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Conference News and Resources

March 10 is Deadline for Conference Lay Leader Nominations

By conference rule the election of the Conference Lay Leader will take place at the Laity Session of the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference the same year as General Conference. The application form is published on the Conference web site (<http://rmcumc.org/COI/ac/ac2008>). You can also request the form by mail to the Board of Lay Ministry, 6110 Greenwood Plaza Blvd, Greenwood Village, CO 80111-4803 or email to hillej@plains.net or phone 970-358-4389. Completed applications will be included in the pre-conference mailing for Annual Conference so they are due March 10, 2008. Time will be allowed for those who have completed the Board of Lay Ministry-approved application form to address the laity session and the vote will then take place. No nominations will be accepted from the floor.

The conference lay leader term is four years with re-election possible for another four-year term for a total not to exceed eight years. A candidate shall be a member of a local United Methodist Church for two years and active in the Rocky Mountain Conference for the previous four years. Further description of Conference Lay Leader position can be found in the 2004 Errata to the Book of Discipline which is published on the Rocky Mountain Conference web site (<http://rmcumc.org/COI/ac/ac2008/2004BODerrata.htm>) and the Board of Lay Ministry <http://www.rmcbolm.org/Duties%20of%20Lay%20Leader.htm>. Conference rules are in the 2007 Journal II, page 483 and also on the RMCUMC.org web. For additional information please contact your District Lay Leader or Conference Board of Lay Ministry. This directory is published at http://www.rmcbolm.org/BoLM_MEMBERS.htm and on each District or Subdistrict web page here: <http://rmcumc.org/CHI/DistrictSites/>.

Quiet Disciple Award Nomination Process Underway

The Quiet Disciple Awards at our District and Conference annual meetings recognizes those in our churches who are the "unsung heroes"--those quiet disciples of Jesus who go about their consistent work around our churches and whose names may not be on any list somewhere and are rarely formally recognized for their faithfulness. Find the form here on the RMCUMC.org web: <http://rmcumc.org/CHI/DistrictSites/>. Pikes Peak Subdistrict has a form on their page. The process of nomination of persons from your churches needs to be well underway. The completed nomination form needs to be forwarded to your District or Subdistrict Lay Leader. These addresses are on each District/Subdistrict's web page on the RMCUMC.org web site: <http://rmcumc.org/CHI/DistrictSites/> More information on this award may be found here: http://rmcbolm.org/new_QDpage_1.htm.

Merit Award Applications Accepted Until April 14

The Conference Board of Higher Education is now accepting applications for the 2008 Board of Higher Education Merit Award for students attending a United Methodist Senate approved college or seminary, with a deadline of April 14th. The nomination form is here: <http://rmcumc.org/COI/BHECM/2008%20Merit%20Award%20Applic.rtf>.

Clergywomen's Retreat set for March 25-27

The Rocky Mountain Conference of the UMC announces the Clergywomen's Retreat, to be held Tuesday to Thursday, March 25-27 at Spruce Lodge Resort in the Grand Mesa National Forest. Keynote speaker is Amy Stapleton, RMC clergy doing extension ministry as National Field Organizer for the Methodist Federation for

Social Action, organizing, networking and supporting MFSA chapters and chapter members across the country. Flyer here: <http://rmcumc.org/COI/clergy/> Watch for on-line registration at this same link.

Pikes Peak Subdistrict Conference is February 23

The Pikes Peak Subdistrict Annual Conference will be held Saturday, Feb. 23, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at East UMC in Colorado Springs. Besides an overview of the Safe Sanctuaries program, workshops will be available for lay leaders, SPRC members, youth, finance and Vacation Bible School teams. Of course, there will be elections for district leadership and lay equalization members to the Annual Conference Session in June. Find a brochure here: http://rmcumc.org/CHI/DistrictSites/PikesPeak/annual_conf_brochure_2008.pdf

Metropolitan District Celebration Will be Held February 23

The Metropolitan District Celebration is entitled "People of Faith Embracing a Future with Hope" and will be held Saturday, Feb. 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Burns Memorial UMC. The event is a partnership with the Tongan and Ghana Wesley UM Fellowships and co-hosted by Aurora First UMC, Christ Central UMC, Goode Centennial UMC, & Mountain View United Church.

