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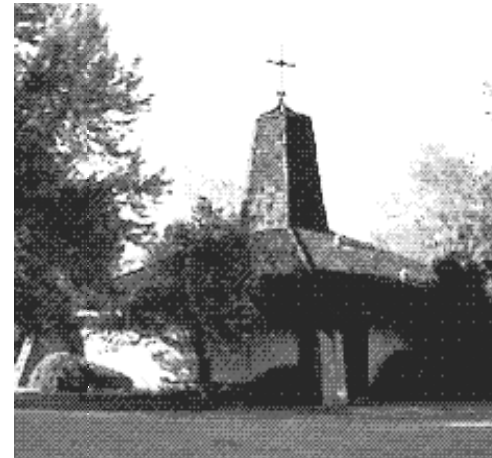
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Christ Congregational Church Identity and Mission Statement

CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IS A PROGRESSIVE, CARING, AND CELEBRATING CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST. WE ARE A SERVING, LEARNING, AND WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY OF FAITH. WE WELCOME AND CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER. WE DESIRE TO BE DIVERSE, JUSTICE-PROMOTING, TRADITION-AFFIRMING, FUTURE-DIRECTED, AND MULTI-GENERATIONAL. THE FOCUS OF OUR MINISTRY IS ON OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND TO THE LARGER METRO AREA, WITH ONGOING ATTENTION TO THE NEEDS OF THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY.



From the Desk of Beth Robey Hyde

Our pastoral search committee is hard at work, we are enjoying the lighter worship experience of our Summer Splash, and coasting through the summer. A thoroughly enjoyable dinner with families from Children's Haven marked June, and we are looking forward to a shared barbecue picnic. This is a pleasant, relaxing season, as it should be. But don't get too relaxed.

The fall program year is coming, and activities will pick up. People have been missing Dinners for Eight. Is there someone who would like to coordinate a Dinners for Eight (or Six) this year? Another proposed activity would be a once-monthly after-church potluck with programs of current interest. There are resource persons available to make presentations on a number of vital topics such as immigration reform, going green, domestic violence, neighborhood watch, etc. This, too, awaits the emergence of a person or persons to coordinate it.

Bible study will resume in the fall, yes, on a weekday morning. I am more than willing to add a class on any morning, afternoon, or evening when four or more people can get together. The only time I hesitate to teach a class is at your traditional before-church Sunday morning time: it's hard on me and it's hard on choir members who have to leave part way through the class. Name any other time, and I will be available. People who have taken part in our studies can tell you how valuable the learning is, and how it enriches their understanding and enjoyment of sermons and worship.

I would also be glad to help form and lead a prayer and/or meditation group, either short-term or ongoing. I await your input

Beth Robey Hyde

P.S. Have you thought about participating in Summer Splash worship with your artistic, innovative, or just plain fun talents? Let me know.

They are: Executive Council, Justice and Witness Ministries, Local Church Ministries, General Ministries, Wider Church Ministries, and Search for Associate General Minister.

Rev. Beth as Leader explained her role on Executive Council which serves as a governing group - seeking ways to more fully UNITE and coordinate other ministries.

Rev. Sharyl Peterson of Grand Junction gave examples of how OCWM dollars provide new stewardship resources, the Planned Giving for estates, new spiritual practices, evangelism, and education.

Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi spoke eloquently about Justice and Witness Ministries again using OCWM funds. George Worcester explained the Office of General Ministries which is the business side of UCC. He said that RMC has 5 churches in top 50 of giving to OCWM and Christ Church is one of those! Even so, OCWM raises less money than it did in 1965, and that the "past is funding the future".

Jan Burns commented that it was a joy to be among younger UCC members in prayer, song, and even dance, which portends a vital future for this church.

From Lori Worthman

Grow your Church through Strong Social Justice Stands A panel of RMC churches facilitated by the Justice and Peace Ministry Team talked about taking strong visible social justice stands that resulted in church growth. Lori Worthman attended this workshop at Blue Spruce. Rev. Dee Lundberg, from Casper, Wyoming spoke persuasively to the power of being out in the community as a church – showing up as a congregation to work or protest or rally for an important cause. The discussion progressed to sharing the social justice involvements of a variety of churches, from environmental, GLBT or immigration issues, many felt this kind of outreach had strengthened and grown their churches. Using the notoriety of a progressive and inclusive justice ministry has helped many small congregations to attract people of like mind.

