

COMMUNITY*United Church of Christ*

MARCH

Lectionary**Ash Wednesday Service
March 9th 5pm**

Join us on Ash Wednesday for a simple service of music, reflection and silence with the Imposition of Ashes offered, but optional.

**March 6, 2011****White**

Last Sunday after Epiphany/
Transfiguration Sunday
Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

March 9, 2011**Purple**

Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 13, 2011**Purple**

First Sunday in Lent
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

March 20, 2011**Purple**

First Sunday in Lent
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

March 27, 2011**Purple**

First Sunday in Lent
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Indoor Work Day March 12th 9 am - 12

Indoor Work Day - March 12, from 9am-12noon. Come enjoy a day of fellowship while sprucing up the inside of our church. We are looking for a few good cobweb patrollers, window cleaners, painters, and dusters. Lunch and beverage will be served. Come join the fun. If you have any questions, please contact Al Ramirez at swimfunzo@gmail.com or 303.466.1287.

**Holy Smokes!
March 5th 9:30 am - 1 pm**

Holy Smokes - a Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser in which pastors and others offer their personal recipes and food offerings. Pete is participating with his cinnamon Christmas bread again. March 5, 9:30- 1 at the Broomfield U. Methodist Church.

**Family Potluck
March 12th 9:30 am - 1 pm**

Join us on Saturday evening, March 12th for a family potluck from 5:30-7PM. Albeit a few days late, we will enjoy craft stations centered around the theme of Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras. After enjoying our potluck dinner, we will listen to a story celebrating the season and end with a fun Mardi Gras parade for all. Bring your potluck dish and join the fun. So we know the amount of craft supplies and lemonade we will need, please RSVP to Karen at dbearkcp@comcast.net. Thanks!

**Walking the Labyrinth
Sunday April 3**

Please join us Sunday, April 3rd as our Labyrinth will be celebrated during and after the Sunday service. After the 10:00 Church Service, Natasha Berry will be leading this session "Walking the Labyrinth". This is a "training" session on what is a labyrinth and how to use the Labyrinth. Please come with an open heart and walking shoes.

Labyrinth Sunday

Pastor Pete's Letter

Periodically, those most interested in the Labyrinth (the Labyrinth Committee we have called ourselves at times), meet to try to figure out if we should be doing more with our labyrinth. It's not that there is a problem, exactly, for the labyrinth is doing fine, we even got most of the weeding done last summer, eventually, and it looks fine. It's not that no one uses it, for on the contrary, it gets quite a bit of use, sometimes after church people walk, and from my office window, from time to time, I see someone drive up, park and make their way around the church to walk the labyrinth and perhaps sit for awhile in the sun on the bench. I meet neighbors of the church out in the community who comment to me that they enjoy walking our labyrinth, and is that ok, since they haven't asked permission. I reply enthusiastically, of course, that yes, they should use it anytime.

But somehow that doesn't seem enough, though it probably is. Periodically, we get together and wonder if we should celebrate our labyrinth or encourage more people to cross the invisible boundary between observing the beauty of the labyrinth as it cooks in the sun, to stepping up to the starting stone and committing oneself to a small journey inward. It is a big step, one that I do not make very often, I confess. One that some people in the church have never made. One man commented offhandedly to me that he didn't really "get" the labyrinth. So perhaps our instincts are correct that we need to make an effort to "explain" or "focus" on our labyrinth once in awhile in order to bring more people up to the entrance stone.

How does one explain the experience of walking a labyrinth. What's supposed to happen? It's hard for every experience is

different. Like the geographic solution of Alcoholics Anonymous, the problem with moving to a new place is to find a better life is that that we have to take ourselves with us. One could explain that the journey of the labyrinth is an inward journey, that is a starting point. We submit ourselves to following a path that leads to the center, stand or sit for awhile, perhaps, and then submit to the outward journey. To some people it seems silly, pointless, it doesn't go anywhere. But is a kind of challenge, to follow a path, to give oneself up to it. Some say a labyrinth can become a mirror with the inner world projected onto the outer world. It is also a space for new discoveries about oneself, to experience something new. Some say that long forgotten experiences well up to the surface, solutions present themselves. I have felt trapped in the path, oddly claustrophobic. I have felt impatient to get it over with. Some have said they felt lonely. Some feel safe, content, others frustrated – or both feelings in a single walk. Inevitably I balk at the return journey out of the labyrinth. Do we really need to return the way we already came? Can't I just walk off – of course I can – but I don't. I return and gradually re-emerge to my life. Some people just want to stay at the center, and not return. Can't I just stay here forever, it's simple, it's safe.

