

## MARRIAGES

**Trisha Van Hecke and Tyler Daniel** on September 6, 2009 by Rev. Keith Vandegrift

**Jenny Lawrence and Scott Merkley** on September 26, 2009 by Rev. Jane Filkin

**Lana Bell and Keith Vandegrift** by Dr. Carl Hofmann on September 26, 2009

**Kathleen Kilday and Jonathan Allen** (son of Kevin Allen and Valerie McBeth, and grandson of Robert and Lee McBeth) on October 10, 2009 by Rev. Christy Shain-Hendricks

**Lauren Friedery and Ryan Hebel** on October 17, 2009 by Rev. Ray Donatucci

## BIRTHS

**Paradis:** *Evelyne Margarete*, daughter of Rachel and Brett Paradis, granddaughter of Karen and Milt McBride, born September 21, 2009

## IN MEMORY

**Ura Riethmayer** September 10, 1910 to September 11, 2009

**Mildred Smucker** November 24, 1913 to September 17, 2009

# Lamb's Ministry friends

## *First Pres provides community set apart from the streets*

by Elsi Dodge

"Friends are God's way of taking care of us while we are on earth," says Beth Wettergren, the person who started the Lamb's Ministry at First Pres and who remains at its heart.

Following the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world, the Lamb's Ministry, which includes volunteers from churches and other groups in the Boulder area, is building bridges into the faith community for homeless, poor, and needy men and women. This outreach provides a community set apart from the streets, centered in Christ, and designed for spiritual transformation, so that God's love will unite us across social barriers as we grow into the fullness of Christ.

Thinking across the summer of 2009, Wettergren cites Ecclesiastes 4:10 as she gives examples of God's provision:

- a friend who hates Christianity but loves and defends the Christians of the Lamb's Ministry. "Those Christians actually act on what they profess to believe," he says. *If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! (Ecclesiastes 4:10, NIV)*
- groups of friends who dealt cheerfully with the problem of a broken ministry dryer. They first washed their clothes, changed into the wet ones, and washed their other set, knowing the sun would dry everything. The
- stakeholder friends who ran the Lamb's Café alone when Wettergren was ill in July, and who cheerfully planned solutions to a scheduling complication this fall. *For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! (Ecclesiastes 4:10, AMP)*
- a friend who had to go to court alone. He said, "So you see, it was God Who set me free. There was no other hope for me. I had no one to speak for me, and no reference letters. Only God could set me free, and He did!" *Suppose someone falls down. Then his friend can help him up. But suppose the man who falls down doesn't have anyone to help him up. Then feel sorry for him! (Ecclesiastes 4:10, NIRV)*
- friends who participate in the early-morning Men's Life program, who step up

second responded when Wettergren left a note on a pickup truck: "If you want to donate this dryer, I know of a need." On Sunday morning, a woman came to her, saying, "I've got your dryer outside, where do you want it?" *For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. (Ecclesiastes 4:10, NASB)*



A dryer for Lamb's Ministry delivered by God.

to actively protect church property and propriety, who praise the Lord for talent, sobriety, jobs, and caring. *If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. (Ecclesiastes 4:10, NLT)*

Friends. That's what the Lamb's Ministry is all about! Friends.