



'Neath the Crosses The Church at Woodmoor

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From the Pastor

I was in the waiting room of a dentist office a while back when an entire family entered, signed in, and sat down to wait. Before long, the assistant opened the door and called out a name and everyone in the family looked at the youngest one in their midst. Her eyes were wide and fear was written across her face. Her mother said "go ahead." But the little girl didn't budge. After a moment her mother stood, took her hand and said "I'll go with you." The little girl did not move. The assistant walked over to where the little girl sat and spoke encouragement, but still there was no indication that she could ever move from her chair. As the tension rose, the little girl's emotions gave out and she began to weep.

"I should be able to help..." I thought as I looked on. "I'm a Pastor, a Counselor, a mother...I have training and experience for moments like this." But I stayed quiet and still, fearful that any move I might make would throw the child into tantrums.

Soon, the family looked at one another, smiled, and shrugged. En total they rose together. The father picked up his child, and in a sort of huddled mass they walked together through the door and down the hall to the examining room.

When my turn came I stole a peek into their room as I passed and there I saw mom, dad, and sisters sitting around the room reading magazines as the dentist worked on the no-longer whimpering child.

The moral of this story? It takes a village to fill a cavity....No, that's not the moral! What I came away pondering was the value of family and community. Sometimes you just don't want to walk down that "long hall" all alone.

I'm glad I have you, church. I'm glad we have each other. We are each other's people and we are God's people. Thanks be to God!

*Even when the way goes through Death Valley,
I'm not afraid when you walk at my side.
Psalm 23: 4 (The Message)*

March Birthdays:

1 – Barbara Hughes
Elizabeth Reynolds
McKenzie Hughes

2 – Rebecca Bellis

5 – Dottie Dodson

10 – Jackie Cross

11 – Herman Gilster

12 – Pam Matthews

13 – James Maguire

16 – John Finger
Martha Aston

18 – Sally Gettelman

20 – Richard Durham

22 – Mark O'Regan

23 – Kay Andrus

24 – Catherine Maguire

25 – Donald Panzer

26 – Jessica Powell
Emily Wells
Barbara Wilcoxson

28 – Waldo Pendleton

30 - Robert Bradley

31 - Tom Hughes

March Anniversaries:

4 - Carolyn and Gene Thompson

5 - John and Sheila Huss

10 - Beverly and Robert Fenton

20 - Robyn and Skip Martinez

25 - Jay and Pam Sekavec

29 - Tiew and William Hume

Youth Ministry



Sheila and I are thrilled with the new Kidz Konnection area and are excited about the growth we are experiencing. Here are a couple of thoughts and ideas to make this experience in Kidz Konnection even better for our kids here at the Church at Woodmoor:

- Share your thoughts, experiences and constructive criticisms with us.
- Talk to your children about what they are learning
- Volunteer to teach or help out and see for yourself how GREAT this adventure is!
- Make sure your children bring their Bibles each week
- And most of all, please continue to pray for God's blessings on our children, youth and our ministry to them!

Thank you for all you do to support this ministry. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to share in their excitement as they discover more about God's miracles each day and claim His promises for themselves. Thanks for allowing us to love your kids and be so blessed by them!

KIDZ KONNECTION:

We have a number of fun activities planned in the coming months:

- Friday, May 21 to Sunday, May 23, we are planning a camping trip at the Sand Dunes for kids ages 10 and up (children under 10 may come if a parent or legal guardian is there). We will provide more details, including a permission slip, in the very near future.
- Monday, June 7 through Friday, June 11 is Vacation Bible School at the Church at Woodmoor!
- Monday, June 14 to Saturday, June 19 is camp at Westcliffe! A brochure with details is available from Michele Richardson.

YOUTH GROUP:

The kids are great at the Church at Woodmoor. I am enjoying learning about them and what they like to do for fun, sports and what they would like to see in a youth group. I look forward to hanging out with them even more. There is nothing like fellowship to get to know each other!! I have more activities in mind and would LOVE your input. Let's get together and talk about your ideas for youth. Think about...

- Retreats and service projects
- Fellowship ideas and ways to get your friends involved
- Adult volunteers are always needed: at meetings, driving, as chaperones, serving on our Christian growth team, and more
- Confirmation / Discipleship classes
- Youth meeting topics and crazy fun ideas!

