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# Christ Church CONNECTIONS

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



*Christ Church United Methodist: A Reconciling Congregation*

## ✧ Holy Week ✧

Christ Church will be holding several special Holy Week events beginning on Palm Sunday, March 28. We hope you will be able to join us as we commemorate Holy Week and prepare for the celebration of Easter!

Palm Sunday, March 28, 9:00 a.m.

**Children's Art Day**

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.

**Seder Meal & Tenebrae Service**

Holy Saturday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt**

Easter Sunday, April 4, 9:00 & 10:15 a.m.

**Two celebratory Easter worship services!**

## ✧ War & Peace ✧

every Thursday evening during Lent  
7:00—8:00 p.m. in the Chapel

March 11 — *War & Peace with Bonhoeffer*

March 18 — *Concepts of a Just War with Bush & Obama*

March 25 — *Panel discussion on supporting our veterans.*

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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.

## ✧ Social Action ✧

### RAISE THE ROOF!

The Social Action committee would like to announce Christ Church's participation in the sponsorship program for Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver's current Bails Town Home Community build. The town homes are being constructed near I-25 & Colorado and will provide an opportunity for homeownership for 24 families. CCUM will contribute to this unique project with funds from the Mission budget and with volunteer hours (CCUM build days are April 17 and 24 & May 1 and 15). Please stop by the display in the Narthex for more information about our exciting partnership with Habitat or e-mail the committee for details at <ccumsocialaction@gmail.com>.

### CCUM FOOD PANTRY

"If a brother or sister lacks food and one of you says, 'go in peace' and yet do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? Faith if it has no works is dead."—James 2:15-17. Help Christ Church to meet the immediate needs of those who come to our doors hungry. Pick up a few extra items the next time you are grocery shopping and place them in the shopping cart in the Narthex. Every month we will have a "food item of the month" to keep our food pantry stocked with the most needed foods. March's Food Item of the Month: Canned Meat.

### FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Did you know that you are supporting Fairly Traded products every time you enjoy a cup of coffee or hot chocolate during fellowship hour? Supporting fair trade is another way to help people in need around the world. You can help the Social Action committee continue this ministry by contributing donations to our "Coffee Pot" when you fill up cup on Sunday. Thanks in advance for you help!  
—Kristen Hampton

## ✧ Maundy Thursday Seder ✧

This year Christ Church will once again commemorate Maundy Thursday, April 1, by hosting a Passover Seder Meal in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a brief Tenebrae worship service in the Sanctuary. Passover is the oldest and most important religious festival in Judaism, commemorating God's deliverance of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt and the creation of the Israelite people. The Seder is a re-telling of the deliverance story utilizing ritual and symbolism throughout the course of the meal.

The Seder is an inter-generational family event; children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate. To facilitate the organization of the Seder meal, please let us know that you are planning to attend by signing the Seder Meal Reservation List available in the church narthex on Sunday mornings in March. Plan now to attend this year's Maundy Thursday Seder Meal on April 1 at 6:30 p.m.!

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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

## Joys & Announcements

- **Jane Smith** was presented the “Quiet Disciple” award at the annual Metro District Conference on Feb. 27!
- Congratulations to **Jennifer Howell and Howard Wright**, who were married on February 6 at in a ceremony led by Eric Strader at Christ Church.
- Congratulations to **Becca Beall and Chad Ochsner** who have announced a wedding date of October 9, 2010, in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.
- Help us decorate the Christ Church sanctuary with gorgeous hydrangeas on Easter Sunday! Pick up an order form on Sunday morning or contact the church office to order your flowers.



## Cares & Concerns

- **Virginia Glist** recently suffered a broken hip. Cards may be sent to: University of Colorado Hospital, 13001 E 17th Place, Aurora 80045 Room 1205.
- **Neva Windbigler** may now be contacted with cards and well-wishes at the following address: Family Assisted Living, 2948 Routh Circle, Lakewood, 80125-7028.
- Continue to keep **Bonnie Wittlesey** in your prayers. Cards may be sent to: 7877 E. Mississippi, #707E, Denver 80247.

## ✧ Community Life ✧

### ADULT SEMINAR

Sunday, March 7 & 14 — Dr. John Kane, Professor of Religious Studies, Regis University, will speak on the topic “Lament & Hope: Thoughts on Roman Catholicism in the US.” Sunday, March 21 — our own Roger Cawthon, Director of Mentor Counseling, Denver Seminary, will speak on the topic, “Affirming the Divine Presence.” Adult Seminar is held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Christ Church Chapel.

### CHILDREN’S CHOIR ROBES PROJECT

The Children’s Education Committee is continuing to hold their Children’s Choir Robes project in March. We are asking you to help in one of two ways: 1) Pay for a choir robe to be made for the children (total cost is \$40 per robe), and/or 2) take a ready-to-make packet and sew a robe for the children! Please help us reach our goal of 20 robes for the choir!

### CHILDREN’S ART DAY

Join us during the Sunday School Hour on Palm Sunday, March 28, for a special day where the Christ Church kids will express their faith in paint and art. The kids will be painting expressions of resurrection and Christ with us. These art paintings will decorate the hallway in the basement. Each child will have their very own canvas plus everyone will contribute to one giant painting. Parents, some additional help will be needed this Sunday. If you are free, please contact Eric Strader at [estrader@christchurchcolorado.org](mailto:estrader@christchurchcolorado.org). There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 4.

