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## From the Pastor's Desk

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Dear Members and Friends of CWW:

Be warned for Epiphany is nearly here and more work is around the corner! The lights will have to come down and the tree used for something other than ornaments. I hope you've had a blessed Christmas season with some cheer to be found with friends and/or family. But the time has come to begin to move on and let the challenge of Christmas carry us into the New Year.

I'm not really one for resolutions around this particular point on the calendar, but there is certainly one thing I need to do as the church season changes: Say Thank-you!

After close to six and a half years as the pastor of Church in the Wildwood, I remain amazed by the ministry that all of you do. I'm grateful for your witness either within the church community or the wider community as you seek to do God's work when God calls you. I'm especially grateful to our team leaders as well as for the people who don't lead teams, per se, but get all sorts of things accomplished. I'm thinking of Margie for leading Sunday School, Mary Ann for leading nursery care, Sue for a zillion things, Dian M. for leading the way in reorganizing/ repainting/ re-dedicating the downstairs classrooms, and the Bobs and Daves of the world that just "fix stuff" without calling attention to themselves.

I continue to be thankful for our staff. Lucy does a fantastic job in the office during the week and makes my work better because she does hers with such a great sense of humor. Of course, I have to mention Mary for her leadership of the choirs, Rebecca for playing the piano so beautifully, Lolita for her dedication, Sunde for taking care of church finances so diligently, Mary Ann for taking care of my children (as well as many others), and Tim earlier in 2011 for his work here. I am so thankful for the people who make up the staff of the congregation and all who do their work here do it well.

I'm grateful for the lay leadership at Church in the Wildwood. Jeff and Marsha particularly, do their work without fuss and are absolutely critical to the health of the congregation. The Admin Team is such a great group and extremely dedicated to the future of our church. Newman, Sunde, Renee, and Marsha have led our church well.

I'm grateful to the Huseboes. Karl's reading is something he takes seriously. As I've said to him before, God made Karl in order for him to read the prophets. He does well with the rest of the Bible too, but if Amos appears in the lectionary, I'll want to use it just so Karl can read it to us. There have been countless times when I've been running around like the proverbial chicken and I've caught a smile from Helen in the kitchen or the hallway, which forces me to slow down a little and check my priorities. Plus, what would Church in the Wildwood be without Helen's baking? (Perhaps a shade thinner, but the extra pound or three has been worth it.)

I'm thankful for all of you who have been able to give of your financial resources. Your money does a lot of things, but one of them is to help put food on my table. We are truly grateful.

I'm thankful for ushers, money counters, food preparers, cleaners, organizers, and project leaders. I'm thankful for those who staff the pantry. I'm thankful for those who don't have any particular ministry other than to worship here and be supportive of those who have more time to offer to our different groups. I'm thankful for the folks that visit us in the summer and those that financially support our congregation even if we aren't their "home church."

I'm thankful for the folks that gather on Sunday mornings, our Tuesday morning groups, our Tuesday night worship group, our Sunday Education groups, our youth group, our Vision Team, and all the other groups that I interact with regularly. But most of all, I remain thankful for the abundance of great ministry that happens in Green Mountain Falls and the surrounding area that happens because you make it happen.

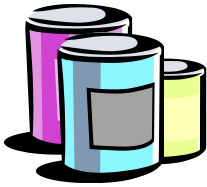
I'm grateful for the laughs and smiles, the times when some of you have risked vulnerability by shedding a tear; the opportunities that you present me with to learn more about you. I'm a thankful pastor and my prayer is for all of us to have grateful hearts. Within the collective, God has done many amazing things precisely because we believe in a God that does amazing things. John Newton didn't call it "Amazing Grace" by accident.

I'm looking forward to a great 2012 at Church in the Wildwood. Please keep the church and the ministry of CWW in your prayers. Thank-you!

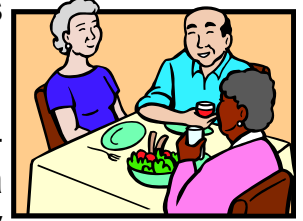
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# Church Happenings

## Food Pantry Ministry Team



The Wildwood Food Pantry is open **Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m.** The Wildwood Food Pantry will be called upon by our neighbors as the new year gets under way. Please remember the pantry as you do your grocery shopping. Non-perishable items are always appreciated.



