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Conference News and Resources

Bishop Announces Election of Wayne Bettendorf as Conference Treasurer

"It is my pleasure to announce that the Conference Council on Finance and Administration has elected Mr. Wayne Bettendorf as our new Conference Treasurer, Pensions and Benefits Officer and Director of Support Service. He will begin his service on January 7.

"Mr. Bettendorf comes to RMC from a career in corporate and non-profit financial leadership. He has made a major contribution to the financial management of public and private education at Case Western Reserve University and a number of school districts in Ohio. He has been recognized by his peers with leadership awards, chaired the Board of Trustees at a county hospital and has served as a member of both our own RMC Board of Pensions and UM Foundation. Wayne is married to Ginny Bettendorf, an elder in the Conference.

"I also want to thank all the faithful United Methodists who applied for the position. All did so as an act of missional commitment and we are all in their debt. A search committee chaired by Betty Bradford included members from the Boards of Stewards, Trustees and Pensions as well as CCFA, which is the hiring agency and has been ably chaired by both Les Ludlam and Dr. Rob Gordon during the search process. Our thanks go to all of these leaders and others who have applied ample wisdom and insight to this important task. Please join me in welcoming Wayne to his new responsibilities.

Merry Christmas!"

Warner H. Brown, Jr., Bishop of the Denver Area

A Message from the Bishop Concerning the Shootings in Arvada and Colorado Springs:

"Our hearts hurt for those impacted by the recent events at the Youth with a Mission Center in Arvada and New Life Church in Colorado Springs. We pray for the families devastated by the loss of their loved ones, those wounded in and by these events, the people who attend these ministries and the security person at the church who fired on the gunman in order to save others. And we lift up prayers for the family and friends of the gunman killed at the church.

"Events such as these are always hard to understand. They have become all too common especially in places where people gather in our communities. In response it would be easy to begin to shut doors to the stranger, but that is not our way. May we continue to strive to maintain our churches as places of sanctuary and not as fortresses. When events such as these breed fear, we must trust that our faith will overcome such fear. God's love will be present to overcome the reality of such brokenness.

"It is our hope that persons with this level of pain or outrage might find healthy outlets and healing to prevent incidents such as these. We pray that others who contemplate striking out in violence may seek and find appropriate counsel before this kind of tragedy happens again. As we move forward, our hope and trust remains in God. Through our faith we will continue to carry out Christ's ministry to the least, last and lost. We will do this with courage and conviction. May God bring comfort and peace to all those affected by these tragedies.

Sincerely,

- Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr."

Director of Mission and Ministry Shares “View From The Village”

“On behalf of the staff in the Rocky Mountain Conference Office and the Denver Episcopal Area Office, let me say thank you to everyone who came to the open house last week. The food, fellowship and hanging out with Mr. and Mrs. Claus was great!

“Also, thank you to everyone who contributed gifts for the folks at the church in Towaoc, located on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation in Southwest Colorado. The church building was severely damaged by fire earlier this year, but your gifts will help rebuild an outreach of love. Gifts of money, stuffed animals and other items were sent. Special gifts included a number of worship items from the Oak Creek United Methodist Church which closed earlier this year. The people of Oak Creek were excited that their heritage might continue in this small way at Towaoc.

“Bud Rousset, who picked up the gifts and who serves as pastor in Towaoc as a member of the San Juan United Parish team, wrote, ‘I have a beard and a red truck and now I feel like Santa. This is overwhelming and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. This will make Christmas for those on the reservation. I cannot thank you enough for all the gifts the conference sent our way.’

“What a pleasure it has been to serve with Paul Dirdak these last few months. Paul was invited by Bishop Brown to serve as the interim Treasurer and Pension and Benefits Officer. Those of us who work in the Conference and Denver Area office, members of the Executive Leadership Team, and members of the conference boards Paul related to, have learned a great deal and been blessed by his presence. Expert guidance and counsel was needed as we faced a number of challenging financial and functional matters and Paul provided what we needed. On behalf of everyone, I ask for a blessing of Paul's work as he departs and moves on to his next challenge to make the United Methodist Church a stronger institution.

