

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

JULY/AUGUST 2004



The ECHO

PATIO COMMITTEE:

At last year's semi-annual meeting we voted to set the priority that the next major landscaping project (after the Holly Bridge and paths) was to build a patio out the east side of the fellowship hall. There is a little money left from the Organ Project that the Council (with the permission of the donors) has allocated to the patio project - but we will need more. So begins another long range project. We will need donations, of course, probably some fundraisers and lots of volunteers to help design and develop the project and put it into execution. If you are moved to be part of this project, see Pete or Sue Levy to find out how you can get involved.

MEN'S GROUP REPORT:

Faith in Action, as we are beginning to call our group, has been meeting now for three months with breakfast at The Egg and I in Basemar Shopping Center followed by service work at the homes of members of our congregation who need help around their homes. It has been a positive experience for those providing work and by those receiving work! We have torn out patios, repaired plumbing, done lots of yard work, fixed smoke alarms, fixed furniture and drawers, painted and all sorts of other things. We encourage men over 16, unless accompanied by an adult to join us for breakfast at 7:30 and work from 9-11. Our next scheduled work day is **Saturday, Sept. 4th.**

GROCERY COUPONS:

If you have not purchased these coupons in the past, please consider doing so. You pay face value for the coupon (or gift card) and the church gets 2.5% of that face value for our budget. You can purchase coupons for most of your favorite area grocery stores, including Safeway, King Soopers, Vitamin Cottage & Wild Oats!

CUCC WEBSITE:

If you have not had a chance to do so, please take a moment to check out our newly redesigned website. Cathy Russell has recently taken over the job of webmaster and has put in some time updating it. Many thanks to Cathy and to Tim Brown, the previous webmaster (who got the site started for us).

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SAVE YOUR STUFF!

Garage Sale -Early August!

Many people have been asking if we are having a garage sale and when. The answer is that yes, we decided to have a garage sale, and Kris Zbranak has graciously agreed to be in charge (again). She will need some help, of course, and there will be others to thank later. The exact date has not been set, but it will most probably be one of the first two Saturdays in August. So start putting aside garage sale items and saving stuff to sell!

Pete's Letter: We are a Progressive Church
Dear Friends,

Some of you may have noticed that hanging on the bulletin board the last year has been a poster that reads, "Welcome to a Progressive Church". Last year I received an invitation in the mail from the Center for Progressive Christianity to join their organization. The purpose of this organization is to set up a network of "liberal", that is progressive churches around the country (and I assume the world) who share a commitment to Christianity, but are seeking to live that out in an inclusive, pluralistic and non-fundamentalist way. I was intrigued and paid the initial fee to join and receive information. Since then I have been receiving their newsletter and found it to be compatible with my understanding of Christianity. I also found, including our church, a list of "progressive churches," and we have had a couple of visitors over the last year or so who saw our church on a web site and came to visit when they were searching for a church in Boulder.

Well, I brought this up with members of the Council, and eventually with the whole group and started displaying the poster that the Center for Progressive Christianity sent to us. The Council had no objection to our church being listed as a part of this organization, so I will make sure we remain members and receive the newsletter. I thought that you might be interested to hear about this organization and to read the eight point statement of what it means to be a "progressive" church as envisioned by the Center for Progressive Christianity. If anyone is interested in receiving the newsletter or learning more about this organization, I will include the address below, or you can talk to me. I'd be interested in people's reactions.

Yours in Peace, Pete

The statement of the Center for Progressive Christianity that is displayed on our bulletin board reads:

"By calling ourselves progressive, we mean that we are Christians who.....

