

The Communicator

January 2012



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By Nancy Henjum,
Council Moderator

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The Church Council:

Looking Back and Looking Forward

Let's reflect for a moment on our past year as we prepare for our future. Do you remember worshipping while surrounded by scaffolding - each week hanging the traditional holiday greens and then removing them so workers could carry on? The 99th Mystery managed its magic in a construction zone. We learned new things about ourselves as a community while in exile from our precious container for many weeks in January and February. Transformation can require some messiness!

In addition to the physical transformation of the building, other transformative work was happening. Our Building Connections Capital Campaign created new and strengthened existing connections between members and their relationship to the church. And back in our historic and restored sanctuary we celebrated the generosity and connections made through our Capital and Annual Campaigns. Christmas season was ushered in with the infamous Madrigal and celebrated with the 100th Mystery.

The visioning process generated space for personal, organizational, and community transformation as we questioned, listened, explored, and engaged deeply in discussions about our values, hopes, and dreams. The process started large and like a spiral continued to move, deepen, and clarify.

That spiral process for your Council has been an experience of joy, fun, hard work, vulnerability, learning, and growth. Individually, and as a Council, we have deepened in understanding our leadership and service to the community of FCC, Colorado Springs, and beyond. We are excited to share the outcome of our work—The Vision Framework and Strategic Imperatives—as well as our learning with you at the 2012 Annual meeting.

Truly the process has confirmed FCC's deep commitment to the current mission: "As a church we are a people called **to embrace the mystery of God.**" The weekly communal pronouncement of Welcome, Wonder, and Witness and the singing of Micah 6 resonate strongly as our values.

In our December Council meeting when we asked ourselves how we see this "Vision Framework and Strategic Imperatives" document being used and what impacts it might have, we answered with these thoughts:

- ◆ Having all of these core values and envisioned possibilities together in one document will really help church leadership and staff know how to work together; and it will help the congregation be grounded in a common purpose.
- ◆ The shared vision inspires and pulls us into the future and it will help us understand and communicate our goals in common language.
- ◆ It will help with clarity of identity as we reach outside the church, perhaps in attracting members or grants to support our historic building.
- ◆ We see it fostering creativity and has already inspired an idea for a new art project.
- ◆ It will certainly help with the planning and inspiration of worship and faith formation experiences and as a way for committees and programs to set direction.
- ◆ It empowers church leadership to make decisions about the church's budget and direction.

Being clear about who we are guides and supports where we want to go. We invite you to come to the Annual Meeting on January 29 with hearts open to engage with the vision, to explore possibilities, to be energized and excited by how God might continue to speak to us and through us in the future of FCC.



New Year's Update

By Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Lead Minister

A New Year's greeting and blessing to all members and friends of the First Congregational Church of Colorado Springs.

I want to take an opportunity to share with you some updates on the life of our church as we begin a new year.

Stewardship—The fall was an energizing season of gathering pledges in support of our:

- ☞ **Capital Campaign:** to fund major projects including sanctuary renovation, kitchen renovation, organ refurbishing, and elevator installation.
- ☞ **Annual Campaign:** to fund our ministry (salaries, facility costs, Sunday school materials, music ministry, yarn for prayer shawls, etc.) and mission giving (grants to local non-profits that share our values, support of the wider settings of the United Church of Christ).

Thanks to faithful and generous pledges from over 300 of our 424 member households, we are able to fund our ministry programs and mission giving for 2012.

Jubilee Day—New Year's Day is a Sunday this year (as was Christmas Day). Perhaps not the most convenient for a church, but we have the honor of hosting the Colorado Springs' celebration of Jubilee Day, which commemorates the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation on New Year's Day, 1863. As a congregation that values diversity and justice, it is fitting that we will be in fellowship with two African-American congregations who will join us to launch the year with a celebration of freedom. I hope you can join us at **11 a.m.** for our **only** NY Day service.

