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Christ Church CONNECTIONS

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



Christ Church United Methodist: A Reconciling Congregation

✧ Upcoming Events ✧

COLORADO CONDUCTORS' CHORUS

Sunday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.

You won't want to miss the incredible musical presentation by the Colorado Conductors' Chorus. Admission is FREE!

See page 3 for further details.

MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Thursday, May 13, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for this evening of quiet conversation facilitated by Rev. Jeremy Shaver of The Interfaith Alliance.

See page 2 for further details.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD-DAYS

Saturday, May 15

Sign up to build homes for those in need with the Christ Church Social Action Committee and Habitat for Humanity. *See page 3 for further details.*

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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.

✧ Adult Education ✧

ADULT SEMINAR

Please join us for our final presentations of the academic year. Sunday, May 2: “Islamic Politics and Culture,” with Dr. Amin Kazak of CU. May 9 & 16: “Russia: Friend or Foe?” with Dr. Luc Beaudoin of DU. We meet at 9:00 a.m. in the lower level Chapel. Coffee’s on! —Jane Smith

MARRIAGE EQUALITY

On Thursday, May 13, Jeremy Shaver will host a discussion on Marriage Equality at Christ Church. Rev. Shaver is the Executive Director of the Interfaith Alliance of Colorado. The Interfaith Alliance is a national network promoting social justice, religious freedom, and interfaith understanding by educating, organizing, and equipping progressive people of faith and goodwill for advocacy, dialogue, and celebration.

This quiet conversation is an opportunity for EVERYONE to ask any and all questions about the issue of marriage rights for gay families, to voice fears and concerns without inhibition or confrontation, and to discuss the possibility of marriage equality in the context of faith.

This discussion follows from the celebratory potluck luncheon on Reconciling Sunday, May 2. At the luncheon, and on the following Sunday, we will have an opportunity to submit questions anonymously for discussion by the Rev. Shaver. Cards and boxes will be on the tables and in the foyer.

For background reading, not required for participation in the discussion, a free pamphlet is available in the foyer: “Same Gender Marriage & Religious Freedom” by the Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy, President of the Interfaith Alliance. Please help yourself to a copy.

The meeting will take place in the chapel, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Homemade cookies, juice, and water will be served. —Lauren Fortmiller

United Methodist Women

The Leadership Team for Mission will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Study room at the church on Monday, May 3.

The VIBE Circle meeting will be May 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Study room at the church. Carol Everett will be the hostess. All ladies are invited to attend.

The UMW will host the appreciation breakfast for the Sunday School teachers on Sunday, May 23 at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to help honor the teachers by serving or furnishing food (juice, breads, egg dishes or fruit), please call Marlene Koehler at 303-750-8076. —Lorrie Wright

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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



Cares & Concerns

- **John Simmons** is recovering from viral pneumonia at home after a recent hospital visit.
- Keep choir member **Cathy Hall** in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from a recent surgery.
- **Neva Windbigler** may now be contacted with cards and well-wishes at the following address: Family Assisted Living, 2948 Routt Circle, Lakewood, 80125-7028.
- Please continue to keep **Bonnie Whittlesey** in your prayers. Cards may be sent to: 7877 E. Mississippi, #707E, Denver 80247.



✧ Musical Events ✧

COLORADO CONDUCTORS' CHORUS

Please join us as Christ Church once again hosts the Colorado Conductors' Chorus in concert on Sunday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. The chorus is presenting their Spring Concert entitled, *For Lo, the Winter Has Passed — Songs of Love and Renewal*, featuring choral works by Brahms, Vaughan Williams, Ravel, Pinkham, Eric Whitacre, and many more exciting composers! Admission is FREE.

DENVER GAY MEN'S CHORUS

Denver Gay Men's Chorus' Spring Concert *Hollywood Confidential* will take place Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church in Denver, and Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch. Tickets are available to purchase at <www.rmarts.org>.

Among DGMC's selections will be An American in Paris' "I Got Rhythm," Breakfast at Tiffany's "Moon River," Oklahoma!'s "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," and The Bodyguard's "I Will Always Love You." Hooray for Hollywood!
—Ben Riggs

✧ Congregational Care ✧

The Congregational Care Committee is sponsoring their bi-annual Senior Luncheon to be held Sunday, May 16, in the Narthex following worship. Lunch will include cold ham and pasta salad, relish plate, dessert and a healthy serving of fellowship. If you didn't receive an invitation and would like to attend, please notify Sheryl Byers at 303-341-0137. All Seniors are welcome to attend!
—Sheryl Byers

✧ Social Action ✧

BUILDING HOMES — BUILDING LIVES

Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, May 15. Christ Church is participating in the sponsorship program for Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver's current Bails Townhome Community build. The townhomes are being constructed near I-25 & Colorado and will provide an opportunity for homeownership for 24 families.

We need 10 volunteers at the building site, as well as people each week who are able to bring lunch and/or provide child care. Please stop by the display in the Narthex for more information about our exciting partnership with Habitat or e-mail the committee for details at ccumsocialaction@gmail.com.
—Kristen Hampton

Christ Church Calendar: May 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 a.m. Education Hour 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Coffee 11:30 a.m. Social Action 11:30 a.m. All-Church Reconciling Potluck 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 p.m. Rocky Mountain Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Gravity Defied Theatre auditions 7:00 p.m. UMW Leadership Team 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 a.m. Staff meeting 6:30 p.m. Gravity Defied Theatre auditions 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 p.m. Dances for Universal Peace 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir 	6 <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 6:00 p.m. Program Committee 	7	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 a.m. Debtors Anonymous
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23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 a.m. Education Hour & Sunday School Teacher Breakfast 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Coffee 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 p.m. Rocky Mountain Children's Choir 6:00 p.m. Welcoming Committee 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 a.m. Staff meeting 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 p.m. Dances for Universal Peace 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 p.m. Mosaic Youth Chorus 6:00 p.m. Easting Disorder Support 	28	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 a.m. Debtors Anonymous
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