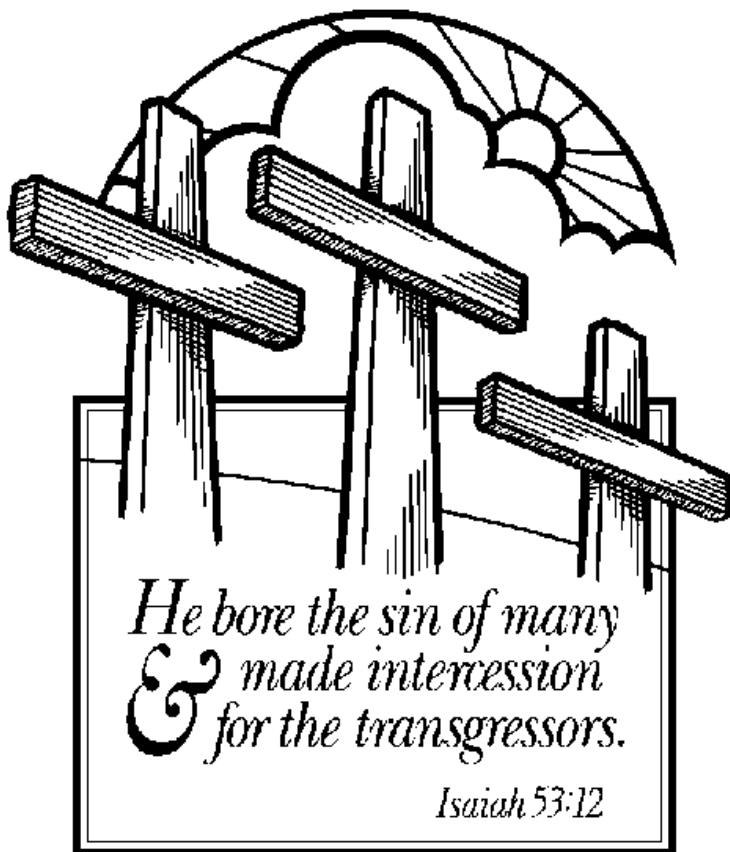


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Scribbles by Steve

Mariellen and I enjoy going to the movies and the theatre. With the weekly schedules we keep, we sometimes only eat an evening meal together. And sometimes we might not see each other for two days. She is up and gone to school before I arise, and she is in bed asleep before I get home from the church or a meeting I have attended. So, when we have an opportunity to spend some time together it's nice to take advantage of it.

With all the movies available at places like Blockbuster or available online through Netflix, one might ask why we 'go to the movies' rather than rent them. I can't tell you for sure. Going to the movies may take us back to our childhood reminding us of our Saturday night ritual, spending 25 cents for a movie and an additional 5 or 10 cents on a bag of popcorn, depending on its size.

For whatever reason, we still go to the movies. As an annual ritual, we try to see several between Christmas and New Year's Day. This year was no exception. We saw four movies and are looking forward to "Extraordinary Measures" with Harrison Ford. There are still a couple I have not seen, but intend to do so.

We have also seen two theatre productions. One was downtown, the other at The Fox. Some parishioners may be asking themselves why Pastor Steve is so interested in the movies and the theatre. Well, for me, both are not only enjoyable...but about self-care.

When I go to either venue, I am in the midst of people. My gregarious personality loves to be "among" people. But I also enjoy the quiet, both offer. Sitting in a dark theatre relaxes me. Sometimes so much that I have been known to sleep through many movies and even a play or two. Both offer opportunities not only to be quiet, but also to relax, to think, to laugh, and even to cry. And best of all, there are no commercials! Both provide opportunities for self-care.

Self-care is an important issue especially in these times, but is something often neglected. We talk about the importance of self-care, but are not always intentional about doing it. I am certainly guilty of ignoring it. But I also know what a great feeling it is to exercise, stretch, walk and bike. The importance of being a life-long learner also "stretches" me, sometimes in challenging ways and at other times inviting me into new and deeper understandings. The same is true when caring for the Spirit of God within me. It needs to be explored, exercised, stretched, and challenged.

