



**LECTIONARY**

# The ECHO

Community United Church of Christ

July/August 2009

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**July 5, 2009 [Green]  
Fifth Sunday after  
Pentecost**

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

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**July 12, 2009 [Green]  
Sixth Sunday after  
Pentecost**

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

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**July 19, 2009  
[Green]  
Seventh Sunday after  
Pentecost**

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Psalm 89:20-37  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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**July 26, 2009  
[Green]  
Eighth Sunday after  
Pentecost**

2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

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**August 2, 2009  
[Green]  
Ninth Sunday after  
Pentecost**

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

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## CUCC Women's Group

CUCC Women's Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at church (unless otherwise noted). Potluck meal begins at 6:30pm, followed by a program at 7:30pm. All women welcome! For more information, contact Lisa Radelet at 303-938-1860 or [lisa\\_radelet@hotmail.com](mailto:lisa_radelet@hotmail.com). Upcoming programs include:

**JULY 1:** Marilyn Zimmerman will review, read from and discuss best-selling author Joan Chittister's book, *Called to Question*. Chittister is a Benedictine sister and her book explores the questions: What does it mean to live a spiritual life? and Where do women fit in the iconography of a male-dominated religion?

**AUGUST 5:** Pat Gilbert and Mary Mitchell will show a short film (TBA) and lead a discussion.

## Thanks to our Habitat Builders!

Our church's first Build Day for Habitat for Humanity was a great success. Fourteen CUCC volunteers turned out on May 30 to put the finishing touches on a home at the Harmony Haven development at 16th and Yarmouth. Helping out were Pete, Esther and Becca Terpenning, Barbara and Fred Willis, Alfonso Ramirez, Craig, Diane and Jenny Martin, Betsy Keith and Julie Leonard, Doug Allison and Jackie Hibbard and Jai Stockton.

## Our Community Covenant

The purpose of Community UCC is to be a means through which its membership may serve one another, the community, the nation, and the world, following the example of Jesus Christ's ministry. In pursuit of this purpose, the faith community, with its minister, will:

- Assist each person with his/her spiritual journey, while valuing diversity and encouraging individuality;
- Nurture each person's understanding of the Christian heritage and of present-day Christian living;
- Offer opportunities for reconciliation and healing between separated individuals, groups and nations;
- Work actively to alleviate suffering and promote social justice; and
- In the manner of a family, love and support individuals in their daily lives

The covenant taken by members of Community UCC is "We, in fellowship with Community United Church of Christ, covenant with God and with one another to work and worship together in the name of Jesus Christ."

## COMMUNITY UCC

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### The Coordinating Council

*The Coordinating Council meets on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30-9 pm. These are open meetings and everyone is welcome to attend.*

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## Pete's Letter



Seeking  
Simplicity  
Living  
simply, such an  
elusive goal. I  
have read about

it, experimented with it, talked about it, even preached about it, for much of my adult life. One thing is for certain, to live simply is very difficult and often downright complicated. "Live simply, that others my simply live" read the worn out bumper sticker on our van. Almost a trite saying these days, it nevertheless capture the truth that my lifestyle does affect the lifestyle and even survival of others. It is the right thing to consume less of the world's resources: good for the poor, good for global warming, good for me. It is the right thing to limit how many possessions I own, to "reduce, reuse and recycle", to turn off the lights if I am out of a room for more than 2 minutes and to be disciplined in my efforts to simplify. But it amazes me how quickly I back-slide if I am not vigilant, and it is easy to question just how much difference it makes for one person to simplify!

I rode on an airplane with a woman who said that she and her husband have a rule their house that every time they buy something they have to give away two possessions. If they buy a shirt, for example, they try to give away two other articles of clothing. It is their way of trying to make a dent in the

huge number of possessions they have accumulated. Interesting twist on the concept of "living lightly on the earth". So, since that time I have tried to do that, sort of. When I buy a new thing, or receive a gift, I try to get rid of just one thing, preferably the thing I am replacing. Besides annoying my daughters, I think it is helping. It does force me to assess how much I own and what I am not using and having less possessions does make things simpler, slightly.

