

We are excited that you will be a part of ...



We can't wait to see you in Colorado Springs, CO!

Check the event website, www.UMFellowship.org/Convocation for more information.

#1 Event Tip: Hydrate, Hydrate, Hydrate!

Plenty of water will prevent you from experiencing altitude related illness. Drink up!

CONVOCATION SITE

Crowne Plaza Colorado Springs
2886 South Circle Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
Tel: 719-576-5900

EMERGENCY CONTACT

All calls should be directed to Crowne Plaza Colorado Springs, 719-576-5900.

The emergency contact name and phone number you supplied with your registration will be printed on the back of your nametag. Be sure to check the accuracy of that information and change it if necessary.

WHAT TO BRING?

- A water bottle is highly recommended for you to stay hydrated at the higher elevation (6500 ft).
- Casual outfits are appropriate for all convocation events. Remember that indoor air-conditioned environments can sometimes be too cool for some persons, so plan your wardrobe accordingly.
- Cokesbury account number (church and/or personal), checkbook for offerings, money for additional meals and snacks.
- Bible, *United Methodist Hymnal* and/or *The Faith We Sing* (if desired).
- PLEASE leave heavy scents and perfumes at home. Some of our attendees are very sensitive to smells, even the "nice" ones!

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Airport Shuttle

There is a complimentary hotel shuttle from the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport (8 miles). Use the hotel phone bank in the baggage claim area to contact the hotel and arrange for pickup.

Driving Directions to Hotel

From Colorado Springs Municipal Airport: Exit the airport on Drennan West to Academy Blvd. Go south on Academy to I-25 North. Take Exit #138, Circle Drive. Turn right off the Interstate. Hotel is at 2886 South Circle Drive.

From I-25 (North/South): Follow I-25 to Exit #138, Circle Drive, and continue east. The Crowne Plaza is on the left-hand side just past the freeway intersection at 2886 South Circle Drive.

LINK: <http://www.cpcoloradosprings.com/crowne-plaza-colorado-directions.asp>

PARKING

Hotel self-parking is complimentary for all attendees.

EVENT STARTS:

Sunday, July 10

1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Handbell Workshop (by registration only)

Monday, July 11

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Handbell Workshop continues
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Opening Event: *Worship & Song* Reading Session
Gary Alan Smith and Jackson Henry will lead a reading session exclusively featuring music from *Worship & Song*, Abingdon Press's new hymnal supplement. It is full of music of all styles, similar to *The Faith We Sing*. Please bring to this session the free copy of the Pew Edition of *Worship & Song* given to you at registration.

EVENT ENDS:

Thursday, July 14

9:00 p.m. Following a closing Worship Celebration at First United Methodist Church of Colorado Springs

EVENT REGISTRATION

Handbell Workshop Registration

Sunday, July 10 (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Location: Conference Center Lobby

Convocation Registration – Main Hotel Lobby

Sunday, July 10 (4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)

Monday, July 11 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Location: Main Hotel Lobby

Beginning Tuesday, July 12, registration for late-arriving and daily registrants will be at the Group Registration Desk in the Grand Ballroom Foyer beginning at 8:00 a.m.

At registration, you will receive your nametag, event notebook, and all other materials necessary for your participation in the event. Nametags must be worn at all times and will serve as your admission ticket to all events.

NAMETAGS AND PARTICIPATION

All event participants must be registered. All class sessions will require a nametag for entrance.

The Monday night worship and concert by the Pikes Peak Ringers and Chamber Orchestra of the Springs is open, but there is a \$10 ticket charge for the general public. Your nametag will get you into the concert.

Only the Thursday night worship service at the First UMC of Colorado Springs is open to the public, free of charge.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Your registration does NOT include hotel reservations. You must have your own reservations.

