



Ash Wednesday Service will be held on February 22, 2012 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to come and go, as your time spent is reflective and repentant in nature. Communion is served as well as the offering of the ashes on your forehead. Join us for a powerful experience in beginning your Lenten journey.

Interested in **Joining FUMC** or **Deepening Your Connection**? Starting Point is an opportunity for you to learn more about the mission and vision of First UMC, the ongoing ministries, and ways in which you can grow in your faith and serve our Lord. Our next Starting Points will take place on January 18th and February 29th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Pastor Don's office. If you are interested in joining us, please email anngoldman@canonumc.org. We look forward to journeying with you!

Men's Retreat! The men of FUMC will be gathering together for our annual retreat January 20-22, 2012. We will be staying at the same mountain cabin we stayed in last year. The cost will be \$40. Email Marty Hall (martyhall65@bresnan.net) if you are interested. All checks can be made out to FUMC and must be paid prior to leaving for the retreat.

Confirmation Classes for 9th-12th grade youth are being offered. Confirmation is a spiritual journey through which youth discern their readiness and willingness to follow Jesus Christ in their life. Classes will begin January 29th, culminating in their Confirmation into the church on May 6th. There are 10 classes total. We will meet on Sunday afternoons from 1:00-2:30 (times can be changed depending on the needs of the class). If you are interested or have questions, contact Pastor Don at the church office or by email, donbird@canonumc.org.

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Our Mission

To be a reflection of the Lord Jesus Christ through prayer, praise, and the proclamation of God's Word.

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Bird's Eye View

"If we are to take the Great Commission seriously, "go and make disciples of all nations", we need to be sure we are living the life of a deep disciple as well. We can't make disciples if we are not living as one."

Happy New Year! I hope that your Christmas season was filled with the hope, peace, joy, and love that came to us in the Christ child. I hope that you have been renewed in your spirit, released from the heaviness of your burdens, and given new eyes to see the possibilities of life that are afforded to you in the new year. I know that many of us make promises to ourselves at the beginning of every year. We promise to lose weight, stop smoking, exercise more, and make sure we look good for our upcoming summer vacation! Those are good goals to have and they may help us live longer as we become more physically fit. But, what about the spiritual exercises that lead to a healthier perspective on life?

What good is a buff body if our spirit is sagging? I maintain that when we work on getting healthy spiritually, emotionally, and relationally our physical health will follow. The better we feel about who we are and Whose we are, the more energy we have to work on all areas of our lives. Unfortunately, we tend to put the cart before the horse and we wonder why we struggle keeping our New Year's resolutions!

Through the latter part of 2011, I spent a great deal of time praying about our church and trying to discern through the Holy Spirit and His Word the deepest needs of our congregation. I came to the realization that we have a lot of members at FUMC...329 to be exact! We welcomed 13 new members in 2011. Through the institutional and organizational lens, this is to be celebrated. Then, the question was raised, "How many disciples does FUMC have?"

Of course, my initial reaction was...329! But, the Lord convicted my heart and I do not believe that number is completely accurate. I realized that there is a great difference between being a "member" and being a "disciple". Obviously, we desire for every member and non-member to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, but the realities of church today sadly do not reflect strong discipleship. It is easy to be a member. A member or participant can come to worship and leave. A member can pick and choose the classes he likes or the groups she wants to be involved in.

As a member, everything is on his/her terms. A member pays the fees (tithes/offerings) and expects something in return.

A disciple does not look toward meeting his own needs, but rather allows God to use him to meet the needs of others. A disciple is willing to grow deeper in her relationship with Jesus Christ. A disciple participates in worship and allows it to stir her heart and spirit. A disciple gives generously of his time, talent, and resources and expects nothing in return. A disciple believes he is the church. A disciple is willing to become more Christlike in her everyday life as a reflection of her faith. A disciple is a vessel for Christ to live through!

