

Community UCC
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Worship and Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Pete Terpenning, Minister
An Open and Affirming Congregation

DECEMBER 2005-JANUARY 2006



The ECHO

Julian Johnson was the Interim Pastor of the church in the early 80's right before Phil Campbell was called as Pastor, for about 2 years in about 1981-82.

DAILY CAMERA, November 4, 2005

Julian Bernard Johnson July 11, 1916 — Nov. 2, 2005

Julian Bernard Johnson, of Topeka, Kan., formerly of Boulder, died Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005, in Topeka. He was 89.

The son of Albert Johnson and Laura Ophelia Bonnett Johnson, he was born July 11, 1916, in Rapides Parish, La. He married Marjorie Longenecker in 1943 in Kingman, Kansas. Mr. Johnson lived in Boulder from 1981 to 1999.

He earned degrees from Baylor University in Texas and Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and served as a U.S. Army chaplain in Europe from 1945 to 1946 and in Korea from 1951 to 1952.

He served as pastor at churches in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, California, New York City and Kansas, retiring from his last congregation, the First Congregational Church of Manhattan, Kan., after 23 years of service. He served as an interim minister at various Boulder area churches during his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, of Topeka; a sister, Ruth Brown, of Mount Pleasant, Texas; two sons, Paul Johnson, of Deerfield, Mass., and Mark Johnson, of Topeka; two daughters, Barbara Wells, of Annapolis, Md., and Anne Sorensen, of Cedar Falls, Iowa; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services are planned in Topeka and Manhattan.

Donations in Mr. Johnson's name may be sent to The Brewster Place Charity Fund, 1205 SW 29th St., Topeka, KS 66611; to the United Church of Christ, 700 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502; or to Central Congregational Church, 1248 SW Buchanan, Topeka, KS 66604. Condolences and memories can be left online at www.julianjohnson.net.

VOICES FOR CHILDREN is a Boulder County non-profit serving the needs of abused and neglected children. They are currently recruiting volunteers for their February 2006 Court Appointed Special Advocate training class. Applications are due **February 1st**. If you are interested you may reach them at 303.440.7059, visit the web site at www.vfccasa.org, or email them at applications@vfccasa.org.

ACCESSIBLE CONGREGATIONS CAMPAIGN:

The National Organization on Disability has a campaign to encourage churches to be more welcoming and accessible to people with disabilities. The Spiritual Life & Fellowship is currently discussing this. More information on the campaign and things we can do is available at www.nod.org/religion

Pete's Letter

What is Taize'

Now that we have begun having Taize Worship Services at church at 8:30 on Sunday mornings during Advent, (Hope in Winter - Advent Taize Services) there may be people in the congregation wondering just what this is about. Taize is an ecumenical monastery in France (in Taize') started in 1940 by Brother Roger and a small group of Monks. It is made up today of about 100 members who represent Catholic as well as 25 Protestant denominations. The Taize Community developed a unique style of worship based around simple musical chants, silence and prayer that is gradually spreading around the world. Taize is particularly noted for it's popularity among young people, many of whom travel from around the world to visit Taize and join in the community and worship life of the community for a few days for weeks. Some of the monks live simple lives among the poor, but a large part of the ministry is monks who live at Taize' welcoming the many visitors and leading worship and retreats.

We are fortunate that Lu Walters, a new member of our community, helped organize Taize services when she was in Seminary in South Africa. Lu approached me and offered her services in planning Taize worship in our church. Julie Parmenter, Harriott Quin and I have been meeting with Lu to start these services. We decided to try out Taize on Sunday mornings during Advent and see how it goes. A large group is not needed for Taize worship, in fact, this is one time when truly where 2 or 3 are gathered together...it's enough. However, we are off to a good start with 24 people attending last Sunday.

The service consists primarily of musical chants of Taize and silence. We also prayer together and have one extended period of silence with a guided meditation. We will be having Communion each Sunday, partly because the service lends itself easily to Communion, and partly because there have been some requests within our congregation for a chance to receive Communion each week. Right now, I am learning the chants on guitar and the four of us (Lu, Julie, Harriott and I) are leading the singing. I hope to recruit some other guitar players/musicians to help lead the music...so see me if it interests you to learn the Taize music! The service on Sunday last 35 minutes and Lu says that should be about average. We have been invited by the Spiritual Life Commission to lead a Taize' service at the 10:00 am worship service on Christmas Day (Sunday).

Pete

BULLETIN INFORMATION:

Please get bulletin announcements to Julie Parmenter, our temporary Administrative Assistant. E-mail is preferred: ucochrist3@qwest.net or call the church office (please have announcements written out before calling) 303-499-9119.

