



CORONA CORNER

CORONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DENVER, CO

DECEMBER 2008



Advent Events:

Saturday, Dec. 6:

Church Decorating, 9 a.m. - Noon

Sunday, Dec. 14:

Bring wrapped gifts for children of prisoners. See Angel Tree in lobby for more information.

Youth Group Christmas Party, 6 p.m. Dress up if you want, invite friends, bring a white elephant (under \$10) for gift exchange.



Friday, Dec. 19:

Mariners Christmas Dinner, 6 p.m., Gala Gardens Restaurant, all are invited, see bulletin for details or contact the Tursicks at (303) 745-5229.

Saturday, December 20:

20th Annual Puppet Team Christmas Party, 5-9 p.m. at the Wongs.

Sunday, Dec. 21:

One Service at 9:30 a.m.
Bring your favorite Christmas goody to share for refreshment time after the service.

Choir Cantata, 6:30-7:30 p.m., a time of worship, music, scripture and more

Wednesday, Dec. 24:

Christmas Eve Service, 6:30 p.m.

From my mind's eye . . .

I don't know about you, but for me there are few more meaningful times of the year than the one we are moving into. In Denver we have the Broncos, who I am finding myself rooting for more and more. We have the incredible mountains that are now being covered by snow.

Last Christmas was breathtaking as the snow covered the ground. It was one of the first times I can remember having snow on Christmas day. Opening presents on Christmas Eve or Christmas day certainly creates great memories and "fun" moments (not so fun when the credit card bill is due!).

All this said, truly the meaning of this season is beyond all of those things. This is the season that speaks of hope, of joy, of love and of peace. Each of those words describes for us a part of what Christmas is all about. It all centers around "Immanuel"- God with us.

Matthew 1:23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" — which means, "God with us."

This idea of God with us is first found in Isaiah 8-9, where God is revealing to Isaiah what is yet to come. This one called Immanuel will change life in our world for all times. It is stunning when you ponder what this says about God's love for us. There is no greater love than His.

I know all about the distractions that would pull our hearts and minds away from "God with



us." I want to challenge you to make Christ the center of your Christmas experience this year. May He be the hope, the joy, the love and the peace in your personal life and of our world.

On a different note: I want to thank all of you who have taken the time to pray about your faith/promise pledge for 2009 and have turned in your cards. The cards are one of the pieces that help our church determine what we are able to do in the coming year. And if you have not yet turned in your card, please do as soon as possible.

May the God of all peace be Lord of your life so that peace will truly reign in your heart.

In God's grip, because mine is often too weak,

Pastor John

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'They Like Jesus, But Not the Church' will wrap up

The final segments of "They Like Jesus But Not The Church" will be at 10 a.m. Dec. 7 and 14 and will deal with the perception that Christians take the whole Bible literally.

The wrap-up of the three-month series will be 10 a.m. Dec. 28 during a time of feedback and suggestions for further study and potential applications for our church body.

Another choice for Sunday school is the continuation of David Sawyer's 10:45 a.m. class that is studying the early church in the Book of Acts throughout the month of December.

There will be no Sunday School on Dec. 21 because of the combined service and fellowship and refreshments following the service.

Focus on Missions

India trip

Lynne Majure, and Renee Walbert have been on a trip to India with J.A.C and Maria from Love Outreach ministries. They have visited a number of orphanages and were blessed by meeting the children, and the people who care for them directly. We will get an update during church in December when they return.

Potluck for Teicherts on January 4

A potluck for the Teicherts will be Sunday, Jan. 4, following the second service. The Teicherts are former Corona members and currently missionaries in South Africa whom Corona supports. Karl Teichert will be preaching that Sunday. Please plan to join in meeting them after church during the potluck.



New fall banners

Patty Kenyon recently created new banners for the wall near the main entrance. She used a fall theme with scripture from Psalms 96:12-13, "Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the Lord for he comes."

Jim Watson is new worship director

Jim Watson is the new contemporary worship director at Corona Presbyterian Church. He began in November and replaces Keith Schemper, who decided to attend and worship at his wife's church.

"I am very excited about being a part of what God is doing and is going to do here at Corona and honored to have this opportunity," Jim said. Both he and his wife, Wendy, are excited about being part of Corona.