- 1) Have found an approach to God through the life and teachings of Jesus;
- 2) Recognize the faithfulness of other people who have other names for the way to God's realm, and acknowledge that their ways are true for them, as our ways are true for us;
- 3) Understand the sharing of bread and wine in Jesus' name to be a representation of an ancient vision of God's feast for all peoples;
- 4) Invite all people to participate in our community and worship life without insisting that they become like us in order to be acceptable including but not limited to: believers and agnostics, conventional Christians and questioning skeptics, women and men, those of all sexual orientations and gender identities, those of all races and cultures, those of all classes and abilities, those who hope for a better world and those who have lost hope.
- 5) Know that the way we behave toward one another and toward other people is the fullest expression of what we believe;
- 6) Find more grace in the search for understanding than we do in dogmatic certainty - more value in questioning than in absolutes;
- 7) Form ourselves into communities dedicated to equipping one another for the work we feel called to do: striving for peace and justice among all people, protecting and restoring the integrity of God's creation, and bringing hope to those Jesus called the least of his sisters and brothers;
- 8) Recognize that being followers of Jesus is costly, and entails selfless love, conscientious resistance to evil and renunciation of privilege.

The Center for Progressive Christianity
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Cambridge, Ma, 02138-3402
617-441-0928
Web Site: www.tpc.org

CONCERT:

Jim Scott, a UU Composer, Singer, Musician and Activist
Saturday, July 17, 2004 at The Unitarian Universalist
Church of Boulder 5001 Pennsylvania Avenue \$10 pur-
chased ahead of time through UUCB/\$12 at the door.
(staring time will be determined, 7:30 p.m. or 8 p.m.)

BULLETIN INFORMATION:

Please get bulletin announcements to Tom and Karen Sterner/Howe by **5 p.m. on Wednesdays**. E-mail is preferred (karen5757@earthlink.net) or call (please have announcements written out before calling) 720-890-7217.

ECHO INFORMATION:

A big THANK YOU! To Kathy Leftwich who has volunteered to fill in as Echo Editor in the fall while Susan is on "maternity leave." The deadline for the September Echo will be **Sunday, August 22**. Please get articles to Kathy (kalefty@yahoo.com) by 3 p.m. that day.

COMMUNITY UCC:

Minister: Rev. Pete Terpenning
C.E. Coordinator: Karen Sterner-Howe
Moderator: Sue Levy
Narrator: Cathy Russell
Scribe: Kathy Leftwich
Treasurer: Kathy Rudge
Financial Secretary: Kamilla Macar
Nominations: Vicky Graham

SPIRITUAL LIFE AND FELLOWSHIP:

SUMMER WORSHIP: Do you grow flowers in your yard? You are invited to provide flowers for the alter during the summer months. Please bring them in your own vases, and take them home with you after worship. Thank you for adding to the beauty of the worship area!

Volunteers are setting up chairs and putting out hymnals for summer worship while Carl Love is gone for the summer, and we thank the Levy's, Carson's, Kleess-Corrigan's, John Graham, Joe Runyan, Alfonzo Rameriz, Mike White, and Gene Thoele who have volunteered so far. More helpers are needed! The set-up crew will be placing hymnals on chairs instead of in chair racks, and you are asked to leave them on the chair seat after worship instead of in the racks. Thank you!

Please check the REFRESHMENT SIGN UP SHEET in Fellowship Hall and sign up for one of the Sundays, otherwise there will be no refreshments served that day.

We have many visitors, so remember to wear your Name Tag and introduce yourself to visitors. Invite them to stay for refreshments and introduce them to others!

A FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY: Frank Ciskovsky has reserved 20 tickets in the center section at Boulder's Dinner Theatre for the matinee performance of *Cabaret* on **August 8th**. Tickets are \$39 (including meal, soft drinks, tax, and gratuity) and seating begins at 12:15. Sign up with Frank by July 8th (303-678-8426, 303-772-4770 or fjcgiskovsky@juno.com).

CONFIRMATION 2004:

Seven young people completed the Confirmation process this Spring. They have completed three years of study with Uriah Bueller in the Sunday Confirmation Class, visits to other churches, regular attendance to our church, mentoring with a member of our congregation, annual retreats with Uriah and Pete Terpenning and a final class this Spring with Pete Terpenning. At the end of the process each young person was given the opportunity to choose for themselves if they would: 1. be confirmed in their faith and join our church; 2. be confirmed in the church universal but not join this particular church; or 3. be affirmed in their faith journey (but not choose the path of Christian church membership at this time). Completing this process and honored by the congregation on June 6 were: Brenda Cole, Rose Eppinger, Julia Hansford, Shannon Leftwich, Betsy Keith, Rose Keith and Luke Shuttleworth.

