

# Sunshine and brats at the Lamb's Lunch

## *Lamb's Ministry continues to bring joy to those in need*

by Elsi Dodge

Smoke from the grill floated across the parking lot Saturday, November 1, inviting the residents of Boulder's streets and parks to come over for lunch. The Lamb's Lunch—Boulder's multi-church outreach to the homeless and marginalized—was open for its 12th year of service at First Presbyterian Church, 15th and Walnut.

The Lamb's Ministries provide a welcoming and safe place for building relationships between the faith community and people who have low income or no homes. Staffed by volunteers from churches across the metro area and receiving food from Community Food Share, the Lamb's Lunch is one facet of Lamb's Place Ministries, which include Saturday lunch, Bible study, use of a washer and dryer, Lamb's Café on Thursday mornings, and holiday celebrations for Christmas, New Year's, and the Easter season.

Saturday's activities started before 10:00 A.M., when cooks Beth and Mark Sheveland and Carolyn Walker (all from Rock Creek Church) fired up the grill. While they prepared the baked beans, tossed the salad,

and wrapped sweet rolls and bread (donated by Panera Bread at 29th Street and the Baseline Starbuck's), Gene Culbertson was leading a Breaking Bread Bible Study group.

By 11:00 guests were coming into the Fallout area of the church, to enjoy coffee and donuts, leave prayer requests, and visit with their friends. The praise band (John, Cheryl, and Angelina Mier, Stacy Santora, and Jessica and Jeremy Paden) fired up about 11:30, starting with "Sing to the King."

Promptly at noon, John Mier led the group in prayer, and the guests lined up to get their food. More than 80 guests feasted on brats, burgers, and friendship in the course of the afternoon.

A clothing table is available the third Saturday of each month, opening at 11:00 A.M., with jeans, long underwear, and other necessities provided by volunteers and the Boulder Army Store.

The Lamb's Lunch is served each Saturday until April 4, the day before Palm Sunday. That is the date of the traditional Footwash, patterned on Jesus' example in washing His disciples' feet. At the Footwash guests are offered hot meals, haircuts, new socks



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The praise team leads Lamb's Lunch volunteers and attendees in prayer before the meal is served.

and underwear, live music and praise, books, prayer, and footwashing. Children's activities include face painting, egg dyeing, crafts, and stories.

Beth Wettergren, Lamb's Lunch coordinator, laughs, "We wash feet, pray, there are bands, worship—we make a joyful noise!"

Individuals, groups, and families are welcome to help at the Lamb's Lunch, with jobs ranging from cooking and serving food, setting up tables, cleaning up afterward, and—most important of all—visiting with the guests. To volunteer or get more information, contact Wettergren at bwettergren@fpcboulder.org or 303.402.6435.

### WINTER

#### WORSHIP 8:00 A.M.

Traditional worship service in the Chapel  
9:30 A.M.

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

Contemporary 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 take place April 18 and 19. Contact Judy Pierce at 303.402.6453 / jpierce@fpcboulder.org to learn more.

**The church offices will be closed December 25, 26, and January 1**

### PERIODICALS

Mailed  
Monday,  
December 1