The Lord convicted my heart and led me to commit to become a deeper disciple of Jesus Christ and to lead you on that journey as well. In 2012 we will journey together to a deeper experience of Jesus. I will not force you, nor will God. But, I will strongly encourage you...maybe to the point where you'll get tired of hearing it. If we are to take the Great Commission seriously, "go and make disciples of all nations", we need to be sure we are living the life of a deep disciple as well. We can't make disciples if we are not living as one.

In 2012, we will be journeying together from membership to discipleship! I look forward to the journey with you.

Take Care & God Bless,

Pastor Don



Emily's Epistle

*"As God asks for our obedience,
may we all respond with a
resounding, "Yes!" We are your
servants, Lord, help us to walk in
your ways."*

Happy New Year Everyone!

As we look towards 2012, there is such a sense of blessing and awe. What will happen? What can we do with the days we have been given? What will be the best use of our time? Many people use the first days of the new year to design a new look, plan a new habit and set goals for themselves in various areas. What are you going to do differently this year?

You all know how much I love a good adventure! I am so blessed to look forward to our time together. We have an adventure before us this year. This year brings the opportunity of a life time—to travel to Israel. It also comes with the blessings of getting to know more about the land where Jesus walked, ministered and taught people who eventually taught us.

We have so much to learn about our faith. There are many small groups available to help you grow in faith this year. If you are wondering where to begin, I would like to invite you to one of our starting point classes. If you are already acquainted with the church and would like to go deeper, you may start with taking the spiritual gifts inventory. If you have high hopes for making connections, I invite you to check out one of the many small groups we offer here at the church.

Your faith journey is largely up to you, but we want to support you. This year as you make your plans for new habits, goals, and think of your new look here are some tools you may want to try.

Read the Bible—if you haven't yet, maybe 2012 is the year you can start. You don't have to finish in one year; just beginning this year may be your goal.

Pray regularly—increase your faith by conversing with God more often.

Offer yourself in missions—volunteering in the church, handing out food at the Food Bank on Thursdays, or going to another country helping those in need are all great ways to grow your faith.

Find ways to learn about your faith—grow in faith with others through study, so that you can share what you are learning as well as learn from others.

I know that this year is going to be great. It will be filled with transitions for all of us. As God asks for our obedience, may we all respond with a resounding, "Yes!" We are your servants, Lord, help us to walk in your ways. I look forward to the many ways we will grow in faith together.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Emily <><

Welcome to the Family!

FUMC welcomes our newest members into our family of faith. In November and December our church received 10 new members who have committed to support FUMC through their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. In turn, we promise the same and we promise to support them as they journey with us. Please be sure to extend a heartfelt welcome to the newest members of our church!

Bruce and Linda Aultman, Bill and Bea Schmidt, Greg Clemmons, David Vickers, Catherine Mawhirter,
Tim and Judy Jose, and Beth Schim



How Can I Help?

Serving Opportunities for Children and Family Ministry

Children's Sunday School opening song leader. No more than 10 minutes required. When? Sunday morning 9:45 a.m. Still allows you time to participate in adult Sunday School.

Someone to schedule our Sunday acolyte servers (children who light the candles) on Sunday mornings. Very minimal time commitment!

Teaching Children's Sunday School (two week commitment)

Become a member of the Children and Family Ministry Team. (meet once a month)

Children and Family Ministry Team

Meetings: Third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the library. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Dates: Jan. 18/ Feb. 15/ March 21
April 18/ May 16/ August 15.

Daily Devotions

Dear Parents and Grandparents,

A new year! A new slate! That is a good feeling. However, we need to remember that each day of our life is a new slate with God when we come to him in our daily devotion and daily prayer. He is always there helping us over our humps, many of which we create. Yet He continues to guide us daily as we journey.

I am not one much for new year's resolutions but if you are not connected with God as your travel guide on a daily basis, in prayer and devotional reading, the pathway can become foggy.

I like to think of it as a mirror that fogs up under the heat and pressures of everyday living. So here is a New Year suggestion. You might consider doing your daily devotion with your child or as a family. Having someone to share devotion time with can help to keep a commitment. I have found some online children's devotion sites that can speak to adults as well as the children. I have included an excerpt from one of those devotions that talks about a mirror, simple enough for kids but also thought provoking for adults.

from *Truth for Kids*

How often should I read the Bible?

