

## The Mountain House

High in the Rocky Mountains (at an elevation of 9000 feet above sea level) sits the Theologian in Residence Program's Mountain House. The House is a perfect locale for sabbaticals, retreats, vacations, spiritual renewal, and space to write and create.



Surrounded by pine and aspen trees, the 2800 sq ft, Mountain House provides all of the modern amenities as well as the solace and solitude of the wild. Its 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, study, large kitchen, living room, meeting area and wood burning fireplace create an inviting, comforting and energizing environment.



The Mountain House has year-round recreational opportunities - hiking, biking, fishing and horseback riding in warm weather; skating, snowshoeing, downhill and cross country skiing and snowboarding when the beautiful Colorado snows arrive.

Conveniently located just 35 minutes from the church, and one hour to either Rocky Mountain National Park/Estes Park or Denver, a stay at the Mountain House opens the way to some of Colorado's most popular attractions.



### Quotes from Past Theologians in Residence

*"How do I pen a psalm of thanksgiving for such lavish hospitality? For allowing me this time to recharge-retreat-reunion and remember with the best of friends, self, nature and God? What an awesome place for being present with the sacred!"*

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*"I reclaimed a gift I feared had disappeared through neglect. . . and many birthing ideas were created this week. This is a holy place in the liveliest, most dynamic sense."*

*"It was hard to maintain any sense of composure when I entered the house. The only thing that kept me from jumping and shouting for joy was the effect of the altitude. So I just stood for a time gazing out the patio door with my mouth hanging open. To each one who prepared this holy ground upon which I walk for a time, I thank you from the very core of my soul."*

*"Your ministry of hospitality, Boulder church folk, has blessed my life. I go back to decisions and tasks with clarity born of stillness. Thank you."*

### Theologian in Residence Program First United Methodist Church

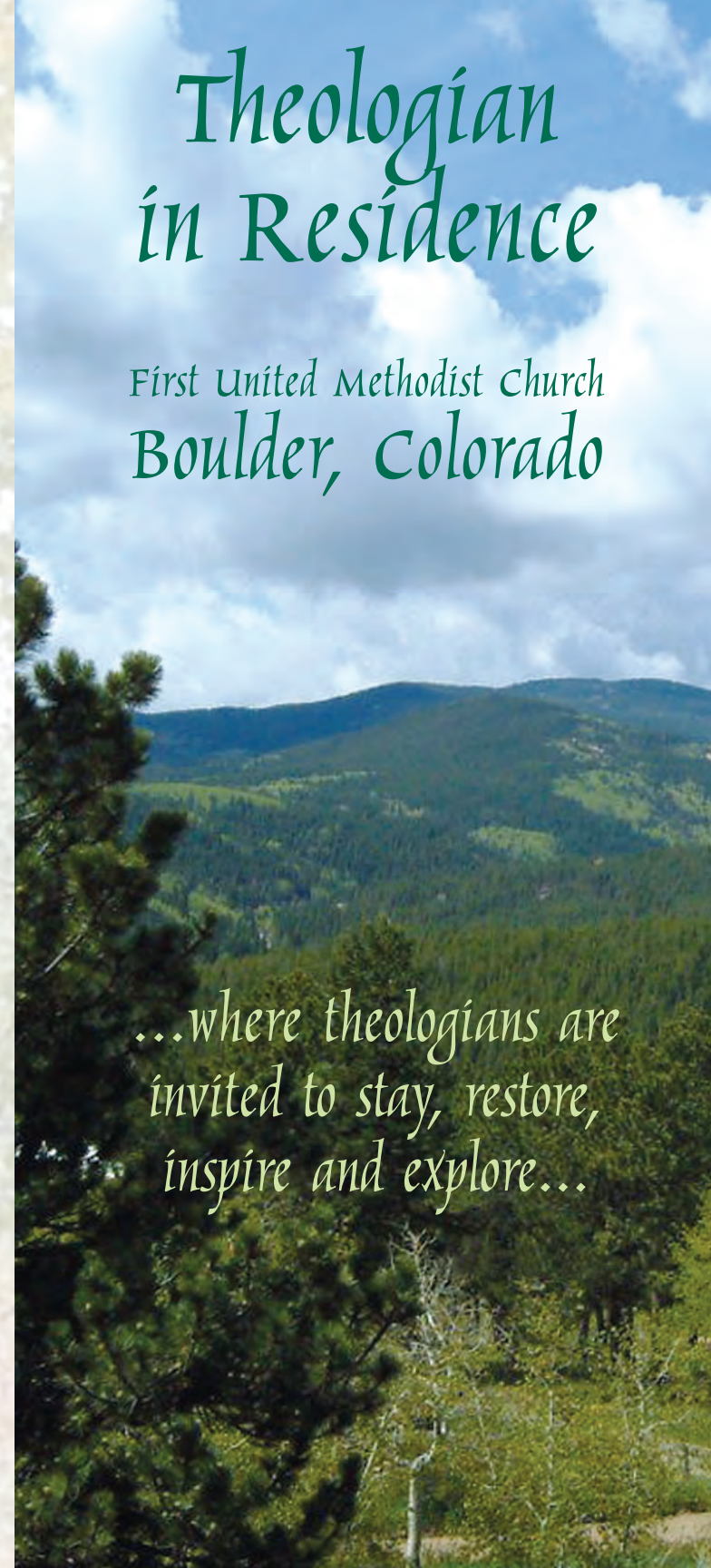
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# Theologian in Residence

