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## OPPORTUNITIES AT A GLANCE

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### Weekly

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- Worship – Sundays, Connect Service, 9:00 am—Traditional Service, 11:00 am
- Sunday School for Adults and Children – Sundays, 9:00 am
- Puppet Ministry – Sundays, 11:00 am
- Fellowship Time – Sundays, 10:00 - 11:00 am and noon - 1:00 pm
- Youth Group – Sundays, 6:00 pm (Lafayette UMC first 3 Sundays, Erie UMC fourth Sunday)
- Women's Bible Study – Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 am (Fellowship Hall)
- Connect Worship Music Practice – Thursdays, 7:00 pm (Sanctuary)

### September 2011

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- Erie Biscuit Day – Saturday, September 17, 8:00 am - noon (Briggs Street)
- Information Meeting - Thursday, September 8, 7:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)
- Wonderful Wednesdays – September 14, 21, 28. Dinner at 6:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)—Study from 6:30 to 8:00 pm (Sanctuary)—Childcare is available.
- Information Meeting - Sunday, September 18, 2:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)
- Church Conference and Fellowship Brunch (potluck) - Sunday, September 25, 10:05 to 10:50 am (Fellowship Hall)

### October

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- "Mario the Peddler" – Saturday, October 1, 7:00 pm (Centaurus High School)
- Wonderful Wednesdays – October 5, 12, 19, 26. Dinner at 6:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)—Study from 6:30 to 8:00 pm (Sanctuary)—Childcare is available.
- Youth's Fall Retreat – Friday, October 7, 4:30 pm till noon on Sunday, October 9 (Drop off and pick up at Lafayette UMC)
- BUMMP Salmon/Turkey Dinner – Sunday, October 9, 5:00 pm (Broomfield UMC)
- Young Adult Progressive Dinner – Saturday, October 15.
- Crop Walk – Sunday, October 23, 2:00 pm (First UMC in Boulder)

### November

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- Wonderful Wednesdays – November 2, 9, 16. Dinner at 6:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)—Study from 6:30 to 8:00 pm (Sanctuary)—Childcare is available.
- Dinner for 7 or 8 – Saturday, November 5 (RSVP by October 30)

## FALL OPPORTUNITIES



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*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*



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## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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### "Connect" Fall Worship Series: "Change the World" at 9:00 am

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The world around us is in the midst of cataclysmic change, economic crises, technological breakthroughs, major shifts in our social systems, and political dissention. The problems we experience seem insurmountable. In this time of turmoil, perhaps you are wondering about the purpose of your life? Or maybe you are seeking a meaningful spiritual life that can be an anchor to keep you from being adrift amidst the storminess of life.

This fall our Connect worship will explore how to be Christian in 2011, and listen to how God calls us to Change the World. First we go deeper on our individual journey of discipleship by connecting with our Methodist roots. We will learn about John Wesley's "Three Simple Rules" and how they can change the way we live. Then we will shift to a more external focus and challenge how we view the church using Richard Stearns' book "The Hole in Our Gospel." We will examine how we are called to live as Christians in the world, and how we can be even more faithful as a church in joining God at work to "Change the World." This is an exciting time in the life of our church and our world. We offer a message of hope and transformation through music, drama, video and other images and experiences. We hope you will join us, and that you will invite your friends and neighbors. ~ Pastor Linda

September 11 "Change the World" Overview

Three Simple Rules

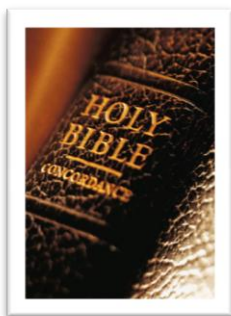
September 18 #1 Do No Harm

September 25 #2 Do All the Good You Can

October 2 #3 Stay in Love with God (Jim Calhoun Preaching)

