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Worship and Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Pete Terpenning, Minister
An Open and Affirming Congregation

# APRIL 2006

# The ECHO

## COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE:

Our church has been asked to provide a crew of 10 to help sort food on Friday, April 14, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Individuals, youth and families are encouraged to participate. Children must be at least 12 years old to work in the warehouse. Families with younger children should call for other special volunteer opportunities. Please call (303-651-2609) or email ( jfingle@hotmail.com ) Jessie Inglefield to reserve your spot!

## FOOD DRIVE GREETERS:

Individuals, youth or families are needed to hand out flyers/ bags at the entrance of grocery stores in Longmont, Niwot or Gunbarrel for the Community Food Share Spring Food Drive. When greeters are present, people donate 3 to 4 times more food. Greeters are needed for 2 - 3 hour shifts from Wednesday, April 12 through Monday, April 24. If interested, call Sue Erickson at CFS, 303-652-3663, ext. 202 for more information.

## COMMUNITY UCC:

Minister: Rev. Pete Terpenning
Administrative Assistants: Sue Hagedorn & Linda Krumpeck
C.E. Coordinator: Karen Sterner-Howe
Youth Group Leader: Jamie Paul
Moderator: Frank Ciskovsky
Narrator: Vicki Tonski
Scribe: Jayson Webb
Treasurer: Carl Love & Kathy Rudge
Financial Secretary: John & Vicky Graham

## SUPPORT UMHE WITH DINNER BY "JOHN'S"

A superb dinner will be served on Saturday, April 8 at St. John's Episcopal Church to all who purchase tickets to the event, which also includes a silent auction. A major fundraiser for United Ministries in Higher Education (UMHE), the dinner has become an annual event for the CU students comprising the organization. (Remember their visit to CUCC in January?) The funds from this year's dinner will go toward expenses of a work-trip to continuing hurricane relief/rebuilding efforts on the Gulf Coast. Get together with friends, and enjoy a fine meal prepared by staff of a premiere Boulder restaurant, JOHN'S (2328 Pearl). For tickets, see Joyce Robertson or Lizka Randall, OR call the UMHE HOUSE, (303) 443-3960. If you cannot attend the dinner, donations are welcomed.

Some sad news, Rev. Tamara Boynton has resigned to move to Arizona with her husband's job transfer and will be leaving us after this year. Come to the dinner and say goodbye to Tamara!

## BENEFIT CONCERT FOR CARRIAGE HOUSE:

The Concert for Carriage House, a day center for the homeless in downtown Boulder, will be on April 22 at 7pm at the First Congregational Church. A Celtic harpist, Thaddeus "Gaffer" Venar, will be performing. Admission is $5.00 with a reception following.

Pete's Letter

Christian Peacemaker Teams

Several Years ago a group of us from our church went down to the Mennonite Church on the Hill to hear two young people speak who had been part of a Christian Peacemaker Team in Iraq. The daughter of the Mennonite pastors (the Goerings) and her husband were the speakers. They told with great emotion about the experience of being in Iraq and how the war was affecting ordinary Iraqis and of the huge American military bases that were being built in the desert. It was, therefore, with particular interest and anxiety that I have been following the fate of the four Christian Peacemakers who were kidnapped in Iraq. Happily, three of them, Jim Looney and Harmeet Soodon of Canada and Dr. Norman Kember of Great Britain were found unharmed by American soldiers, but Tom Fox, the only American, was not so lucky. His tortured body was recovered several weeks ago. I decided to learn about Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT).

In 1984, Ron Sider, a Mennonite pastor speaking at an international Mennonite Assembly in France called for the mobilization of peace armies made up of people willing to risk death by placing themselves between warring parties around the globe. "Unless we are ready to die developing new nonviolent attempts to reduce international conflict, we should confess that we never really meant the cross was an alternative to the sword", he said. This challenge started North American Mennonites to join with the other historic peace churches, the Quakers and Church of the Brethren to create CPT in 1986. With offices in Toronto and Chicago, they now work all over the world in places of conflict. CPT has 40 full time people and 140 reservists who serve for shorter stints. Currently, CPT maintains actions in Iraq and in northern Colombia placing themselves between right-wing paramilitaries and left-wing guerillas, in western Ontario, where a Native tribe is fighting efforts to clear cut its forests and at the US / Mexico border in Arizona where tensions are high over illegal immigration and in Israel and Palestine. The longest term action is in Israel/Palestine where teams have been assaulted by Israeli settlers while accompanying Palestinian children to school, faced machine guns in confrontations between Israelis and Palestinians ridden on Jerusalem busses targeted by Palestinian suicide bombers and been imprisoned for opposing the demolition of Palestinian homes. CPT has also worked in Chiapas, Bosnia, Chechnya, Haiti and other hot spots. The CPT crew in Baghdad numbers between four to seven people who are rotated in for three months at a time, has chosen to stay in Iraq when many other organization have pulled out. It lives outside the "Green Zone" alongside Iraqis. They act as human shields to deter attacks, supported the UN weapon inspectors, document human rights abuses such as the maltreatment of detainees at Abu Ghraib and other prisons.

