

The Newsletter

The Weekly Happenings and Activities of Father Dyer Church
December 11th, 2011

If you would like to submit a prayer request please fill out a prayer card, which are available at the doors of the church from an usher. You may place the prayer card in the prayer basket on the prayer table. If you would like to participate in the e-mail prayer chain and be a part of the ministry that prays for other people's needs, e-mail the church office at info@fatherdyer.org.

Prayers for:

~ Prayers for Gene & Jo Copeland, Ed & Anne Crane, Julie Colliton, Betsy Crossman, Jim Smitherman and Brian Whitcomb. Please also pray for Brooke Lee who will be having knee surgery in Vail on Dec 13th at 11am.

Altar Flowers

Please call the church office by Wednesday to reserve a Sunday for Altar Flowers. It will be up to you to purchase the flowers and bring them to service on Sunday morning.

Advent; The Journey

This Advent, hear the Christmas story as you've never heard it before! Join us as Pastor Loren guides us on the journey Mary and Joseph made from Nazareth--a small insignificant village--to Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

We will share a five week program aimed at deepening our understanding of the meaning of Advent, entitled "The Journey". Every Sunday Pastor Loren will preach on a portion of the biblical story leading up to the birth of Jesus, who Christians believe is the Son of God and the Savior of the world.

At the same time, our Sunday-School classes will be studying the same topic. In addition, these reflections will be sent each day during Advent to anyone who would like to receive them. Material used in our Sunday classes will be supported by a curriculum developed to deepen our understanding of the time Jesus lived, the land of his birth and the significance of His life. This study retraces the steps of Mary and Joseph and is illustrated with video recorded by Pastor Hamilton in the Holy Land.

December 11, 2011 - Mary to Elizabeth ... Ein Karem ("A trip to the Hill Country")

December 18, 2011 - From Nazareth to Bethlehem

December 24, 2011 - Destination: Manger

Sunday School classes will meet following the 9:00 AM service and again at 6:30 PM following the Community Dinner. Join us and experience Advent and Christmas in a new way.

Alternative Christmas Giving 2011

What would Jesus want on His birthday?

A way to honor the birth of Jesus is to make a donation to help others. (Whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.) Matthew 25:40

The Community Outreach Committee at Father Dyer would like to provide opportunities for alternative giving for the Christmas season. Local and state charities have been selected from which to choose. The selected charities are listed below.

You can make a donation to one or more of the following programs by filling out the form that is included in the Newsletter. You can choose to honor someone with your gift and send them a card which is available during from the church office.

***Family & Intercultural Resource Center (FIRC) (www.summitfirc.org)**

FIRC provides social and family services to Summit County residents. FIRC has one of the largest food banks in Summit County. Summit Thrift and Treasure in Dillon is Summit County's largest nonprofit thrift store. Programs include parenting education, early childhood development, homeless prevention through rent and utility assistance and cultural integration to families, immigrants and refugees.

***Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Continental Divide**

(www.mtncasa.org)

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are court-appointed trained volunteers who advocate in court for the best interest of abused and neglected children in order to find them safe and permanent homes. CASA volunteers provide factual, unbiased information to the 5th judicial district Court of Colorado about the child's situation, enabling the Court to make more informed decisions in the best interest of the child. Counties served are Summit, Clear Creek, Eagle and Lake.

***Advocates for Victims of Assault (www.summitadvocates.org)**

Advocates for Victims of Assault provide 24 hour in-person crisis response for domestic violence, death calls, sexual assault, and other traumatic situations. Their services are used by individuals in the community, law enforcement and medical center personnel, and the coroner. They provide emergency safe-housing for women and children at their shelter and to men in hotels. In 2010 they provided emergency shelter to 26 women and 9 children for a total of 430 nights of shelter. They provided 276 free individual therapy sessions to 40 clients, and they provided support group to 13 clients for a total of 94 group sessions. In 2010, they conducted Peace Maker workshops in every elementary school in Summit County to approximately 1,887 students

***Summit Community Care Clinic (www.summitclinic.org)**

Summit Community Care Clinic provides health care for the uninsured, underinsured and income-eligible workers of Summit County. They serve low and moderate income people. Cost is on a sliding scale, based on family income. Their services include primary care, reproductive health, dental health, behavioral health care, physical therapy and occupational therapy.