My point is that we take ourselves on a journey, a journey inward, potentially a spiritual journey, which is all any pilgrimage is. Pointless, at the rational level, and the only meaning is that which we attach to it, or find within ourselves as we A mirror indeed, in which I see myself, perhaps in ways I have no desire to discover. People have taken on pilgrimages in many ways, whether an official religious destination like the

Santiago de Compostela in Spain, or an unofficial destination like one's old high school back in the town our your origin. We make these pilgrimages to discover something about ourselves – not ultimately to see the destination. *"In the beginning is our end, in our end is our beginning."*

TS Eliot

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The Coordinating Council

The Coordinating Council meets on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 until business completes. These are open meetings and everyone is welcome to attend.

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When I was a child, I never understood how such feasting on Fat Tuesday could be followed by the 40 day fast – which for me, meant bowls of chili on Tuesday and giving up eating anything sweet for 40 days starting on Wednesday. It is no wonder feasting and fasting are two words that I associate with Lent. As an adult, I prefer to eliminate the food connection and go a little deeper into the self examination that is inherent in the season. I have been reading a few articles that say children are not capable of self examination, thereby giving a reason for excluding them from Communion; however, I believe different.

Just a few weeks ago, I heard a conversation between two children at a local school. One said, “I’m no good at math.” The other replied back, “Well, I am ok at math but I’m lousy at spelling. I can’t ever spell a word right.” That was self examination, but at its worst. The conversation really got me thinking about the negativity that some children can feel if they aren’t able to grasp certain subjects in school or when things happen in their daily lives. Most seem to be able to always pinpoint what they aren’t good at, while what they are really good at seems to get lost. I wondered about those two little souls. Did they ever say to another, “I am really great at being a good friend,” or “I like to help when someone is hurt.” Some children may, but most probably not.

While kindness and thoughtfulness are values we teach both in schools and especially in Sunday School, they don’t seem to be as celebrated in our fast paced world as test

results and field goals. So this Lenten Season, instead of fasting and feasting on food, I am going to make an effort to help our children to learn a different way to fast and feast - to fast on negative thinking and unkind words about themselves and others and to feast on what is good and true in themselves and others and in their daily lives, like the love of family, community and the unconditional love of God.

Blessings,

Karen

Kindergarten to 6th grade –

Each week, we begin our morning with a short Chapel Service after Children’s Time followed by class time with a story, games and craft. Please remind your children to bring a small donation in on Sunday mornings. We are collecting for an end of the year gift to the Humane Society.

Spirit Seekers (Grades 7th-9th) will meet twice this month at 10 AM: March 6th with Vicky Graham and Jim Gilbert and on March 13th with Vicky Graham and Steve Pyle.

Confirmation Class for our 9th Grade youth has begun meeting with Pete on Fridays at 4PM in preparation for May’s Confirmation Sunday. The March dates are the 4th and the 18th.

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Christian Education Attendance

1/30	19
2/6	25
2/13	21
2/20	11

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February Friends Luncheon– scheduled for March 6th after service. All participants should plan on bringing a sack lunch to share with their friend. Drinks and cookies will be provided.

Upcoming Retreats at La Foret
Confirmation – February 25th -27th
High School – March 18th to 20th
Middle School – April 8th to 10th

Sign up is through our church. Please contact Karen if you have any questions, need any additional information, or if you would like to sign up.

Youth Group Activities for March

3/13/11 from 6 - 8 p.m. - youth group meeting at the church. Dinner is served, so please RSVP to Beth Cole at 303-494-0378 if you are coming so that we will have enough food.