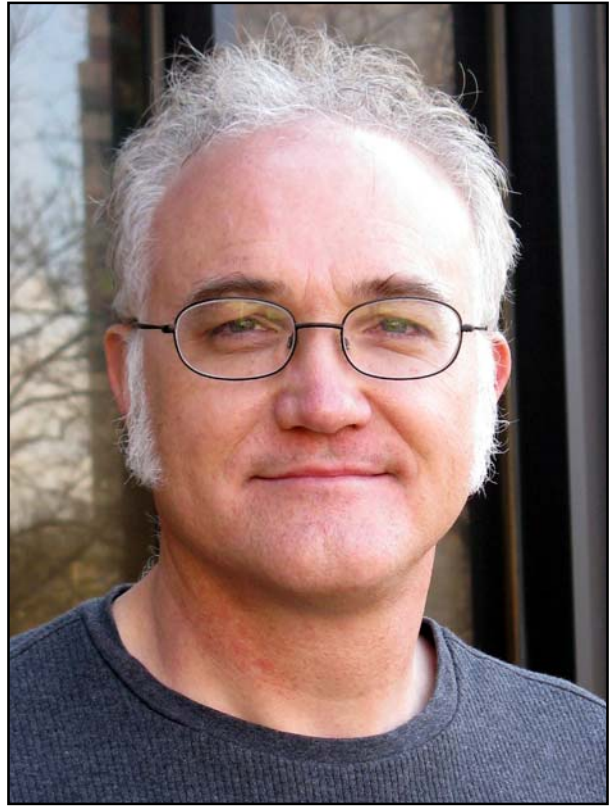
Jim has been a contemporary worship leader at two Free Methodist churches of similar size to Corona over the past three years. In addition, he spent several years playing lead guitar and bass guitar at large Vineyard churches in Denver, Fort Collins and Phoenix.

Jim grew up in the Church of Christ, learning how to sing acapella worship in multiple part harmony. He also played flute, clarinet and a little bit of trumpet during school years.

"I picked up my first guitar when I was 16 and God began to thread His purposes into my music when I was in college," Jim said.

Two years ago Jim left his career as a corporate travel agent to focus on ministry and health care. He is a respiratory therapy student at Pickens Technical college in Aurora.

Wendy has been a middle and high school language arts teacher for the past several years and is currently working on a master's degree in educational counseling. She has directed a summer camping program for the Presbytery of Wyoming during the past four summers and feels a very



Jim Watson, contemporary worship director

strong calling from the Lord to insure that the generations to come can still enjoy lifechanging Christian summer camps.

Wendy recently worked in a counseling internship role at Dora Moore school across the street from Corona and currently teaches English at Hallel Academy, a Jewish school.

The Watsons share their Aurora home with three dogs and two cats and hope to adopt children someday soon.

Project Glean

Members of Corona turned out for the annual gleaning of farm fields for COMPA food bank ministries on the cold morning of October 11. Remember to bring non-perishables on the first Sunday of each month to help support COMPA.

Photo by Leanna True



Matt Syrdal leaving for full-time youth job at Grace Pres

A few teary eyes showed at Youth Group recently when Youth Director Matt Syrdal announced that Grace Presbyterian in Centennial has recruited him for a full-time youth position. Matt has been part time at Corona.



Matt Syrdal

He will be leaving at the end of January. Matt said he is happy to have the new position now that he and his wife, Alyssa, are expecting their first child in April.

“This is really a blessing and answer to prayer,” Matt said, “On the other hand, it’s sad to be leaving the kids.”

Matt began as youth director in June and said he had many great moments with the youth, such

as the summer camping trip to Twin Lakes, the all night lock-in, and feeding the homeless at The Crossing. He also enjoyed the many one-on-one talks he had with the youth.

“I’ll miss the kids a lot. They ministered to me as much as I did to them,” Matt said. “I want them to know how amazing and talented they are. Any person coming to work with the youth will be really blessed.”

Matt’s goal is to be a full-time ordained youth pastor and to work with both youth and young adults. He has a master of divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. The pastor of Grace contacted Matt when a vacancy arose. Grace has about 40 kids in its youth group.

Matt said he will pull together the parent committee and volunteers to help take over and to continue the momentum of the youth group during the transition.