Mile High Subdistrict Conference Slated for March 1

The Mile High Subdistrict Conference, "Leading in a New Day: A Morning of Celebrating our Ministries Together," will be Saturday, March 1, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Parker UMC. Janet Forbes will deliver the worship message. There will be many workshops to choose from, including "General Conference-United or Untied Methodists," "Ho-Ho-Hospitality and Outreach-Evangelism that Works," and "Website Development/Maintenance." Cokesbury will have a display of its newest Christian Education materials. For more info, please contact Faye Veal, 303-403-0464, or fayeveal@aol.com

Additional District/Subdistrict Conferences Set for April & May

- 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.
- The Western Colorado Subdistrict Conference will be held at Crossroads UMC in Grand Junction, CO on Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to noon.
- Wyoming Subdistrict Conference will also be Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Casper First UMC.
- Northeast Colorado Subdistrict Conference will be Sunday, April 20 from 2 to 5 p.m. Location TBA.
- The Utah Subdistrict Conference is set for Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to noon. It will be held at Mountain Vista UMC in West Jordan, UT.

Watch for more information as the events get closer.

Tithe Transitions E-Newsletter Continues as First Tithing Form is Due February 15

Pastors, church treasurers, finance chairs, and others involved in the budgetary process of churches have been receiving the Tithe Transitions (T2), e-newsletter for several weeks now. RMC Interim Treasurer Paul Dirdak hopes the information being discussed is helpful in this time of transition. If you are not receiving T2 and think you should be, contact the Conference office. You can read all previous issues on the Conference web site, under "Church Resources" (rmcumc.org/CR/). The first tithing reports and payments are due at the Conference office on February 15.

DenUM To Be Filmed

Katie Kinne, Community Relations Coordinator, US-2 Young Adult Missionary at Denver Urban Ministries (DenUM) writes: DenUM "has been offered an opportunity to have its Urban Education program featured in a segment on 'Methodists Making a Difference,' filmed by a member of the United Methodist News Service. But we need your help! We are looking for youth or college-age groups to host the Game of Life, a poverty simulation, at their church. The game takes about an hour and a half to play, and could take place during one of your regular gatherings or as a special event. As a bonus, your group could be featured in a UM News segment played across the United States!" To schedule the Game of Life for your group, please call Katie Kinne, Community Relations Coordinator and US-2 Missionary, at 303-350-5064.

DenUM is a Conference Advance Special. Donations may be made through your local church with the memo: Denver Urban Ministries. Visit their web site at <http://www.denum.org/>

United Methodist Social Justice Resource Center Hosts Speakers

Here is a list of the speakers to appear at the UM Social Justice Resource Center in the Warren UMC basement, at 14th & Gilpin in Denver. If you are in the area on one of these days, swing by and join in the dialogue.

- Sunday, Feb. 24, 3:30 to 5:30, Rev. George Dunn from Health Care for All, Colorado
- Sunday, March 30, 3:30 to 5:30, Rev. Peter Sawtell from Eco-Justice Ministries
- Sunday, April 27, 3:30 to 5:30, Brad Wood from Hunger for Justice

Come to browse the resources at The Center, participate in the presentation and discussion and to meet and network with others working in social justice. Packets of information and resources will be available for each session which will help in your ministries of social justice in your local congregation. The UM Social Justice Resource Center is a ministry of the Conference Church and Society Network Advocating for Peace With Justice.

Hunger/Justice Conference Announced

"Hunger for Justice: Interfaith Voices Against Poverty" and Lutheran Advocacy Ministry - Colorado invite you to Colorado Without Poverty 2008 Faith Advocacy Day on Tuesday, March 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held in the Scottish Rite Building, 1370 Grant Street, Denver (across from the state capitol). Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr., resident bishop of the Denver Episcopal Area, will be one of the plenary speakers, along with Bishop Allan Bjornberg, Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA; Dr. Steven Foster, Senior Rabbi, Congregation Emmanuel; Imam Ibrahim Kazerooni, Imam to the Muslim Community in Denver. Denver Urban Ministries and Clarence Snelling, retired Louisiana Conference elder and Iliff professor, will also be participating in the day's activities.