If you are interested in Spiritual self-care, I invite you to immerse yourself in the daily devotional that was purchased for every members and friend of Parkview. And if you have time, I invite you to attend the Lenten Study, "Watching the Disciples, Learning from their Mistakes."

Take the initiative...be intentional...take care of yourself...immerse yourself into and during Lent. "Go for it!"

Blessings, Pastor Steve

IMMERSE YOURSELF in the Season of LENT

- “**The Sanctuary for Lent,**” a daily devotional, has been purchased for members and friends of every household. For those who have a mailbox, you will find your devotional there. Others will be delivered to those unable to attend church. Large print copies are available if needed. Please call the church office if you need the large print or if you have not received your devotional. The study begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th.

-**Ash Wednesday Worship Service...February 17th at 7:30 p.m.** will be a great way to begin to immerse yourself into the Season of LENT. As is the tradition of the church, imposition of ashes will be placed on the foreheads of those who choose, as a reminder from dust we have come, and to dust we will go.

-“**Watching the Disciples, Learning from Their Mistakes**” is a 7-week Lenten Study for Adults...which will meet on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. This study will be facilitated by Pastor Steve. Study Guides for the class are available from him. Cost is \$ 7.00

- **Attend Sunday Worship** six services will held during LENT including Palm Sunday.

DID YOU KNOW????

LENT: originally the period of pre-baptismal preparation, later of public penitence, and now a 40-day devotional time preparing for Easter, based on Jesus’ wilderness fast in Mark1:13

ASH WEDNESDAY: the first Wednesday in the season of LENT, derived its name from the early church custom of placing ashes on the heads of believers as a sign of penitence.

From Karen Harris:

- ◆ Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th and ends on the Saturday before Easter. The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word, lencten, which means “spring”, the time of the lengthening of days. Lent lasts forty days, not counting Sundays.
- ◆ The color for Lent is purple, a royal color that also signifies penitence and preparation. It is used during Lent on cloths for altar, pulpit, lectern and on stoles and banner
.....taken from *Come to Easter* by Pat Floyd.

(This book is at the Parish Resource Center and we have many more resources for ALL of you to check out. For further information please contact me.)

WORSHIP & PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

We have completed three worship “Talkback” sessions listening to the feedback of several members and friends who have voiced their critiques and support of the worship life at Parkview Church. We have also compiled the information on the worship evaluation forms. All of the feedback is available from Pastor Steve. Worship Evaluation forms will continue to be available on the table in the hallway next to the south doors of the sanctuary. Please use them or share your thoughts with members of the Worship Team.

Due to the overwhelming positive comments and some of the recommendations that have been received about the new order of worship that was begun in September, we have decided to continue with the current order. Please do not hesitate to offer suggestions for making worship at Parkview inviting, passionate, and transformative.

A Worship Statement has been created to guide our worship life at Parkview. Upon an affirmative vote at the congregational business meeting, it will be made visible for all to see.

The Weekly Worship Planning Team and the Seasonal Worship Planning Team continue to meet to plan worship. If you are interested in serving on the Seasonal Planning Team we would be interested in having you join the team! Please contact Pastor Steve.

Ruth Roerhman continues to lead the 24/7 Prayer Ministry Team. If you have a prayer request please contact her, or any member of the team.

MID-WEEK MEDITATION in the CHAPEL will be held Thursday mornings during LENT beginning February 18th at 10:00 a.m.

*****LEASE NOTE:** The back two rows in what was formerly the Choir Section is now a “**Fragrance FREE**” area. We would ask that you honor the request of those who are allergic to perfumes and cologne, and sit elsewhere if you use them. **Thank you!*****

CELEBRATE Black History Month

Attend “**A Song for Coretta**” by Pearl Cleage

Directed by Debbie Lee

February 11-March 14, 2010

Shadow Theatre

1468 Dayton Street – Aurora

720-857-8000

A “song...” is a heart-warming testament to the resolve of a dream unfulfilled. Five women wait all day in the rain to pay their respects, they share their umbrellas and the paths that brought them to Ebenezer Baptist Church.



