

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST

07 *Craig Anderson*
07 *Jason Bachmann*
08 *Lois Higgins*
09 *Joyce Blubaugh*
09 *Gregg Fernandez*
10 *Keith Allen*
10 *Gretchen Gomer*
10 *Richard Medina*
11 *Andrew Worthman*
14 *Fred Fox*
15 *Amy Kennedy*
16 *Roger Rock*
16 *Karl Wilderson*
21 *Jake Nelson*
23 *Dylan Gomer*
29 *Rosa Nunez*
30 *Sheri Langford*
31 *Paul Worthman*

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.

CALLER

AUGUST 2009



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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.

THANK YOU, CHRIST CHURCH! I want to express my personal thanks and that of my family for the wonderful send-off you gave us on the 26th. The worship service, especially the music, was outstanding. The reception and the lunch provided opportunity for us to say our goodbyes to all of you who have been our friends and fellow churchgoers here at Christ Church. The cards and other remembrances were so meaningful to us. The substantial monetary gift, which I understand was a voluntary contribution from members and friends, was so significant. Carolyn and I are planning a trip in the near future. Thank you all for your love and support over the years. We know that Christ Church will continue to have a vital ministry in the future. Our family regards it as a real blessing to have served among you these past years.

God Bless,
Jerry, Carolyn, and the Eslinger Family

NEW INTERIM MINISTER. The Interim Minister Search Committee is pleased to announce we have called Rev. Beth Robey Hyde to serve Christ Church as Minister for the next year. Her ministry with us will begin on Sunday August 2.

She most recently retired from serving for seventeen years as Co-Pastor and Senior Pastor at Parkview Congregational Church in Aurora. She has also served in various positions in our Rocky Mountain Conference.

We look forward to her guidance as she helps us identify ourselves as a congregation and shares the Word with us as we seek to serve and grow in God's service.

Committee members:
Georgia Bachmann, Len Ewald, Sherm Higgins,
Don Kennedy and Thea Rock

WE NEED EACH OTHER

**BUT NOW THERE ARE MANY MEMBERS,
BUT ONE BODY.**

1 CORINTHIANS 12:20

**NOBODY IS A WHOLE CHAIN. EACH ONE IS A LINK.
BUT TAKE AWAY ONE LINK AND THE CHAIN IS BROKEN.
NOBODY IS A WHOLE TEAM. EACH ONE IS A PLAYER.
BUT TAKE AWAY ONE PLAYER AND THE GAME IS FORFEITED.
NOBODY IS A WHOLE ORCHESTRA. EACH ONE IS A
MUSICIAN. BUT TAKE AWAY ONE MUSICIAN AND THE
SYMPHONY IS INCOMPLETE**

**YOU GUESSED IT. WE NEED EACH OTHER. YOU NEED
SOMEONE AND SOMEONE NEEDS YOU. ISOLATED ISLANDS
WE ARE NOT.**

**TO MAKE THIS THING CALLED LIFE WORK, WE GOTTA'
LEAN AND SUPPORT. AND RELATE AND RESPOND. AND GIVE
AND TAKE. AND CONFESS AND FORGIVE. AND REACH OUT
AND EMBRACE.**

THE FINISHING TOUCH

GREETER SIGN-UP FOR 2009/2010

It's time to create our Greeter schedule for the year again. Watch the bulletin for details in August for when sign-up begins. Our Ministry groups will be greeting during the months of September and October – stay tuned for details. The Greeter ministry is an easy way to participate in our services, and it is so rewarding to offer a smiling face and warm welcome to our members and visitors. You'll be surprised at how good it makes you feel and what an opportunity it is to make a positive difference in such a short amount of time.

Thank you to all who volunteered this past year.

MISSION OFFERING FOR AUGUST. The August mission offering is for the Tennyson Center for Children and a specific program for new school clothes. The programming continues to be flexible and individualized for each child's specific needs, while attending to decreased lengths of stays in order to successfully return the youth back to the community setting as soon as possible.

During the calendar year of 2008, the Center serviced 372 children and nearly 1,500 family members in their programs. The Center is celebrating its 105 years. When orphanages were no longer needed by the community the Center adapted to the changing needs of our community to serve abused and neglected children. The Mission Ministry asks for your support in helping the clothing program for the fall school term.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For 2009 to Date

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total Income	\$118,903.46	\$123,138.75	97.4
Total Expenses	\$128,523.76	\$132,701.48	96.9
Net Income	(\$ 9,620.30)	(\$ 9,562.73)	100.6
2009 Pledges	\$105,784.46	\$108,555.40	97.4

JULY MISSION OFFERING

Second Wind Fund \$506.00

REMINDER: The electronic giving program is still available through Christ Church UCC in partnership with Vanco Services, LLC. If you wish to avail yourself of this easy way to donate and/or pledge, please contact the church office for a form.