Would it be okay if I only read the Bible once a week—maybe a few verses on a Sunday?

If you didn't use a mirror, how would you know whether your hair is a mess or whether your face is dirty? The Bible is even better than a mirror because it can show up the spots of sin in your life. When you look into the Bible by reading it, you will start seeing yourself as God sees you on the inside.

You wouldn't look at someone else to find out if your face is dirty. In the same way you shouldn't compare yourself with others to find out if your life is clean and pleasing to the Lord. Keep looking into God's 'Mirror' by reading the Bible every single day. Once you have read it, do what it says and you will be blessed!

Verse for Today

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11

I have included these resources for you as you begin a-new on your 2012 journey.

If you know of a youth away at college or some one in the military, consider sending them a devotion for the day as well.

God Bless,

Joyce Gregor, Children and Family Ministry Coordinator

<http://www.heavensinspirations.com/childrens-devotionals.html>

<http://www.cbhministries.org/ForKids/KeysforKids/ReadListen.aspx>

<http://www.truthforkids.com/kids-devotions-online/>



A Thank You to Faithful Children Ministry Servants

Gin Patton as the CFM webmaster
 Cindi Colbert for making the beautiful Advent Calendars for the children.
 Norma Farmer/ Advent books and coloring books

Christmas Pageant

Coordinators: Diane De Laurentis, Karen Rogers, and Anne Lamman
Piano Accompanist: Jolene Johnson and Rachel Lamman

Family Events Schedule



January 27: Movie and Pot-luck night. Come and watch “Fly Away Home.”

February 6: Tween Bible Study (Sacraments) for 4th and 5th graders accompanied by an adult. Pizza and beverage provided.

April 2: Egg Dye Party. 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Note that this is on a Monday night this year.



April 8: Easter Sunday Children’s Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School Time. Children 5 years through 5th grade meet in *Bible Land*. Easter lesson will be prepared by teachers while they wait their turn. **Younger children meet in Child Development Center.**

May 11: (Friday Evening) Puppet Ministry Presentation Skits. Fun for the whole family! Reception follows.

Pageant Costumes: Jan Rickey
Pageant Sound: Clift Duncan

Pageant Rehearsal Suppers:
 Larry and Barb Tarnow
 Ward and Cindi Colbert
 Clift and Kelly Duncan
 Benaë Burbank

SS Teachers and Helpers:

Sophie Esch
 Jane White
 Christie Smith
 Barb Tarnow
 Carol Carver
 Linda Aultman

Diane DeLaurentis
 Keli Rogers
 Cindi Colbert
 Kelly and Clift Duncan
 Kathy Curnutte
 Heidi Kraft
 Katherine Cook
 Norma Moore
 Lynette Anderson
 Ron and Amy Woolsey



Gin Patton and Phyllis Allen for their service on the CFM Team.

Jean Curnutte for cookies

FUMC Puppet Ministry begins in January of 2012. Sessions will be held during Children’s Church. All children and youth are welcome to learn how to use puppets to entertain and provide worshipful skits. This ministry will begin under the leadership of Kaye Gooldy and assisted by Renee Newey. If your child has not signed up but is interested please let one of these ladies know or call Joyce Gregor 275-0681

Children’s Church

Children’s Bell Choir will begin practicing for their Easter and Mother’s Day presentations.

Puppet Ministry will begin practicing for their presentation May 11.

Children not participating in these activities or who are too young will be shown a Christian Video to correlate with the Children’s Message.