- Confirm your arrival and departure dates with the hotel PRIOR to your arrival.
- Wired and wireless Internet access is available in guest rooms and in some hotspots around the hotel. Cost: \$9.95 per day per computer.
- Debit cards are accepted, but note that a hold for the estimated amount of stay plus an additional deposit per day for incidentals will be placed on the card at check-in. Full information is available at the front desk.
- A list of persons desiring roommates can be obtained by calling 1-800-952-8977.
- NOTE: Hotel CHECK-IN is after 3:00 p.m. You should not expect to be able to get into a room before 3:00 p.m. It is possible that a room may be available, but you should not count on it or expect it. The hotel will store your luggage for you as a courtesy until you can check in.

MEALS

The Fellowship excels at creating relationships that lead to hospitality, fellowship, and nurture. Meals at the convocation are designed not only to nourish the body, but also to nourish the spirit and mind as well, with lively conversation and relationship building.



Most meals will be served in the upper level Summit Ballroom, which has windows on three sides, offering beautiful vistas of Pikes Peak and the Rocky Mountains.

Breakfast may be purchased in the hotel restaurant. Each room is equipped with a coffee maker, allowing the option of having breakfast in your room with pastries, bagels and such that you bring along.

Lunches on Monday (for Handbell Workshop registrants), Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and **dinners** on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are part of the meal package that you purchased with your registration. All persons eating must be pre-registered for these meals. [CLICK HERE](#) for menu information.

LINK: <http://fummwa.affiniscape.com/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=278>

Dinner on Tuesday will be a Progressive Dinner!

Begin the salad course around the hotel with attendees from your jurisdiction (region). Then you'll move to dinner in the lovely Summit Ballroom. Dessert will be served after worship at the "Moonlight Madness" celebration in the Journey Marketplace.

Lunch on Wednesday for Interest Areas

Wednesday lunch will be served in different rooms to network in The Fellowship's Interest Areas. Choose a meal ticket at registration for the room you would like to eat in! A "Non" Area room will also be available.

- Adult and Youth/Children Choral Interest Areas
- Keyboard Interest Area
- Visuals Interest Area
- Handbell and Instrumental Interest Areas
- Contemporary Worship Interest Area
- Dance and Drama Interest Areas
- Preaching and Spiritual Formation Interest Areas

Special Meals

Vegetarian and other Restrictive Dietary Meals will be prepared for those who request them in advance (prior to July 5). If you did not make your request when you registered, email: David.Bone@UMFellowship.org

WORSHIP SERVICES

The convocation worship services are designed to take you on a journey beginning with what you bring to this event: yourself, your gifts, your hopes, your joys, your failures, your weariness, and that light that flickers within you in anticipation of what's to come in the next year.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information about the exciting worship that is planned for us.

Link: <http://fummwa.affiniscape.com/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=328>

Offerings

Two offerings will be taken during our worship services. Make all checks payable to "The Fellowship."

Tuesday – The Fellowship's Annual Fund

Thursday – Local Outreach Ministry

Memorial Service

Fellowship members who have died in the past two years will be remembered at Wednesday's evening worship service. As of 6/15/11, these are the persons who will be remembered:

Matt Bowles, Greensboro, NC
Robert Close, Lewisburg, PA
Margaret Coulter, Concordia, KS
David Davidson, Dallas, TX
Marie Fontaine, Fort Ann, NY
Marj Hershey, Cocoa Beach, FL
Jean Higdon, Baltimore, MD
Richard Howell, Dallas, TX
Howard Longmire, Lebanon, OH
Austin Lovelace, Denver, CO
Sue Nimmo, Lakeside Park, KY
David Noble, Douds, IA
Sandi Rehe, Andover, MA
Pam Withee, Jensen Beach, FL
Jean Yungclas, Des Moines, IA

If you know of changes or additions to this list, please contact the national office (800-952-8977).

JOURNEY MARKETPLACE

Please visit and support our convocation exhibitors and vendors; [CLICK HERE](#) for a list.

LINK: <http://fummwa.affiniscape.com/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=276>

Plan to share your resources with these great companies who have shared their resources to be with you at this event. Future participation by these vendors is determined by sales this year, so plan to stock up on all your worship resource needs. Many will be offering great discounts to event attendees!