***Food Bank of the Rockies (www.foodbankrockies.org)**

Food Bank of the Rockies provides food to over 1100 hunger-relief programs in Colorado and Wyoming. Food is provided to shelters, food pantries, emergency assistance programs, child-welfare centers, senior citizen nutrition programs, churches, synagogues, community centers and halfway houses. 39,400,000 pounds of food were distributed last year at a rate of 84,000 meals per day children, seniors and families in need. FBR is a member of Feeding America. Food Bank of the Rockies provides much of the food for the food pantry at Father Dyer.

Calling a few Cooks!

The Worship Committee needs 1 to 3 people to help provide food for a light soup dinner for the Choir at 6 pm on Christmas Eve. You can choose to provide a crock pot of soup, a vegetable or fruit platter, or a cookie platter. The food may be dropped off earlier in the day. Call Barb Cole at 970-390-7231 to help.

Christmas Cantata Rehearsals

This Christmas Eve, the Father Dyer Chancel Choir will be presenting exciting Christmas music at the 5 pm and 7 pm services. This year's music includes holiday favorites *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*, *What Child Is This*, *Angels We Have Heard on High*, *Away In the Manger*, *The First Noel*, *O Come All Ye Faithful*, *We Three Kings*, *Silent Night*, and many more!

We welcome anyone to join the Christmas Eve Choir and there is no requirement to sing on Sunday morning. Those singing on Sunday will rehearse at 6:00 pm and the Christmas Choir rehearsals are currently from approximately 6:45-7:30 pm. As we get closer to Christmas, watch for updates on the rehearsal times. The following is the rehearsal schedule:

Thursday, December 15th Thursday December 22nd – Dress Rehearsal

For more information, contact Lori Schneider 970-333-1409 or email lori@fatherdyer.org

Instrumental Rehearsals for Christmas Eve

The Father Dyer Music Department will be holding rehearsals for Christmas Eve for any instrumentalist interested in playing with the choir. The next rehearsal is set for Sunday, December 18th. For more information or to pick up music, please contact Lori Schneider at lori@fatherdyer.org or 970-333-1409.

Family Ministries *Children's Sunday school* Every Sunday during the 9:00 service

Youth Ministries

Youth Group "Purple Cow"



Question | Seek | Explore – 6th-12th Grade
Christmas Party! December 18th from 5-7pm at the Church

"Girls Rock" Club

The current semester has concluded and a brand new "Girls Rock" semester will begin January. We will be posting the new start date here after the New Year has begun.

Calling all Angles & Shepards

It's time to sign up your little ones for the Christmas Pageant.

Practice will be held during Sunday School for the next four weeks. The pageant will be performed during the Children's Christmas Eve service @ 3:00pm. We have lots of costumes and room for everyone to be in it. Please tell your friends. Sign up your child(ren) on the sheet hanging outside the Children's classrooms downstairs or see Laurel after service.

Christmas Eve Cookie Party!

Please join us for a CHRISTMAS EVE COOKIE PARTY

1:30pm - Father Dyer Fellowship Hall(during costumes and face painting for the Christmas Eve Service at 3:00)

*Please bring a dozen of your favorite CHRISTMAS COOKIES to share and/or milk or juice

*Please RSVP to Erin Opsahl (erino@co.summit.co.us) and let her know if you are able to bring cookies and/or a drink.

Women's Book Group

The Tuesday morning, Woman's Book Group won't meet again until Tuesday, January 10th at 9:30. They will begin with the discussion of "When Things Fall Apart", by Pema Chodron.

December sign up

We are in need of ushers for the Christmas Eve services, especially the 9pm service.

Attention Christmas Eve Ushers

There will be a short training meeting at 10AM on Sunday, December 18th, following our church service. Ushers will be filled in on where the fire extinguishers are located, how we will handle the candles after each service, and the general method of seating our Christmas Eve guests.

This Week at Father Dyer

SUNDAY, DEC 11TH

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. "The Journey" Advent Study – It begins in Nazareth
6:00 p.m. Community Dinner/Food Bank
6:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible study - Romans
6:30 p.m. "The Journey" Advent Study – It begins in Nazareth
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

TUESDAY, DEC 12TH

10a.m.-noon. Food Bank
9:30 a.m. Women's Book Group
5:30 p.m. Men's Group
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, DEC 13TH

10:00a.m. Bible Study – Romans
3:30 p.m. Women's Spiritual Reflection Group

6:00 p.m. Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

THURSDAY, DEC 14TH

10a.m.–noon Food Bank
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. SAA

Christmas Trees

Boy Scout Troop 187 is holding their annual Christmas Tree Sale beginning on Saturday, November 26, 2011 through December 22, 2011 or while supplies last.

