

*Responding to God's love, we are First Congregational United Church of Christ, an inclusive, ecumenical, and spiritual people, who through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach seek to embrace the mystery of God.*



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## CONGREGATIONAL INPUT NEEDED ON SAFETY COMMITTEE IDEAS

By Lee Lehmkuhl

The December 2008 issue of the Communicator carried a brief article about FCUCC's Safety Committee and its charge to recommend new policies and procedures to promote the safety of FCUCC's family and friends in our historic facility. The article stressed that the Committee was to be mindful of not compromising our fundamental nature as a welcoming congregation, extending hospitality to all who enter our doors.

In December 2008, the Safety Committee presented its recommendations to the Council, and the Council discussed these in depth on January 8, 2009. Some of the recommendations were very straight forward, involving simple, low cost improvements to doors and windows, and the Council accepted these after some discussion. The Safety Committee also presented other potential courses of action with the caveat that these specific actions should be brought to the congregation for thoughtful study and discussion, in keeping with our UCC tradition. Some examples are:

1. Securing the southeast doors to the sanctuary (facing the corner of Tejon and St. Vrain) a few minutes after the service begins, to promote undisturbed worship. A welcoming sign outside would direct latecomers to enter through the Atrium doors to the west.
2. Having a volunteer greeter in the Atrium during and between Sunday services to welcome congregants and assist parents needing access to our Sunday School classrooms during services.
3. Placing a volunteer greeter outside the church to assist members and guests on Sunday morning.

Please understand that the Council has no preconceived notions as to which if any of these more sensitive recommendations should be accepted. We need to know the feelings of the congregation. To that end, we have scheduled two "listening sessions" where Council members will be present to hear your thoughts and concerns. The sessions will occur as follows:

Sunday, February 8, 2009, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. in the Library  
Sunday, February 15, 2009, 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel

The Council hopes you will consider attending one of these sessions to help us discern a way ahead that balances our stewardship of the wellbeing of our FCUCC family and friends with our desire to be "...ever representative, not of any particular interests in the community but broadly of the city as a whole, including sympathetically in your fellowship all classes and conditions of the people, rich and poor, high and low, the learned and unlearned. Do not allow this church to become in anywise an exclusive and therefore unchristian society, but keep it always as inclusive of all persons as is the grace of God made manifest in Jesus Christ" (Farewell sermon of Reverend James Gregg, June 6, 1909).

Thanks in advance for your support and prayers as we work together for the good of FCUCC.



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**To Inform & Inspire**

The Communicator invites articles, notices, and letters relevant to the life of our congregation. Submissions may be edited for length, clarity, and correctness. Opinions expressed by writers do not necessarily reflect official FCC policy. For the next installment, please make submissions no later than Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Article submissions should be 500 words or less. Please use Times New Roman 12-point font and include your article as a Word attachment in your e-mail message to bjorkrobins@msn.com.

**PLYMOUTH CIRCLE**

Plymouth Circle will meet on Wed., Feb. 4 in the Founder's Room at 1:00 p.m. The hostesses will be Karen Miskel and Sharon Waterhouse.

Devotions will be presented by Muriel Burnett. An interesting program will be given by Wes Burnett. Guests are invited to attend our meetings.

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL**

Thank you, FCC!

In December you very kindly contributed \$4,510 to Heifer International for the following gifts you gave to your friends and relatives:

*1 knitting basket, 1 share of a heifer, 3 shares of water buffalos, 2 llamas, 28 shares of llamas, 6 goats, 14 shares of goats, 4 sheep, 9 shares of sheep, 1 pig, 2 shares of pigs, 1 flock of hope, 2 tree seedlings, 4 shares of tree seedlings, 1 trio of rabbits, 7 shares of rabbits, 17 honeybees, 24 flocks of chicks, & 1 flock of ducks/geese.*

Heifer thanks you. Mission Giving and Outreach thanks you. Your gift recipients thank you. You have made a real difference in the world.



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

*"Be it through personal petition or collective intercession, partnership with the Divine's healing grace is an experience of love."* Lucinda Vardey

We often reiterate the phrase that the prayer shawl is a "portable hug from God." However, for the one who is making the shawl it is a creative process of hugs IN God. While sitting in prayer and knitting our hopes, desires and love for the one who will receive the shawl, we often experience the amazing love of God for the person who will receive the shawl. It is like sitting in the heart of God and knowing the Mother's heart for her children. What a blessing it is to be a part of this ministry. Would you like to join us? Call Jerusha at 574-8748.

*Our ministry ...*

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Openness to **W**onder,

Positive & proactive **W**itness to the possibility of a just world.

