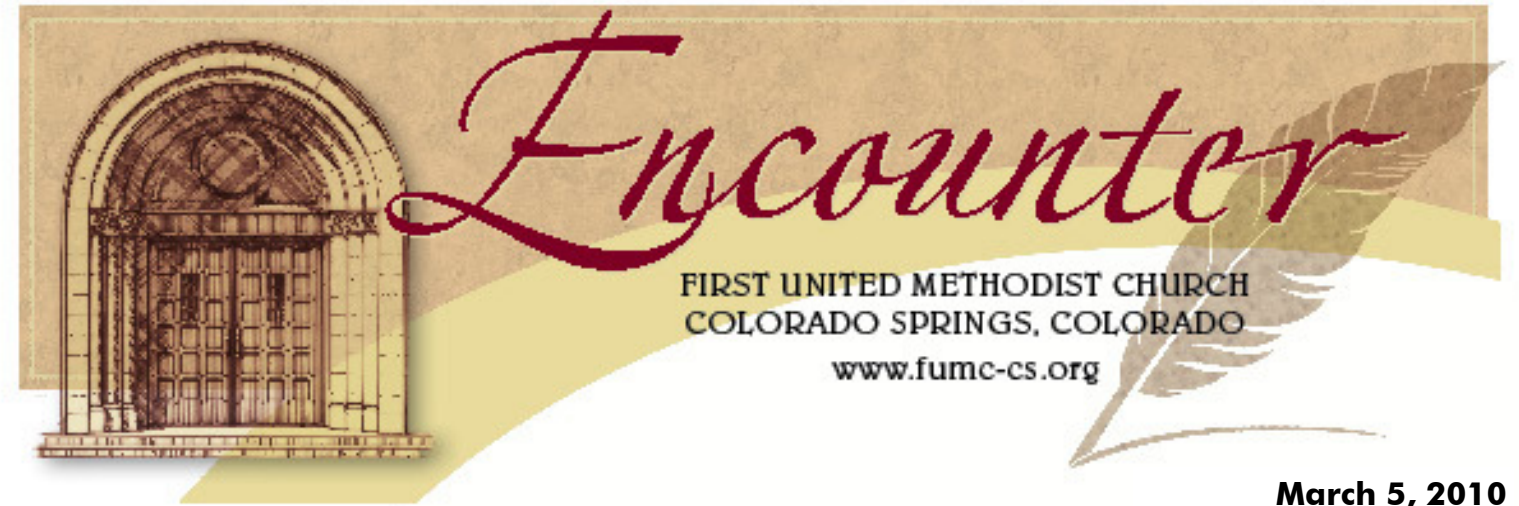




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## One Great Hour of Sharing, Mar. 14

All United Methodists have the annual opportunity to come together to make a special offering to benefit the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in support of worldwide humanitarian aid. Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation of all of UMCOR's work by covering the costs of doing business. This means that all gifts designated to specific programs can go 100% to those programs because UMCOR's basic expenses are covered.

UMCOR supports 17 United Methodist hospitals in Africa and Asia in their community-based health programs, such as the HIV/AIDS ministry at Ganta Hospital. Through comprehensive programs that help provide healing and hope for some of the world's most vulnerable people, UMCOR is there on your behalf providing help to people in distress.

UMCOR is hope for millions of our brothers and sisters who live in the poorest countries in the world. Please look for the special UMCOR envelopes in the Sunday bulletins on March 14 and give generously.

*"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."* Micah 6:8



*Six times throughout the year, United Methodist congregations celebrate church-wide Special Sundays with offerings. Your support is critical to the survival of these important ministries and for sharing God's gifts around the world.*

## Pennies for Peace - Final Update!

We are thrilled to announce that after six months of collecting pennies we have counted the very last jar. The children and congregation collected \$11,789.55 in the Pennies for Peace mission! This money will go to the Central Asia Institute (CAI) to support education for girls in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

In July we set the ambitious goal of collecting \$5,000 - enough to support a school for an entire year. We met that goal in October, thanks to the help of our wonderful congregation. A generous matching gift of \$5,000, from a church member to honor two important educators in her life, doubled our efforts to support an additional school. **But**, then the pennies kept coming! The additional money will help pay the salaries of two more teachers, in addition to the two schools that the children of FUMC will support.



