

Christ Church CONNECTIONS

CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST, 690 COLORADO BLVD., DENVER 80206



Christ Church United Methodist: A Reconciling Congregation



✧ December Events ✧



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Join us Saturday morning, December 5, as we decorate the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons. This is an event for all ages, and will include special craft activities for the kids, a soup and bread lunch and a brief time of worship to commemorate the season.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

During the 10:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 13, the chancel will transform into a live nativity, featuring our children and youth. Special music provided by the Christ Church Children's Choir, directed by Joy Jenkins.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Invite your family & friends to our candlelight worship celebration on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 7:00 p.m. The service will feature our special Christmas Eve Communion liturgy and music from the Chancel Choir.

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Christ Church is a United Methodist congregation committed to theological pluralism and cultural inclusiveness. Our faith community encourages a thoughtful approach to religion, taking seriously both the heart and the mind in nurturing the spirit. We strive to meet the world around us with compassion and love. We seek wholeness in living by working to identify, articulate, and act on the connections between our personal lives and the world around us.

Our hope is that you will find here a Christian community of integrity that will challenge you and encourage you in your spiritual journey. We offer many opportunities for congregational involvement and community service. We invite you to be a part of our congregation.

✧ Water Words ✧

A monthly column by Christ Church pastor, Rev. Carolyn Waters

As we enter the holy day and holiday seasons of Advent and Christmas...

May we all remember that we have enough; there is more than enough to go around.

Not just enough food for the table, or enough money for the gifts.

But we have enough time for the things that need our attention.

We have enough vision to see those who have needs.

We have enough patience for the impatience of children.

We have enough heart to listen to the hurting hearts of others.

We have enough clothes to shed some and give away.

We have enough spirit to lift up the downtrodden.

And we have a big enough table providing room for any who are hungry.

And that my friends, is what the Kingdom of God looks like, enough... more than enough to go around.

As you prepare for the Celebration of the Birth of the Christ Child, celebrate what's right about Christmas. Celebrate the blessings and the opportunities and the freedom we have to give individual expression to our faith. Celebrate the fullness of time! Celebrate the many people and activities that fill your life! Celebrate all that is a reflection of the goodness and presence of God in our world.

—Carolyn Waters

✧ Stewardship Committee ✧

As you know, we are completing the Stewardship Campaign to fund the Church for 2010. So far, we have received 65 pledge cards for a total commitment of \$131,885. This represents less than half of the number of pledge cards that we anticipate receiving. The Finance Committee is meeting this Sunday, December 6, to draft next year's budget. We need to know what our pledge income will be to plan the budget. If you have not returned your pledge card, would you please either bring it on Sunday or mail it to the church today?

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Sincerely,

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Sunday Morning Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School

& Adult Education

10:15 a.m. WORSHIP

11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour

Church Office Hours:

9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon;

1:00 — 3:00 p.m.

Monday—Thursday

CLOSED on Friday

Announcements

- In August 1951, **Irma Simpson** helped establish the Aurora-based Beta Rho Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho sorority. Last month she was the guest of honor at the sorority's Founders Day Brunch. Simpson, who recently turned 90, joined Sigma Gamma Rho in 1941 as a student at Philander Smith College in Arkansas. She also was recognized as a Cultural Pearl, an honor given to 50-year members, as Sigma Gamma Rho's national convention last year.
- **Thank you to Bill Selby** for his work on the Christ Church grounds, and to **Charles Aughenbaugh** for painting the Christ Church office!



Cares & Concerns

- **Claire McTiernan's brother** recently passed away in Sheridan, Wyoming. Claire appreciates your prayers at this time. Cards may be sent to: 742 S. Moline St., Aurora, CO 80012.
- **Neva Windbigler** suffered a fall last month. She is rehabilitating at Villa Manor, 7950 West Alameda Ave. in Lakewood, Room #61, Bed A. Phone number for Villa Manor is 303-986-4511.
- **Edith Sullivan** is a homebound member of Christ Church who would appreciate calls, cards, and visits: 1155 Ash St, #401, Denver, CO 80220, 303-377-5072.

✧ Community Life ✧

ADULT SEMINAR SPEAKERS

December 6: "Today's Health Issues" with Dr. Don Smith. **December 13:** "Medicine and Motherhood" with Dr. Kirsten Lund. Adult Seminar will not be held December 20 & 27.