“As Paul moves on it is my pleasure to welcome Wayne Bettendorf as the new Conference Treasurer, Pension and Benefits Officer and Director of Support Services. I look forward to working with him as we seek to strengthen the ministry and mission of the Rocky Mountain Conference, the local churches located within it, and support the leadership that serves through out it. Wayne brings tremendous financial and managerial skills, and understands what it's like to be a regular person in the local church who is trying to relate to the conference structure. We will be well served by his presence.

“Finally I am amazed it has almost been a year since I began in this position. Next year I look forward to getting out of the office more and hearing stories about what local churches are doing that we need to celebrate, helping our conference to be better at starting and sustaining new churches, strengthening our Ethnic Ministries, helping the Board of Stewards continue to redefine their role, boosting our discipleship ministries including our recreational and camping ministry and clarifying the role of various boards, agencies and task forces within the annual conference structure. There is always a lot of work to do, and I thank you for the way we all work together to get it done.

“As we make final preparations for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, may we experience deep within our souls a sense of God's love invoked by the members of the Holy Family. As we join in our local celebrations of Christmas may we also remember our Christian Brothers and Sisters in Bethlehem and Beit Shahour, who watch over the Church of Nativity on our behalf. May we all experience this Christmas and New Year season, the deep peace sent by God to humanity through Jesus the Christ.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, *Skip Strickland, Director of Mission and Ministry*”

Additional District/Subdistrict Conferences Set

- Pikes Peak Sub-District Conference will be Saturday, Feb.23 at East UMC in Colorado Springs, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The conference will include training workshops in several areas, including SPRC. lay leaders, and finance.
- The Sunshine District Conference will be Saturday, April 19 from 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. The theme is “Your Journey/Your Life – Seeking Spiritual Leadership.” Tessa Bielecki, co-founder of the Desert Spiritual Foundation, will be the keynote speaker. The conference will be held at Vineland UMC.

- Wyoming Sub-District Conference will also be Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Casper First UMC.
- Northeast Colorado Sub-District Conference will be Sunday, April 20 from 2 to 5 p.m. Location TBA.

Monthly Gatherings at Social Justice Center Announced

If you are in or will be in the metro Denver area on Sunday, Jan. 27 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., the Church and Society Network Advocating for Peace With Justice will begin monthly presentations at the Social Justice Center in Warren UMC at 14th & Gilpin. Vickie Samland from The Conflict Center will be presenting about non-violence in practice and theory. Watch for details, but mark your calendars now. There will be additional time for networking and looking at the resources at the Center.

Apportionment Data and HealthFlex Information Online

Apportionment data through the month of October, 2007, was recently posted on the RMCUMC.org web site. Twenty-two churches had paid 100% or more of their apportionments. In this group, the largest amount was \$59,888 and the smallest was \$880. Eighteen churches had paid none. In this second group, the largest apportionment was \$97,399 and the smallest was \$392. You can see all apportionment data linked on this page: <http://rmcumc.org/CHI/>. Also recently posted on the web site is new information about the health benefit plans for UM clergy, lay employees, and retirees. Visit the Church Resources section, and choose either "Health Pensions & Benefits" or "HealthFlex Info" on the left. Many pages are linked in multiple places: in this case on the Home page, look in the main part of the page under "Church Resources" for the link called "Health Benefits Docs."

Church Conference Reports Reminder

Many people at the Conference and district offices depend on the reports that are made at church and charge conferences. While all the reports are important, a district lay speaking director has asked us to remind lay speakers to get reports in. Lay Speaker forms—signed by the pastor and district superintendent-- must be turned in after the annual Church Conferences. Forms are in the Church Conference packets or available at this web site: www.rmcbolm.org/ Click on Lay Speaking Ministries and then on Current Rocky Mountain Conference Annual Report blank form.

