

# The Lewiston First UMC Messenger

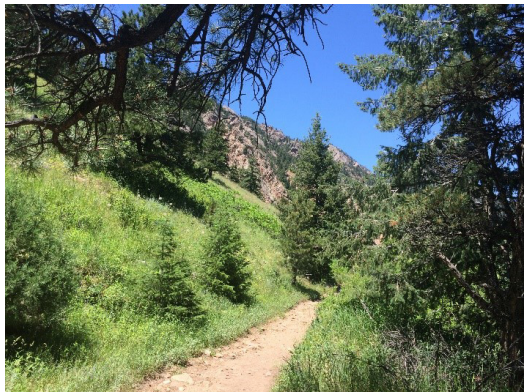
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## Pastor's Path

"What Do I Tell My Friends"  
By: Rev. Chuck Cram

There is a State Park west of Boulder, Colorado called Eldorado Canyon State Park. This particular park holds special significance for me because I spent a number of summers there. The location is the same as it always has been; the rocks and the river and the canyon have not changed a bit over the years. But the park itself has been transformed on a number of levels.

When I was about 8 years old I was introduced to Eldorado for the very first time. I was there every summer until I celebrated my 13th birthday (in August) in the same place. I did a lot of growing up within those canyon walls, had a plethora of meaningful experiences and it has left me with a special fondness for a special place.



Briefly, here is the story. My dad was in school during the summer months in pursuit of his PHD while he taught physics during the regular school year at Westmar College in LeMars, Iowa. The University of Colorado at Boulder had a summer

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## August 2017

### Weekly Events

#### Sundays

- Bell Choir Rehearsal 8:30am - Restarts September
- Adult Sunday School - 9:15am - Restarts September
- Worship - 10:30am
- Coffee Shop - 11:30am

#### Tuesdays

- Bible Discussion - 10am

### Regular Monthly Meetings

SPRC: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday - 6:30pm -  
Liz Chavez

Worship Committee: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday -  
4:00pm -

Salvation Army Dinner: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Wednesday - 3:00pm

\*Trustees: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - 6:00pm -  
Monte Boardman

\*UMW - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - 10:00am -  
Mary McNish & Kathy Bostrom

Men's Breakfast: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday -  
9:00am - Main Street Grill

Church Council: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday -  
7:00pm - Cottie Hood



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program that worked with his schedule and his needs. Eldorado Canyon, because of its proximity to Boulder was the perfect place to camp for the family while dad went to school.

But back in the mid-1960's this magical place was not Eldorado Canyon State Park. It was a privately owned campground called Eldorado Springs. It was owned by the Fowler family and Bill Fowler and my father were good friends. As I said, we camped there, all summer, for 5 consecutive summers. The rest of my siblings, all who are older than I, had partial experiences with Eldorado. Sometimes they had jobs or travel or other obligations that kept them away some of the summers. I was the only child that was there every summer of our time there.

As time went on, the Fowler family aged and eventually wanted to retire. They started thinking about selling the campground, but there was little interest from anyone who wanted to keep it as a campground. There was a lot of maintenance and the profits were thin. There was, however, tremendous interest in the land from several mining companies. There is a high concentration of quartz in the area and the mining companies could foresee great profits from mining the area. I personally would have considered this to be a disaster.

In a very unique effort, the city of Boulder, the state of Colorado and a non-profit organization of concerned citizens all worked together to match the offer made by the mining company and this unlikely group

purchased the area from the Fowler family. The joint ownership of Eldorado Canyon State Park still remains with the city of Boulder, the State of Colorado and the "Friends of Eldorado", but the responsibility for the park has passed to the state. The land, the canyon, the river and the magical surroundings are now forever preserved because of this unique and creative solution.

I tell this story only because I see some parallel experiences between Eldorado and the church. Those of us who grew up in the church remember it as it was and we want it to remain exactly as we remember it. Sometimes our desire for holding on to what we remember becomes a stumbling block for creative solutions. What might have happened if the owners of Eldorado had insisted that the area must continue as a campground? I shudder to think of the outcome of that scenario.

As it is, the very essence of the Eldorado experience remains intact; even though the area is no longer a campground and camping there is no longer allowed. It is a day use only state park



Dear First United Methodist Church,

Thank you for hosting our team yet another year! It's only from the kindness of people like you that make this ride happen. Many thanks for hosting a potluck with delicious food; they keep our spirits up. And many thanks for listening to our presentation. It reminded us of why we're here and inspired us all over again.

-Illini 4000 2017 Team



There are still "Amen! Let's Eat!" cookbooks for sale in the office. They are the perfect gift for birthdays, weddings or bridal showers! Just \$20!



# Family Promise

Lewiston First UMC has been one of the local churches supporting and serving Family Promise since it began here in the LC Valley. Involvement and interest from our church has been up and down. Right now it is down and we are struggling. Roni Chesnut has done a great job serving as our coordinator but is unable to continue...so at this point WE NEED A NEW COORDINATOR!