The Hole in Our Gospel

- October 9      What is the Hole?
- October 16     Finding the Hole in Me
- October 23     What's Wrong with This Picture?
- October 30     How Does Servanthood Fit in?—Jim Gulley, guest preacher
- November 6    Uncovering the Hole in the Church
- November 13   Repairing the Hole in the World
- November 20   Thanks Living (Jim Calhoun preaching)



### **Traditional Worship at 11:00 am**

Since my “call to ministry” at age 14 in 1948 the preaching moment has always been at the heart of the worship experience for me across all these years. I am especially excited about a series of sermons that will be our focus this fall. Pray for these services and come ready for the Holy Spirit to enable us to experience deeply each aspect of our life as the New Testament Church today.

~ Pastor Jim

#### Series: The New Testament Church – Today!

- September 11 “Kerygma: The Proclaiming Church!”
- September 18 “Koinonia: The Fellowship Community!”
- September 25 “Didache: The Teaching Church!”
- October 2     “Wesley’s Wisdom For You And Me!” (one Sunday detour)
- October 9     “Isis: The Healing Church!”
- October 16    “Doxologica: The Church Celebrated!”
- October 23    “What's Wrong with this Picture?” (Linda Freund preaching)
- October 30    “Diaconia: The Servant Church!” (Jim Gulley, preaching—an agricultural expert with the General Board of Global Missions who survived the Haitian earthquake. An amazing story.
- November 6    “Sacramente: The Sacraments and Rites of the Church!”
- November 13   Stewardship Sunday (plans to be announced)
- November 20   Thanks Living

## **SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS**

Each week the Adult Sunday School meets at 9:00 am to study the Bible and is open to everyone--seasoned Bible readers as well as newcomers. You will find the opportunity

for prayer, Bible reading, learning, discussion and being stretched by other perspectives. You will find encouragement, direction and comfort. The group believes in always learning and growing. You can expect to leave refreshed and renewed. Come and join us!

## **SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN**

We have two exciting opportunities for our children on Sunday mornings:

### **Live B.I.G. Sunday School at 9:00 am**

There are three Sunday School classes for children using the Live B.I.G. curriculum.

- Early elementary: Kindergarten through 2nd grade
- Older elementary: 3rd through 5th grade
- Middle school: 6th through 8th grade

The Live B.I.G. curriculum--Hear, See and Live your Belief in God-- is based on three big truths: Think B.I.G. because God is a great B.I.G. God. God loves us with a great B.I.G. love. We are part of God's great B.I.G. world. Live B.I.G. classes are Bible lessons that include a DVD segment, "cool" music, and active learning that engages the children in their faith. Contact: Violetann MacTavish – (303)666-4603

### **Puppet Ministry at 11:00 am**

The Puppet Ministry is open to children in grades K through 5. The kids will start in the sanctuary and then be dismissed partway through the service. The ministry will be designed to serve others by presenting puppet skits during occasional Sunday services and special services. Hopefully it can be expanded to performances outside our church as well. We will grow in Christ by studying scriptures and Bible stories, and by adapting these to songs and skits for the puppet stage. Contact: Marilyn Bundy – (303)660-9213

## **YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES**

### **New Friends! Erie UMC and First UMC Lafayette Joint Youth Group**

Calling all youth 6th - 12th Grade, come and join our newly formed joint youth group. The youth of Erie UMC and the youth of First UMC Lafayette, are going to join together

to make a great (and large) youth group for the upcoming school year. We will play games, get to know each other, do mission work, learn about our faith and the Bible and have a ton of fun. **Youth group will be held from 6 - 7:30 Sunday evenings. The first three Sundays of the month we will meet at First UMC, and the fourth Sunday we will meet at Erie UMC.** Throughout the year we will have meetings, retreats, lock-ins, service days, and a Mission Trip in the summer. Please join us on September 11 at our Meet, Eat and Play event (see more info below) to kick off the new year and this awesome new friendship.