Lay speaker forms should be sent to the following coordinators:

- Metropolitan-Mile High Sub-District, Sandra Beedle, 9451 Welby Rd. Apt. 218, Thornton, CO 80229, 303-956-5405
- Utah/Western CO, Utah Sub-District, Cheryl Elliott, Hilltop UMC, 985 E 10600 South, Sandy, UT 84094-4402, 801-576-9349
- Western Sub-District, William Kehr (for all churches but San Juan Parish area churches), 625 Shannon Lane, Grand Junction, CO 81504, 970-523-6382
- San Juan Parish area churches, Eulalia Skinner, 725 E 4th Street, Cortez, CO 81321, 970-565-7828
- Sunshine District, Gary Stephens, 5490 Sierra Vista Rd., Alamosa, CO 81101, gestep2@earthlink.net, 719-589-6047, 719-738-3823
- Wyoming Sub-District, Mary Campbell, P.O. Box 311, Rawlins, WY 82301.

The New Vision is in Churches Now; Articles Sought for Next Issue

The latest issue of *The New Vision* has arrived in Conference churches. You can see a web version of this issue at this address: <http://rmcumc.org/News/Vision/>. We hope that you will include it in your bulletins and/or newsletters so that all our members may "see their ministry together in these states and beyond." This issue was edited by communications intern Stuart Davis (also youth pastor at Grace Denver) and designed by Mary Sue Alexander (active at Trinity Denver).

Meanwhile, articles are requested for the next issue, which will be published for Easter. The theme of this issue is "...To one of the least of these..." based in two scriptures: From Matthew 25, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me" (v. 40, CEV) and from 1

Corinthians 15 where Paul writes, "Finally, he appeared to me, even though I am...the least important of all..." (v. 8-9, CEV). Articles and graphics should be submitted to TNV editor Stuart Davis no later than January 25 at stuart@rmcumc.com. Thanks for helping "people see their ministry together in these states and beyond." United Methodists are about service in the name of Christ and about the faith journey. Help to tell the story!

Watch Night Services At Alameda Heights

Alameda Heights is hosting a Watch Night Service on New Years Eve, from 8 to 10 p.m. Bethany, Epworth and Parkhill UMCs will also be participating. "This will be a time of worship, prayer, praise, and a re-commitment to God" Alameda Heights UMC Pastor Felicia George said. All are invited.

St. Andrew UMC Announces Upcoming Special Events

"God Talk," a panel discussion with Iliff seminary professors Dr. Pam Eisenbaum, Dr. Mark George, Dr. Albert Hernandez, and Dr. Ted Vial will be presented Tuesday, Jan. 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. The evening will be moderated by St. Andrew Associate Pastor, Jerry Hershops. This is a unique opportunity to listen to some of the greatest theological minds in the country discuss the Good Book and what it means: yesterday, today and into the future. We will spend time talking about some big topics: the Bible in history (with Christian historian Albert Hernandez), what it means theologically (with Iliff theologian Ted Vial), and where people have gotten it right (and wrong) throughout the years (with Bible scholars Mark George and Pam Eisenbaum).

"Professional Ethics in a Competitive World" will be presented Mondays, Jan. 28 through Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. Dr. Thomas D. Clark, Jr., will facilitate this short introduction to professional ethics. Its threefold purpose is (1) to strengthen (or acquire) a habit of thinking circumspectly and reflectively about ethical choices we confront as members of organizations, (2) to strengthen (or acquire) a habit of expressing ourselves clearly, coherently, and convincingly in defense of ethical choices we make as members of organizations and (3) to develop our understanding of the philosophical basis for ethical systems.

St. Andrew United Methodist Church is located at 3350 E. White Bay Drive, Highlands Ranch CO, (9300 block of S. University Blvd.) Call 303-794-2683 Ext. 156 for more information or visit www.st-andrew-umc.com. These are free events.

DVD Transformation Project Documentary Now Available

Many wonderful things are happening at Adams County Detention Facility and one of them is making a DVD about the Transformation Project. This documentary has eight inmates' and three volunteers' stories of how Transformation Project and Maximum Saints book project has helped them. The DVD is now available and has been sent to jails, prisons, and homeless shelters to help the incarcerated and ex-inmates nationwide. It is available at the Conference office for \$10 or it can be mailed to you for \$15.