This mission has given us the opportunity to support our brothers and sisters in war-torn Afghanistan, to learn about the culture and religion of those in that part of the world, and offered a time for adults to learn about CAI through our *Three Cups of Tea* book study. Thank you for helping us show that the simple gift of a penny can go a long way when we allow God to multiply the smallest gift into abundance.

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

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## Wayfinding!

The Trustees approved money from the Capital Campaign to put in new signs. Well that's not exactly accurate. We don't have signs anymore, we have "wayfinding" instruments. The point is clear, our job is not to just put up signs for people to follow, we are in the business of helping people find their way.

In our building it is no surprise that people have a hard time finding their way. Our facility is complex, confusing and large. Our floor levels don't match up. It is hard to describe the elevator stops. We have rooms that are nearly hidden. Helping people find their way is not easy! On Sunday morning we have the wonderful Andrew Ministers who help people by taking them, personally, to the places they need to go. But we can't do that all the time, so we need signs, er, wayfinding instruments, so people don't feel overwhelmed and lost.

Obviously, this is a pretty good metaphor for our own welcoming and evangelistic ministries. If you are new to the faith it is hard to find your way. The services are often confusing. The music uses words that are unfamiliar. Even the space is different from where people spend the rest of their lives. But our job is not to change these things to accommodate people. Our job is to gently, lovingly help them find their way into the life of the church. We have classes and tours to help. But the best way is to have someone lead them personally, someone who can answer questions, point out important things and help guide them through the complicated and often confusing matters of being in the church.

Who are you inviting to church? How are you welcoming the visitors who do come? Do you know enough about our worship, our doctrine, our history

to be a good guide? Can you help people find their way in our midst?

Lent is a time when people come to check out churches. Some have long histories in church. For others it is brand new, or at least it has been a long time since they were in a church. Be sensitive to our visitors. Welcome them. Help them. Guide them. Show them the way.

By the way the signs (and they really are signs) are beautiful. You will be proud!

See you in worship.

Kent

## WELCOME to First United Methodist Church!

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### Sunday Worship Service Times

7:30 am Early Riser in the Chapel  
8:00 am Traditional in the Sanctuary  
9:30 am Contemporary in the Sanctuary  
11:00 am Traditional in the Sanctuary  
Sunday School Classes are at 9:30 & 10:45 am

The 11:00 am service is broadcast live on UPN each Sunday.

**Communion Worship** is held at all four service times on the first Sunday of each month.

### Considering Membership at First UMC?

If you are interested in membership at First United Methodist Church or have questions, please call 719-471-8522 x237 for more information.

### Baptisms

Please call 719-471-8522 x246, Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley, for information or scheduling of Baptisms.

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### CIRCLE GROUPS

#### Quilters Circle

Mondays, 8:30 am, Room 238 South  
New quilters are always welcome!  
Contact: Brenda Hawley, 719-633-5702

#### Joy Circle

7:00 pm Thursday, March 11  
Hospitality Center  
Program: "Smile Train"  
Contact: Lynda Reid, 719-573-9069

#### Mary Martha Circle

1:00 pm, Tuesday, March 16 Parlor  
Program: "A Visit with Carolyn Steele, Church Organist"  
Contact: Ann Fitzgibbons, 719-637-1855

#### Nightingale Circle

1:30 pm Thursday, March 18  
1911 North Nevada Ave.  
Program: "Three Cups of Tea" by Deb Walker  
Contact: Jean Reed, 719-227-0271