Breakout sessions include: Advocacy 101, Affordable Housing, Colorado's Economy after Referendum C, Health Care in Colorado, Predatory Lending. Registration fees are \$20 (before March 1) and \$25 (after February 29) and there are three ways to register: on the web, go to www.lam-co.org and fill out the form; call 303-777-6700 with your registration information; or e-mail whobbs@rmselca.org, with your name, address, congregation and preferred breakout sessions

Emerging Church for the Existing Church Conference to Foster Ministry in the Postmodern Culture

Learn how to understand and do effective ministry in the postmodern culture. This conference, set for Tuesday-Thursday, April 8-10 in Denver features Dan Kimball, Doug Pagitt, Lilly Lewin, Karen Sloan, Tony Jones, Bob Whitesel, Janet Forbes, Don Payne, Katherine Turpin and Bob Pierson, Executive Director of Leadership Nexus in Tulsa, OK. Brochure here: <http://www.leadershipnexus.net/DenverBrochure.pdf> If you have questions, please email bpierion@leadershipnexus.net or call 918-809-7489 or 918-477-7549.

April Preaching Conference to be Held in Salt Lake City

"The Promise of Land: Preaching God's Creation" is a pastors' conference open to all Christian leaders engaged in a ministry of preaching. It is scheduled for Wednesday-Friday, April 16-18, in Salt Lake City. The conference is funded with a grant from the Presbyterian Church (USA). Other sponsors include: Presbytery of Utah, Intermountain Leadership Institute, Salt Lake Theological Seminary, Episcopal Diocese of Utah. Keynote Speakers are Tex Sample, coordinator of the Network for the Study of U.S. Lifestyles and Kristin Saldine of the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Register on-line: www.promiseofland.org For questions regarding registration, please call 801-792-0140.

Basic Healthcare Project in Utah

On January 1, 2008, organizations involved with the Utah Poverty Partnership launched the Basic Healthcare Project. The purpose of this project is to make it easy for low income people and members of faith and community organizations to participate in policy discussions about healthcare issues. The

organizations involved with the Basic Healthcare Project believe that no Utahn should die or suffer needless pain because they are unable to afford basic healthcare. For more information about the Basic Healthcare Project and to learn how you can get involved, including this month's action step, visit <http://www.utahpovertypartnership.org>.

Spiritual Direction CDs Available

CD's ARE AVAILABLE for Cynthia Bourgeault's presentations in January. Some people were mistakenly told that there would be no ordering afterwards. Order blank here: <http://rmcumc.org/Community/YaBB.pl?num=1201046666/0#0>

Native American Indian Event Announced

The Spring Bear Powwow and Indian Market has been set for Saturday, May 17 at Regis University Fieldhouse, 3333 Regis Blvd. (50th Ave., old north Denver). Everyone is welcome: FREE admission and parking. All dancers and traditional drums are welcome, too. More information at: www.ravendancers.org

Colorado Victim Assistance Academy Registration Deadline is Feb. 25

The Colorado Victim Assistance Academy will be held Monday-Friday, July 21-25 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day at the Pueblo Convention Center. Registration deadline for the Academy is February 25 at 4 p.m. The purpose of the Academy is to provide basic victim advocacy training to people working with victims of crime. The curriculum embraces the entire scope of victim services, and has been enhanced to address unique and specific issues in Colorado. The self-study portion of the training will require a minimum of 20 hours to complete prior to the beginning of the Academy. The classroom portion of the training will be a 40-hour Academy presented in five consecutive days. Each training module will include experiential exercises designed to provide skill-building and practical application of information. Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) and semester hour credits are available. For more information, a list of curriculum modules, and how to register, please visit: <http://www.coloradocrimevictims.org/cvaa.html>. The Marriott Pueblo offers a special room rate of \$89 plus tax per night. Register at the hotel before June 19th to get this rate.

COVA provides several trainings in addition to the Annual CVAA Academy. If you are interested in a training on Vicarious Trauma, Legal Privilege for Victim Advocates, Victim Rights Amendment, or Cultural Considerations in Victim Assistance, please visit http://www.coloradocrimevictims.org/member_trainings.html.

