



Heart to Heart

the newsletter of
Heart of the Rockies Christian Church

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June, 2011

Summer Worship Schedule

We begin our summer worship schedule on Sunday, June 5. We'll worship at 9 and 11 a.m. We resume our fall schedule – and Sunday school classes – on Sunday, September 11.

Vacation Bible School

Children in Kindergarten – fifth grades are welcome to participate. Preschool and nursery groups will be available for children of volunteers. Sixth grade and older are encouraged to volunteer!

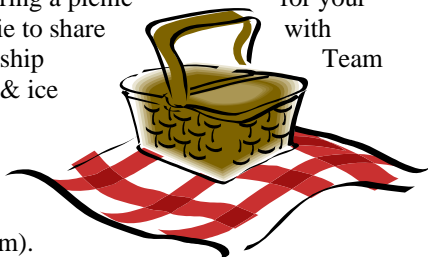
June 5, following second service, we will have Volunteer Training & VBS decorating. Lunch will be provided.

June 10, 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m., help us tear down after VBS; lunch will be provided.

Please contact **Erica Wharton** (227-4832) or **Karen Ramsey** (556-0433) to participate or volunteer! Registration forms are in the church lobby.

B.Y.O.P. & Pie Social (Bring Your Own Picnic)

On Sunday, July 3, after the combined 10 a.m. service, the Fellowship Team will be hosting a picnic & pie social. Please bring a picnic for your own family and a pie to share with others! The Fellowship Team will provide drinks & ice cream! Questions? Contact **Kara Friedrich** (970-481-6910; kfried24@gmail.com).



A Fresh Coat of Paint

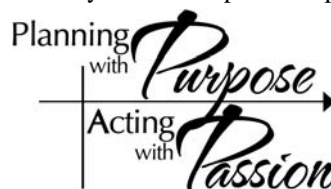
Current plans call for the painting of the church's interior to begin on Monday, June 13. Carpet layers will follow the painters in what we hope will be a two-week project.

Over thirty persons have signed up to help clear spaces for the work (sanctuary, lobby, offices and other rooms), then return furniture, books shelves, etc., following the completion of work in the various areas. Thank you! We'll arrange folks in small groups and ask you to work two-hour shifts. Expect a phone call or email.

Cost of the work – just over \$20,000 – will be paid from the over-and-above giving to our last capital campaign. As you have heard, generous giving to that campaign allowed the church to pay an extra \$10,000 toward the principle of our mortgage.

All-Church Conference, Part II

Our congregation gathered again with consultant Larry Peers to explore the plans developed by eight *ad hoc* teams. We learned about building bridges between the various areas of strength in our church community, to invite persons into a deeper experience of their faith. And we plotted a schedule for moving forward toward the design and adoption of a final action plan.



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A final report is due from our consultant. At that time, the Steering Team will begin to work with our HeartMinistry Teams to finalize a plan which will be brought to both Church Council and the congregation for their approval.

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Summer Worship Schedule: 9 & 11 a.m. services

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. —Maya Angelou

Heartbeats

♥ **Bev Soucek** and **Kay Hartley**, who have been keeping the church kitchen cleaned for six years, are ready for some help. The work usually takes an hour or hour and a half, once a week. Purchasing needed supplies is another job that doesn't take much time (a Sam's Club membership is necessary). Please call **Bev** (290-6786) or **Kay** (225-6733) if you have some time to give.

♥ Assistive Listening Devices are available to aid those with hearing loss during Sunday morning services. The devices can be checked out at the sound desk at the back of the sanctuary.

♥ Are you interested in knitting, crocheting or needlework of any kind? The next gathering for Knitwits will be July 14, 9:30 a.m. at the church. Contact **Sherri Jackson** (204-1774) for more information.

Pentecost Offering

Many communities do not have a Disciples congregation. In some neighborhoods, Disciples churches no longer match the local context or meet local needs. In these places, where can those in search of a personal expression of Disciples witness find God's table, open to all?



With your support, New Church Ministry and your region can help Disciples start new churches to meet those needs, so we can all be one in the love of Christ.

Make your Pentecost Offering through our church this month! Half of your gift is put to work in your region or area and half supports the new church planter recruitment, training and mentoring efforts of New Church Ministry. You can help EXPAND THE TABLE, now and for generations to come.

