



*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.*

**"Mission is not something we as the church do; it is everything we do."**

## Everything We Do

*By Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Lead Minister*

With the recent congregational vote on January 30<sup>th</sup> empowering the Church Council to launch a \$2 million capital campaign, I've been reflecting on the role of mission in the life of our church. The word comes from the Latin *missionem*, meaning an "act of sending." Mission shares a root with the less auspicious "missile." In light of this etymology, mission is what the church is sent to do.

While we sometimes make a distinction between the *ministry* of the church, that is, what we do at our own facility for our own folks, and the *mission* of the church, that is, what we do for others outside our community, I have become increasingly convinced that mission is not *something* we as the church do, it is *everything* we do. In contemporary church planning literature, this is referred to as the notion of The Missional Church."

The purpose of the church is not to serve its members. The members *are* the church. The purpose of the church is to support one another as we become Christ's body, hands, feet and lips, serving others in the world.

How does this relate to our \$2 million capital

campaign? By raising this money to rehabilitate our sanctuary, we are completing almost 125 years of delayed maintenance; delayed because we've been fulfilling our mission. We need to do this now so we can continue to do our mission for the next 125 years. By renovating our kitchen, we are improving our capacity to feed people whom we serve, including families we host through the Interfaith Hospitality Network. By installing an elevator, we are making our facility accessible to all people, regardless of physical ability.

Furthermore, we've been growing our capacity for mission in recent years. At its January meeting, the Mission Giving & Outreach reflected upon its activities in 2010. The committee feels good about helping the church expand its volunteer opportunities, increasing our church's support of members who are in seminary, and creating ways for church members to participate actively in Ecumenical Social Ministries. The committee has listed the mission activities which happen independently of the committee, generated from other program areas and individuals within the church.

As you consider the following list of significant

2010 mission activities, I want to encourage you to participate in the upcoming capital campaign, which will support this kind of mission for years to come. Let us also join together in discerning who God is calling us to be and what God is sending us to do in 2011 and beyond.

### **2010 MISSION ACTIVITIES**

#### **First Congregational Church (UCC) of Colorado Springs**

#### **Mission Giving & Outreach Committee**

- As founding congregation of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, hosted families twice
- Sponsored Ecumenical Social Ministries' Festival of Trees and donated two decorated trees (\$1013.19)
- Coordinated monthly and bi-monthly volunteer opportunities for FCC members to serve at the Marian House Soup Kitchen
- Coordinated quarterly workdays for FCC members to build houses with Habitat for Humanity
- Coordinated FCC members to serve dinners at the Acacia House Retirement Home
- Hosted annual Mission Fair with organizations receiving Mission Giving grants

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**POPS**

All Pooped-Out Parents are invited to share a meal and fellowship on Saturday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. Thanks to Jill and Drew Robinson for hosting us (719-634-8703). We'll celebrate spring's beginning at this POPS event. Jill and Drew will host an indoor picnic (or outdoor on the deck if the weather's nice...). Think fried chicken, ham sandwiches, deviled eggs, watermelon and tasty springtime beverages! Please look for more information by email 2-3 weeks before the event.

To be added to (or removed from) the distribution list, please contact [janeridings@hotmail.com](mailto:janeridings@hotmail.com).

Newcomers are always welcome.

**+++ TAIZÉ PRAYER +++**



Be strengthened on your journey through the season of Lent by joining others in Taizé worship using prayer, special music, chants, and stillness.

Come, listen to God's voice, and be transformed and reassured that God is with us.

Ash Wednesday Services at Noon (Chapel) & 7 p.m. March 9  
7 p.m. Thursdays: March 17, 24 & 31; April 7 & 14

Maundy Thursday Tennebrae Service  
7 p.m. April 21  
Church Sanctuary

Gathering chants begin ten minutes prior to each service

**MEMORIAL PRAYER**

Below is the prayer used in ceremony at The Annual Meeting of the Congregation, led by Pastors Jacque Franklin and Benjamin Broadbent, remembering sixteen members and friends of the church who have died since the last Annual Meeting:

*God who calls,  
We have invoked the names, the faces,  
And the memories of these beloved members of our community.  
Each name, each face, each memory is a prayer to you, O God,  
You who knits together the fabric of our lives,  
You who wastes no strand.*

*Help us in our sorrow to trust that the garment of life you weave  
Flows beyond the known into the unknown.*

