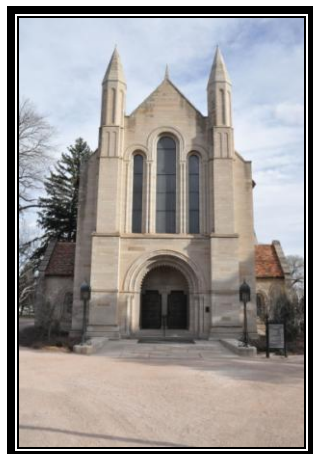




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**Shove Chapel
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Leap of Faith

By Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Lead Minister

In a recent sermon I mentioned that I have been doing a lot of great reading lately. In fact, I said, I've discovered so much good material that I could use it to preach on a daily basis. As I reflect on that statement, it makes me feel a bit exhausted. Hyperbole aside, my reading has included:

- ***On the Mystery: Discerning Divinity in Process*** by Catherine Keller: Keller is a Process Theologian at Drew University. Her theology, for me, is fresh and exciting, yet conversant with the most familiar voices from the theological past. The basic premise of her book is that "God" is not a fixed and finally knowable reality, but the very essence of existence, which is in the process of becoming even now. I underlined every other sentence in her book. Okay, that's more hyperbole, but it was really good.
- ***The Word Before the Powers*** by Chuck Campbell: Not required for my Doctor of Ministry in Preaching program, but a book on preaching nonetheless. Professor Campbell taught the elective course I took last summer in Chicago. He draws upon theologies of non-violence, most notably those of William Stringfellow and Walter Wink to describe preaching itself as an act of non-violent resistance

to the powers and principalities which seek to maintain the status quo through processes of silencing and coercion.

- Finally, in preparation for our annual Evolution Sunday on February 13, I have been reading ***Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith*** by Deborah Heiligman, a biography of the Darwins through the lens of their marriage. It is fascinating and fun to read about the Darwins' struggle with faith in light of Charles' Theory of Evolution through Natural Selection, or what he called the Transmutation of Species.

Following the prompt of this last book, I've been reflecting upon the relationship between religion and science. It seems to me much of the conflict between our religious and scientific commitments has to do with the use of language. Some folks regard all language as secular and historic, that is, as referring only to that which is physical, historical, and observable. Others drive a wedge between the two types of language. Usually this means privileging one over the other. One type of language refers to that which is of ultimate use and importance, while the other refers to that which is of lesser (or wrong) use and importance.

I want to suggest that, from a Christian point of view, all language is religious. In

other words, all language, at some level, responds to questions of ultimate purpose and meaning, the scientific no less than the religious. I am aware that I am choosing to privilege the "religious" lens, but I do this invoking the core meaning of the word, *re-ligere*. The root of *ligere* is the same as that in *ligament*. In this sense, religion means to re-bind or to bind back. The task of religion is to be connective tissue that recreates an essential unity of language and existence, rather than a dualism.

I experience this kind of unity in the words of Soren Kierkegaard, who wrote: "God does not think; he creates. He does not exist; he is eternal." I also hear it in the words of Joni Mitchell, who sang: "We are stardust, we are golden, we are billion-year-old carbon, and we've got to get ourselves back to the garden."

In a single sentence a Danish philosopher reframes how we think about God, and therefore existence itself. In a single verse, a songwriter brings together modern, pre-modern, primordial, and pre-human time frames. This is the kind of language that overcomes the divides between language and allows us to affirm truth where we find it. Using language in this way constitutes a risk. Charles and Emma took this "leap of faith" in their marriage. In Catherine Keller's words, "our embodied life is an intensely relational process... creation [is] in process... and God continually creates."



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SECOND SUNDAY SINGLES

Second Sunday Singles, aka SSS, is a gathering of singles between the ages of 50 and 70 for food, fellowship, and fun.

Hop on down for the Year of the Rabbit (Hare)! We will be celebrating Chinese New Year on February 13th. For dinner, we would like you to contribute an item from a Chinese take-out menu. Wok 2000, on the corner of Fillmore and Nevada, is one place where you can get items for about \$1.70 each. Our meeting place at 5:30 p.m. will be in the church kitchen. Chop sticks will be provided so feel free to practice! Fortune cookies will also be provided. Sylvia and Bev will be your hostesses.

For more information contact Sandy at sandywol@juno.com.