OWLS Activity

Do you ever get a little nostalgic to hear the old hymns, or maybe even want to hum or sing along? On Saturday evening, June 18, the **OWLS** (Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors) and the **Singles Group** are inviting everyone in the church to join them at a family picnic and Hymn Sing! It will be held at the beautiful campus of the Walker Manufacturing Company (5925 E. Harmony Road, 1-1/4 miles east of I-25). Admission is free. Bring your own lawn chairs or blanket. Those who want to bring their own picnic will meet at 5 p.m. and the Hymn Sing will start at 6 p.m. Sign up in the church lobby.

JustFaith

Your generosity has been a great gift to the children at the Disciples Tennyson Center for Children and Families/Colorado Christian Home. Our *JustFaith* group has collected thousands of items over the years to meet the everyday needs of the children there. Thank you!

June's list includes: sunscreen (SPF 30 and above), toilet paper, chapstick, foot powder, hand lotion, first aid kits, deodorant, slim fit tampons and kids body wash. A box is located in the church lobby to collect these gifts. Thank you!

—*JustFaith* Group

Moderator's Moment

Can you envision Heart of the Rockies as a church that erases boundaries? Can you envision Heart of the Rockies as a church that is well-known in the Fort Collins community? Can you envision Heart of the Rockies as a church that is growing significantly in membership? Why are these important? What are our existing strengths in these areas that we would want to build upon? What specific steps would be best to move us towards these visions?



These are some of the questions that our eight *Action Planning Groups* (APGs) explored since our first All-Congregation Meeting on March 11-12, and reported on in our All-Congregation Follow-Up Meeting on May 14. The focus of this session was to “determine and celebrate what progress has been made on the action plans” and “to develop some creative strategies for further implementation.” Led by Larry Peers, our consultant from the Alban institute, we did just that. It was also enlightening to identify common themes emerging from the eight different APGs.

Over the next few months our Steering Team will be reflecting on all this input, notably the strategies we captured as we discussed the APG reports at the follow-up session. We'll incorporate this into a final report, including recommendations for implementation, that we'll share with the congregation in the fall. There's still a significant amount of planning remaining with our *Planning with Purpose, Acting with Passion* process, but I'm confident that this will ultimately enable us to be more effective and fruitful in our mission of *Loving God, Serving Others, Changing Lives*.

—**Joe Cowan**, Moderator

Tennyson Center Update

Interacting with the children who reside at the Tennyson Center for Children at Colorado Christian Home touched our hearts on a recent trip there. **Bev & Denny Soucek, Barb Bruxvoort, Bonnie Crockett, Solange Francfort, Darlene Hughes**, and I and others experienced a great tour from Nikki Jorgensen, CCH's gifted chaplain.

We sang and danced with the kids during their Sunday afternoon worship, staffed by a church youth group in the area and their pastors. Nikki told us about a little girl who was placed in their loving care. The child was having difficulty sleeping at night. Her father would scoop her out of bed whenever he heard her snore, and toss her outside in the dark and cold until the next morning. She fears sleeping because she might snore.

That is just one reason why I would like to thank **Kay Hartley** for setting up our trip. And “Thanks!” to each of you who were table hosts and guests at our annual CCH dinner at the Hilton last month. Pledges raised made our goal of \$67,000 a reality. We were so happy to have eighty members and friends seated at eight tables from Heart of the Rockies!

—**Corinne Adams**

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.



Kids at Heart Beats

My best memories of my childhood are fishing trips with my dad to Elephant Butte Lake just outside of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. We would get up early, drive two hours to our favorite site, and fish. While we were waiting for the "big one", we would play games, laugh, and talk about everything. These memories are what fueled me to create our program, Camp Fundango. Thanks to the Colorado Post-Adoption Resource Center, Camp Fundango will be giving 100+ campers a 3-day weekend full of great memories.

Mark your calendars for the next Heart of the Rockies Fundango night on July 16 at the Loveland Boys & Girls Club! Kids at Heart would like to make a night dedicated just for our wonderful Heart of the Rockies families to volunteer. New volunteers need to arrive at 3:30 p.m. for training and returning volunteers need to arrive at 4:15 p.m.

The Larimer County Child Advocacy Center (www.larimercac.org) is having their 15th annual Run for a Child's Sake fundraiser on June 11. This is a great opportunity to support a great organization as well as Kids at Heart. We are hoping to have a large Kids at Heart Team that will run/walk together. If you are interested in supporting two great organizations, please sign up <http://runforachildssake.eventbrite.com/>. Remember to include **Kids at Heart** as your team name.