ECHO DEADLINE:

The deadline for the **February 2006** edition of the CUCC newsletter, *The Echo*, is **Sunday, January 29, 2006** Please get articles to Susan Carter Ruskell (ruskell@pobox.com) no later than **3 p.m.** that day. Early submissions are appreciated.

GROCERY COUPONS:

If you have not purchased these coupons in the past, please consider doing so. You pay face value for the coupon (or gift card) and the church gets 5% of that face value for our budget. See Carl Love to purchase coupons for most of your favorite area grocery stores, including Safeway, King Soopers, Vitamin Cottage & Wild Oats!

LEARN MORE:

Community United Church of Christ is a part of the wider United Church of Christ. Learn more about how our denomination works to fulfill (and provide us with opportunities to fulfill) our obligation to try to make the world a better place and find links to forums and resources for mission, ministry, worship, etc. at www.ucc.org.

GLBT POTLUCKS:

The last Sunday of each month the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (and allies) Fellowship is meeting for potluck suppers. All are welcome, gay or straight, and we have meaningful discussions, fellowship and lots of laughter!

HOLIDAY BAZAR - DECEMBER 11:

Following the success of the alternative Gift Market on Nov. 20th, we are offering another chance to purchase gifts. This time we are sponsoring a Gift Bazaar at which members and friends of the Congregation are being invited to bring items to sell from their personal businesses. If you make craft or art items for sale, books or publications, a cosmetics business, whatever, you can bring it to church and have a table to sell your wares after church. This bazaar comes as a response to the many members who have requested a chance to offer their products to the congregation, and to offer the opportunity to the congregation to see the many interesting talents of our members.

HOLY SMOKES:

Flatirons Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring this new benefit in which local pastors will be cooking and local church groups will be entertaining (including ours!). The event is **11 am to 2 pm Feb. 25** at the Broomfield United Methodist Church. Tickets (\$10 each) and directions are available from Pete; please join us!

COMMUNITY UCC:

Minister: Rev. Pete Terpenning
Administrative Assistant: Kathy Leftwich
C.E. Coordinator: Karen Sterner-Howe
Youth Group Leader: Jamie Paul
Moderator: Sue Levy
Narrator: Cathy Russell
Scribe: Kathy Leftwich
Treasurer: Kathy Rudge
Financial Secretary: John & Vicky Graham
Nominations: John Putnam

SPIRITUAL LIFE & FELLOWSHIP

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

This year we are having three services on Christmas Eve.

*The first is an early Christmas gathering at **4:00 pm**. It is being lead by Karen Sterner Howe and I and is aimed at children and families. There will be a sharing of favorite Christmas stories, Christmas Carols and a pageant by the adults for the kids' education and amusement. See Karen for details.

*At **7:00 pm** Christmas Eve we will have our traditional Candlelight service of Readings and Carols. The Choir will perform and the story of Christmas read.

*Finally, at **11:00 pm** we will have a the midnight Candlelight Service with Communion and Christmas Music.

Along with worship, activities bond us together as a church community. Below are some of the ones that the Spiritual Life & Fellowship committee have instigated and are in the process of planning.

ACTIVITIES:

*Movie Night: This month the movie/discussion group will meet on Sunday night, Dec. 11th with the Senior High Youth Group. We will watch the movie *Do the Right Thing* - a Spike Lee Movie that should start a lively discussion about ethics and Racism. Meet at **7:00 pm on Sunday, Dec. 11th**- adults and senior High youth invited!

* The Women's Group is starting a 10 week Goddess Theology group on **January 11, 2006**.

*The 6 week Caring Ministry training will begin **January 19, 2006**. The basis of the training will be the concepts and exercises from *Caring Ministry* a book by Sarah Butler. It and a notebook will be provided with the class. This training is a beautiful opportunity to feel even more comfortable and loving with those members of our church family in need of support and compassion. A brochure regarding the training will be available this month. For more information, please talk with Jo Eleanor Elliott, Anne Carson, Linda Krumpeck or Lynda Freund.

*Taize Worship Services: Taize is a form of worship using silence, music and prayer that was developed at the Taize Ecumenical Monastery in Taize, France. We are fortunate to have worshipping with us lately Lu Walters, who led Taize worship while Seminary in South Africa. She is helping a group of us develop Taize services with Communion for our church. The first service will be at **8:30am on Sunday, Nov. 27th**. The service will be a short, contemplative experience with Taize music and prayer and communion. It will last about 30-40 minutes. We hope these services will become a regular part of CUCC but have not decided how often we will have them; every Sunday is a possibility. If you are interested in helping or attending contact Pete Terpenning, Lu Walters, Julie Parmenter or Harriott Quinn.