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+++ TAIZÉ PRAYER +++



A contemplative service of worship using readings, music, chants, and silences.

7:00 p.m. in the Church Founders' Room
Gathering chants begin at 6:50 p.m.

Thursday, February 24th

FORUM CLASSES

Please note that Forum presentations will continue at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Chapel while we will temporarily be worshipping at 11:00 a.m. at Shove Chapel on the Colorado College campus from Jan. 23 to Feb. 27.

- February 6th, 13th and 20th: Bruce Sage teaches *Awakening to your Life's Purpose: the insights of Eckhart Tolle*
- February 27th: Chuck Benson speaks and shows slides on the theme *Sacred Space Hewn From the Living Rock*

PLYMOUTH CIRCLE

The next meeting of Plymouth Circle will be on Wednesday, February 2nd, at 1:00 p.m. in the Founders' Room.

Hostesses will be Beverly Ridings and Ruth Lehmkuhl. Devotions will be given by Sharron Waterhouse.

Our program will be presented by Ted Lindeman. His topic is "All about Snowflakes."

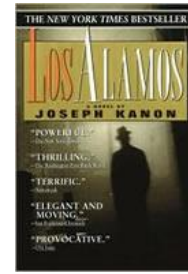
Guests are welcome to join us for fun and fellowship.

Plymouth Circle would like to thank everyone who participated in the Salvation Army Christmas Fill-a-Stocking Program this year. We delivered 120 filled stockings to the Salvation Army in December. They send their thanks to all of the generous people at FCC who helped with this gift.

WORSHIP ARTISTS APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Mark your calendar for our annual recognition and celebration of all of the artists who enhance our worship with music, art, dance, and other arts media on **Sunday, February 27**. Among the groups offering music will be the Bells of St. Vrain, the Chancel Choir, the Joyful Noise Children's Choir, and the Flute Choir.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The FCC Book Discussion Group meets quarterly in members' homes to discuss the selected novel. We invite anyone who likes to read to join us. Typically, we choose one book from each of the following categories each quarter:

- Classic
- Best Seller
- Spiritual/Religious
- Southwestern/Western

The next meeting will be on Sunday, February 20th at the home of Andy and Judy Kort. Watch the church bulletin for details. RSVPs are requested for planning purposes for the hosts.

Our current selection is *Los Alamos* by Joseph Kanon. Set in the waning months of World War II, this novel interweaves historical facts with a plot involving the murder of one of the Manhattan Project's security officers.

For more information, contact Linda Boles at jbolesjr@comcast.net.

POPS

Our next gathering of Pooped Out Parents is at the new home (319 Millstream Terrace, 80905) of Jacque Franklin and Tom Francis at 6:00 p.m. on Sat. Feb. 12th. New folks are always welcome! This evening's theme is a Souper Night, featuring homemade soups. Bring a salad, bread, or dessert to share.

For more information about POPs or to be placed on the distribution list (or to be removed from it), please contact janeridings@hotmail.com.



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Youth Ministry Program: J-Term

By Marta Fioriti, Youth and Young Adult Coordinator

Each person comes to faith develop in different ways. When we as a church name our programs Christian Education, Faith Formation, Faith Education, Religious Education, Youth Ministry, or Adult Education, we tend to be saying the same thing. We want to name a program that can help us understand our faith within the context of our church community.

We want our teens to understand their faith within that context, too. What does it mean to provide experiences within the church that will provide a vibrant program for youth faith development? Each youth has individual needs, each youth has a different way of being in church. It sometimes feels like a daunting mission to provide each individual with their own personal faith development program. I am beginning

to think about curriculum less as a book on the shelf and more as our church community in all of its components as our Faith Formation program. The church already has the prayer, the lesson, the activity, and the leadership.

We begin 2011 serving 60 teens in our youth ministry program. This month alone we have provided youth with the opportunity of faith formation through fellowship activities (Epiphany party), retreats through the conference at La Foret, weekly programs, leadership roles in worship, and leadership roles in other parts of the church.

This month the Youth Ministry Team has offered a particularly different venue for faith formation. We launched our first annual J-term program. We invited Eric Attard, Executive Director of the

Gay and Lesbian Community Center; Steve Handen, Director of Mesa House; Rosemary Harris, President of the Colorado Springs NAACP Chapter; and Tracy Jackson, Director of the Catamount Institute to be with us all month. Within a small group setting, each of these individuals will lead discussions on important issues such as sexual minorities; understanding privilege; poverty; and our relationship to the environment through our faith. Our youth are challenged with the questions of justice and peace that are at the very heart of our faith community.