If you would like to join the fun, we are always looking for volunteers to help with our Fundango program and to help in the office. If you have a couple of hours a week to spare, please give me a call. This is also a great way to get some volunteer time in for your teens.

To learn more about our volunteer opportunities, please contact Mary Beth, Volunteer Coordinator (223-1230; volunteercoordinator@kidsatheartfundango.org).

Our 2010 Fundango dates can be found at our website www.kidsatheartfundango.org.

—Erica Wharton, Executive Director

May Council Notes

Heart of the Rockies Council – comprised of executive officers, HeartMinistry leaders and two at-large members – is charged to administer the life and ministry of our church. Each month, council minutes (along with a list of council members and a copy of the treasurer's report) can be found on the bulletin board between Jeff's office and Room 2. Items of interest from the May meeting:

Denny Soucek from Property Management reported that the team has received bids for replacing carpeting and painting, chosen the vendors with Council's approval, and will proceed with the improvements in June after Vacation Bible School.

Laura Field reports that the youth are planning for a busy summer with many planning on going to camp and on mission trips.

The next Council meeting will be June 8, 7 p.m. in Room 1.

—Hugh Mahon, Council Secretary



The "Revolution of God's Love" Shined

What a beautiful and uplifting day it was on May 1 as Heart of the Rockies' Youth led the congregation in awe-inspiring worship. It was truly a blessing to witness the preaching, music, dramatic and artistic talents of our young people.

Thanks to the generosity and support of members and friends, **over \$4,000** was raised to support summer camps and mission trips for over 40 young people from first grade to high school. Your support is remarkable, and to say thank-you just is not enough! We are truly grateful for your donations of time, talent, items for the silent auction, and for your support in so many other forms to the youth ministry at Heart of the Rockies.

Special thanks to **Scott Hardin-Nieri** and **Jeff Wright** for the ways in which they lead our youth ministry spiritually; to **Becca Hardin-Nieri** and **Janet Wright** for being yourselves and great examples to our Youth and to us all; to Youth leaders **Brent Wiescamp** (Chi Rho) and **Stacy** and **Cassie Poncelow** and **Shelley Johnson** (Club 4-5-6) for preparing and supporting our youth daily; to **Paula Beaty** and **Caleb Matthews** for the solid foundation being poured under the feet of our middle and high school youth on Sunday mornings and to **Tim Soper** and **Holly Wolsey-Soper** for educating and loving our youth through the "Just Say Know" class; to **Katie Hinojosa** for the countless hours preparing the bulletins and worship materials; to **Ruth Meyers** and **Betsy Davis-Noland** and the **Worship and Praise Teams** for supporting Youth Sunday in so many ways; to **Ana Pasini**, **Marla Mosley** and **Carrie Adamson** for set-up with the silent auction; to **Kara** and **Joey Friedrich**, **Tyler Bryan** and **Cassie Musick** for help during the silent auction; to the phenomenal raffle-ticket sales duo, **Scott** and **Shelley Johnson**; to **Jack Krueger** for preparing the artistic set-up before worship; to the **Adamson, Norris, Tyler** and **Matthews Families** and all who helped set up and tear down tables; to **David** and **Kay Hartley** and the kitchen help for cleaning up; to **Sue Anderson** for coordinating the thank-you letter efforts; to **Albert Pit BBQ (Barbara and Korey Albert)** for the delicious meal; to all who bid on items in the silent auction; and to our **Youth** – your gifts are immeasurable!

—Laura Field, Youth Ministry Team Coordinator

Calling All Singles!

Get ready for fun, fellowship and good food when we meet Sunday, June 5, 5 p.m. for a cookout. It will be held at the home of Marilyn Jenkins (1513 W. 29th Street, Loveland) Please bring a side dish. Call **Corinne Adams** (593-0603) to RSVP. Hope to see you there!

Shiprock Scramble Golf Tournament

This year's golf outing to benefit the Navajo Work Project will take place Saturday, August 20. The tournament will be at Cattail Creek Golf Course in Loveland. Golfers pay \$50 each (includes green fee, golf balls, tees, refreshments at the course and an awards luncheon after play). Numerous prizes will be awarded too! Non-golfers are welcome to come to the banquet after golf. An adult meal costs \$8, children under 10 are \$4, and children under 3 are free.