#### Sara Circle

9:30 am, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Campbell Reading Room  
Program: Chocolate Boutique: Lessons on Grace  
Contact: Sarah Goodwin, 719-302-6114  
Child care provided

#### Sunshine Circle

9:30 am, Wednesday, March 10, Parlor  
Program: "Refugee Resettlement Ministry" Peggy Schnurr  
Contact: Virginia Heilman, 719-598-9512



### "THE MIDLAND DAYS" AT THE RANCH

The Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition (T.H.E. Coalition) is proud to be a co-sponsor, along with the Divide Chamber of Commerce, of "The Midland Days" - a symposium on the Midland railroads, scheduled for **Saturday, March 13, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, at the John Wesley Ranch.**

The Colorado Midland and Midland Terminal railroads are gone forever, but their impact on the local culture, the mining, transportation and agricultural elements of all the Ute Pass/Pikes Peak communities cannot be denied. The legacy they left behind lives on to preserve their immortality. This symposium will include conversations and comprehensive presentations charting the history of both railroads, as well as their lasting influence on the area. Seating is limited.

Advanced reservations are strongly encouraged and are \$64 per person. This is a discounted rate for members of FUMC and includes lunch. To make reservations, call Kenny Funk, 719-687-2148 or email requests to [kennyf@fumc-cs.org](mailto:kennyf@fumc-cs.org) by this Monday, March 8.

### WHERE IS (WALDO) STEVE?

As most of you are aware, I have been graciously granted a four-month Sabbatical Leave by Kent Ingram and the Staff Parish Relations Committee. According to our Book of Discipline, a Clergy member can request a Sabbatical Leave every seven years. 2010 marks my 30<sup>th</sup> year of ministry and my first Sabbatical Leave! I will begin my leave on March 1 and will return to work July 1. During this time I will visit my family in Texas, observe other United Methodist Music Ministries in various U.S. locations, meet with a Personal Trainer for physical fitness, attend the Five Day Spiritual Academy in North Carolina and have personal "get-away/relaxation" time. Periodically, I will send in an update article for the *Encounter*. When I return I will make a presentation to the congregation on my interviews with other Music Directors in the United Methodist Church!

In the meantime, Susan Loring will be acting Director of Music. She will administer the Music and Arts Ministry and conduct the Chancel Choir, Youth Singers and Chorale in rehearsal and worship. She will also lead the Youth Singers summer tour. Ed Ladouceur (our Organist Laureate) will conduct the Chancel Choir Spring Concert on April 18. Jonathan Faires will conduct the Celebration Ringers in rehearsal, worship and on tour.

I shall miss all of you, but look forward to this time of mental (and professional), physical and spiritual renewal. I so appreciate all the kind and supportive comments that I have received.

God's Blessings!

~ Rev. Steve Harter



### ENCHANTED APRIL TICKETS

*Enchanted April*, a delightful romantic comedy, is almost here! **Show times are Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13, at 7:30 pm; and**

**Sunday, March 14, at 2:30 pm.**

Tickets for the production are on sale during the week in RuLyn Trembly's office on third floor, between 8:30 am - 2:00 pm or by calling 719-471-8522 x245.

The ticket prices are: Individual: \$12; Immediate Family: \$30; Senior (55+): \$10; Student Groups of Five: \$30.

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to move the time on your clocks **one hour forward on Saturday night, March 13.** Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday morning, March 14. You don't want to be late for Sunday School and worship!





**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN) DEEPLY APPRECIATES OUR HOST WEEK VOLUNTEERS!**

A great big “thank you” to all our gracious volunteers who made our January - February host week so successful! It takes many hands and hearts to make our guest families feel so welcome and hopefully, feel a little bit at home. In addition to the individuals listed below, we also appreciate the contributions of the Nightingale Circle and the custodial staff, and recognize the Emmaus Group for taking responsibility for providing the meal and hosts for an entire evening!

