

# COMMUNITY

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 2014



Our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Extravaganza Weekend** was a huge success, and we have the pictures to prove it! As a bonus, Mother Nature provided two beautiful days for our enjoyment.

Saturday's event, *Reflections of 50 Years: a Casual Conversation with Kayrene Pearson and Bruce MacKenzie* was attended by over sixty people, including founding members

Ruth and Edgar Riehl, and former pastors Rick Riddoch and Phil Campbell. The building was filled with laughter and conversations. Thank you to Marion and Fred Ramirez for their excellent job as moderators for the event.



Sunday morning's brunch came early for most of us, but once again a crowd filled our Fellowship Hall and spilled out onto the patio as friends gathered for our biggest event. Tables were laden with the weight of potluck foods. The sanctuary overflowed with worshipers. Seats had to be set up in the Fellowship Hall for some of the crowd of over 125, not counting children. Pastor Rick Danielson served as Worship Leader, and Rev. Phil Campbell, pastor at CUCC from 1982 to 1986, gave a wonderful sermon on the meaning of community and the change of the church's name from Southern Hills United.

The choir gifted us with another performance of *We Are a Church*, and we sang *Come, Gentle Peace*, an original hymn by Tim Brown, which was commissioned at the 2013 Fundraiser by several church members. Marilyn Zimmerman's composition, *Rejoice, O People* was played during the Offertory. Former pastor Pete Terpenning, 2001 to 2013, shared the origin of the World Peace Prayer as part of our Sunday liturgy. He then invited all ordained and authorized clergy to come forward to lead the prayer, and fourteen people gathered at the front of the sanctuary! After the service, the all-church photo was taken by our roof-top photographer, Kirsten Boyer, and the youth buried a wonderful time-capsule in the center of the



labyrinth, to be opened in 25 years.

Thank you once again to everyone who made this celebration possible. The plans that had been in process for nearly a year were executed beautifully by everyone involved. The community of CUCC pulled together like a family at a family reunion. It was a magical weekend for us all.

I'll leave you with a quote from an email from former pastor, Rev. Ginger Taylor, 1995-2000, to Liz Tilton, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee member: *I felt a sort of humble pride, to be one pearl on a string of ministers, before and after me, who have each provided leadership for a certain stage and time. I felt great joy to experience the swoop of the Spirit with Community.*

*May God bless the next 50 years of CUCC.  
Barbara Willis*



## Pastor Rick Danielson's Letter

Hello, members and friends of Community UCC! My first newsletter greeting was written in the car while traveling from New York to Colorado to join you in Boulder. I'm writing these words for the September ECHO on an airplane while flying back to Buffalo! What a **great** month this has been! Every Sunday morning has been a delight for me as I have met new folks and begun to learn your names. I have truly enjoyed the many opportunities to come to your homes for a visit or meal or to chat over iced tea at a local cafe. Thank you so much for the many ways you have made Leroy and me feel at home so quickly.



The fiftieth anniversary celebration was a **huge** success, and I was grateful for such a perfect opportunity to learn about the history of CUCC. Many former pastors joined us for events on Saturday and Sunday, along with former members of our church. Many people worked for weeks in advance to prepare the church property and to take care of program details. Barbara Willis, Liz Tilton, Elizabeth Robinson, and Tim Brown are to be commended for their leadership throughout this anniversary year!

Leroy and I have gotten mostly settled into our new home in East Boulder. Condo living is a new experience for us, and so far we really like it! On my days off, we have ventured west into the mountains to hike and to photograph the amazing beauty of the peaks and rivers. As I write (at 30,000 feet...) we are jetting back to our Buffalo apartment to begin final preparations for our wedding on August 31. By September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Leroy will be back in the classroom teaching, and I will be back in Boulder.

I look forward to ***Welcome Back Sunday*** on *September 7* and to all of the weeks stretching forward into the fall. I feel extraordinarily blessed to have found a new church family at CUCC and am eager to know all of you better as we partner in ministry. I want to encourage you to let me know about pastoral needs, especially hospitalizations. It is an honor to be able to visit and provide spiritual care when needed. I have established *Monday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 9-12 as my office hours* when I am available at the church. Otherwise I am out in the community or am working from my home office. I have been taking Tuesdays and Wednesdays as my *weekend* and am grateful for how understanding the church is of the need to take regular time off for renewal.

Many blessings and peace be yours as we enter the fall season together!

*With Gratitude,*  
*Rick Danielson, Pastor*

P.S. After writing the above, Leroy and I discovered that the next flight on our journey back to Buffalo was cancelled! The airline couldn't get us home until late the next day, so we drove through the night from Chicago to Buffalo! I guess we never know what is ahead for us. Lesson learned: be open to the unexpected and embrace new possibilities!

