

Women's Ministry Directory



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SECURED IN CHRIST, WHO ARE SET APART FOR GOD'S PURPOSE AND
WHO ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE LIKENESS OF CHRIST
THROUGH WHOM WE STRIVE TO PRAISE, HONOR AND GLORIFY GOD
IN EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES.

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About the Women's Ministry Directory

A note from Leisa:

I'm so excited for this Womens Ministry Directory! I was asked by a new member awhile back what all the women were involved in and how she could be a part. She didn't know who or what was available for her to do so...hence the "Womens Ministry Directory" came about. I hope and pray this will be a tool for us to see "What" is going on at University and "How" I, as a member at University, can get involved! We also are open to new ideas you have seen or heard about and would greatly appreciate you leading a ministry, so please let Ruthie Wheeler or myself know. A big thank you to Ebeth Lones for using her gifts and talents to put this directory together.

~Leisa Wheeler

A note from Ruthie:

We are so excited to present this Women's Ministry Directory to all the ladies at University! We hope each one of you is involved in one of these ministries. If not, we pray that you will find an area of your interest to serve in. I'm sure some of you will be saying, "I didn't know that was going on," and that is one of the purposes of this directory. We also hope you will use this directory to guide new members to specific Ministry Leaders in areas where they can use their talents and gifts to serve others and glorify God.

This directory is a "work in progress", as we hope to continue to add new ministries and leaders. We solicit your input, ideas and suggestions as you see other needs in our body. Please give Ebeth Lones a huge HUG and THANK YOU for organizing and putting this Women's Ministry Directory together!

~Ruthie Wheeler

Adult Library Ministry

Leaders: Joan McKnight and Connie Gant

The University church adult library contains religious books from as early as the late 1800's through the most recent publications. The adult section is presently organized into 37 categories of non-fiction, such as personal growth, teens, deep study, parenting and topical. We also have a bookcase of Christian fiction. Members may check out adult books by filling out the card inside the front cover and putting the card in the box on the table. Please return the book within 3 months. All books are donated by members or are purchased from the Christian used bookstore. The books are stamped and carded with recent additions being flagged. The adult library is located on the educational wing going North in the first room on the left on the North and East walls.

If you are interested in donating newer books, offering suggestions of books to add to the library, or are willing to help evaluate donated books, please **contact:**

Joan McKnight: (303)771-4927 or jmckwww@msn.com

Connie Gant: (303)549-2720 or countryconniekay@hotmail.com



Busy Bags

Leader: Ebeth Lones

A busy bag is a bag full of items and activities that help keep children occupied during worship services. A busy bag may include coloring pages, books, crayons, stickers, figurines, or other fun things for little ones. Busy bags are located in the foyer on coat racks on either side of the auditorium doors. We need items donated to fill these bags, and from time to time the bags need checked and restocked.

If you are interested in donating items or helping with this ministry, please **contact**:

Ebeth Lones: (303)459-2272 or ebeth.lones@gmail.com



Card Ministry

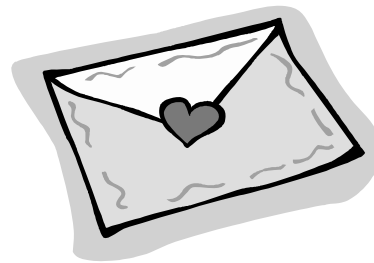
Leader: Alpha Honaker

We feel it is important to honor our senior members on special days. The card ministry sends greeting cards to each senior member on their birthday as well as their wedding anniversary. A list of senior members' birthdays and anniversaries has been prepared and cards are sent as appropriate.

Additionally, sympathy cards are sent to any church member who suffers the loss of someone dear to them. Get well or thinking of you cards are sent when a member is ill, or having problems of some sort. Many times individuals in the congregation send cards, but it is nice to receive a card from the congregation as well.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please **contact**:

Alpha Honaker: (303)757-5706 or alpha62@msn.com



Children's Library

Leader: Pam Whyte

The children's library shelves books for preschool-age children up to teen age. The books are organized by Old Testament and New Testament stories and Christian themes such as giving, thankfulness, prayer, etc. The library has many VHS Tapes and Veggie Tale DVDs available for check out as well. All University members are welcome to check books out of the library. Teachers are also encouraged to use the library and can easily find a specific subject section, such as Noah's Ark, and check out a few books for their class.

