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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUNE

If someone's name was omitted or the date of his/her birthday is incorrect, please call the church office so that we may add or correct the information on our Birthday List.

02	Jim Lynch
04	Shirley Schwindt
05	Claudia Murphy
08	Sandy Maben
09	June Burnes
09	Lizzie Rock
12	Jeremy Blubaugh
13	Rhonda Overman
19	Bill Bell
20	Betty Lynch
21	Evie Collins
22	Jo Ann Conroy
22	Sue Duncan
23	Kim Larsen
24	Stan Elofson
24	Virginia Black

TOM REID'S ADDRESS

PFC THOMAS REID

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The Fellowship Ministry has sent a care package of goodies off to Tom, and he's sure to appreciate more mail from home.

Home from college and looking for work! I am available for any kind of work around your home or office: yard work, (mowing, raking, landscape projects), cleaning garages, moving junk, helping with parties (serving, washing dishes), running errands. Please give me a call at 720-226-3881. Andy Nelson.

PRAYER LIST

Our church members and friends on our prayer list during the month of June

Virginia Black

Judy Jacobs

Margie Sullivan

Joan Wagner

Joie Schiefelbein's Family

THE CALLER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

Christ
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Church

United Church of Christ

*Open
Minds,
Open
Hearts*

JUNE 2011





BROTHERJOHN GAUDREAU

. . . a few thoughts from my heart

.On Saturday May 21st I was in San Francisco at St. Mark's Lutheran Church to preside at a wedding of a friend. It was the daughter of a member of Rockland Community Church whom I had taken care of during her dying. It was a very beautiful afternoon but there was an asterisk over the date for the Rev. Harold Camping had predicted that the world would come to an end.

Smiling broadly, I opened the service with the prayer of gratitude that God loved Tracy and Aaron so much that the end of the world would not come so that their new life would begin.

So it seems Harold Camping's latest prediction that the world will end Saturday, May 21, 2011, proved to be false. The deadline for the apocalypse passed in the Pacific islands, New Zealand and Australia without a bang. According to the Christian broadcaster, Judgment Day was supposed to bring a massive earthquake, powerful enough to throw open graves, followed by a slow death for all non-believers over the next five months across the globe.

He went on to say only 200 million people will be saved and those left behind will die in earthquakes, plagues, and other calamities until Earth is consumed by a fireball on October 21. This wouldn't be the first time Camping was wrong. In 1992, Camping wrote a book titled "1994?" about the world coming to an end that year. He wrote, "When September 6, 1994, arrives, no one else can become saved. The end has come."

He said this earlier apocalyptic prediction didn't come true because of a mathematical error. "I'm not embarrassed about it. It was just the fact that it was premature," he told The Associated Press last month. But this time, he said, "**there is...no possibility that it will not happen.**"

Camping says his predictions are based on taking direct quotes and stories from the Bible and applying them to numerological formulas. May 21, 2011 is exactly 7,000 years since the flood in the biblical story of Noah's Ark. The doomsday message has

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GRADUATIONS!!!

Proud parents and grandparents and GREAT-grandparents at Christ Church celebrated milestones this graduation season for:

Mary Bindner's granddaughter Kallie Bindner (daughter of Eric), graduates from Bear Creek High School and will attend Ottawa University in Kansas on a soccer scholarship.

Gracie Coburn, granddaughter of Stan & Nancy Elofson, graduated from the University of Colorado Leeds School of Business. Gracie's parents are Ann and Bill Coburn.

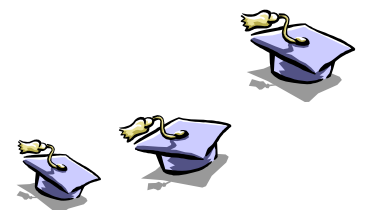
Ashley Edwards graduates from the Emma Willard School at Troy, New York. Proud grandparents Beth and Hank Edwards will be on hand to celebrate. Ashley will attend Elon College of Harrisburg, North Carolina. She's the daughter of Sheldon and Connie Edwards.