*Welcome, Wonder, Witness*

**POOPED OUT PARENTS**

Enjoy relaxed conversation and dinner with other "Pooped-Out Parents" in a cozy atmosphere at the home of Mary Tatum and Tamara Bartlett on Saturday, Feb. 7, 6 p.m. Please contact Mary (mtatum@sellingcolorado.net) for more information.

Newcomers are always welcome.

**PASTORS FOR PEACE**

You are invited to meet The Rev. Lucius Walker at a special fund-raising event to benefit Pastors for Peace's Friendship Caravan to Cuba. The event will include a gourmet gumbo dinner with all the trimmings, including dessert. The cost is \$15.00 per person and will help fund the Colorado route of the Caravan.

Rev. Walker is the Director of Pastors for Peace, an interfaith group that collects and delivers humanitarian aid, and protests the U.S. embargo against Cuba. He will share the vision for this 20th Annual Caravan. We'll also have some fun with silent auctions to benefit the cause.

Please join us for dinner at 6:14 p.m. Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Vista Grande Community Church UCC, 5460 North Union.

RSVP to Vista Grande Community Church and send payment to PO Box 26030, Colorado Springs, 80936. Contact Donna Bristow at 599-3057 for reservations ASAP. Checks for the event should be payable February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**TAIZÉ**

YOU'RE INVITED to begin your Lenten Journey in worship on **ASH WEDNESDAY** Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

TAIZÉ PRAYER with imposition of ashes.

All are welcome!

## FOOTNOTES FROM THE GREGG LIBRARY

By *Jeanie Tate*

Attention if you are attending Jane Vennard's retreat this month! The Gregg has all six of her titles ready for checkout. They are - [Praying Congregation](#), [Be Still, Designing and leading retreats](#), [Embracing the World](#) (2003 Colorado Book award), [Praying with Body and Soul](#), [Praying for Friends and Enemies](#), and [The Way of Prayer-leaders' guide](#). Our focus on women authors continues with Seena Frost's [Soul Collage](#). This title was requested by those attending the women's retreat in November. Another intriguing title is Ryan's [Praying Dangerously: a Radical Reliance on God](#).

We still slog our way through inventory. We weeded approximately 750 titles but also gained over 100 new books and DVDs this last year. Almost all were donations. Our donations are interesting – no longer are we receiving books that have been shelf-dead for years. We're receiving current titles and ones that have appeal for our congregation. We appreciate your discrimination.

Thanks to Richard Grebenstein's magic wand, we now have a library computer waiting for the automation work, a clean carpet, and rewiring. The work is slow. Thanks for all your support.

## FOOTPRINTS OF THE FOUNDERS

By *Robert Murray for the Historical Committee*

In our December issue we introduced past member Professor James Hutchinson Kerr and described his colorful life. Lee Tatum, a current member of our church and a member and treasurer

of the Friends of Garden of the Gods, called and revealed an incredible modern story concerning Dr. Kerr.

Lee indicated that in 1878 Dr. Kerr had discovered a dinosaur skull in one of the ridges east of the red rocks in the Garden of the Gods. Dr. O.C. Marsh of Yale University obtained the skull and identified it as a *Camptosaurus* dinosaur. The skull was shipped to the Yale Museum in New Haven, Connecticut.

As the decades passed, knowledge of Dr. Kerr's discovery sunk into oblivion. In 1995, two individuals were researching and writing about exhibits for the new Garden of the Gods Visitor and Nature Center. This project brought them into contact with the paleontologist, Dr. Ken Carpenter, of the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. Dr. Carpenter remembered an 1891 article that mentioned Dr. Kerr's find.

This led to the transfer of Dr. Kerr's discovery from Yale to Denver. There Dr. Carpenter made a cast of the skull and he gave it to the City of Colorado Springs to exhibit in the Visitor and Nature Center of the Garden of the Gods. When Dr. Carpenter made the cast he reexamined the skull closely. In 2006, Dr. Carpenter and his associate discovered that the skull was not a *Camptosaurus*, but an entirely new species of dinosaur, the only known specimen of which in the world is Dr. Kerr's discovery. The new species was named *Theiophytalia Kerri*, meaning "belonging to the Garden of the Gods" for James H. Kerr. Dr. Kerr had a dinosaur named after him 128 years after he found its skull in the Garden of the Gods while a member of our church.

## SOUL FEAST

By *Bruce Sage*

Soul Feast is a discussion group of a dozen or so folks who read books together and discuss them. We do not have a single teacher or convener, so we enjoy varied leadership from within the group. Beginning now we are going to focus on the experience of contemplative prayer, and Wil Green will offer us some guidance in that process.

