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Counting blessings at the Footwash

by Elsi Dodge

The sun had barely risen and the wind was whipping around the stones of First Pres when crews of men started to work on March 15. Set-up had begun for the 12th Boulder Footwash, traditionally the Saturday before Palm Sunday.

A shout of "How many tables in Westminster Hall?" was answered with, "Ten!"

"What goes in the courtyard?" "Just one table!"

"What about the Fallout?"

"Chairs and the TV!"

By 8:00 A.M., volunteers were beginning to pour in. Ray Casias (First Pres staff member) and Ian Grooms (Calvary Bible) kept busy checking their schedules and diagrams, directing people, smiling and praying. Two paid staff members with the Lamb's Ministries, Ron Cobbley and Bryan Wilburn (both First Pres) also helped keep people organized.

"Yep, the coffee and pastries go on the long table in the Atrium."

"You can ask the men from the Gideons to put their Bibles on the book table in the Atrium."

"Please start taping up the signs so people can find everything."

"Almost 9:00—let's get the doors open!"

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Blankets of love

Service project makes an impact on Base Camp kids

by Kellie Coe

One hundred and twenty-eight yards of fleece, 320 safety pins, 40 pairs of scissors, about 8,000 knots and nearly 1,000 elementary-sized fingers came together to make Base Camp's latest service project: 32 warm, cozy, non-sew fleece blankets for the 32 homeless children residing at The Denver Rescue Mission's Crossing and Champa House shelters. It has been a six-week labor of love, filled with many inspiring surprises. Last

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Photo by Kellie Coe

Base Camp first-fifth graders display the beautiful blankets they handcrafted for 32 homeless children at the Denver Rescue Mission.

Phase 2 wrap-up: just a few more months

Committee gathering recommendations from staff and ministry areas

by Karen McBride

About four months ago, in late January, we called a halt to the biggest portion of Phase 2, redevelopment of the Annex, due to the heavy loan burden and overhead costs it would add to an already strained church budget. We did commit to some refurbishment, to bring the Annex to a safe, usable condition for the foreseeable future and provide for ministry needs that we had hoped to house in the expanded facility.

The Phase 2 Building Committee has been gathering recommendations from staff

and ministry areas to develop a proposal outlining the work needed, for Session's consideration at its May 13 meeting. This has involved input from the major stakeholders—high school and middle school leaders, Deacons Closet, and Lamb's Lunch ministry representatives—coordinated by Rev. Keith Vandegrift. With the help of Gary Schone and building rep Pat Mershon, we are now firming up cost estimates on a wish-list of repairs and minor modifications to center the High School ministry, Deacons' Closet,

and Boy Scout Troup 171 in the Annex, and the Middle School and Lamb's Lunch in the Fallout area of the main church. Projects on the list include:

Main Campus

- Replace worn carpeting and flooring in the Fallout
- Add small, much-needed storage spaces by adding doors and framing in appropriate areas
- Refresh ceilings and wall paint in Geneva in the aftermath of fire sprinkler work

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women in the Presbyterian church community are invited to enjoy a fun program and activities, food, and fellowship with other Presbyterian Women along the front range on Thursday, May 1 from 9:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. It will be held at Mountain View Presbyterian Church located at 2500 N. Garfield Ave in Loveland. The lunch will be served at 12:00 NOON with a cost of \$8.50 payable at the door. The program will be presented by Carol Rehme of Vintage Voices, a non-profit group that goes to nursing homes, hospice facilities, etc. from Denver to Fort Collins. They use music and simple games to engage the elderly through exercising minds, limbs, voices, and memories. This might be helpful to all of us no matter what our age. Come join us for inspiration, learning, and much more. Contact Margaret Kneebone by April 30 for reservations and possible transportation to the event.

Counting blessings at the Footwash

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Guests from Boulder's homeless community collected cups of coffee, bagels, and pastries (courtesy of Starbucks and Panera Bread) and headed downstairs to watch *The Passion of the Christ*.

Upstairs, volunteers kept working. Colorful tablecloths, flowers, and candy made the tables attractive. The kitchen was bustling, as Beth Sheveland (Rock Creek) and her team prepared the meal.

A team of youth from the Boulder Chinese Baptist Church (BCBC) arrived and set out 54 cups of egg dye in the courtyard. Soon they were helping guests and children of volunteers to color and decorate ten dozen hard cooked eggs. Guided by Deb Holleyman (Boulder Valley Christian/BVCC), Elsi Dodge (BVCC), and Larry Chartrand (First Pres), the teens put the egg-dyeing supplies away and headed back inside to circulate among the guests, offering colorful Easter eggs, plastic eggs filled with candy, and small wooden crosses.

Since the Footwash, an outreach from the Lamb's Ministries, centers around washing guests' feet as Jesus did for His disciples, a row of chairs was placed in the Atrium, with pails, basins, soap, and pairs of new socks within easy reach. This year the Rev. Sally Bowersox and a group of volunteers from St. Benedict's Health and Healing Ministry participated in the footwashing line to screen for diabetes and other foot ailments. St. Benedict's is an outreach program of the Episcopal churches in Boulder County.

As the movie viewers returned to the main floor and other guests came into the building, other services were provided. The Breaking Bread Bible Study, led by Gene and Linn Culbertson (First Pres), met in the Conference Room. The BCBC teens offered childcare for volunteers' children, but all the kids wanted to help serve with their parents. The book table



Photo by Dave Ringeon

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moved to Westminster Hall, and the coffee supplies went to the hall, where the meal would be served.

Prayer warriors, including Tod Bacon and Lydia van Vleet (North Metro), were easily identified by their bright orange caps.

Tamra Rowley (First Pres) volunteered to cut hair, and served about 30 people. "I enjoyed helping out," she commented later.

Footwash volunteers Jan Kirkpatrick, Ryan Kirkpatrick, Ann Dryden, and Scott Weirich (all from First Pres) distributed clothing purchased by the Lamb's Ministries. Sixty-seven guests participated in this, receiving 52 pairs of jeans, 40 pairs of long johns, 57 pairs of socks, and 40 T-shirts, as well as ten hoodies and 19 backpacks.

Don Furuya (First Pres) and Craig Patton (Rocky Mountain Christian) played guitar and djembe from 10:00 to 11:00 while people were hanging out, having coffee and conversation.

Ian and Heather Grooms, Renee von Roenn, Jenny Evans (all from Calvary Bible) and Sally Nesbit, Diane Furuya, and Russ Teets (all from First Pres) answered hundreds of questions.

The worship band arrived: Johnny and Cheryl Mier with their daughters Sharee and Angelina, Jim and Trina Buck, Jeremy and Jessica Padon

(all from Bethany), and Elsi Dodge (BVCC) arranged keyboards, guitars, and drums, tested microphone levels, and led songs of worship and celebration.

At noon, everyone joined in praying a blessing on the food and the people, and lunch was served. The meal included chicken breast, sliced ham, cheesy vegetable casserole, cheesy potato casserole, spinach and berry salad, glazed carrots, and angel food cake with berries and whipped cream, in addition to a choice of beverages and bread.

The guests began to leave, but not without leaving their thanks:

"Beautiful music!"

"The food was great!"

"Thanks for doing this!"

"God bless you!"

And tired volunteers started cleaning and folding up tables, vacuuming, emptying trash bins, washing dishes, and generally returning the church to its normal state, in preparation for the Palm Sunday worship services in the morning.

Number of guests: about 200

Number of volunteers: more than 50

Number of churches represented: 7

Blessings from the Lord: uncountable!