# Christian Education

I trust that you and your family have had a full, yet relaxing summer. In my family, the new school year is always met with mixed feelings. Shopping for school supplies and new clothes/shoes are the highlights; waking up early, packing lunches, and the insecurity we all feel when we are about to start something new, are the lows. I hope the transition goes smoothly in your family this year.

Our Anniversary Celebration, held on Sunday, August 24th, was a true testament of the vibrancy of our community. As we stood together outside fellowship hall for the group photo, the sense of connection and feeling of togetherness was over-powering. We open our hearts to each individual's contributions, while accepting the human faults and frailties that we bring to the table as well.

When my daughter, Ali spoke at the labyrinth that day, just before dirt was scattered on top of the time capsule, her simple words brought tears to many "In twenty five years (when this time capsule is opened) I want my children to be right here and to feel the support and love that I have felt in this community". It is not only my hope, but truly my passion for each child that walks in our door to see this community as Ali does. A place to build friendships, to begin or continue the process of building spiritually strong hearts who embrace and wonder at the divine presence in their lives, who desire to learn the stories of a beautiful faith tradition, while opening their hearts to other faith stories as well, and to not only become aware of human suffering and injustice, but to feel drawn to Jesus' teachings of action, aiding those who are the least among us.



I end September's submission by making this statement which I wrote three years ago, but still holds true for me today: CUCC is a community filled with so much love: for God, for the world and for each other; it is open and accepting of differences in belief and lifestyles; it encourages individual questioning and searching for meaning and understanding; and finally, it places a high value on helping and serving others. What a wonderful place for a child to feel confident in building their own personal spiritual path or for a youth to question their most personal thoughts and feelings. We are so looking forward to seeing your family on Welcome Back Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and getting our 2014-15 church school year underway!

*Many Blessings for a wonderful year ahead,  
Karen*

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## **2014 Coordinating Council:**

*Council Officers:*

**Moderator:** Cathy Hazouri  
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**Spiritual Life:** Heather Bowler  
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**Social Action:** Sue Levy  
**Christian Education:** Vicky Graham  
**Property:** Tom Corrigan & Al Ramirez  
**Nominations:** Peter Kleinman

# Christian Education (continued)

## 2014-15 Classes and Curricula

**Nursery Care (Ages 0-2):** On Sunday mornings, our church office transforms into a quiet nursery staffed by loving, caring adults from our church community. A comfy rocker provides a wonderful place to sooth an infant; shelves are filled with books and age appropriate toys for younger toddlers.

**Ages 2 & 3:** We have hired three new caregivers to share this position left open by our high school grads, Toni and Meg. Evie Pyle, Laila Bevan and Ali Pyle, will continue to provide a warm loving place to share the day's Bible Story. Finger-plays, songs, games and carefully chosen picture books enhance the day's lesson.

**Ages 4 & 5, Grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>:** begin in their classrooms at 10am with a gathering activity followed by weekly lessons beginning with a **Sacred Time** that includes community prayers, opening and closing rituals as well as time to share the "ups and downs" in our lives. The Holy Moly Bible Story curriculum features a weekly video and examples of thoughtful questions that encourage both wondering and discovery.

**Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> :** Lessons are set up similar to the younger ages with a gathering activity and **Sacred Time**; the curriculum chosen for this year, called "Heeding the Call", offers a unique opportunity to engage junior high youth in the critical work of developing skills as Progressive Christians committed to social justice.

**High School Youth:** have two opportunities to engage in faith formation. Two Sunday mornings a month, youth will watch a video series called, NOOMA, written by Rob Bell, author of the book, Love Wins. NOOMA is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. They invite youth to search, question, and join in the discussion; our second offering is Youth Group which meets on the second Sunday of each month from 6-8pm. Our leaders, Beth Cole and Sarah Dawn Haynes provide a welcoming space for youth to share and engage.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEEDS YOU!:** As always, a smooth running program takes the volunteer efforts of many. A smile from a young child, an interaction with an older youth, or a cuddle from a baby is the reward. We are signing up now for the fall session. There are 10 teaching Sundays which are shared with a partner (individuals teach only 5 Sundays per session). We ask all adults, parents and non-parents to consider volunteering to teach in the classroom.

**Safety at CUCC:** Keeping our children and youth safe is taken very seriously. All volunteers sign off on our Safety Policy and all parents are required to complete and turn in the Child Safety and Photo Permission Form. Children and Youth will not be allowed to attend Sunday school unless a completed form is on file in the CE Office. Parents were sent a Safety Registration Form via email in late August. Please take the time to complete the form and email it back.