WARREN VILLAGE HOLIDAY SHOPS

The Social Action Committee is collecting for the Warren Village Holiday Shops, which allows parents in need an opportunity to give gifts to children at the same time the children are able to choose gifts for their parents. The committee is collecting new, unwrapped toys and gift items that can be dropped off at the church or delivered directly to Warren Village (1300 Gilpin St.) by December 12. Also needed are tape, wrapping paper and tags.

CHRIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to all who brought food for our In-Gathering in November! Many people are coming to the church doors for food – the economic plight has been hard on more families than in the past. As you are shopping during the holiday season, and if you are able, please grab an extra can or two of food to bring in for those in need. So many are appreciative of our help. Thank you!
—Cle Lewis

✧ United Methodist Women ✧

UMW VIBE Circle will meet Monday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Julie Zerbe (11 South Ivy St., Denver). Please bring a Christmas ornament or other Christmas decoration that has special meaning to you or has a "story" surrounding it and be prepared to share the story. **UMW Mission Team** will not meet in December.

The UMW Annual Meeting was held November 15 with a potluck lunch and speaker Pastor Steve Johnsen from Inner City Parish. It was well attended despite the weather and we all enjoyed Pastor Steve's ICP stories.

UMW Officers 2010: Margaret Simmons (President), Laurie Fujinami (Vice President), Diane Lewis (Secretary), Marlene Koehler (Treasurer), Sharon Downing (Program Resources), Julie Zerbe (Spiritual Growth), Marilyn Degginger & Anne Stonington (Social Action), Michelle Michaels (Membership Nurture & Outreach), Lorrie Wright (Publicity & Public Relations), and Katherine Turpin & Dorothy Phillips (Nominating Committee).

Upcoming: Bi-annual Valentine Tea will be held Saturday, February 13, 2010.
—Sheryl Byers

Christ Church Calendar: December 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Christ Church Connections Deadline for January article submissions: December 20, 2009 Submit articles to: briggs@christchurchcolorado.org</p>		<p>1 • 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>2 • 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir • 7:00 p.m. Dances for Universal Peace</p>	<p>3 • 3:00 p.m. Neuropathy Support • 5:30 p.m. Mosaic Youth Chorus • 6:00 p.m. Easting Disorder Support</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 • 9:00 a.m. Debtors Anonymous • 10:30 a.m. Hanging of the Greens</p>
<p>6 • 9:00 a.m. Education Hour • 10:15 a.m. Worship • 11:15 a.m. Coffee • 11:30 a.m. Welcoming Committee • 6:30 p.m. Denver Gay Men's Chorus</p>	<p>7 • 4:00 p.m. Rocky Mountain Children's Choir</p>	<p>8 • 6:00 p.m. Children's Ed • 7:00 p.m. Ad Board</p>	<p>9 • 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir • 7:00 p.m. Dances for Universal Peace</p>	<p>10 • 5:30 p.m. Mosaic Youth Chorus • 6:00 p.m. Easting Disorder Support</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 • 9:00 a.m. Debtors Anonymous</p>
<p>13 • 9:00 a.m. Education Hour • 10:15 a.m. Worship • 11:15 a.m. Coffee</p>	<p>14 • 4:00 p.m. Rocky Mountain Children's Choir</p>	<p>15 • 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>16 • 11:00 a.m. Lions Club • 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir • 7:00 p.m. Dances for Universal Peace</p>	<p>17 • 3:00 p.m. Neuropathy Support • 5:30 p.m. Mosaic Youth Chorus • 6:00 p.m. Easting Disorder Support</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 • 9:00 a.m. Debtors Anonymous</p>
<p>20 • 9:00 a.m. Education Hour • 10:15 a.m. Worship • 11:15 a.m. Coffee</p>	<p>21 • 7:00 p.m. UMW VIBE Circle (offsite)</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 • 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir • 7:00 p.m. Dances for Universal Peace</p>	<p>24 • 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day (CCUM Office closed through Jan. 4, 2010)</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 • 10:15 a.m. Worship • 11:15 a.m. Coffee</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 • 7:00 p.m. Dances for Universal Peace</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>SAVE THE DATE! Christ Church Visionaries: Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010, all day retreat</p>	