ANNUAL MEETING A ROUSING SUCCESS!

The 36th Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference, UCC, was held at La Foret Conference and Retreat Center June 4-6, 2010. Pastor Beth Robey Hyde and our CCC delegates, Jan Burns and Lori Worthman, attended. Also attending were Judy Jacobs and Virginia Black.

Changing Lives through Our Church's Wider Mission was a major focus of the event, with Rev. Jane Heckles offering insights from her position as minister for OCWM Development in the Office of the Executive Minister, Local Church Ministries. While mainline church attendance is dropping, UCC churches are growing, she said, attributing that rise to the good news that UCC offers all people. Using video clips from the national UCC website, she noted the three core values of the UCC:

1. Continual Revelation – God is still speaking to each new generation and to the issues and dynamics of that generation
2. Extravagant hospitality – God extends unconditional welcome and love to all
3. Changing Lives – God is at work in our local congregations transforming and changing lives.

Also formalized at the business meeting was the election of officers. The new moderator is Rev. Pete Terpenning from Community UCC in Boulder. Vice Moderator is Bill Dodge of First Congregational UCC in Silverton, and the new treasurer is John Rostykus of First Congregational in Longmont. New association representatives are Bev Larsen from Utah and Corbin Tobey Davis from Metro Denver.

Our two delegates submitted the following reports from the workshops they attended.

From Jan Burns

Rocky Mountain Conference Links to the National UCC

This workshop gathered on Friday at 9 a.m. in Back Room at Ponderosa to learn about the various connections we have with National UCC. We have six members representing us on National boards or committees.

PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The process for finding a new minister is moving forward as the Pastoral Search Committee works toward finishing the church profile. The profile is the document that the UCC Conference Office sends to the applicants for the position of Minister at Christ Church.

The profile represents a description of the church in two respects. First, it contains a considerable amount of factual information about the church, such as the size of the facility, the church budget, and the community around the church.

The second aspect of the profile is where the ideas and opinions of the church membership become important. What important leadership qualities do we want in a new minister? What are the most important needs of the church? What should be our focus over the next five years? These are a few of the questions for which we need the thoughts of our members.

To discuss and respond to the questions on the profile, two meetings were scheduled with the congregation. The first was held on June 27, and the second is scheduled for July 11, immediately after the worship service. The participants are divided into small informal groups and all who attend Christ Church are invited to offer their comments.

If any member is not able to attend either session, please call the church office to have a questionnaire mailed to you. However, please act quickly as your response is needed by July 15 in order for us to complete the profile ASAP.

Thank you for your interest in helping the Pastoral Search Committee.

Stan Elofson, Chair



INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4TH

"What I love most about my church is that it's a place where we feel free to think out loud together."

We are "free to think out loud together" because of the actions of our forefathers.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Amy Kennedy, daughter of Sue and Don Kennedy, graduated Summa Cum Laude in May 2010 from Colorado State University with a B.S. in Environmental Science. This summer she will have an Internship in Santa Fe with the U.S. Indian Health Service and in the fall will begin graduate school at CSU, working toward a Master of Public Health.

Danielle Worthman, daughter of Lori and Paul Worthman, just fulfilled her graduation requirements at Lakewood High School, in the International Baccalaureate program. She was chosen to study in Croatia next year through the Rotary Youth Exchange, so she is working through the summer at every job she can find to raise money for getting to Croatia. Also, next week she is going on another mission trip with the youth from First Plymouth — this time to Florida to work with immigrants.

PRAYER LIST

During the month of June, the following people have been on our prayer list.

John Bachmann
Evie Collins
Candy Mociak
Vanita Rogers

We mourn the death of William Joseph Martin. He was born December 6, 1916 in Chicago, IL and died June 13, 2010. Bill became a member of Christ Congregational Church in 1965. His memorial service was held on June 19. Bill was active in many church activities as well as different Masonic interests.

We mourn the death of Kenneth John Miller. He was born July 19, 1929 in Casper, WY and died June 17, 2010. Ken became a member of Christ Congregational Church in 1967. His memorial service was held on June 23. Ken was active in many church activities and other civic pursuits, as well as co-founding Water for People.