There is room for EVERYONE 6th grade and older in The Church at Woodmoor Youth Group!!!

In His Love and Service,
Michele

Congregational CARE



Thank you for allowing me to be your Congregational Care Coordinator! I hope to see all of you joyfully involved in contributing your spiritual gifts and concern for one another. You already show your love in many ways – hope you will surprise us with new and innovative ways which we can use to support one another.

Here are some of the things that have been happening in 2010 to prepare us for a new experience with Congregational Care.

- My first task is to get to know each and every one of you better than I know you now. I hope to get to talk with all of the congregation before the first of April so you know me a little bit and I can put your name and face together with some knowledge about all of you.
- We had a successful February **"Day Away"**, which was held at Mission Training International in Palmer Lake, where I worked for a couple of years in their children's department. MTI is an organization which uses kindness, love, and a professional way in which they respond to adult's questions and apprehensions as well as the questions and concerns of the children going onto the mission fields all over the world. Their staff is incredible!
- My **Congregational Care Team** has been assembled to keep me on track with what I need to do as well as bring innovative and fresh ideas to help our congregation be a caring and loving body of Christ using our gifts to care for our congregational members.
- Sheila Huss has agreed to be the editor of our Newsletter. We will be informing you of what the chairperson of each of our ministry groups wants you to know. The deadline for articles to be included will be on the **20th of the month** prior to its publication. We will send it to all members who have their e-mail address by e-mail, and for those who want paper editions, we will send it by mail or you may pick it up at church on the first Sunday of the month.
- **"Streams of Living Water"** met on Feb. 25th to get information about the training and to listen to ideas for how to develop this program. We have 7 people interested in training/re-training so join us if you think it will be a fit for you!
- **Silas and Lydia** - What do you think that could be? Be looking next month for an explanation.

Love and Peace - Kellie

Outreach Committee

- We have a change in the days to receive donated items for La Puente and One Nation. The third Sunday of the month will still be the day to receive items, but the days will include the week preceding that Sunday. This will allow a La Puente staff member to pick up the items on Sunday afternoon as she returns to Alamosa from her Reserve training weekend in Denver. Also, we ask you to designate the recipient of your donation, La Puente or One Nation, if you have a preference. One Nation accepts a wider range of items than La Puente.
- The Committee welcomes Roxanne Browning as a member of the Committee. She had been a member for many years and now has returned. We are always looking for new members who can add their thoughts to enrich our meetings.
- We are planning again this year to have our missionaries or representatives from organizations we support to talk with us during or after a Sunday service, to bring us up to date on their activities. Lance Cheslock spoke with us in January about La Puente.
- In March, we have plans to receive coats from Prairie Winds Elementary School for La Puente from the drive they are holding this month. Georgia Follansbee also is contacting other schools to get our bid in for useful items when the schools close out their "lost and found" at the end of the school year.

Office Announcements

- **The Nursery!** Is now equipped with kid-friendly, sanitary furniture and toys, bins for belongings, a Dutch door, and a full time attendant, **Adrienne Galindo!** Please stop by to meet Adrienne and check out this area, so you are ready to give directions and descriptions to guests who arrive early with small children. The nursery is outfitted for infants to pre-school aged kids! We are looking for volunteers to help on Sundays when there is an unexpected abundance of little ones...can we pull you from the Sanctuary to serve in this manner? Please sign up!
- **The multi-use area** is coming together! Undoubtedly, you have noticed a storage area, stage, lights, benches, a folded wall and now, curtains! We will be ready to kick off a new program in March using the area for a vibrant Kids Connection program! Please note: this area also is ideal for groups to use when having a speaker or demonstration.
- **The conference room**, located in the front hall near the Sanctuary, is home to adult Sunday school, and can be used for small meetings, counseling, prayer, or any event needing a quiet, private place.
- **The fireside room** is home to our Choir and several groups who use the church for rehearsals, meetings, classes, and planning sessions.
- **The library**, next to the kitchen, has been furnished in comfy seating by a generous donor and the Décor Committee!
- **The Coffee Counter** is located on the west wall of Fellowship Hall. We serve hot drinks from this counter and store all tea and coffee-related products in the shelving underneath, including cups, cocktail napkins, and condiments. Coffee is stored in the refrigerator.
- **The Welcome Center** is home to all our church literature—anything that a guest might have a question about. Behind it are extra copies of brochures, clipboards, pens and pencils, and our tablecloths, stored in bins and labeled for easy location!
- **The Congregational Care office** is located next to the store room. This Kellie O'Regan's office and can also be used for classes or meetings. Please stop by to see her friendly space.