Rotational Sunday School	January	February	March & April	April & May
	“Jesus is Baptized”	“The Lord’s Supper”	“Easter People”	“Forgiveness”
	8-Jan 15-Jan 22-Jan 29-Jan	5-Feb 12-Feb 19-Feb 26-Feb	4-Mar 11-Mar 18-Mar 25-Mar 1-Apr 15-Apr	22-Apr 29-Apr 6-May 13-May 20-May (one room class) 27-May (Church on the Lawn - No Children’s Church)

Children’s Church Schedule	Puppet Ministry	Puppet Ministry	Puppet Ministry	Puppet Ministry
	8-Jan 22-Jan	5-Feb 19-Feb	4-Mar 18-Mar 1-Apr 22-Apr	6-May 11-May Performance 20-May
	Children’s Bell Choir 15-Jan 29-Jan	Children’s Bell Choir 12-Feb 26-Feb	Children’s Bell Choir 11-Mar 25-Mar 1-Apr (Performance)	Children’s Bell Choir 15-Apr 29-Apr 13-May (Mother’s Day performance) 27-May (Church on the Lawn - No Children’s Church)



FUMC Worship Arts is looking for volunteers who love to sing or play an instrument. If you would like to be part of the choir and/or band, or if you would like to offer special music, please contact us!

amandasleeper@canonumc.org.

Reminder to Choir – Choir will lead hymns on Sunday, January 8. **Reminder to Band / Choir** – rehearsals start up again on Wednesday, January 11.



We had an excellent response from all the cookie bakers in the church! Thank you

so much for volunteering for this important ministry. Everyone has enjoyed all the yummy cookies at the various functions. Many, many thanks to all the bakers!

Check us out on the web by going to www.cañonumc.org. Our website has up-to-date information about the ongoing ministries of our church. You can also check out our Facebook page (*Cañon City First United Methodist Church*) for up-to-date announcements and blog entries.



“Church Friends:

Just a note to say thanks for all the prayers, visits, calls, and cards during my hospital stay & surgery. It’s wonderful to know we have a loving and caring church family. I’m feeling better each day, it will take time.

Thanks again.

In Christ,

Benaë Burbank.”

“Rev. Don Bird, Pastor Emily, staff and members of FUMC, and friends:

I wanted to take time to say thanks for the many blessings I’ve had over the past 3 years with help from your prayers, good thoughts, well wishes, and kindness you’ve given me. My hip replacement is wonderful and the large wound on my left foot has - finally healed. I have felt your prayers and appreciate them! I hope to be mobile soon.

Thanks and God Bless!

Marty Stefanic”

“As the Season comes upon us, I want take this opportunity to say thank you to all my friends and church family at First United Methodist Church.

I know in my heart (my new one) that all the prayers on my behalf to God

concerning my operation is why I am here today. I did not realize that I was in such bad shape and so close to the edge. Who’d’ve thunk it?

I am getting stronger every day and have already seen a drastic change in my physical condition. I’m practically off all my medications, have lost weight, and actually can sleep at night. The human body is an amazing thing!

I have a new appreciation for all of you and will never forget what you did to help me.

GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU !!!

Denny Moore”



Happy New Year! I hope your Holy-Days experience was full of hope, joy, and grace. As I write this I am experiencing God’s grace in several ways myself. Among them are God’s divine protection and traveling mercies. We had been having an unknown vibration on our car. During our last two vehicle services, I had asked auto technicians to check the tires to try and find the cause of the vibration, but to no end, they could not tell me what was causing it. The short of it was, due to the tire warranty, we ended up getting four new tires for about the price of two. God’s grace came in two ways; One, we had His divine protection because we found out two of the tires had torn belts inside, this was causing the vibration and they could have blown at any time; Two, we received the tire discount because of the warranty, cutting the cost virtually in half. This happened because the auto technicians took the time to locate a receipt for proof of purchase they had to find online from another store. Thanks to their persistence they found it and granted me the discount.

God’s grace can show up in many ways. Often it is unexpected and can even go unnoticed. It seems we sometimes have difficulty recognizing God’s grace and we find ourselves asking why there is no grace in our lives. However, the question is not whether or not God’s grace is present in our lives, but rather, HOW has God’s grace been present in our lives?

How has His grace been present in your life? Are you recognizing it? Are you receiving His grace to do what He has called you to do? It is there. It’s God’s gift to you. It enables you to do His will by sharing His love with others. Be encouraged to find His grace in every situation in your life and walk in that grace to fulfill His plan for you to be a blessing to others by loving them.

