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### May 3 [White] Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

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### May 10 [White] Fifth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

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### May 17 [White] Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

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### May 21 [White] Ascension of the Lord (A, B, and C)

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

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### May 24 [White] Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

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## Habitat for Humanity Build Day

Our church's first Build Day for Habitat for Humanity is set for **May 30**, and we are looking forward to having a fulfilling day. The online signup system required us finalize the participants by April 30, but if you missed out on that chance, stay in touch as there might be unexpected vacancies.

We are still hoping someone will volunteer to bring lunch to the work crew that day. If you'd like to help in that way, contact Kathy Leftwich at 720-304-6818 or [kalefty@yahoo.com](mailto:kalefty@yahoo.com).

CUCC's pledge is part of the Apostles Build program, in which 12 small churches or organizations band together on one house. The commitment is about \$8,335 payable over a three-year period. This program allows smaller congregations like ours to help provide simple, decent, affording housing for people in Boulder.

## Caring Ministry

Are you interested in becoming a Caring Minister? Caring Ministry is holding a one-day training session, scheduled **for May 30<sup>th</sup>**, from 9-2. Lunch is provided. Our book of reference for the training is Caring Ministry, by Sarah Butler, a minister in the Episcopal diocese of Denver.

Ministering to members and friends of our congregation through participation in the Caring Ministry program is gift to all: the givers, the receivers, and the congregation as a whole. It is the Holy Spirit among us, active and loving.

The following is an excerpt from Caring Ministry:

“To truly listen to a person who is undergoing any loss, is one of the greatest gifts a caregiver can impart. When you practice effective listening, you are generously giving **time, patience, confidentiality,**

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## Congregational Semi-Annual Meeting May 31st. 2009

We are having this meeting a little earlier than some years, hoping to make it possible for more people to attend, before we get into the summer vacation schedule. We will meet right after church in the Sanctuary.

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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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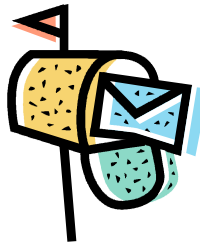
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## Pete's Letter



Over the last few years our church has been developing a Caring Ministry.

You probably know a little of the history. Several years ago we held a training session for Caring Ministers, some of whom joined the Caring Ministry Team at our church and we began to reach to some of our members and friends with ministry, friendship and support. We instituted the "Prayer Request Cards" at the back of the Sanctuary and 10 or 11 people in our congregation currently pray for those who have asked for prayer (for themselves or others). Caring Ministers have been assigned to support certain people in our congregation who accepted or sought out this help, and we have worked to give these individuals a listening ear, visits in homes and hospitals, friendship, support through tough times of illness, grief or crisis, meals, transportation and whatever was needed.

The idea is not that we want to replace the informal networks of love and support that exist in our congregation, but to add a structured caring to the mix. Often, small groups of friends in the church, the choir or Fellowship Circles offer unstructured support to

people in trouble or in illness and loss, or in times of joy, for that matter. Fellowship Circles or other groups will sometimes provide meals for families of someone who has died and support if a job is lost or perhaps a baby shower for new parents. These kinds of informal expressions of love and care will hopefully always exist, and our church has been historically good at this kind of support. But Caring Ministry hopes to add some structure to this network of caring so that no one gets overlooked when they are going through times of loss, illness and crisis or through times of joy and celebration. In the past it has been largely left to the Pastor and staff to recognize and organize this kind of ministry, and that also will continue, but Caring Ministry is hoping that an organized and trained group of lay people can be utilized to also be part of this caring network in our church. Right now Jo Eleanor Elliot, Deborah Hayes, Jackie Massey, Anne Carson, Kayrene Pearson, Lynda Freund and Pete Terpenning meet as the Caring Ministry Team. The prayer ministry is much larger, but is coordinated by the Caring Ministry Team. However, there is a need for more Caring Ministers to assist in this work. Therefore we are planning a training to bring more lay ministers into our work. The tentative date for this training is **June 20, 2009**

**from 9am – 2pm.** If you want more information about this feel free to talk to one of the Caring Ministry Team.

The other new aspect of the ministry we are planning is to hire a Pastoral Associate to work primarily with Caring Ministry and visitation. Using the money we had been paying to Iliff Interns we are offering \$4,000 for a very part time staff member (5 -10 hours a week) to assist the Caring Ministry and work with Pete. A search committee has been assigned by Council to make a recommendation to Council, but Council will make the final decision about who to hire. We have advertised only within our congregation and have five excellent candidates right now. We hope to make a decision soon so the new Pastoral Associate can be part of the training of new Caring Ministers from the start. This person will then work with the Caring Ministry Team and Pete to strengthen the ministry network, both structured and informal, in our congregation. This will probably mean working with the Fellowship Circles and with the Spiritual Life Commission to some extent. Please consider if you would like to receive training as a Caring Minister and explore your place in this network of caring.