—Eric Strader

## ✧ United Methodist Women ✧

The UMW Mission Administrative Team will meet on Monday, March 1, in the Adult Study Room at the church at 7:00 p.m.

VIBE Circle meeting will be held at the church in the Adult Study Room on Monday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m.

Metro District Spiritual Life Retreat, “Rest, Reflect, Renew,” will be held on March 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Lakewood United Methodist Church, 1390 Brentwood, Lakewood, CO. The speaker will be Rev. Michelle Odell. Reservations are not required.

Annual Conference / UMW Spiritual Life Retreat will be held at the YMCA in Estes Park on April 24 and 25. Bishop Elaine Stanovsky will be the keynote speaker. The conference theme is “Breath of Life — A holy conspiracy with God.” Information and reservations available by contacting Margaret Simmons at 303-287-1119. The deadline for reservations in March 12.

—Lorrie Wright

# Christ Church Calendar: March 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 p.m. Rocky Mountain Children's Choir</li> <li>7:00 p.m. UMW Mission Team</li> </ul>	<b>2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</li> </ul>	<b>3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 p.m. Dances for Universal Peace</li> <li>7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir</li> </ul>	<b>4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3:00 p.m. Neuropathy Support</li> <li>5:30 p.m. Mosaic Youth Chorus</li> <li>6:00 p.m. Easting Disorder Support</li> <li>7:00 p.m. War &amp; Peace Lenten study</li> </ul>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 a.m. Debtors Anonymous</li> </ul>
<b>7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 a.m. Education Hour</li> <li>10:15 a.m. Worship</li> <li>11:15 a.m. Coffee</li> <li>11:30 a.m. Social Action Committee</li> </ul>	<b>8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 p.m. Rocky Mountain Children's Choir</li> </ul>	<b>9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 p.m. Children's Ed Committee</li> <li>6:00 p.m. Trustees</li> <li>7:00 p.m. Steering Committee</li> <li>7:00 p.m. Program Committee</li> </ul>	<b>10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 p.m. Dances for Universal Peace</li> <li>7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir</li> </ul>	<b>11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 p.m. Mosaic Youth Chorus</li> <li>6:00 p.m. Easting Disorder Support</li> <li>7:00 p.m. War &amp; Peace Lenten study</li> </ul>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 a.m. Trustees Work Day</li> <li>9:00 a.m. Debtors Anonymous</li> </ul>
<b>14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 a.m. Education Hour</li> <li>10:15 a.m. Worship</li> <li>11:15 a.m. Coffee</li> <li>11:30 a.m. Welcoming training</li> <li>6:30 p.m. Denver Gay Men's Chorus</li> </ul> <p><b>DST Begins — Spring Forward!</b></p>	<b>15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 p.m. Rocky Mountain Children's Choir</li> <li>7:00 p.m. UMW VIBE Circle</li> </ul>	<b>16</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</li> </ul>	<b>17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 a.m. Lions Club</li> <li>7:00 p.m. Dances for Universal Peace</li> <li>7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir</li> </ul>	<b>18</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3:00 p.m. Neuropathy Support</li> <li>5:30 p.m. Mosaic Youth Chorus</li> <li>6:00 p.m. Easting Disorder Support</li> <li>6:00 p.m. Program Committee</li> <li>7:00 p.m. War &amp; Peace Lenten study</li> </ul>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 a.m. Debtors Anonymous</li> </ul>
<b>21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 a.m. Education Hour</li> <li>10:15 a.m. Worship</li> <li>11:15 a.m. Coffee</li> <li>11:30 a.m. Adult Ed</li> <li>11:30 a.m. Worship Committee</li> <li>6:30 p.m. Denver Gay Men's Chorus</li> </ul>	<b>22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 p.m. Rocky Mountain Children's Choir</li> </ul>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 p.m. Dances for Universal Peace</li> <li>7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir</li> </ul>	<b>25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 p.m. Mosaic Youth Chorus</li> <li>6:00 p.m. Easting Disorder Support</li> <li>7:00 p.m. War &amp; Peace Lenten study</li> </ul>	<b>26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal</li> </ul>	<b>27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 a.m. Debtors Anonymous</li> <li>11:00 a.m. Wedding</li> </ul>
<b>28 Palm Sunday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 a.m. Children's Art Day (no Adult Seminar)</li> <li>10:15 a.m. Worship</li> <li>11:15 a.m. Coffee</li> <li>6:30 p.m. Denver Gay Men's Chorus</li> </ul>	<b>29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 p.m. Rocky Mountain Children's Choir</li> <li>6:00 p.m. Welcoming Committee</li> </ul>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 p.m. Dances for Universal Peace</li> <li>7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir</li> </ul>	<p><b>Christ Church Connections</b>  <b>Deadline for April article submissions:</b>  <b>March 20, 2010</b>                  Submit articles to:  <a href="mailto:briggs@christchurchcolorado.org">briggs@christchurchcolorado.org</a></p>		