

COMMUNITY

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 2014

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

The CUCC Reflections Booklet is available in the Fellowship Hall.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13th, 10am

Maundy Thursday

Intergenerational Soup Supper and Communion

Thursday, April 17th, 6pm

Join the CUCC community for soup supper and communion service around tables in Fellowship Hall. We will begin at 6:00 with supper and move into the service at 6:45. *Children are welcome!* There will be childcare for babies and toddlers during the service portion of the evening. Soup and bread will be provided so you can come straight from work and school. It's the first day of a long weekend for Boulder County Schools and we hope it will be good day for families to attend. This can be wonderful part of our Lenten journey and give fresh insight into the Last Supper.

Good Friday

Way of the Cross / Labyrinth

Friday, April 18th 5pm

Outside, around the Labyrinth, we will observe the Way of the Cross - The Way of the Earth's Crucifixion. The 12 stages of the Way of the Cross will represent the suffering of the earth and its creatures because of human actions. This is a chance to symbolically mourn the realities of human pollution, extinctions, deforestation, and global climate change, and recommit ourselves to the preservation of the Earth's ecosystem and all earth's creatures.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20th

Family-Friendly Early Easter Service 8 am

Community Easter Egg Hunt 9:15 am
Coffee, Sweet Breads, Hot Cross Buns, Hard Boiled Eggs

Traditional Easter Service 10am
Fellowship Hour

Pastor Jane Anne's Letter

Anticipating Resurrection

We have reached that week in Lent where the season begins to rush downhill toward Holy Week and Easter. The spring Equinox has passed. Even if the snow flurries fly, as they did this morning, it is spring and the days are becoming longer than the nights. New life and light are coming!

As I look toward Holy Week this year I am seeking metaphors of hope, of resurrection, knowing that these come as we walk through and not around our dark times, our challenges and obstacles. Resurrection, "a rising again from the dead," happens time and again in our lives if we pay attention. Sometimes it coincides with the season of Easter and other times it doesn't.

Resurrection is not something new that God did in the Jesus story. Resurrection is the power of the Divine, the Holy, working in and through, above and beyond all of creation. Resurrection is in the very DNA of the universe. It is attested to in the ancient stories and prophecies of the Hebrew Scriptures. On Easter Sunday this year, the Hebrew Scripture text is from Jeremiah 31: 1-5. The prophet speaks for God to the people of Israel who have been in exile from their homeland saying, *I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built ... Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. Again you shall plant vineyards ... and shall enjoy the fruit.*

This is resurrection.

As we head toward Holy Week I invite you to consider resurrection in your life. Where are you anticipating it? Where do you anticipate it in the life of this church? Are you willing to walk through the darkness of the unknown to find fertility and merrymaking on the other side? I wish resurrection happened without the experience of darkness, but it doesn't seem to work that way anymore than seeds can put down roots to grow without the dark fertility of the soil. As I prepare to lead CUCC through Holy Week, I trust the fertile, unknown darkness. I take inspiration from Jeremiah's message from God, *I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built ...*

May it be so for us all.

*Blessings,
Jane Anne Ferguson, Interim Pastor*

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2014 Coordinating Council:

Council Officers:

Moderator: Cathy Hazouri **Narrator:** Karen Ramirez
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Commissions

Spiritual Life & Fellowship: Karen Howe
Property: Tom Corrigan and Al Ramirez
Social Action: OPEN
Christian Education: Vicky Graham and Heather Bowler
Nominations: Peter Kleinman

Commissions and Committees

Community Prayers



Confined to Home

- Earl Beaty (husband of Velma Beaty, home with Palliative Care)
- Ed Brown (husband of Shirley Brown)
- Henrietta Potter (Golden West)
- Ruth Andrade (founding member of CUCC)

Prayers for Sympathy for

- Beth Cole, upon the death of her father
- Beth Willman, upon the death of her father
- Pastor Jane Anne Ferguson, upon the death of her mother

We Pray For Peace

in our hearts, our homes, our community, our nation, and the world.