**TREASURER'S REPORT
THROUGH JUNE 2010**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total Income	\$78,887	\$83,630	94.3
Total Expenses	\$78,327	\$83,106	94.2
Net Income	(\$ 560)	(\$ 523)	
Pledges to Date	\$74,320	\$78,103	95.2

MISSION OFFERING FOR MAY
Strengthen the Church \$540.00

MISSION OFFERING FOR JUNE
Denver Inner City Parish \$635.00



**SUGAR BEES RAISE \$1 MILLION
FOR MS**

As reported in *The Denver Post* on June 28, the Sugar Bees, who have cycled in the MS 150 benefiting multiple sclerosis for 12 years, have completed raising a million dollars. They became the first Colorado team to have raised a million dollars during the 25-year history of the Great-West Life Bike MS/Colorado's Ride. The two-day ride along the Front Range sold out with about 3,000 cyclists participating this year.

The Sugar Bees are led by Tim and Eric Walker, sons of Betty and Tim Walker, and have participated in this ride for 12 years in support of their sister Kelly Walker Haley, who was diagnosed with the disease about 22 years ago. This year's Sugar Bees had 140 cyclists on the team, and each one contributed to this year's \$100,000.

Additionally, Tim and Betty have worked diligently to set up and provide a rest stop for all the riders.

THE CHILDREN'S HAVEN DINNER WAS A BIG SUCCESS!
IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR HELP!

Our thanks to: Banner Makers, Musicians, Greeters, Floaters, Table & Chair Set-up, Dismantlers, Cooks, Servers, Kitchen cleaners, Playground supervisors, Button makers, Brownie chefs, Plate buyer, Meatball purchaser, Sterno & Pasta Sauce detectives, and especially our product Buyer.

Bobbie and I cannot thank you enough for all your help. There were just too many people to name individually, and we hope we have not forgotten any contribution. You know who you are and how hard you worked to make the evening such a success. We are truly grateful.

Christ Church is alive and kicking!!! It takes a whole congregation to present a successful dinner.

Bobbie Hayhurst & Mim Willyard

NOTES FROM MISSIONS/SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY

JULY MISSION OFFERING. The July Mission Offering is for CUE (Chicago, United and Eden) Seminaries of the United Church of Christ. Our contributions will provide critical support for each seminary, which in turn provides critical support to students receiving training to become leaders for ministry to individuals, congregations and the wider world. Each seminary strengthens the life of the church by enlivening critical reflection on faith and by supporting Christian discipleship. Each school is a vibrant, caring and challenging place in which to pursue theological education.

There are 16 UCC Conferences and their member churches, along with local church ministries of the UCC, working together to support theological education at Chicago, United and Eden Seminaries through the CUE seminary support program. The overall mission for CUE seminaries is to strengthen the relationship between churches and our seminaries, further the mission and work and provide financial support for these institutions.

We plan to volunteer at the Denver Inner City Parish on Tuesday, July 20, during the daytime hours. We will help them with various projects — food bank, clothing bank, senior program, etc. If you are interested in this mission effort, call Bobby Hayhurst (303-691-0466) or Sue Duncan (303-989-4348).

JULY 2010		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY 4 IN ORDINARY TIME INDEPENDENCE DAY 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 7:00 p.m. AA-Fellowship Hall	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 7:00 p.m. Ministry Mtgs.
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN 11 ORDINARY TIME 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 Minister Search Meeting 7:00 p.m. AA-Fellowship Hall	12	13 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg.
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN 18 ORDINARY TIME 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 7:00 p.m. AA-Fellowship Hall	19	20
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY 25 IN ORDINARY TIME 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 7:00 p.m. AA-Fellowship Hal	26	27

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:30 p.m. Worship Band & Chancel Choir	2	3
7	8 6:30 p.m. Worship Band & Chancel Choir	9	10
14 6:30 a.m. Men’s Bkfst at Rosemary’s	15 6:30 a.m. Women’s Bkfst at Rosemary’s 6:30 p.m. Worship Band & Chancel Choir	16	17
21	22 6:30 p.m. Worship Band & Chancel Choir	23	24
28	29 6:30 p.m. Worship Band & Chancel Choir	30	31