*Help us in our loss to trust that while our memories fade,  
The lives of those we have loved and lost,  
Shine now even more brilliantly in the light of your eternal love.*

*Help us to trust in the resurrection hope that lies at the furthest limit of our experience and imagination.*

*Teach us to ask not only, "Where have they gone?"  
But, "When will you return to restore creation?"*

*Reveal to us, as we wait for that great day, a way to live our lives with patience,  
With passion, and by continuing to participate in your community of the faithful, surrounded by So great a cloud of witnesses.*

*One more name we invoke, that of your Child, our brother in faith,  
Our Lord and our Savior, Jesus the Christ, the crucified and risen one,  
Who has defeated death and ushered in a new age.*

*It is in Christ's name that we pray.  
Amen.*

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry members said goodbye in December to two Steering Committee members who have given several years of their time and talents to lead this group in meaningful directions. Teri McCabe served as the Coordinator and Linda Mansfield took care of orienting new members. Both have offered to continue doing some of their former duties for the group. Thank you so much Teri and Linda!

Mary Jane Ray volunteered to join the Steering Committee in January to serve with continuing members Jane Gazal, Jerusha Goebel, and Julie Jones-Eddy. Jerusha offered to serve as the Coordinator for the coming year. Marilyn Robbins is our new Chaplain.

**COMMUNICATOR OPT-OUT**



Email Richard Grebenstein at [richardg@fucc.org](mailto:richardg@fucc.org) if you'd like to opt out of the printed monthly newsletter. Print only what you need; go green!

**PLYMOUTH CIRCLE**

Plymouth Circle will meet on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Founders' Room.

Devotions will be given by Miriam Giese. Hostesses will be Ruth Lehmkuhl and Beverly Ridings.

Our program, arranged for by Janice Simonton, is titled "Philatelic, a Detective Story," and will be presented by Chuck LaBlonde. Guests are welcome.



## Youth Ministry

By Marta Fioriti, Youth and Young Adult Coordinator

To kick off 2011 and draw our teens back into the church after the holidays, the Youth Ministry Team of the Faith Formation Committee created a program called "J-Term" which is short for January Term. During this Program year (September-May) our theme for learning is "peace issues."

J-Term was created in an effort to support our theme. It was a time to talk, learn, and experience justice and peace issues in a small group setting.

- We invited the Director of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, Eric Attard, to lead a small group activity and discussion on his work and advocacy in the community.
- We invited Steve Handen, Director of Mesa House, to

tell his life story of working with the homeless.

- We invited Rosemary Harris, the President of the local NAACP chapter. She led an activity with us called "Our Privilege for Good."

- We also invited Tracy Jackson, Education Director for Catamount Institute, which cultivates critical minds and inspires ecological stewardship through education.

Every week we had three small groups that each ranged from seven to ten youth. All of the youth had the opportunity to experience each presenter. As always we ended our time together in prayer and ritual, and with time for processing our experience. We asked questions such as "How do these issues engage us as people of faith?" I was impressed to

hear prayers from our youth like this one: "Please help me to know my privilege in the world and to use it for the good."

We hope to end our year of peace issues with an inner-city mission trip to Denver through an organization called DOOR: Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection.

The Youth Ministry Team is a group of dedicated adults working to support the ministries for our youth in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Together we will be creating programming and curriculum for the coming summer and program year.

If you have any questions or comments about our program please contact me at any time. Cell: 719-306-4037, Church: 719-635-3549 or [marta@fcucc.org](mailto:marta@fcucc.org).

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## Capital Campaign News

By Lynn Young and Lee Lehmkuhl, Capital Campaign Co-Chairs

Dear Members and Friends of FCUCC,

The unanimous congregational vote approving the Capital Campaign occurred only a short time ago, at the January 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. We are honored and humbled to be asked to serve as co-chairs of the campaign. With the help of Moderator Nancy Henjum and Lead Minister Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, we have been developing a timeline of activities and events, and identifying additional leadership positions within the campaign and candidates to fill them. Following the recommendation of the outgoing Committed to Capital Committee, we have retained the services of the

Ackley Consulting Group to assist us as we move forward, and are already working closely with them.

The first big decision we've faced is the timing of the campaign. Essentially, we had two options. The first involved a quick initiation and execution of the campaign culminating with pledges in late May. The second was more deliberative, with work continuing through the summer and pledges made next September. While there are advantages and disadvantages to both, we collectively determined the more deliberative approach would best suit the needs of FCUCC. We will still move quickly to fill leadership positions and begin the work of the campaign, but

will make use of the summer months to more richly communicate the campaign's vital importance to the mission and future of FCUCC and build support throughout the congregation. Then, when we join together in September to make our pledges, we'll truly be a united, committed, celebratory congregation.