Special Sundays Coming Up

Reminder that the following special Sundays are coming soon: One Great Hour of Sharing - March 2; Native American Ministries Sunday - April 6; and Peace with Justice Sunday - May 18. All of these have resources for planning. All have special envelopes and resources. Visit: <http://umcgiving.org/content/sundays/> or <http://new.gbpm-umc.org/give/specialsundays/> and http://www.gbod.org/worship/default.asp?act=reader&item_id=6497

Cantatas for Sale

The United Methodist Church in Torrington, WY, has 26 Christmas cantatas and 25 Easter cantatas to sell. Multiple books (17-42) are available for each cantata, as are accompaniment tapes or CDs for most titles. If you are interested, please email us at tumc@netcommander.com for a copy of the list of titles, composers, type of accompaniment, number of books, etc, or call 307-532-2977.

General Church News

Is God Calling? Find Out at GBOD Conference

The United Methodist General Board of Discipleship is sponsoring "Turn Aside and See: Is God Calling?" on Saturday, Mar. 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in Tempe, Ariz.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Brentwood, Tenn.; and Dallas, Texas. The agency is harnessing the power of the Exodus story of Moses and the burning bush to help churches discern God's call and strive to make disciples of Jesus Christ. "The church is in such a time of change. We need space and opportunity for reflection and discernment around God's call to us — who we are as disciples and what are we called to do in this place," said Carol Krau, GBOD team leader, Congregational Leaders Team.

"Turn Aside and See" (www.gbod.org/turnaside) invites participants to hear God's call through a free one-day study and discussion of Exodus 3 and 4. Moses' encounter with the "Burning Bush" is the inspiration for the event's theme and title of the core curriculum for Discipleship University, GBOD's groundbreaking new initiative that addresses the denomination's leadership needs. More: <http://rmcumc.org/Community/YaBB.pl?num=1201046472/0#0>

Deadline for Ethnic Young Adult Internship is March 15

There is still time left to apply for the 2008 Ethnic Young Adult Summer Internship. This is an opportunity for college-aged students who have a growing passion for Christ, community and leadership in ministries of justice and mercy. This Ethnic Young Adult Summer 2008 Internship program runs from June 1 to August 1, and is sponsored by the Inter-Ethnic Strategy Development Group, funded by an Ethnic Local Church Grant, and administered by the General Board of Church and Society. Read more about this on the GBCS web site, under the EYA tab on this page: <http://tinyurl.com/22paza>. The application form link is on this page: <http://rmcumc.org/MI/YA/>.

Beyond Christmas: A Summit on Poverty and Suffering set for February 23

"Beyond Christmas," a summit sponsored by the Western North Carolina Conference (WNCC), on poverty and suffering will be Saturday, Feb. 23. The summit aimed at "Reconnecting Our Village and Transforming Our World" will be 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Rocky Mount UMC, in Mooresville, NC. Cost is \$10 per person. Goal of the conference is to remind individuals and churches of the call of Jesus and the Wesleyan heritage to reach out to the poor, suffering and/or marginalized. The summit will offer models of ministry to the poor and suffering at work in various locales across North Carolina. It will also beckon local churches to be in covenant ministry to the poor and suffering. More: <http://tinyurl.com/yodwym>

Christian Educators Fellowship/Preaching from the Center Conference Earlybird Deadline is Feb. 29

Registration has opened for "Blessed to Be a Blessing: Christian Education for the 7th Generation with Preaching from the Center," a conference of Christian Educators Fellowship (CEF) and Preaching from the Center (PFC). The conference will take place October 24-27, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Albuquerque Convention Center in New Mexico. For the first time, these two normally separate national events will be held jointly. Participants will be able to cross-register for workshops from either conference, and many events (e.g. worship, Bible study) will be shared. Entire ministry teams are encouraged to attend together, as the conference is designed for both clergy and laity, professionals and volunteers, preachers and those involved in any kind of educational ministry. Earlybird registration (prior to February 29) saves you money. Much more detail here: <http://rmcumc.org/Community/YaBB.pl?num=1197418948/0#0>

ELCA Offers Lenten Reflection on Eco-justice

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) offers "Living Earth: A 40-Day Reflection on Our Relationship With God's Creation," a spiritual resource that guides people to a richer sense of living in Earth's community. This 40-day Lenten reflection series offers a holistic approach to how people can live as earthly companions, combining God's caring relationship with creation to each life's journey in the physical universe. Each e-mail emphasizes individual and communal solutions, resources for further learning and suggestions for how to act or become more educated. Subscribe at the ELCA Advocacy website, <http://www.elca.org/advocacy/spotlight/08-01-10-enviro.html>. The first e-mail will arrive on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Missions News

Young People: Serve In Honduras!