“Children’s After-school Mentoring Project”

Pastor Steve, at the top of Parkview’s church bulletin for the January 17th Sunday worship, summoned us in bold letters to **"DO JUSTICE ... with Holy Boldness!"**

“Do Justice” – that’s an interesting directive. As a verb, it invokes or calls us to take action. Webster’s dictionary defines Justice as “the maintenance or administration of what is just; the establishment or determination of rights according to the rules of law or equity.”

A cardboard sign I recently saw in the rear window of a run-down Chevy passenger van was written in the style of the many cardboard makeshift signs we see carried by the homeless on our street corners. It implored us: “Feed My Sheep – John 21:17.” Just who are “my sheep”? Are they people I know? The people I don’t know? Or, perhaps, are they anyone in my path who thirsts and hungers?

It’s become a sign of the times that our public schools have been systematically decimating the arts, music and creative imagination opportunities through funding cutback after cutback. “Do more with less” is the mantra. Teachers are even using their own money to buy paper for the copiers! In contrast to wealthier school districts and neighborhoods, the children in low economic neighborhoods such as in our Parkview’s, will perhaps never get a chance to experience the finer educational arenas. To me, this is contrary to the notion of “the maintenance or administration of what is just; the establishment or determination of rights according to the rules of law or equity.” We as a people are “Doing an Injustice”, an inequity, to our children – our very future.

With **"Holy Boldness"**, in uncharted territory, our team of Song-CAMP volunteers have been (for nearly three years) helping to build the self-esteem of our Parkview neighborhood children by feeding their thirst: healthy snacks, mentoring/befriending them, and by showing them that the “strangers” in their neighborhood actually care for them. And, even though it may exceed their wildest expectations, it is possible that they can become “famous”, and learn to express themselves artistically ... as "Singer-Songwriters, Performers and Recording Stars", for Life!

“A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle.” – Erin Majors

THANK YOU to Bill Predhome and Lea White for your dedication in serving as Song-CAMP Volunteers

On a Note of Grace and Peace, Walt

Walt Lofstrom, CM – Song-CAMP Director
Walt@Song-CAMP.org

Mary Morrissey – Assistant Director
Mary@Song-CAMP.org

See us and hear our songs at <http://www.Song-CAMP.org>

Report of the Assistant Moderator

During December the focus for the Assistant Moderator was on the Budget. The Fiduciary team met and went over the figures, which were then presented to the Guidance Ministry Team. Due to the level of pledges received, and the loss of the Inglesia Ebenezar rental, budget cuts had to be made across all ministries. The budget process is still ongoing and a final budget will be presented to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting.

I would like to personally thank every Parkview Member and Friend who pledged during our Annual Stewardship Campaign, or who has pledged since then. Your willingness to make a commitment to Parkview helps the Fiduciary and Guidance Ministry Teams put together the numbers for the budget. Your pledges enable us to open the doors of this building, not only on Sunday but all through the rest of the week. Thank-you so much for your support of Parkview and its Ministries.

God Bless! Janice

Youth and Young Adult

A Christian family must always seek to balance the elements of our life together. In early January, the youth group **worship** centered around the theme of teen parenthood. We heard again the story of Gabriel visiting Mary, the favored of God. We gave an offering of diapers, toys, blankets, etc. to support a particular teen mom (**service**). We interceded in prayer for teen moms and dads and those who support them. **Study** happens mostly on Sunday morning during Sunday School time. Yet it is all too easy to focus on fun **fellowship** (who's getting the pizza?) and neglect the other pieces. However without some time together that is more free it is difficult to really have a base for the other pieces to really grow out of. On the youth snow tubing trip in the Grand Valley, we did have fun. In the youth's faces as we slid down the hills in circles, lines, triangles, etc. of tubes, I saw some pure joy. The trip allowed me to get to know the youth a bit more as I continue to acclimate to this position. Thank you to all the parents, sponsors, and Pastor Steve for their support and help.



Please join us on Fat Tuesday for pancakes. Tickets will be sold in the coming weeks.