OUTREACH NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE: Calling all field hands! On **August 14 and September 11 from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** CUCC will be providing a crew to work in a local farmer's field. We will be harvesting several crops depending on the need. Come and help us glean in the cool morning air! For more information, contact Jessie Inglefield at 303-651-2609 or jfingle@hotmail.com .

WOMEN'S RETREAT:

The women's group of our church had a very successful retreat on Saturday, June 12th at the church. The theme was Change leading to Transition leading to Transformation. The women's group will be reconvening in the fall for their evening meetings: contact Lisa Radelet, Laura Terpenning, Sue Levy or Diane Martin for info.

MODERATOR'S MID YEAR REPORT:

I am enjoying returning as the Moderator of Community UCC. The Moderator is the lay leader of the church and is responsible for overseeing the Coordinating Council. We are particularly blessed to have a dynamic group of people serving on Council this year and I am grateful for their commitment. Thank you to Eric Hansford for his work on Council as Scribe. Welcome to new members Kathy Leftwich, Scribe and Jacob Cramer, Youth representative. Other members are: Rev. Terpenning, Dave Carson, Diane Martin (Jean Scott, substitute), Vicki Tonski, Vicky Graham, Gene Thoele, Kathy Rudge, Michael Chase.

We began the year with a commitment to reviewing the role of the Coordinating Council in an effort to make sure that meetings are relevant, focused and completed in a reasonable length of time. After a ½ day retreat in March, we defined some of the role of Coordinating Council as follows:

- Oversee hiring a minister and all other employees of the church. This includes supervision, evaluation and feedback.
- Oversee the growth of the Church. We recognize the tension created by a desire to remain intimate and the vision of spreading our good news further in to the community.
- To have a vision that extends beyond our Church. How does/can our church impact the wider community. How can we be an asset to our neighborhood.
- Obligation to steward our property for our own purposes and for the community at large.

We also decided that the Council global goals were:

1. Our decisions must support and nurture our faith community so that they may be our voice in the world.
2. We have an obligation to reach out, share, offer support to, speak out and model to the larger world.

Council meetings now have a focus topic each month that allows for more in-depth conversation about each of the Commissions. In addition, Pete has been sharing information about the UCC, so that council members can be resources in our community and beyond.

More specific goals for 2004 include:

- Support renewed Communications efforts
- Continue the Just Peace process
- Bookkeeping support for Kamilla and Kathy
- Annual Pledge drive support and review
- Oversee the annual fundraiser
- Encourage youth to participate on the Council

Other highlights included:

- Reviewing and voting to support Karen Sterner-Howe in her commissioning process.
- Overseeing the organ repairs. Due to a delay in manufacturing the oboe pipes, the organ will not be completed until October.
- Changing property/liability insurance carrier. Interviewed a new carrier with a closer tie to the UCC and a cheaper premium!
- Reviewed and gave feedback to Cathy Russell on the new website
- Reviewed and approved purchase of new hand held microphones. Working on designing a comprehensive sound system.
- Revised the office assistant job description and prepared to post the position to start in August.

We are still working on exterior landscaping issues.

I am looking forward to continuing our work together.

Respectfully, Sue Levy, Moderator

July/August 2004

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>8:30 meditation 10 a.m. worship</p>	12	13	14	15	16	17 U.U. Concert evening
<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>8:30 meditation 10 a.m. worship Baby shower af- ter worship</p>	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>8:30 meditation 10 a.m. worship</p>	26	27	28	29	30	31
<p style="text-align: right;">August 1</p> <p>8:30 meditation 10 a.m. worship</p>	2	3	4	5	6	7

August/September 2004

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