Proceeds from the Shiprock Scramble are used to renovate homes of the elderly on the Shiprock, New Mexico, Navajo Reservation. That work will be done September 21-25, 2011. For more information contact **Harlan Ferguson** (669-2192) or **John Shaw** (493-0572).



Treasurer's Trove

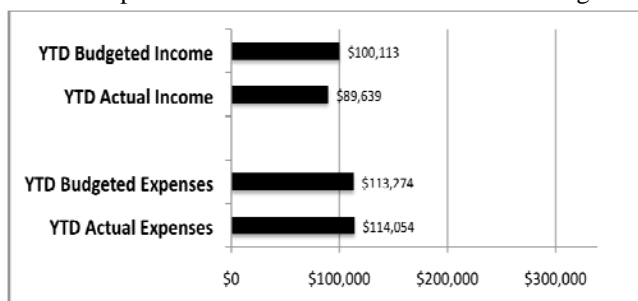
I think only in Ft. Collins do we have a better chance of snow in May than we did in February. But I sure am enjoying all this moisture (not to mention being able to procrastinate turning on those sprinklers!).

Speaking of which... if you happened to have put off or just plain forgotten to fill out and turn in those pledge cards for our 2011-2014 Capital Campaign (aka, the building fund), it's not too late!

But I'm reminded right now that as tempting as it may be – we shouldn't procrastinate too long on those things that are truly meaningful and important in life. We've just wrapped up the week of planning, participating with, and celebrating the graduation of our sons (and several other church family members). Looking back, watching slide shows, telling stories, and eating far too much...but wasn't it just a few days ago that we were celebrating their birth? Wow...

I've always believed too that God is infinitely patient with us, will meet us where we are, and when we're ready. But I think time accelerates. Look around you – and ask what is God calling you to now? And don't put off answering, the moment will be gone before you know it.

Jan-Apr 2011 General Fund Performance to Budget



—Scott Johnson, Treasurer

Angel House Update

Angel House is still looking for a home in Fort Collins for their



The Angel House
"Helping homeless families help themselves"

daily use. Until a daytime shelter is found, the project is on hold. Ann Marie, Angel House director, has faith we will open before the end of summer.

Thank you to everyone who attended an Angel House training session. For those unable to attend, we will hold an in-house training in the near future. I encourage everyone to attend to get some insight on how homelessness affects these families.

Some good news: our Angel House partner, Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, received a \$500 grant from Thrivent to support Angel House. We have used a portion of the funds to purchase large storage bins for our supplies.

Heart of the Rockies still needs three coordinators: meals, overnight hosts, and tear-down. Contact me (481-4295; MryBChppll@aol.com) if you will volunteer or want information on these positions.

Some items still needed: wash clothes, alarm clocks, racks for hanging towels and clothes, tissues, children's books and movies, toys and games. A complete list of what is needed can be obtained from the Angel House donation box just inside the doors of the church. Thank you to everyone who has already donated and for keeping this mission in your prayers.

—Mary Chappell, Outreach Team

Letters

Thank you for your May gift of \$160 to Tennyson Center for Children at Colorado Christian Home. Your generous support helps us to fulfill our mission of "changing lives and giving hope."
—Bob Cooper, Chief Executive Officer,
Tennyson Center for Children

To our friends at Heart of the Rockies,
We shall always miss you, and you will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

—Lillian & Bruce Livingstone and Janis & Paul Cleland

Thank you so much for sharing your healing space and nourishing our group. We are so appreciative!

—Second Time Around Grandparent's Group

Thank you – to our family at Heart of the Rockies for all your love and support during a very difficult time. The last few weeks have been very hard for our family. But with your help, love, and blessings, our burdens have been lessened. Thank you and peace be with you all. "Keep dancing."

—Denise Pixler & Family

Welcome, New Members!

We welcome **Maya Dankowski, Courtney Harney, Kyra Adamson, Ally Savage & Tessa Beaty.**

Maya has been attending church at Heart of the Rockies since shortly after she moved here with her parents and two sisters in November, 2004. She is twelve years old and enjoys reading, playing flute and piano, singing, writing, gymnastics, swimming, ice skating and spending time outdoors and with her pets.

Courtney is ten years old and will be attending 6th grade this year. She has wanted to be baptized for a while, but wanted to make sure it was "the right time." She got the answer by learning to pray from her older sister, **Amanda**, and wanted to learn more about the journey.