3/19/11 all day tubing near Winter Park. Call Beth for details (cost, time, etc.)

4/2/11 (tentative) – service project at Community Food Share.



Spiritual Life and Fellowship

COMMUNITY PRAYERS *In Sympathy*

To Ed Gardner and his family on the death of Betty Gardner on Sunday, February 20. Betty and Ed attended the Sages Luncheon last October, where Betty was able to renew old friendships. A memorial service will be held at the church at a later date.

Confined to Home

Ed Brown

Jan Heusman (Happy 94th birthday on Feb. 25th!)

Wilma Hirsch

Henrietta Potter

Midge Wonsiewicz

Recent Hospitalizations

Midge Wonsiewicz for spinal surgery

David Pearson (son of Kayrene Pearson)

Congratulations to these youth

Ella Wrenn Grogan whose original play was produced at a recent Festival of Plays and received a standing ovation at its conclusion

Tobias Albritten who has been accepted into the Sports Medicine Department at CU for next fall, studying Integrative Physiology

Johanna Albritten who will be a Rotary Exchange Student in Austria next year

Jake Radelet who has received his Eagle Scout award

Evie and Ali Pyle and Kayla Ramirez who were baptized on Feb. 6th

Prayers of Encouragement and Support

For Katie Pepper's mother who is undergoing cancer treatments, and for Katie who is caring for her mother.

For family members and friends who are ill

Healing of Art Wainwright's broken hand

For Eileen Moore who will have hip surgery in April

Ongoing prayers for all those serving in the Armed Forces around the world, especially in Afganistan and Iraq. And for those in the middle east who are risking their lives for freedom and justice and political reform.

(To correct errors or omissions contact the Pastoral Associate, Rev. Jean Scott, at 303-460-1391 or jeanbscott@yahoo.com. Thanks!)

Women's Group

The March 2nd 7pm meeting will be at Diane Martin's (1424 Snowmass Court). Tea and cookies not potluck.

This is the last meeting in our exploration of time and change. We will engage in conversation about the passing of time. How we all marked, or didn't, this last 5 months. Has making a point to mark the time really deepen our awareness or did we fall into where did the time go? If you choose to create a self portrait of this time-bring a photo and your bundle if you made one. As we talk we will open our bundle and create a self-portrait of this time in our lives. As before I will provide some art materials.

HOWEVER Creation is not necessary - Conversation is the goal. Peace, Diane

Men's Breakfast Fridays from 7-8:30am

This is open to all men, and is a simple breakfast (coffee & bagels) with time for sharing and discussion. Low key and informal, the goal is to build fellowship and friendship among the men of our congregation. Guests and

members are welcome as well! Contact Bill Marine with questions-303-818-2776.

Listening

I believe listening is the one most important thing we can do in life. Our society is a very driven, multi-tasking, got to have it NOW world. When we listen we must slow down so that we can hear. When we do that we become engaged with whatever or whoever we are listening to. When we are go-go-going we become obsessed with the noise our minds are making. We can only hear the buzz we are telling ourselves. Which I think is also listening but only listening to one thing, an obsession. It might be work, school, family life, a hobby. We could be using it to hide from something that makes us uncomfortable. Maybe making decisions about our kids is difficult, so to avoid that we work harder or longer. We make up excuses in our minds, "I need to work hard to provide for my family". Or "My grades are not high enough to be a good doctor, lawyer or teacher" so we spend more time at it. By not listening we are missing the whole point of life, which is to be making connections with others and involved with ourselves. The voices that are the most important are the ones that whisper in our ear or blow faintly on our cheeks. Sometimes it is hard to hear them. It takes practice to listen. It takes a while because it is not just being still, we have to bring our minds around to focus on the present moment. So listening is really being in the moment, it is an epiphany, it is being awakened. When we slow down and listen to our spouse or the kids or the soft breeze on our face that is when we wake up. Then we begin to love.

Frank Ciskovsky from Caring Ministry.