Music Ministry Staff—Following the departure of our Organist and Music Director last September, we have since hired **Mandy Todd Moore** as our full-time Director of Music & Arts. Mandy has served as our Chancel Choir Director for the past 5 ½ years. She is skilled, creative, organized, professional, and an effective program director. We are excited that the position title has expanded to include the arts and we will be looking for ways of increasing the incorporation of performing and graphic arts into our worship experience. As of this writing, we are currently interviewing and auditioning excellent candidates for our part-time organist position.

Faith Formation—As we serve a multigenerational congregation, the pastoral and program staff continue to work with the lively notions of "worship for all ages" and "life-span faith formation programs" (which include educational, fellowship, spiritual growth, and musical opportunities for all ages and for all types of families).

Visioning—The entire congregation was engaged in a visioning process last August and September. Since that time, our elected leaders, (members of the Church Council), have been working with the input of the congregation to create a visioning document that will help guide our

decisions as a congregation for the next several years. The fruit of our labors will be shared at (and in the weeks following) the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. I am deeply grateful to all who offered input and, in particular, to the members of the Church Council, who have listened deeply to the congregation and to the movement of God's spirit to produce a document that will help ground and direct us in powerful ways.

Pastoral Sabbatical—As most of you know, our congregation submitted a grant to the Lilly Endowment to fund a period of sabbatical. We were granted the \$45,000 award last September. My wife, Brooke, our children, Marin (6) and Sophia (3), and I will be going to Cape Town, South Africa on May 1, where we will be in fellowship with the Rondebosch United Church.

See: <http://www.rondeboschunited.org.za/>.

In June, we will travel to Mozambique to visit United Church of Christ missionary partners there. In July, we take a "vacation from the sabbatical" and travel to Mauritius for a week.

Congregational Sabbatical—During my absence, **Rev. Dr. Jacque Franklin** will be serving as Acting Lead Minister, responsible for worship, staff supervision, and church administration. The Lilly grant will fund a half-time Pastor of Visitation. I have invited **Rev. Patty Walker**, a member of our church and ordained U.C.C. minister, to fill that role. The grant also includes funds to support sabbatical activities for the congregation while the pastor is away. Pastor Jacque is coordinating a summer program that will commission members of our church to visit other church communities on a given Sunday and then to share experiences of that visit the following week.

During the summer, we will gather for one worship service at 9 a.m., then gather for a Community Forum for all ages at 10:30 a.m.

As we enter this New Year, I wish I could greet all of you personally and thank you for the role you have played in the life of this community. Thank you for sharing yourself with this community of faith. Thank you for the skills you share, the time you share, the finances you share, the prayers you share. I pray that we would be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in 2012, with ears tuned to hear the urgings of a God on the move, with feet planted in the gifts of the present moment, with eyes focused upon the horizon, straining to glimpse God's next great surprise, with hands open, ready to care and to serve, and with voices, trained and rested, ready to speak the good news of God's transforming presence in the world.

May yours (and all of ours) be a blessed New Year.

- Benjamin

ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 29TH

NOTICE to Members and Associate Members of First Congregational Church:

The **Annual Meeting** of the Congregation will be held in our sanctuary on

Sunday, January 29th
after the
11 a.m. service.

A light lunch will be served.

Our agenda will include:

- ★ Engagement with our Vision Framework and Strategic Imperatives
- ★ Voting on the Annual Budget and new Council Members
- ★ Sharing information related to the Capital Campaign and Faith Formation.

**We are excited to have
YOU
present and in full
participation!**

~ **Your Church Council**

**May your New
Year be blessed.**

PLYMOUTH CIRCLE

Plymouth Circle extends a huge thanks to members and friends of First Congregational Church who participated in the Salvation Army Fill-a-Stocking Program.



We delivered 114 filled stockings on December 7 to the Salvation Army. They were very appreciative and overwhelmed by the number of stockings and wish everyone a Merry Christmas!



POOPED OUT PARENTS

SAVE THE DATE for the POPs Mardi Gras Party

When:

Saturday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m.