Upcoming Events: WinterNational—January 20-22 / Souper Bowl of Caring—TBA / 30-Hour Famine—TBA



Christian Growth Opportunities

Your Adult Education Team:

Lynette Anderson
Mandy Bird
Jan Blue
Emily Earnshaw
Jolynn Hall
Mary Elin Stratton

If you have any requests for classes or topics you would like to see offered on Sunday mornings, please contact anyone on the Adult Education team.

Sunday Christian Education Hour 9:45 – 10:40 am

Through the Bible will continue studying the scriptures in the Old Testament. The group meets in the library and Paul Carreras leads this group.

Principle Centered Living will meet in the Fellowship Hall led by Pastor Emily beginning January 29th for ten weeks ending on Palm Sunday, April 1st. This class is on the Social Principles as published by Church & Society of the United Methodist Church and found in the 2008 Book of Discipline. The class will discuss, share in a mini-mission trip, and learn how all are invited into the dialogue.

The Truth Project will be offered by Ted Huskey in small segments beginning after the New Year. Ted is currently leading Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity. The Truth Project will be offered at the completion of this class. The class meets in the Chapel.

Faith Response to New Age led by Bob Wahl will meet in Pastor Emily's office for four weeks beginning January 8th.

Young People's LIFE Group meets in the Old Fellowship Hall. Come learn and discuss together "The Life of Jesus Christ".

Other Adult Education Opportunities

Tween Study: February 6th from 6:00-7:30 p.m., on Sacraments. All tweens grades 4th and 5th are invited to share in a night of fellowship with a significant adult.

The Israel Trip: Registrations are welcome online or through the church office. The dates for the trip are December 27, 2012 – January 5, 2013. Cost per person is \$3200 for ten days in the Holy Land including two meals

each day, airfare, accommodations and transportation. We hope you will consider this wonderful educational opportunity and spiritual experience of a lifetime.

Emmaus: The next Men's walk will be April 12-15 and the Women's Walk is April 19-22nd. It's not too early to be thinking and praying about these upcoming walks. If you would like more information, please contact Marty Hall at 315-2143.

Spirituality Retreat at the Sister's House at the Abbey on March 2nd – 4th. The topic will be Celtic Spirituality and History of Christian Spirituality. People can expect to learn about faith while experiencing a monastic rhythm. The retreat will include many blocks of silence for deep reflection. The food will be simple, and by the time it is over, participants may be reluctant to return to their usual pace. Pastor Emily will be the main speaker. The cost of the retreat is \$60.00 per participant, and registration will be due by the last day of January.

Lenten Lunch and Learn: A Lenten Study with other churches in the community beginning February 22nd, Ash Wednesday, at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. More information will follow.

Heaven is for Real: The Mt. View Community Church will host an evening with guest speaker Todd Burpo and his family. They will be sharing Colton's journey to heaven and back. The presentation will be at 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 7th. "Heaven is for Real" is the true story of the 4-year-old son of a small town pastor from Imperial, Nebraska, who during emergency surgery slips from consciousness and enters heaven. Now, Colton has a message to share, "Heaven is for Real."

Married Couples Unite in Fellowship! Need some time away from the stress of parenting and life's daily pressures? Come and join in fellowship as we share a light supper of soup and cookies, to kick-off of a monthly gathering of married couples. First meeting, Friday, January 13th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, childcare provided. All married couples are invited. If you are able to attend, please contact Jeff/Jan Blue, at 371-8643.

Small Groups

Caring and Sharing Groups

Men's Breakfast meets on the first Monday of every month in Fellowship Hall at 8 a.m. The men gather for breakfast and fellowship. The new moderator for this group is Larry Rickey, for more information you may contact him at 285-8508.

United Methodist Women meet monthly for lunch and learning on the second Thursday of each month from noon to 2:00 pm. The group gathers in the Fellowship Hall. Any and all woman are welcome to attend.