Prayers of Healing & Support for

- Cathy Hazouri, healing from a broken hip
- Gwen Goodwin and Marie Sutherland, who are living with multiple health issues
- Julie Kies and her family, as her father spends his last days in hospice
- Susan Dunn Lewis, facing ongoing cancer treatment

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

Social Action News

Community Table: CUCC members serve a meal to the homeless and low-income on the 4th Thursday of the month. Our next turn to help is **Thursday, April 24th, 4-6 pm** at First United Methodist Church. No experience necessary!

Spring Cleaning Donation Drive: Reduce Reuse Recycle

Community UCC Social Action Commission is hosting a benefit for Habitat for Humanity's ReStore (thrift store) on **Sunday, April 13th from 11:30 – 2pm**. Start saving up your items to donate! This is a great way for you to get rid of some of that extra “stuff” you don't really need and benefit a worthy cause at the same time. On That Day, please bring your new or gently used items for donation to the church. Habitat will have a truck here to collect all the items. **This is a brief list of things they won't take:** strollers, cribs, car seats, toys, computers, used tires, large wood desks or entertainment centers, older TVs, hair dryers, and chemicals. For a complete list, please visit their website at flatironshabitat.org

**Food Drive for EFAA ~
Thank you for your generosity!**

Pastoral Search Committee News Candidate Weekend May 11–12

Your Search Committee is thrilled to present an outstanding candidate for pastor of CUCC. To protect our candidate's current position, identity must remain confidential for the next few weeks. We need to respect the privacy of our candidate. We wish we could tell you more, but we can't.

All we can say now is: **SAVE THE DATE** for Candidating Sunday on May 11th. That is when our congregation will vote on the candidate.

A few weeks before the candidate's weekend with us, an all-church mailing will be sent introducing the candidate in detail. There will be time for a get-acquainted reception and small group meetings on Saturday, May 10th.
More later— much more later!

*Erv Bode
For the Search Committee*



Christian Education

One of the things I love most about CUCC, is the size of our congregation. While I never know whose sweet smiling faces will walk in the door on any Sunday morning, I can usually correctly estimate the numbers. The school break weeks that occur over the year which are always lower in attendance, give me the opportunity to combine age groups and teach the class personally. Last Sunday was no exception; the first of two spring break weeks, I combined the two older classes (Grades 1st-8th) and what an amazing morning we had together. We began with a simple coloring page, a mandala of the sun that everyone was seemingly engaged in. Before moving into our lesson, we partook in a Buddhist walking meditation. Each child was given an instrument and as I began walking and chanting, I could feel the restlessness behind me. One child laughed, one dropped their instrument, and one said this is silly, but with patience, persistence and our two wonderful 7th grade girls modeling, it was not long before every child was walking in line behind me. While concentrating on the sound their own instrument was making, they eventually began to join me in chanting:

***“The mind can go in a thousand directions
But on this beautiful path I walk in peace”***

When fully engaged, I led them out of the classroom and into the hallways. As we circled our last time around the oval carpet in the classroom, I was able to look into their faces; each one was truly focusing their thoughts and energy inward. All I could do was smile. The lives of children and youth today are so much more confusing than when we grew up; I feel truly blessed to be in the position of giving them tools to disengage from the media, from the busyness of their lives, and to turn their attention to the beating of their own hearts, to their connection with the divine, even if only for a few moments on a snowy Sunday morning.

*In Peace,
Karen*

Spring CE Commission Meeting: Lots to discuss on **Sunday, April 6th from 11:30 to 1**. All parents are invited to attend!

Summer Mission Trip: We have four high school youth who will join Beth Cole on a mission trip to the Navajo Nation scheduled for July 12th-19th. To decrease the cost of \$875 per person, the youth will be engaging in fundraising efforts over the next few months. Something special will be offered on the First Sunday of every month!

Youth Service Auction Sunday, April 6th immediately after service

Our favorite auctioneer, Steve Pyle, will auction off the youth to the highest bidder.

If you are in need of helpers to paint, do yard work, babysit, spread mulch, clean out drawers or closets, turn over your garden, please come with checkbook in hand and ready to bid!