Attention Youth and Young Adults: Serve in Honduras this summer! Sierra Service Project (SSP) will send three teams of young people to Honduras for two weeks of cultural immersion, learning and service with the poor. The registration deadline is March 15 and space is limited to 12 per session. Each session is led by an experienced adult leader and supervised by two SSP staffers in Honduras. High school juniors, seniors and college-aged young adults may participate. This is SSP's fifth year of sending teams to Honduras in cooperation with the UMC in Honduras and UMVIM. For complete information, call the SSP at 916-488-6441

or visit www.sierraserviceproject.org. Begun in 1975 by several UM pastors, SSP was inspired by and modeled after Appalachian Service Project. SSP is now an independent non-profit organization.

Salt Lake City's Crossroads Urban Center Feeds Families

Glenn Bailey, executive director of Crossroads Urban Center in Salt Lake City recently reported that the center fed over 1,200 families on December 21 "by distributing full dinner baskets with turkeys, chickens, or hams and all the trimmings for a festive holiday meal. At Thanksgiving we distributed 3,200 turkeys to families in need." The center is always in need of financial contributions. You can donate through your local church with the Memo: Crossroads Urban Center or you can use the Advance project number, 912175. Bailey continues, "Crossroads runs one of the state's busiest emergency food pantries, as well as a free/low cost thrift store and a regional food co-operative that sells food at up to 50% below grocery store prices. More information about our work can be found at: Crossroads Web Site <http://www.crossroads-u-c.org/>."

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:

- **Bob Hunter**, retired UM clergy, who had surgery January 19. This is the third surgery he has had since early November for a broken femur. This most recent surgery was to replace his replacement hip done in 2002. He is at Exemplar Lutheran Medical Center, 8300 W. 38th Avenue Wheat Ridge, room 537. He will be going to a care center for rehab therapy soon. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. Expressions of care may be sent to him at REHunter12@comcast.net and/or his niece Rosalie or sister Wilma Ashbaugh, at rkashbaugh@comcast.net.
- Faye Gies, mother of **Ken Gies**, former Metro Administrative Secretary and now Hospitality and Evangelism Coordinator at Lakewood UMC, has died. Please keep Ken, his father Ray and their family in your prayers in this time of transition. A memorial service and celebration of her life was held January 26 at Living Waters Tabernacle in Denver. Interment will be at a future date
- **Mary E. Woods**, retired RMC clergy, who has learned that she has had multiple strokes and TIAs. Her activity level is low, but she welcomes hearing from folks, as she learns a new computer that has replaced one that quit. Please keep her in your prayers. Expressions of care may be sent to her at EHenWoo@aol.com.
- Please keep **Terry Timmons** in your prayers. Her father, retired RMC elder John Omer Timmons died January 13 (see related article below). Expressions of care may be sent to Teresa Timmons at 6317 DeFrame Way, Arvada, CO 80004, or capricorn10@comcast.net.
- **Les Ludlam's** mother Pat died January 13 following a long illness. A memorial service was held January 15 at Grace Church in Greeley. She was a longtime member of Crossroads UMC in Grand Junction. Expressions of care may be sent care of Ed and Kathy Herring (Les's sister), at 3505 Belmont Ave., Evans, CO 80620 or to Les at lludlam@wyoming.com.) Interment will be in Grand Junction later this year.
- **Faye Veal's** son Bryon was recently in the hospital with pneumonia. Faye is a retired Diaconal minister and active in lay speaking ministries. Please keep both Faye and Bryon in your prayers. Faye is at Fayeveal@aol.com.
- **Sandra Beedle's** (Metro Lay Speaking Director and member of the District Committee on Ministry for the Metro District and Secretary at First United Methodist Church of Golden) twin brother, Jerry Goldman, died January 6 at Uptown Care Center in Denver. Jerry had battled various medical complications for over four years. A memorial service was held at First UMC Golden on January 19. In Roswell, NM, a memorial service will be held April 26 at First UMC with interment in the church's columbarium. Expressions of care may be sent to Sandy at secretary@goldenfirstumc.com or to 9451 Welby Rd., Apt. 218, Thornton, CO 80229.
- **Dawnmarie Fiechtner**, serving the Walden church, is recovering from a car accident due to icy roads. She had a short stay in Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins and is back to work. Expressions of care may be sent to her at GTO71GRRR@what-wire.com.