Outreach

Community Table is March 24th from 4-6 pm. Come help serve a meal with others from Community UCC! Call Lisa Radelet for details.



Reach Out and Touch Someone

If you are interested in helping grow the church's outreach efforts, join us for a reorganizational meeting after coffee hour on March 13.

We currently have representatives on the boards of Boulder County AIDS Project, United Ministries for Higher Education/PRISM, Habitat for Humanity's Apostles Build program and Share-a-Gift and provide ongoing support to Community Table and CROP walk as well as monetary donations to about 15 local nonprofits.

New directions or renewed support will be discussed, so if you are into outreach, join us.

Two Work Trips Open to CUCC

Members of CUCC are invited to participate in two work trips arranged by Boulder County Action Team, some of whom are CUCC members.

Leaders of BCAT have coordinated seven previous work trips to New Orleans and three previous work trips to Guatemala.

This year, the New Orleans trip is March 20-27 and has two openings. We will be doing rebuilding work in homes of the

Central City area and staying at a simple guest house in the city. Cost is airfare, plus around \$300 for lodging and breakfast, van rental, and supplies. Lunch and dinner are on our own.

A Guatemalan trip on November 4-13 will involve building concrete block, fuel efficient, wood burning stoves in the homes of Mayan people living in Pampojila. The Mayan population in this area is quite poor and uses the 3-stone cooking method with no ventilation, causing eye and lung problems. We will be staying in a small hotel in San Lucas Toliman, around the beautiful Lake Atitlan, where we will experience the delicious food, listen to educational lectures on the area, and do some sight seeing. Cost is \$1930 (adjusted by cost of oil for the airlines), which includes air, lodging, food, and ground transportation. For more information, contact Linda Woods (lwcounsel@aol.com), Tom Cimino (arneycim@comcast.net), or Pete Terpenning (pterpenning@comcast.net). Financial assistance will be available for this trip.



Eco -Justice Reminder

*“Behold my brothers, the spring has come,
The earth has received the embraces of the sun
And we shall soon see the results of that love!”*

*Every seed is awakened and so has all animal life.
It is through this mysterious power that we too have our being, and we therefore yield to our neighbors,
Even our animal neighbors,
The same right as ourselves, to inhabit this land.”*

Sitting Bull

Remember:

When you use cloth bags, the earth is glad

When you use plastic bags, the earth is sad!

New Hymnals

Have you noticed we regularly are short on hymnals? We're starting a drive to buy 50 more New Century Hymnals. For \$20, you can purchase a hymnal to dedicate with a bookplate to the memory of a family member or friend, in honor of someone special, or simply for the use of the congregation. Interested? Please let either Erika Webb (erikanollwebb@gmail.com) or Julie Leonard (j.a.leonard@mindspring.com) know or submit this note with a check to the office!

I would like to fund the purchase of _____ New Century Hymnals for \$20 each.

Please dedicate my gift(s) to:

Other News

Walking The Labyrinth

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Calling all CUCC authors!

In honor of National Library Week, April 10 to 16, the Library Committee would like to recognize all published authors in our CUCC community. You will be introduced during the service on April 10th, then have a chance to sell and /or sign books immediately following during fellowship time. All are welcome to be recognized. Please contact Sue Hagedorn to sign up (iowacreek@hotmail.com or 303 908 8870).

Centering Prayer/ Meditation at 9:30am

Pete is leading a Friday morning Centering Prayer/Meditation group beginning at 9:30am. If you regularly meditate or practice Centering Prayer and would like to sit with a group once in awhile, or if you are hoping to learn to meditate, join us when you can. We sit for 20 minutes and then meet for 20 minutes or so to check in and discuss questions and issues of meditation. See Pete or Lu Walters with questions.



Our Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday Service - 5 pm on March 9th

This is a simple service of music, reflection and silence with the Imposition of Ashes offered, but optional.

