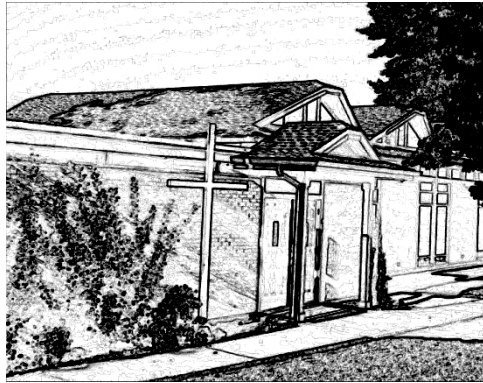


Northglenn United Church of Christ



REACHOUT November 2011

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Liturgist, Ushers, and Greeters

	LITURGIST	USHERS
Nov 6	Ron Rak	Diaconate
Nov 13	Chuck Vanstrom	Debra Glenn & Kim Yakel
Nov 20	Lyn Morris	JoAnne Hackett & Don Harrison
Nov 27	Don Harrison	Jeff Mehle & Anne Powell

GREETERS

Nov 6	Barb Carnes & Cliff Hohl
Nov 13	Mary Alice Boss & Carolee Guthrie
Nov 20	Rahven Kemper & Don Furukawa
Nov 27	Leigh Smith & JoAnne Hackett

BIRTHDAYS

2 nd	Lois Dirksen	18 th	Amy Doyle
	Kathryn Anne Priest	22 nd	Wayne Lehman
9 th	Samantha Glenn	24 th	Nicole Burback
11 th	Linda Greaves	27 th	Linda Rak
17 th	Carole Finley	29 th	Anne Sutton

ANNIVERSARIES

27th Jerry & Elsie Piotraschke

Suggested Lectionary Readings for November

Nov 6th <i>Ready to Shine</i>	21 st Sunday after Pentecost Laity Sunday Mission 1: Nov. 1-11, 2011 Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25 Wisd of Sol 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24 Wisd of Sol 6:17-20 or Ps 70 1 Thess 4:13-18	Ps 78:1-7 or Matt 25:1-13
Nov 13th <i>Abundant Possibilities</i>	22 nd Sunday after Pentecost Stewardship Sunday Judg 4:1-7 Zeph 1:7, 12-18 1 Thess 5:1-11	Ps 123 or Ps 90:1-8 (9-11), 12 Matt 25:14-30
Nov 20th <i>Reign of Christ</i>	23 rd Sunday after Pentecost Thanksgiving Sunday Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24 Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24 Eph 1:15-23	Ps 100 or Ps 95:1-7a Matt 25:31-46
Nov 27th <i>Longing</i>	1 st Sunday of Advent Isa 64:1-9 1 Cor 1:3-9	Ps 80:1-7, 17-19 Mark 13:24-37

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DECEMBER REACHOUT DEADLINE- NOVEMBER 15

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NONFICTION BOOK CLUB

The Nonfiction Book Club will meet November 30 at 7 p.m. to discuss *IN MY TIME* by Dick Cheney. Please join the discussion.

Mary Alice Boss

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WOMEN OF KINDRED SPIRITS

We are starting a new book in November called *Grace for the Good Girl* by Emily Freeman. We are also changing the dates of when we meet to the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm. And we also are going to begin meeting in the west Sunday school/office area. If anyone else wants to start attending, please let Rahven know (so she can get a book) as any new members are welcome to join us.

Cal's Considerations

GENTLENESS AND GIVING

To speak evil of no one ... to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone.--Titus 3:2

As we give the "thanks" of Thanksgiving, I remember our Christmas Baskets and over 90 of them prepared and delivered to those who are less fortunate. That was last year (2010) and now we are approaching the "season of giving" that the secular world calls "the holidays." It is an early start to be talking about this project in November but I hope that we can all help in planning and funding the best Christmas Basket effort that we have ever done.

Please make it a personal priority for you (and/or your family) to start giving to the "Basket" fund and let us know that you would like to participate in collecting/giving food, helping to organize and fill the baskets or help in delivering them to those who need them. We always appreciate the baskets as a "whole church project." This is not just about us at all – rather it is a mission project that we can all feel good Christian pride in, because others are fed by our resources, our work and our faith. "Feeding the Hungry" is Priority ONE for all UCC churches, especially Northglenn UCC.

Today, I will start praying for a miracle where our church is able to provide at least 120 baskets in 2011. I will pray for many of us to take the responsibility for keeping this project near the top of our list for ministry as we move toward Christmas. Please pray with me.

Of course, we need to "keep the horse in front of the cart" and consider Thanksgiving also. I know that most Christian people give thanks when they pray, along with requests, hopefully adoration of God and honest dialog. In November we also begin our preparation for Thanksgiving Day, planning what is to come and who we will share that day with; even more to pray for.