We look forward to the upcoming months. Both of us view this service to our congregation as a wonderful, if a little daunting, opportunity to build toward a beautiful Christ-infused future for this incredible church. Please keep us in your prayers.

Sincerely,  
Lynn and Lee

*"You can look forward to getting much more detail on the Capital Campaign in the future through announcements during church services, email blasts, Communicator articles, and mailings."*



## Congregational Life

By Rev. Jacque Franklin, Associate Pastor

We are grateful for the hospitality and generosity of the Colorado College staff at Shove Memorial Chapel for accommodating us in such a beautiful worship space. The space also reminds us of the foresight and vision of our predecessors who created our worship space and established Colorado College. It has been a challenge to rethink worship in a different space and it has been beautiful to see all of our worshipping community in one space. Even so, it will also be wonderful to be back in our newly restored sanctuary.

### Thank you....

We are thankful for all who contribute to Sunday morning activities. Sunday morning liturgists were: **Lee Lehmkuhl**, outgoing Vice Moderator; **Nancy Henjum**, newly elected Council Moderator; and **Ceil Malek**, leader of Spiritual Writing. **Katy Halliburton**, MDiv Columbia Theological Seminary, was our guest

preacher during UCC Women's month. Our second annual Gospel Music Sunday filled the sanctuary with energy and praise. We are grateful to God for guest director **Neil**

**Brown's** grace-filled leadership. And thank you to our musicians and singers who worked to make this service come to life. **Sara Doud & Sue Prendinger** led Part II of the 3rd Grade Bible Workshop. Seven Sunday school teachers volunteered for session 2. Office volunteers for a recent mailing were **John Shada, Lois Benson, Jane Gazal, Ann Skinner, Ruth & Neil Lehmkuhl, and Nancy Henjum.**

On our first Sunday at Shove we held the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. We are thankful for the outgoing council leadership of **Andrea Barker, Lee Lehmkuhl, & Jane Gazal.** Church Council members presented an inspiring Annual Meeting

highlighting among other things our stewardship campaign, a balanced budget, and a capital campaign initiative.

### Prayers...

In the last month we remembered in prayer: **Karin Henriksen** and family on the loss of Karin's mother Feb. 8; **Victoria Hansen**, whose eye was damaged; **Fran Gilliland**, who had been hospitalized and now is at home with her daughter, **Marsha Garrett**, for recuperation; **Kris Jones'** father of NH; **Joan Loecker's** brother, **Jud Reaney**, receiving radiation therapy; **Don Skarke, Wanda's** husband, who had surgery and was diagnosed with a chronic illness; **Rick Purinton's Aunt Reno**, who was diagnosed with breast cancer; **Ann Howard** and family on the loss of her grand-nephew **Devin Giblin** of Cypress TX on Jan. 29; the



**Stauffer Family**, who lost **Dan Stauffer** on Jan. 21; **Jerusha Goebel**, on the loss of her great-nephew **Abbot Wyatt**, age 2, of TX.

### Celebrations...

We celebrated the homecoming of **Aaron Holslag**, who returned to the US from Iraq. His mother, **Lynn Halloway**, thanked the congregation for their prayers and support while Aaron was deployed. **Stephen Scott** premiered his new work on the bowed piano on Feb.10. **Kelli Scarborough, Del Hokanson, and Christy Kessler** assisted in hosting in our church **Maya Hetman's** Ethiopian Culture Class for Ethiopian children. Maya has since found a more permanent home for her class and we celebrate her ministry as it continues.

