

# Christ Church CONNECTIONS

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



*Christ Church United Methodist: A Reconciling Congregation*

## ✘ November Events ✘



THANKSGIVING  
IN-GATHERING:



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Please join us in our regular worship service on Sunday, November 22, as we hold our annual Thanksgiving In-Gathering! This is an opportunity for Christ Church members and friends to give back to those in need in our immediate community.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items to help replenish the Christ Church Food Pantry. The Food Pantry fills a huge need in our community, both for the homeless and those living in need. Help us stock our Food Pantry with items that can be used to cook a meal on a stove, as well as items that do not have to be heated (self-heating soup, tuna, crackers, and cheese). Please do not bring items that are expired or unreasonable for a family to cook (avoid salad dressings, marinades, and other “back-of-the-pantry” items). The children of Christ Church will bring the donated food items into the Sanctuary during the opening of the November 22 worship service.

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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.

## ✧ United Methodist Women ✧

**The UMW Annual Meeting** will be held Sunday, November 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a potluck lunch meeting so please bring a dish to share. There will be a short program, community meal, and the installation of new officers for 2010. Everyone is welcome!

**Thanks to everyone** who helped with coffee hour in October.

**UMW Mission Team** will meet on Monday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Study Room.

**There will be no VIBE Circle meeting in November.**

**Upcoming:** Bi-annual Valentine Tea will be held Saturday, February 13, 2010.

—*Sheryl Byers*

## ✧ Flu Shots ✧

The Visiting Nurse Association will be providing regular flu shots at Christ Church on Sunday, November 15, at 11:30 a.m. Only seasonal flu vaccinations are being offered at this time (no H1N1); there is a fee for each flu shot. If you are interested in having a flu shot on November 15, please contact the church office or RSVP on the sign-up list in the church narthex.

## ✧ Refugee Clothing Drive ✧

Members and Friends of Christ Church:

Once again we are hosting this group in their endeavor to clothe refugee kids for school and for the winter weather. If you are interested in volunteering for this project, help is needed on Thursday night, November 5 at 9:00 p.m. to help set up. And, we desperately need more volunteers to serve as “shopper helpers” on Friday, Nov. 6, and Saturday, Nov. 7, any time from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. or until the shoppers stop coming.

If you are able to bring the following items, they are urgently needed: new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, and uniform pants in khaki or navy. Bags of rice and beans are also needed.

We are also looking for volunteers to dismantle, clean-up and load some tables and remaining clothing into vans and/or cars to return to the Green Mountain area. Please consider volunteering for this worthy project – you are sure to feel good about helping! To volunteer, contact Marge or Walt at:

Marge Rudolph, Volunteer Coordinator  
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Thank you!

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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

## Announcements

- **Thank you** to everyone who attended the annual Halloween Party on October 31; special thanks to the Children's Education committee for organizing this fun community event!
- **Thank you** to everyone who helped cleanup around the church on the Trustees Work Day, October 17!
- **Congratulations to Jane & Don Smith** on the wedding of their daughter Emily to Kevin Sladek in a ceremony at Christ Church on October 10!



## Cares & Concerns

- **Anne Stonington** would like to ask for prayer for her granddaughter, who is on a list for a lung transplant. She is unable to work and her parents have flown to be her care-takers in New York City.
- **Sandy Houston** is home recovering from invasive back surgery in October. Please keep her in your prayers during her recovery.
- **Edith Sullivan** is a homebound member of Christ Church who would appreciate calls, cards, and visits: 1155 Ash St, #401, Denver, CO 80220, 303-377-5072.

## \* Community Life \*

### ADULT SEMINAR SPEAKERS

**November 1, 8, & 15:** The next three Sundays, Dr. Constance Wise of UCD and Metro State will be leading us in an exploration of America's polytheism. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning in the chapel. Hope to see you there!  
—Jane Smith

### ADULTS (20-25)

**Brunch:** Join us for brunch at Hotcakes (1400 E. 18th St) on Sunday, Nov. 8, following the worship service. We talk about life and church and whatever comes up.