The IHN Leadership Team would like to encourage adults in our giving congregation to consider volunteering for this worthwhile mission. We are in greatest need of overnight host volunteers. The local IHN organization is strongly recommending all participating host churches provide two overnight hosts each night of their host week. Please prayerfully consider serving some of our local homeless families by “sleeping on the job”! If have any questions or would like to learn more about IHN, contact Teri Stephens, 719-487-0180 or Katy Adams, 719-471-3484.

**Our next host week is April 25 – May 2.** Look for information in a future *Encounter* issue about Sign-Up Sunday scheduled for Sunday, April 11.

**January - February Host Week Volunteers**

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|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Linda                 | Anderson           | Gretchen        | Lloyd      |
| Roxie                 | Anderson           | Iana            | McCubbin   |
| Helen                 | Bagherian          | Gail            | Merritt    |
| Reilly                | Barry              | Carl            | Nehls      |
| Mary & Jamie          | Bro                | Elaine & Roger  | Okuda      |
| Laura & George        | Brock              | Mary & Mons     | Roll       |
| Jan                   | Caffey             | Peggy           | Schnurr    |
| Lacy & Lance          | Carroll and Family | Gerry           | Scott      |
| Charlene              | Champion           | Lynn            | Siefert    |
| Summit                | Cleaners           | Donna           | Snowden    |
| Mike                  | Cluley             | Elaine          | Sommers    |
| Charleen              | Colvin             | Amber           | Stephens   |
| Treg, Grant, & Collin | Corrigan           | Dina            | Stephenson |
| Lorraine              | Graham             | Rondi           | Suppiah    |
| Carrie                | Hartley            | Diane           | Taylor     |
| Sharon                | Huff               | Tommy           | Tennison   |
| Tom & Ben             | Joslyn             | RuLyn           | Trembly    |
| Elain & Gordon        | Kunzman            | Joyce           | Trimble    |
| Jill, Jeff, & Ashley  | Lavelle            | Susan & Michael | Wheeler    |
| Pat                   | Likeness           | Dee             | Williams   |
| Debbie                | Lloyd              | Carol & Loring  | Wirbel     |

**THE FILM, AWAKENINGS, AND OUR LENTEN JOURNEY**

On Friday, February 26, a group of adults here at FUMC watched the film, *Awakenings*, with Robin Williams and Robert De Niro. It is based on a true story written by Oliver Sacks. Many of the themes in the story have parallels with our own Christian living – and especially for our Lenten journey towards Easter. Here is a set of questions that I have encouraged folks to use in spiritual journaling after watching the film. Perhaps you too would like to watch the film and journal as well.



- In what ways am I “frozen” and in need of awakening?
- When in my life have I “borrowed the will” of another and it was just what was needed to help me get moving again? How might spiritual community, or church, provide “borrowed will?”
- During Ash Wednesday we heard the biblical words, “From dust you come and to dust you will return.” How might these words prepare me for living more completely? Does anything in this film connect here?
- During Lent we are invited to prepare our hearts and lives for life, death and resurrection – not just in the Christ-story but in our own living. How are these themes present to me in this film? What daily spiritual practices will help prepare me for the hope of Easter?

May your heart and joy expand with God’s touch during this holy season of Lent and even more so this Easter!

~ Rev. Todd Spencer

**CHILDREN'S CHOIRS NEWS**

The month of March always reminds us that the end of the year for Children's Choirs is quickly approaching. Each choir has sung in worship in January and February and they will sing in March. We have opted not to sing on Palm Sunday this year because of no rehearsal the week of spring break.

**Our concert is Sunday, April 11, at 5:00 pm.** This will include all choirs and will also be our opportunity to give out awards. A continued thanks to Janice Kinsley, Debbie Louis, Lorrie Poffenbarger, accompanists and choir parents for all they do for our children. And to you, parents, for making this commitment to your children and FUMC!