Kyra, age ten, enjoys karate, reading, violin, playing and biking. She decided to be baptized because she "felt like it was time to be part of God's world."

Alexandra (Ally) is ten years old and the oldest of four children (Jack, Joey and Kate are her triplet siblings, age 7). Ally had been asking many questions about what it means to be baptized and, with great timing, the church offered the *Tour of Life*. She was ready to profess her faith and belief in Jesus. She's finishing up 4th grade, loves to write stories, likes to play basketball and is learning to play the cello.

Tessa is twelve and just finished up 6th grade at Kinard Middle School. She loves helping animals, reading, painting and drawing, and playing the double horn.

If you believe that feeling bad or worrying long enough will change a past or future event, you are residing on another planet with a different reality system.

—William James

Youth News

There will be no regular fellowship or Sunday School during the summer. Instead look for special events, camps, service opportunities and mission trips. Regular meeting times will resume in September.

Here are some upcoming events. Stay tuned for more details.

- **June 5, 4:30 p.m.**, CYF Mission meeting parents and youth;
- **June 5, 6 p.m.**, Chi-Rho Mission meeting parents and youth;
- **June 6-10**, Vacation Bible School 9 a.m.-noon – volunteers needed;
- **June 9**, Youth Leader Celebration (for adults)
- **June 12, 12:15-6:30 p.m.**, CSU Challenge Course for 6-12 grades;
- **June 13**, Castillon's Mexican Food Fundraiser;
- **June 15**, Club 456 Event;
- **June 19-25**, CYF Conference at La Foret;
- **June 19-25**, Junior Camp (3-5 grades) at La Foret;
- **June 24-26**, Discovery Camp (1-3 grades) at La Foret;
- **June 26-July 2**, Chi-Rho Camp at La Foret;
- **June 29**, CYF Mission student training 5:30-7:30 p.m.;
- **Early July**, Youth Sports Day;
- **July 6**, CYF Mission student training 5:30-7:30 p.m.;
- **July 8**, Chi-Rho and CYF Service and Play;
- **July 16-25**, CYF Mission Trip to Costa Rica;
- **July 31-August 6**, Chi-Rho Mission trip to Alamosa;
- **August 7-13**, Wilderness Backpacking Trip, ages 16-21;
- **August 14**, Youth Stockholders Meeting;
- **August 17**, Chi-Rho and CYF Water World Excursion.



Notes from A Wide-Eyed Journey

As we embark on another season of youth camps and mission trips I wanted to share some of the reasons we go to serve in the world.

1. *We are called* – We are called to be a critical presence in the world. As our God moved toward humanity to become flesh in the world, we are also called to be present in the joy and suffering of others. It is in our presence, not our solutions that we are able to recognize the full potential of God's unconditional love. Even when we see our work incomplete or our movement toward wholeness broken we share hope by standing with those who are suffering. Micah 6:8, John 1:1

2. *God may change us* – Our youth and adults receive love and experiences that shape them while on these extended times of prayer, worship, work, play, community, immersion and fasting. Our mission experience becomes an incubator in which God's light can grow from within. Romans 12:2

3. *Strengthen the Body of Christ* – We hope to enrich the sense of Unity in the Body of Christ, we call the Church, by developing and strengthening relationships among churches across city limits, state boundaries and national borders. We seek to immerse ourselves in the community we serve alongside, building friendships with individuals and sharing in their lives and culture. Ephesians 4:1-6

4. *Provide materials and tangible support to those in critical need* – During our mission experiences we seek to be a blessing to others with financial support, work, clothing, food and other supplies. This movement of sharing our resources with others is a powerful testimony to the Love of God. Matthew 21:36-40 and 25:34-40

5. *Share the Story* – During and after our mission experience it is important to tell the stories we see and hear. We are the voice of the voiceless in some cases and magnify our experience by sharing them in loving ways. This is a critical step in systemic change and the transformation of the world into the Kingdom of God. It might be considered sharing the Gospel of God's work in the world. Luke 4:42-43

—**Scott Hardin-Nieri**, Pastor

Chica Chat Young Women's Bible Study

Young women ages 13-18 pray, talk, snack and laugh together. They rotate meeting days and locations. Please call **Becca Hardin-Nieri** (225-8002) or **Holly Wolsey** at (229-9646) for locations and times.