55+ is one of the most active Caring and Sharing groups with their monthly activities which often include outings. The group generally meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month for a pot luck. If you are interested in more information feel free to talk with Eldon and Elaine Leff 276-9458, or Laura Sue and Jerry Vonier 275-4157.

Missions is an important group in our church, meeting once a month to discuss the ways we can be the hands and feet of Christ. If you are interested in missions feel free to contact Steve Quakenbush at 275-0839. This group is also supported by Saturday Supper who serve a community meal on the first Saturday of each month. For more information on how to help or serve please contact Jerry Vonier at 275-4175.

Life Groups:

All of our Sunday School classes are **Living In Faith Everyday** groups, which help to support growth throughout the week.

Women's Bible Study is a group that studies various topics in the Bible. They generally meet on the first and third Monday of each month. They will begin after the New Year

with a new study. For more information on this group please feel free to talk with Jenae White, 275-6606 or Melissa Neff, 784-3266.

Sewing Group meets each Wednesday morning at 9:00am in the Sewing Room located downstairs below the Sanctuary in Old Fellowship Hall. For more information on this group please contact Jan Rickey at 285-8508.

Hearing God—continues to meet on Thursday mornings in the Chapel from 9:30-11:00 a.m. The group is learning to listen for the voice of God. For more information contact Bruce Hitt 275-8192, or Mary Elin Stratton 429-5729.

Prayer Team meets weekly to pray over the prayer concerns lifted up in worship. You are welcome to join them in the Chapel on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

Look for a new **Study on Revelation**, during the week, beginning soon. If you are interested in this study please contact Benae Burbank at 275-1966.

Covenant Groups:

Disciple 1—Becoming Disciples meets each Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. The class is an in-depth look at the whole Bible. The class is in the middle of meeting for 34 weeks. If you are interested in beginning with the next disciple class please contact Pastor Emily at pastoremi@canonumc.org, or by calling her at 275-0681.

Disciple 2—Into the Word, Into the World meets each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The class is in the middle of its study on Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. If you are interested in beginning with the next disciple class please contact Pastor Emily at pastoremi@canonumc.org, or by calling her at 275-0681.

For answers about how you can connect with a small group please contact pastoremi@canonumc.org or go onto our website and take the survey located under small groups to find a group that will work for you.



Welcome new members:
Markus and Heidi Kraft and
Melissa Neff.

We Are The Church



The women of UMW wish to thank all those who helped make our UMW Bazaar so successful. We were able to send support to many different missions locally and beyond.

The regular UMW Unit meeting will be January 12 at noon in Fellowship Hall. It is our annual Pledge Service. In keeping with giving for others, the meal will be simple soup.



Beginning Jan. 7 Saturday Supper will be served the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month through April. If anyone would like to volunteer their time, just give Jerry or Laura Sue Vonier a call, 275-4157, or show up on the Saturday we are serving. We really appreciate your gifts of money

and your time. **Thank You!**

Executive Council Corner

Greetings and salutations from the Executive Council: As we get ready to start a new calendar year we would like to invite church members to pray for the leadership team. We will open the Fellowship Hall 30 minutes prior to each meeting so members may gather and pray for each council member and our church as we discern God's plan for Canon City First United Methodist Church. Our next meeting is Saturday January 7th at 9 a.m. If you can't make it please pray for the leadership team from where you are. The regular meeting schedule will be determined at the first meeting and communicated at that time.

We would also like to welcome our new members for 2012; Chris Larson, joining Gary Johnson and Jeff Blue as Trustees, Tom Mallary joining Brenda Cochran and Sami Boone on the SPRC team, Eileen Lakey joining Christie Smith and Gene Farmer on the finance team, Renee Newey and Vicki Topash joining Steve Quakenbush as at large members and Mary Elin Stratton as the new Lay Leader. As always, feel free to contact any of the Executive Council Members with questions or input.

Gene Farmer
Council Secretary

FUMC Gift Card Program

The Executive Council is happy to report that the FUMC Gift Card Program is underway and thanks to all of your generous support the first gift card order was for over \$2,000.00.