Grades 6-12 meet Sundays from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact me at marta@fcucc.org.



Music for February

By Frank Shelton, Director of Music

The choral and organ music offered in February will showcase the historic Welte Tripp organ that will lead our worship in Shove Chapel.

The Chancel Choir will offer:
Feb. 6th: Holst's "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
Feb. 13th: Mozart's beloved "Laudate Dominum" with

Susie Marten as soloist
Feb. 20th: Handel's "Oh Lord, In Thee Have I Trusted"
Feb. 27th: Richard Dirksen's "Jubilate Deo"

Organ music to be presented will be:
Feb. 6th: "Suite Liturgique" and "Fugue" by Denis Bédard
Feb. 13th: "Concerto Para

Dos Organos" by Antonio Soler, and "Fugue" by Marice Duruflé
Feb. 20th: "Prelude and Chaconne" by Dietrich Buxtehude and "Fugue in Eb" by J.S. Bach
Feb. 27th: "Cathedrales" by Louis Vierne and "Carillon-Sortie" by Henri Mulet.



Congregational Life

By Rev. Jacque Franklin, Associate Pastor

We have claimed the most "authentic" nativity setting...scaffolding! The church built over the original birth site of Jesus has scaffolding and so do we. However, by Jan. 9th the scaffolding was gone and the beauty of our sanctuary's ceiling was revealed, complete with gleaming wooden beams. January 16th is the last time we worship in the sanctuary until March 6th when the restoration will be complete with new floor, lighting, and sound system. Our exile from the sanctuary replicates the exile of Jesus from his town of birth. We travel the next few weeks through the season of Epiphany expecting surprises!

Thank you...

We wish to thank all who continue to make our church hum with busyness. Christmas Eve liturgists were **Christian & Grace Ridings** and **Karin Henriksen & Thom Andreas**. Sunday liturgists were **Heather Eslinger, Joel Francis, Molly Garrison, Robert & BreeAnn Escobar**, and **Jonathon Thompson**. Thanks also to the great musicians who graced us with their music; **Phyllis White, Jay Norman, Trey Austin, the Flute Choir**. Thanks to our guest preacher, **Rev. Stephen Brown**, member of our church, ordained minister with dual standing in the Disciples of Christ (Christian Church) and the United Church of Christ, and Executive Director of Westside Cares. **Della**

Lane, Ellery Lane, Kathy Beck, Alysa Webb & six wonderful teens assisted with Jesus' birthday party. **Beth Garrison-Kemp & Suzanne Laffely** led an excellent 3rd Grade Bible Workshop. **Patti White** did the calligraphy for the 3rd Grade Bibles. **Pat Steffens** coordinated Poinsettia delivery to those who were unable to join us for Christmas. **John Shada** continues to be an important office tech support.

Prayers...

We remembered in prayer the victims of flooding in Australia, those still suffering after the anniversary of Haiti's earthquake, and those grieving recent losses. **Chris Pickett** suffered with the flu. **Rhonda Cordonnier** endured testing to diagnose the effects of a chronic illness. **Ruth Koenigsamen** had surgery, which revealed good news, and she is quickly on the mend. **Karin Henriksen's** mother **Alie Wams** is undergoing chemotherapy. **Diahn Martins** asked us to remember **Ame Ellsworth & family** and **Rene DeHerrera** with cancer. **Diana Baker, Ben Young, and Fran Gililand, (Marsha Garrett's mother)**, were hospitalized. **Kyle Calhoun** asked for prayer surrounding his serious health concerns. **Nancy Wenzlau** continues to heal at home. **Dick Ducommun** is undergoing more chemotherapy. **Frank**

Jopp underwent unexpected bypass surgery and is recovering at home. **Jerusha Goebel** asked us to remember her grandnephew, **Abbot Wyatt**, and his family as they grapple with cancer. **Richard Grebenstein** asked for prayers for his granddaughter, **Chelsea Augelli**, after an accident.

Condolences...