There are lots of ways to simply, and I won't go into a litany of them here. After all, we are all sort of besieged with ideas on how we "ought" to be greener than we are, and I am not trying to make anyone feel guilty. I saw a New Yorker Cartoon at the gym a couple months ago with a couple leaving a party saying, "I hate it that Bob and Carol are always so Greener Than Thou". Indeed, it does seem I never quite measure up to all the good things I ought to be doing for the environment and the polar bears.

I guess what really interests me today is not just doing the right thing, but the idea of simplifying. There is a spiritual element to simplicity. The goal of simplicity is always ahead of me, I never seem to be doing it correctly, but it is pretty ironic that I beat myself up about that and focus on what a lousy job I am doing. Part of the goal of simplicity is to make my

life better: more peaceful, simpler, closer to the earth and to not be as distracted from the present moment. Therefore, I am trying to figure out this spiritual aspect of the simple life.

One of the things goes along with possessions for me is the temptation to let them form the basis of my identity. Having a more complicated life can be a distraction for me from being present in the moment, and learning how to just be: be present, be awake, be there for my loved ones. Who I am is not based on what I wear, or what I own, or what I have in the bank or what car I drive. My identity is being part of God, part of God's creation, being God's beloved child. Simplifying my possessions and activities can help me get rid of distractions that keep me from God. Jesus said, "Sell all you have and give the money to the poor and you will have riches in heaven, then come and follow me". (Luke 18:22) I don't think we are all called to do this literally, but we are all called to let go of our possessions and cease making them the center of our lives. Following Christ and being present to the reality of God in the present moment is our call. Jesus teaches this over and over in different ways: "Forget self, take up your cross and follow me", "Those who lose their life for my sake will save it". One way to simplify is to stop letting our possessions possess us.

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# Christian Education News

## Summer is Here!

While I am looking forward to a summer full of rest and relaxation, I am excited about the energy that our new CE Chair, Vicky Graham, has brought to the table that will carry our program into next fall. Although things are still in process, we are currently working on updating the website, creating a more current brochure, and with Marian Graham's assistance, finalizing the creation of a 3-year curriculum plan that will ensure our children are getting a good foundation of the history and beauty of the Christian Faith.

However, no matter how great a Christian Education program is, we recognize the vital role

that parents play in the process of raising spiritual children. Therefore, we have scheduled a Children's Spirituality workshop, with Reverend Leanne Hadley for Sunday afternoon, October 4th after service. Reverend Hadley is not only a Methodist Minister, but holds a doctorate in Children's Spirituality and has specialized in working with children who have had major trauma. I attended a similar workshop in February of this year and know you will be as energized as I was. We encourage you to put it on your calendars now because it really will be an afternoon you will not want to miss. And if you

would like to find out more about Leanne you can check out her two websites: [www.1ststeps.net](http://www.1ststeps.net) and [www.blessingcenter.org](http://www.blessingcenter.org). From First Steps, your children can link to a "pryground" where there are many interactive things for them to do.

Many blessings for a summer filled with many fun adventures. Don't forget to remind your kids to seek out the divine in all they do.

*See you in  
September,  
Karen*

### CE SUMMER SUNDAYS

Summer Sundays go until September 6th with the 2009-10 Church School Year beginning on the 13th. Ella Pyle will work through the summer providing care for the babies and pre-school-age children. Attendance is lower than through the regular church year so we only have a two level program. Volunteers will be ready each week for grades K-5th and will be keeping the spiritual candle lit for our children throughout the summer. Older youth (middle/high school) are encouraged to join in the service with their parents.

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Contemplative Christianity has taught me another aspect of simplicity: letting go of thoughts and emotions and coming into the present moment, which the only place God can be, the present. We tend to live in the past and the future, letting our fears, guilt, plans and memories control us. Spiritual maturity involves recognizing the source of our thoughts and emotions (that some call the false self) in the past

and future, and learning to live in the here and now. This is, as they say, "simple, but not easy". This deeper aspect of simplicity we lead us to a more peaceful life. In meditation, not by accident, our hands are held loosely, with the palms turned up. In this position they cannot hold on to anything or grasp anything; they can only cradle or release. Let us hold our possessions and even our thoughts and feelings in this way, loosely cradling them and then passing them on

when we no longer need them. Such things, possessions, professions, successes, failures, thoughts, emotions, fears, anger, are not our true identity. Our identity is simpler: living, sentient, conscious beings, creations of God and co-creating with God this moment. I wish for us a simpler life, peaceful and God centered, letting go of all that distracts us from God.