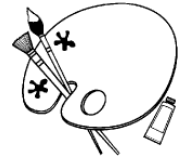
Fat Tuesday All You Can Eat Pancakes
February 16, 2010 6:00 pm
Western Regional Youth Experience

24/7 PRAYER CIRCLE

The 24/7 Prayer Circle will be glad to have you, or someone you know, included in our prayers. Please ensure that all persons whose names are given to us have given their permission to be included in our prayers. Requests can be submitted to Ruth Roehrman at 303-695-8506 or any member of the prayer circle.

Ellie McKeeman

36th Annual Parkview Fine Arts Festival Feb. 25-27



MARK YOUR CALENDARS to attend the Fine Arts Festival this year.

The show will open Thursday evening, Feb. 25 with a gala reception at 7 pm.

Friday show hours are 10-8, with a Writers' Forum/Coffeehouse at 7 pm.

Saturday, the exhibit is open 10-8, with the concert at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Featured will be **The Flyte Band** with our own Kirk Nicholls and Terry Schmitt as some of the band members. They play a variety of music such as Roy Orbison, old Beatles, Moody Blues, Crosby Stills Nash and Young, Hollies, Eagles. Top-40 covert tune hits of the 60's, 70's and early 80's. To learn more about the band go to: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Flyte/172976957324>

<http://www.myspace.com/theflyteband>

A reception will follow the concert.

Sunday Worship at 9:30 will focus on the links between our spirituality and the gift of creativity.

Though there are no public events advertised for Sunday, anyone attending Worship will have the opportunity to see the exhibit after church.

All Parkview members and friends are offered opportunities to help make the weekend a success. Here are a few ways:

*Pass out flyers and tell everyone you know

*Check in artists and set up the show

*Provide refreshments for the receptions

*Work as hosts or clerks during the show

*Break down the show/Check out the artists

Sign up on the sheets in the hall.

For 35 years, Parkview people have made this show one of Aurora's premier events. You should know that many have already been laying the groundwork for #36. Thanks, everyone, for your great willingness to support the festival!

And MARK YOUR CALENDARS and come to the Fine Arts Festival this year!

FEBRUARY MISSION

AURORA WARMS THE NIGHT, an initiative of Housing Justice, is the February mission. This program provides motel vouchers to homeless people when the nighttime temperatures are predicted to fall to or below 20 degrees.

The winter season (October 1-April 30) has been taxing because of the increase in the number of homeless folk and an early start to very cold temperatures. So far this season, shelter has been provided for 26 days with an average of 57 people per night for a total of 1474 total guests. The total cost of this program has been \$32,350

Last year during the entire season, there was an average of 38 people per night with a cost of \$40,000.

Your generous contribution will provide much warmer nights for homeless individuals when the temperatures are very cold

Please make your checks out to Parkview UCC and note Aurora Warms the Night in the memo section of your check.

Thanks *Connie Crowder*.

History Team

Looking Back with Nat

February 1963- Parkview choir participated in a 100 voice choir at the Colorado Women's College

February 1977- First Fine Arts Festival

February 1987-

Maggie Thomas awarded [Aurora Chamber of Commerce] Humanitarian of the Year

Bill Murray honored with the Intellectual Freedom Award

Byron Gillett inducted into the Colorado Music Hall of Fame

February 1992- Lou Frances Manly recognized for her volunteer service in schools, AARP, and

the Council on Aging.

“A Gift That Keeps on Giving”

An anonymous donor has contributed \$5,000.00 to reduce the church mortgage. This will save \$362.00 in interest each year in the future. Over a twenty year period \$7,240.00 will be available for church ministries and activities instead of paying interest. The donor may save \$750.00 in Federal income taxes and \$231.00 in Colorado income taxes. Thus the out of pocket dollars to the donor is only \$4,019.00. Truly this is a “gift that keeps on giving.” Does this donation strike a similar response in your stewardship planning????



Happy Valentine's From the Education Team



How about that tent in the sanctuary? Aren't you just **LOVING** all the new things happening in our Sunday School. Thank you for everyone for all the **LOVE** and planning that is making Sunday School so much fun.

