Groundbreaking Ceremony
Representatives of the church as well as our Architects (Bob Saas and Jason Goetsch from Eidos) and the General Contractor (Brad Silk from Happel Construction) broke ground in the symbolic way for the project.

On Sunday, June 14, a large crowd gathered on the front lawn to hear Rev. Rusty, Rev. Valerie, and Ben Nelson, the Building Committee Chair, give thanks on the work that has been completed, and the work that is just starting on the Renovation Project.

Tim Kennedy sang, “To Dream The Impossible Dream,” with Sydney Vogel accompanying him. It was a terrific morning!

The project is scheduled to be completed by December 15, 2015.
New Name for Social Concerns

Western Slope Peaches Coming in mid August....

Hospitality Offered

Every second Wednesday of the month, anywhere from 55 to 70 people enjoy nutritious food, table fellowship, and a safe place at AUMC’s Neighborhood Meal. A team of about 18 volunteers makes this happen, greeting, cooking, serving, cleaning up and providing desserts. Some church folks just come to eat and talk with others. Everyone is invited to volunteer and/or just come and get to know some of our neighbors. Some are lonely, some need a little help stretching their food budget, and some struggle in times of transition from losing a job, moving etc. After two years, there are some regulars who “make the Neighborhood Meal part of our monthly routine.” They gather as a family, meet friends, or just come to enjoy some company and a good meal. We’ve heard stories of job losses, new jobs, losing loved ones, illnesses and surgeries, addiction and drug problems, and the difficulty of finding affordable housing. One family brings desserts each time that they come since the Father has found a new job. We’ve celebrated two Christmases with a visit from Santa, and two Easters with baskets made by our Sunday School kids.

Memorial Poppies

Our Veterans will receive $354 from your generous donations in May for poppies. Thank you for participating with AUMW members in this recognition of our present and past military personnel. Let us always be conscious of their many contributions and sacrifices for us and our country.

Arvada United Methodist Women

Urban Peak Dinner, Aug. 2

Our next time to cook and serve dinner at Urban Peak, the shelter for homeless youth in Denver, is Sunday evening, Aug. 2. The food tag boards will go up in mid-July. Check them to see what food items are needed and take a tag. The food is returned to the Center kitchen by noon Aug. 2. Homemade desserts are especially welcome. We’ve been doing the same meal for several years, and the youth seem to love it. We’ll need about six/seven cooks and servers to meet at AUMC at 5:00pm and carpool down to the shelter. We cook, serve then eat with the youth. It’s a good opportunity to hear some of the stories of homeless young people. The shelter normally houses about 30 youth at a time as they strive to find housing, and jobs and reenter society.

Hawkquest, a rescue group for hawks, eagles and other raptors, visited AUMC’s Hunger Free Lunches in July. The youth were told about the birds’ histories as well as their fantastic hunting/flying abilities. A hawk flew freely through the Center, much to the thrill and amazement of the group present. This event was part of the numerous activities that go on during the summer program. In early July, we are expecting a visit from Thomas Jefferson as well as a special science day. The lunch program which runs from 11:30–12:30 is open to any child between the ages of 1-18, with games, special activities and reading for children five and up, starting at 9:30am.

We are called to carry God’s love into the world to the least, the lost, and the vulnerable. We are called to be Christ to one another. Thanks to all of those who have helped and continue to help compassion flow out to our Arvada neighbors.
Register Now for AUMC Summer Arts Camp

Class for PS-2nd grade during our 10am service will continue through the summer with YOUR HELP!! Summer is a great, relaxed time to get your feet wet with teaching Sunday School. Curriculum is prepared and services are a little shorter: if you are interested, please sign up on the Children's bulletin board OR contact me directly!