Hosted by:

Amanda and
Bret May,
(h) 636-5230



Where: 10050 Ute Tr.,
Cascade, CO
(not as far as you'd think –
only 15 minute from church)

Look for your electronic invitation.

For questions about POPs (Pooped Out Parents) or to be added to the distribution list, please contact;
janeridings@hotmail.com.

COMMUNICATOR DEADLINE

Monday, January 16th is the deadline for submission of articles, notices, reminders and letters **for the February Communicator**. Early submissions are APPRECIATED!

Please send **ASAP** to:

communications@fcucc.org

Remember to keep articles BRIEF (one page **max** including photos, logos, clipart, etc.).

[NOTE: One page without graphics is ~550 words in Cambria, size 11.]

Short articles (1/3 to 1/2 page) are greatly appreciated.

Include the author's name, committee and position, suggested article title and photos or clipart.

Late articles will be placed in the next edition or may be sent out via e-blast.

Thanks and a Happy New Year from your editors.



Jane Warren,
Article Review and
Text Editor



Ardith Hanson,
Layout Editor

MOVIE GROUP

Continuing on the theme of Peace and War, the **Jan 20th** film is the award winning documentary about the Afghan War : "**Restrepo.**"

Potluck **supper** at **6:30 p.m.**

Short Movie at 7:00 p.m. followed by the feature film.

Discussion follows.

For more information, contact Jerry White at:
gerald.white@mindspring.com



January Term for Youth (Grades 6-12)

By Marta Fioriti, Youth and Adult Ministry Coordinator

The Faith Formation Committee's Youth Ministry Team is creating the second annual January Term for our teens (6-12 grades). It was such a success last year that we wanted to do it again! Last year we brought in experts on the subjects of *Justice & Peace*.

This year our focus will be **Art & Spirituality**.

Our J-Term runs **January, 8, 15 and 22**. The idea is that our teens will have the opportunity to learn about their own faith journey with a particular focus (how art impacts our spirituality or faith) for 3 weeks during January in a small group setting.

I will gather all teens at our regularly scheduled time [**10:30 a.m., in The Dwelling Place**] for ritual. Every week I hope to recruit two different artists who will work with a small (5-10) group of youth.

I will, as needed, help gather the material the artists will need to teach/present or to express their medium. I need six artists in order to fill all the weeks (two artists per week).

If you are an expert in a particular art form and would like to work with teens, contact me!

The volunteer time would be Sunday, January 8, 15, 22 (11 a.m.-noon).

You may volunteer for one, two or all three weeks!

Contact me at (719) 306-4037 or at marta@fcucc.org for more information or to volunteer.

Advent & Families

Tiffany Hauber and her children documented the prayer that they wrote from the Advent Ritual Book named "Advent is Coming," which was handed out to all our families. **Eli Hauber** is seven years old and **Emerson Hauber** is four years old.

Week One of Advent: What do we HOPE for?

Hopeful God,

"I hope that the army will be done soon." **Eli**

"I hope that I get a treat." **Emerson**

"I hope that I will live a long time." **Eli**

"I hope that I will get some toys." **Emerson**

"I hope that my children will know true peace, experience the wonder of joy,
and find unconditional love." **Tiffany**

"I hope that we can all sleep in." **Eli**

"I hope that God is going to protect us." **Emerson**

"I hope that I will be with you forever, mommy. I love you." **Emerson**

Amen

Youth Ministry Calendar:

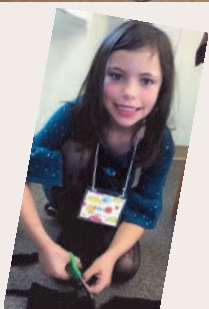
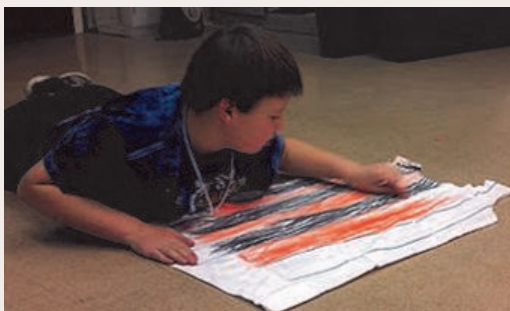
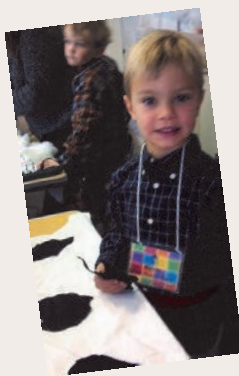
All program details and events have been posted on the church website at www.fcucc.org and are available at the church Welcome Center on Sunday mornings.

