

CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR INFANTS THROUGH POTTY TRAINED ON THE SECOND LEVEL OF THE EDUCATION WING.

SHORT-TERM BIBLE STUDY – Beginning Thursday, Jan. 5, at 7:00 pm, join in an eight-week DISCIPLE Bible Study of the book of Romans led by Student Pastor Patrick Lewis. Romans is one of the most influential books of the Bible. Were it not for Martin Luther's commentary *Preface to the Epistle to the Romans*, John Wesley might never have left Aldersgate with a "heart strangely warmed" and a vision of church renewal which led to the founding of Methodism. Let Duane know if you would like to share this study.

DENVER RECYCLES – You can recycle your Christmas tree simply by leaving it out for collection during the two-week period starting Jan. 3. Denver Recycles grinds them into mulch and distributes the mulch to Denver residents at the Treecycle Mulch Giveaway and Leafdrop Compost Sale on May 7.



JOURNEYS IN FAITH BEGINS NEW YEAR – Rev. Debby Lawrence will lead the Journeys in Faith Sunday School class as the class focuses on subjects which enhance and challenge our thinking about why we are Christians. We will discuss the DVD Series "A Place to Pray, Conversations on the Lord's Prayer" by Roberta Bondi.

January 1: No class

January 8: Our Father

January 15: Hallowed Be Your Name

January 22: Your Kingdom Come

January 29: Give Us This Day

FLOWER CHART FOR 2012 – The 2012 flower chart is on the pedestal in the Foyer. Flowers are \$50 each Sunday. Please sign up for the Sunday of your choice, then fill out one of the yellow slips in the pouch below the chart. Leave the yellow slip on the Receptionist's desk or put it in Carol Feickert's box in the Work Room. You do not have to pay for the flowers when you sign up. Volunteer Jeanette McIntosh will give you a reminder call close to the date you have selected.

MITTEN TREE CONTINUES – We packed up 64 caps, 26 scarves, 15 pairs of socks, and 54 pairs of mittens from the Mitten Tree and carried them to Metro CareRing before Christmas. [A portion was retained for Ryan Canaday's Communion in the Park on Christmas Day.] Now we'd like to fill up the tree again and deliver a second box on January 10. If you can help out, bring these items and toss them on the tree. Your help is appreciated! Thanks to Marsha McCall, who packed up the items, and Kathy Wood, who delivered to Metro CareRing

Jo Morgan would like to encourage the Knitting or Knot group to help meet the challenge of filling up the tree a second time!

KIDS CANS FOR KIDS – To date we have **\$ 391.83** for **587 pounds** of aluminum cans. This will be our total for 2011, a little short of the \$500 goal we set. Start now bringing your cans for 2012. Maybe we can beat our \$500 goal next year!!

PRIME TIME LIVE DINNER – The next Prime Time gathering will be at Stacey and JR Ronczy's at 6:00 pm on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012. This gathering will be an Asian-South Pacific theme potluck (take-out is fine) celebrating the 2012 Lunar New Year, which is on Monday, Jan. 23. Although the Lunar New Year celebration is most commonly associated with China (2012 is the Year of the Dragon), many other Asian and South Pacific cultures (Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, etc.) also celebrate the Lunar New Year. So bring an interesting dish to share and come prepared for fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to Stacey Ronczy at sronczy1@msn.com or 303/906-6706 by Jan. 18.

DISABILITY ADVOCACY COMMITTEE – The next meeting of the Disability Advocacy Ministry will be on Thursday evening, Jan. 12, at 7:00 pm in the Bryans Room. All who have an interest in this ministry or disability issues are welcome to attend. For more information about the meeting, please contact either Janell Edman at 303/694-1446 or janelledman@yahoo.com, or Debby Lawrence at 303/722-5736 or dlawrence@universityparkumc.org. If you cannot attend the meeting but have a suggestion or idea for the committee, please contact either Janell or Debby.

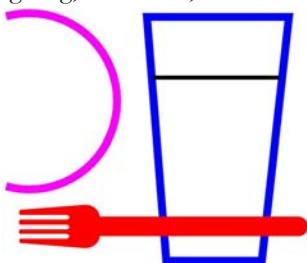
RAFT LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

– A refugee from Eritrea that the Church assisted in 1981, Mikiel Tewold, has contacted RAFT seeking assistance for his nephew (Robel Araya) who is applying for asylum. During the asylum application process, the applicant cannot engage in gainful employment until he receives employment authorization. During this period, Robel would like to donate his time to help church members who need assistance with odd jobs around the house. Ruth Purkaple employed his uncle caring for her father during the early eighties. Robel is 24 years old and speaks good English.

If you have a need for Mikiel's services, please call Ray Nelson at 303/753-9414 or rayloisnelson@gmail.com for details.

DINNERWARE FOR IN² – Every Thursday during the DU school year, IN² (International Neighbors Network) provides a free lunch for international students attending DU. University Park is the host facility (East Fellowship Hall), and 60 or so students, staff, and faculty usually attend. On Jan. 29, please bring paper plates, dessert plates, hot and cold cups, and plastic flatware for IN² to use from January-May.

If you have leftover disposable tableware from Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Year's, this is a perfect way to



support an international ministry of our church while clearing out your cupboards.

Please place your donations in the IN² container in the Foyer on or before Jan. 29. Thanks for your support.

CHORISTERS REHEARSALS – Beginning Sunday, Jan. 8, the Choristers (ages 7 to 14) will rehearse in Room 302 at 8:45 am on Sunday morning. The Junior Choristers (ages 4 to 6) will rehearse at 10:30 am in the same place, same morning. If you like to sing and want to join this great group of kids, show up and jump right in!



Potluck

On Jan. 8, Epiphany Sunday, in each of our worship services, we will hear members of the Guatemala medical team share their experiences and insights of their trip that was just completed. Following the worship services at 12:15, we will have a potluck meal and the medical team members will show some of their pictures and share more in depth the meaning that this trip had for them.

UPARK ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, January 29, 2012
East Fellowship Hall
12:15 following services

Bring a dish to feed 8-10 and join us. This gathering will celebrate the accomplishments of 2011 and then identify the challenges and opportunities of 2012. Much of what we are doing will be based on the Narrative Legacy Storytelling project in which so many of you participated.

— Paul Kottke