Shirley Dobyms of the First Nazarene Church (our team church) has agreed to act as Coordinator for both churches (Nazarene and Methodist) for the next week we are scheduled to serve Sunday, August 6 through Saturday, August 12. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SERVE A MEAL OR TO STAY OVERNIGHT! If you have helped with Family Promise in the past you may receive an email or phone call from Shirley asking for volunteers. Please consider finding a day that week when you can help.

I have another request. I ask you to join in prayer for guidance for Lewiston First UMC regarding our involvement in Family Promise and other local ministries. Please think about and talk about and pray about how our church family can best serve Family Promise. Maybe new ideas will come to us. Please call or email me if you have questions or want to talk about this.

Gayla

## YWCA School Supply Collection

Lewiston First UMC is participating in a School Supply Collection for the YWCA. If you would like to donate, we will be doing a collection here at the church until August 13th, when we will take everything down to the YWCA for distribution on August 18th.

### Items of Greatest Need:

Binders	Pencil Boxes/pouches
Subject (Tab) Dividers	Calculators
Backpacks	Watercolors

### Other Items Needed:

Loose Leaf Paper	Composition
Spiral Notebooks	Notebooks
Marker Sets	Colored pencils
Flash Drives	Compasses
Pens	Protractors
#2 Pencils	Highlighters
Crayons	Scissors
Glue Sticks	Index cards
Glue Bottles	Steno Pads
Rulers	Erasable Pens
Erasers	

In 2016 the YWCA was able to provide school supplies for over 850 children in our area, thanks to your generous support

**Thank You!**

*Happy Birthday!*

03 - Leonard Ellis  
05 - Becky Riendeau  
05 - Wilma Green  
08 - Taylor Forge

11 - Chuck Cram  
14 - Linda Dodel  
14 - Kiera Chesnut  
18 - Laryn Stoddard

19 - Emma Vogel  
21 - Kay Walker  
24 - Gayla Ballantyne  
25 - Eva Mathewson

25 - Leonard O'Brien  
27 - Susie Paulson  
31 - Jim Walker

## September

05 - Marguerite Sitton  
05 - Mary Jacobs  
12 - Dennis Riendeau

12 - Patty Mills  
16 - Sharon Ripley  
18 - Ralph Mathewson

20 - Alianna Cash  
20 - Doris Ann Winchell  
24 - Monte Boardman

## October

01 - Kathy Bostrom  
02 - Rhonda Edens  
03 - Allan Helm

11 - Billie Wensman  
11 - Boyd Harrison  
17 - Joe Ingram

18 - Billy Wilson  
25 - Larry Dean  
28 - Linda Ellis

31 - Lois Chesnut

## Revitalization Meeting

July 20, 2017

Attendance: Sally Davies, Chuck & Heidi Cram, Larry & Gayla Ballantyne, Monte Boardman, Bob Morton

Opened with prayer,

Previous minutes read and approved.

Discussed the LOC spending sheet. Sheet is a bit confusing. We want a detailed sheet on the expenses for Revitalization credit card. Group asked for more timely reimbursements on personal credit card. Also those doing church work need to take time to pick up the card from the church.

Coffee Cups: One gross of white cups with cross and flame logo was approved.

Mural: Group voted on the mural to order for the Fellowship Hall, 6' Mural will be ordered.

Wesley Hall: Marty and Circles group may do finish painting when we get sheetrock work done. File cabinets need to go downstairs and gone through. Book shelves need to be painted and books arranged on them.

Playroom: Motion to table the idea until a need arises. Gayla made a motion and Sally seconded, motion passed.

Street Sign: Calls have been made to sign companies in the valley to present ideas.

Outside Projects: Lawn needs a great amount of work. Hay bales are to blame for damage. Perhaps moving Pumpkin Patch into the Parking Lot will help.

Removal of red rock on south side of sanctuary, Monte assigned to research vacuum trucks.

Pat's Garden Center to do landscape design from our photos of east side of Narthex. Chuck and Heidi assigned to take photographs

Restrooms: Hallway restrooms need remodeled. One needs new, taller, toilet both counters need replaced with vanities.

Party: Discussions for a party in September to celebrate our accomplishments.

Offices: Discussed office remodel. New cabinets, floor, and paint. Larry mentioned Design Craft and Home Depot have design software if we give them the specifics

Notes Submitted by Monte Boardman

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## Church Council

June 22, 2017

Attending...

Liz Chavez, Debbie Stewart, Chuck and Heidi Cram, Monte B. Cottie H. Kathy Bostrum

Opening prayer by Cottie.

Previous minutes reviewed and accepted.

Old Business.

Pumpkin Patch.....Instead of 35% of a truck this year we have been able to secure 50% of a truck delivery on Sat Oct. 14 at 11am. We intend to get more grade schools visiting by giving earlier notification. We hope to have a Bouncing castle and work for the pumpkin drop.