To check out a book or video, simply sign your name and date on the card located in the book, VHS or DVD, then place the card in the "Check-Out" box on the table in the library. We ask that books or movies be returned within two weeks.

If you would like to help organize, screen books or donate books, tapes, or DVDs to the Children's Library, please **contact:**
Pam Whyte (303)303-1490 or denpamwhyte@yahoo.com



Children's Ministry

Leaders: Liesl Jones and Linda Dismang

The University children's ministry provides resources for children to help them develop a growing relationship with Jesus, understand God's word and to make life applications of Christian concepts in their daily lives. We serve approximately 65 children from our congregation—newborn through fifth grade--plus a number of visitors. Sunday morning and Wednesday night Bible classes take the children through the Old and New Testaments during a three-year cycle. A supervised nursery (ages birth to 3 years of age) and Children's Church (ages 3 to kindergarten) are available during Sunday worship services. The Media Center and its volunteers serve as a support to teachers. Each summer the children participate in Vacation Bible School on Wednesday nights.

We always are in need of new teacher volunteers. Volunteering to be a teacher or helper is a great way to make dear friends with other teachers and to better know our children and their families.

There also are opportunities to participate in children's ministry in a non-teaching way by:

- preparing and/or putting up bulletin boards
- putting together books of Bible stories (materials and direction provided)
- helping organize curriculum
- sewing curtains for classrooms

It would be great to have a group of women to volunteer once a quarter to help with any of these.

If you are interested in teaching our children, please **contact:**

Liesl Jones: (303)759-8915 or jjlco@msn.com

If you are interested in helping in a non-teaching way, please contact: Linda Dismang: (303)979-8047 or ladcolo6@msn.com

Church Decorations

Leader: Sheri Roberts

In an effort to brighten things up a bit, the auditorium is now donning some additional decorations. These decorations will be changed quarterly to coordinate with the beautiful seasons we enjoy by living in Colorado. In addition to a holiday theme in December, look for a winter theme in January, followed by a spring theme in March, and summer and fall to follow. The foyer area is also being "cleaned up" a bit and will have a matching decoration each season.

If you would like more information or to help with this ministry, please **contact**:
Sheri Roberts: (303)507-4909 or smbkj@aol.com



Church Secretary Substitute and Helpers

Leader: Herma Hughes

The church office occasionally needs substitutes willing to do Herma's work when she takes a vacation.

Herma sometimes needs volunteer helpers who can work with accuracy to cut cardstock printed with the Visitor, Encouragement and Prayer Request cards. Accuracy is important because they must fit into the racks on the back of the pews so that all three cards show and because the Encouragement Cards will be sent back to us by the post office if they are too small. She also needs volunteers who are willing to help cut, assemble and punch the address directories and photo directories and help with special projects like the 40 days of Prayer booklets.

If you are willing to help with any of these secretarial needs, please **contact:**

Herma Hughes (303)758-8280 or ucochrist1@gwestoffice.net



Children's Teacher Coordinator

Leader: Liesl Jones

This person works within the children's education ministry, often in coordination with the person who oversees the children's curriculum to assure that children from birth through fifth grade have classroom teachers on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Teachers develop children's knowledge and understanding of God, Jesus and God's plan of salvation through the study of both the Old and New Testament people and events. The ministry seeks teachers who can convey these concepts to children with patience, kindness and enthusiasm, with the aim of inspiring in children a desire to learn more and serve God.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please **contact:**

Liesl Jones: (303)759-8915 or jjlco@msn.com



Cleaning the Church Building

Leader: Becky Perez

Becky Perez is responsible for cleaning the church building (bathrooms, classrooms, kitchen, offices, carpets, etc.), the set-up and break-down for all functions happening at the church, and for Sunday and Wednesday night classes. She unlocks and locks the building for all functions, and she is the person to contact to determine the policies for building use and if the building is available for use.

Becky prepares communion for Sundays and she keeps the building stocked with all materials needed for potlucks, breakfasts etc. She is also responsible for purchasing and keeping a budget for these items.

If you would like more information about this ministry, please **contact**:

Becky Perez: (303)941-9558 or becperez@hotmail.com



Entertaining Angels

Leader: Leah Stephens

Entertaining Angels is a fun ministry that encourages fellowship among members at University. A member decides to host a meal and contacts the coordinator with the details (time, date, number of guests desired). The coordinator then invites various members of the congregation to attend the meal. A few days prior to the event, the coordinator contacts the host to let him or her know how many guests to expect. On the day of the meal, the guests arrive, and the host is surprised to see who has come! Entertaining Angels is a great way to get to know others in our body whom you may not otherwise get to know. Everyone who has participated has been very blessed, so please consider hosting an Entertaining Angels meal.