Be sure and come, you never know what might be coming up. We had a tent in the sanctuary, water made into wine (well grape juice), maybe a swimming pool (some how I don't think so) but you never know just what Kate and her Posey might have in store for Sunday School. The youth had great fun tubing down the mountain at Frasier. If there is snow involved it has to be fun. Thank you for all of you who helped with the trip!!!!!!!

Sunday School Offering

This year our offering will share the **LOVE** by donating books to Lynn Knowles and 6th Avenue schools for children that don't have books in their homes. How exciting to give a child a book that is their own. If you would like to give a cash donation just see Kate or Laverne Seybold. Our goal is **100** books. It's better than the book mobile because the children get to keep the books.

If you have any ideas for Vacation Bible School please let us know. The planning is beginning so if you would like to help or have any ideas. Contact of course: Kate or Laverne Seybold.

I have been thinking about **LOVE**. Just a four letter word that can mean so many different things. We love many things, our children, our husband,s wives, grandparents, cousins, uncles, aunts, friends just to name a few. But I also have been thinking about the love we have for God, his son Jesus, the Bible, Church (Parkview) and the members. This is a perfect time to think about that love. Why not take a moment to think about how we can show the **LOVE** we have to others in our everyday life. How can we show our love so that others can see God's **LOVE** in us?

Ephesians 5:2 and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling Saviour.

Mary Cline,

THANK YOU...

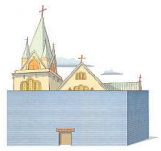
Thank you to all of those who have held leadership roles at Parkview Church in the last year. Each of the Core Ministry Team Leaders and those who have provided ministry on behalf of the teams have made considerable commitments of time and energy to enhance the visibility and mission of our faith community. Thank you!!!

Parkview is also blessed to have had the officers of the church, Jay Hughes, Moderator and Janice Jacobovitz, Assistant Moderator, Jesse Tramutolo, Financial Secretary and Bill Harris, Treasurer and their assistants, Mary Crow and Charlotte Engelbrecht, and Lisa Cossey as Clerk to guide it. A heartfelt thanks is offered to each one!

For Churches, Beefed-Up Security Is a Mixed Blessing

By AMY SULLIVAN

(Excerpt taken from **Monday, Nov. 30, 2009 TIME MAGAZINE**)



“Jesus may have taught his disciples to turn the other cheek, but these days some churches are hiring armed security teams--just in case that whole forgiveness thing doesn't work out.

A flurry of violent crimes in churches has shaken the image of houses of worship as safe havens. In October a priest in New Jersey died after being stabbed 32 times in his parish rectory. In May an abortion provider was shot in the head inside a Kansas church. A Maryland woman was killed in February by her spurned husband in her church's parking lot. And that was all just this year. After a gunman killed two people and wounded seven others at a Tennessee church in the summer of 2008, conservative Christian outlet OneNewsNow polled 4,000 churches and found that three-quarters had no security plan.

Houses of worship have long prided themselves on keeping their doors open to all. And many have assumed that respect for their sacredness--and perhaps fear of divine retribution--would keep them safe from crime. But as schools and businesses use more-sophisticated security systems, churches are becoming the soft targets in some communities.

Although slayings are still rare in houses of worship, security experts say churches are increasingly vulnerable to less violent crimes such as burglary, robbery and theft. So far this year, the Christian Security Network has tracked more than 1,000 crimes against churches, including 40 violent incidents, 86 arsons and more than 700 property crimes, resulting in more than \$25 million in losses. (Even modest congregations tend to have sound systems, televisions and computers that are relatively unsecured.)

Jeffrey Hawkins, the group's executive director, has spent nearly three decades in law enforcement and security services. He says many religious leaders fear that obvious security measures, like guards and surveillance cameras, will make a church seem unwelcoming. "It's a paradigm shift that has to happen," says Hawkins, who works with churches to assess risk and develop security plans."

Parkview Update: Deadbolt locks and motion detectors have been installed throughout the church. Our new security system and re-keyed doors have been intentional efforts to “beef up” Parkview’s security system. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the effort.

SPECIAL MONEY MAKER!!