*In Peace,  
Pete*

# Christian Education News

ANNOUNCING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION'S MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>, INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE!!!!

THE QUESTIONS: What is an Intergenerational Service? When is it being held? As an adult, do I want to come? If the kids are in the room the whole time, will it have meaning for me? Should I just stay home??

THE ANSWERS: An Intergenerational Service is one that the children and youth are invited to stay in the sanctuary the entire morning. It is scheduled this year on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. We invite everyone to attend because a small group of

enthusiasts have been working diligently to create a service that has both sacred and spiritual moments for the adult congregation; in a way that is friendly to even our youngest members.

AND THE FINAL ANSWER IS: NO! You should not stay home because this year's service is entitled "The Four Types of Prayer". We are sure you want to join us as we go deep into the how's, why's, and what's of prayer.

During our service, we will be exploring prayer through story, bible selections, poems, and hymns. We will praise God and call attention to the wonders of our lives, we will ask forgiveness for

the human errors we have made, we will ponder and ask for our deepest desires, and we will give gratitude for all that we have, all that we are, and all that we have the potential to be.

We will also be honoring the nurturers and teachers in all of us, while paying a special tribute to those individuals in our community who have made the extra effort this year to work with our children.

So please join us on May 10<sup>th</sup> for a wonderful celebration of community, of learning and of prayer!

*Peace and Love,  
Karen*

## CE COMMISSION MEETING

Our new chair, Vicky Graham, has been busy reorganizing the commission; however our first meeting set for April 19th had to be rescheduled for **Sunday May 3rd**, after service. The commission is a vital group that helps to create, organize and facilitate our program and we would love for YOU to join us on May 3rd and get involved in our program!! Call Vicky or Karen to let us know you are interested!!

## Summer is Approaching

Regular Sunday School Classes will continue through June 14th. While there will be nursery care during summer, volunteer adults will be needed to cover

church school beginning Sunday, June 21st. Reading a story, doing a favorite craft, sharing a special talent are all activities that are warmly accepted by our children.

Please check your vacation calendars and call Karen to schedule a Sunday. A sign up sheet will go up soon in Fellowship Hall.

## ATTENDANCE

MARCH  
3/1 29  
3/8 17  
3/15 27  
3/22 4  
3/29 18

APRIL  
4/5 31  
4/12 30  
4/19 23  
4/26 17

## Third Grade Parents!

It is a tradition at CUCC to gift our third graders at the end of the year with a Children's Bible. Please call or write Karen to make sure your 3rd grader is on the list. The presentations will be made at the Intergenerational Service on Sunday, May 10th.

## Thanks to Kathy Leftwich, The Women's Group and to the High School Youth

Over 40 children enjoyed this annual Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks for your part in making it a huge success!!

**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 May 20, 2009**. Please get articles to [newsletter@cuccboulder.org](mailto:newsletter@cuccboulder.org) no later than 9 a.m. that day. Early

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**A Letter from Our Moderator**

**COMMUNITY** United Church of Christ – WE are the church.

Thank you all for the unique ways in which you contribute to our church community.

In addition, as your moderator, I want to be sure you are aware of some of the work of your council. The council participated in a Leadership Retreat, facilitated by Teresa Campbell, from the Parish Resource Center on April 19th. We strengthened our relationships and spiritual connections to one another, God, and

our church community AND we continued to understand our roles in a time of growth and transition at CUCC.

These lay leaders are doing an amazing job of embracing the work and some examples include the CE look at curriculum, the all-church Work Day this weekend, the Habitat for Humanity Build Day on May 30th, interviews for a Pastoral Associate, and work on the website. Do any of these projects have your name on it??

The names of every council member and their commissions are listed

on the second page of this ECHO. Please take a moment to read those names and then to connect with these folks on Sunday during Fellowship after worship, whether for an inquiry of how to get involved in a particular project, or just to introduce yourself and thank them for their service. Finally, each commission includes an update in every ECHO. This is the place to find out the specifics of what is going on and how to connect. **COMMUNITY – WE** are the church.

*Thanks be to God,  
Vicki*

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**Caring Ministry**

**respect, energy and your full attention.”**

Besides studying effective listening, the training will also include -- role of the caregiver; pastoral care; first and last visit; loss, grief, death; care-giving of self. If you are interested or have questions about the Caring Ministry program and/or the training, contact Jo Eleanor Elliott (303-554-0226), Deborah Hayes (303-494-4458) or Anne Carson (303-449-7330). (or by e-mail addresses in the church directory.)