If you have any questions or comments,
please contact Marta at marta@fcucc.org or call her at 719-306-4037.



Christmas Pageant Preparations

At press time, our children were hard at work preparing for their Christmas Eve pageant!





MADRIGAL DINNERS

Madrigal Dinners, Both Ribald and Reverent, Regaled Audiences

By Mike Matthews, Communication & Marketing Chair

By turns ribald and reverent, this year's biennial Madrigal Dinner regaled audiences with three presentations in early December. The delightful and delicious event, under the leadership of **Karen and Steve Brown**, included nearly **40 performers**, many of them choir members, and **a host of servers** made up of the youth of the church. **Numerous volunteers** set tables, washed dishes and served in the background! **Mandy Todd Moore** served as musical director with a script by **Brandon Payne** and theatrical direction by **Lynn Holiday**. **Thom Andreas**, as Cardinal Bunbury, played host to the event, which also had the support of church staff members.



WINTER RETREATS, ADULT FAITH FORMATION



First Congregational UCC
Women's Winter Retreat
January 14-15, 2012

Check-in 10:00 a.m. on Saturday
 Adjournment at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday

at La Foret Conference & Retreat Center
 6145 Shoup road, CS/CO 80908

Retreat Theme – Renewal and Realignment

Start the New Year off right with a time to relax in the warm and inviting meeting spaces of the Ponderosa Lodge. Break out sessions will be brought to you by talented local women who specialize in reflection and relaxation.

Cost \$75 (includes cabin Sat. night and three meals)

To register or for more information,
 please contact:

Liz Ryan at 594-6540 or ebryan57@msn.com
 Sheryl Cline 641-2912 or sageart7@gmail.com

First Congregational UCC's 3rd Annual
Men's Midwinter Retreat
February 3-4, 2012

Check-in from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Friday,
 Adjournment at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday

at La Foret Conference & Retreat Center
 6145 Shoup Road, CS/CO 80908

Retreat theme: "The radical, transformative, and challenging message of the Hebrew prophets."

Retreat Facilitator: Roger Butts, Senior Minister,
 High Plains Church, Unitarian Universalist

Suggested preparatory reading: Walter
 Brueggemann's: *The Prophetic Imagination*

Plan to join us for our third annual Men's Retreat – a gathering of personal reflection and discernment, group discussion and fellowship, song and contemplative walks on the beautiful grounds of La Foret.

Cost: \$75 (includes cabin Friday night and three meals)

Registration forms are available at the Church
 website and in the Church office.

For more information, please contact Dave Seyfert at:
 473-5126 or daveseyfert1@msn.com

Adult Faith Formation Activities

The Forum—see article on page 10

Bible Study

Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the library.

Soul Feast

Thursday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Carey Chapel. Currently studying Bishop Spong's Book: *A New Christianity for a New World: Why Traditional Faith is Dying & How a New Faith is Being Born (2002)*

Meditation & Contemplative Prayer

Centering Prayer:

Monday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Carey Chapel.

Contemplative Prayer:

Tuesday from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Carey Chapel.

Labyrinth Walking:

Thursday from 4:30 - 7 p.m. in the Founders' Room.

The Moving Word & Yahweh Yoga for Kids



★ **Cancelled for January** ★

Next session will be February 4th.

Contact **Jenny Finn** at 291-3120 re Moving Word.

Contact Del Hokanson at del@fcucc.org re Yahweh Yoga.