### Fall Youth Retreat

With fall arriving, youth group starting, and school in session it is time for the Fall Youth Retreat. So mark your calendars for October 7-9, 2011. This weekend we will do some team building, and low ropes course fun, alongside some great discussion. And of course what would a retreat be without games, food, and fun. The cost is \$50/person, and one child free for any parent that volunteers to join us for the weekend. There are scholarships available, please contact Megan with questions. We will meet at the Lafayette church at 4:30pm on Friday, and plan to return around noon on Sunday. More details about where we are headed are soon to come.

### Youth Schedule

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| September 11 | Meet, Eat, Play! at Waneka Lake, 6 - 7:30 pm  |
| September 18 | Games with a Goal at Lafayette, 6 - 7:30 pm   |
| September 25 | Officially Fall at Erie, 6 - 7:30 pm  |
| October 2    | Praying in Color at Lafayette, 6 - 7:30 pm  |
| October 7-9  | Fall Youth Retreat . Drop off at Lafayette, 4:30 pm Friday. Pick up at Lafayette around noon on Sunday. |
| October 16   | Goofy Game Night at Lafayette, 6 - 7:30 pm  |
| October 23   | Our Favorite Ghost at Erie, 6 - 7:30 pm   |

## *SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS*

Church is more than just Sunday morning. Take advantage of these additional opportunities for spiritual growth.

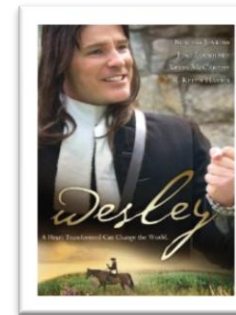
### Women's Bible Study

Are you looking to grow in your relationship with God but have trouble getting in the habit of reading the Bible? Does the idea of a small group as an intimate place to share, to get to know others, to ask hard questions and seek answers together sound good? Our weekly women's Bible study will resume at a new time: Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00, beginning September 14. Childcare is provided. Our first session will be to discuss whether we will continue with "A Year with God" by Richard Foster, or take up another study. Our 90 minutes will include reflections on the reading, and sharing where we are in our lives and how the group can support us. All are welcome to come weekly, or when your schedule permits. Contact Pastor Linda for more information or if you would like to be part of this group.

### Wonderful Wednesdays begins on September 14

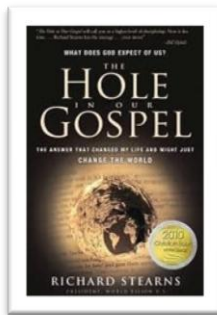
This fall we are having Wonderful Wednesday fellowship dinners each Wednesday night at 6:00 pm, followed by a study for adults at 6:30 pm. Child care will be provided. This is a great opportunity to connect with others in the congregation and grow in your faith. You are welcome to invite others! Joanie Calhoun and crew will be preparing a delicious soup supper each week, and donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the food. Come for the fellowship meal and the class, or just the meal, or just the class--whatever fits your schedule. We hope you will join us!

### *"Wesley: A Heart Transformed Can Change the World"*



Would you like to know more about John Wesley, the father of Methodism? In this study you will learn about Wesley's early life, his inner transformation, the challenges he faced, and the legacy he left behind. This study includes a new feature film based on Wesley's private journals, that enables us to step into Wesley's life and experience his spiritual struggles and transformation. Pastor Jim will lead this six week study in the sanctuary from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., from September 14 to October 19.

Are you unable to attend the class, but would like to know more about John Wesley? On October 19, we will be showing the entire feature film "Wesley: A Heart Transformed Can Change the World" following the Wonderful Wednesday fellowship meal. Everyone is welcome.



### ***"The Hole in Our Gospel: The answer that changed my life and might just CHANGE THE WORLD"***

Richard Stearns, the President of World Vision U.S. shares his personal journey of transformation in this book, and challenges us to look at how we *live* as Christians and whether we are cutting out part of the Gospel that takes us out of our comfort zone. This study relates to the worship series at the 9:00 Connect service. Pastor Linda will lead this four week study in the sanctuary from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. from October 26 to November 16.