If interested in participating in this ministry, please **contact:**

Leah Stephens: (720)253-7871 or jasonleah03@gmail.com



Family Meals

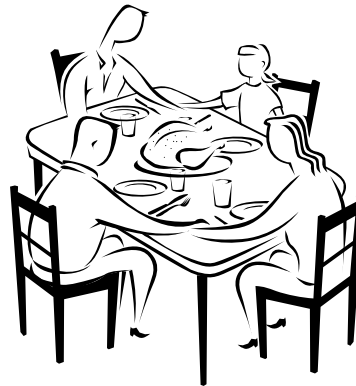
Leaders: Christi Dismang and Lynn Eklund

The meals for families ministry started to serve new mothers and has since evolved to provide meals for families who have experienced births, illnesses, surgeries, or any other reason when there is a need. Our goal is to provide meals every other day for at least two weeks to families in need. It is a wonderful way for us to serve one another and to display the love of Christ.

If you would like more information or to help with this ministry, please **contact:**

Christi Dismang: (303)693-6886 or jcdismang@comcast.net

Lynn Eklund: (720)920-9756 or lynnmeklund@yahoo.com



Fellowship Breakfast and Potluck Ministry

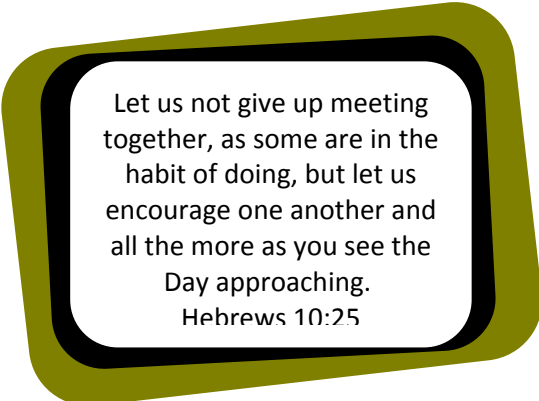
Leaders: Sue Patterson and Andrea Petree

The fellowship breakfast and potluck is a ministry designed to facilitate unity and encouragement for members, friends and visitors to the University church. Events are held on the first Sunday of each month, alternating with breakfasts and potluck luncheons. The odd numbered months of the year are breakfast months and even numbered months of the year are potluck luncheons. Members are encouraged to participate by bringing food to share at potlucks. Volunteers who stay after each event to help with clean up are greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in working with this ministry, please **contact:**

Sue Patterson: (303)961-0946

Andrea Petree: (303)591-1153 or andrea@petreefamily.com



Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
Hebrews 10:25

Food Pantry

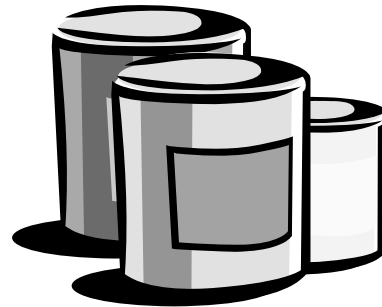
Leader: Jon Clark?

The food pantry serves about 100 families each week. Over the month, about 160+ families have registered.

We need volunteers who are willing to help pick up food weekly at Compa and Food bank of the Rockies, unload and store food weekly into the pantry and storage areas.

We also need volunteers on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 pm to pack sacks for distribution on Friday. And we need volunteers on Fridays from 8:30AM to 2PM to finish packing sacks with meat and bread, set out perishables, clothing, and miscellaneous on tables in the fellowship hall., to help register all clients, help clients in various ways, to watch for opportunities to invite them to worship and/or study, and to help with clean up. Eight to 10 ladies currently volunteer to work on the monthly reports on the last Friday of each month.

If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please **contact:**
Jon Clark: (303)294-0798 or all4clarks@netzero.com



Funeral Dinners

Leaders: Youvha Lindsay, Shirley Hendrick, Pauline Bunger

The funeral dinner ministry is a service for those who have had a death in the family. We offer to serve the dinner at our building , or in their home. We contact the family for any specific wishes. As many as 12 to 24 members may be involved in preparing, furnishing, and serving the food. This service has been offered for more than 30 years.