Thanks!
Melissa, 303-990-2009, melissa@arvadaumc.org

Marketplace Vacation Church School

July 27-31, 9-11:30am

We are turning back the clock to the First Century AD to celebrate and discover about the daily life of people in Jesus' day. We will be transforming the church lawn into a Marketplace, filled with storytelling, games, music, crafts and snacks. If you only have a couple of hours, a few mornings, or anything in-between, there are lots of options. We have a place you can help! Please see below:

I would like to help with Marketplace in the following way(s):

- Tribal Parent-Group leader for 8-10 children current 5th grade
- Shopkeeper—lead/supervise crafts such as jewelry making, candle making, carving, woodworking, leatherwork, drumming, weaving or food vendor (M-Th times available)
- Actor—be a tax collector, beggar or Roman soldier in the Marketplace
- Preschool Teacher—group leader for preschool age children
- Storyteller—bring one to life each day for all of the kids to enjoy! Cadet actors assist (M-Th times available)
- Behind the Scenes—registration help, set-up, clean-up, slide show creation, sound board help, etc…
- Cadet—youth going into 7-12th grades are needed to assist in ALL of the above areas!
- I can bring cookies for evening presentation June 20.
- I can bring a Canopy for the church to use for the week.
- I will need childcare for ___ kids while I volunteer (8:30-12pm)

Name:_____________________________________
Telephone:_________________________________
E-mail:___________________________________

Questions? Contact Melissa France at melissa@arvadaumc.org or call 303-923-5106

The Kids Discovery Days end of year “picnic” was held in the narthex due to rain. We will miss these little ones around AUMC over the summer! Please note that the KDD office is now moved to Room 306 during construction (last room on the left as you head toward The Center). Questions about the preschool may be addressed to Marsha Schultze.

- Free Lunch Program Weekdays 9am-12pm
- AUMC Arts Camp Weekdays 8am-4pm & Performances July 17, 18, & 19
- AUMC Family Potluck & Pool Party (France Neighborhood Pool-RSVP) 12-2pm
- AUMC Vacation Church School 9-11:30am
- AUMC Family Camping Trip Wellington Lake, Bailey, CO
- All-Church Picnic & Sunday School Kick-Off August 23

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Valerie’s Reveries

GRATEFUL HEART

As I write this, we have just voted 160-2 as a congregation to proceed with our building renovation project. I find my heart filled with gratitude for the people of AUMC who have made it possible to bring this dream into reality:

• for the members and friends of the church who are putting us in good stead financially for this project by your generous and sacrificial gifts, and for your support through your prayers, your spirits, and your flexibility;
• for Chris Johnson and Melanie Mayeranderson and all members of the Capital Campaign Leadership Team who worked tirelessly last summer and fall to put the vision before us and garner our support;
• for the members of the Building Committee who have remained true to the initial vision of making our facility fully accessible while staying within budget;
• for Ben Nelson and Allen Campbell, who are offering their time and expertise as volunteers for the church to shepherd this project to its completion in a near full-time capacity while working their own jobs;
• for Bob O’Connell, Karla Sweany, and Tim Kennedy, whose staff hours for AUMC have been expanded immensely with no extra pay to keep things rolling smoothly as we prepare, plan, and engage in the renovation.
• for all who have invisibly, quietly, faithfully offered their time, talents, gifts, and support of presence as we have moved through to this day and beyond.

The process of the last 3 years required to bring this project to fruition simply could not have gone more smoothly. Spirits are high, attitudes positive, the AUMC staff remains amazing, and the congregation is healthy, whole, vision-oriented, flexible, and faithful. I know I speak for Rusty too when I say that we are deeply grateful for that.

This is the kind of project that can take a church down or lift it to the heavens. I give thanks that we are being raised up!

Warmly,

Valerie Cline

AUMC Financial Position
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Women’s Spiritual Journey Retreat Theme Announced

Tending the Listening Heart: Silence, Nature, and Conversation

will be the theme for the Women’s Spiritual Journey Retreat on September 18 and 19 at the Sacred Heart Retreat House near Sedalia, CO. The retreat will take place in an autumn natural setting and is designed to offer various listening opportunities to experience Divine Presence. The cost for three meals and lodging in individual rooms is $95. Registrations will be accepted until Monday, August 17, or until all spaces are filled. Please call Sharon McCormick at 303-422-0932 to register. You do not need to be a current WSJ participant to attend. All women are welcome.

Out ahead for Good Timers:

Mark your calendars now for our fall return on Tuesday, September 15, 6:30pm

We will enjoy a potluck meal, followed by an encore accordion performance by Henry Cline, and maybe a number or two with Carolyn Cline. Bring a dish to share, your own table service, and yummy food. Everyone is welcome.

Please let us know if you or someone you know would like to be included on the care list. We ask that you place information in the offering plate on Sunday or contact Sherry Marti, 303-421-5135 or valerie@arvadaumc.org. In the event of an emergency or death, please contact Rusty or someone you know is in crisis or needs a call.