April 17th, Palm Sunday

Hot Cross buns after the service

Maundy Thursday, 7 pm - April 21st

Tenebrae Service
Tenebrae is an ancient lenten service observing the abandonment of Jesus by his Disciples. Gradually, the sanctuary is darkened as the candles of the 12 disciples are extinguished, until only the Christ candle is still burning - it is then carried out to symbolize the death of Jesus as the congregants make the noise of the earthquake (the Strepitus). The service concludes in silence as the Christ Candle is returned to the altar still burning, symbolizing the resurrection.

Good Friday, April 22nd - 5pm - Way of the Cross (The suffering Earth)

Outside, around the Labyrinth we will observe the Way of the Cross - The Way of the Earth's Crucifixion. The 12 stages of the way of cross will represent the suffering the earth and it's creatures because of human actions. This is a chance to symbolically mourn the realities of human pollution, extinctions, deforestation and global climate change, and recommit ourselves to the preservation of the Earth's ecosystem and all earth's creatures.

Easter Sunday



8:00 am

The Early Easter Service will be a traditional service with a sermon, joys and concerns and music, including Communion.

9:15 am

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt, lead by our Christian Education Committee, for the children of the congregation, and open to the community children as well.



10:00 am

Easter Sunday Worship - our "regular" 10 am service featuring the choir anthems, hymns, joys and concerns and Easter sermon.

MARCH

calendar of events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 7 pm Women's Group at Diane Martin's house	3	4 7 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Meditation	5
6 8:30 Taize 10 Communion Service	7 7 pm Pluralism Class	8	9 5 pm Ash Wednesday Service	10 6:30 pm Coordinating Council 7 pm Fellowship Circles	11 7 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Meditation	12 9-12 Indoor Work Day 5:30 pm Family Potluck
13 8:30 Taize 10 Service 6 pm Senior Youth Group	14	15	16	17 7 pm Caring Ministry	18 7 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Meditation	19 Senior Youth Tubing All Day at Winter Park
20 8:30 Taize 10 Service After Service New Member Exploration	21	22	23	24 4-6 pm Community Table 7 pm Property Meeting 7 pm Spiritual Life and Fellowship meeting	25 7 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Meditation	26
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Announcements for bulletins and weekly emails should be sent to office@cuccboulder.org. The deadline for the bulletin is 8 a.m. on Wednesday. The deadline for the beginning of the week e-mail announcements is 9 am on Monday. The deadline for the weekend e-mail announcements is 9 am on Friday. Early submissions are very much appreciated.

The deadline for the next edition of The Echo is the third Thursday of every month. Early submissions are appreciated, late submissions make our lives more complicated – please simplify and remember the deadline!

Updates from the Council

As a follow up to the Annual Meeting, the Council revisited the request that we take \$3000 of our surplus from last year and pay down the mortgage. We agreed this was a good use of the funds and so we reallocated those funds for that purpose.

Accommodating more at our services

Because we have all noticed weeks when we are overflowing our sanctuary, the Council has been considering how to accommodate all the people. We're looking into purchasing more chairs for the sanctuary to increase the amount of seating. We're hoping to purchase more comfortable folding chairs as a balance between more seating and the flexibility to add chairs as needed.

We've also started a drive for more hymnals, since as we overflow our regular seating, we also run short of hymnals. Please consider purchasing a hymnal. All gifts will have a book plate detailing who the hymnal was purchased on behalf of, in honor of, in memory of, etc.

New equipment for the office

After years of making do with used computer equipment, the current office computer has begun making some very strange noises. The Council decided to purchase a new computer (a first!) for the office as well as new phones, since our current phones were old and not working well.

New Committees

As our congregation has grown, we have discovered the need for some new committees. Currently, Erin Moran and Beth Willman have agreed to take a first pass at creating some standards and hiring practices for a Personnel committee. Jo Eleanor Elliot suggested that we should have someone regularly reviewing our leasing and rental prices. It has been suggested that we look into ways for our congregants to recognize Community UCC in their estate planning, and so the Council thought it would be good to have the Financials Committee review this. Are you interested in any of those groups or activities? We'd love to have you involved!! Please let Erika Webb know (erikanollwebb@gmail.com) or Lu Walters or Marion Grant from Nominations!