WE NEED YOU!! Anyone interested in helping with any part of this Ministry, please **contact**:

Youvha Lindsay: (303)756-0133

Shirley Hendrick: (303)204-3323

Pauline Bunger: (303)794-5406



Greeters Ministry

Leader: Ruthie Wheeler

The purpose of the Greeters' Ministry is to welcome visitors, help them feel at home at University and encourage them to return. Both men and women are needed as greeters. The greeters are schedule for Sunday mornings one month at a time so that they might recognize a visitor if they returned during that month. Greeters' are responsible for sending a personal note to each visitor the week after they have visited University. Greeters also hand out bulletins to the regular members. New greeters are always needed and welcomed.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please **contact:**

Ruthie Wheeler: (303)450-9890 or rrwheeler@qwestoffice.net



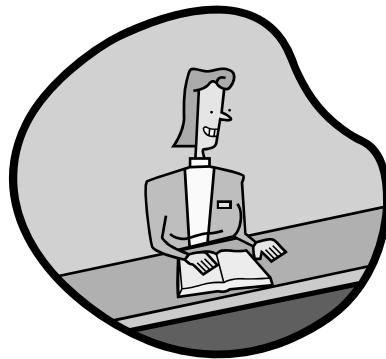
Information Booth

Leader: Christi Dismang

The information booth is an extension of the greeters ministry. It is an opportunity to greet members and visitors and to help visitors get where they need to be.

Each Sunday before and after classes a volunteer is assigned to sit behind the booth and is asked to provide information on anything that is needed. The info booth volunteer is also responsible for checking the quality and inventory in the busy bags as they sit at the booth.

If you would like to help with this ministry, please **contact:**
Christi Dismang: (303)693-6886 or jcdismang@comcast.net



Media Center

Leader: Sheila Parrish

The Media Center provides a variety of materials and supplies for use by teachers of all grade levels. These supplies are used for visual aids, various projects, bulletin boards, and other uses teachers come up with.

There are currently five women who volunteer in the Media Center on Sunday mornings to assist teachers as needed, including Alpha Honaker, Claudia Priest, Janice Taber, Sue Steepleton and Devona Collier fills in if someone is not available. Each woman volunteers one Sunday per month. Lonnie Kocsis also assists in pulling together various class materials that go with the lesson each Sunday. The Media Center needs volunteers to serve as alternates. It requires being in the Media Center about fifteen minutes for Sunday morning class starts and staying during the class time.

If you are interested in volunteering in the Media Center, please **contact:**

Sheila Parrish: (303)450-7121 or sparrish7121@msn.com



New Member Spotlight

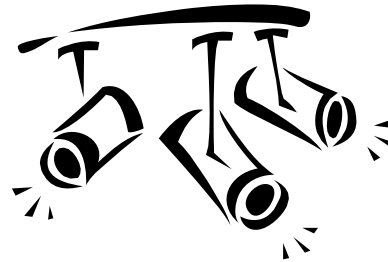
Leader: Alpha Honaker

The purpose of this ministry is to welcome new members to University Church of Christ. When someone places membership, it is important that we all meet them and are able to recognize them, and it's helpful to know more about their lives, backgrounds, jobs, hobbies, etc. Therefore, when a new member is announced, they are contacted and interviewed, and they have their picture taken. New members seem to welcome the interview and picture, and are generally very happy to provide information so that members may get to know them and make them a part of our family immediately.

The picture, along with some brief bullet points from the interview is displayed on the Power Point presentation before services for a few weeks and is then posted on the New Member bulletin board in the office corridor of the building. Current members are encouraged to check the bulletin board frequently, read the info, and introduce themselves to and get to know our new members.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please **contact:**

Alpha Honaker: (303)757-5706 or alpha62@msn.com



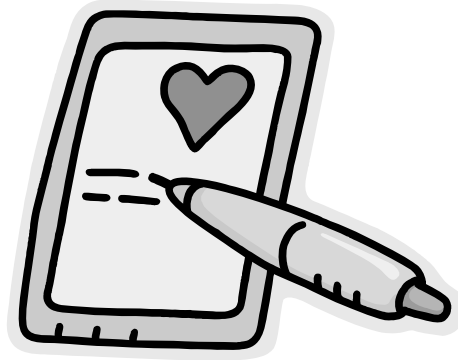
Notes to Visitors

Leader: Marilyn Johnson

Writing notes to our visitors who attend worship services at University is a very rewarding service. Each week visitors are asked to fill out a card. The church secretary, Herma Hughes, then sends the visitors contact information via email to University members who have agreed to write visitor notes. The note should thank the visitor for attending Bible class/worship and invite them back. It can be as simple as the writer likes or can go into more depth, depending if the visitor has special circumstances, has visited multiple times, etc. This ministry emphasizes that University strives to be a friendly and caring congregation.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please **contact**:

Marilyn Johnson: (303)657-5441 or rodenstock1@comcast.net



Nursery

Leader: Andrea Petree

The nursery class is a ministry which focuses on children ages 3-months to 18-months old. This class provides teachers for Sunday morning Bible class who will teach God-based songs, Bible stories and play. There nursery class on Wednesday nights provides teachers of children birth to 3 years of age.

This ministry also coordinates a rotation of volunteers who attend the nursery during Sunday morning worship services. The Sunday morning nursery attendants watch children from birth up to 3 years of age. The focus of this ministry is pouring God's love on these tiny ones, while their parent's souls are fed in their own classes/services.

If you would like more information or to help with this ministry, please **contact:**

Andrea Petree: (303)591-1153 or andrea@petreefamily.com



Prayer Warriors

Leaders: Alpha Honaker and Helen Stinnett

Prayer Warriors is a ministry in which every Christian, from the youngest to the oldest, can participate. There are no meetings to attend, and participants can organize their prayer time in whatever way works best for them. Ideally we pray for each person daily, but we don't want you to feel guilty if you miss some days. We sign up and reorganize each March and ask for a one-year commitment. Every member of the congregation is assigned to a Prayer Warrior. Historically we have had a great response, so that no one is praying for more than four families. As new members come to us, we ask a warrior to add them to their group.

How wonderful to have all University members brought before the Lord as often as possible! Prayer warriors are asked to look for requests in the bulletin for their assigned members' specific needs, ask the member directly if there is anything special they'd like you to pray about, or just pray for health, faithfulness, contentment, etc., as we all need these. Prayers need not be long, you may pray as you drive to work, take a walk or run the vacuum. Enjoy the privilege of praying for one another.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please **contact**:

Alpha Honaker: (303)757-5706 or Alpha62@msn.com

Helen Stinnett: (303)333-2866 or hrstinnett@juno.com



Sunshine Basket Ministry

Leaders: Joan McKnight and Christye Carpenter

Once a year in early November or mid January, our Wednesday Night Ladies Class puts together a project designed to lift the spirits of our Senior Christians who do not get out very often or are shut-ins. There are usually around 30 men and women who benefit from this project. Members bring an assortment of non-edible and edible goodies to fill baskets for couples or bags for singles. Volunteer members deliver 1 or 2 baskets/bags the next day with a cheerful personal visit. This ministry only takes 2 weeks to prepare for and members graciously contribute in various ways.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please **contact**:

Joan McKnight: (303)771-4927 or jmmckwww@msn.com

Christye Carpenter: (303)644-3221 or christye@netecin.net



Thursday School: University's Parents' Day Out

Leader: Connie Monsees

Thursday school is designed to give children ages 2 years to pre-K a strong foundation in God's work and His love for them. Our days are filled with activities that encourage all of the areas so important to the development of little ones. The curriculum for each week is based on a Bible story we are covering. Most importantly, we want the children to know God made them, loves them, and every one of them has a special place in His world. This ministry has been blessing families for over 30 years!

We meet Thursdays, September through May, 9:30AM to 1PM with the exception of the holidays noted in our handbook.

Our families are made up of members from University, members of other Denver area churches, and neighborhood children. Thursday school is a ministry. We do ask for a \$50.00 tuition each month, but children are never turned away if a family is unable to pay.

Volunteers are needed to provide scholarships (as mentioned above, we don't turn families away), help with our November craft sale every other year (lands on odd years 2011, 2013, etc.) as a crafter or shopper, and to teach/help. If you have a passion for teaching little souls about God, this may be the ministry for you to get involved in. Our staff is very loyal and we love what we do.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please **contact:**

Connie Monsees: (303)791-5794 or Ckm03@live.com



Visitor Bags

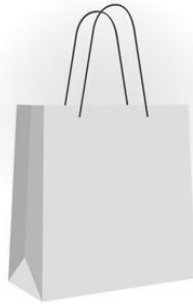
Leader: Gayle Fler

One of the ways we welcome new visitors to the University church of Christ is through the visitor bag ministry. It not only lets visitors know we appreciate their visit with the candy bags and cocoa mix in the bags, but it also provides them with brochures that tell about our different ministries and classes. The bags also include a magnet, pen and business card with the church website, address and phone number.