Some of us also plan to invite others who are more isolated or in need of company and fellowship during this time of year. It is another opportunity to share our joy of family and friends with those who don't have the same kinds of resources (monetary or otherwise) that we feel so grateful-for. Please remember to invite those who could use and appreciate sharing a Thanksgiving

meal with those of us who are blessed to have the ability to do so.

I read recently about this kind of caring and where it truly comes-from. Here is what I read:

"With a gentle spirit, we care for ourselves and we care for others. When we hold a newborn baby, we are gentle and caring. This new life is fragile and should be lovingly cared-for. The same principle applies to ourselves, our families and to others.

Today and each day, we focus on being gentle and kind. We are mindful of words and behaviors that might be rude or critical. In our interactions with others, we speak lovingly and quietly. We treat others with dignity and respect."

We are gentle with ourselves also. We slow our pace and take time to breathe. We walk with an ease of spirit and an awareness of God. We release worry or anxiety and see ourselves in a positive way. As we are gentle with ourselves and others, we find that our thoughts are peaceful and our lives flow smoothly.

Our hearts turn to the needs of others and those we don't even know. We begin to understand that we are all in this together, and we can help.

As November dawns in 2011, Northglenn United Church of Christ is deeply blessed. Out of our transition into Fall, we can relax from the hectic pace of Summer and follow the lesson from the trees as they "let go" of Summer's (e)motion and let their leaves ride the winds of Fall.

Maybe, the lesson of flowing with the wind and letting go into the season of Autumn can help us to focus our attention on taking care of ourselves, our families, our church and others. Since many of us don't "can food" anymore, perhaps we can store up and package our gifts into a perfect season of "giving and loving" each other even more. I believe that in our giving, we are uniquely precious to God and priceless to those we serve.

Love, *Cal*

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"LOOK FOR THE STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN TO START SOON.
IT WILL CONCLUDE ON NOVEMBER 20TH.
LET'S TRY AND MAKE THIS A RECORD YEAR!"

MISSION/STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

What a wonderful, generous church we are! We collected \$374.38 for Neighbors in Need, which was just shy of \$100 more than last year! We have also recently made a Good Samaritan donation of \$250 to the Thornton Food Bank. They were extremely grateful for our donation and said they could really use it. We have been blessed to be able to make a \$250 donation to Heifer International from the Quarterly Mission funds.

God serves the world through the church. It is encouraging to learn of ways that the Christian church is serving others.

This will be the final installment of this series of articles for 2011. A list of the organizations that were highlighted in the Reachout newsletter during the past year is provided here, along with contact information. Many of these organizations have newsletters that you can subscribe to. It is inspiring to follow their work through periodic communications.

Hoops of Hope: <http://www.hoopsofhope.org>

Youth – providing aid to children in Africa

Roving Volunteers in Christ's Service (RVICS):

<http://www.rvics.com>

Seniors – retired Christian couples travel in motor homes to serve as volunteers in communities

Bread For The World: <http://www.bread.org>

Advocates – lobby for funding to target hunger and poverty in the world

Comfort Creatures:

<http://www.comfortcreatures.org>

Animals – coordinates animal volunteers (and their people!) to provide therapy for people in need

Wives of Faith (WoF): <http://www.wivesoffaith.org>

Military – coalition of Christian women, supporting each other through military challenges

Village Missions: <http://www.village-missions.org>

Rural America – supporting small, rural areas by providing ministers and funds

Kids With Purpose (KWP):

<http://www.kidswithpurpose.org>

Children – programs to teach Children how to serve others

Joni and Friends:

<http://www.joniandfriends.org>

Disabilities – providing equipment, support, empowerment to poor people with disabilities

Prison Fellowship Ministry (PFM):

<http://www.prisonfellowship.org/prison-fellowship-home>

Prison – evangelism and Bible studies for prisoners; support for the families of prisoners

Christians **are** making a difference in the world. Every day, we allow God to work through us to heal and give hope to the world.

Karen Archer

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BAGS OF LOVE

Women's Fellowship will continue to sponsor the Bags of Love program this year. Back packs filled with articles children of different ages need are assembled and given to agencies in Adams and Weld county which deal with children who have been removed from their homes for various reasons such as abuse, neglect, drug use or "meth" houses. Some of the items are articles for personal hygiene, school supplies, toys, books, radios, stuffed animals, games, and small throws. The bags are given to these children who have left their homes, often with very little to call their own. The present needs are small bath towels (may be found at Wal Mart) and light fleece throws (Big Lots). If you want to make the throws, they take one and a half yards apiece.

The needs change from time to time, so we will keep you informed. There is a red basket in the back of the church with a list of on-going needs where you may leave items.