This month we will gather on Wednesday, July 29, at 7:00pm at the AUMC Labyrinth. Thanks to Cindy Pierson for facilitating our labyrinth walk.

July Holidays Include:

Dharma Day, Buddhism celebrates the beginning of the Buddha’s teaching, 7/7
Martyrdom of the Bab, (prophet-founder of the faith), Bahá’í, 7/9
Lailat al-Qadr, Islam, marking the night in which God first revealed the Qur’an to the prophet Muhammad, begins at sundown 7/12
Eid al-Fitr, Islam, commemorating the end of the Ramadan fast, begins at sundown 7/17
Tisha B’Av, Judaism, mourning the destruction of the first and second temples in Jerusalem, begins at sundown 7/25

AdCom Update

1 Trustees continue to look at various small projects that will not be covered by the Capital Campaign monies. We will look at perhaps piggy-backing on the Capital Campaign construction work.
2 The Social Concerns Committee sub-committee made a recommenda-
tion, and the recommendation was accepted/approved with one minor revision: for the allocation of the tithe portion of the Capital Campaign.
3 The Building Committee has selected a final bidder. With the congregation voting affirmative on Sunday, June 7, the contract will be signed in the next few days.
Construction can begin as soon as the City of Arvada issues the Building Permit. Construction should take approximately six months.
4 We are looking into planning “the building dance,” how we will orga-
nize the various groups that utilize the church. In addition, we will need to work out the various ingress and egress points during the construction period.

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AUMC CARES

Joys & Concerns

Ben & Maggie Roe’s nephew
Armand Marchionna
Richard Midwinter

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July 17-18, Mission U at First UMC, Colorado Springs; Nan McCurdy will be leading the Latin America study.

Registration due July 25 for single day Mission U events.

August 6, 9:30 am, Mission Team Planning Meeting, Room 205

August 8 in Ft. Collins at Christ UMC

August 15 at Smokey Hill UMC in Centennial

September 3, 9:30 am, Mission Team Meeting

September 3, at Noon, Latin American luncheon, followed by the General Meeting featuring Latin America

September 19, District Annual Meeting.

October 16-17, Conference Annual Meeting in Alamosa

Kits for Kids: Thank you ladies for the Kits for Kids you contributed to Project C.U.R.E. The founder, Dr. James Jackson, spoke at the UMW General Meeting on May 7, and we sent Dr. Jackson and his wife, Anne Marie, home with 13 complete kits of basic medical supplies. These kits are distributed at medical clinics in Africa by medical personnel who explain the proper use of the contents. Families can then treat minor medical issues at home, rather than walk many miles to the clinic.

Kudos especially to Deborah Circle of Springwood Retirement Community, chaired by Eleanor Starcher, and shepherded by Marian Griffin. The ten women of this circle, all gloriously still involved in mission beyond the age of 90, contributed five of the bags. After hearing Dr. Jackson’s incredible story, if anyone is motivated to contribute more kits, Sue Clasen has a few extra bags.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Deborah Circle meets the first Tuesday, September 1, 2:30 pm, at Springwood.

Elizabeth Circle will meet at 9:30am on Thursday, September 17, at the church.

Esther Circle will meet for lunch in July.

Hope Ruth Circle will meet September 9.

Mary Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 15.

Priscilla Circle will meet on Thursday, September 17, 12:30pm. The Rev. Maggie Roe will present “Adjusting to a New Normal in Disaster and Hospice Care.” Election of officers and pledges for 2016 are on the business agenda.

LYDIA LADIES

July 21: Bingo at Arvada Health & Rehab. Center, 1:45 pm

BOOKWORMS

will meet Monday, August 17, at 1 pm, in the Library.

The book discussion will be The Seven Paths by Anasazi Foundation. This poetic, moving story presents the meditations of an ancient Native American tribesman who rejects his family and community and sets off on a journey through the desert. He walks seven paths, each teaching a lesson symbolized by an element of the natural world: light, wind, water, stone, plant, animal and the unity of all beings with the Creator; 102 pages.

QUILTHERS

will meet Wednesday, July 15, 1:30 pm, with Eleanor Starcher at Springwood, 303-421-1367.
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