Christian Education

EASTER DISCUSSION

PARENT DISCUSSION/POTLUCK WITH PASTOR JANE ANNE

TUES., APRIL 1ST FROM 6—8 PM

Please join us on **Tues Eve - April 1st from 6-8pm** - What is the best way to answer our children/youth questions concerning the tenets of Christianity that are still uncomfortable for us, especially as the Easter Season approaches? How do we teach our children and youth the Progressive Christian views when they appear to be surrounded by friends who are challenging what we teach? How do we teach the stories and lessons of our faith while staying true to our own understanding of the world today. We hope you can join us! Childcare will be provided.

EASTER SOUP SUPPER AND COMMUNION

THUR., APRIL 17 AT 6PM

Join us for an Intergenerational Maundy Thursday Dinner provided by the church. During the short Communion Service, child care will be provided for babies and toddlers. This is the first day of a long weekend for BVSD families, so we hope you will be here for a special Last Supper.

EASTER SUNDAY

8 am - Parents should know that this is a shorter Easter Sunday service that is more child friendly. Why not give it a try this year and end your morning with our beloved Easter Egg Hunt from 9:15 to 10? Nursery and Preschool Care will be available

9:15 am – Our Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt was attended by over 80 children last year so be ready for a fun time with friends, old and new.

10 am - Ages 0-5 will join with Meg and Toni for stories and Easter crafts; Grades 1st-8th will begin the morning with a short chapel service followed by a variety of seasonal crafts before coming into the service for Children's Time. Older youth will be recruited to help that day.

April Schedule for Confirmation & Popcorn Theology

Sunday, April 6th - Popcorn Theology at 10am, followed by Confirmation with Lu Walters & Karen Howe from 11:45 to 1:15 pm (includes lunch in between).

Wednesday, April 2nd (4-5:30) – Confirmation with Pastor Jane Anne

Sunday, April 27th - Popcorn Theology at 10am, followed by Confirmation with Janet Hoaglund & Craig Martin (includes lunch in between).

Wednesday, May 7th (4-5:30) – Confirmation with Pastor Jane Anne (*change from original 4/30 date*)

La Foret Summer Camps: A magical place for our children and youth to connect with UCC'ers all over Colorado. The 2014 Summer Camp programs are listed below – check out the LaForet website and click on “rmcucc camp page” for more information.

6/29-7/1: Grandparent & Me

7/3 – 7/5: Multi-Family Camp

7/7-7/11: Pioneer Camp/ 2nd-4th Grades

7/13-7/19: Explorer Camp/ 4th-6th Grades & Voyager Camp/ 6th -8th Grades

7/20-7/26: Adults Contemplative Life Camp & MADD Camp for H/School Youth

8/21-8/23: Adults – Pit Stop for the Soul

Committees and Commissions

Earth Action Team News

We meet the 2nd Sunday of the month after worship service. Please Join Us!

After the Flood: Open Space & Parks

Wed. April 23rd, 7 – 8 pm, Here at CUCC

September's storm dropped a huge amount of rainfall onto the city's Open Space system. Water surging down creeks and hillsides washed away trails, changed ecosystems, and wrote a new chapter in the area's geology. Join OSMF naturalist Dave Sutherland for a revealing slideshow about the flood's effects on the landscape and infrastructure of Open Space, learn about post-flood recovery efforts and how to you get involved!

Good Friday Way of the Cross. Please read more about this event on the front cover of the Echo. Share this information with others. Attend our meeting if you would like to help out with this!

Annual Ecumenical Lenten Carbon Fast:

We invite you to join us as we commit to fasting from carbon during Lent. Beginning Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent, participants will receive a daily email with the day's suggested carbon-reducing activity. www.macucc/carbonfast

Spiritual Life and Fellowship News

We meet the 4th Thursday of the month at 7pm at the church. Please Join Us!

We have many things happening during Lent!

We will be looking for volunteers to assist with the Maundy Thursday Soup Supper, Easter Services, Special Coffee Hour and of course, offering congregants a way to decorate our sanctuary with beautiful tulip and lily plants. Please join us! Contact Karen Howe for more information! 303-596-6631 or karenhowe3@comcast.net

Easter Tulip and Lily Plants — Look for your order form in the bulletin or contact Sheila Ling (303-499-2880) to place an order. Deadline is Friday, April 11th and plants are \$10 each.