*In Faith,*

*Pete*

### COMMUNION HELP NEEDED

We could use 1-2 volunteers to help prepare the communion table for services since Stephanie and Michael Johnson have moved. It's a simple job of setting up the communion plate, filling the juice and wine cups, and setting up a plate of rice crackers. See Beth Willman.

**BULLETIN**

Announcements for bulletins and weekly emails should be sent to [office@cuccboulder.org](mailto:office@cuccboulder.org). The deadline for the bulletin is 8 a.m. on Wednesday. The deadline for the beginning of the week e-mail announcements is 9 am on Monday. The deadline for the weekend e-mail announcements is 9 am on Friday. *Early submissions are very much appreciated.*

**NEWSLETTER****NEW EARLIER DEADLINE:**

We're trying to get the Echo ready for mailing or pick up before the 1st of each month so that announcements of events happening in the first week are available soon enough. In order to do that, we're moving up the deadlines for content. The deadline for the next edition of The Echo is

**WEDNESDAY  
Aug 19, 2009**

Please get articles to [newsletter@cuccboulder.org](mailto:newsletter@cuccboulder.org) no later than 9 a.m. that day. Early submissions are appreciated, late submissions are unlikely to be included.

**A Letter from Our Moderator**

The work of the Coordinating Council continues to be rewarding and inspiring.

We met just last week and it is truly a joy to end our meeting in prayer and know we are doing God's work at this exciting time of growth and transition at CUCC...as it has always been. What a true joy to hear Kayrene Pearson preaching at the worship service that honored our forty five year history as a local church!

Quick story... As we were sitting eating a delicious lunch the Saturday of the outdoor work day, I turned and said to a longtime member and Property Commission champion, Joe Runyan, "This is the most people I have ever seen at a work day" Joe, smiled and responded "We didn't used to have this many people in the church". He, like so many others, has been coming for decades and the spirit has never faltered.

I moved to Boulder seven years ago and found

Community before I found a house or had my children, then 10 and 13, registered in a school. Like so many of you, I knew when I walked in that I was in just the right place to continue my faith journey. At that time, Pete had been our pastor for just over a year, we had a part time Christian Ed Director, the office was staffed by volunteers and there had not yet been any interns that I know of. Now, as we continue to expand our staff, we are working to develop clear policies and procedures for personnel. Our constitution states that the Coordinating Council is responsible for making all employment decisions for the church. We handle this by having the employee interface with the commission closest to the work. For example, the CE Director has a link to the CE Commission represented on Council. We are going to have a Personnel Committee study the issues and make some recommendations

for our procedures as we move forward. Council is now reviewing the excellent recommendations presented by a Salary Study Task Force, initiated through the Finance Committee, following our Annual Meeting in January, 2009. They provided a comprehensive look at compensation for the Pastor, Christian Ed Director, Office Assistant, Accompanist and Choir Director. Their findings will inform our budgeting process in the future from a very proactive perspective of long range planning. Our plan is to begin that budgeting process in October this year and be sure it is aligned with our Stewardship Campaign. I want to personally thank them for their work and also each of you for the unique contributions you are making to our church in large and small ways.

*Blessings,  
Vicki Tonski*

**Caring Ministry**

*a prayer for thought and comfort. . . .*

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will not leave me to face my perils alone.

Amen.

*written by Fr. Thomas Merton, Trappist monk (1915 - 1968)*

## Spiritual Life and Fellowship

### SANCTUARY BIBLES

### Thanks for the gifts of Creative Spirit!

Thanks to the many people who have contributed to "Sharing the Creative Spirit" at our 10:00 services. On various recent Sundays we were blessed with music by Evie Pyle on clarinet, Emma Pyle at the piano, Emma Heath on bassoon, and Laila Bevan (student of Beth Cole) on

harp. The folksong quartet of Anna Sciacca-Peters, Beki Sciacca, Esther Terpenning, and Pete Terpenning, with Pete on guitar, offered a moving rendition of Wayfaring Stranger. The CUCC Mini-Choir made its debut and is planning future offerings during this long

stretch of choir-deprived Sundays until Advent.