Joan Uda Publishes New Book

Joan Uda, a retired UM minister from Rocky Mountain Conference, announces that her book, *At the Water's Edge: God's Grace in Everyday Life*, is now available. Since retiring, Joan has become an inspirational columnist for the *Independent Record* of Helena, Montana, and the *Great Falls Tribune* of Great Falls, Montana. The book is a collection of Joan's columns plus much new material. "All my life experience," Joan says, "and an often intense journey to and with God goes into my columns and is in this book." *At the Water's Edge* is available at joan@riceuniverse.net, on the web at riceuniverse.net, at 406-227-7572 and at Rice Universe Publishing, PO Box 1065, East Helena, MT 59635. Full press release here: <http://rmcumc.org/Community/YaBB.pl?num=1196966403/0#0>

World AIDS Day Stories & Sermon On Line

The sermon that Don Messer, RMC clergy and director of the Center for the Church and Global AIDS, preached at the Upper Room Chapel at the General Board of Discipleship in Nashville is on line with audio. Other resources for your future planning for AIDS events or next December 1 are here also: <http://www.gbod.org/ready/worldaidsday.html>

Conference Open House: Fun Time Had By All

About 130 people came and saw Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Rocky Mountain Conference Open House on December 17, sharing in the many cookies, hot apple cider, fellowship and decorations. A few photos will be on the conference web site later today. We had people from as far away as Eagle and Gypsum churches! About 70 had their photos taken with Santa and his "rather substantial" knee, as one participant commented.

Community Events

Exhibits & Luncheon Coming: The Story of the Little Rock Nine

Can teenagers change the world? They can, have, and will continue to do so. A unique, free exhibit sponsored by Iliff School of Theology, "Heroes and Sheroes: The Story of the Little Rock Nine," honors the courage of nine high school students who helped to end segregation in America, January 2-25 at Iliff, 2201 S. University Blvd., Denver and February 1-29 at Wells Fargo Bank, 1740 Broadway, Denver. The exhibit, part of a national celebration of the 50th anniversary of the landmark integration of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, leads participants on an interactive journey through the early years of America's civil rights movement. Read the rest of the news release: <http://rmcumc2.org/News/LR9JanFeb08.pdf>.

Towards the close of the exhibit on February 26, a special tribute luncheon, "The Little Rock Nine: A Celebration of Courage," will honor those who made a difference. Proceeds benefit Iliff's Justice and Peace Studies program. Cost is \$125 per person and table sponsorships are available. For more information contact Mary Underwood, vice president of Institutional Advancement, 303-765-3111 or register online at blacktiecolorado.com. More information: <http://www.iliff.edu/news/iliff-to-host-little-rock-nine-celebration-in-denver>.

Kidzblitz Helps Enroll Children in Healthcare; Training Announced

There are more than 700,000 uninsured residents in Colorado. Many families don't know their children qualify for insurance through Medicaid or CHP+. Take time to learn how to navigate the system so you can help others enroll their children in quality healthcare at the Kidzblitz Training Date on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 915 E. 9th Avenue (9th and Emerson St.), Denver. Learn how to help friends, neighbors, church members and others negotiate the healthcare system. Snacks provided. For more information or to RSVP, contact Brad Wood at Hunger for Justice – brad@hungerforjustice.org or call 303-350-3699.

Spiritual Direction Colorado Conference Open to All

The annual Spiritual Direction Colorado Conference: "From Healing to Holiness--Engaging the Power of Presence" is not just for spiritual directors! It's for anyone who is interested in spirituality and deepening one's practice of prayer. The event is Friday-Saturday, Jan. 18-19 at Regis University. Presenter, Cynthia Bourgeault, will guide and inspire those attending through a series of presentations on the power of prayer to not only heal but also to bring people in touch with their inner compass, "the needle of the heart" that points one to God. Conference prayer director, Ken Phillips will draw participants into a circle of prayer that will enfold them in reverence, stillness, and grace. It is a weekend not to be missed! More information: <http://rmcumc.org/Community/YaBB.pl?num=1196901041/0#0>

Suchochi To Deliver Potthoff Lecture

"Prayer in Troubling Times: Wesleyan Perspectives" will be the topic of the 2008 Potthoff Legacy Lecture, to be delivered by Marjorie Hewitt Suchocki on Friday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church United Methodist, 690 Colorado Blvd, Denver. Professor Suchocki is a Wesley scholar and Professor Emerita, Claremont School of Theology. At the Claremont School of Theology, she was the Ingraham Professor of Theology and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean. She has also taught and held administrative positions at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. The lecture is open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken.