There has been significant loss over the holidays. **Sam Schoolcraft** lost his father, **George Schoolcraft** in TX. **Dave Doman** lost his sister **Geraldine Doman Judd**, age 92, of St. Louis. **Betty Freudenburg** lost her son, **Bill Freudenburg**, of CA. We heard that member **Roma Durham** died Dec.17 in PA. **Roma** was married to **John Durham**, Military Chaplain. She was also a therapist in Colorado Springs for many years. We lost member **Betty Platts**, age 94, who died Dec 25 at home with Hospice care. Betty was a lifetime Girl Scout and a Santa Fe County Commissioner. Her memorial Service was held on Jan 11th at the Village at Skyline, officiated by **Rev. Jacque Franklin**.



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Heart-to-Heart

By Nancy Lippincott, Health Ministry Chair

As Dr. Larry Cohen spoke about heart disease on January 11th, many thoughts came to mind about the epidemic of heart disease in our country and what we can do about it. The studies of a high incidence of cardiovascular disease in the U.S. versus a very low incidence in countries such as Japan show that as a nation, the culprit is our affluence. We have an abundance of food and the money to buy a lot of it. However, we are paying for it with early signs of heart disease not only in people over age 60, but also in people in their teens, young adults, and those in middle age. How do you know that you, your spouse or partner, or your children/grandchildren could be heading there?

The biggest symptoms are subtle. They are screened using biometrics or body measurements. They include your BMI, or body mass index, your lipid profile, your blood pressure, and your fasting blood sugar. They are inexpensive to have done.

Why all these tests and what do they tell us? The BMI is a measurement of height against weight. There are four categories of this measurement: underweight, normal weight, overweight, and obese. The lipid profile, a

fasting blood test, tells you your cholesterol level, your triglyceride (another type of fat) level, and your risk for cardiac disease. The newest guidelines for blood pressure, or hypertension, now indicate if your score is within normal limits, if you are pre-hypertensive (which now can mean early drug treatment), or if you are decidedly hypertensive (which means you definitely need medication). Your blood sugar, taken after 12-14 hours of fasting, can be an early sign of Type 2 diabetes. The testing for children is different and must be guided by pediatricians, but the principles of disease prevention are becoming more urgent for our pediatric population. The Health Ministry Committee is looking at ways we can bring all this testing onsite to the congregation.

Beyond the testing, there are other subtle indicators you may need to look at, such as your family genetics, smoking, caffeine and alcohol intake, stress level, and lack of sleep. Currently, several national studies are looking at these factors.

Dr. Cohen is coming back again on February 8th at 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. to talk about the power of easy

lifestyle changes to thwart the wave of cardiovascular disease in our population. His message is powerful. You can lessen your chances of developing heart disease by:

- adopting a healthy diet and controlling the amount you eat
- exercising daily
- weight training
- stopping smoking
- drinking alcohol moderately
- sleeping the right amount for your age
- working on controlling stress

We will be sending you an E-vite to the next lecture and you can register by responding to it. If you have questions, contact Nancy at NLppnctt@aol.com or call her at 332-5528.

Make yourself into a new self in 2011! The Health Ministry Committee is more than willing to help you by bringing healthy eating classes and recipe ideas, new ways to exercise that are fun, possible biometrics testing, experts to help with depression and anxiety, and book group discussion. Join us to gain better health, more energy, spend less money, have more fun, and live longer! We care about you, heart-to-hearts.



Save the Date for the JWW Lectureship

By Lois Matthews, Lectureship Committee

What:

James W. White (JWW) Lectureship Weekend

When:

Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1

Who:

Dr. Susan Thistlethwaite

Dr. Susan Thistlethwaite, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress and Professor and former President of the Chicago Theological Seminary, will deliver a public lecture Friday evening, conduct Saturday workshops, and speak at both services Sunday during the Spring JWWWhite Lectureship.

Her presentations will center on her most recent book, *Dreaming of Eden: American Religion and Politics in a Wired World*.

The book reflects a new area in which she's working called Public Theology.

Along with an editorial team of Christians, Muslims, and Jews, she is also leading a project to produce an *Interfaith Just Peace* book. For more about *Dreaming of Eden* and her work, check out wiredwisdom.net.

Thistlethwaite is also a UCC minister and writes a weekly column for the "On Faith" section of The Washington Post.