Painting the Stars: Science, Religion, and an Evolving Faith This Adult Education Class will be held after worship service during Lent. You are welcome to come to one or all of the sessions. Each session exposes participants to observations and ideas about the intersection of science and faith as a catalyst for discussion about the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality. Child care provided.

Community Compassion Corp—Planning Work Projects for CUCC Congregants!

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at a member's home. Please Join Us!

CCC Mission Trip to Tuba City, NM. We have 15 CUCC congregants who will be traveling at the end of this month. This team will be providing tutoring and service projects for Navajo children and families in exchange for learning about the Navajo culture. Please give a hearty congrats to these adventurous souls!

Peter and Judi Kleinman; Linda and John Woods; Liz and John Tilton; Bill and Susan Marine; Gene and Linda Arn; Spence and Val Havlick; Carol Gibson; Joyce Stockdill; Laura Terpenning.

Our Youth will also be going on a similar trip to Tuba City in mid-July. They will be holding monthly fundraisers so they can all afford to attend. Please read more about the Youth Service Auction on April 6th elsewhere in this Echo!

CCC Humanitarian Work Trip to Guatemala—Join Us for Thanksgiving Week (Nov. 21-30)

The CCC is coordinating a trip to Guatemala through Transformational Journey where we will be building cement block stoves in homes in San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala. CUCC went two years ago and several people going on this trip have been there before. Everyone found it be a rewarding experience working with the Mayan population and learning about their colorful culture. The cost is \$1800 (includes airfare, lodging, food, internal transportation, educational activities) and this is open to anyone who is healthy enough to travel and to learn how to build stoves in a third world country; teens welcome with parent. Please contact Linda Woods, 303-588-0522, if interested.

April 2014

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 30 Lupine Circle 8:30 am Taizè Service 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Hour ~~~~Choir Rehearsal ~~~Painting the Stars	31	April 1 6 pm Parent Discussion Potluck	2 4 pm Confirmation Class	3 7 pm Social Action Comm.	4 7 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Meditation	5
6 Lily Circle 8:30 am Taizè Service 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10 am Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Hour ~~~~Choir Rehearsal ~~~Painting the Stars ~~Confirmation Class ~Mission Trip Skype ~CE Commission AND Youth Service Auction	7	8 7 pm CCC Committee at the Havlick's Home	9	10 6 pm Coordinating Council	11 7 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Meditation	12
13 Meadowlark Circle 8:30 am Taizè Service 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10 am Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Hour ~~~~Choir Rehearsal ~~~Painting the Stars ~ Earth Action Team 11:30—2pm Spring Cleaning Donation Truck 6 - 8 pm Youth Group	14	15	16	17 6 pm Maundy Thursday Soup Supper and Communion	18 7 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Meditation 5 pm Good Friday Way of the Cross	19 2-4 pm Youth Group Easter Egg Prep
EASTER Sunday Carnation Circle 8 am Worship Service 9:15 Easter Egg Hunt 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10 am Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Hour	21	22	23 7 pm "After the Flood" Presentation Speaker, Dave Sutherland	24 6 pm Property Comm. 7 pm Spiritual Life & Fellowship	25 7 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Meditation	26 Mission Group leaves for Tuba City!
27 Earth Day Celebration Sunflower Circle 8:30 am Taizè Service 10am Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Hour ~~~~Confirmation Class	28	29	30	May 1 7 pm Social Action Comm.	May 2 7 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Meditation	May 3 9am—1pm CUCC Spring Clean-Up 5 pm Family Potluck / Prepare for Maypole
		Save The Date Candidate Weekend May 10-11th				
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Deadlines

Announcements for bulletins and weekly emails should be sent to 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.

Green Coffee Mugs

We welcome visitors by asking them to use a green coffee mug during Sunday Fellowship Hour.

Youth Group News

Meeting on the second Sunday of each month, our next session, will be

April 13th from 6–8pm.

Youth will also be stuffing the Easter Eggs on **Sat. April 19th from 2-4pm** and then organizing the actual hunt on Easter Sunday morning, beginning at 8:30 am.

Contact Beth Cole for more info!

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.