Contemplative Prayer is a form of prayer long practiced in monasteries. It does not focus on composing impressive prayers, so those of us who are not too fluent or comfortable with praying aloud need not feel reluctant. The emphasis is on **listening** for God's voice, not choosing words to say to God. The practice is sometimes called "praying the scriptures." It is a powerful technique for sensitizing us to become more spiritually guided people in this new year.

For those planning on participating in the workshop to be conducted by the Rev. Jane Vennard on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, our Thursday morning practices of this restful form of prayer can help us to prepare for that seminar, and afterward can provide a powerful refresher course to help us make this practice a powerful benefit in our hectic lives. Refreshments are served. We meet each Thursday morning at 9 a.m. in the chapel. Come join us for a few weeks and decide for yourself if knowing our folks a little better and engaging in this practice would alleviate stress and aid your growth journey!

## WHY I BECAME A STEPHEN MINISTER AND FOUND I LOVED IT!

By Nancy Lippincott

When I was ten years old, my aunt, who became the first nurse in the U.S. to run a new, large recovery room at Massachusetts General Hospital, asked me if I would like to see an operation. The hospital had glass domes over several operating rooms for the benefit of student doctors and nurses. I was dazzled and thrilled to be chosen and immediately said "yes." Plus, my aunt was one of the funniest people I had ever known and I loved spending time with her. Little did I know that she had set me on a 40 year-plus career as a professional nurse and a lifetime of service to others. She achieved this by her example more than by her words: she was tender and humorous with her patients, incredibly knowledgeable, efficient and accurate, and a strong advocate for what she believed was right for each patient no matter who questioned it. When she died in 2008, I lost one of my best supporters and friends.

It was thus natural for me eight years ago to be trained as a Stephen Minister at Grace Episcopal Church. And when I left Grace and searched for a new church, First Congregational became my new home in 2007. I was delighted to apply again to continue my work as a Stephen Minister. The work is like no other: it is a Christian journey alongside a fellow church member who needs a friend. I visit my care receiver almost every week for a year's commitment. We have shared so much together: her life as a homebound senior, her extended family, her love of movies and gardening and cooking, her advocacy for a greener world, her cheerfulness and humor, her liberal point of view, her abiding interest in

the life of our church and more. We have become good friends, who love and trust each other, have fun together and share the good and bad days, the worries about the world around us, as well as the joys of grandchildren and her darling cat.

It is the gift of friendship which has bound us together under the guidance of our Stephen Ministry leaders. We all work together to support our care receivers and listen to each others' concerns, all with strict confidentiality and respect for each other's gifts and style. In the process, we as a group have become friends for each other and have gained much respect for the Christian work being done and the natural love for others. The Stephen Ministry will always have my deepest respect and admiration, and I feel humbled to be a member.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**THANK YOU to...**Lisa and John Vincent-Morrison for their part in Sunday School rotation; Urban Plunge chaperones, Rebecca Koon, Meg Young; Office mailing volunteers, Jennifer Haven, Neil Lehmkuhl; Audio Visual Team: Paul Schwotzer, Tom Francis, & Brian Hofflander for the new sound system installation; Jerry Jordan for leading services on 12/28; Communicator Mailing Volunteers; Phyllis White and the Flute Choir for their musical offering on 12/28; The Christmas Eve Ushers, Readers, Communion Servers, Nursery Attendants, Choirs, Soloists, Sound Techs & Advent Candle Lighters; Teri McCabe for overseeing the facility for the Christmas Eve services; Katie Tougas, Kyle Sundman, Lea & Morgan Qualls, liturgists; Victoria Hansen, Music & Arts Committee and musical groups for the Old Fashioned Christmas; Dick Ducommun for donating the beautiful Christmas wreaths; Connie Raub for placing the wreaths during the bitter cold; Sue Prendinger, the Community Life Committee, Youth Group, and other carolers for visiting and caroling with friends and members of our faith community; Taizé volunteers for weekly Advent services; Ann Howard for coordinating SCAP presents; Carol Fields & Beverly Elwell- Ridings for accompanying fellowship carols; Julia Harris for creating Christmas card packets; Plymouth Circle & Karen Miskel for coordinating the Salvation Army stocking project.

**THANK YOU from...**the Membership Committee to Lynn Young (calligraphy) & Nance McCullough (photography) for helping make New Member Joining so special.