- **Ray Boyer**, spouse of Sachi Boyer, Board of Ordained Ministry member, lost his brother John. A memorial service was held on January 17 at New Life Community Church. Expressions of care may be sent to Ray and Sachi Boyer, 9486 Pelon Dr, Denver 80260.
- **Scott Schiesswohl**, pastor at the United Methodist Church of Evergreen, is recovering from spinal surgery on December 31. Expressions of care may be sent to Scott at pastor@evergreenumc.org or to 3757 Ponderosa Drive, Evergreen, CO 80439.
- **Pastor Amos Kariuki** of Longs Peak UMC in Longmont asks for prayers "because of the situation in Kenya. After the general elections on December 27 there has been a lot of violence and many people have been killed. Others have lost their property through looting and burning. On January 1 about 50 people who had taken refuge in a church were all burnt beyond recognition." This is very troubling to Amos and his wife Njeri, as members of their family are in this area. Those being targeted are members of the Gikuyu ethnic group, to which they belong. Please pray "that loss of life in Kenya may stop. God's blessings." -- Amos Kariuki, Associate Pastor, Longs Peak UMC, Longmont CO (The violence in Kenya is not occurring in the Meru area where a group of RMCUMC folks went.)
- **Dave York** and his mother, Mary Ann York, in prayer. Mary Ann was in a car accident in Georgia on New Year's Day and suffered a broken neck. Dave is a commissioned elder serving the SonRise UMC in Pueblo West, Colorado. Expressions of care can be e-mailed to yorkyorkdave@comcast.net.
- **Jan Winquest**, retired diaconal minister, whose husband Ray died in his home after a long illness. A memorial service was held December 28 at Mountain View UMC, Boulder. Expressions of care may be sent to togoquest@aol.com.
- **Peter Freytag**, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Johnstown, whose wife Paula's sister Nancy took her own life in late December. Expressions of care may be sent to paula@freytagfamily.com.
- **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.
- Please also pray for **those on all sides** of the world's violent conflicts, that new understandings, new knowledge, and openness to God's leading might bring lasting peace for our world.

Thanksgivings

- Congratulations and best wishes to **Pastor Betty & John Nguyen** upon the birth of their son Kyle, who was delivered by c-section on January 21 and was nearly eight pounds and 19 1/2 inches long. Everyone is doing well. Notes may be sent c/o Brentwood UMC, 1899 S Irving St, Denver, CO 80219.
- Congratulations and best wishes 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." Notes may be sent to revmariah@gmail.com.
- **Lonnie B. Johnston**, retired RMC clergy writes this note of thanks: "To my many friends in our conference, thanks for your expressions of love and care as shared through your e-mails, letters, cards, phone calls and prayers while I recovered (still recovering) from my five bypass heart surgery. It is wonderful to be part of a larger community of faith highlighting the true meaning of brotherhood/sisterhood in Christ. Pat and I hope you had a meaningful holiday season. Thanks for your love, prayers and concern!"

John Omer Timmons Dies at 95

Retired RMC elder **John Omer Timmons**, 95, died Sunday, Jan. 13. He came to the Colorado Conference in 1951, and served Burlington, Fort Morgan, Montclair, Denver, Westminster, and Grant Avenue before retiring in 1978. In retirement, he was minister of visitation at Applewood Valley UMC, 1979-84. A memorial service was held January 18 at the Grace (Denver) UMC Columbarium.



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Appointments

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

- Rev. Granville Smythe, Senior Pastor at Central UMC, Colorado Springs, will retire effective July 1, 2008. If you would like to express appreciation for Granville's ministry, please contact him. 6785 Blazing Trail Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80922, 719-597-6706, gncsmythe@msn.com.
- Rev. Bill Kirton, Pastor at Cameron UMC, Denver, will retire effective July 1, 2008. Rev. Kirton can be contacted at BLBBRK@aol.com or 303-916-3128 for an expression of appreciation for his ministry.

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