March 7	Cherub	8:00 am
March 14	Chorister	9:30 am
March 14	Cathedral	11:00 am
March 24	Spring Break	<b>No rehearsal</b>
March 28	Palm Sunday	Waving Palms -- no anthem
April 11	All choirs	5:00 pm Spring Concert/Awards



**WALK TO EMMAUS AT THE JOHN WESLEY RANCH**

Has someone, say a friend or God, been nagging you to attend a Walk to Emmaus retreat? This spring we have an awesome

opportunity to participate in the Walk to Emmaus at our very own John Wesley Ranch. This unique Christian retreat will be held the last two weekends in April:

**Men’s Walk: April 15 - 19; Women’s Walk: April 22 - 25.**

**What is a Walk to Emmaus?**

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of 15 talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The Upper Room, a ministry unit of the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church, sponsors the Walk to Emmaus and offers it through local Emmaus groups around the world. Our local community is the Emmaus of the Rockies and includes groups throughout southeastern Colorado.

**Why go on a Walk to Emmaus?**

It is difficult to explain the possibilities in Christian growth that many have experienced on this retreat. Many members of our church have taken this opportunity and have grown into leadership roles in their Christian ministries. The walks are filled with the Holy Spirit and everyone should have the chance to experience the agape love that is freely given throughout the weekend.

If you have been contemplating how to grow in your own Christian life or if someone has asked you in the past to attend a Walk to Emmaus, please take a moment for prayerful reflection. We strongly believe that God will direct you in His time.

The cost for this walk, including food, lodging and all materials is \$130. Scholarship funds are available. An application is required and attendees are limited by the number of beds at John Wesley Ranch. You can access more information at [www.emmausrock.org](http://www.emmausrock.org) or by contacting Chuck Stephens, 719-660-3929 or contacting the ministerial office at the church.

**IT'S COMING ON JULY 24!**  
Mark your calendar for a very special event!

**MISSION FOCUS: UMCOR RELIEF SUPPLY KITS**

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) supply kits help to care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. They also help to sustain everyday life by providing basic necessities to people who lack ready access to essential supplies. These kits provide vital support for the work UMCOR does throughout the world. By donating kit supplies or financial gifts to purchase the supplies, you make a direct, tangible difference in sustaining people's lives.

The First United Methodist Church Missions Council would like to ask all our generous members to donate full kits, donate items we can use to build kits, and/or provide funds we can use to purchase items and build kits. Our giving youth have already built numerous kits that were taken to the District Conference in early February. All completed kits will be taken to Annual Conference in June, 2010.

To view information about the seven types of kits and recommended items, go to the following website: <http://new.gbmg-umc.org/Umcor/getconnected/supplies/> or see the list on the UMW board near the Welcome Desk. Please place any completed kits or donated items in the box located near the Welcome Desk. The kits and items will be collected the first Sunday of every month.

If you wish to donate funds to purchase items for kits, please specify “UMCOR Kits” on your check or envelope. Please deliver all donations to the church by Sunday, June 6.



**LENTEN DINNERS AND PROGRAM CONTINUE**

Be sure to join us on Wednesday nights for dinner, a brief Lenten message and your Faith Academy Classes. The Lenten Program includes music and a brief talk on “Gospel Portraits of Jesus.” **It will be in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm and ends in time for your 6:30 pm classes.**

**LENTEN CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP**  
We are offering Contemplative Worship Services each Sunday in Lent, through March 28, at 7:00 pm, in the Chapel.



Lent is a the 40 days set apart to spend time in quiet reflection and prayer as we prepare for Easter. It is the most sacred season of the church year. Contemplative worship is a time when Christians gather for quiet prayer, singing and Holy Communion. It is appropriate during this Holy season to offer community contemplative worship.

We pray this will allow us to deepen our faith and focus on the solemnity of the season. We hope you will join us as we journey through this quiet season towards the joyous celebration of Easter!