We can always use the "Wildwood Pantry's Greatest Hits": macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, and pasta and pasta sauce. We are also always grateful to anyone who can help by preparing a meal for 20 or so guests and volunteers on a Tuesday night. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

If you can help greet our guests, prepare their food boxes, serve meals in the kitchen or provide a meal for about 20 people, please call the church or contact Craig Gooding at 761-0484 or [craig\\_gooding@yahoo.com](mailto:craig_gooding@yahoo.com).

## Epiphany Open House

The Epiphany Open House at Jo Wasson's home (1677 Shrider Road in Colorado Springs) will take place on **Saturday, January 7th from 2-5 p.m.** This is an opportunity to help stock the pantry at La Puente Shelter in Alamosa, and to meet others who support this facility. Please bring non-perishable items to this event and enjoy some delicious refreshments as you visit.

## Sunday Morning Education Series

All are invited to the combined Adult and Youth Education Class **every Sunday morning at 9:30 in the upstairs classroom.** This series of classes center on the "Nooma" videos made by Rob Bell. These videos help bring matters of faith close to home in a way that is interesting for people of all ages and will allow for youth and adults to share their faith together.



So far, these classes have been a wonderful way for youth and adults to connect. There have been lively discussions, much learning, and fun! All are welcome to join in on these classes, which happen ever Sunday mornings.



WESTSIDE CARES

The Board and Staff of **Westside CARES**  
invites you to be our guest at

## **Our Holiday Open House and Social**

January 10, 2012

4:00 – 7:00pm

1930 W. Colorado Avenue  
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

(Bethany Baptist Church – Go around the back and down the stairs.)

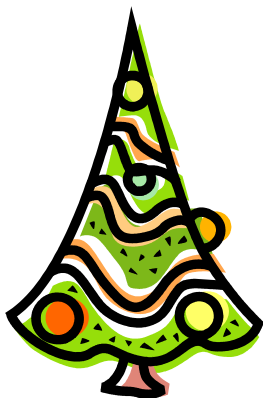
RSVP to [mary-  
ann.stadjuhar@westsidecares.org](mailto:mary-ann.stadjuhar@westsidecares.org)

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### **Thank you to all who helped with the Adopt-A-Family tree!**



A huge thank you to all who helped support our 'adopted family' this Christmas. Because many of you gave so generously, we as a church family were able to donate about 35 presents to our family in need. These gifts ranged from practical and much-needed coats for the children and gloves for Mom and Dad, to Barbies and action figures and other wonderfully fun gifts that the kids were able to open on Christmas morning. Thank you to ALL who helped make their Christmas brighter!

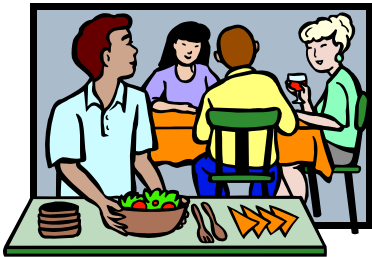
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## Community-Building Get-Together

Join us on **Saturday, December 21 from 4:00-6:00 PM** here at the church for a special dinner party! As the Tuesday night worship service has grown and flourished, many have noticed that they miss the folks who attend the other worship—be that Tuesday or Sunday. In an effort to provide everyone with an opportunity to reconnect with old friends—and also make some new ones—we will host a get together!



In addition to a wonderful dinner, this will be an opportunity to learn more about the UCC's missionaries around the world. You'll 'discover' Coralyn Medyesy, who trains public school teachers in Hungary; Maryjane Westra, a healthcare consultant in Zimbabwe; Carlos Madrazo, who works with a disaster relief group in East Timor; Theresa and Anil Frank, who work in hospitals in India; and so many more!



During this meal, you'll have the opportunity to catch up with folks from the 'other' service, and to learn about and support our missionaries through prayer!