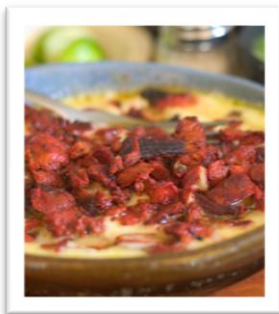
## ***FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES***

With many new members and two worship services, it might take some effort to get to know everyone. Fellowship activities are one way to do that. Here are some activities that are planned this fall:

- **Roundup BBQ in the park**--don't miss this annual event at 11:30 or immediately following the 11:00 service on September 11
- **Wonderful Wednesdays**--each Wednesday evening from September 14 through November 16, begins with a fellowship meal at 6, followed by a study from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Come for fellowship!
- **Fellowship Brunch (and All Church Conference)**, Sunday, September 25, 10:05 to 10:50 a.m.
- **Young Adult Progressive Dinner**, Saturday, October 15. All young adults are invited! We will meet at the church at 4:30 and carpool to the locations of three courses of this meal. Evite invitations will be sent out in September, with reservations needed for childcare and the meal. For questions, contact Pastor Linda.
- **Dinner for 7 or 8 Returns!** Saturday, November 5. Are you looking for a fun way of getting out and connecting with people from our congregation?

### **Dinner for 7 or 8, will be held on Saturday, November 5.**

Hosts offer their home for the meal, and choose what dish they will prepare. We will need two or three hosts. In October reservations will be open to all adults, single or attached. Make your reservation by filling out the form in the bulletin by October 30. Once the reservations are in we will randomly assign groups of 7 or 8 to get together for dinner on November



5. You will be contacted to let you know where you will be having dinner and what dish you should bring. We hope everyone will be part of this special dinner!

- No child care will be provided for this event, but we do have several youth in our church who have completed YMCA babysitting training and are willing to volunteer their time. Contact Linda for names and contact information.

## ***MISSION OPPORTUNITIES***

Here are some opportunities to serve and support causes in our area this fall:

- **Erie Biscuit Day**, September 17, 8 am.-12 Noon on Briggs Street in Downtown. An old-fashioned breakfast is served to support the Erie Historical Society. Volunteers are needed to set-up at 7 A.M. and to serve in shifts from 8-10 A.M. and 10 A.M.-12 noon. We will have a booth of African crafts and other collectables for sale. Call Joanie Calhoun for details at 303-955-1185.
- **"Mario the Peddler"**, October 1, 7 pm at Centaurus High School on S. Boulder Rd. This inspirational one-man show is a benefit for the Meals On Wheels Scholarship Fund which assists homebound clients to have a hot meal daily. Tickets are \$15 for Adults, \$10 for Seniors and Students. See Joanie for tickets.
- **BUMMP Salmon/Turkey Dinner**, October 9, 5-7 pm at Broomfield UMC, 545 10<sup>th</sup> Broomfield. This is a benefit for Boulder UMC mission partners. Volunteer teams are needed to buy materials needed at their work sites. Calhouns are leading a team to Meru, Kenya next July 1-14 to help construct a classroom. This dinner will raise funds for that construction and other work sites. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, children under age 5 are free. See Calhouns for tickets..
- **CROP Walk FOR HUNGER**, October 23, 2 pm at First UMC in Boulder, 1425 Spruce St. The route is 6.2 miles or a short 1 mile course. In 2008, EUMC won the trophy for largest % of our members who walked for HUNGER. See Joanie to sign-up and get sponsor sheets.
- **EUMC supports OUR Center Food Bank in Longmont and Sister Carmen Food Bank in Lafayette.** We need your help to fill our Food Box in Fellowship Hall every week.
- **Congregational Care** - If you know of someone (including yourself) in need of meals, child care, respite care, help with yard work, snow removal, transportation, etc. or would like to help with this outreach please contact Sandy Garcia at (303) 926-6889 or kruhmimgarcia@msn.com.