Sponsored by the Movement Ministry.

Book Group

The FCUCC Book Discussion Group will meet on **Sunday, January 22, at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of Alan Severn. Watch the January bulletins for details. Our selected book is Oscar Wilde's controversial 1891 classic, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. In this story of a young man who sells his soul for eternal youth and beauty, Wilde encapsulates his philosophy of art within the theme of outer beauty coupled with inner corruption. For more information, contact Linda Boles at: jobolesjr@comcast.net.

Friends of Emerson

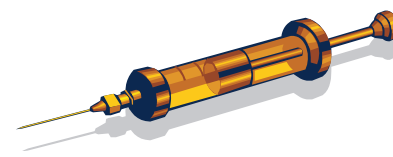
2nd & 4th Thursday [Jan. 12th & 26th] from 4 - 5 p.m. in the library. For more info, contact Lucy Bell at:

lucybell@comcast.net.



Adult Immunizations: A Foundation For Health

By Nancy Lippincott, RN BSN FCN, Parish Nurse, Health Ministry Chair



Immunizations are the best preventative health program in the world for minimizing and eradicating disease, exceeding all the work on heart disease, lung disease, strokes, diabetes, and cancers combined.

Early pioneers in this work are among the most interesting scientists in medicine. We owe them our immense gratitude for their pioneering work. **Louis Pasteur** (1822-1895), one of the founders of microbiology, not only invented the pasteurization of milk, but also found that weak forms of a disease could be used as an immunization against stronger forms of that same disease. **Edward Jenner** (1749-1823), noticed that milkmaids did not get deadly smallpox and thought that the fluid in the cowpox blisters protected them. To test this, he inoculated a boy with the pus from the cow blisters and then exposed him to the disease. The boy did not get ill. In the 20th century, **Albert Sabin** (1906-1993) discovered the first oral polio vaccine. **Maurice Hilleman** (1919-2005) discovered 40 vaccines, including those that protect us from measles, mumps, hepatitis A and B, chickenpox, meningitis, and pneumonia.

To bring you the most current information about vaccines, I visited the El Paso County Public Health Department (ph 578-3199) located at 1675 W. Garden of the Gods Road. I was amazed by their knowledge about immunizations for not only adults, but also children/teens and travelers. They get all the latest from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). A nurse there handed me the newest and latest information.

Below is an abbreviated list of all the vaccines they recommend for adults:

Caution: *The information given here is by no means complete. Since there are contraindications and precautions as well as recommended schedules, you should talk with your healthcare provider and/or make an appointment with a nurse at the Health Department. The Health Ministry Team is providing this information to help you make intelligent choices about immunizations to prevent disease.*

Seasonal Influenza: Now recommended for all adults, including healthy adults ages 19-49, and all other adults with chronic illness and at any age. It is available as an injection and, for ages 2-49, as a nose spray. The vaccine is widely available and at a low cost. It is given in the fall or winter every year. It lasts for 4 months or longer.

Pneumonia: Primarily for adults over 65, as well as for those who have chronic illness and risk factors such as chronic heart and pulmonary disease, auto-immune diseases, diabetes, cancers, chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, and for those who smoke.

MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella): Adults born since 1957 are generally assumed to be immune, but adults who were not immunized as children should be immunized. Women of childbearing age who have no proof of immunization must get the rubella vaccine to prevent fetal deformities.

Chickenpox (varicella): This vaccine is given to adults without evidence of immunity. The vaccine is given in two doses. Adults can be tested to see if they already have immunity to either chickenpox or shingles. Your childhood health history may help with the decision. This vaccine should NOT be given to a woman who is pregnant, or could be pregnant within 4 weeks.

Td, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis): For all adults who lack documentation of a 3-dose series. Also for adults who need protection from tetanus after receiving a wound. The vaccine is good for 10 years, but a booster is needed should you get a penetrating wound after the fifth year. Tdap is now given to all adults, including those over age 65, who are regularly in contact with children younger than one year, including parents, grandparents, childcare personnel, and healthcare workers. Tdap IS recommended for women who are over 20 weeks pregnant.

