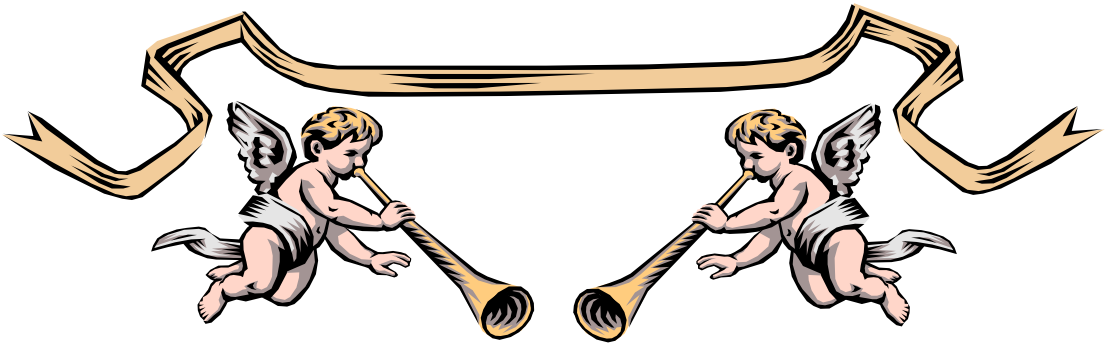




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CORONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DENVER, CO

JANUARY 2009



Moving forward in 2009

New Service Times

Heritage Service: 8:45 a.m.

Sunday School for All: 10-10:45 a.m.

Contemporary Service: 11 a.m.



From my mind's eye . . .

I hope you have stayed warm and that your Christmas went well. The thoughts, the smells, the feelings, the lights and the child of Christmas linger for me for weeks after Christmas is officially over.

For me, it is one of the biggest highlights of the year. I can hardly wait for next year!

I heard a person complain the other day about someone using, "Xmas" for Christmas. To them, it was an offensive abbreviation of "Christmas." I want to clear the air about this so that anyone else experiencing that frustration can relax and be comfortable with this expression. The "X" is the first letter in the name "Christos" or Christ in the Greek language in which the New Testament was written. I suppose we can be thankful that "messiah," the Hebrew form of Christ, was not used for the celebration of the birth of Jesus (Messiahmas?).

One further thought; the term, "Christmas" is not found in the Bible, but was first recorded in 1038, for Christ's Mass. Thanks for letting me get this off my chest.

The upcoming year is going to be a year of watching and participating in what God is doing. There is no crystal ball that we can look at and see what is coming our way. However, we have something far greater and grander than any old crystal ball. We have the maker of heaven and earth leading the way. We have the creator of the Rocky Mountains giving us direction. As we follow His lead. As we walk where He is going. There, in that place, we will find the hope to live by.



Please mark your calendars for our Congregational Meeting on January 21. This is an essential part of being involved in this church called Corona Presbyterian Church. I really want to see you there.

If you have not put this verse to memory, now would be as good a time as any.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

May the God of hope, peace, joy and love fill your hearts as we endeavor to be living proof that Jesus Christ is Lord.

In the great grip of our God,

Pastor John

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Teicherts visit Corona during sabbatical

Karl preaches about God's purpose in world

The Teichert family visited Corona during their sabbatical from South Africa where they are missionaries with OC International. Karl grew up at Corona and is the son of Bernice and the late Bob Teichert.

Karl preached January 4 about God's purpose in the world and throughout history, and how we can join in His purpose.

Karl and his wife, Jenny, and their children, Ann, Scott, Stephen and John, last visited Corona two and one-half years ago when they were back from the mission field.

The family has been in mission work in South Africa since 1987. Corona is part of their support team. They live in Johannesburg where Karl and Jenny are involved in a ministry that plants and develops churches. The Teichert's



Karl, Bernice and Jenny Teichert. Karl, Jenny and their kids are visiting during a break from their mission work in South Africa.

vision is to see a healthy, Bible-based church in every unreached village and community in South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe. The ministry recently began a project to train preschool teachers in an impoverished settlement called Finetown just south of Johannesburg.

A potluck for the Teicherts was held after the service January 4.

Congregational meeting Wednesday, January 21

Mark your calendars for the annual Congregational Meeting and potluck on Wednesday, January 21.

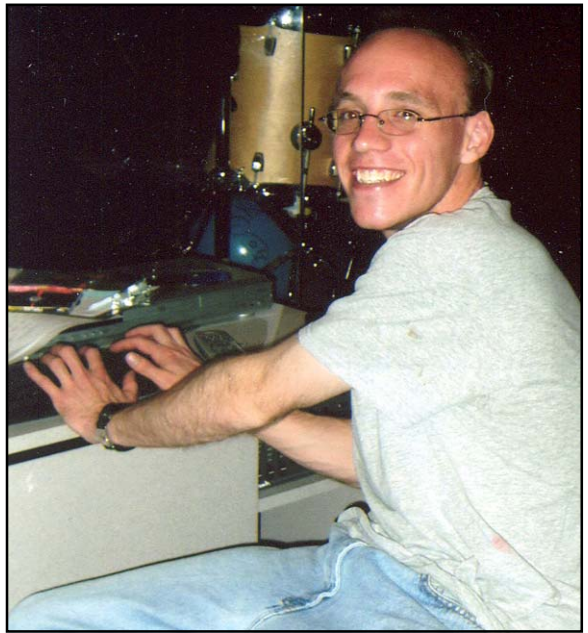
The agenda includes the annual corporate meeting, discussion of the budget, election of officers, reports from staff and elders, and a look ahead at Corona's direction in 2009.