Everyone is encouraged to take a turn at sharing. It is a rewarding experience—for presenter and congregation alike! The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Did you know there are NRSV Bibles available for services in the back of the sanctuary? They are on the bookshelves to the north of the doors as you enter.

### SUMMER CHILDCARE

Betsy Keith (Julie Leonard's daughter), is looking for work with children this summer. She'll be in Boulder until mid-August and she has experience with kids of a variety of ages (I'm an Early Childhood Education major), including special needs care, and I can provide references if needed. My email is [e.keith@mindspring.com](mailto:e.keith@mindspring.com), and my phone number is 303-499-4811.

### MUSIC LESSONS

Kathy Rinehart has a few more openings for piano and violin students in her south Boulder studio. Ages: mature 6 1/2 years of age and older. Call 303-494-5732 to learn more!

### New Caring Community Bulletin Board

In an effort to capture all of the wonderful things that are going on in our members lives, we are initiating a new system of communication. If you have services you are providing (i.e. babysitting, lawn mowing, dog walking

etc.) or special events that would benefit the community (i.e. garage sales, bake sales), we would love to post these things on the "Caring Community" bulletin board, which is located above the library. We plan to post these

items also on the CUCC website as well as in the Echo newsletter in the future. Please contact our Office Administrator, Pahtyana Moore with questions. Thanks!

### Revised Common Lectionary

You may notice that the Echo now includes the Lectionary Readings for the month. Pastor Pete bases his sermons on the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) Readings for that week. Generally, a lectionary is a list of scriptural texts (called "lections") recommended for use in worship or study. Christian lectionaries are usually built around the Church Year and include a reading from the Hebrew Bible, a Psalm, a reading from the Epistles, and a Gospel reading.

Using the RCL ties worship in a local congregation to the worship of millions of Christians around the world. Drawing from a common set of texts means that Christians will be hearing and reflecting on the same scriptures and themes. In addition, building worship around the texts of the RCL also ties local worship to that of the historic Church. It can deepen the congregation's understanding of the Church Year (which is based on the life of Jesus) while also helping to set the rhythm for that year.

Since the Revised Common Lectionary is drawn from a long succession of older lectionaries, using those reading in worship echoes the earlier practice of the Church.

The RCL is built around the seasons of the Church Year, and includes four lessons for each Sunday, as well as additional readings for major feast days. During the season of Easter, the Hebrew Bible lection is usually replaced with one from the Acts of the Apostles. The lessons from the Hebrew Bible are sometimes chosen from the Apocrypha.

## COMMUNITY TABLE

CUCC serves a meal to the homeless on the 4th Thursday of each month through Community Table, from 4:00-6:00 pm. Meals are held at First Christian Church on 28th & Colorado. No experience necessary, just a willingness to serve! If you can help, please contact Lisa Radelet at 303-938-1860 or [lisa\\_radelet@hotmail.com](mailto:lisa_radelet@hotmail.com).

## NEW EARTH ACTION TEAM FORMING

Are you interested in alternative energy, ecojustice, or making our church an earth friendly, zero energy-use facility? The Earth Action Team (EAT) in conjunction with Property is looking for new people as we pursue an energy audit for the church and consider options for thermal panels. For more information, contact Bob Castellino ([rlcastellino@gmail.com](mailto:rlcastellino@gmail.com)) or Laura Terpenning ([lterpenningmd@Comcast.net](mailto:lterpenningmd@Comcast.net))

# Outreach

The annual **Stuff-Raising program** of the Outreach Commission will benefit the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless this year. This popular program lets donors give a specific item that the organization needs to continue its successful programs.

The Boulder Shelter provided almost 28,000 bed-nights of temporary winter shelter in 2008, an approximate 12 percent increase over the previous year. The shelter works with people on a variety of levels, from simply providing two hot meals and warm place to sleep to ongoing case management services aimed at breaking the cycle of homelessness.

The Shelter is seeking more items. The full wish list and an opportunity sign up for a specific donation will be available in the Fellowship Hall through July.

