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Senior Newsletter

Honor Flight

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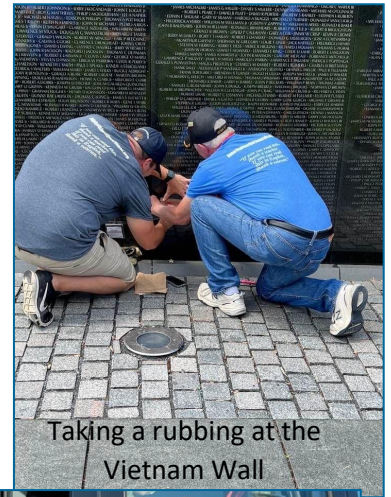
Bob Beers had the profound experience of traveling on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. in May. I am pleased to share some of that experience with you here, but first...Bob, thank you for your service, and welcome home. Bob served in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Vietnam from 1965-66.

Bob was impressed by how well organized and efficient the Honor Flight program is. There is a real attention to detail and care for the veterans at every point. "Guardians" are assigned to groups of veterans to assist them. Buses transported the group from Loveland to DIA escorted by police officers and even helicopters for part of the way. Group meals, special guest speaker, and other details helped put the "honor" into the experience.

There were 182 people from CO, NE, and WY on this trip: 122 veterans, including 2 WWII vets, and 60 Guardians. They flew to Baltimore on Sunday and returned Monday night. Once in D.C., the first stop was the WWII Memorial. From there, they went to the Iwo Jima Memorial, the changing of the guards at Arlington National Cemetery, the Air Force Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Wall, and the Vietnam Women's Memorial.

This was an emotional trip. Standing in the presence of these memorials, in awe of how many good people died, sharing the journey with so many other veterans from multiple wars; there are mixed feelings that this experience brings. Add to that the whirlwind adventure! Bob said he was exhausted when he returned, and I can certainly see why!

Bob was encouraged to apply for the Honor Flight by his wife, Lois, and Larry Ward, who himself served as a Guardian on these flights. Bob has already convinced another veteran to apply since his return. I am grateful to those who give their time and financial resources to make this happen for our veterans.



Taking a rubbing at the Vietnam Wall



Boarding the bus

To learn more about the Honor Flight, visit honorflight.org or call 937-521-2400 with questions.

Have something to share?

Contact Pastor Lee at lee@fumcloveland.com or (970) 667-0876 to be included in this newsletter!

Moment of Reflection...

“When we regret doing what we should never have done—injuring someone’s reputation, abusing someone we loved, abandoning the truth for the sake of advancement or approval, violating our own bodies to the point of physical or emotional degradation—we know we have grown into someone of value. It is a moment of great enlightenment when we realize that the years have grown us as well as sustained us. We are of more substance now than we were when we were young, whatever we did in the past, wherever we were when we did it.”

—Joan Chittister, from *The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully*, p.4
(2008, published by BlueBridge)

Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. (Isaiah 64:8, NIV)

Keep these moments
Send pics a
to Pasto

Bill and Pat Boegli found that they were able to watch Sunday morning worship and look at the Pacific Ocean at the same time, while they vacationed in Maui, HI. After church service they went to Duke’s Beach House and had Hula Pie.





Special coming!
and more
for Lee!

For those of you who were born or lived in Texas, Judy Graff and Nancy Baker vacationed in Judy's hometown: Brady, TX. They arrived at the right time to see bluebonnet and Indian paintbrush in full bloom.

A Fostering Family

By Jessica Gartner, Director of Young Adult Ministries at FUMC

We have teeny nursing animals around here. Aside from feeding and caring for them, I also do my fair share of cleaning up poop. Do I live on a farm? Nope! I foster animals for the Larimer County Humane Society. I have been fostering kittens and puppies for ten years now!

The experience is always adorable, usually fun, oftentimes gross, and occasionally devastating. We primarily care for animals that are too little or sick to be adopted out. While I started this volunteer service long before I had children, the experience is particularly gratifying now that I have littles of my own to share it with. While they are always sad to see a litter go (usually with the happy result of them being big and healthy enough for adoption) they are easily consoled when I tell them we have a fresh litter ready for pick up!

If you would like to learn more about how to get involved in this service yourself, visit <https://www.larimerhumane.org/get-involved/volunteer/foster/>



Ayla and kittens



Ayla, Jamey & friends

June Birthdays

June 1

Betty Maupin
Dorey Schmidt

June 2

Darlene Lowe

June 4

Bob Crossman
Barbie Clark

June 5

Garry Perry
Bob Oswald

June 6

Rob Proctor

June 8

Kathy Dufur
Leroy Cline
Margaret Sumner

June 10

Rex Berg
Terry Gruber

June 11

Martha Johnson

June 12

Doug Mannering

June 13

Reuben Wilbur

June 14

Bonnie Coleman
Robert Gindlesparger

June 15

Patty Leech
Kay Neckel
Carole Jack

June 16

Cathryn Bray

June 18

Lois Ashcraft
Shirley Coffman
Sue Mullins

June 19

Bill Jack

June 20

Pat Cobb

June 21

Bart Utley
Kay Jones
Norman Coleman
Valencia Rhodes
Vernon Maelzer

June 23

Deb Adams

June 24

Eldon Haines

June 25

David Mills

June 26

Jane Gill

Ways to Receive Care

FUMC Bus: If you would like a ride to church or have questions about riding the church bus, please contact Roger Williams at 970-980-8228. (Please call after 4:00pm.)

Prayer Shawls: If you would like a hand-knitted prayer shawl so you can wrap yourself in prayers, contact Pastor Lee.

Prayer & Care Ministry: If you could use some prayers, extra connection during a challenging time, or just feel like you want some additional connection to FUMC, please contact Pastor Lee.

Pastoral Care Emergencies: If you need to speak with a pastor right away in the evening or on a weekend (Friday and Saturday for our pastors), please don't hesitate to call their cell phone.

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