**Pub Theology:** Nov. 16th at Irish Hound. Join Eric for great conversations about theology and all things religious-related. 6:00-9:00 p.m. The Irish Hound is located at St. Paul and 6th Avenue. Hope you will join us!

### YOUTH

**Jump Street trip:** On Nov. 8 the CCUM Youth will be joining Washington Park UMC for a trip to Jump Street. Bring \$10 for the cost. We will meet at Christ Church at 5:30 p.m. and return by 8:00 p.m. Parents: I need a driver/sponsor, please let me know if you are willing. Jump Street is an indoor trampoline park. For more info visit <[www.gotjump.com](http://www.gotjump.com)>.

### NEW MEMBER CLASS

The next New Member Class will take place on Nov. 21 from 8:30 a.m.—12:00 noon. A light breakfast will be provided. If you cannot attend this class, another format will be offered in the winter or spring.

The Saturday session will involve a tour of the building, history of Christ Church, discussion of Methodism, and a explanation of what it means to be a Reconciling Congregation. Members of the church are welcome to attend, as well! Refresh your membership and be reminded of the uniqueness of Christ Church. New members wishing to join Christ Christ will be received in the worship service on Nov. 22.

Please RSVP to <[estrader@christchurchcolorado.org](mailto:estrader@christchurchcolorado.org)> if you would like to attend or if you have any questions.  
—Eric Strader

### SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES!

**Hanging of the Greens:**  
Saturday, Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m.—12:00 noon

**Children's Christmas Pageant:**  
Sunday, Dec. 13, 10:15 a.m. worship

**Christ Church Visionaries:**  
Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010, all day retreat

# Christ Church Calendar: November 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 a.m. Education Hour</li> <li>10:15 a.m. Worship</li> <li>11:15 a.m. Coffee</li> <li>6:30 p.m. Denver Gay Men's Chorus</li> </ul>	<b>2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 p.m. Rocky Mountain Children's Choir</li> <li>7:00 p.m. UMW Mission Team</li> </ul>	<b>3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</li> </ul>	<b>4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</li> <li>7:00 p.m. Dances for Universal Peace</li> </ul>	<b>5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3:00 p.m. Neuropathy Support</li> <li>5:30 p.m. Mosaic Youth Chorus</li> <li>6:00 p.m. Easting Disorder Support</li> </ul>	<b>6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 a.m. Refugee Clothing Drive</li> </ul>	<b>7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 a.m. Refugee Clothing Drive</li> <li>9:00 a.m. Debtors Anonymous</li> </ul>
<b>8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 a.m. Education Hour</li> <li>10:15 a.m. Worship</li> <li>11:15 a.m. Coffee</li> <li>11:45 a.m. Adult (20-35) Brunch (offsite)</li> <li>5:30 p.m. Youth event</li> <li>6:30 p.m. Denver Gay Men's Chorus</li> </ul>	<b>9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 p.m. Rocky Mountain Children's Choir</li> </ul>	<b>10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 p.m. Children's Ed</li> <li>7:00 p.m. Ad Board</li> </ul>	<b>11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</li> <li>7:00 p.m. Dances for Universal Peace</li> </ul>	<b>12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 p.m. Mosaic Youth Chorus</li> <li>6:00 p.m. Easting Disorder Support</li> </ul>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 a.m. Debtors Anonymous</li> </ul>
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<b>29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 a.m. Education Hour</li> <li>10:15 a.m. Worship</li> <li>11:15 a.m. Coffee</li> <li>6:30 p.m. Denver Gay Men's Chorus</li> </ul>	<b>30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 p.m. Rocky Mountain Children's Choir</li> </ul>	<p><b>Christ Church Connections</b>  <b>Deadline for December article submissions:</b>  <b>November 25, 2009</b></p> <p>Submit articles to:  <a href="mailto:briggs@christchurchcolorado.org">briggs@christchurchcolorado.org</a></p>				