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

SEPTEMBER 2004



The ECHO

Time for a retreat! Enjoy fall color and fellowship in Estes Park

Our church is planning a retreat to the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park. The theme is FUN!

Activities begin with dinner from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8 and continue through lunch at 11:30 Sunday. Rev. Pete will lead a worship service at the retreat Sunday morning. (Rev. Julie Parmenter will lead a service at CUCC.)

Reservations with a 50 percent deposit should be made by August 29, and final numbers are due Sept. 8. However, people do change their plans, so check with Frank Ciskovsky for availability.

Charges, which include two nights lodging and six meals, are approximately \$90 for adults and \$28 for children ages 3-15; those under 3 are free. Charges are based on six people per room; rooms with fewer occupants will cost more.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Instead of a traditional fund-raising event, the Outreach Commission has planned a Stuff Raiser this fall.

August 22 was the kickoff for the effort to collect needed "stuff" for non-profit agencies in town. Habitat for Humanity and United Ministries in Education (campus ministry at CU) submitted lists of things they needed, such as tools.

To participate, pick an index card with a "need" and purchase the item(s) to be dedicated at the Sept. 12

Also, CUCC and Flatirons Habitat for Humanity are participating in the internationally recognized Building on Faith Week, September 12-19. The worldwide effort will kick off with an interdenominational service at 4 p.m. Sept. 12 at First Presbyterian Church, 1820 15th St.

SPIRITUAL LIFE AND FELLOWSHIP

USHER DUTIES: Included in this Echo is a sheet on "INSTRUCTIONS FOR USHERS," which is for you to keep for reference when you serve as an usher. It is important to read this BEFORE Sunday morning so you will feel comfortable in your role and duties! First-time ushers are usually paired with an experienced person for orientation.

A CUCC PHONE TREE will be available in September to notify members of deaths or other important information that needs to be passed on quickly. No one will be asked to contact more than three other people, and messages can be left on answering machines. More information later!

LOOKING AHEAD to October: World Communion Sunday is celebrated October 3, and we plan to use breads from around the world that day as we did last year. Be thinking about a bread you would like to make and share that represents another country or culture. After worship the remaining breads will be eaten at coffee hour; YUM!

From the Earth Action Team:

"Grandfather Great Spirit

All over the world the faces of living ones are alike.

With tenderness they have come up out of the ground

Look upon your children that they may face the winds

And walk the good road to the Day of Quiet

Grandfather Great Spirit

Fill us with the Light.

Give us the strength to understand, and the eyes to see

Teach us to walk the soft Earth as relatives to all that lives.

—Sioux Prayer

ECHO SUBMISSIONS

A big THANK YOU! to Kathy Leftwich, who is filling in as Echo Editor while Susan is on "maternity leave." The deadline for the October Echo will be **Sunday, September 19**. Send articles to kalefty@yahoo.com by 3 p.m. that day.

COMMUNITY UCC:

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Pete's Letter: Our Building Gets Used!

In the quiet of summer, I would often be the only person to be seen around the church building during the day, but fall is coming and all that is about to change. One of the hopes of the congregation when it first conceived of adding to our building was that it would be a resource for the South Boulder community as a meeting space. This is one hope that has been truly fulfilled.

I got to wondering how many of our congregation who gather on Sunday have any idea how many other people use our facility. Most of the groups who use the church pay rent, but we try to be fair and charge on a sliding scale. Our goal is to be able to afford to provide more free space for community events. Right now, we are still trying to pay off the mortgage (\$196,000 at last count) and the rent money is a big part of this. But in case you wondered, here is a rough idea of the different groups who come through on a weekly basis. The longest standing relationship is with the Dancers of Universal Peace, who have been using the church building since the Ice Age. They deserve top billing since we have been through so much together. Their leader, Timothy Dobson, sometimes attends our church and has led worship and music many times. Other evening groups have been around for a while as well. The Barber Shoppers meet on Tuesday evenings and have loved the acoustics of our sanctuary for many years. On Monday nights, a recovery group called Sex Addicts Anonymous have met at least since I've been around (3 years) and appreciate their privacy, so don't plan meetings at church on Monday evenings if you can avoid it. A Unitarian Universalist Group has been meeting at 4 p.m. Sunday for about a year now. Until recently, a Hispanic Pentecostal Church met here on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. They decided attendance was too small so those evenings are open. That paves the way for our Youth Group to meet at the church on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. They had been meeting at people's homes and this will be much easier and more uniform. In addition to these regular groups, we have numerous one-time rentals: weddings, receptions, recitals, community neighborhood groups (Devil's Thumb, for example), small one-day conferences, other churches, retreats and all manner of other rentals.

