

Grace United Methodist Church  
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### **NEW APPOINTMENT**

**Bishop Stanovsky** has announced her intention to make the following cabinet appointment effective July 1, 2012: **Rev. Steve Goodier**, Metropolitan District Superintendent.

Rev. Goodier has served as the Utah/Western Colorado District Superintendent since 2009, following a fruitful pastorate at Christ UMC, Salt Lake City. Steve also pursued a writing and publishing extension ministry. Steve and his wife, **Bev**, a diaconal minister, bring rich gifts to the ministry wherever they serve. They enjoy three adult sons in Hawaii and Boulder. Steve is appreciated as a wise team player and an astute thinker and communicator with a pastor's heart and a wry wit.