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY****Lenten Activities**

Lent is a time set aside for prayer and reflection about our spiritual lives. We believe it is important for children to have opportunities to grow spiritually during this sacred season. Below are activities designed to help them with this process.



**Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday Procession and Seder Meal**

Children kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will gather in the Sanctuary and carry palms into our 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 worship services to remember Palm Sunday. At 9:30 Sunday School and 11:00 Children's Worship they will participate in a child-friendly Seder Meal (the meal where Jesus shared His last supper with His disciples). Please join us!

**Saturday, April 3: Easter Egg Hunt**

We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3. Children will find eggs filled with treats and Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley will have a short lesson about the life of Jesus. **The hunt will be held at 10:00 am at the beautiful Broadmoor Community Church (315 Lake Avenue).**

**Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunday**

During the Sunday School hour, the children of our church (ages kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to attend a special lesson on the story of *The Three Trees*. It will be held in the Theater at 9:30 am. Children will be picked up in Kingdom City. At 11:00 am children are invited to join in a special Easter Sunday Worship in Kingdom City.

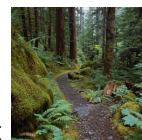
**ADULT MINISTRY****Summer is Approaching!**

Believe it or not, it is time to look ahead to summer. Soon we will be putting together *The Compass Flyer*. This is an abbreviated version of *The Compass* that will cover programs during June, July and August. In order to meet print deadlines all information for special events will need to be submitted to the appropriate staff person by Sunday, April 18. This will give us time to design the publication and get it printed in early May for distribution.

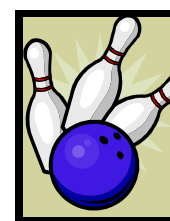
*The Compass Flyer* is designed for very brief descriptions of special events or classes that happen only in the summer. Ongoing classes and regular programs are not included in this publication. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Jerry Hurst, 719-471-8522 x209.

**YOUTH MINISTRY****Finding God Again****Wednesday, March 10****6:30 - 8:30 pm, The Zone** (meal included)

The spiritual walk with God just isn't a straight line upward is it? There are valleys and peaks along life's adventure. But the question is, when we've been in a valley feeling lost and disconnected from God, how do we find God again? And if we do find God again, what do we say? What difference does our brother, Christ, make on the path? You are invited to find God again with us.

**Fun With the Oswalts!****Wednesday, March 17****6:30 - 8:30 pm, The Zone** (No meal tonight - eat before you come.)

After we gather we'll jump in the busses and head to Larry and Lois Oswalt's high-rise that overlooks Prospect Lake, for a fun evening with some older brothers and sisters we call downtown neighbors. This will be an unforgettable game night! A bunch of us got to know the Oswalts, who are members of FUMC, during Confirmation last year and also during one of our Drive-By Kindness nights in the fall. Larry's a retired minister and they both are just a hoot to be with!

**Bowling Night at Bear Creek Lanes****Friday, March 19****6:15 - 8:15 pm**

\$10.50 per person (covers lanes and shoes for two games)

**Meet at Bear Creek Lanes** (1232 S. 21st Street). Bring your own \$ for food and drinks.**Wednesday, March 24**

No Youth - Have an awesome Spring Break!

**CONFIRMATION MONDAYS - 2010 MARCH**

Mar. 8: No Meeting

Mar. 15: Session #5: Christian Friendships

Mar. 22: No Meeting - Spring Break

Mar. 29: Session #6: Serve Others

Questions? Contact Rev. Todd Spencer, 719-884-2502 or toddsp@fumc-cs.org.

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY****NOAH Trip to Glenwood Springs**

Sunday, March 14, is the last day to pay for your trip with the NOAH group to Glenwood Springs. We have a waiting list, so if you have signed up and not paid or talked to Rev. Jerry about a need for an extension, we will move



someone else into the slot. If you are not sure whether or not you are on the list call Rev. Jerry, 719-471-8522 x209.