Footnotes from the Gregg Library

By Jeanie Tate, Library Committee Chair

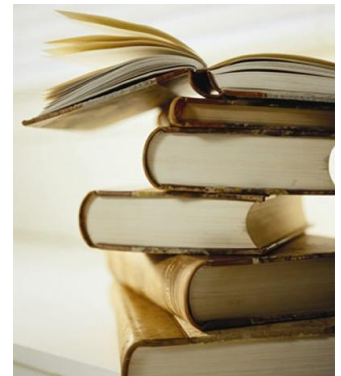
Websites are a useful tool. They are one of the quickest links to condensed, reliable (usually), and readable sources of information. From our church website at www.fcucc.org you can visit the Gregg Library, see Tutt Library's list of our church artifacts, and soon to come, browse our new church directory with faces attached, and so much more. However, it's easy to miss what is at the bottom of the screen. Scroll down and click on the United Church of Christ Firsts. It is amazing history, but probably not well known even in our own congregation. Congregationalist men and women have been significantly involved in almost 400 years of religious, social, and political changes in this country.

Reading this national history is fascinating, but please don't stop there. We have local history too. Available are two paperbound books, *First Congregational Church of Colorado Springs, Colorado: The First One Hundred Years 1874-1974* and its supplement published in 1999. Other finds are *On The Trail of the UCC: A Historical Atlas of the United Church of Christ, 1981*; and *Hidden Histories in the United Church of Christ*.

Interesting documents on our shelves include the 2002's National Register of Historic Places Nomination. United Church of Christ's annual yearbooks are available both in print and CD's in the Reference section.

But enough of history, what about our church life

now? This month there will be a new shelf in the Gregg Library called Mission Giving and Outreach. It's a combination of books, pamphlets, CD's and DVD's, all describing how we support local, national and worldwide missions: the environment, education, Justice and Peace, the Heifer Project, Marion House, and many others. It's significant that in 2010 the church pledged approximately \$100,000 for these projects. Our goal is to offer a central accessible place for information about our church's wider mission. Information about participating in local community projects will be included. Contact Jeanie Tate at library@fcucc.org if you would like to add materials.



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Letter of Appreciation

By Elfriede and Frank Jopp, FCC Members

Dear Ministers and Members of First Congregational Church,

As most of you are aware, Elfriede and I were overwhelmed by the discovery in December that I needed bypass surgery immediately. This news was shocking to us since my routine physicals, including cardiograms, low cholesterol, and daily exercise each indicated that I was in good health. It was just that annoying chest discomfort while walking uphill that needed to be checked out; this process rapidly managed by Dr. Jeffrey Kulp, his NP-C Lisa Foster; cardiologist, Dr. Erik Carlson; and surgeon, Bryan Mahan, to each of

whom I shall always be grateful for saving my life.

Yes, ministers get scared, too, and the immediate response by Pastor Benjamin Broadbent, Pastor Jacque Franklin, and many members of the congregation brought us comfort and strength to face the unknown. Pastor Broadbent professionally received my confession of fear and anxiety with spiritual support that morning, and Pastor Jacque Franklin came in the afternoon with prayer shawls and wrapped us in the love of Christ, her personal love, and the love and prayers of the congregation. Some members stayed with Elfriede the day of the surgery, and

several dropped by with gifts and well wishes that next Sunday. Even Pastor Emeritus James White visited our home on Christmas Eve morning, giving communion and christening his brand new home/hospital communion set.

We have felt the love, the prayers, and the emotional and spiritual support for which we are eternally grateful. May God continue to bless First Congregational Church, its pastoral staff and membership, as we continue the ministry of Christ.

Sincerely,
Elfriede and Frank Jopp



Kids' Community Advent Workshops

By Del Hokanson, Education Coordinator

Advent is a time of anticipation and preparation. During the time of Advent in Sunday school, we gathered around a labyrinth in room EF, remaining together as a Kids' Community, rather than in our developmentally divided classes.

During the first week, led by Marta Fioriti Butts, our children learned how to draw a simple labyrinth and the meaning behind the labyrinth journey; a journey also about anticipation and process. In the center we had a Dutch Advent Candle. We lit the candles each week and learned the sign language movements for hope, peace, joy, and love. The labyrinth helped us to walk and find the heart of Jesus and provided a concrete model of how to "walk the talk".

Each week children were invited to bring canned and packaged food to create a food labyrinth. Christmas lights beside the food created not only a beautiful presence but supplied a visual metaphor of Christ showing us the way, with Christ being

the light of the world. We collected over 40 feet of food (4 large boxes!) and we wondered if we failed if we did not get all the way around the arbitrarily taped labyrinth. We talked about each act of kindness being important, and that God does not judge us if we fall short or fail in some things. Each gift of food was what it was all about.