**Progressive Christian Ed Commission Meeting:** Join Pastor Rick and I on Saturday, September 6th from 10am to noon for our first commission meeting of the year. Our agenda will be full! We will review the curricula suggested for this year and discuss many other items that will aid in continuing the quality program we have built together. All parents are welcome. Please RSVP to Karen if you need childcare so we will have an appropriate number of teens on hand to help.

**September 7th – Welcome Back to Sunday School!!** On that day, we will gather for an all age's program to celebrate our new year together. We will make a gift to welcome Pastor Rick, get ideas for social justice projects, discuss possibilities for the Christmas Pageant script, and celebrate after service by serving up Sunday Sundaes.

**Parent Education Series** – Join us on September 19th from 6:30 – 8:30pm for a potluck dinner followed by the first of three discussions this year. Pastor Rick will lead a question/answer session giving us the opportunity to dive into his theological path, his thoughts on how to present children progressive Christian values, and hear his musings on what we can do as a community to continue on our journey together.

# Commissions and Committees

## Community Prayers

### Confined to Home

Earl Beaty (husband of Velma Beaty)  
Ed Brown (husband of Shirley Brown)



### Prayers of Healing & Support for

Aubreyanna Gurkin, who is healing from surgery  
for a broken arm

Bill Marine, who is healing from a foot infection

Gwen Goodwin and Marie Sutherland, who are  
living with multiple health issues

Susan Dunn Lewis

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

Barbara Willis and her 50th-anniversary team  
for an inspiring and festive weekend  
Timothy Brown, composer, for the CUCC 50th-  
anniversary hymn, "Come, Gentle Peace"

Our prayers are sent out to family and friends  
who are experiencing illness and other life-  
crises.

**We Pray For Peace** in our hearts, our homes,  
our community, our nation, and the world.

## Community Compassion Corp—Planning Work Projects for CUCC Congregants!

Our next meeting is on September 25 at 7pm at the Havlick's. Please Join Us!

### Stuffraiser Update:

The CUCC *Stuff Raiser* for Boulder's Attention Homes for displaced teens runs through Sunday, September 7. The items that are needed are posted in the church's fellowship hall.

**Thank you for supporting the Social Action Committee's efforts!**

### Stuffraiser Movie Night, Wednesday, September 3, 7 pm

**Come and Join Us to See the Movie *GIRL RISING (PG13)***  
All are welcome, so please invite your friends and neighbors.

**Suggested Donation:** *One or more toiletry items for the Stuff Raiser, either travel or regular size.*

### CUCC Women's Evening, Wednesday, September 10, 7 pm

Social Action and CCC invite you to assemble the bags of toiletries for Attention Homes gathered during the Stuff Raiser. It should be an evening of good work along with good company.

### Alternative Gift Market - Saturday November 15th

The Alternative Gift Market is looking for help with planning, setup and running of the market. Specifically, we need help with **ordering and pickup of merchandise, staffing of tables, and cashiers.** The market is on Saturday, November 15th. Contact Laura Terpenning, [laura.terpenningmd@gmail.com](mailto:laura.terpenningmd@gmail.com)

### 50th Anniversary DVD Project

The DVD, *Community United Church of Christ: Celebrating 50 Years, 1964 to 2014* is available for pre-order for a suggested donation of \$10. Funds raised will be dedicated to an archival project to collect and preserve documents and artifacts pertaining to CUCC's history. Contact Art Wainwright or Barbara Willis.

### Celebrations For Our New Pastor

Pastor Rick will be installed formally as our pastor a service held here at CUCC on **Oct 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm** followed by a fellowship time. We agreed upon this date and time so that people from the Conference and pastors from other churches can attend. We want many people to attend and celebrate with us the installation of our new pastor.

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## 2014 CROP Hunger Walk

On **Sunday, October 19th, at 2pm**, we will walk Boulder County's **29th CROP Hunger Walk**.

### What are CROP Hunger Walks?

Neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger- fighting. Some 2,000 communities across the country take part each year.

Walking the Walk, All Year Round is the theme we continue with from last year. CROP Walk takes a different path through the Boulder County community each year. The Walk is hosted by **Longmont UCC** this year at **1500 9th Avenue** and will begin and end there. The 10K/6mile route (short option = 3K or 1.8miles) will enable us to walk tree lined streets and see historic buildings of Longmont. The 10K route takes about 2.5hours to complete.

### Where do the funds collected go?

24% to Boulder's own **Community Food Share**

1% to **Bread for the World** (a lobbying organization seeking justice for the hungry)

75% to **Church World Service** or your designated organization to fight hunger worldwide.