A group of us go to Frederick at least once a year to help assemble the bags for Adams county.

We appreciate your support for this worthwhile program and hope you will make donations as needs arise.

Thank you!

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SONG OF JOY

NOV 17TH 6 PM – POTLUCK
7 PM – WORSHIP

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EXCITING NEW PROGRAM!!!

UCC has started a new program to feed the hungry and confront food-related injustice. Taking place Nov. 1st to the 11th, Mission: 1 has 3 goals:

- 1) Collect over 1 million food items for local food banks. Please bring in non-perishable items the 1st three Sundays in November and place them under the tables in the back of the sanctuary (in the Narthex).
- 2) Get online contributions of over \$111,111 for Neighbors in Need food-related ministries. Go to UCC.org to make your donation!
- 3) Send 11,111 letters to Congress asking our government to make reduction of world hunger a higher priority. If you can, send a hand-written letter which is more effective than an e-mail. Here are the addresses of our Representative and Senators:

Senator Michael Bennett and Mark Udall
U.S. Senate
Washington DC, 20510

Rep. Diana DeGette
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

If you would like, go to Bread.org for more information on what to include in your letter. We will also be including a draft letter in one of the Sunday bulletins and e-mailing it to everyone who has e-mail. Feel free to copy it word for word or change it to better express your preferences. Take action today!

Mission/Stewardship Committee

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GREEN TIP

Hate the thought of all of those plastic utensils that you get at fast food restaurants ending up in a landfill for a 1000 years? Wrap a set of your own silverware in a napkin with a rubber band and keep it in your car for those times you stop at a fast food restaurant. Get extra "brownie points" for not using a lid or straw with your drink! And remember to take your own containers for leftovers at nicer restaurants.

Mission/Stewardship Committee

PRAYER CHAIN

Thank you to all who are participants, by choice, of the church's prayer chain. Whenever someone needs a prayer of concern or thanksgiving, prayer chain members are notified of the need through a chain of telephone calls. Mary Lou Burbach and Norma Ceballos are the lead callers. They each start the chain by calling the next person on their list. Ideally, the prayer message is passed from one caller to the next until everyone on the list receives it.

Sometimes, the chain is broken before the message reaches the last caller which is unfortunate. Just to be sure we are all on the same page, here is the procedure for each caller to follow:

When you receive the request for prayers, listen carefully, then pass the message on to the next person following your name. If you can't reach that person, leave a message if there is an answering machine and call the next person on the list. (Remember to call back if you can't leave a message) Follow the same procedure until you reach "a live person". Sometimes this involves making several phone calls and leaving messages which takes time, but it is necessary if the prayer request is to be honored.

Again, thanks to all the prayer chain members! There is power in prayer!
Women's Fellowship

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TRUSTEES

Monday, Nov 14, 7 pm at the church.

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TIME TO FALL BACK - THAT IS
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR SAT NOV 5
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 6

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Office Hours: Thursday 11-4
Friday 8-11
Pastor Cal: Thursday 2:30-5:30 pm
Call to schedule an appointment

DIACONATE

Hanging of the Greens will be Sunday, Nov. 20th after church. Please plan to stay and help decorate the church. We will have lunch afterwards.

The COB will have a Thanksgiving Mass at 8 am on Thanksgiving with a short service and communion. Everyone is invited.

Advent starts on November 27th. We need 4 families to volunteer for the readings and to light the candles. Please let Cal know if you are interested.

We will have our regular church service on Sunday, Dec 25th. We need your opinion about continuing or canceling the 11pm Christmas Eve service. Please let either one of the deacons or Cal know your thoughts.

We are thinking about forming a Team of people who would be interested in visiting shut-ins or members of the church who are in Nursing Homes. If you are interested, please let one of the deacons know. We will probably have a sign up sheet.

Next meeting will be on Tues, Nov 1st at 6:30 pm at the church.

Submitted by **Linda Rak**

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Have you noticed the entry by the north entrance into the Fellowship Hall? The dirty carpet is gone and in its place is the very nice tile which was installed on Oct. 10. It cost \$425 which was paid out of the Kitchen Fund . Let's hope it will help keep the entry way cleaner during the winter months.

Women's Fellowship is also planning to have track lighting installed above the serving table in the Fellowship Hall because that area needs more light, especially at night. It will also be paid out of the Kitchen Fund which will then be pretty well depleted.

We will be having a bake sale in December for the holidays. Date(s) have not been determined yet.

Coordinators for November and December are Cliff Hohl, Elsie Piotraschke, and Darlene Reffel.

The next meeting will be on the third Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011 at 1:30 pm.

Reachout Assistant Avis Yakel
Admin Assistant Charli Church

OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY
AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25th