The anticipation built as the community prepared for a birthday party for Jesus on Dec 21st. We made Christingles, a simple Advent model using an orange (the world); red ribbon around it (the blood of Jesus that ties us all together); 4 toothpicks with some fruit candies (the 4 weeks, 4 seasons, 4 compass points and the sweetness of God's love); cloves (a beautiful aroma of God's creation and representative of all the people of the world); and a white candle in the middle (to be lit on Jesus' birthday). We also worked as collaborative teams to read a play about the real nativity and made comparisons to our world today. What does the place of Jesus' birth tells us

about Jesus? Where would Jesus be born in today's world and why?

Finally the day of the party arrived. Was it what we expected? How was it different from a classmate's birthday party? What would Jesus do with all the food that was given to Him? Activities at this birthday party included hearing and watching the Christmas story led in Braille, creating welcome rocks for anyone who visits our space in the new year, creating yummy snowmen/women and (Yea!) finally the opportunity to quietly walk the beautiful labyrinth to the heart and meaning of Christmas.

We thank everyone who supported the children and the Advent Program. We received a lovely letter of thanks from Westside Cares, which included this sentiment: *Your ample donation will go a long way towards helping us start an additional food pantry on B Street later this month...a special thanks to you for thoughtfully touching the lives of so many.*

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Our 99th Annual Christmas Mystery

By Mike Matthews, Communication & Marketing Committee Chair



Begun at FCC in 1912, our Christmas Mystery takes its name from the mystery plays or dramas of Western Europe, which began in the early 10th century and flourished well into the 1400s, according to this year's program. Our musical drama is a Christmas Pageant combining the Biblical accounts of the birth of Jesus along with church legends and beloved Christmas carols. It is performed each Advent season on the Sunday before Christmas. Next year we will celebrate the 100th presentation of this very special event.

This year's presentation lost none of its Mystery for the scaffolding that filled the sanctuary for the past few months.

Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, lead minister, served as the reader and Lori Miskel performed as the Seraph or lead angel and soloist. Music was selected and accompanied by Frank Shelton, organist and director of music.



Mary and Joseph are portrayed this year by Paul Schwotzer & Lynn Young, whose identities are kept secret until they appear and whose selection recognizes their outstanding service to the church. The Mystery Committee this year had the "Bambino" (Christ Child) restored to its original integrity.



Wise Men are, from left, Ben Holman, Paul McNeill, & Ted Lindeman.



This year's angels include, from left, Kate Henjum, Hannah Hokanson, Lea Qualls, Chloe Kiskiras, & Molly Garrison.



Shepherds are, from left, Ian Lindeman, Schuyler Foerster, Chris Bjork, Chris Steenberg, Kevin Getty, Joel Francis, & Peter Rule.



Faith Formation Hour for Children, Youth and Adults

Faith Formation Hour for Children, Youth and Adults The Plan for Sunday Morning Programs & Worship

During our Sanctuary Renovation
February 6 - 27, 2011

SCHEDULE

8:45-10:30 -	Nursery Care (birth – age 3) in Nursery at First Congregational Church (see below for worship service care for babies)
9:00-9:45 –	Faith Formation Hour Sunday school for preschool-5 th grade, Classrooms BC and EF Adult Forum for all interested adults, Chapel Bible Study for Parents, Lead by Pastor Benjamin in Library Bible Study for Adults, Lead by Pastor Jacque in Classroom 3
9:00-10:30 -	Youth Groups for Middle & High School for grades 6-8 and 9-12, The Dwelling Place
9:45-10:30 –	Fellowship Time in Atrium & Founders' Room
10:50-11:00 -	Organ Prelude at Shove Chapel, Colorado College
11:00-12:00 –	Worship at Shove Chapel

FAITH FORMATION

A Faith Formation Hour will happen in rooms throughout First Congregational Church, including Sunday school, Adult Forum and Bible Studies. No programs will be offered during the 11:00 hour. Worship will be deliberately inclusive of all ages.

Parents we want to encourage you to learn alongside your children. Note that while children and youth are in Sunday school/programming (9:00-9:45 a.m.) we will provide adult opportunities for adult faith development and education.