### Ongoing Food Collection Fills Need

With a boost from the NoBos fellowship circle, our food collection efforts continue throughout the summer. Four large boxes of food and \$75 in gift cards went to EFAA through the generosity of our congregation.

With the need in our community so great in this economic downturn, we will keep the collections going year-round and spread the wealth to other

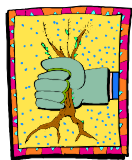
organizations.

Picking up an extra box of cereal or can of beans at the store is an easy way to help those less fortunate.

If you find the hardest part of this easy method to be remembering to bring it to church, consider this trick: Set aside your donations in a separate bag at the grocery and leave them in your car. When you come to church, you'll see the pile of groceries and remember to bring them in! And if you ask the cashier to bag the donations separately, they will likely be all together on your receipt so you can save that for later tax accounting.

## Property Commission

**Routine Weeding:** As the wet season begins to ease and the heart of summer sets in we are in need of a few hands more often than not reaching down and pulling up on as many weeds as possible. If you or if you haven't signed up to adopt-a-garden plot to tend we request you make some extra time this year to help maintain our beautiful landscape.



**Library:** Dave Carson is the project manager for the new library. He drew up plans and a budget for the library to be installed

on the north wall between the hallways in Fellowship Hall. The proposal and plans were submitted to council for review, consideration and approval. Council has provided funding of \$4,000 from the Catherine Van Gundy "Good Idea" fund. Bob Castellino will be making an announcement June 28th during service about the planned installation and hold a meeting with all interested in the project to discuss any aspect of it design, location and cost. He will have drawings and photos for preview. Since this is a "special project" with funding needs to complete it of \$7,500 to \$8,000 we are looking to the

congregation for contributions to complete the planned design.

### Bicycle Rack

**Installation:** Council has approved funding up to \$550 for the purchase and installation of our new bicycle racks. The racks location is still open for review. So far the north side of the administration building near the entrance to the kids school is our first choice.

**New Member:** James Runyon is welcomed as a new member of the property commission. He will be taking an active roll in grounds maintenance plus clean

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		<b>JULY</b>	1 Women's Group 6:30 pm potluck 7:30 Program	2	3	4
5 8:30 am Taize 10 am Service Communion	6 5 pm Just Sit Meditation	7	8	9 6:30 Coordinating Council	10	11
12 8:30 am Taize 10 am Service	13 5 pm Just Sit Meditation	14	15	16	17	18
19 8:30 am Taize 10 am Service	20 5 pm Just Sit Meditation	21	22	23	24	25
26 8:30 am Taize 10 am Service	27 5 pm Just Sit Meditation	28	29	30 4-6 pm Community Table @ 1st Christian	31	<b>1 AUG</b>
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16 8:30 am Taize 10 am Service	17 5 pm Just Sit Meditation	18	19 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	20	21	22
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**August 9, 2009 [Green]  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
Psalm 130  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

**August 16, 2009 [Green]  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Psalm 111  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

**August 23, 2009 [Green]  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11; 22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

**August 30, 2009 [Green]  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or Psalm 72  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



**Elizabeth Wrenn is Going to the Dogs! Again!** After numerous requests and a tough economy, I am now offering dog-walking, training, and house-sitting services. Is your dog sitting cross-legged, eyes a-bulging by the time you get home from work? Is she/he acting out (chewing, barking, etc.) while you're away, due to separation anxiety? Or maybe you just worry that little Punkinhead or Fluffy is lonely during a long empty day? Hire a Professional Visitor to pop by to brighten their day! I

can walk your dog (or play with your cat) during the work day, and give some TLC to break up the lonely hours. I have decades of experience with animals of all kinds, including working for two years with a local Humane Society. I'm also a certified puppy-raiser for Guide Dogs for the Blind, and I've written many training/informational brochures for Purina. (And I'm the author of that novel on, among other things, how not to raise a puppy.) I can therefore confidently provide

gentle, loving basic training for your errant little pooch, and show you the tricks of the trade. House-sitting and other pet (and plant) care also available. Weekly "yard deposit" clearing also available. I have many local references. Rates depend on specifics of job. Please call Elizabeth Wrenn @ 303.494.6642