Polio: Polio vaccine is not routinely recommended for U.S. residents over the age of 18 unless they are travelling to an area where polio occurs and they have not already received a primary series of polio vaccines.

Hepatitis A: Two doses are needed. Recommended for travel to developing countries, or if you are adopting a child from a country with endemic Hep A. The vaccine is needed within 60 days of arrival in a risky area; for close contact with drug-users; homosexual men; and for certain food handlers. *Hep A symptoms are self-limiting; they include abrupt onset, with fever, nausea and abdominal discomfort, followed in a few days with jaundice. It can be very mild or a seriously disabling disease last several months.*

Hepatitis B: The vaccine, given in three doses, is offered to all adults who desire it. This form of hepatitis has symptoms similar to hepatitis A but is transmitted via bodily fluids. Those at statistical risk include healthcare workers, homosexual men and injecting drug users. *Hep B can be serious and can be chronic for life.*

Shingles: Recommended for all adults over the age of 60. One dose of vaccine will prevent this painful illness. *Shingles can be spread to adults who have never had chickenpox via contact with the fluid from the rash blisters, but NOT from sneezing, coughing, or casual contact. Shingles occurs in 1 out of every 3 adults. By age 80, 50% of all adults have had shingles.*



Congregational Life: *November 20th to December 11th*

By Rev. Jacque Franklin, Associate Minister

Thank you ...

Jeff Kulp, Rick Purinton, Liz Arnold, Jane Ridings, and Sarah Wilkerson were liturgists in our past Sunday worship services. **David Nath, Jane Ridings, and Jennifer Malenky** spoke as witnessing stewards about giving to the church and why they give. **Roger McCormick, Joyce Hanagan, and Phyllis White** created a beautiful music trio with **Roger** on the harp instead of the organ! **Joyce** played oboe and **Phyllis** played flute for their musical offering. **Colorato Quartet** is the name for the group of vocalists: **Cyndy Nath, David Nath, Lee Lehmkuhl, and Pam Lehmkuhl**, who sang in worship. **Steve & Karen Brown and many, many volunteers** created three fabulous Madrigal Performances. **Ann Howard** brought us the opportunity to give gifts for children through the Southern Colorado Aids Project. **Phyllis White** coordinated the gifts for children supported by Partners in Housing and North Middle School. **Plymouth Circle** gathered stockings filled with goodies for children from FCUCC members on behalf of the Salvation Army. **Casey Tencick** recruited and organized volunteers for a first time all-church Advent activity. They served "stone soup" and people of all ages put together Advent logs to use at home. **Kelly Smith** donated "healthy" toy food for the Nursery. **Kathy Beck** and **Paul Carpenter** stepped in to substitute for Sunday school. All of the **Fall Sunday school teachers** were honored in a final ritual with parents and children. **Jennifer Ross** created artwork for the children's classroom hallway.

Congratulations ...

Grandparents **Rosie & Rich DeBacker**, and uncle **Zach DeBacker** announce the birth of **Shannon Stichkas'** new baby boy, **Eli**. **Mandy Todd Moore**, our Chancel Choir Director for the past five years, will begin as our Director of Music & Arts, beginning January 1, 2012. **Members** of FCUCC sang in the Theatreworks production of "Church."

Condolences ...

Robert Murray died on Dec. 4, 2011. His services were held on Dec. 16th in our sanctuary. Our hearts go out to **Bob's** lifetime spouse and friend, **Margaret Murray**; his children **Lynne (John) Stefonik, Jeff, Michele, and Darla Murray**, who grew up in this church; and their six grandchildren. **Cakkie (Carol)**, a frequent visitor to worship and **Marge's** sister stood by the family throughout **Bob's** declining days.