Also, remember you can pick up an order form for Boulder Bucks on the table where grocery coupons are sold. Boulder Bucks can be used only at specific business (food, laundry, etc.) and services (YMCA, RTD). It is a win/win way to help the homeless in our town. You can purchase them for \$1 each; they will be mailed back to your home address, once you have sent in your order form and check.

**Drivers Needed for La Foret**

La Foret Camp, the summer camp of our Rocky Mountain Conference, UCC in our area, provides pick up for children to camp by sending out vans to the distant locations in the Conference. Vans provide pick up from Utah, Wyoming

and Western parts of Colorado. They need drivers. The Faith Nurturing Team of the Conference organizes these drivers for the summer camps (four are needed for MADD camp). If you'd like to volunteer, contact Pete or you can

call the Conference office directly, asking for Rev. David Popham, Associate Conference Minister. 303-984-9118, [david@rmcucc.org](mailto:david@rmcucc.org). It would take 2-4 days of your time.

# Spiritual Life and Fellowship

The function of the Spiritual Life & Fellowship Commission is to “assist the Minister in the spiritual care of the Church” and to oversee worship services and fellowship activities. As of April, the ten commission members are

Beth Willman (chair), Barbara Willis, Ruth Waukau, Janet Salmons, Donna Roe-Castellino, Sheila Ling, Sue Levy, Julie Leonard, Peter Kleinman, and Deborah Hayes. As our extraordinary CUCC congregation grows in spirit as well as numbers,

commission members are considering new directions in a number of areas -- service music, prayer, fellowship circle activities, adult education themes, and so on. We welcome your comments, which may be directed to any or all of us.

submissions are appreciated, late submissions are unlikely to be included.  
**PLEASE NOTE:** the deadline at the end of June will be for a July/August newsletter, so plan ahead to get in information for events/happenings etc through at least early September to insure that our members and friends get the opportunity to plan for them!!

## 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. We were blessed with piano music from Madeleine Nagle in February and flute music from Julie Kies in March. Cathy Russell shared a moving meditation on Evolution Sunday. For five Sundays through

Easter our wonderful CUCC choir sang, accompanied by Kathy Rinehart and directed by Kamilla Macar. When choir pieces called for instrumental solos, the choir was joined by violinist Lynne Andrade, clarinetist Emma Hutchinson, and (visiting from First Congregational UCC)

trumpeter Dave Fulker. Lynn also supplied lovely pre-service music and prelude.

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.

### GUEST SERMONS

Pete will be gone a couple of Sundays in the next couple months: to Esther Graduation from St. Olaf College on May 24th and to the Rocky Mountain Conference of the UCC on June 14th. In May, The Rev. Erv Bode will be preaching and on June 14th, Lu Walters will be preaching.

## Taize Services

Our early service at church is a contemplative service. Each week we provide time for silence, make use of Taize’ chants, have a time of guided meditation,

prayers and communion. The service lasts about 35 minutes, ending in silence. Simple, repetitive chanting such as: “Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life”. All are welcome to join us for this peaceful communion service each week.

### 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!

## Adult Education

The Universe in a Single Atom: The Convergence of Science and Spirituality by Dalai Lama. This new book study is being led by Jim Gilbert and is offered Monday evenings at 7pm

at Jim Gilbert’s home, Jim’s house is at 1275 Albion Rd., Boulder, 80305. The first session will be April 27th at 7pm. We will watch a movie about the Dalai Lama's

early life and escape from Kundum. It's a great movie. Please let Jim or Pete know if you're interested in joining .

## Thanks to the Choir for the Wonderful Seasons

Red hot(that's better than warm) thanks are extended to each and

every choir member who contributed to making the Lenten and Easter season

thought provoking, emotionally engaging, and joyous.

## 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 ([lbterpenningmd@Comcast.net](mailto:lbterpenningmd@Comcast.net))

# Outreach

## Ongoing Food Collection Fills Need

"Are you still collecting food?" That was the question posed after service one Sunday. The questioning church member hadn't seen announcements about food collections so she was a little perplexed at the bins of groceries piled in the fellowship hall.

With the need in our community so great in this economic downturn, I noted that it seemed a good idea to keep the collections going year-round and spread the wealth to other organizations.

Since starting that effort

last fall, we have sent hundreds of pounds of food to Emergency Family Assistance Association, Community Food Share, and the Sister Carmen Center in Lafayette as well as holiday collections to the Denver Inner City Parish and our usual October collection for Boulder County AIDS Project. The Boulder County Shelter for the Homeless is our next recipient.

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

and bulk packaging let you save on your own bill and help out.

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.