SPECIAL NOTICES

BEGINNING YOUR INTERIOR JOURNEY

For the first time at a national convocation, private sessions with a Spiritual Director will be offered. You may sign up at the registration table for a 30 minute session on Tuesday or Wednesday from 9:45 - 11:45 or 1:30 - 4:00. These sessions are being offered by two highly qualified spiritual directors, Frannie Rose and Sister Nancy Hoffman. One Simple Voice is an interfaith, non-profit ministry with the essential purpose of assisting people who desire to begin the transformation to a life of sacred wisdom, peace, love and God centered awareness.

For more information go to their website at: www.onesimplevoice.org. These sessions are free but a donation to the One Simple Voice foundation would be appreciated.

VISUAL ARTISTS

Join other visual artists to network and foster the growth of visual arts in The Fellowship.

Tuesday Renewal Journey (9:45)

A discussion and PowerPoint presentation led by worship visual artists. Interests of the group will provide the focus for the seminar. Participants are encouraged to come with pictures to share and questions to ask!

Tuesday Lunch (12:30 – 2:30)

Have lunch and discussion with other visual artists. Sign up at registration for this special meal

DANCE AND DRAMA PARTICIPANTS

Dancers and actors (mostly readers theater) are needed for several worship services. Please email Joy Lamb (joylamb@snet.net) if you'd like to participate. PLEASE NOTE your ARRIVAL DAY and TIME in your email. If you are arriving early, there will be some rehearsals on Monday to prepare for Tuesday services. Otherwise, rehearsals for other services will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Dancers who wish to dance in worship should plan bring white or black flowing dance clothes. You should also bring a bright scarf.

Drama people should bring pants in a solid color (dark or neutral) and a long or 3/4 sleeve white top.

HANDBELL RINGERS

If you are participating in the Handbell Workshop on Sunday and Monday:

- Bring white gloves and a standing notebook
- If you have a car, come to Main Lobby at 11:00 a.m. on SUNDAY to assist in taking others to lunch (which is on your own). The workshop begins at 1:00 p.m.

If you are planning to ring in classes during the convocation, please bring white gloves.

INSTRUMENTALISTS

If you would like to bring your instrument, there may be an opportunity to play it! Email Diana Sanchez-Bushong (DSanchez-Bushong@westlake-umc.org) if you would like to play in worship or in a reading session.

YOGA CLASSES

Renewal 2011 will feature Yoga classes Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings at 7:30 a.m. as well as on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights. Bring your mat if you can, or email Tom Taylor (j.thomas.taylor@gmail.com) if you would like one provided. The sessions will be great for beginners or those interested in knowing more.

SPECIAL CLASS TRANSPORTATION PASSES

On Tuesday and Wednesday, a class will be taught at First UMC. Pick up your free transportation pass for these classes at registration. Transportation will leave at 2:30 p.m. and return by 4:15 p.m.

Tuesday – Basic and Creative Organ Registration – Joe Galema

This session will explore how organists enrich worship services with creative musical contributions: preludes, postludes, hymn playing, free hymn accompaniments, and vocal/choral accompanying. Specific emphasis will be on registration for both small and large instruments, plus artistic hymn text interpretation. As a bonus, a handout of “tried and true” preludes and postludes based on the liturgical year will be provided. Participants will learn practical information as well as review basic organ techniques.

Wednesday Banner Ministry at First UMC – Sherry McCurry

At First UMC of Colorado Springs we enjoy great fellowship while creating banners and growing spiritually. Our goal is to add to the overall worship experience. We’ve learned how to improve our techniques and how to utilize many different types of fabrics. Learn how we create the 4 ft. by 8 ft. banners that hang in our sanctuary – from the foam board and wood, to creating your own patterns, to the finished product. This class will give you all the information you need to start your own banner ministry in your church.

See you in Colorado Springs!