New business.

Northwest Handbells want to use the facility again for the March Teaching Conference. With the new facilities use agreement in force now charges could reach into the hundreds of dollars. We discussed relaxing some of the charges if our bell choir congregates are doing most of the footwork to host the event. We discussed an End of Event free will offering plate and possibly a 50% discount.

Trustees Report. We have a sprinkler near the Wesley room that is leaking. Facilities Use Agreement is done and in place. The parsonage bathroom is nearing completion.

Treasurers Report. The report clarified all questions raised in the May meeting. As we are still 90 days behind in our Apportionments Payments to the Conference a motion was made, seconded to pay 2 months' worth as our finances are capable right now.

SPR. Liz reported on the recent working of the SPR group.

Worship Committee .....Communion in July will be on the 9th not the 2nd.

Lay Leader was absent.

Pastors Report. Chuck will be gone the first week of July to Cody, Wy. and the 4th week of July though August 1st to Denver. Chuck is mentoring Kalissa Beal and she will preach here soon. Rick Cook will fill in on Aug.6th.

Joys and Concerns

Debbie and Robbins marriage.



## Beyond Sunday Morning Worship: Living our faith Monday through Saturday

It's one thing to have our faith and beliefs, and quite another to put those into action as Jesus calls us to do. Some of us limit our participation in conversations or events because we don't feel "qualified" to speak out or take action. Some of us are eager to learn ways to make our participation more effective. Some of us just want to feel less distressed and more hopeful about the world around us. We wonder "What does it really mean to be a follower of Jesus, especially in today's world?"; "How can I be part of the Light to a world that seems always angry and hateful?" or "Being a Christian is not as easy as it used to be!"

Planning is underway to form small groups to provide opportunities to support our growth as disciples in today's world. If you're interested in joining a small group to explore a topic listed below, we'd like to hear from you; please phone or email Arrie in the office (743-2971; office@lewistonfirstumc.org) by mid September. Talk to Cottie Hood about more details. A first meeting date and time will be communicated later. Final meeting details will be set by the group members.

- Being a More Active Peacemaker
- Exploring Faith in Action: outreach to our community
- Participating in Small Groups: when we talk and when we listen: our impact on a group
- Finding Common Ground: ways we as the church can lead a return to civility in society
- Speaking Out: participating in conversations that transform
- Current Hot Topic Discussions: alleviating hunger, fair housing, caring for creation, restorative justice, immigration, climate change

If there is another topic you would be interested in other than what is listed, please let us know.

## August Service Schedule

### Greeters:

06 - Sherri Kole & Bob Morton  
13 - Jeri Turner & Karen Smith  
20 - Larry & Gayla Ballantyne  
27 - Sherri Kole & Colleen Mahoney

### Ushers:

06 - John Ehrenreich & Larry Ballantyne  
13 - Lois Woelfel & Lois Chesnut  
20 - Doug Crook & Jim Hood  
27 - Steve & Kathy Forge

### Liturgists:

06 - Bob Morton  
13 - Robbin Stewart  
20 - Rita Mills  
27 - Vanessa Stedman

### Counters:

06 - Carl Paulson & Jim Hood  
13 - Leonard O'Brien & Meuriel Nystrom  
20 - Larry Ballantyne & Kathy Bostrom  
27 - Lois Chesnut & Monte Boardman

### Accompanists:

06 - Laureen Trail  
13 - Anna Geidl  
20 - Laureen Trail  
27 - Hymnal Plus

### Coffee Shop:

06 - Potluck Sunday  
13 - Jim & Kathy Bostrom  
20 - Heidi Cram  
27 - Susie Paulson

## Summer Lawn Mowing Schedule

### August

07 - Troy Stoddard & Larry Ballantyne  
14 - Monte Boardman & Bill Schrupp  
21 - Jim Hood & David Silva  
28 - Carl Paulson & Robbin Stewart

### September

04 - Troy Stoddard & Larry Ballantyne  
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6	7	8	9 SALVATION ARMY DINNER 3:00P	10	11	12
13	14	15 SPR MEETING 6:30P	16	17	18	19 MEN'S BREAKFAST 9:00A
20	21	22	23	24 CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00P	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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17	18	19	20	21 UMW MEETING 10:30A	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00P	29	30

We welcome you to Lewiston First United Methodist Church! Our church is always open to all the children of God in all our wondrous diversity.

Our Services are lively, informative, thought provoking and relevant to the challenges of living in the 21st Century. It is our view the warmth of the Spirit will be evident every time we gather for worship, Bible discussion or a small group



Discipleship gathering. We hope the love of the Divine will bring you comfort and serenity in our sometimes stressful and chaotic lives. Thank you for taking a minute to look over this newsletter and we hope to see you again in the near future, so you can *share our view!*

## Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:00am - 12:00pm

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