## Candlelight Vigil for BCAP

Sunday, May 17th at 6:45 is the Candlelight Vigil in memorial for local people who have died of AIDS. Each year, folks meet (sometimes a fairly big crowd) at BCAP offices at 2118 14th St. Boulder (behind the First Methodist Church) and process with candles

down to the AIDS Memorial next to Boulder Creek. The names are read and everyone has the opportunity to name others who have died of AIDS. Then everyone is invited back to BCAP offices for food and drink. It's a nice event and if you have a loved one who

died, it can be very meaningful. If you want to help with the event they people to set up at 5:30pm and clean up after (around 8:30), donations of things to drink (wine?) and help with publicity. All are welcome!

## Mental Illness as a Spiritual Journey

Join us for a free half-day conference **Wednesday, May 27, 2009. 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** at The First Congregational Church, (corner of Pine and Broadway). Presented by the Interfaith Network on Mental Illness (INMI) of and . Rev. Susan Gregg-Schroeder is the key-note

speaker. She founded [Mental Health Ministries](#) to provide educational resources to help erase the stigma of mental illness in our faith communities. Susan has been active with NAMI and [NAMI FaithNet](#) for many years. She was awarded NAMI California's Clergy person of the Year

award in 2003. To Register: e-mail: [re-valan2004@comcast.net](mailto:re-valan2004@comcast.net) or call: 720-304-6918. For more info please visit: [www.namibouldercounty.org/INMIconf09.html](http://www.namibouldercounty.org/INMIconf09.html).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> <b>8:30 Taize service</b> 10 a.m. worship	<b>4</b> 5pm Just Sit Meditation <b>7pm Adult Ed</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>6:30-8:30 Women's Group</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 8:30 Taize service <b>10 a.m. Intergenerational Prayer Service, presentation of Bibles etc.</b>	<b>11</b> 5pm Just Sit Meditation <b>7pm Adult Ed</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>6:30-9:30 Coordinating Council</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>8:30 Taize service</b> 10 a.m. worship <b>6:45 BCAP Vigil</b>	<b>18</b> 5pm Just Sit Meditation <b>7pm Adult Ed</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:30 Taize service <b>10 a.m. worship</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>  5pm Just Sit Meditation	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline 9 a.m.</b>	<b>28</b> <b>4:00-6:00 Community Table</b>  7:30 Property Commission	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>8-4 Habitat Build Day</b>  <b>9-2 Caring Ministry Training</b>
<b>31</b> <b>8:30 Taize service</b> 10 a.m. worship <b>Semi-Annual Meeting after worship</b>	<b>June 1</b> 5pm Just Sit Meditation	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>6:30-8:30 Women's Group</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

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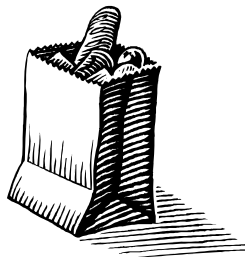
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## Grocery Coupons

Grocery Coupon Sales raise a significant amount of money to add to our budget. Now is the time to really watch for the grocery sales table—it's quick and easy to buy them and the congregation gets a 5% return from the grocery stores who participate. Please please please remember to stop at the Grocery Coupons table every Sunday to replenish your cupboards and our bank accounts at the same time! Grocery script costs you only the face value, but we get a 5% return from King Soopers, Safeway and Vitamin Cottage for every purchase you make. We have Sunflower Natural Market cards also.



## Women's Group

The newly invigorated CUCC Women's Group had a wonderfully productive and entertaining meeting on April 8. We began with a delicious potluck meal, after which we stuffed plastic eggs for the church Easter egg hunt, while briefly discussing what brought us to CUCC. Next, we discussed the results of the recent survey. About 50 women completed it and it was a very mixed bag, with most votes about program and direction split 50/50, or spread out all over the place. There was a solid majority, though, wanting to keep the meeting time on the first Wednesday of the month. Occasionally, we will also hold a Women's Group event after church on a Sunday or go out to a play or other event, but unless stated otherwise, meetings will be on the first Wednesday, at church, from 6:30-8:30 pm. Potluck will begin at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:30 pm. We decided to take turns leading and planning the program for each month. At our next meeting on MAY 6, Kimberly Edwards will discuss her fundamentalist Christian upbringing and her journey from there to here. To see the full list of events for the year or to get on the Women's Group email list, contact Lisa Radelet at [lisa\\_radelet@hotmail.com](mailto:lisa_radelet@hotmail.com).

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### **May 31, 2009 [Red or White]**

Day of Pentecost  
Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35 b  
Romans 8:22-27  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

### **June 7, 2009 [White]**

Trinity Sunday  
(First Sunday After Pentecost)  
Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17