Adult Education

Adult Education classes are on break during June, July and August. Classes will resume in September. Look for more information on classes offered during Fall 2011 in future newsletter articles.

College Aged and Grads

Last month we shared "God moments", stories from our year, and reconnected at HuHot. It was a yummy time of fun and sharing. We will be gathering at various times throughout the summer. Please email **Scott Hardin-Nieri** to get your name on our contact list (email, text, or facebook). Also if you are 21 years old or younger think about joining us for the wilderness experience in August. Email Scott@heartoftherockies.org or call the office (223-1230) for more information.

Sunday Morning Expedition

(Sunday School for 7-12 grades) - 9:50-10:45 a.m.

Classes will resume in September.

Mystery Mountain

Mystery Mountain, our Sunday School ministry for 3-year-olds through sixth graders, will resume in September.

Mission Trips

High school Mission to Costa Rica Fifteen of us will be working with Project David to serve and connect with the people of Costa Rica. We are planning on working with Disciples of Christ Churches in the Western part of the country and serving the children at Mi Tia Day Care near San Jose. Mi Tia is a Disciples Global Missions Partner. Together we will explore issues of poverty, challenge notions of charity and justice, explore the spiritual implications of globalization and grow in our connection to God and one another.

Middle School Mission to Alamosa, Colorado We will be serving in various ways around Alamosa through La Puente Home (www.lapuente.net), an emergency food and housing agency for the San Luis Valley. We will cook and serve meals for the residents there and do other work around La Puente. We will also have time to explore the area around Alamosa and enjoy a surprise experience on our final day. The families we will be serving are living in one of the poorest counties in Colorado. We have much to learn from our friends to the south.

A View from the Mountains

Jesus was always thinking about – and reaching toward – “the least of these.” In the only parable he tells about the end (Matthew 25:31ff.), he encourages us to be thinking about them, too – the poor, the lonely, the estranged, the imprisoned, the hungry, the sick, the marginalized – and moving toward them in concrete acts of loving care.

It’s one of the things Disciples of Christ do best in our local communities and around the world. The sky hadn’t cleared following the recent and devastating tornadoes in the Midwest before Week of Compassion (WoC) made its first telephone calls and wrote out its first checks. Let me re-phrase that. The sky hadn’t cleared before *we* made our first calls and *we* wrote those first checks. Because Week of Compassion is one of our church’s ministries.

This is how the mission reads: “Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. We seek to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities.”

From the funds Heart of the Rockies was given to distribute following the local flooding in 1997 – when many in our community found themselves among “the least of these” – and the grants WoC has given to our church to fund Janet’s training of EMDR in the Middle East, to the many offerings we’ve taken and sent through WoC to help alleviate suffering here in the North America and around the globe, we’re part of an amazing and effective ministry of care.

—Jeff Wright, Pastor

“Children's Church” Teachers Needed

Looking for a wonderful way to share your time and talents with the young people of our church? The Children's Church team would welcome your help as we have several openings for teachers. Some say this is the best job in the church! Here's what it entails.

As a teacher, you review a pre-prepped lesson before church service. (Yep! That's right! The lesson is done for you!) After the children's time during worship, you leave the sanctuary with the children and head to Room 1A to teach the lesson. Nursery workers are in the room to help you with the children and activity. At the end of the sermon, the children and teacher return to the sanctuary to share in communion with the congregation.

On Sunday morning, the lesson is already prepared and waiting at the church. Each lesson includes a short interaction/lesson time with the children followed by a craft, game, music, or activity centered around the lesson. The lesson is written in a way that can be followed verbatim; or can be a guide for you to ad-lib as the interaction with the kids leads you. All supplies are provided and ready on Sunday morning.

Needs for first service: at least one more teacher but two would be wonderful. If you sing in the choir, you can join the children in Room 1A after the choir anthem.

Needs for the second service: at least three more teachers but more would be wonderful.

As a teacher, you will learn as much (or more) from the kids as they will from you. Don't miss this great opportunity to develop friendships with the young people in our church.

For more information, please call **Marla Mosley** (204-6266), **Laura Stout** (223-6976), or **Penny Mitchell** (282-0632).

Meet Your Elders

[Each month, we offer a story from one of the elders — fun, reflective, and inspirational. Some may reflect your own story.]