Acts Financial Report Nov. 1, thru Dec. 13, 2011

Income: \$40,199.30
Expenses: \$36,904.26
Balance: \$ 3,295.04

I would like to remind everyone to use the offering envelopes provided for you in the church pew or in the back of the church & to completely fill them out. This saves our counters time when they take the money to the bank to be counted and for me when I record your offering. Also, if you would like to use your envelope number- it is in the upper left hand corner under the date. This will also help me.

Thank You,

Glenna Huskey

To help this program be successful, we ask that you purchase gift through the FUMC Gift Card Program. The program is available throughout the year and can be used for all of your day to day purchasing needs or as a gift for someone special. The program offers gift cards from hundreds of retailers and online merchants. Say you generally spend \$200.00 a month for groceries at Safeway, simply purchase a gift card through the church to buy those groceries. Taking advantage of this program by purchasing a gift card through the FUMC Gift Card Program will benefit FUMC ministries without taking anything extra out of your pocket because the church will receive a percentage of the purchase price, ranging from 1.5% to 16.5%, depending on the retailer. For the exact percentage, see the full list of retailers and gift cards available in the church office.

Order forms are available in the church office and orders can be made at the church anytime the church office is open. Currently, once an order has been placed, the gift card will arrive within four days. As the program becomes more established, we will be offering the more popular gift cards for immediate purchase. For additional information, please contact Norma Farmer at (719) 689-5761 or by email at doublechieffarm@gmail.com.

We strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to help support FUMC's missions and offer a huge thank you to all of those who helped kick the program off with a successful start.

Christie Smith
Council - Finance Representative

Please send any updates or additions of your family service members to acts29news@gmail.com

Please include their complete name, rank, and branch of service, along with the location of where they are serving and their relation to you.

Thank you!



Pray for Our Military

SPC Tim Jardine, US Army, stationed in Tacoma, WA.
Son-in-law of Gary & Kathy Curnutte, grand-son-in-law of Jean Curnutte

PFC Joshua Wilson, US Army, serving in Afghanistan.
Grandson of Gary & Kathy Curnutte, great grandson of Jean Curnutte

PFC Tony Curnutte, US Army, stationed at Ft. Carson, CO.
Nephew of Gary & Kathy Curnutte, grandson of Jean Curnutte

Senior Airman Jason Moore, US Air Force, stationed at Dalzell, SC.
Grandson of Denny and Norma Moore

Jordan Miller, US Army, graduating UC Boulder in August
Grandson of Dean Miller

Sgt. Jeremy M. Horning, U.S. Army, Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs.
Grandson of Don & Carol Katonak

CW2 Casey Richards, US Army, Korea
Brother of Melissa Bauer

SGT Jason Trahan, US Army, stationed at Ft. Campbell Kentucky
Son-in-law (Sept. 4th) of Susan Jones

CPL Tilton, Jonathan, US Marines, serving in Afghanistan
Son of Vicki Topash

Recruit Tilton, Patrick, US Marines, Boot Camp San Diego, CA
Son of Vicki Topash

SGT Ryan Rogers, US Army, stationed at Ft. Lewis, WA.
Son of Kelii & Karen Rogers

SGT Christopher R. Bird, US Army, stationed at Fort Carson
3rd deployment (this time to Afghanistan) in February
Brother of Don Bird



In Memory of Our Loved Ones

*In Memory of our loving Husband and Father:
Betty, Mike & Dru Montgomery*

*In Memory of our Parents,
Clarence & Beulah Bye & Ernest & Clara Widger*

In Memory of Dana Allen

In Memory of Alma Allen

In Memory of Ben Gregor

In Memory of Jennifer Gregor

*In Memory of Steve Goldman:
Loving Husband & Father*

In Memory of Norman & Gladys Morlan

In Memory of Steve Norbury

In Memory of Anna Marie & Joseph DeLaurentis

*In Memory of Erika Bloomfield who
"Fought the fight, but won the crown"*

*In Memory of our Parents:
Roy & Tress Wheeler
and A.B. Watts*

In Memory of Jacque Anderson

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