**CONGRATULATIONS to...**Jack Holladay as the new Mission Medical Executive Director; Sherrie & Ted Jacobson and big sister Kyplee on the birth of baby girl, Kailynn Cordelia Marie Jacobson, born 12/13; Casey & Rock Welch's daughter, Elizabeth Welch, ordained as an Episcopal priest 12/6 at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco; Betty Armstrong on her 90<sup>th</sup> & Ernie Ohle on his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.

**CONDOLENCES for...** Blake Olesen-Phelps and family on the loss of his father, Ken Olesen 1/3/09 in Nebraska; Sue Prendinger and family, on the loss of her father, Victor Prendinger who died 1/3/09; Bill Taylor, family and friends on the loss of Bill's son, Todd Taylor; Lisa Cook and family on the death of Lisa's Aunt Rita; Pat Dolin on her many losses in the last month; family and friends of Lynn Pettit who died on 1/5/08, services were held at First Congregational Church on Tuesday, January 13; friends and family of J. Donald Haney who died 12/11; Rick Smith on the death of his uncle, James Heffner of NC.

**PRAYERS for...**Harriett Wallace - hip surgery, Kathy Kreps - surgery 1/26; all who have had their hours, salary, work reduced; Stephen

**Ministers and their care receivers;** those who are currently unemployed; **Rose Mary Clark**, Chemo treatment 1/16; **Chris Pease**, surgery 1/14; **Nancy Forgy** after a serious fall and hospital stay; **Kandiss Horch** home from the hospital; **Ruth Koenigsamen** after surgery; **Ann Howard** with severe back pain; **Richie Flores**, youngest **Flores** son who is suffering from pneumonia; those suffering with the holiday blues; **Chloe Kemp** underwent tests at Denver Children's Hospital 12/20; **Sandy Wolczak's** son, **Winston** of TX, in ICU with pneumonia; **Ethan Horne & family**; **Bill Poulson** recovering from surgery; **Louise Holladay** recovering from surgery; **Kris Anderson** with a broken leg; **Janis Hahn's** sister, **Karen Martin** of IL, with rare disease.

**DEPLOYED MILITARY...Seth Sickels, Bruce Terry, Kris Mack, Justin Niemiec, Michael McClure, Thomas Robbins & Andrew Carpenter.** Prayers of gratitude & safety surround them.

**CONTACT Rev. Jacques Franklin**, Associate Pastor, at 635-3549, or [jacque@fcucc.org](mailto:jacque@fcucc.org).

*For more church event details, visit [www.fcucc.org](http://www.fcucc.org).*

## SHEKHINAH

### A Movement Ministry of First Congregational Church

Shekhinah (shékhīnāh, shuh-kheeh-nah) is the Hebrew word for dwelling or settling of God's presence in the temple. When we move our bodies with prayerful intention we create a dwelling place for God's presence.

*The mission of Shekhinah is to invite the members of First Congregational Church and the larger community to embody the healing love of God through movement.*

### Offerings:

#### *The Moving Word*

*Saturdays: 8:45 a.m. warm up, practice begins promptly at 9 a.m.*

*Through dance, scripture, and prayer, we invite you to deepen in to an embodied relationship with God. We will be studying the Psalms this year. Childcare available at no cost.*

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Do I have to be a church member to participate in the Offerings?**

No. All are welcome.

#### **What is the structure of the morning?**

We begin in a circle with a scripture reading and prayer. Then we dance for 45 minutes. Finally, we close the circle by rereading the scripture and with prayer.

#### **What do I wear and bring?**

Dress comfortably. You may dance with or without your shoes.

#### **What does it cost?**

*The Moving Word* is an activity sponsored by Shekhinah which is a ministry of First Congregational Church. This activity is offered at no charge, and is supported by the church and your generous donations.

#### **Do I need to have any dance experience prior to attending?**

No. You are invited to come as you are dancing the integration of music, scripture, and your own rhythm.

#### **Who do I contact with questions?**

Jenny Finn at 291-3120 or Jenny Glick at 649-4222.

Several years ago, I read this quote from Thomas Kane, author of *The Dancing Church*, and it read, "In Africa, to dance is to breathe. To dance is to be alive, to be in touch with the rhythm of the universe." I sometimes feel odd or out of place, having dance as my spiritual practice. It is uncommon as a spiritual practice in this culture, where we often view dance as performance driven. I hear from those around me, "Oh, I am not a dancer. I have two left feet." Or, "I am so awkward, I can't dance." What I loved about this quote from Kane, is that there is a place on this planet where dance is a natural expression of Life and of Love. There is a place where dance does not need to be practiced, made perfect, or even look good. It is simply and gorgeously an expression of who we are. When I traveled to other countries around the world, including to Kenya and South Africa, music and dance were embedded in the culture. And even more, they were embedded in worship. I loved it. I long for community that dances together. We invite you to come, and dance, with us.