CHOOSE FAITH OVER FEAR, by *Corinne Adams*

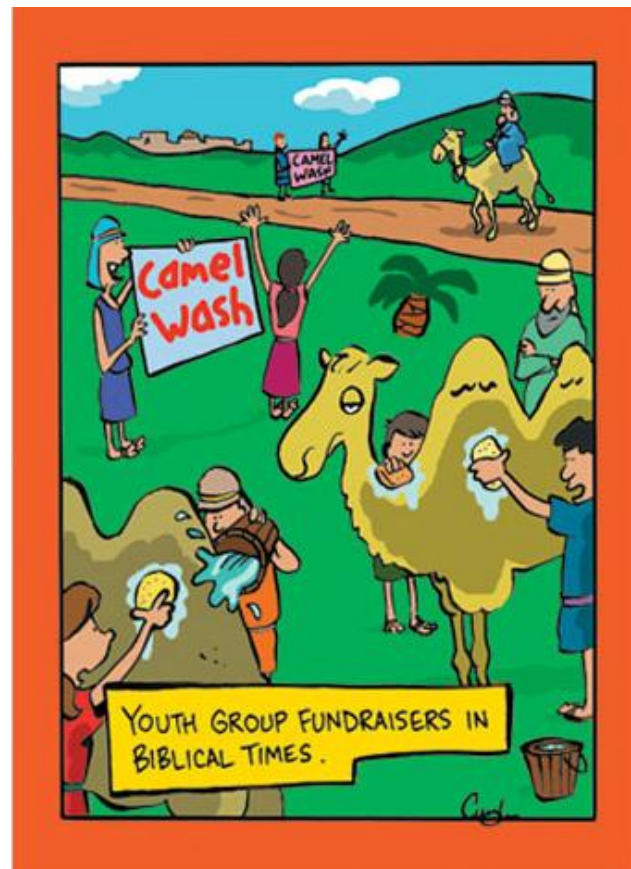
Have you ever felt afraid when life hands you lemons? Have you ever felt that God has sent an angel to help you get through a tough time? Like many of you, I can answer yes.

My life is blessed with family and friends that I love and a wonderful husband with whom I shared fifty great years before he passed away. Even in this idyllic setting, lemons and angels have appeared in our lives.

In a span of 10 years, I had two cancer surgeries and a brain tumor removed. I repeated Psalm 23 before each surgery, knowing that no matter what the outcome, the Lord would take care of me. Somehow, facing a surgery where I knew a saw would be used on my head, well, it was almost too much for me to find peace!! Fear had taken over. In the basement of Poudre Valley Hospital, I was getting prepped for the surgery when the nurse wrapping my legs began singing "Amazing Grace". I began to cry and she said softly, "I did not mean to make you cry."

The reality was that her beautiful gift of song had given me the ability to once again choose faith over fear. She had given me that much-needed sense of peace. Later, when I returned to my hospital room, I asked the staff if I could thank the nurse who sang to me and touched my heart with her inspirational music. I described her over and over, only to be told that no such person was employed by PVH. To this day I feel that an angel was sent by the Lord to show me the comforting power of God.

Philippians 4:13 tells us that we can do everything through God who strengthens us. Indeed, we can make the choice to CHOOSE FAITH OVER FEAR. Thank God for everything. He is in control.



General Assembly in Nashville

Our Disciples family will gather in Nashville for its biennial family reunion on July 9-13. In addition to great worship (with thousands sharing in communion and song) and amazing workshops, learning experiences and a huge book/church supply store, speakers will include Fred Craddock, Brian McLaren, Marian Wright Edelman, Holly McKissick and more. Drop by the church office for registration forms and hotel information, or go to www.disciples.org/ga.



Heartfelt Thanks To...

... **Bruce Chapman** for helping to make our church beautiful by cleaning the carpet in April; **Katie Hinojosa, Don Burbank, Rachel Chappell, Joe Cowan, Harlan & Frances Ferguson, Scott Johnson, Ron McMillan, Tom & Penny Mitchell, Vince & Marla Mosley, David & Sharon Peters, John & Karen Smith, Bill Stout, Bob Willhour** and **Jeff Wright** for their contributions of

time and talents while serving as the 2011-2014 Capital Campaign Team.



There is need for awareness that the mountains and rivers and all living things, the sky and its sun and moon and clouds all constitute a healing, sustaining sacred presence for humans which they need as much for their psychic integrity as for their physical nourishment.