The interest in our trip to Glenwood Springs via the Amtrak has been much larger than we anticipated. So many people have registered that we are going to hire a charter bus to bring us back to Colorado Springs. However, that means that we will not have transportation with us while we are in Glenwood Springs. The Hot Springs Lodge will use their vans to shuttle us from the train station to the Lodge. They will charge a \$1 per bag portage fee, but you ride free. The charter bus will pick us up at the Hot Springs Lodge for the return trip.

This does present a bit of a logistic concern of which you need to be aware. We will be walking to the restaurants and to any attractions or shopping that you choose to do. Glenwood Springs does have a bus system that is free to Sr. Citizens. It goes around town and all the way to Aspen. The closest bus stop to the Lodge is two short blocks. Bus schedules are available at the Lodge. The hot springs is right across the street from where we will be staying, so it is a short walk. We wanted you to be aware of our transportation situation before you make your payment for the trip. If you have any questions, please call Rev. Jerry.

**MORE BIOS OF "ENCHANTED APRIL" CAST**

*Deb Woods - Mrs. Graves:* Deb and her husband Jeff are long time FUMC members and very active in First Company. Jeff has been the light tech for the past several shows and a vital part of the set construction team. Although she is on the stage for this show, Deb has been active in the past as a production manager for numerous productions and also involved in set contraction. Deb says her acting "career" took off by accident. During *Pollyanna* we lost a cast member due to a family emergency. "The role was very small so I stepped in and did it. I took a slightly larger role in *Tom Sawyer*. This time, with the part of Mrs. Graves, it has certainly been a challenge. The in-depth work this cast has done on character development is fascinating. I must say that learning from and watching a twenty-something actor develop "background stories" and discuss character with Marty has been humbling and at the same time incredibly rewarding. Several of the younger cast members have a formal education in theater and

**2010 POSED AS TURNAROUND YEAR FOR SACRED CONCERT SERIES**

We call it "TURNAROUNTen" and hope it catches on with those of you who enjoy the Sacred Concert Series, and all we offer to First United Methodist Church and the wider community of Colorado Springs. We are eternally grateful to our firm foundation of Friends of Music, without whom we could not survive year after year. They bless us many, many times over. The "TURNAROUNTen" campaign is meant to reach farther out to our supporter base, beyond our Friends of Music.

Because of rising costs of advertising, printing, supplies and honorariums the Sacred Concert Series budgeting process has undergone challenges. We hope to regain a balanced situation with a little help from all of our peripheral friends, and others who attend our concerts.

**The purpose of "TURNAROUNTen" is to:**

- \* recover our shortfall from 2009
- \* secure artist honorariums for 2010
- \* return the SCS to firm financial footing
- \* provide for continuity and future planning

**You can help by making:**

- \* a one-time donation of only \$10
- \* a pledge of ten - \$10 donations
- \* a bonus gift of \$1,000
- \* a 25% or 50% concert sponsorship by a family, a business or an organization

Your donation of \$10 or more will get your name listed on a special page in our concert programs as a "TURNAROUNTen" Friend! For more information or to donate contact Helen Bagherian, Sacred Concert Series Chair, helenb@fumc-cs.org or 719-471-4361.

already lots of experience. They have been so willing to share and have been so patient with me. My Mrs. Graves will be a much stronger character because of them."

*Heather Smith - Lady Caroline:* This is Heather's second time in First Company's stage. She played Ado Annie in *Oklahoma!*. Heather grew up in Widefield and is currently a student at PPCC studying theater and elementary education. She says she has recently found a deep love for painting. Having just performed in *A Hundred Years of Musical Theater* at PPCC Heather says she is happy to return to First Company and such a great group of people. As for Lady Caroline, Heather says, "She is nothing like me. I do not drink, I am a happy person surrounded by people who love me. Lady Caroline starts with a very bitter outlook on life but thanks to the other ladies who appreciate wisteria and sunshine she remembers how to be happy again. This role has been a challenge and good for the development of my acting career."