Corona says good-bye to several friends dear to our hearts in 2008

Jarod Bulthuis went to be with the Lord on December 20 after complications from cystic fibrosis. He was loved by those at Corona who knew him as a faithful worker on behalf of the youth. A moving memorial service was held at Corona with song, worship, readings and remembrances.

Others from Corona who were called into the presence of our Lord over the past year or so include Mildred Chew, Ruth Lutz, Ruth McKenzie, Dorothy Melnychenko, Dorothy Meyer and Jerry Smalley.



Jarod Bulthuis

New Sign Coming Soon

A new face panel for Corona's sign at 8th Avenue and Downing Streets has been ordered and should be ready for installation in January or February. The sign was damaged, apparently by vandals, in November.



Christmas Cantata

A cantata was held Sunday evening December 21 that combined the choir, the praise band, and the worship gifts of staff including choir director C.J. Garbo, contemporary worship director Jim Watson, accompanist Paul Ijames, former accompanist Kari Miles and other guests.



A single service was held December 21, followed by a time for the congregation to get together for Christmas treats and fellowship.

January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day Office closed	2 9a MOPS	3 7a Prayers 7a Men's Small Group, Library 9am Un- Decorate the Church
4 Food drive 9 & 10:45 Worship 10a Fellowship 12:30 Deacons 1:00 Puppets, Multi 6 Youth Group 9set up Art Show, Multi & Bible Studv	5 (6p Young Adults)	6 6:30p Trustees	7 9a Watercolors 10a Pstrs Spirit mtgs, parl 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Worship Team 7p Special Session mtg	8 10a Sewing ??? 12n Corp. Prayer	9 9:30 MOPS Steering	10 7a Prayers 8:30 – 3:30 MOPS Steering Retreat, Parlor 6p Puppets, Multi
11 (Communion) 8:45 & 11 Worship 10a Sun. School for all 1:00 Puppets, Multi 6 Youth Group & Bible Study 7p Bultema Grp, Par.	12 (6p Young Adults).	13 6:30p Session	14 6:30 a Men's Prayer 9a Watercolors 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Worship Team	15 12n Corp. Prayer (7p WGA, Intro, Multi & Other)	16 9a MOPS 11:30 – 2 Moppets training, Parlor	17 7a Prayers 7a Men's Small Group, Library 6-9pm Back to MOPS night
18 8:45 & 11 Worship 10a Sun. School for all 1p Puppets, Multi 6p Youth Group & Bible Study	19 (6p Young Adults)	20 Corona Corner Deadline 6:30 & 7p Committees	21 9a Watercolors 7p Choir 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Worship Team Annual Meeting, Multi	22 12n Corp. Prayer	23	24 7a Prayers 6p Puppets, Multi
25 8:45 & 11 Worship 10a Sun. school for all 1:00 Puppets, Multi 5:30 CPC Prayer Mtg 6 Youth Group & Bible Stud	26 (6p Young Adults)	27 7-8:30p Puppet Comm.	28 6:30 a Men's Prayer 9a Watercolors, 7p Choir 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Worship Team	29 12n Corp. Prayer	30 9a MOPS	31 7a Prayers 7a Men's Breakfast

Youth group has fun with ministry

The youth group visited “The Crossing,” December 12 to help serve the evening meal to the residents there. The Crossing is a ministry of the Denver Rescue Mission that helps homeless, the poor, and those who are recovering from health and substance abuse problems. The program gives residents help in re-entering the workforce and living on their own.

Several of Corona’s youth and youth volunteers had an opportunity to not only serve the residents but to speak with them at the dinner table and share God’s love for them. The residents were very appreciative to Corona’s youth, and our young people enjoyed having this opportunity to serve.

The youth group also took part in a Christmas party at Corona on Dec. 14, and rang in the new year with a bowling night on Jan. 4.

Farewell party/shower for Matt and Alyssa Jan. 25

The whole church is invited to a party Jan. 25 from 6-8 p.m. at Corona to say good-bye to Matt Syrdal as he leaves to become youth director at Grace Presbyterian Church in Centennial.

The party will be combined with a baby shower for Matt and Alyssa, who are expecting their first child in April. To contribute to a group gift contact Pam Marsh.

A basket for notes to Matt and Alyssa will be placed in the foyer Jan. 18 and 25.



Some of the youth group gathered at “The Crossing,” Dec. 12 to help serve the residents there. They served food, cleaned up dishes and the dining room, and shared God’s love with the men and women and families living at the Crossing.





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Sunday Worship

Heritage Service **8:45 a.m.**

Childcare and nursery available until Noon

Sunday School for all **10-10:45 a.m.**

Contemporary Service **11 a.m.**

Children's Church/Puppets

Staff

Rev. John Geiter

Senior Pastor

C.J. Garbo

Choir Director

Paul Ijames

Accompanist

Nancy Rowley

Secretary

Jim Watson

Contemporary Worship Director

Matt Syrdal

Youth Director

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