However, the main building use comes during the day on weekdays when two schools take over the building. I use the phrase "take over" half humorously and half truthfully, for they do dominate the scene during the week. Meadowlark Pre-School, directed by Julia and David Paine, use the two new classrooms to the North, the playground, bathrooms and kitchen for a wonderful preschool with a long waiting list for admission. Meadowlark comes in on Sunday afternoons to transform our Sunday School rooms into a colorful preschool. They carefully put everything away on Friday afternoon so that we can transform it back into a Sunday School each week. The other school is Running River Elementary under the direction of Nancy Munson. Running River, a creative, nurturing school, has grown to 31 students in grades K-5. They use the rest of the building, sharing the kitchen with Meadowlark, except for my office. This year, Running River will use the Fellowship Hall even more with some limited use of the Sanctuary for quiet times and music. They usually put their stuff away on Friday afternoons and come in early on Monday to set up. With an emphasis on outdoor activity and connection to the earth in the program, they take advantage of our beautiful grounds. One other school connected to Running River, a Chinese language and culture school, meets weekly. So if you come by during the week, be prepared for the happy sounds of little children!

Yours in Peace,
Pete

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 2.5% of that face value for our budget.

In the summer absence of Carl Love, other church members are pitching in to sell the coupons after services on Sundays.

Look for them and the envelope of coupons for most of area grocery stores, including Safeway, King Soopers, Vitamin Cottage & Wild Oats! It is an easy way to support our church.

THE EVER-IMPROVING CUCC WEBSITE

If you have not had a chance to do so, please take a moment to check out our newly redesigned website. Cathy Russell continues to refine the site with features of interest to our community. Check it early and often: www.cuccboulder.org

Changes, changes....

Welcome to our New Office Administrator: Kathy Leftwich

For the first time in many years, our church has an office administrator. Kathy has been attending our church for a little over a year and became a member this Spring. She and her husband, Dan, and children Shannon, Sean and Dylan moved here from Virginia not long before they began attending here. Her background includes work as a copyeditor, freelance writer/ editor and publications manager.

The job is just 10 hours a week, likely done in three mornings a week. Some of her duties will be getting us organized with our calendar of rentals and events and facilitating communication among the many groups that use the building. She also will produce the bulletin, answer the phone, deal with phone messages and mail, rental inquiries, keep up the contact list and mailing lists, and coordinate email notices, among other things. Please try to respect her "off-hours" as well by limiting business matters to office hours.

New Youth Group Room

To make room for the new office administrator and the growing youth of all ages, the nursery has moved to a larger room. The former nursery is multi-tasking as a weekend Youth Group Room and daytime office for the Office Administrator and Running River director .

The youth needed a space to meet on a regular basis, other than members' homes. The move allows high schoolers to get together every week on Sunday nights at 6:30 pm.

The nursery, meanwhile, needed more space (one day, there were seven little ones in that tiny room), so it will be using one of the bigger Sunday School rooms now.

Bulletin Moves In-House, Too

For three years now, Tom Sterner-Howe has turned out a bulletin week after week and been what he laughingly refers to as the church "scribe". With the new Office Administrator on board (and a new, demanding job for Tom), he is not too sadly turning over this duty. But many thanks are due to Tom for his hard work and quiet dedication!

Procedures will remain pretty much the same, though. Send bulletin announcements to Kathy by **5 p.m. on Wednesdays**. E-mail is preferred (kalefty@yahoo.com) or call her during church office hours (9-12 MWTh)

Community Food Share Gleaning

A team from CUCC gleaned sweet corn to contribute to Community Food Share in August and picked over 2,000 lbs of corn that will help feed those in need. For anyone who missed that opportunity, another session will be Sept. 11. Contact Jessie Inglefield at jfingle@hotmail.com for details.



Fellowship opportunity

Share your talents and experiences at an Open Mike Fellowship Night. From 7-9 p.m. Saturday Sept. 18, all comers get 10 minutes to sing, play an instrument, read a poem or tell a story. Or just be the audience.

From the Caring Ministry:

The Strongest of All Things

At some thoughts one stands perplexed — especially at the sight of men's sin — and wonders whether one should use force or humble love. Always decide to use humble love. If you resolve on that, once and for all, you may subdue the whole world. Loving humility is marvelously strong, the strongest of all things, and there is nothing like it.

Brothers, love is a teacher, but one must know how to acquire it, for it is hard to acquire; it is dearly bought; it is won by slow, long labor. We must love not only occasionally, or for a moment, but forever.—
Fyodor Dostoevsky



Dear CUCC family, Thank you so much for all of your good wishes and prayers, and for the lovely baby shower and gifts. We did manage to get the stroller assembled and the car seat installed (and even inspected). And the shower provided us with a very good excuse to take a much needed break from work on finishing our basement! Thank you for everything! —Todd and Susan

September 2004

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