CPT members look to Jesus as their example. "Jesus said if you're going to be my followers, you must take up my cross" said Cliff Kindy, an experienced CPT member. "That's more than wearing it on your neck or as a tie pin". (Christian Century, January 24, 2006). Tom Fox, in a reflection written a year before his abduction said, "Does (CPT work) mean that I walk into a raging battle to confront the soldiers? Does it mean I walk the streets of Baghdad with a sign saying' American for the Taking'? No to both counts. But if Jesus and Gandhi are right, than I am asked to risk my life, and if I lose it, to be as forgiving as they were when murdered by the forces of Satan".

I am heartened and challenged to know that there are Christian folk living out their faith in this way.

Yours in Peace,
Pete

## CHURCH OFFICE

Our new Office Administrators are hard at work. In case you haven't heard, Sue Hagedorn and Linda Krumpeck have taken on the Church office and getting us all organized. And they are just the two women to do it! Splitting the job, Linda and Sue trade off weeks and are working Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9-12 am. Call then for rental information, bulletin or announcements information, church calendar issues, updating or correcting contact information, and other such administrative issues! Their official email address is office@cuccboulder.org!

## BULLETIN INFORMATION:

Please get bulletin announcements to Sue Hagadorn and/or Linda Krumpeck. E-mail is preferred: office@cuccboulder.org or call the church office (please have announcements written out before calling) 303-499-9119.

## OUTDOOR CHURCH WORK DAY:

Join us Saturday, April 8 9-noon to spruce up the grounds in time for Easter!

## ECHO DEADLINE:

The deadline for the May 2006 edition of the CUCC newsletter, *The Echo*, is Sunday, April 30, 2006 Please get articles to Susan Carter Ruskell (NEW OFFICIAL EMAIL ADDRESS: newsletter@cuccboulder.org) no later than 3 p.m. that day. Early submissions are appreciated.

## CHURCH GARAGE SALE:

As you do your organizing and re-evaluating of what you own, set aside items to donate to this worthy event (to be held later this spring, watch for details). Someone's junk is someone else's treasure, you know. Kris Zbranek is coordinating this fund raiser.

## HOURS CHANGE AT COMMUNITY TABLE

The hours for CUCC's volunteer supper-service at Community Table are changing as the entire meal schedule there has changed. Lisa Radelet, CUCC's rep to this program, says CUCC's volunteers should show up at First Christian Church (950 28th St.) on the 4th Thursday of each month, from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. This program feeds indigent people hot meals from food donated by local businesses. Often about 50 people show up for the meals on CUCC's volunteer shift. Talk to any member of the Outreach Commission for more information about volunteering.

## FRIENDSHIP SUPPERS A GREAT SUCCESS: .

About 85 adults and 51 children participated in our Friendship suppers at different people's homes over the last couple of months (two have still to meet). A good time seems to have been had by all, and it worked well to have the hosts call the invitations to people. It went so well, we decided at Spiritual Life Commission to definitely do it again next year. If you were left out for any reason, or would like to host next year....please let the Church Office know.

## C.E. NEWS!

June 4th - Last day of Sunday School
On Pentecost Sunday this year we will have our closing Sunday School program and honors Sunday. Classes will be making final presentations and children and teachers will be honored for their participation! Following Worship will be an all Church Potluck with games for children.

## MONTHLY POTLUCKS:

The first Sunday of every month we have an All Church Potluck. The fourth Sunday of the month is our GLBT Fellowship Potluck (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Allies are all welcome—no agenda, just fellowship!).

## TAIZE SERVICES 8:30 A.M.

By popular demand we are continuing the Taize services at 8:30 am each Sunday through June 4th. Then we will definitely take the summer off. Attendance has not been huge, but it has been steady and loyal and we are really enjoying these quiet, meditative services and the music of Taize. We will have to decide what to do in the fall, but at this point there is enthusiasm to continue. Taize is an Ecumenical Monastery in France that developed a form of worship centering on Silence, repetitive songs (chanting), guided meditation and communion. All are welcome - check in out some Sunday. Childcare is avail-

## LENTEN STUDY ON THOMAS MERTON

A huge success, we are really getting into Merton! On Tuesday evening at 7 or on Thursday morning at 10 feel free to drop in on the Merton class. We are reading him out loud and discussing his life and work. The book we have been using is "Thomas Merton, Spiritual Master".