Bible Study for Parents:

Pastor Ben leads a liturgically based Bible study for parents and families with application for family life through ritual, song and conversation. Questions such as: How can we talk to our children about Christianity in this context? What kinds of rituals and prayer can we do with our children at home? Or, how do we answer the many questions that our children have, based on our own theological understanding?

Bible Study for Interested Adults:

Pastor Jacque is leading a liturgically based Bible study for all adults. Adults will enter the Bible study from a variety of backgrounds and beliefs. Sessions will invite adults to deepen their spirituality and explore their faith. This will be done through art images and contemporary writings.

Adult Forum:

Adults will also have the opportunity to join our regularly scheduled Forum. The Adult Forum features topics such as social issues, biblical interpretation and other spiritual traditions. Check out the web site for discussion topics during this time period at www.fcucc.org.

NURSERY

Nursery care will begin in the Nursery at First Congregational Church at 8:45 a.m. and will conclude at 10:30, at which point one of the nursery attendants will make their way to Shove Chapel. A changing area and a "fussy baby" space will be available at the south end of Shove Chapel's narthex. A nursery attendant will be available to provide assistance to parents, but will not be providing supervision for children without parents present.

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR FAMILIES

We enthusiastically welcome children/youth as participants in worship!

Children/youth and their parents are encouraged to practice attending worship together. This is an opportunity to discuss the worship service with your family on the way home from church. Children/youth often receive more from the service than we might think. Special sensitivity will go into planning the worship experience during these six weeks, including:

- A commitment to plan a service which lasts no more than 60 minutes.
- Quiet activities to engage children during the service.
- Liturgical attention to kinesthetic movement and use of imagery and narrative.

PARKING is available on the Colorado College campus in the E1 lot off of Nevada & San Rafael. Handicap spaces are available in the C2 lot where Cache La Poudre & Tejon intersect. There are also streetside parking spots along Nevada by the Chapel. The online link to the various parking lots is <http://www.coloradocollege.edu/welcome/parking/>.

For any questions or comments please call the church office: 719-635-3549.



FEBRUARY WORSHIP

**Sunday Service
11:00 A.M.
at Shove Memorial Chapel***

February 6 –

5th Sunday After Epiphany

Today we continue to worship at 11:00 a.m. in Shove Memorial Chapel on the Colorado College campus. We will celebrate Holy Communion and welcome a guest preacher, Katy Halliburton, ministerial candidate seeking a call in the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Ms. Halliburton preaches on I Corinthians 2:1-16. The liturgy will include prayers and readings in recognition of UCC Women's week which begins today.

February 13 –

**6th Sunday after Epiphany –
Evolution Sunday**

Each year, we join churches and synagogues across the country for an Evolution Weekend, cultivating collaboration and conversation between religious and scientific commitments and sensibilities. Rev. Broadbent draws from a recent book, *Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith* in his sermon on Matthew 5:21-26 entitled "You've Heard That It Was Said..."

February 20 –

**7th Sunday after Epiphany –
Non-Violence Sunday**

Today Rev. Benjamin Broadbent preaches a sermon on Matthew 5:38-48, the "Love Your Enemies" passage, exploring the non-violence at the center of Jesus' life and ministry, death and resurrection.

February 24 –

Taizé Workshop (Chapel)

February 27 –

**8th Sunday after Epiphany –
Worship Artists' Appreciation**

Today we celebrate the gifts of artistic expression offered by so many people throughout the year in worship. We will hear collaborations between various musical ensembles and choirs. Rev. Jacque Franklin preaches a sermon on Matthew 6:24-34 entitled "Putting Love First."

*Shove Memorial Chapel is on the Colorado College campus, N. Nevada Ave., between Cache la Poudre & San Rafael. We are worshipping at Shove through February as workers replace the floor in our historic sanctuary.