- **The Youth Coordinator's office** is on the left hand side of the main hallway, just before the steps. This office is shared with the Treasurer, Ray Weeth, so when you walk by, wave at Michele and throw money at Ray...
- **For news on Vivian DeLano**, please consider visiting: www.caringbridge.org/visit/viviandelano You can type in words of encouragement and friendship for Vivian! This is a wonderful site where you can read the latest on her advancements and condition and also write notes that she can read. She is home now, but call first to see if she is up for a visit or call. Keep her in your prayers!
- **Acolytes!** Would you like to serve the church by lighting the altar candles for worship? Michele Richardson will schedule a training time for all children who are interested. Please make sure it is okay with your parents and sign up in Fellowship Hall. During Lent, the acolytes will be wearing the formal gold and white cassocks.
- **Sermons on CD and Sermons online:** Our Sunday worship service is recorded and stored in the office. It also can be found on our website! If you miss a Sunday, but don't want to miss the message, stop by and borrow a CD. Or, if you know someone who might like to hear a sermon, encourage him or her to visit our website: www.thechurchatwoodmoor.com.
- **Half Hour of Prayer:** If you are interested in a group prayer session for the church and community and world, we will be meeting at the church on Mondays from 11 to 11:30 a.m. As we get more things to pray about, it may be expanded to an hour. Join us when you can and bring your newspaper or list of concerns about which to pray.
- In case of inclement weather, please call the church and listen to the message or check the website, where closure will be posted.

Women's Group



Lisa Sims was the guest speaker for the February Women's Group meeting held at Peggy Lily's home. Lisa spoke about two trips she has taken to Israel and the impact it made on her life. We all learned about what it means to live in Israel during these troubled times. She is planning to go again so the Women's Group made a small contribution for her return trip.

On March 11th at 10:00am we have Debbie Bryant speaking to us on "Peace In the Heart of Life's Storms" in the Fireside Room at church. A babysitter will be provided.

Please reserve Saturday, May 8 for the Mother-Daughter Tea!

Miscellaneous

- Thank you, Cathe Maguire, for naming our newsletter—she won a trip to Tahiti! ☺
- If you would like to have something in this newsletter, please have something into the office by the 20th of the month to be fair to Sheila Huss, who has volunteered to lay out and produce *Neath the Crosses*. Please help her out by giving her plenty of time to get it together. Thank you all for contributing to this effort!

Save the Date:

March 17, 24, and 31 – Lenten Book Study: The Return of the Prodigal Son

March 28th - Palm Sunday will feature a procession with all our children as part of the worship service.!

April 1st - Maundy Thursday –this year will consist of *A Taste of Jerusalem* featuring a semi-traditional Jewish meal, a *Live Last Supper* and Communion at 6:30 p.m.. Thanks to all the men and teens who have agreed to participate as Jesus and his disciples! We appreciate all the help with costumes and preparation, as well. If you would like to help out, please contact the office. As this meal will consist of a set menu, please sign up in Fellowship Hall to provide from the list.

Good Friday Service - 6:30 p.m. April 2nd - Open to the community.

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 3rd. Ages toddler to 10 years old. We need help! Please contact Michele or Sheila!

Easter Sunday - April 4th. Rejoice! Services at 9 and 11 a.m.

Communion Server Training will take place at **9 a.m. on Sunday, April 18th**. Would you like to assist the Pastor and Lector during Communion? All are welcome!

The **Woodyards**, one of our mission families, will be here **May 2nd** to share a ministry moment...

The Mothers Day Tea is coming! Set for **Saturday, May 8th at 1:30 p.m.**, we will meet at Peggy Brown's home, 860 Oak Hills Drive. Please sign up so we can plan adequately for this big event!

Youth Campout at the Great Sand Dunes National Park! **May 21-23...**

Vacation Bible School is set for **June 7-11!** We'll be at **Saddle Ridge Ranch**, Roundin' Up Questions and Drivin' Home Answers! Get ready for some fun!

Kids' Summer Camp! Spend the week of **June 14-19** at Horn Creek Ranch in Westcliffe, Colorado!