--Bob True

December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 (6p Young Adults)	2 6:30p Trustees	3 9a Watercolors 7p Choir 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Worship Team	4 10a Sewing 12n Corp. Prayer	5 9a MOPS	6 Decorate the Church 7a Prayers 7a Men's Small Group, Library
7 Food drive 9 & 10:45 Worship 10a Fellowship 12:30 Deacons 1:00 Puppets, Multi 6 Youth Group & Bible Study	8 (6p Young Adults).	9 6:30p Session	10 6:30 a Men's Prayer 9a Watercolors 7p Choir 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Worship Team	11 12n Corp. Prayer	12 9:30 MOPS Steering	13 7a Prayers 9-4 (11-3) Tryad Ministries luncheon 2-5 WGA in lower classrooms 5:30p Puppets, Multi
14 9 & 10:45 Worship 10a Fellowship 1:00 Puppets, Multi 6 Youth Group & Bible Study 7p Bultema Grp. Par.	15 <u>Annual Report info due to Nancy</u> (6p Young Adults)	16 6:30 & 7p Committees	17 9a Watercolors 7p Choir 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Worship Team	18 12n Corp. Prayer (7p WGA, Intro, Multi & Other)	19 9a MOPS 6p Mariners Dinner, @ Gala Gardens	20 Corona Corner 7a Prayers 7a Men's Small Group, Library 5p Puppets Party @ Wong's
21 <u>9:30 ONE WORSHIP</u> , followed by sharing goodies 10a Fellowship 1p Puppets, Multi 6p Youth Group & Bible Study 6:30p Choir Contata	22 (6p Young Adults)	23 7-8:30p Puppet Comm.	24 <u>Christmas Eve</u> 6:30 a Men's Prayer 9a Watercolors, 7p Choir, Gigglin', Worship team 6:30p Service	25 <u>Christmas</u> (Office closed)	26 (Office closed)	27 7a Prayers 7a Men's Breakfast 6p Puppets, Multi
28 9 & 10:45 Worship 10a Fellowship 1:00 Puppets, Multi 5:30 CPC Prayer Mtg 6 Youth Group & Bible Study	29 (6p Young Adults)	30	31 <u>New Year's Eve</u> 9a Watercolors, 7p Choir, Gigglin', Worship Team			

Youth group prepares for December activities

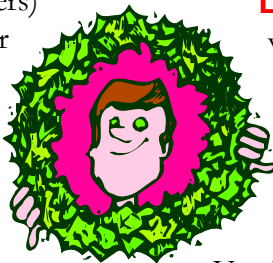
Friday, December 12th - "The Crossing" open to ALL youth (Jr. and Sr. highers)

Our time at The Crossing in November was a wonderful experience of serving together and participating in God's love of the poor! Join us again on Friday, Dec. 12 at 4:30 p.m. in the church parking lot. We will begin serving at 5:30. Yes, parents are welcome!

As the weather will be getting much colder, raid your closets and find any warm clothing you haven't worn in a year, bag 'em up and bring them with you on Dec. 12! Warm jackets, flannels, pants, boots, gloves, anything you have out grown or don't need anymore will make great Christmas gifts for those in need. Have any old toys? Bring those as well! The families at The Crossing would love some toys for their small children. If interested, please respond to Matt Syrdal ASAP. amsyrdal@gmail.com or church phone number.

Dec. 14 is the YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY!! Feel free to dress up, invite a friend or two, and remember to BRING A FUNNY WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT of 10\$ or less!!!!

**Mark Your Calendar
Annual
Congregational Meeting
Wednesday, January 21**



Friday, Jan. 9 - Winter Art Show: "Light from Light"

The Youth Group will be displaying their unique art creations from 6-9 p.m.! It is a "First Friday" art show in the Multi-purpose room and open to the public. Parents and youth are encouraged to bring their friends. It will be a fundraiser for the Youth Group Missions fund. It will be a semi-formal event with food and drinks and the night will finish with a silent art auction. If you are interested in helping with setup or with food and hors d'oeuvres preparations please contact Kristol Kumar or Matt Syrdal.

Reminder:

Please return your faith promise pledge cards as soon as possible.

The cards improve our planning efforts for the coming year.





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Sunday Worship

Heritage Service **9-10 a.m.**

Childcare and nursery available until Noon

Coffee/Fellowship **10-10:30 a.m.**

Sunday School for all **10-10:40 a.m.**

Contemporary Service **10:45-Noon**

Children's Church/Puppets and an
Adult Sunday School available

Staff

Rev. John Geiter

Senior Pastor

C.J. Garbo

Choir Director

Paul James

Accompanist

Nancy Rowley

Secretary

Jim Watson

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