All this security stuff costs. I think we all know about deductibles on Insurance policies. SO! I have booked a bus to Central City on March 6th with the proceeds to go to our special Security System Fund. The cost \$15.00 per person. You will receive a \$10.00 rebate from Doc Holiday Casino through a fun book that you'll get when you get off the bus. It will include a free Hot Dog lunch & other goodies. The bus will leave 9 a.m. from the Masonic Hall at 16th & Florence and leave Central City at 2 p.m. arriving back in Aurora at 3:00 p.m. For reservations and tickets call Joan Velotta at 303 344-2020 or e-mail jjvelotta@aol.com.

Music and the Arts Ministry

The Old Rugged Cross was written by George Bennard in 1913. The composer was ordained by the Methodist Episcopal Church. He became convinced that the cross was more than just a religious symbol but rather the very heart of the gospel. His inspiration came when he was staying in Albion, Michigan. He began to write the melody first and the words that he wrote were imperfect to him. The final words came to him in answer to his own needs. Bennard continued his evangelistic ministries for forty additional years following the writing of this hymn.

CHORUS

**“So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.”**

Karen Harris-team leader

Evangelism

Evangelism (spreading and sharing the good news and gospel) and Extravagant Welcome/Radical Hospitality go hand-in-hand. A relatively easy demonstration of our faith and welcoming avails itself to us each and every Sunday. We have chances to share our warmth and acceptance of others before every service. Did you realize that when someone new walks through our front doors that they have an opportunity to meet AT LEAST three people before they hear Pastor Steve's "official" welcome of "No matter who you are..." There is the greeter(s) at the door...there is an usher...and there is at least one of US in a seat near them. The "Parkview Welcome" is incredible, but it cannot be the responsibility of only one or two. It is so easy to look for those familiar and smiling faces that we can't wait to see on Sunday morning...the folks that we need to touch base with about all that's gone on in the last seven days. How easy is it to OVERlook the new faces? Are we/am I waiting for someone else to introduce them? Would they like to be introduced? Would they like to have someone share a cup of coffee at Parkview Cafe? I'm glad folks weren't too busy or too shy to welcome me when I came to visit. YOU, Parkview, are the reason I have stayed!

As plans for our welcoming and hospitable evangelism develop...as we teach, model, practice and implement...we certainly must also look forward to celebrating growth at Parkview!

--Mary Morrissey

Getting To Know You– Amanda Shipman

Some of you may not know that we have a celebrity of sorts in our midst. She is a quiet , white haired senior who has had the pleasure of sitting on a platform with the President of Namibia, Sam Nujoma, during a country holiday. She was serving as a UCC pastor in Namibia at the time.

Namibia is in Africa where Amanda has had many experiences as she served as pastor to many Christian peoples.

Amanda was the first of four children born into a military family . Her father was career military which caused frequent moves on various assignments. Amanda attended eight schools through the eighth grade from Virginia to Alaska. She graduated from the Military Dependents High School in Tokyo ,Japan in 1955. During her childhood she developed rheumatic fever which forced her to stay on bed rest for three months. Both parents encouraged her to read and keep up with her school work even though bedridden. Education was a high priority in their home.

After graduating from High School, Amanda flew, alone, from Tokyo to Sacramento, California . There, she enrolled in Sacramento Community College and continued on to the University of California at Sacramento where she obtained her Bachelors Degree in English with a minor in Social Science. She then proceeded to take some Education classes to obtain her Teaching Certificate in June, 1960.

During her time in college, she met Herb Shipman at a Baptist Church Youth event. They were married in November of 1960. He was an astrophysicist and went to work for Aero-Jet (an aeronautical engineering company). The family then moved to Salem, Oregon where Herb would finish his degree and Amanda would teach High School English. Their first son, Geoffrey was born in Sept. 1961.

The United States had sent astronauts to the moon during this time and Herb was interested in returning to work for the Stanford Research Institute to study the moon rocks. So, the family returned to live in Menlo Park, then on to Santa Barbara, California. Amanda then returned to teaching English at a High School in the Santa Barbara area.

Their son, Russell ,was born in 1965. After a few years in California, Herb was able to obtain a job with General Motors working as a scientist in Detroit, Michigan. Again, the family moved and this time Amanda taught English in a middle school in Richardson, a suburb of Detroit.