## Mission Activities (Continued from Page 1)

### Faith Formation

- Souper Bowl Offering the first Sunday in February with proceeds benefiting Marian House and Colorado College Community Kitchen
- Our Whole Lives: Sexuality and Our Faith program is the only Christian-based comprehensive sexuality program in the city and has been promoted to and includes non-members
- Children of our church served at annual Citizen's Project Creating Community Breakfast
- Special offering in the summer supported the Catamount Institute
- Youth Group made multiple visits to nursing homes
- Youth Groups invited all members to join in this year's community CROP Walk
- Mitten Tree with new or like-new mittens, hats, gloves, scarves and jackets

benefited Urban Peak of Colorado Springs (serving homeless teenagers)

- Advent canned food labyrinth benefited a new Westside Cares Food Pantry

### Church Council

- Sponsored (at the Platinum level) the Colorado Springs Juneteenth celebration, organized by the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- Sponsored NAACP's Freedom Fund Gala
- Co-sponsored ad with other ONA churches in OutFront Colorado

### Music & Arts

- Handbell Choirs performed at various Nursing Homes
- Flute Choir performed at Retirement Centers

### Other Committees

- Prayer Shawl Ministry donated shawls to TESSA (serving victims of intimate partner abuse) and to Aggie's Orphanage in Uganda
- Plymouth Circle assembled stockings to be donated through the Salvation Army
- Stephen Ministers began to offer spiritual companionship to non-church members
- Justice & Peace Committee hosted its annual Micah 6 Dinner to recognize community advocates for justice work

### Individuals

- Heifer Project Living Market during the weeks leading up to Christmas
- Cambodian Scarves sold to benefit Mekong Cooperative
- Southern Colorado AIDS Project (SCAP) Christmas gift-giving program
- Christmas gift-giving

program to benefit Partners-in-Housing and North Middle School

### Facility

Our church's facility is made available at no charge to organizations that share the values of First Congregational Church:

- Out Loud: The Colorado Springs Men's Chorus
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)
- Visually-Impaired Counseling Services
- Doula (Birth Coach) Training and Support
- Gamblers Anonymous
- Nicotine Anonymous
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- La Leche League

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## Men and Women are NOT the Same!

By Nancy Lippincott, Health Ministry Chair

That is, when they have a heart attack.

In recent years, as the incidence of heart disease for women has almost matched that of men, so has the rate of heart disease and heart attacks risen for both. The facts are that heart disease is the #1 killer of men and women in the US and is much higher than in all other countries because of our eating habits and sedentary lifestyles.

Under-treatment and under-diagnosis of heart disease in women means that 50,000 *more women than men* die of heart disease every year. The biggest challenge now is to recognize how a heart attack presents for both men and women, and because the differences are important, thus the separate charts on the left and right.

When to call 911:

**Immediately** if you have a new onset of the symptoms described on the left or right. **DO NOT WAIT.** Stay on the line while the dispatcher asks you what is going on, and your name and address. At the same time, the dispatcher will dispatch both the Fire Department and an ambulance to you, wherever you are. The dispatcher may ask you to unlock the nearest outside door and then lie

down on the floor. The dispatcher will continue to support you while you wait for help. The first thing that a paramedic will do is to put you on oxygen.

If you have had *fleeting* symptoms such as any of those described to the left or right, call your doctor and ask for an immediate appointment. The office may send you to the emergency room of the hospital, depending on your symptoms, or ask you to come into the office. It could be that you might have the beginnings of heart disease, and the doctor can determine that and get you started on medical care. Denial of one's symptoms is very common. Be smart and ask for an appointment.

*Finally, the Health Ministry Committee invites you to the second of two lectures given by Larry Cohen, M.D. on Tuesday, March 15, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. You can register online at the FCC website. For further questions, contact Nancy at [NLppnctt@aol.com](mailto:NLppnctt@aol.com).*

### Presenting symptoms for both men and women

#### (but women have milder symptoms):

- Chest pain and/or squeezing pain radiating to neck, jaw, shoulder, back, or arms
- Feeling of pounding or a change of rhythm in the heart
- Shortness of breath
- Heartburn, nausea, vomiting, belly pain
- Cold sweats or clammy skin

### Presenting symptoms for women:

- Sudden onset of profound weakness or fatigue (key importance)
- Unusual feeling or mild discomfort/pressure in the back or shoulder
- Shortness of breath
- Overall feeling of sudden illness
- Dizziness
- Sleep disturbance
- Indigestion or heartburn
- Milder versions of the presenting symptoms for both men and women (see left)



# Noted Public Theologian Susan Brooks Thislethwaite to Give James W. White Lectureship April 29-May 1, 2011

By Lois Matthews, Lectureship Committee

**WHAT:** *Where the Weird Things Are: How the Internet is Changing American Religion and Politics*

**WHEN:** Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Cornerstone Arts Building at Colorado College

Saturday Workshop Topics at First Congregational Church:

- Public Theology: How Religious Progressives Can Communicate With and Influence the Public Square
- National Security: New Directions in Peace and Conflict Reduction

Sunday Worship: Dr. Thislethwaite will preach at both services

During her weekend lectureship, Dr. Susan Brooks Thislethwaite will focus on major issues in what she calls a new public theology—how images and stories in our Internet-driven culture are becoming the “stuff” of theology. Religion, she says, is rooted in the deep stories we tell ourselves, and how we tell them to ourselves in cyberspace. She will discuss the impact of these digital communications on religious experience, pointing out that they

either can sabotage justice and peace or advance a progressive message.

