

Christ Church CONNECTIONS

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



Christ Church United Methodist: A Reconciling Congregation

✧ October Events ✧

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Please join us on Sunday, October 4, as we celebrate World Communion in our regular 10:15 a.m. worship service. Then return to Christ Church at 2:00 p.m. with your furry family members for a Blessing of the Animals service in the parking lot!

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday Oct. 31, 3:00—4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For everyone in the church: kids, parents, singles, couples, young, middle, old, visitors, friends — ALL ARE INVITED!

The Children's Education Committee is planning this great event! Please bring donations of wrapped candy on the two Sundays before the party: Oct. 18 & 25.



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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

Sunday, September 20, 2009: It's Sunday Night!

Day 4 of the Ireland Pilgrimage took us to the West Coast! But not before stopping at Clonmacnoise! Perhaps the most popular and most visited monastery in Ireland. It was a wonderful hour on the Shannon River... with crosses and towers and one of the sites the Pope visited in the late 70s.

But the best part... just walking in the sun, looking at the green and the crosses and the water. Just sitting on a step for 15 minutes was enough to carry me for the next 6 months! REALLY!

One of the best things I remember from Clonmacnoise is the Pilgrim. It's a beautiful wooden statue that greets you as you enter the formal visitors center.

Hands over eyes... Head bowed... Staff in hand....

It's like he is either saying, "Thank God I am here!" or "Oh my God, I can't believe I am here!" or "Who are all these people?"

As we departed to Galway Paul McGlinchey, our guide, "sang" to us! Lovely! An almost "Elvis" or better voice! How did we luck out on this guy?

So... on from there to Galway! The fourth largest city in Ireland, but perhaps one of the most perfect! It's where the locals like to go if they have a holiday. We started our Galway Day off with the final of Ireland football... not anything like US football! Kerry won... much to the dismay of the Cork fans!

So now it's time to say good night! See ya in the morning! —*Carolyn Waters*

*Read more of Rev. Carolyn's Ireland pilgrimage adventures online at:
<irelandpilgrims.blogspot.com>*

✧ United Methodist Women ✧

UMW Mission Team will not meet for October but will meet again Monday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Study Room.

VIBE Circle meeting will be held Monday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Study Room.

The UMW Annual Meeting for the installation of officers will be held Sunday, November 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a potluck lunch meeting after Church. Everyone is welcome. —*Sheryl Byers*

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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

- **Thank you** to everyone who attended the successful Potthoff Lecture Series in September with Rev. Darryl Fairchild!
- **FREE CONCERT with the Denver Gay Men's Chorus!** Join the DGMC and Artistic Director Ben Riggs, with special musical guests the Denver Women's Chorus, for a FREE "Audience Appreciation" concert on Friday, October 16, 8:00 p.m. at Montview Blvd. Presbyterian (1980 Dahlia St.) Take advantage of this unique opportunity to hear one of Denver's finest male choruses with no admission charge! A special reception for the audience will follow the concert.
- **Denver Metro Partners** tutoring group Halloween Party will be held at Christ Church on October 24. If you are able to donate wrapped candy for the party, please bring your items to church on Sunday morning and give them to Sandy Houston.



Cares & Concerns

- **Bonnie Whittlesey** has been in and out of ICU and is now home. Please keep Bonnie and the Whittlesey family in your prayers. Cards may be sent to: 7877 E. Mississippi, #707E, Denver, 80247.

✧ Community Life ✧

YOU ARE INVITED...

To the wedding of Emily Smith and Kevin Sladek in the Christ Church Sanctuary on Saturday, October 10 at 11:00 a.m.. Emily, our daughter, spent her formative years a member of our church, and she would love to share this special time with the CCUM family. A mini-reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. No gifts, please. —*Don & Jane Smith*

ADULT SEMINAR SPEAKERS

October 4 & 11: "Inter-Religious Dialogue: Next Steps" with Dr. Greg Robbins (University of Denver). **October 18 & 25:** "Today's China" with Dr. Doug Allen (University of Denver). Adult Seminar is held every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Christ Church chapel.

COFFEEHOUSE THEOLOGY

Coffeehouse Theology meets in the Upper Room on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:00 a.m. In October we will be focusing on these theological questions: How do we respond to a history of oppression and violence? How is reformation happening today? What role does knowledge play in faith? These are the tip of the iceberg. All are welcome to join us!

ADULTS (20-25)

Brunch: Join us on Oct. 11 following the service at Hotcakes, 1400 E. 18th, for conversation and food! All are welcome to join us. There will be no Pub Theology in the month of October.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION & YOUTH

Parents' Class: Join us on the third Sunday of the month (Oct. 18) for another discussion on the challenges and graces of parenting. The class meets in the Adult Study Room from 9:15—10:00 a.m. Coffee and baked goods will be provided. Our conversation will focus on Jeanne Harrison Nieuwejaar's book, *The Gift of Faith: Tending the Spiritual Lives of Children*. Contact Katherine Turpin or Sue Lawson with questions.

Communal Worship: On Oct. 25 at 6:00 p.m. we will gather to travel to Littleton UMC for a District Youth Worship Service with youth from other Methodist Churches around the city. Eric needs at least one parent to volunteer to drive and be a sponsor for the event.

RECONCILING MINISTRIES

Reconciling Conversation: Please join Lauren Fortmiller and Pamela Thiele along with others who enjoyed the Reconciling Convocation on Oct. 18 following the worship service in the Naylor Study for conversation about the next step for the Reconciling movement as we continue the work to build an inclusive global United Methodist Church. All are welcome to come listen and share. —*Eric Strader*

Christ Church Calendar: October 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Christ Church Connections Deadline for November article submissions: October 25, 2009 Submit articles to: briggs@christchurchcolorado.org</p>				<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:00 p.m. Neuropathy Support • 5:30 p.m. Mosaic Youth Chorus • 6:00 p.m. Easting Disorder Support 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 a.m. Debtors Anonymous
<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 a.m. Education Hour • 10:15 a.m. Worship • 11:15 a.m. Coffee • 2:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals • 6:30 p.m. Denver Gay Men's Chorus 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00 p.m. Rocky Mountain Children's Choir 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir • 7:00 p.m. Dances for Universal Peace 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 p.m. Mosaic Youth Chorus • 6:00 p.m. Easting Disorder Support 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 a.m. Debtors Anonymous • 11:00 a.m. Smith/Sladek Wedding
<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 a.m. Education Hour • 10:15 a.m. Worship • 11:15 a.m. Coffee • 11:45 a.m. Adult (20-35) Brunch (offsite) • 6:30 p.m. Denver Gay Men's Chorus 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00 p.m. Rocky Mountain Children's Choir 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00 p.m. Children's Ed • 7:00 p.m. Ad Board 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir • 7:00 p.m. Dances for Universal Peace 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:00 p.m. Neuropathy Support • 5:30 p.m. Mosaic Youth Chorus • 6:00 p.m. Easting Disorder Support 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 a.m. Debtors Anonymous
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<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 a.m. Education Hour • 10:15 a.m. Worship • 11:15 a.m. Coffee • 6:00 p.m. Youth district worship (offsite) • 6:30 p.m. Denver Gay Men's Chorus 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00 p.m. Rocky Mountain Children's Choir 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir • 7:00 p.m. Dances for Universal Peace 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 p.m. Mosaic Youth Chorus • 6:00 p.m. Easting Disorder Support 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 a.m. Debtors Anonymous • 3:00 p.m. CCUM Halloween Party (Children's Ed)