In 1972, Herb and some of his colleagues were interested in a scientific company in Salt Lake City, Utah and so the family moved to Salt Lake. Amanda was a "stay-at-home" Mom for awhile but got involved in an organization called "Parent Effectiveness Training". This was a popular program for parents in this era and usually involved the local schools/community. Out of the movement came the "Leadership Effectiveness Training" program. Amanda then became an Administrative Assistant for the "LET" organization. She and Herb were divorced in 1973.

Amanda had noticed that her sons seemed to be frequently asked to participate with the Mormon children and she was concerned that they might be easily influenced. So, she and her sons decided to move to Colorado. This was based on the boys love of hiking, skiing, and rock climbing . as well as their mutual understanding of the beautiful climate of our state.

When they got to Aurora, Amanda was looking for a UCC Church. She had been a participant in UCC church's during her many moves and was impressed by their openness and theology. She looked in the Yellow Pages and there was Parkview!

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(cont. from page 13) Looking for a new job in Colorado, Amanda decided not to pursue teaching . but follow her heart into some kind of church work. She had always loved to be involved in various church's and was able to obtain a position as an Administrative Assistant at Grace United Methodist Church which is near DU. While there, she knew that Iliff School of Theology was nearby and decided to take some classes.

After a few years, her oldest son had graduated from Gateway HS. and was "exploring the world".

In 1983 she was offered a fellowship to study at the "United Theological College of Zimbabwe" in Africa! Being excited about this possibility but still worried about her one son, Russell, who was still at home, she turned to our beloved John and Maggie Thomas, who offered to take him in while she was out of the country.

Amanda was ordained in 1985 and returned to Africa to be a Chaplin to the students at Mt. Selinda High School in Zimbabwe and was there for four years. She was then transferred to teach at the United Theological College in Herare for the next three years. In 1991 she was sent to be Pastor of the Congregational Church in Luderitz which is in the country of Namibia, and served this congregation for 12 years. From there she was sent to Windhoek, Namibia to serve as the Secretary (Conference Minister) for the Namibia Synod of the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa. She served in this capacity from 2003 to June of 2007.

This extraordinary person now is retired, living in Aurora and trying to redefine her life. Her son , Geoffry lives with his wife and 17 year old son in Highlands Ranch. Geoffry works for Sun Microsystems as a computer troubleshooter. Russell lives with his wife, son and daughter in Holland. He is an astrophysicist for the Space Research of the Netherlands.

For Amanda, "church" has been her home for all the years of the various places she has lived. She has learned that all of humanity are "brothers and sisters" together on this earth irregardless of our culture, language or skin color. She feels blessed to have had these experiences with God as her guide.

We are blessed to have this exceptional person in our congregation.

Bev Ford

BOOK CLUB NEWS Parkviews Book Club will meet on Feb. 13 at the home of Sharon Lininger at 10 a.m. This months book is "Dancing At the Rascal Fair" by Ivan Doig. As usual, refreshments will be served. This book is set in Montana and Northwest United States and is told in the exciting and educational manner, that which Doig has mastered. Please call Sharon if you plan to attend. Thanks.

Bev Ford





OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY to Lisa Gibson, her family and friends, for the loss of Lisa's father, Bob Gibson

WOMEN ALIVE will meet on February 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jean Swanson. All ladies are invited to attend, and to bring a salad to share. If you plan to attend, be sure to call Jean at 302 338-9974 so that she can arrange space.

THANK YOU

To everyone who sent cards, flowers and gave me your telephonic sympathy on the passing of my brother thank you very much. I will always be grateful for your thoughtfulness and consideration. Again thank you.

Stan Stanley

I want to thank the members of this congregation for the many meaningful written and spoken thoughts of sympathy expressed to me at the time of the death of my brother, Bob Phelps. It meant more than any of you will know and helped me through a very difficult time considering his sudden and unexpected death. I also want to thank the ladies who stood in for me and fulfilled my "church" responsibilities. It is comforting to know "we are all in this together" and are there to help. Thank you again!

Mary Lou Hughes