General Church News

Older Adults Invited to Come Together for Mission

Here is a Primetimers event in our Western Jurisdiction: Through the Primetimers program, older adults from across the United States are invited to come together in Ocean Park, Washington next May 4 - 10, 2008 to explore historical and current points of interest in Southwest Washington. Hosted by Ocean Park Retreat Center, a ministry of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, the "Faith Adventures in the Great Northwest" event will provide participants an opportunity to learn about the rich Methodist history of the area, participate in educational field trips, and engage in hands-on mission service. This event is open to all persons 50 years and older and is sponsored by Primetimers. Primetimers is a program of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church which provides educational and mission service experiences for older adults. This event in Washington is one of seven Primetimers events offered in 2008. Registration deadline is February 4. More: <http://rmcumc.org/Community/YaBB.pl?num=1196900083/0#0>

Iliff, Wesley Announce D.Min Opportunities

Iliff School of Theology is accepting applications for its Doctor of Ministry Program: Preaching in the Practice of Ministry. For candidates interested in starting in Summer 2008, the deadline is February 1. Download the brochure: <http://www.iliff.edu/academics/degrees/DMin-Brochure.pdf>

Wesley Theological Seminary offers two "unique" Doctor of Ministry "tracks" in May 2008. The deadline for applications is February 15. The tracks are "Life Together: Spirituality for Transforming Community" and "Missional Evangelism." Read the news release here: <http://rmcumc2.org/News/WesleyDMin2008.pdf>

Missions News

RMC UMVIM News

Dear Friends in Mission, here is some UM Volunteers in Mission news for your Sunday bulletin or newsletter:

- 1) There is a medical mission team to Guatemala that is looking for more medical personnel. The trip is August 29 - September 7, 2008. Needed are general surgeons, anesthesiologists, surgical nurses or O.R. techs (4-6), anesthesia technicians and lab technicians. The team will mainly be performing hysterectomies and hernia repairs. For more information see http://www.puravida.org/participate_trips_details_2008_sep.htm. Contact is Mark Ely, marcos@puravida.org.
- 2) The current issue of VIMShare (on our web site www.rmcmv.org) lists a request by First UMC Limon for a V.S. team. That need has been filled. We encourage all churches to consider hosting UMVIM teams for V.S., maintenance/repairs or projects in your community! Let us know if you have a project. Also in the issue are stories from 2007 mission trips and new mission trip opportunities are highlighted.
- 3) We need your help! The Conference Board of Global Ministries is trying to complete a listing of Mission chairs/contacts for each church. If you have not let either your district mission coordinator or Ann Fort know who that person is, or if your Missions chair/contact will be changing in January, please contact either your DMC or Ann Fort (annfort8269@comcast.net). We need the person's name, email address and phone number. The DMCs are listed at www.rmcmv.org under "Contacts." Thanks!
- 4) You are invited to participate in either of the following 2008 mission trips to Romania:
Global Hope, June 14-28, Vacation Bible School. This team will conduct a V.S. program for children 10 years old and younger. Global Hope operates three group homes in Arad, Romania for children who were initially in the Romanian state orphanage system but have since been permanently moved into our homes. Contact: willjohnston@earthlink.net.
Global Hope, July 12-26, Community Outreach Team. Serve alongside the Global Hope children as they minister to others within their local community of Arad, Romania. These previously abandoned children are now powerful witnesses of God's love in the world. This team will serve in hospitals, elder care facilities, and other pockets of the community that are thirsting for love and hope. Contact: willjohnston@earthlink.net.