First United Methodist Church  
Boulder, Colorado

*...where theologians are invited to stay, restore, inspire and explore...*



## The Theologian in Residence Program

The Theologian in Residence (TIR) Program was established to provide First UMC and the surrounding community with intellectual stimulation and opportunities for spiritual growth.

Past programs include:

- contemporary ethical and social issues
- the labyrinth as spiritual practice
- mystical Christianity
- religious dimensions of the arts
- comparative religion & interfaith dialogue
- Native American spirituality



Individuals are invited to apply for a stay of 2 weeks up to 6 months. In turn, participants contribute to the life and spiritual growth of the church and

community by sharing their area of study and passion 3-4 hours a week via classes, preaching, weekend seminars, retreats, lectures and/or other approaches. Theologians are responsible for their own transportation and daily needs.

The TIR Program is a perfect opportunity to discover the beauty of the Colorado Rocky Mountains and the diversity of the Boulder area, and engage a progressive congregation whose parishioners are eager to learn and grow in the Spirit.



## A Word from FUMC's Pastors

*First UMC is the oldest church in Boulder, founded and still located in the heart of downtown near the city's famous pedestrian Pearl Street Mall. Grounded in our rich history, today we are a congregation with inclusive worship, progressive theology and a strong commitment to social justice. We are proud to be a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network, dedicated to full participation of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in the life of the UMC.*

*Our hospitable atmosphere welcomes all. Our congregation of thoughtful, faithfully-seeking Christians continues to attract persons with interests in a variety of faith traditions. In addition to our regular worship services, opportunities for spiritual growth are offered through adult classes featuring the latest in contemporary theology, a consistently strong music program, a labyrinth with a full complement of weekly activities and, of course, our unique Theologian in Residence (TIR) program.*

*We are deeply grateful for the bequest of our Mountain House where our visiting theologians are invited to stay, restore, inspire and explore. We encourage you to come be a part of this exciting ministry!*

The Revs. Claire Childress & Keith Thompson  
Co-Pastors  
First United Methodist Church  
Boulder, Colorado

## Theologian in Residence Application Process

Theologians, scholars, pastors, artists, and musicians whose area of study or vocation will contribute to the life and spiritual growth of the congregation are invited to apply to the program.

To apply, please send the following to:

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- A cover letter explaining your vocation and background, what you would contribute to the life of FUMC, and what you might gain from interaction with FUMC
- A resumé
- Two letters of reference
- Proposed length of stay at the Mountain House (The length of stay is negotiable; stays of a minimum of 2 weeks are encouraged.)



We encourage applying for the Theologian in Residence Program well in advance.

For more information contact:  
The Rev. Rosalee Blake, [rtblake@hughes.net](mailto:rtblake@hughes.net)  
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