Our own Connor Rock, son of Roger and Thea, is a familiar face to all of us at Christ Church and has been our nursery attendant for the past year. Connor graduates from Lakewood High School and will attend Colorado State University at Ft. Collins.

Salida High School graduate Sean Slivka is the great-grandson of Christ Church charter member Jean Slivka and her late husband Rudy (who was also a charter member). Sean's grandfather Larry might be remembered from Christ Church early days also. Parents are Tim and Shelley Slivka. Sean will attend Fort Lewis College in Durango.

Emma Rose Walker, granddaughter of Tim & Betty Walker, who graduated from the University of Colorado Boulder with honors in English Literature (and in three years!) Emma's parents are Tim and Heidi Walker.

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!



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Did you know...

There's an app for that! Our denomination's website-www.ucc.org- is chock full of news, information and opinion as well as fresh and current devotional material. Facebook, Twitter, YouTube—it's all there. AND your android phone or iphone automatically connects with the optimized mobile version of the site.

Try exploring in our UCC website!

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cleanup and reorganization of downstairs. Future project include replacing more furnaces, determining best space usage, and ideas for xeriscaping, a community garden, and more community use of the building.

Memorial Committee: reported expenditures for sprinkler repair, landscaping, piano, exit sighs, and memorial plaques.

Church Remodeling Committee
Report:Completed: sound booth, electrical upgrading, sound system, hardwood flooring in

OPEN AND AFFIRMING PANEL DISCUSSION

A panel discussion centering on the Open and Affirming process, moderated by Nancy Pleuss, was held following a potluck lunch after the Annual Meeting. Each of the panel members, Sandy Naatz , Brad Bern, Bobby Hayhurst, and Joanne Broten each spoke from a different perspective, leading to a general discussion and expressions pro and con concerning a vote to become officially an "open and affirming" congregation. Thanks to the ONA committee for arranging this event.

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WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB
LUNCHEON
FRIDAY JUNE 17, 11:00 a.m
Our annual event will be at
Nancy Elofson's home,
2334 S. Gray Drive.
All welcome. You're invited! RSVP
303.985.3190



chancel, installation of speaker cloth, and new candle holders, welcoming table and altar table. Items in the works: new pulpit, new baptismal font, repositioning cross, new seating, lighting upgrade, new sanctuary doors, new carpet.

Pastoral Serch Committee Report: Met often from spring 2010 until November on the search process, culminating in the recommendation to the congregation to offer the call to John V. Gaudreau..

been sent far and wide via broadcasts and web sites by Camping, an 89-year-old retired civil engineer who has built a multi-million dollar nonprofit ministry based on his prophetic insights.

My friends, there are two biblical quotes that Harold Camping apparently overlooked...Matthew 24:36, "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Continuing with Matthew 25:13, "So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return."

FROM OUR MODERATOR—MARK PLEUSS

The coming year will be one of new and exciting ventures in the life of the church. As Sandy Maben wrote in last month's Caller, we have many ideas and plans ahead for Christ Church. Each ministry will be planning and working hard for the next 12 months to meet their goals. If anyone of you would like to add suggestions to the plans of any of the Ministries, please talk with a member of that Ministry.

One of the first order of business is the Time of Worship. This will be covered at the next council meeting.

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Rather than try and be prepared for when the world ends, let us rather be of the right spirit when our lives come to a close. Most likely we shall die before the world does. As Jesus himself said, "Beware of false prophets!" Every day is a gift...live it to the fullest.

Peace and Joy in the fullness of Christ
brother john OEF

Christian Education Ministry now has co-coordinators that are ready to put together a plan for a children's education program. Both Christine Gaudreau and Nancy Pleuss welcome any and all help from members of the congregation to make this effort a success.