For more information, you can visit [www.fccmovement.org](http://www.fccmovement.org). And for specifics, please see the information below about *The Moving Word*, an offering here at First Congregational Church.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### February Birthdays

2/1 Elaine Curtis  
 2/2 Kris Doerffel  
 2/2 Christi Goodwin  
 2/3 Terri Akse  
 2/3 Sally Douglass  
 2/4 Pete Hokanson  
 2/6 Thomas Andreas  
 2/7 Kris Stanec  
 2/8 Conrey Morris  
 2/8 Kathy Sparnins  
 2/8 Louise Spear  
 2/8 Cheryl Stauffer  
 2/9 Anna Lepore  
 2/10 Luke Cammack  
 2/10 Ellie Coriell  
 2/11 Marilyn Bearden  
 2/11 Dianne Benning  
 2/11 Gavin Downs  
 2/11 Britta Sloan  
 2/12 Starla Cobb  
 2/13 Eli Fricke  
 2/13 Joe Henjum  
 2/13 Barbara McAdams  
 2/13 Deborah Saxon  
 2/13 Susan Taylor  
 2/14 Jim McCreary  
 2/14 Dina Wood  
 2/15 Alyssa Coriell  
 2/15 Linda Mansfield  
 2/15 Bill Stoner  
 2/16 Randy Goodwin  
 2/16 Betty Platts  
 2/16 Winter Rumans  
 2/17 Kaylan Bearden  
 2/17 Kaya Ericson Matson  
 2/17 Ralph Hall  
 2/17 Andy Laffely  
 2/17 Ester Seright  
 2/17 Thadeus Weiss  
 2/18 Rachel Fox  
 2/18 Janet Gould  
 2/18 Paul King  
 2/18 Rudi Niemiec

### Birthdays (Continued)

2/20 Beth Barrett  
 2/20 Richard Discenza  
 2/20 Julie Jones-Eddy  
 2/21 Kayla Adams  
 2/21 Linda Dodson  
 2/21 Julian Hathaway  
 2/21 Sarah Marr  
 2/22 Liz Arnold  
 2/23 Philip Beltracchi  
 2/23 Pamela Freeman  
 2/23 Benjamin Harris  
 2/23 Lakoda Hoffman  
 2/23 Kaylyn Sievert  
 2/24 Pat Cross  
 2/24 Bob Tippy  
 2/25 Anne Broughton  
 2/25 Keith Carter  
 2/25 Hannah Hokanson  
 2/25 Frances Tippy  
 2/25 Sylvia Wesche  
 2/27 Gabrielle Hyatt  
 2/27 Michael Parrinella  
 2/28 Joanna Bean  
 2/28 Jesse Fowler  
 2/29 Abby Brown

### February Anniversaries

2/1 Christine & Richard Hall  
 2/1 Elaine Horton & Jonathan Bregman  
 2/3 Jon Woodhams & Frederick Morris  
 2/4 Beverly & Oscar Ridings  
 2/6 Linda & John Boles  
 2/6 Christine & Joel Simmons  
 2/7 Nancy & Al Forgy  
 2/14 Andrea & Mike Leak  
 2/15 LaRae & Wade Mitchell  
 2/17 Chris Shears & Matthew Jones  
 2/21 Jenny & Andy Finn





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February Worship - Sunday Services at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	
<p><b>February 1 - Women's Sunday</b>            Today we celebrate Communion at both services on this Annual Women's Sunday. Energy and inspiration for this service comes out of last November's Women's Retreat. The gospel story tells of the healing restoration of a woman and a girl. The Joyful Noise Children's Choir sings at the 9:00 a.m. service.</p>	<p><b>February 8 - Science and Religion</b>            Rev. Broadbent preaches on the relationship between science and religion.</p>
<p><b>February 15 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>            Rev. Franklin preaches a sermon on Mark 1:40-45 entitled "The Compassionate Community."</p>	<p><b>February 22 - Transfiguration Sunday</b>            On this final Sunday before the season of Lent, Rev. Broadbent preaches a sermon on Jesus' Transfiguration entitled "A Different Light."</p>
<p><b>February 25 - Ash Wednesday</b>             12:00 p.m. - Prayer Service in Chapel            7:00 p.m. - Taizé Service in Sanctuary</p>	<p><i>2008-2009 Worship &amp; Program Year Theme:</i>  <b>"Sustainable Faith"</b>   <b>Coming in March...</b>            Lenten Theme: "A Balm in Gilead: Remedies to Heal the Sin-Sick Soul"</p>