## Coffee Hosts

Are you interested in hosting Coffee Hour one Sunday? It's easy and fun, and a great way to collect compliments on your cooking (or shopping) skills! You can go solo, or team up with another person or family. If you haven't done it before but would like to, please contact the church office at 684-9427. Lucy can help you, or connect you with one of our Hospitality Ministry Team members, who are always happy to help.



# Church Updates

## Prayer Shawl and Bible Study Ministry Teams

Both the Prayer Shawl Ministry Team and the In-Home Bible Study will resume in January!



Prayer Shawl will meet again on Tuesday, **January 17 at 10:00 a.m.** Pattern, yarn, instruction, prayer, and fellowship provided! All are welcome. The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team meets at the church in the upstairs classroom.

Bible Study will meet again on **Friday, January 6, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.** All are welcome to come and learn, pray, and enjoy great company. Bible Study meets at the Patchell's house at 7745 Topeka Ave. in Cascade.



Please contact Sandy Patchell for more information about both groups, at 684-9702.

## Hospitality Ministry Team



There will be no potluck during the month of January. Instead, the Hospitality Team will host the annual Congregational Appreciation Lunch after the service on January 29th. Just bring your appetite, prepared for food and fellowship!



## Conversational Spanish Classes

Lolita's Spanish class will resume on **Monday, January 2 @ 6:00 p.m.** Whether you are brand new to Spanish or want to dust off the Spanish skills of their youth, there is a spot for you in the class! Lolita will introduce you to important Spanish phrases and vocabulary and or help you refine your existing vocabulary.



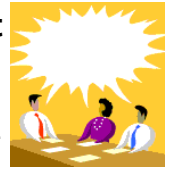
All ages and abilities are welcome to the class – from novice to expert! The classes do not have a set fee, although a \$5 donation per session for Lolita's efforts will be appreciated. Class meets **every Monday at 6:00 PM in the upstairs classroom at the church.**

# Ministry Team Updates, continued

## “Team Talk”

### From the Administration Team’s December Meeting

The team did not meet in December – the next team meeting is **January 18, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.**



The agenda at the January meeting will focus on the upcoming Quarterly Meeting and the reelection of officers and team members in the new year

**The first 2012 Quarterly Meeting will be held immediately after Worship on Sunday, Jan. 29.**

As always, approved minutes of the Administration Team, monthly financial reports, and contact information for Admin Team Members are available upon request. Please contact the church office for a copy of the minutes from any meeting.

## Thank you!

A very big thank-you to all who have helped beautify the Church in the Wildwood this Christmas season, including: those who came to the hanging of the greens, Boy Scout Pack 33 who donated and decorated the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall, everyone who contributed to the Adopt-A-Family program, and the McAllisters, Fishers, Soykas, and Shaws for donating poinsettias.



**The Pack is Back!** Boy Scouts of “Pack 33” meet at Church in the Wildwood. The next meeting will be **January 16, at 6:00 p.m.** If you have interest in joining Pack 33, contact Cub Master Shawna Dowling, at (719) 684-8621 or email: [jpsmdowling@aol.com](mailto:jpsmdowling@aol.com).

## Important January Dates



### Happy Birthday!

1/3	Sandy Patchell	1/19	Austin Frindt
1/7	Jonathan Bachelor	1/20	Josephine Shaw
1/14	Tucker Elliot	1/21	Marla Gray
1/14	Bonny McAllister	1/24	Jeff Chapman
1/18	Martha Lind	1/24	Beeper Smith

# Administrative Updates

## WORSHIP INFORMATION

**EDUCATIONAL CLASSES: 9:30-10:20 a.m.:** **Adult:** Nobody will ask you to check your brain at the door. We believe that the intellect is God given. Join us as we discuss relevant topics and read spiritually diverse material. **Youth:** Age appropriate Biblical teaching. Childcare provided during second service.

**SERVICES: 7:00 p.m. on TUESDAYS and 10:30 a.m. on SUNDAYS:** Tuesday worship is made unique by Taize-style music and 'immersion preaching'. There is time for meditation, prayer, and song. Sunday morning worship is a traditional service, with standard liturgy, joyous songs accompanied by our choir, and followed by Fellowship Hour.