The ONA committee will be calling for a vote in June on Christ Church becoming an Open & Affirming congregation.

The remodeling of the sanctuary will continue with the items that were listed in the annual report.

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With two new coordinators of the Facilities and Grounds, look for more upgrading of the outside of the church building.

Hopes are strong that our web site will be updated with a new look in short order.

BEING IN SERVICE TO OTHERS

Volunteering your time and effort to help others really can be its own reward.

For the last few months I have been a volunteer tutor for young adults trying to complete their GED education. I feel that helping these students who are trying to better their lives is just as rewarding for me as it is for them especially knowing that this can be a benefit to them for the rest of their lives. When I was growing up, a number of teachers and coaches went out of their way to help me develop and improve. Volunteering my time is simply an opportunity to pay back the favor, and it is now an important part of my spiritual life and growth.

John Rea

These are just a few highlights of the working of the church. Keep an eye out for more to follow.

Reminder: Ministry Meetings will still be the First Tuesday of each Month and the Council will still be meeting on the second Tuesday of each Month.

COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Christ Congregational Church's special item for donation to the food bank for the month of June is

canned ravioli



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.



AUCTION !!

June 12 @ 11:30



LIVE AUCTION

- Golf at Foothills
- Professional decorative painting at your home
- Denver Mountain Park Tour
- Art Museum Tours
- Patio Brunch
- Townhome in Green Valley, AZ
- Cabin in Westcliffe, CO
- Fly fishing and fly tying lessons
- Rockies tickets
- Wine
- Furniture refinishing
- Handcarved candle holders

Donations So Far.....

SILENT AUCTION– June 5-12

- Homemade goodies– Pies, Brownies, Cinnamon rolls, Candies
- 3 Bob Wogrin prints
- A John Murphy water color
- A Brad Bern child's chair
- An award-winning John Gaudreau photo
- Gift certificates - Walmart, Village Inn
- Wine carrier, wine and glasses
- Services
- Yard work, Landscaping, Alterations, Haircut,
- Hot oil manicure, Local home rental for out of towners

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, MAY 15 2011

The Volunteer of the Year award was announced—congratulations to KAREN BICKETT.

Moderator Sandy Maben noted goodbyes to Pastor Beth, Kay Waggoner (as secretary only) and Connor Rock (as child care provider only). Shannon Worthman will replace Connor. A big welcome to Brother John Gaudreau and thanks to the pastor nominating committee. The unfolding sanctuary remodel. Extravagant welcome, leading to the anticipated vote to become an open and affirming church.

Clerk Joanne Broten's report reflected current membership 121.

Treasurer John Rea: The church is solvent, but concerns remain. Pledge income has dropped by 28% in two years, corresponding with a decrease in church membership. Expenditure reductions included personnel, building and grounds, and contribution to Our Church's Wider Mission.

Fellowship Ministry handled Brother John's installation dinner, Easter Breakfast, memorial service meals, special celebrations, and weekly Sunday refreshments and flowers. They also

minister to shut-in and hospitalized members and remember birthdays with cards. They funded defibrillator training, yard work, piano consultations, and dishwasher repair.

Social Justice and Missions Ministry did off-site visits to organizations chosen for the 12 monthly mission offerings, and organized and publicized these offerings. Total amount given was approximately \$12,000. Worked "hands-on" with Children's Haven Day Care center, Community Ministry of Southwest Denver and others.

Worship and Music Ministry worked toward a greater sense of community in the worship space, recruited volunteers for worship. Special services were Rally Day, Lay Sunday, Christmas Eve, Taize Service on Maundy Thursday, Lenten and Easter services. A new baby grand piano was purchased.

