



The Erie Evangel

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What's the Big Idea?



The Year is Gone !

Who was that dude who sang "And the days dwindle down to a precious few?" It was Casablanca, wasn't it, where we heard, "As time goes by - play it again Sam?" It seems like yesterday that Phil Tarman was presiding over our 2006, All Church conference and now in a few weeks, we'll be putting '07 to bed. Tempus, indeed, does fugit. It has been an eventful year for the Erie United Methodist Church. On January 6th, we will have our All Church Conference and hear reports from the various ministries of the Church. We will elect officers for '08 and adopt a budget. Our D.S., Eric Smith, will preach that day and preside over our business session. We'll have a potluck meal after church before the ACC. All members of the church have voice and vote on this occasion. Put a big star on your calendar marking this day as a most important commitment for all Erie UMC disciples to be present and involved.

When you read this, we will almost be ready for the first Sunday in Advent. Examine the enclosed flyer carefully and be a part of the joyful, meaningful and challenging events of this special season—culminating in our service of Carols and Candlelight on Christmas Eve. This is an especially good time to invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, newcomers, and family to worship with us at the Erie UMC. Our church will grow as you extend our welcome. Just do it! Call someone today.

We at Erie UMC are determined not to just go through Christmas.....we will be ready to let Christmas go through us.....and continue to do so all through 2008.

I'll see you at the manger where Christ will be born anew in your heart—the birthing place of new life.

In Christ's Love,



Thought for the Month
No one is in charge of your happiness except you.

Our Intern is Available for Home Visits

Linda Freud, our Iliff Intern, would like to have the opportunity to get acquainted more fully with members of the congregation. You are encouraged to invite her for lunch in your home or at a restaurant on Sunday after church. She will also be available on other occasions and you should visit with her personally to make arrangements for a time when you can be together. Her husband, Richard, may or may not be available according to his schedule.



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Hymn Request

If there are hymns which we have not sung recently that you would like to have included in a service of worship Please list them here—tear off—put in the offering plate—or mail to the church office.

Address: Erie UMC
Box 8
Erie, CO 80516

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn Bundy—December 10

Stella Tores—December 19

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY

Neel and Teresa Pelser—December 12

Jim & Joanie Calhoun—December 26

Erie UMC has a new web site:

Log onto to erieumc.org to see what is happening at your church !!





Prayer Concerns:

Marjorie Smith's great-nephew dealing with health issues.

Shirley Fischer's father in the Nursing Home in Nebraska.

Richard Freund's father in the nursing home in Idaho.

Families dealing with stress.

Stacey Glennon-in boot camp in the military.

Myrt Batch, wife of one of the Dixieland Jazz group, as she recovers from a stroke.

Members of the Armed Services serving around the world.

Those persons looking for employment.

Those persons affected by the cyclone in Bangladesh.

Those affected by the fires in California.

Peace and the end of war around the world.

ERIE UMC COOL KIDS CORNER

**Knock-Knock
Who's There
Mary
Mary who?
Mary-Christmas!**

**Knock-Knock
Who's There
Avery
Avery who?
Avery Merry-Christmas**



Mail Call

We have a young church member that has just joined the Army Reserves. It is important that she know that we love, care and think about her. A "letter from home folk" always makes a person feel special. Please drop Stacey a line or two.

Stacey Glennen
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Ft Jackson, SC 29207



DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Administrative Board

Tuesday, December 11th @6:00 p.m.

Children's Pageant will be presented during 10:30 am service
Sunday, December 16th

All Church Caroling Party—hot cider and cookies afterwards
Sunday, December 16th @ 4:00 pm



Methodist Women's Group

Wednesday, December 19th @ 1:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Candlelight

Monday, December 24th @ 6:00 pm

Holy Conferencing

In the grand Methodist tradition John Wesley encourages us to grow spiritually even as we take care of the temporal business of the church. The chief component of our conferencing approach is the All Church Conference which will be held this year on January 6th. We'll fellowship together over a potluck dinner and the business session will follow. Dr. Eric Smith, our DS, will preside and ask questions about the spiritual vitality of our church even as he hears the statistical reports of our accomplishments in 2007. You are encouraged to make this a very high priority in your schedule. You will learn a lot about our Methodist tradition in general and about the Erie UMC. Plan to be there—command performance.



Mission News by Joanie Calhoun

The Mitten and Glove Tree—sponsored by the Education work area. Bring a pair of new gloves to be given to someone who needs to have warm hands this winter!

"Bucks for Books" - \$5 buys a textbook for a Secondary Student in Kenya. There are 40 students and
No textbooks!

"World Aids Day" is December 1. Our church is asked to give .25 cents per member per year to assist in education and treatment about this disease. Women and children are severely affected by HIV/AIDS.

Bell Ringers are needed to ring at Salvation Army kettles in Longmont. The O.U.R. center receive funds for their work with homeless people from this fundraiser. These funds assist low income families with rent, shelter, utilities, and prescription vouchers. Call Mitzi Wimer at 303-587-8398 to sign up. Join the Calhouns in this project.

Holiday Tea & Boutique: Featuring African Crafts, Jams, Jellies, Salsas, and Pickles. It will be held at 4900 Tennyson Street in Denver. Please contact Joanie to purchase a ticket.