Start your holiday season with a fresh, beautiful tree and support your local Boy Scouts. Varieties include Scotch Pine, Concolor Fir and Fraser Fir and are available in sizes ranging from 5 – 12 feet. Wreaths and tree stands are also available.

NEW LOCATION this year at Riverwalk Center/Tiger Dredge Lot on the corner of Park Avenue & Washington in Breckenridge.

The hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 4:00pm – 6:30pm
Friday 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Saturday 10:00am – 7:00pm
Sunday Noon – 6:30pm

Thank you for supporting your local Boy Scouts through this one-and-only fundraiser. ALL proceeds pay for scout activities, supplies and equipment.

Sunday Night Community Dinner Update

We are anticipating record crowds, so please don't be shy; sign up on the sheets above the freezer. It's just a 2 1/2 hour commitment on Sunday, which goes so quickly, and the guests are very appreciative. Thank you so much to everyone who has dropped off gifts of food, containers, plastic bags, and whatnot. The donations from City Market have dropped off as they are so busy, so the miscellaneous desserts are appreciated. Also, please don't forget the Food Bank this holiday season. They prepare bags for us to send home with our guests and are not able to fill enough bags for the numbers we are feeding. As a result, we have disappointed guests at the end of the evening who we're hoping to get a bag to tide them through the week. I guess that explains why 80% of our guests walk through the door in the first few minutes!

Food Pantry

Food Pantry Needs Your Donations:

There were 496 service encounters in November. This is the most people that we have served in a month since the start of the Food Bank. The average level of activity in 2010 was 208 service encounters per month. The significant number of clients attending the Community Dinners has placed new strains on the Food Pantry. Previously 50 "food bags" were quite adequate to serve these clients with several left over. Last Sunday, the 70 prepared bags weren't enough to serve the individuals in need of a supplement. The items needed at this time to deal with this increased demand are **Ramen Noodles, Canned Pasta Meals (most needed) and plastic grocery bags.**



Madison Rothery & Dana Badwan had a dual 9th birthday party and instead of gifts they collected money for the Food Pantry. Thank you Madison & Dana for the \$90 donation. To have an understanding of how their donation was used they helped prepare the 80 "food bags" for the Community Dinner guests. Also, the Summit Bookends book club, of which Barbara Cole is a member, collected food for the Pantry – Thanks.

Your help goes a long way towards helping people in these difficult times. Please continue to help Father Dyer Church be a helping hand in the community. In addition to donating food you can also donate money. Monetary donations allow us to buy food through the "Food Bank of the Rockies" for a fraction of the cost so it will have a bigger impact on hunger in Summit County. Be sure to indicate "**Food Pantry**" on the memo line.

Thank you for your support of this important ministry, that's making a difference in the lives of those in need in our community.

Poinsettias

Please help us decorate this beautiful church with poinsettias. They can be purchased for only \$15.00. Please sign up by December 18th. You can pay by check in the office with "poinsettias" in the memo line. Please also make a note if it is for a special celebration of life or in memory of someone. You may also send payment to: Father Dyer Church, P.O. Box 383, Breckenridge, CO 80424.

Advent Meditations

"Preparing for Christmas", a daily meditational guide for the Advent season is available to anyone wanting to have more spirituality in Christmas. The author, Richard Rohr, believes that we should not allow this great feast of Christmas to be only focused on "waiting for the baby Jesus", but should go beyond to "an adult and social appreciation of the Incarnation of God in Christ." The small books are available for a \$2.00 donation in the office or from Barb Cole (970-390-7231).

Please Donate

If you happen to have any winter coats, gloves or hats, please bring them to the office during the week or on Sundays. We will then be able to donate these to members of the community who are in need of something warm to wear. We will accept adults and kids things. Thanks!

Trip to the Holy Land

UMVIM trip to the Holy Land... February 4-18, 2012
Visit Holy Sites, Worship and serve with local Christian

congregations, Participate in a spiritual and educational experience

Cost \$2999 round trip airfare from JFK.

More info please contact Kim and John McGrath

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\$100 deposit by October 29, 2011

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