Scott Stanec died unexpectedly in Switzerland when he fell on a hike, Nov. 28, 2011. His wife **Kris**, and children **Emme** and **DJ Stanec** held two services. **Scott** had a public life as Horace Mann's Principal and the service at Shove Chapel, Dec. 6, was well attended by the larger community. On Dec. 8 we celebrated **Scott's** life with family and friends in the intimate setting of our sanctuary. We continue to hold his family in prayer.

Frank Shelton Sr. died on Dec. 9, 2011 while in hospice care. A few years ago, **Frank Shelton Jr.** moved his father from AZ to be closer to him and **Barb**. **Frank Sr.** was visited regularly by an FCC Stephen Minister.

Prayers for ...

Tom and **Gigi Van Egeren** asked for prayers for their son-in-law, **Chris Brian**. They live in Denver now to be near their family. **Chris**, a surgeon himself, is undergoing brain surgery followed by chemotherapy and radiation. **Sharon Harrison** had shoulder surgery and is recovering with physical rehabilitation. We prayed for **Dennis Kleinsasser, Barb Doyle, and Heather Eslinger**, who all had surgery and are recovering at their homes. **Claire Eslinger** has recovered from a severe case of croup. **Hope Woodhead** lost her uncle, **John Lowell**, on November 22. Her cousin, **Galen Stone**, was in ICU with complications from pneumonia, but seems to be recovering. **Frank** and **Elfriede Jopp** went to Florida to care for their daughter, **Johanna Olsen**, when she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She is now undergoing treatment.



What's Happening at the Forum?

By Howard Ray, Forum Leader

The Forum is an FCC tradition dating back to February 1982. Created and led for many years by Dave Seyfert, the Forum is a place for the exchange of diverse spiritual, contemporary, historical, and intellectual ideas. Each Sunday morning the Forum meets for an hour in the chapel to listen to members of our own congregation as well as selected outside speakers. Forum attendees are very inquisitive and enjoy delving into topics by asking questions and engaging in lively discussion.



What's coming up? This winter and spring we will be talking about life and the universe, poetry, the biblical Judas, restorative justice, and Buddhist practices. Also we'll learn about a woman in our congregation who founded a local business as a result of her experiences in Congregational care. Another topic will be what it is like to minister in a foreign land. The Forum doesn't shy away from controversial subjects, such as the upcoming topic of the science of stem cell research. We will help prepare the congregation for the arrival of this year's James W. White Lecturer (Joan Chittister), and more.

Interested? Everyone is welcome.

To access the schedule, use the FCC web site www.fcucc.org and enter the word **forum** in the search box. Send a message with your questions and comments to howard.ray@usa.net.



The January Forum Schedule:

Jan. 8: Chuck Benson—*The Mother of God and God the Father in Art History.*

Chuck has made presentations at the Forum in previous years integrating slide presentations rich in photography with spiritual themes. Come and enjoy seeing beautiful historical images that he will relate to his subject.

Jan. 15: Chuck Benson—*The Thousand Faces of the Godhead in World Art and Religion.*

Jan. 22: David Gardiner—*The Importance of Bodily Ritual in Buddhist Religious Practice.*

David returns after many requests that he speak again at the Forum. Dr. Gardiner is a Professor of Religion at Colorado College. He teaches Buddhism as well as religion and science. He is the co-founder of a spiritual group called the BodhiMind Center.

Jan. 29: Dave Seyfert—*Spirituality in Song.*

Dave speaks as a part of our celebration of thirty years of the Forum. He will bring his guitar and share several songs that contain messages of spirituality. There will be a discussion of interpretations of insights and meanings in the lyrics. Dave is a human resources manager by profession, working primarily in the health-care and educational fields. He has taught Sociology of Religion and Medical Sociology at the college level.



January Worship Schedule

Services in the Sanctuary
at 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. (except January 1)

In January, we begin the season of Epiphany, a season of light, a season of wisdom, and a season of transformation. Services and sermons will focus on aspects of our life together as a church. What does it mean to belong to this community of Christ? What does it mean for every one of us to understand ourselves as "ministers?" What does it mean to deepen into our faith over the course of our lives as followers of Jesus? And what does it mean to be a "congregational" church?

