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08	Shannon Vogel
10	Beth Robey Hyde
11	Babette Larson
12	Nancy Elofson
13	Audrey Murray
16	Dennis Vogel
17	Teresa Crawford
17	Irene Wogrin
18	Connie Leberer
22	Erik Adcock
24	Ray Schwindt
24	Judy Johnson
25	Sandy Naatz
27	Eugene Vinsonhaler
30	Diana Bern
30	Debbie Kovacs
31	Trevor Larsen

If your name was omitted or if the date of your birthday is incorrect, please call the church office so that we may add or correct your information on our Birthday List.

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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

Christ Church is starting its pastoral search. You should know this means you have accomplished a lot over the past several months. You have moved from a position characterized as “we never do anything” to renovating the sanctuary, performing monthly hands-on missions, and enjoying vibrant, varied worship.

These things are only the beginning. We are building momentum and thinking about what kind of church we want to be in the future. This is a time of making active choices about the next ten or more years. You have found three guiding principles: Spirit, courage and joy. Let’s look at how these might impact your life in amazing ways.

Courage: You can choose to enter the search process looking for a hero to do everything for you, to make you safe and secure; or to enter the search process boldly, claiming the best future you can imagine. There is no reason this church cannot be and do anything it wants, and I mean that. You have every resource you need to be a major source of hope and transformation in this part of the metropolitan area. You have started to reclaim courage: courage to transform the inner lives of those who worship here; courage to insure that this is a dynamic, wholesome community of faith, welcoming people of all kinds and bringing new life through your touch. In general, churches tend to be timid, fearful of offending and therefore never reaching their potential. To claim courage is powerful move. Courage is a gift of the Spirit.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Sandy Maben

We had a very exciting meeting of council on April 13. I want to share some highlights with you.

Council appoints the Pastor Search Committee and several nominations were received that night! Nominations will be accepted until Friday, May 7. A nomination form has been in the Sunday bulletins beginning 4/18 and one is in this Caller. Council will meet on Tuesday, May 11, to consider the nominations that have been submitted. Depending on the discussion and on the amount of additional business that needs to be handled on May 11, council may meet again on Tuesday, May 18, to make the final selections for to search committee.

Our Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, May 23 after the church service. Happily, Mark Pleuss has agreed to be nominated as vice moderator for next year and I am SO looking forward to working with him! Our clerk, Joanne Broten, and treasurer, John Rea, have also agreed to continue for another year in their positions.

We are having difficulty filling leadership positions for the next church year. Although several ministries are in need of coordinators, I want to make special mention of a need for, at the very least, a co-coordinator with Georgia Bachmann for the Worship & Music Ministry. Georgia has served a long and faithful 3 years as coordinator and does this so well that she makes it look effortless, but BELIEVE ME, it is not. W&M needs lots of worker bees, but a co-coordinator would make a world of difference. Facilities & Grounds, Fellowship and Social Justice and Missions could also use a co-coordinator. And I am hopeful that someone will still step forward to assist with the Christian Education and Stewardship ministries – otherwise these areas become the responsibility of the council as a whole.

We distributed copies to council members and others in attendance of a document that was prepared by an Open & Affirming Committee of Christ Congregational Church in July 1991, recommending the adoption of an Open & Affirming Statement that they had drafted. Although the final action was not taken at that time, we want to re-visit this decision and I feel that this document gives incredibly valuable information as a starting point for a new discussion. If you would like a copy, please contact Kay Waggoner in the church office to receive one.

Thanks for your love and support over the past year. It means the world to me.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE. Council is receiving nominations for members of the Pastoral Search Committee. Serving on this committee requires a major commitment of time and energy. If you wish to nominate someone, keep these things in mind. Members of the search committee should be people who are respected by the congregation, have gifts of discernment and communication, and should include a variety of ages as well as a variety of lengths of time in the congregation. Tasks will include gathering information and writing a profile of the church, receiving profiles of candidates, interviewing and selecting a candidate to be presented to the congregation for a vote, and all the associated tasks. The length of time this job will take is undetermined. A nomination form is provided for your use. Please complete the form below and return to the church office by Sunday, May 9, 2010.

NOMINATION FORM

I nominate: _____

To serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee for Christ Congregational Church because _____

- ☐ I am nominating myself
- ☐ I have spoken to this person who has agreed to be nominated
- ☐ I have not spoken to this person about this nomination

Spirit: The movement of the Holy Spirit is palpable here; it's in the air, stirring us to new energy, powering up our imaginations, blessing our tentative steps toward the new. God's Spirit works wherever people are open to it. Remain open. Expect great things. Listen to God's whispers, songs and clarion calls. Over and over, declare yourselves to be people of the Spirit. Remember that God works in all kinds of mysterious ways, and God works with all kinds of people. Every person, every congregation, has its own character and personality, and God's call is always to be true to yourself. Your best self. God is speaking here.

Joy: You claim this because it's here. It's the result of Spirit and Courage. Your joy will keep growing; it will become contagious. You will grow: in size, in capacity to minister, in big heart.

Who should serve on your search committee? Joyful, courageous people who have a vision for the future. Who do you want to be and where do you want to go? Don't settle for less than what God is calling you to be and do.