-Thomas Berry

Disciples News

- Currently showing in the Oscar Haynes Exhibit Hall of the Disciples Historical Society: *Some Assembly Required: Putting Famous Faces in Disciples Frames* can now also be enjoyed online. Highlighting high and low moments of famous people who happen to be Disciples, we think this exhibit will surprise you. [Take a walk through this virtual exhibit.](#)
- There are spots available for the Wilderness Backpack Camp for all youth and young adults ages 16-21. The trip will be guided by Solid Rock Outdoor Ministries and co-directed by **Scott Hardin-Nieri**. The adventure is August 7-12 and the cost is \$275. Solid Rock provides all the equipment, gear and clothing except hiking boots. Come get away to the wilderness!
- New Fire is a network of ecumenical organizations and Christian communions that seek to revitalize the Church by engaging and developing the next generation of Christian leaders. This year's New Fire Gathering will be in conjunction with the National Council of Churches Centennial Gathering in New Orleans, LA, November 7-9. Interested? Check out: www.nccusa.org/witnesses2010/ga2010relatedevents.htm#newfire.

Searching for Identity and Citizenship

A Global Ministries Mission Story

I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons. Psalm 69: 8



The Church of Christ in Thailand (CCT) was started by missionaries in the early 1800s. Now it has more than 900 churches nationwide, and 150,000 members. Global Ministries partners with CCT to minister to the 1.2 million people in Thailand who belong to ethnic minority groups, such as the Karen, Hmong (Meo), Yao (Mein), Akha (Egaw), Lahu (Musoe), and Lisu.

Many hill tribe people, although they were born in Thailand, do not have birth certificates, meaning they have no citizenship, no identification documents, and no legal identity. The lack of citizenship means that these ethnic minorities are considered illegal aliens in their own land and have little access to basic services like education and health care, employment, and the right to own land.

Searching for Identity and Citizenship for Ethnic Minorities in Thailand is a new project by CCT. Nine volunteers help villagers apply to become Thai citizens. The project expected 100-200 individuals to receive citizenship documents in the first year of the project. As of August 2010, almost 1,000 people had filed for citizenship. Of those, 210 had been granted citizenship and an additional 776 were registered and waiting.

Among the 210, Mayuree and her three younger sisters recently became Thai citizens. Their father and mother had obtained citizenship years ago but, due to the lack of education, Mayuree's parents did not know how to register their children. Mayuree said "I am very happy to receive the citizenship. I am a Thai now. I am happy because I can go to school and obtain public services that other Thai people receive."

Please pray for this new project, and the impact it has on improving the lives of so many.

Our church's Board of Global Ministries, supported by our Outreach budget, works with the Church of Christ in Thailand to fund the Citizenship Project.



June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9 am Humane Society (1) 5 pm Elders	2 5:30 pm Choir (1) 7:30 pm Praise Team (S)	3	4 9:30 am Northern Colorado Chapter of United Nations Association Training (1)
5 9 am Worship 11 am Worship 12:30 pm VBS decorating, training and lunch 4 pm CYF Mission Parents Meeting 6 pm Chi Rho Mission Parents Meeting	6	7	8	9	10	11
Vacation Bible School, June 6-10, 9 am - noon						
12 9 am Worship 11 am Worship Noon: clear sanctuary for renovations 1:30 - 5:30 pm Youth Challenge (6-12 grades) CSU Ropes Course	13 Castillon's Mexican Restaurant Youth Fundraiser Day	14	15 7 pm Council Mtg. (1)	16 5:30 pm Choir (1) 5:30 - 7:30 pm Youth leaders celebration at the Hardin-Nieri Home 7:30 pm Praise Team (S)	17 12:30 - 3 pm Lunch & VBS Tear down	18 5 pm Fundango
19 9 am Worship 10 am Rehab Nursing Center of the Rockies (O) 11 am Worship	20 Junior Camp June 19-25 CYF Camp June 19-25	21	22 4:30 - 6:30 pm Chi Rho Participant Mission Mtg. (M)	23	24	25 6 pm OWLS/Singles Group <i>Hymn Sing</i> Outing
26 9 am Worship 11 am Worship	27 Chi-Rho Camp June 26 - July 2	28	29 5:30 - 7:30 pm CYF Participant Mission Meeting	30 7:30 pm Praise Team (S)	Sign up to serve at Heart of the Rockies Fundango Night, Saturday, July 16	
						(1) Room One (2) Room Two (S) Sanctuary (M) Modular (O) Other Location