**January 1 – 1st Sunday after Christmas /
New Year's Day / Jubilee Day**

ONE service at 11 a.m. will host the Colorado Springs community celebration of Jubilee Day, sponsored by the local chapter of the NAACP. Christ Temple Community Church and Household of Faith Baptist Church will join us to celebrate freedom and to commemorate the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Lincoln on January 1, 1863. A reception will follow the service.

[NOTE: Friday, January 6 – Epiphany of Our Lord / Kings' Day / The 12th Day of Christmas—No services today, but an important day in the Christian liturgical calendar.]

**January 8 – Baptism of Christ /
1st Sunday after the Epiphany**

Rev. Benjamin Broadbent preaches on Mark 1:4-11, the story of Jesus' baptism, with a sermon on "Baptism and Membership."

January 15 – 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Rev. Benjamin Broadbent preaches on John 1:43-51, the story of Phillip and Nathanael, with a sermon on "The Ministry of Everyone."

January 22 -3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Rev. Jacque Franklin preaches on Mark 1:14-20, the story of Jesus calling the first disciples, with a sermon on "Following the Way, Today."

**January 29 – 4th Sunday after the Epiphany /
Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

On this day of our Annual Meeting, we reiterate our covenant with God and with one another to work together to set the table for all who hunger and thirst. Rev. Benjamin Broadbent preaches on "The Meaning of Congregational." New Members join.

Monthly Taize Service

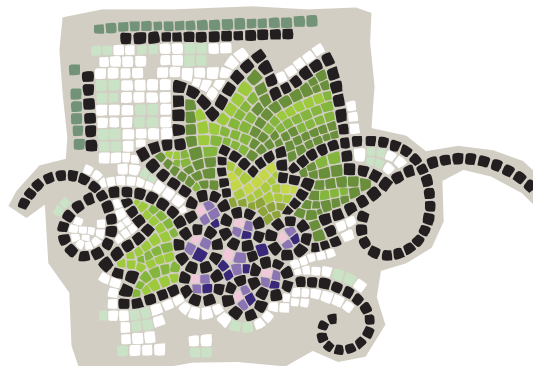
Come & Experience ... Silence

A Taize Service will be held
on **Thursday, January 26th**
at **7 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.



Coming in February ...

- ◆ Evolution Sunday,
- ◆ Transfiguration Sunday,
- ◆ Shrove Tuesday,
- ◆ Ash Wednesday,
- ◆ First Sunday in Lent,
- ◆ Sermons on *The Lord's Prayer*



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 1/11 Brenda Brown
 1/11 Eric Ridings
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 1/30 Kelly Cain
 1/31 Zack Parrinella
 1/31 Jane Warren



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1/3 Jean & Ralph Hall
 1/3 Shirley & Sidney Skirvin
 1/4 Nancy Ekberg Tynan &
 Daniel Tynan
 1/12 Sara & Scott Doud
 1/19 Tracy & Winter Rumans
 1/20 John Birkhead &
 Matthew Cheney
 1/26 Karol & Ben Finch
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January!



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J. W. White 2012 Lecture: Joan Chittister

Mark Your Calendar!

Free Lecture, Open to the Public

Friday, April 20 at 7 p.m.

Shove Chapel at CC

Joan Chittister, O.S.B., will deliver the annual James W. White Lecture on Friday evening, April 20, in Shove Chapel at The Colorado College.

A Benedictine nun, Chittister is an internationally known author and speaker on subjects such as contemporary spirituality, peace, justice, and human rights.

In her presentation, entitled ***God and the Evolutionary Mind: The God Who Beckons***, Chittister will discuss her current thinking on contemporary spirituality and how it relates to both international and national peace and justice issues. A question-and-answer session and book signing will follow the lecture.

Information about Sunday Forum programs and other opportunities for delving into Chittister's books and ideas will be forthcoming as will details of a related program for children and youth, to take place at First Congregational during the lecture.

For more information, contact Lois Matthews, Lectureship Committee member, at 375-5269.