*Advent Begins - The first Sunday in Advent is **Nov. 27th** this year. This is the beginning of the Church Calendar and is a time of preparation for Christmas.

OPPORTUNITIES:

* We are always in need of volunteers for the rewarding duties of **ushering** and **greeting**. A sign up sheet is posted by the kitchen pass-through of you may volunteer with Jo Eleanor Elliott

* If you would like to bring refreshments or clean up after Fellowship Hour, please sign up on the sheet provided or talk with Erika Webb.

If you have concerns, compliments or suggestions please feel free to chat with any member of the Spiritual Life & Fellowship commission. We are: Doug Allison, Frank Ciskovsky, Jo Eleanor Elliott, Linda Krumpeck, Kamilla Macar, Lynda Freund, Diane Martin, Jean Scott, Sue Thoele and Pete Terpenning.

WOMEN'S GROUP:

The CUCC women's group is tentatively meeting in December on **Dec. 21** from 6-9 PM in the fellowship hall.

COMMUNITY UCC CHOIR SCHEDULE FALL, 2005 KAMILLA MACAR, DIRECTOR 303-444-8710

DEC 4 Hope Is Born Tonight - Shackley 9:15 am

Rehearsal 11:30 am

DEC 11 Huron Carol - Aitken 9:15 am

Rehearsal 11:30 am

DEC 18 Angels Was A-Shoutin' on Christmas Morn – Lantz 9:15

Rehearsal 11:30 am

DEC 24 Angels' Carol – Rutter 7:00pm

DEC 25 Hodie! Alleluia! – Lightfoot 9:15 am

Kathy Reinhart will be accompanying.

COME VISIT OUR LABYRINTH:

We are trying out different designs of the Labyrinth at church. Using natural materials (rocks from Bear Creek) we now have Hopi Labyrinth off the patio. Come check it out and walk it. The church doesn't need to be open for you to access it! We'll be trying out several Labyrinth patterns and then choosing a permanent pattern to make out of turf and rock. Make sure you walk all the patterns so you can help make an informed choice about which we like best.

NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION:

In the first 3 weeks of January, Pete will be leading a membership class. If you are thinking of joining the church and wondering what that means, or just interested in learning more about the church, or a long time member looking for a refresher course, this is the class for you. See Pete for details. Time to be arranged...though in the past we have met after church on Sundays. (childcare available).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOTES:

It's here again! The first Sunday of Advent. I am going to be very intentional about *trying* to be still, to be aware, to listen for the voice of God, to wait expectantly for the birth of wonders, and not get caught up in the swirl of busyness.

However, there are lots of things to choose from! First off, the children's Christmas pageant will be held during worship on **December 18th**. We are starting rehearsal today after Sunday School, and want any child who wants to be in it to let me know. There are parts for all, and no one has to make all the rehearsals.

This year we are adding a Christmas Eve Celebration to the **December 24th** possibilities. At **4:00** we will have a service of story, song, and scripture. This will be geared to families with little ones, but of course all are welcome. We will have readings of some favorite Christmas stories (if you have one and want to share it, please talk with me), the Sanctuary Band (Pete and other talents) will lead us in singing carols, and we will don costumes and reenact the Nativity stories from Luke and Matthew. Young ones may come in pajamas and we will have a grand celebration!

There will be Sunday School on December 4 and 11 (with rehearsal after), performance on the 18th, and then enjoying the Taize service on Christmas morning. There will be no Sunday School on the 25th.

For adults, on **January 15th** after worship we will have a Sunday School teacher training. This will include food, and hopefully the answers to all your qualms! Showing up does not rope you in, so please come and see what's going on!

Have a blessed and peaceful Advent and Christmas season, and I hope to see you at whichever events add goodness to your celebration!

Karen SternerHowe
karen5757@earthlink.net

SOME UCC "FIRSTS" FROM

<http://www.stillspeaking.com/about/firsts.htm>:

1620:

Seeking spiritual freedom, forebears of the United Church of Christ prepare to leave Europe for the New World. Later generations know them as the Pilgrims. Their pastor, John Robinson, urges them as they depart to keep their minds and hearts open to new ways. God, he says, "has yet more light and truth to break forth out of his holy Word."

1630:

The Congregational churches founded by the Pilgrims and other spiritual reformers spread rapidly through New England. In an early experiment in democracy, each congregation is self-governing and elects its own ministers. The Congregationalists aim to create a model for a just society lived in the presence of God. Their leader, John Winthrop, prays that "we shall be as a city upon a hill ... the eyes of all people upon us."