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One Way to Say "I Love My Church"

You know why I love my Church?
Because for one hour every week I get reminded that
life is more than getting up and going to work,
dealing with problems, and
worrying about everything under the sun.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Christ Congregational Church will be held on Sunday, May 23, 2010, following the worship service. The meeting includes the election of Officers and Ministry Coordinators as well as the presentation of the reports of Ministries and other activities throughout the program year of 2009-2010. **Annual Reports are due from all officers and coordinators of ministries by May 12.** Please submit your reports to the church office.

NOTES FROM MINISTRIES

Missions/Social Action. Karen Bickett and Joyce Blubaugh represented Christ Church as part of a team doing service for the Rebuilding Together program. Others had asked to participate but they already had a full roster of volunteers. Each year, on the last Saturday of April, hundreds of volunteers in metro Denver join thousands across the country for National Rebuilding Day. Teams of 20-25 go to pre-selected homes and work for one full day to repair and revitalize it, making it warm, safe and dry for the homeowners. The program has been so successful that it has been augmented to do minor tasks and projects within a community. It is our hope that we will be able to build a team to participate in these more frequent tasks. Karen and Joyce will report back to the SAVs regarding opportunities for a team from CCC.

On June 3rd a team of ten volunteers will go to the Denver Rescue Mission to serve a dinner for those in need. Once again, we had a number of volunteers but could only take 10. We will be scheduling another in the near future.

Plans are also being made for a joint barbeque to be held with the Childrens' Haven families. The date is as yet unknown, but will be announced soon.

If you have not advised us of your interest in participating in some of these projects, please call Bobby Hayhurst at (303) 691-0466 to get your names on the list.



MAY 9, 2010

**TREASURER'S REPORT
THROUGH APRIL 2010**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total Income	\$53,637	\$55,756	96
Total Expenses	\$53,514	\$55,923	95
Net Income	(\$ 123)	(\$ 167)	
Pledges to Date	\$50,069	\$52,072	96

**MISSION OFFERING FOR APRIL
Doctors Without Borders \$592.00**

Notice the high percentage of pledges that are current. Thanks for keeping up with your pledge.



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH is the United Church of Christ's annual offering to help build our denominational future by funding the Stillspeaking Ministry, new and renewing

churches, youth and young adult ministries, and lay and pastoral leadership formation — especially among women and people of color. In 2008 contributions topped \$500,000 for the first time. Through this mission offering we commit to being a multiracial, multicultural church — open and affirming and accessible to all — the excluded and alienated, the spiritually homeless, the questioning. In the last two years, Stillspeaking reached an estimated 25 million people through national, regional and local advertising. Our offering will be directed to the Rocky Mountain Conference, Local Church Ministries, and The Stillspeaking Ministry for these church development, leader development and Stillspeaking purposes.

Worship & Music. The Lent and Easter season seems to have flown away. We have been blessed by the addition of Robin to our family here at Christ Church. Thank you, Robin, for leading the Praise Band and Choirs as they shared their music with us, and thanks to Beth for her guidance through this most holy season.

Summer music, this year known as “SUMMER SPLASH,” will include a variety of music. We invite all to share your talents with us through the summer months. Please do speak to Robin and be a part of our musical family!

The Worship and Music Ministry is in need of your help! Just as many have been willing to assist our church family as ushers, or in setting up and serving Communion, we also need more members on this ministry team. With the great leadership of Beth and Robin we have been planning ahead. This means fewer meetings so please think about lending us a hand!



MAY 25, 2010, 6:40 P.M.

ROCKIES vs. DIAMONDBACKS

**"Take me out to the ball game,
Take me out with the crowd.
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks,
I don't care if I never get back,
Let me root, root, root for the ROCKIES,
If they don't win it's a shame.
For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out,
At the old ball game."**

Len Ewald has purchased 25 tickets for the May 25 game. The tickets are \$18 each and the seats are in a good location. Please contact Len either at church or on the phone (303-935-8430) and pay him directly. He will provide tickets on a first come, first served basis.

MAY 2010		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 7:00 p.m. AA-Fellowship Hall	3	4 7:00 p.m. Ministry Mtgs.
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9 MOTHER'S DAY 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 7:00 p.m. AA-Fellowship Hall	10	11 7:00 p.m. Council
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 16 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 7:00 p.m. AA-Fellowship Hall	17	18
PENTECOST SUNDAY 23 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. ANNUAL MEETING 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 7:00 p.m. AA-Fellowship Hall	24	25
TRINITY SUNDAY 30 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 7:00 p.m. AA-Fellowship Hal	31 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Gal-axies	6 6:00 p.m. Worship Band 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	7	8
12 6:30 a.m. Men's Bkfst at Rosemary's 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m.—1 p.m. Gal -axies Spring Fling	13 6:00 p.m. Worship Band 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	14	15 6:00 p.m. Bridge Banquet at Homestead
19 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	20 6:30 a.m. Women's Bkfst at Rosemary's 6:00 p.m. Worship Band 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	21	22
26 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	27 6:00 p.m. Worship Band 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	28	29