Her most recent book, *Dreaming of Eden: American Religion and Politics in a Wired World*, will serve as a basis for some of her remarks. The book is published by Palgrave MacMillan.

Thislethwaite is a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress and is a weekly contributor to the Washington Post’s online *On Faith* section. She writes about how a resurgent right wing is using “values,” especially religious values, in an attempt to undermine progressive policies on the economy, the environment, and national security.

She says, “It’s more important than ever to have a clear analysis of how these reactionary messages are conveyed in the digital age, and to develop powerful, religiously insightful, and positive alternatives.”

In addition to her association with the Center for American Progress, Thislethwaite is Professor of Theology at Chicago Theological Seminary and was its President between 1998 and 2008. An ordained minister of the United Church of Christ since 1974, she is the

author or editor of numerous books and has worked on two translations of the Bible. She is a frequent media commentator on religion and public events.

Thislethwaite serves on the boards of the Center for American Progress, Faith in Public Life, the Interfaith Youth Core and the Medill Center for Religion in the News Media. She has a Ph.D. degree from Duke University, a Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Smith College.

Articles by Thislethwaite can be accessed at <http://www.americanprogress.org/experts/thistlethwaitesusan.html>.

Her column can be accessed at [http://www.onfaith.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/susan\\_brooks\\_thistlethwaite](http://www.onfaith.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/susan_brooks_thistlethwaite).





## OWL is in Flight Again

By Del Hokanson, Education Coordinator

Six years ago FCC began offering "Our Whole Lives - Sexuality and Our Faith" to the young people in our church. During March, April, and May of this year, we will offer the OWL curriculum designed for Kindergarten / grade 1 (K-1), and grades 5 / 6.

"Our Whole Lives - Sexuality and Our Faith" is a comprehensive, faith-based, sexuality education curriculum which addresses the totality of human sexuality in an age-appropriate manner. It is committed to helping children grow up to be loving and responsible, and also responsive in human relationships. The values underlying the curriculum are:

- All children should be loved and cared for, respected, and valued as unique individuals.
- Sexuality is a natural and healthy part of living. Children learn about sexuality beginning at birth and continue to learn throughout their lives.
- Children learn about sexuality from how people touch them, talk with them, and expect them to behave as males and females. The messages that children

receive affect their future attitudes, values, and behaviors.

- Information about sexuality, human development, and sexual health should be presented to children in positive, accurate, and developmentally appropriate ways.
- Parents are their children's most important sexuality educators. The larger community of educators, caregivers, and health professionals can also have a positive influence on children's sexuality.

We are so fortunate that your pledges have enabled FCC to nationally certify two more members as the current grades 5/6 OWL facilitators. Jean Hagerman is a D20 middle school science teacher, while Rick Shick is an engineer and math tutor. Facilitators for the K / 1 program are Peggy Lovelace, a social worker, and Pete Hokanson, a retired high school English teacher. The four of them have been contacting families and facilitating mandatory parent meetings. They have been building relationships and awareness in preparation for

the classes with children, which begin in April. They will be held on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. for K/1 and at 12:30 p.m. for grades 5/6.

The OWL steering committee, led by Sara Qualls, has recently re-energized, developing new and evolving visions for OWL in this community. As "Our Whole Lives" suggests, there are curriculums serving all stages of human life, and the committee is eager to hear from people who may be interested in:

- Being trained as a facilitator for one of the 5 developmental curriculums - we want to be able to nurture Young Adult and Adult programs while also increasing "the bench" for existing programs
- Becoming involved with the Steering Committee and supporting this vital and central ministry within this community

Come share the transforming power and joy of "Our Whole Lives."

Contact Sara Qualls: [squalls@uccs.edu](mailto:squalls@uccs.edu) or 630-1737 or Del Hokanson: [del@fcucc.org](mailto:del@fcucc.org) or 635-3549 for more information.