BIRTHDAYS

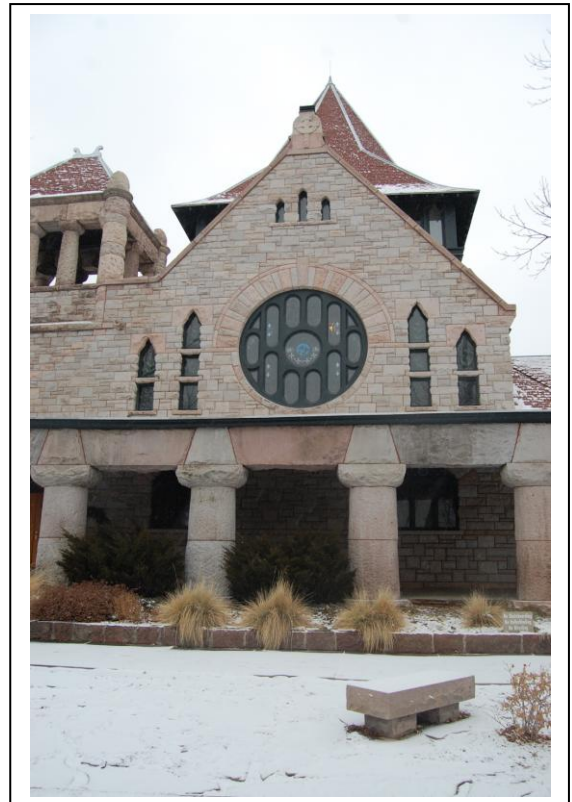
- 2/1 Elaine Curtis
- 2/2 Joyce Aubrey
- 2/2 Kris Doerffel
- 2/2 Christi Goodwin
- 2/3 Terri Akse
- 2/3 Sally Douglass
- 2/4 Christie Garrison
- 2/4 Pete Hokanson
- 2/4 Katherine Owen
- 2/5 Seth Buck
- 2/5 Jennifer Malenky
- 2/6 Thomas Andreas
- 2/6 Nancy Law
- 2/7 Jill Cameron
- 2/7 Kristin Stanec
- 2/8 Conrey Morris
- 2/8 Kathy Sparnins
- 2/8 Louise Spear
- 2/8 Cheryl Stauffer
- 2/9 Judy Kort
- 2/9 Anna Lepore
- 2/9 Deborah Palarino
- 2/10 Marika Bower
- 2/10 Noah Broussard
- 2/10 Luke Cammack
- 2/10 Ellie Coriell
- 2/11 Trey Austin
- 2/11 Dianne Benning
- 2/11 Gavin Downs
- 2/11 Britta Sloan
- 2/12 Mike Bonfiglio
- 2/12 Troy Brown
- 2/12 Megan Buck
- 2/12 Starla Cobb
- 2/12 Bev Traenkle
- 2/13 Eli Fricke
- 2/13 Barbara McAdams
- 2/13 Ramsay Rayner
- 2/13 Deborah Saxon
- 2/13 Susan Taylor
- 2/14 Jim McCreary
- 2/14 Dina Wood
- 2/15 Nina Fioriti Butts
- 2/15 Linda Mansfield
- 2/15 Alyssa Schultz
- 2/16 Randy Goodwin
- 2/16 Winter Rumans
- 2/17 Ralph Hall
- 2/17 Andy Laffely
- 2/17 Kaya Ericson Matson
- 2/17 Ester Seright
- 2/17 Thadeus Weiss
- 2/18 Rachel Fox
- 2/18 Janet Gould
- 2/18 Paul King
- 2/18 Rudi Niemiec
- 2/20 Julie Jones-Eddy
- 2/21 Kayla Adams
- 2/21 Julian Hathaway
- 2/22 Liz Arnold
- 2/23 Philip Beltracchi
- 2/23 Pamela Freeman
- 2/23 Benjamin Harris
- 2/23 Lakoda Hoffman
- 2/23 Elise Rayner
- 2/23 Kaylyn Sievert
- 2/24 Bob Tippy

BIRTHDAYS (CONTINUED)

- 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 Dan Kay
- 2/29 Abby Brown

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/1 Elaine Horton & Jonathan Bregman
- 2/1 Christine & Richard Hall
- 2/2 Kelly & Erik Martin
- 2/4 Beverly Elwell-Ridings & Oscar Ridings
- 2/6 Linda & John Boles
- 2/6 Christine & Joel Simmons
- 2/11 Jennifer Malenky & Kim Polomka
- 2/14 Donna & Don Drake
- 2/21 Jenny & Andy Finn





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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 11th, 2011.**

Article submissions should be 500 words or less. Please use Times New Roman 12-point font and left-justify your submission. Suggest a title for your article and include the author's information (name, church role, and additional contact information). If at all possible, please include your article already typed up as a Word attachment in your e-mail message to janedwarren@gmail.com.