

Feeding the body and soul

Lamb's Ministry offers various events to the Boulder community

by Elsi Dodge

Are you wondering who you might meet if you participate in the Lamb's Ministries (the First Pres outreach to people who have no homes or who have limited resources)? It may surprise you to discover that the Lamb's Ministry participants, both guests and helpers, are a varied and friendly bunch.

If you go to the Al Fresco Coffee Café, 8:00-10:00 A.M. Thursdays, you will find everything well organized and arranged for your comfort. It has been set up by a gentleman who is so dedicated to this service that he even showed up three days after being injured in a serious car accident. He is, by the way, one of the guests. "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies." (Psalm 23:5)

Then there's "J" who has encouraged us all with her attitude of excited anticipation over all the changes in the format of the Lamb's Ministry. "It's exciting to get to do things differently!" she says. "The Spirit of the **Lord** will come upon you in power, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person." (1 Samuel 10:6)



Each Saturday before Easter, the Lamb's Ministry offers the Boulder Footwash where people with limited resources are treated to a barbecue, haircuts, free clothes, and a footwash.

One woman will greet you and ask your name, writing it down on a pad of paper. Does that sound like a small attention? Maybe, but there's a value in having someone care enough about you to know your name. "The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." (John 10:3) Oh, in case you're wondering, she's another guest.

At the Lamb's Lunch, Saturdays in the Fallout Level of the church, November through Easter, you may find yourself being hugged by Larry Chartrand. Larry is a long-term volunteer; he can't remember how long ago he joined the ministry. "They asked me to help with the kids," he says. "We used to have a lot more kids." And now? "I enjoy the hug

line!" His face lights up when he talks about it. "That's my thing. See, people have different love languages, and mine's touch. I just enjoy giving and receiving hugs. All people need love, and the Lamb's guests especially need it."

Asked why he doesn't just share hugs at church on a Sunday morning, he chuckles softly. "Well, I do that, too. But, I like our guests, and they like me. If you go consistently, they remember you and appreciate seeing you." He pauses, smiles, and adds, "It's nice to be appreciated!" Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." (Matthew 17:7)

FALL

WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

Traditional worship service in Oerter Hall
9:30 A.M.

Traditional worship service in the Sanctuary
11:00 A.M.

Contemporary worship service in the Sanctuary
6:30 P.M.

Emergent worship service in the Sanctuary

PRAYERS

First Pres Prayer Chain members welcome your prayer requests. After two weeks please send a follow-up to your request.

Written

Use pink slips in friendship book and place in offering plate.

Telephone

Last name A-K:
Arlene Magor at
303.485.5064

Last name L-Z:
Leona Beal,
303.443.0724

Email

prayers@fpcboulder.org
Please call Ann Stroman at 303.460.8859 to join this ministry as a caller, substitute, or email group participant.

MEMBERSHIP

If you want to experience more of the life of First Presbyterian Church, the next New Member class will be held November 6 and 7. Contact Judy Pierce at 303.402.6453 / jpierce@fpcboulder.org.

Commitment Sunday to take place October 28

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