## SOUND SYSTEM REPORT:

It looks like our new sound system will be in place for Easter Sunday . Thanks to a gift to the church from Catherine Van Gundy we are getting a new sound system. An additional gift from our renters, the Friends of Jung, has enabled us to upgrade this system to include an LCD Projector and a new (large) screen. Many thanks to Carl Love and John Smathers for all their work on this system!

## WE SHARE THE KITCHEN:

Meadowlark Preschool leases the kitchen as part of their rental agreement. The kitchen must be cleaned up after Sunday fellowship by the refreshment volunteers and after any evening meetings. The dishwasher must be run.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:

Palm Sunday, April 9th. Taize Service at 8:30am with Palm Sunday, Holy Week Theme. The Palm Sunday celebration will be special this as we strip the altar during worship to prepare for Holy Week and Good Friday. We will move from celebration to mourning in the course of the service. A Palm Sunday Service at 10 am and traditional Hot Cross Buns at Coffee Hour.

Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm service - Tenebrae with Communion Tenebrae is the service marking the abandonment of Jesus by the disciples on the night of the Last Supper.

Good Friday , This year our church is joining South Boulder Churches ( St. Andrew Presbyterian, Atonement Lutheran, Grace Lutheran, Mountain View U. Methodist and perhaps others) in a joint Good Friday Service. It will begin at 12 noon on Good Friday, April 14th, and go through 3:00 pm. You are welcome to come for part or all the service. It will be cut up into 20 minute segments following the theme of the Stations of the Cross.

Easter Sunday
8:00 am- begin with our Early Service, outside on the patio, weather permitting. Informal Service - Communion will be serviced.
9:00 am -Easter Egg Hunt and continental Easter Breakfast (all welcome)
10:00 am Easter Celebration on Morning Worship.

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP REPORT:

We have some changes going on with the Youth Group. Jamie Paul, our Youth Coordinator, has had to resign due to financial reasons (our budget cuts affected her adversely) so we have been meeting to reorganize and set a new course into the future. But we have hope that out of struggle will come a good result, with increased involvement and commitment from youth and adults alike. We are forming a new Youth Ministry Team with four youth and four adults who will coordinate future programs and hiring. There was great excitement in the air in our last meeting and look for more news to follow. For information on youth meetings call the church office for now!

## FOR SENIOR HIGH YOUTH:

Beginning Sunday morning, April 23, there will be a new offering for Senior High Youth - during the worship hour. A different movie clip, and a "life of faith" theme, will be the source for group discussions, each Sunday. Retired minister, and new CUCC member, Jim Luallen will host this program utilizing a published curriculum titled "Reel To Real," (available through Cokesbury) .

## BOOK LAUNCH & SIGNING:

Elizabeth Wrenn's novel, Around the Next Corner (NAL/Penguin)--about love, marriage, and a guide dog--will be at the Boulder Bookstore, 1107 Pearl St., Boulder, CO on June 6, at 7:30 pm. She cordially invites you and your friends, family and book groups to this celebration. For more info about the book, please see my website, http://www.elizabethwrenn.com

# April/May 2006

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| **2**<br>8:30 Taize Service<br>**9:15 Choir rehearsal**<br>10 a.m. worship<br>**Potluck after church**<br>Choir rehearsal 11:30 | **3** | **4**<br>**7-9 pm Lenten Study** | **5** | **6**<br>**10-noon Lenten Study** | **7** | **8**<br>**9-noon Out-door clean up day at CUCC**<br>Dinner & Auction for UMHE at St. John's |
| **9**<br>**Palm Sunday**<br>8:30 Taize Service<br>**9:15 Choir rehearsal**<br>10 a.m. worship | **10** | **11**<br>**7-9 pm Lenten Study** | **12** | **13**<br>**Maundy Thursday Tennebrae Service at 7 pm** | **14**<br>**Good Friday**<br>Community Food Share Crew 6-9 p.m. | **15** |
| **16**<br>**Easter Sunday**<br>8 am service<br>**9am Easter Egg Hunt**<br>9:15 Choir rehearsal<br>**10 a.m. worship** | **17** | **18** | **19** | **20** | **21** | **22**<br>Benefit Concert for Carriage House 7 pm |
| **23**<br>**Echo Deadline**<br>8:30 Taize Service<br>**10 a.m. worship**<br>Potluck after church | **24** | **25** | **26** | **27**<br>**Community Table 3:30-5:30 pm** | **28** | **29** |
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| **14**<br>**Happy Mother's Day**<br>8:30 Taize Service<br>**10 a..m. worship** | **15** | **16** | **17** | **18** | **19** | **20** |