Facility and Grounds Ministry dealt with its usual issues plus replaced two furnaces, worked with the remodeling committee, began transition to energy efficiency, completed a major landscaping project, and did a major

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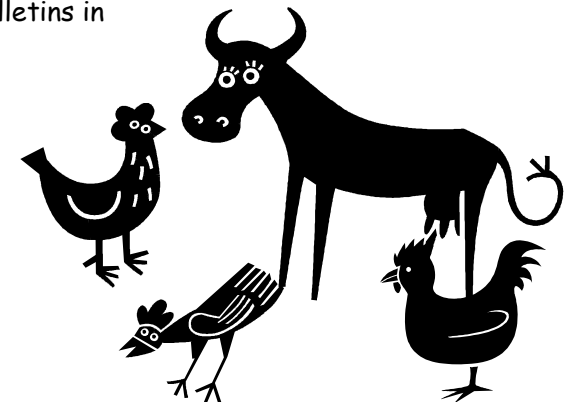
HEIFER PROJECT MISSION OFFERING FOR JUNE

Many folks are already familiar with Heifer International, our mission offering for June. The core idea of this program is to help people, some of the poorest in the world, obtain a sustainable source of food and income. The results are that millions of people who were once hungry are now nourished by milk, eggs and fresh vegetables. Further, they are able to market products they grow.

Our contributions will go a long way in providing self-sufficiency for families through bargain prices such as the following:

- A flock of chicks, geese, or ducks—\$20
- A sheep or goat—\$120
- A llama—\$150
- A heifer—\$500 (or one share of a heifer \$50)
- Three rabbits—\$60

Here is an example of how the program is successful. In a village in Zambia there were 28 original participants in the dairy cattle group that started in 2004. Each group member received two dairy cows and today group members are prospering from the offspring of the first cows. Many own as many as ten cows and this project has enabled the group to live in improved housing, to have their families eat well, and have their children go to school. They can speak with pride that "There is no hunger here; thank you." Look for more examples of accomplishments of Heifer International in the church bulletins in June.



JUNE 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10:30 a.m. Galaxies	2 7:00 p.m. Choir 8:00 p.m. Band	3	4
5 Silent Auction begins 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 11:30 a.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. AA	6	7 7:00 p.m. Ministries	8 10:30 a.m. Galaxies	9 7:00 p.m. Choir 8:00 p.m. Band	10	11
12 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 11:30 a.m. Live Auction 7:00 p.m. AA	13	14 7:00 p.m. Council	15 6:30 a.m. Men's Brkfst at Rosemary's 10:30 a.m. Galaxies	16 6:30 a.m. Women's Brkfst at Rosemary's 7:00 p.m. Choir 8:00 p.m. Band	17 11:00 Book group lunch at Elofsons	18
19 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 11:30 a.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. AA	20	21	22 10:30 a.m. Galaxies	23 7:00 p.m. Choir 8:00 p.m. Band	24	25
26 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 11:30 a.m. Bells 4:00 p.m. Wedding 7:00 p.m. AA	27	28	29	30 7:00 p.m. Choir 8:00 p.m. Band	1	2

TREASURER'S REPORT
THROUGH APRIL 2011 (May figures to be reported next month)

	Actual	Budget	Percent
Total Income	\$46,290	\$50,035	92.5
Total Expenses	\$50,053	\$53,120	94.2
Net Income	<\$3,762>	<\$3,084>	
Pledges to Date	\$43,752	\$45,957	95.2

CHURCH OFFICERS AND MINISTRY COORDINATORS
FOR 2011-12
Elected May 15, 2011

OFFICERS

Moderator	Mark Pleuss
Vice Moderator	Sandy Naatz
Clerk	Joanne Broten
Treasurer	John Rea

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Worship & Music	Carolyn Anderson Don Kennedy
Christian Education	Christine Gaudreau Nancy Pleuss
Social Justice & Mission	Bobby Hayhurst Mim Willyard
Evangelism & Church Growth	vacant
Fellowship	Joie Schiefelbein Shirley Hendry
Stewardship	Jan Burns Sandy Maben
Facilities & Grounds	John Murphy Stan Elofson