We have several precious women who volunteer to help with the visitor bag ministry. Herma copies and orders all our necessary items, Ruthie makes the candy bags, Sharon Fler folds all the brochures and Alpha cuts out the labels and magnets. This makes my job easy of putting them all together as needed. We give out approximately 140 bags every year. We hope this helps in making our visitors feel welcome and that we look forward to seeing them again.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please **contact:**

Gayle Fler: (303)506-1348 or dgrifler@comcast.net



Wednesday Night Ladies' Class

Leader: Linda Kidder

The Wednesday night ladies' class is designed for the fellowship, admonition and encouragement of the ladies of University and any visitors we may be blessed to have attend. This mid-week meeting time is spent largely in study and discussion, with a concluding prayer regarding items brought by members of the class. We study books of the bible, as well as conduct various topical, video, book, and workbook studies throughout the year. We are continually interested in the ideas and opinions of the ladies in regards to studies they would like to do, as well as ladies who would be interested in leading the class. Class facilitators can sign up for one week, one quarter, or anything in between and can choose their topic and materials.

If interested in leading the class or if you have a study topic idea, please **contact**:

Linda Kidder: (303)920-2433 or lindakidder@comcast.net



Women's Ministry Bulletin Board

Leader: Ebeth Lones

The women's ministry bulletin board is located in the main hallway of the church building in front of the ladies restroom. The bulletin board is meant to be a motivation to all women of the congregation, and a way to feature and communicate information regarding various women's activities and ministries. The bulletin board should be updated several times per year, at least once per quarter. The theme of the bulletin board may revolve around a season, a ladies Bible class theme, or a recent function/event of the ladies ministry.

If you have materials or ideas for the bulletin board, or would like to use your creative talents to put one together, please **contact:**

Ebeth Lones: (303)459-2272 or ebeth.lones@gmail.com



Women's Retreat

Leaders: Leisa Wheeler and Ruthie Wheeler

The annual women's retreat takes place in the fall, usually in October. The retreat is in the mountains one year, and in town the next year on an alternating basis. This weekend retreat is a wonderful time for the ladies to learn, share, be encouraged, laugh, cry, and grow closer to each other and to the Lord.

Each year the chairwoman has a committee of 6 to 8 ladies to help plan and coordinate the retreat. Some of the responsibilities may include finding a location for the retreat, selecting a speaker, doing the advertising and registration, planning the worship times of the retreat, or planning projects, games, decorations, discussions and "bags". Each task requires the help of several volunteers.

If you would like to use your special talents to help plan and prepare for the retreat, please **contact**:

Leisa Wheeler: (303)720-1931 or leisajoye@juno.com

Ruthie Wheeler: (303)450-9890 or rrwheeler@qwestoffice.net



Women's Tea

Leaders: Leisa Wheeler and Ruthie Wheeler

The women's tea has become an annual event that takes place in the spring. This is a special time for the ladies to enjoy a fellowship time together, to invite their friends and/or neighbors, and to be encouraged and uplifted.

A large number of volunteers are required to work together to bring this special event to fruition. The tea chairwoman coordinates the chairwomen for the food, decorations, table hostesses, program, advertising, registration, and cleanup. Each of these chairwomen need a number of ladies to help in their particular areas to assure that all runs smoothly and to provide a beautiful setting for a one-of-a-kind event.

If you would like more information or to help plan and prepare for the tea, please **contact:**

Leisa Wheeler: (303)720-1931 or leisajoye@juno.com

Ruthie Wheeler: (303)450-9890 or rrwheeler@qwestoffice.net



Men's Ministry Contact Info

Deacon or Ministry Leader	Ministry
Don Fleer 303-506-1349	Joshua Ministry
Dave Steepleton 303-797-8753	Involvement
Kevin Gates 303-680-5551	
Randy March 303-973-1632	Senior Saints
Ken Hendricks 303-250-0016	Benevolence
Mike Elliott 303-598-9482	Worship
Jerry Selby 720-353-3162	Young Adult Ministry
Dennis Whyte 303-699-1490	Youth
Landon Dale 303-593-1012	Young Families
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