Julie Phillips, Walk coordinator this year pointed out that last December, Church World Service provided Recovery Tools & Training at no charge to train people who helped with our local flood relief. They also covered monies that FEMA relief and insurance did not cover for our flood affected community members.

We walk in solidarity with people locally and around the world for whom getting food, water, and fuel is a struggle for existence. CROP Walks are interfaith. Walk donors may designate their gifts to other approved international hunger-fighting agencies. No one else does that!

### Mark your calendars to Walk with us on Sunday, Oct. 19th!

**Registration:** 1:15pm, Walk begins at 2pm

**Website:** [www.bouldercropwalk.org](http://www.bouldercropwalk.org)

Collecting funds online is encouraged! Join Team Community UCC CROPWalkers!

-Walkers are encouraged to collect the money up front and bring it to the Walk. Please turn all envelopes (used or unused) back in.

**CUCC Recruiter:** Janet Hoaglund (720)227-5267, jadefam4@hotmail.com

***Please contact Janet Hoaglund to sign up to Walk or donate to a CUCC Walker.***

*Pictures from CUCC's 50th Anniversary Weekend Extravaganza*



# September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>Labor Day— CUCC Closed</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>7 pm Stuff Raiser's Movie Night, Girl Rising (PG13)</b>	<b>4</b> <b>7 pm</b> SL+F Joint Meeting <b>7 pm</b> Social Action Meeting— <i>Tentative</i>	<b>5</b> <b>7 am</b> Men's Breakfast <b>9:30 am</b> Meditation	<b>6</b> <b>10 am</b> CE Comm. Meeting
<b>7</b> <b>NoBos Circle</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Taizé Service <b>10 am</b> Worship Service <b>11:30</b> Fellowship Hour & <b>Sunday Sundaes</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>7 pm CUCC Women's Evening (Stuff Raiser)</b>	<b>11</b> <b>6 pm</b> Coordinating Council Meeting	<b>12</b> <b>7 am</b> Men's Breakfast <b>9:30 am</b> Meditation	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Rose Circle</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Taizé Service <b>10 am</b> Worship Service <b>11:30</b> Fellowship Hour <b>11:45</b> EAT Meeting <b>6 pm</b> Youth Group	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>7 pm</b> Caring Ministry Meeting— <i>Tentative</i>	<b>19</b> <b>7 am</b> Men's Breakfast <b>9:30 am</b> Meditation  <b>6 pm CE Parent Meeting</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Lupine Circle</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Taizé Service <b>10 am</b> Worship Service <b>11:30</b> Fellowship Hour <b>11:30 EAT Movie — Painting the Stars Part 1</b>	<b>22</b> <b>7 pm</b> <b>Painting the Stars— Adult Ed</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>6 pm</b> Property Meeting— <i>Tentative</i>  <b>7 pm</b> CCC Committee	<b>26</b> <b>7 am</b> Men's Breakfast <b>9:30 am</b> Meditation	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>Lily &amp; Columbine Circles</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Taizé Service <b>10 am</b> Worship Service <b>11:30</b> <b>Semi-Annual Meeting &amp; Lunch</b>	<b>29</b> <b>7pm</b> <b>Painting the Stars— Adult Ed</b>	<b>30</b>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0e0e0;"> <p><b>Save the Date:</b>  <b>Oct 19: CROP Walk</b>  <b>Oct 26: Pastor Rick's Installation</b>  <b>Nov 15: Alternate Gift Market</b></p> </div>			

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### Deadlines

Announcements for bulletins and weekly emails should be sent to [office@cuccboulder.org](mailto:office@cuccboulder.org)

**The deadline for the weekly email announcements is 9am on Monday.**

The deadline for the bulletin and for the weekend email announcements is 9 am on Thursday.

**The deadline for The Echo is the 24th of each month.**

Sermons can be found on our Church Website and in the weekly electronic announcements.

### Friday Mornings at CUCC

**Men's Breakfast from 7-8:30 am:** This is open to all men, and is a simple breakfast (coffee & bagels) with time for sharing and discussion. Low key and informal, the goal is to build fellowship and friendship among the men of our congregation. Guests and members are welcome as well! Questions? Contact Bill Marine: 303-818-2776.

**Contemplative Prayer at 9:30 am:** A Contemplative Prayer group meets every Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. We begin by reading a brief passage from a poem or an essay offering spiritual insight. Then we sit in silence for twenty to thirty minutes. After contemplation participants are free to depart. Some choose to remain to exchange thoughts and inspirations that follow upon the reading.