## In our Prayers Prayer Requests



The Hilbert family, Barbara Rosenbach, Gerry Brazier, Charles Lind, Jr., Carolyn Bellerive, Scott and Sondra Jarvis, Cathy Jarvis, Lavina Shippy, Barbara Gafford, families with job concerns, and the Church in the Wildwood's Ministry Teams.

	Attendance	Tithes
Nov. 29/Dec. 4	50	\$1807
Dec. 6/11	66	\$1913
Dec. 13/18	53	\$4319
Dec. 20/25	174	\$2688
<b>ACH</b>		<b>\$315</b>
<b>Month to Date</b>		<b>\$11042</b>
<b>Anticipated Monthly Expenses</b>		<b>\$10800</b>

## Scrip Program

The Church in the Wildwood has partnered with Great Lakes Scrip to help you do your normal shopping and provide for the church financially at the same time.



This is such an easy way to help Church in the Wildwood raise funds for mission trips, youth activities, membership growth, and so much more. Please stop by the church office and review the list of merchants on the tri-fold display or at the Great Lakes Scrip website ([shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)). It's an easy way to help the church. The display is in the Lower Fellowship Hall. Visit Great Lakes Scrip Program at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) or call Lucy at 684-9427 for more information.

Sunday	Communion	1st Sunday	Minister: Reverend David Shaw Bookkeeper: Sunde King Music Director: Mary Balin
	Education Groups	9:30 a.m.	
	Worship	8:30/10:30	
Monday	Prayer Group	8:00 a.m.	Accompanist: Rebecca Janecek
Tuesday	Bible Study	8:00 a.m.	Nursery Care: Mary Ann Davis
	Food Pantry	6:00 p.m.	Custodial Manager: Lolita Hilbert
Thursday	T.O.P.S.	10:00 a.m.	Church Administrator: Lucy Ohle

# CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Discussion Groups  10:30 a.m. Worship  11:40 Fellowship	<b>2</b> 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group  6:00 p.m. Spanish Class	<b>3</b> 8:00 Bible Study  9:00 Coffee & Conversation  6-8 p.m. Food Pantry  7:00 p.m. Worship	<b>4</b> 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S.	<b>6</b> Office Closed  2:00 p.m. Bible Study	<b>7</b> <span style="color: green;">2:00-5:00 p.m. Epiphany Open House</span>
<b>8</b> 9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Discussion Groups  10:30 a.m. Worship  11:40 Fellowship	<b>9</b> 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group  6:00 p.m. Spanish Class	<b>10</b> 8:00 Bible Study  9:00 Coffee & Conversation  <span style="color: green;">4-7:00 p.m. Westside CARES Open House</span>  6-8 p.m. Food Pantry  7:00 p.m. Worship	<b>11</b> 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S.	<b>13</b> Office Closed  2:00 p.m. Bible Study	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Discussion Groups  10:30 a.m. Worship  11:40 Fellowship	<b>16</b> 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group  6:00 p.m. Spanish Class  6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Pack Meeting	<b>17</b> 8:00 Bible Study  9:00 Coffee & Conversation  <span style="color: green;">10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl</span>  6-8 p.m. Food Pantry  7:00 p.m. Worship	<b>18</b> <span style="color: green;">4:30 p.m. Admin Team Meeting</span>  6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S.	<b>20</b> Office Closed  2:00 p.m. Bible Study	<b>21</b> <span style="color: green;">4:00-6:00 p.m. Community Get-Together</span>
<b>22</b> 9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Discussion Groups  10:30 a.m. Worship  11:40 Fellowship	<b>23</b> 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group  6:00 p.m. Spanish Class	<b>24</b> 8:00 Bible Study  9:00 Coffee & Conversation  6-8 p.m. Food Pantry  7:00 p.m. Worship	<b>25</b> 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S.	<b>27</b> Office Closed  2:00 p.m. Bible Study	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Discussion Groups  10:30 a.m. Worship  <span style="color: green;">11:40 Quarterly Meeting</span>  <span style="color: green;">12:15 Congregation Appreciation Lunch</span>	<b>30</b> 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group  6:00 p.m. Spanish Class	<b>31</b> 8:00 Bible Study  9:00 Coffee & Conversation  6-8 p.m. Food Pantry  7:00 p.m. Worship				