## Mission Activities (Continued from Page 5)

### Mission Giving Funds

The Church Council and Mission Giving & Outreach Committee distributed \$118,906.68 in Mission Giving offerings, including:

- \$57,180.54 in OCWM Basic Support of Wider Settings (Association, Conference, National, Global) of the United Church of Christ. In 2010, we were the top-giving church in the Rocky Mountain Conference and within the top 50 nationally.
- \$3247.95 to the Interfaith Hospitality Network
- \$3000 to Chicago Theological Seminary (as our CUE commitment)
- Granted \$5500 in

scholarships to 6 seminarians

- \$200 to the Acacia Hotel
- \$9605.19 to Ecumenical Social Ministries
- \$28,800 in grants to 14 local non-profits:
  - \$1800 to Westside Cares
  - \$1800 to CASA of the Pikes Peak Region
  - \$1800 to SET Medical Clinics
  - \$1800 to Pikes Peak Justice & Peace Commission
  - \$1800 to Greccio Housing
  - \$1800 to Partners in Housing
  - \$1800 to Mission Medical Clinic
  - \$1800 to Southern Colorado AIDS Project

- \$1800 to Inside/Out Youth Services
- \$1800 to TESSA of Colorado Springs
- \$1800 to Habitat for Humanity of the Pikes Peak region
- \$1800 to Safe Passage
- \$1800 to TLC Pharmacy
- \$1800 to Urban Peak of Colorado Springs
- \$8000 to 4 non-local organizations:
  - \$2000 to La Puente Home
  - \$2000 to Dille-Dunbar Fund (Angola)
  - \$2000 to the New Hope Orphanage (Uganda)
  - \$2000 to Melel School (Mexico)

**MARCH WORSHIP**

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

**March 6 – Transfiguration Sunday –**  
11:00 a.m. at Shove Memorial Chapel. Today is the 9<sup>th</sup> and Last Sunday after Epiphany, also known as Transfiguration Sunday. We continue to worship at 11:00 in Shove Memorial Chapel on the Colorado College campus. We celebrate Holy Communion, The Joyful Noise Children’s Choir joins the Chancel Choir, and Rev. Broadbent preaches a sermon on Matthew’s account of the Transfiguration of Jesus.

*LENT – A 40-day season of fasting and contemplation that begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes at sunrise on Easter morning. This year, over the 6 weeks of Lent, we will be following the “Rediscovering Values” resource from Sojourners ([www.sojo.net](http://www.sojo.net)).*

**March 9 – Ash Wednesday –**  
Service with Imposition of Ashes at Noon and 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel at First Congregational Church

**March 13 – First Sunday in Lent –**  
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. at First Congregational Church. Today Daylight Savings Time begins. Don’t forget to “spring forward.” Today we experience the story of Jesus’ time in the desert following his baptism found in Matthew 4:1-11. Drawing upon the “Rediscovering Values” resource, Rev. Benjamin Broadbent preaches on the meanings of “Fasting and Idolatry.”

**March 17 – Weekly Lenten Service of Taizé Prayer –**  
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**March 20 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent –**  
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. at First Congregational Church. We continue our Lenten theme today with the story of Nicodemus found in John 3:1-7 and Rev. Jacque Franklin preaches on the meanings of “Transformation and Conversion.”

**March 24 – Weekly Lenten Service of Taizé Prayer –**  
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**March 27 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent –**  
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. at First Congregational Church. Today we hear the story of the people quarreling with Moses as found in Exodus 17:1-7 and consider the meanings of “Faith and Contentment.”

**March 31 – Weekly Lenten Service of Taizé Prayer –**  
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**BIRTHDAYS**