If you are planning to take an UMVIM mission trip in 2008, please let Ann Fort know. Ann is at annfort8269@comcast.net. Also let us know if your team leader needs UMVIM Team Leadership training.
--Blessings, *Betsy Keyack and Ann Fort, Co-coordinators, UM Volunteers in Mission*

The Conference Community

Prayer Concerns and Caring For the Conference Community

Prayer concerns are offered for the clergy and lay members and leadership of the Annual Conference and their immediate families as a way to nurture the community of the Annual Conference. Prayer concerns are listed on the Prayer Concerns pages on the Conference web site: RMCUMC.org/Community. More information about each of these named may be found on those pages. Please keep in your prayers:

- **Cheryl Elliott**, Lay Speaker Director for the Utah Subdistrict, her daughters and her step-siblings. Cheryl's step-mom died recently in Spokane, WA. Expressions of care may be sent to Cheryl at cheryl_elliott@comcast.net.
- **Les Ludlam**, retired RMC clergy and member of the Council on Finance and Administration, whose mother, Pat Ludlam's condition is beginning to deteriorate more quickly. She refuses her medicine, her Parkinson's keeps her from communicating with those around her, and she continues to lose weight. Les writes, "we've agreed that the nursing staff should not try to force her to take any medication or eat. Her time is probably growing very short. May God bless and care for us all." Expressions of care may be sent to the Ludlams at lludlam@wyoming.com.
- **Clara McLaughlin**, wife of Terry McLaughlin, pastor of Berkeley UMC in Denver is back in the hospital with a critical medical condition. Expressions of care may be sent to 3036 S. Waco Ct., Aurora, CO 80013 or mclaughlinclara@comcast.net.
- **Phil Tarman**, pastor at Fort Morgan UMC, whose mother, Betty Tarman, died suddenly after visiting one of her sons out of state. Expressions of care may be sent to Phil at ptarman1@msn.com or 117 E Bijou Ave., Fort Morgan, CO 80701.
- Chaplain **Steve Frick**, retired Air Force chaplain and member of the New Jersey Conference, whose daughter, Stephanie, is in Memorial Hospital, Colorado Springs. She is unresponsive, and there is no diagnosis or prognosis at this time. Steve lives in Woodland Park and is a member of Mountain View UMC. Expressions of care may be sent via D.S. Olon Lindemood, Olon@RMCUMC.com or the Mile High/Pike's Peak District Office, mhpp1@rmcumc.com.
- The Native Ministries Committee is requesting prayers for **Phyllis Bigpond**, who was recently hospitalized. Expressions of care may be sent via Susanne Aikman, ZSAikman@webtv.net, who is consultant to the Committee.
- **Deanne Sharp and her father**, who had quadruple bypass surgery in Texas. Deanne's husband Gene is appointed as a part-time local pastor to Ellicott UMC. Expressions of care may be sent to the Deanne at ashesbumpr@mesanetworks.net or to Gene at vailsharp@mesanetworks.net.

Parsonage Family Has Twins

Congratulations to **Mariah Hayden** and **Malcolm Himschoot** on the birth of Madeleine Ann and Andrew Mark Hayden, born December 17 at 5 1/2 pounds each. Mariah is a probationary elder serving Goode Centennial and Grant Avenue UM Churches in Commerce City and Denver respectively. Her husband Malcolm is UCC clergy. As you might imagine, the clergy couple "sang them hymns ... as they were being born." Congratulatory notes may be sent to revmariah@gmail.com.

Bin Gilbert Dies

Binford Gilbert, retired RMC elder, died December 5 after a long illness. His memorial service was held December 8 at Christ Episcopal Church in Canon City. Bin was admitted on trial in the Texas Conference in 1955, and full membership in the Rocky Mountain Conference in 1959. He served at Limon, Grace in Denver, Trinity in Denver, Alamosa, and Boulder First. He also served as Assistant to the Chancellor, and Coordinator of Religious Life and Professor in the Religion Department at DU, Assistant to the President at Iliff, Amarillo Mental Health Center, and director of Pampa Family Services Center in Pampa, Texas. He retired in 1991. Expressions of care can be sent to his family in care of his widow, Lois, at 1327 Woodmoor Road, Canon City, CO 81212 or lobink@msn.com.



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Appointments

Updated appointment list on the web: rmcumc.org/CHI/Journal/Appointments.htm, updated monthly July-May.

- Pam Graham, Probationary Deacon, from Steamboat Springs UMC is appointed full-time to Lift-up of Routt County as Food Bank and Case Manager, effective January 1. Pam has been part-time at Lift-up.
- Mary Edlund, a Deacon serving First UMC in Durango, is retiring effective January 15, 2008.

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