CARING MINISTRIES

We nurture a beginning—

and desire to make whole—a caring ministry—intentional, visible, strong and clearly expressed in our church's future

We feel gratitude—

for a people who share themselves willingly, openly, continually—and think of weaving a net of safety and comfort

We offer compassion—

through training laity to minister to others—in times of crisis—in times of celebration

We see a unity—that grows within a community whose people are ministered to and who minister to each other

We share a vision—

Of a people learning and growing, of a church learning and growing—through loving, sharing, belonging, caring

The above prayer was read on Gratitude Sunday as the Caring Ministries part of the service. A steering committee has been working since July to organize a new training class for people interested in becoming caring ministers. Weekly classes will start January 19th and conclude early March. If you would like more information contact about the caring ministries program, contact Anne Carson (303-449-7330)

SUSTAINING SPIRIT, EXPANDING ROOTS:

Gratitude through Stewardship The Sustaining Spirit, Expanding Roots stewardship campaign continues as we consider our relationship to CUCC and to God through personal reflection and through the Witnessing of our faith. It's not too late to get your pledge card in. Please send it to the church office (CUCC 2650 Table Mesa Dr., Boulder, Co. 80305 -Attention, John Graham, Financial Secretary).

TAIZE' SERVICES - HOPE IN WINTER, AN ADVENT EXPERIENCE OF TAIZE'

During the four Sundays of Advent and on Christmas Day we are having Taize' Services of Taize Chants, silence, prayer and Communion. Services will be at **8:30 am** on Sundays. In addition, on Christmas Sunday this year the **10:00 am** service will be a Taize Service with Communion! (Childcare available).

COORDINATING COUNCIL VACANCIES:

One of the wonderful things about the UCC is that it is a locally governed denomination, which means that we all make the decisions. But someone has to take the lead and that is the Coordinating Council. Moderator, narrator and scribe are elected by you, and volunteers are needed! So if you'd like to be a part of our governing voice, see John Putnam, nominations chair.

YOUTH/C.E. EVENTS:

Youth Schedule. The CUCC youth will begin regular **Sunday meetings from 6:30-8 pm**. All high school students are invited!

Monthly Potluck: Remember our new tradition, monthly potlucks on Communion Sundays. We have been have good attendance. It's a nice way to get to know more people in the church. As our church grows it is important for newer people and long time members to get to know each other- come to the potlucks

Christmas Caroling -Dec. 20th: The evening of Tuesday, Dec. 20th, the Youth - Senior and Junior High - are going Caroling. For details contact Jamie Paul, Senior High Youth Director or Karen Sterner Howe, CE director.

November/December 2005

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25 Merry Christmas 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10 a.m. Taize worship GLBT Potluck after church	26	27	28	29	30	31
January 1 Happy New Year 8:30 meditation Communion 10 a.m. worship New Member Exploration Potluck after worship	2	3	4	5	6	7
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A GREENER CUCC:

To help us be better stewards of the earth, we have moved toward using more ecologically friendly products wherever possible at CUCC. Our primary supplier for many kitchen and office supplies is a local company, Eco-Products. Because we are using them to supply the church, Eco-Products will offer a 15% discount for our members! If you are interested in some of the products, check the website at www.ecoproducts.com or call Jim at 303-449-1876.

In addition, we are now requesting that the newsletter be printed on 100% recycled paper. This will cost an additional 1 cent per page for printing. One way members can reduce the amount of paper we use (and our costs for printing and mailing) is to sign up for the electronic version of the newsletter. To do this, send an email to cochrist3@qwest.net and request that you (or your family) be removed from the printed newsletter mailing list. The newsletter is posted on CUCC's website (www.cuccboulder.org) a few days after the last Sunday of the month. The print version is available the first Sunday of the month at church. Any copies not picked up are mailed (so you can also save the church money by remembering to pick up your copy!).

COMMUNITY UCC ONLINE:

We have two online newsgroups for members and friends of the Community United Church of Christ in Boulder, CO. We are a community of spiritual seekers who believe there are many paths to God and a fellowship of diverse, thoughtful individuals seeking to follow Christ on the path of compassion, wisdom and joy. These groups are designed to give our members and friends a forum in which to discuss issues, concerns, ask for prayers, ask for help, and discuss issues related to progressive Christianity.

The newsgroups are:

CUCCBoulder@yahoogroups.com and
CUCCDiscuss@yahoogroups.com .

Anyone interested can check them out online at:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CUCCBoulder/> or
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CUCCDiscuss/>.

The CUCCBoulder list is for announcements of church activities, personal requests, notices about members who need help or caring, and other CUCC general concerns.

The second list, CUCCDiscuss, is for those who wish to share announcements of outside events that would interest members, or for extended discussion. Topics might include social justice issues, discussions of books, community issues, political announcements, articles of interest, etc.