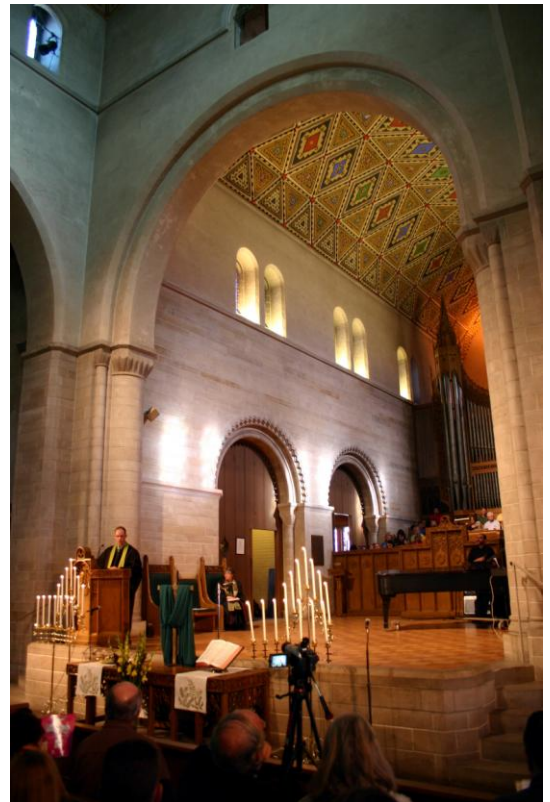
- 3/1 Rosemary DeBacker
- 3/2 Jocelyn Bakkemo
- 3/2 Lynn Barber
- 3/2 Catherine Malek
- 3/2 Christiaan Steenbergen
- 3/3 Charles Burkett
- 3/3 Brad Marten
- 3/3 Christian Ridings
- 3/4 Lori Miskel
- 3/5 Bill Barton
- 3/5 A.K. Kulp
- 3/5 Neil Lehmkuhl
- 3/5 Eva Starr-Kerr
- 3/6 Becky Weiss
- 3/7 Regina Rodriguez
- 3/8 Christian Bonfiglio
- 3/8 Bob Howard
- 3/8 Bryan Olesen-Phelps
- 3/9 Jon Doud
- 3/9 Megan Doud
- 3/9 Karen Walter
- 3/10 Chris Bjork
- 3/10 Quinn Turner
- 3/10 George Waterhouse
- 3/10 Patti White
- 3/11 Beverly Elwell-Ridings
- 3/11 Ted Lindeman
- 3/11 Mandy Todd Moore
- 3/12 Katie Law
- 3/13 Sharon Harrison
- 3/13 Amanda May
- 3/13 Jay Norman
- 3/13 Jack Rayner
- 3/13 Sylvia Strubel
- 3/14 Isaac Brown
- 3/14 Jane Gazal
- 3/14 Frank Koenigsamen
- 3/15 Rose Enyeart
- 3/15 Meaghan Griffith
- 3/16 Deirdre Gilbert
- 3/16 Rosemary Landon
- 3/16 Dave Seyfert
- 3/16 Lisa Taylor
- 3/16 Sandy Wolczak
- 3/17 Ann Rule
- 3/17 Mollie Wolf
- 3/18 Amy Colwell
- 3/18 Robert Escobar
- 3/18 Graham Harper
- 3/18 Nate Palarino
- 3/18 Peter Tynan
- 3/18 Timothy Tynan
- 3/19 Daniel Griffith
- 3/19 J.K. Schofield
- 3/20 Drew Robinson
- 3/21 Della Lane
- 3/21 Grace Ridings
- 3/21 Hannah Ward
- 3/21 Ben Young
- 3/22 Wilbur Green
- 3/22 Levi Lubin
- 3/22 Robin McPherson
- 3/22 Kristin Parrinella
- 3/23 Minette Church
- 3/23 Emma Cochrane
- 3/25 Royce Field

**BIRTHDAYS (CONTINUED)**

- 3/26 Barbara Niemiec
- 3/26 Michelle Reed
- 3/26 Ariel Weiss
- 3/27 Barbara Bailey
- 3/27 Ryan Doud
- 3/27 Ann Skinner
- 3/28 Daphne Greenwood
- 3/28 Charles Martin
- 3/28 Mark Schaefer
- 3/29 Kara Sloan
- 3/31 Mark Brown
- 3/31 Tom Wenzlau

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3/1 Susan Miller & Tom Healy
- 3/11 Heather & David Kopp
- 3/12 Ila & Ray Almond
- 3/20 Joan Hance & Bill Stookey
- 3/20 Nance & Sam McCullough
- 3/20 Betsy & Howard Zub
- 3/22 Susan & Matthew Turner
- 3/23 Jan Erickson & Jon Thomas
- 3/23 Sharon & Jeffrey Stine
- 3/24 Deidre & Sam Schoolcraft
- 3/29 Amanda & Brian Kerrigan
- 3/30 Marcy & Paul McNeill



\*Shove Memorial Chapel is on the Colorado College campus, N. Nevada Ave., between Cache la Poudre & San Rafael. We are worshipping at Shove through March 6 as workers complete the floor and reinstall the pews at First Congregational.



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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, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:janedwarren@gmail.com).