



# CORONA CORNER

CORONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DENVER, CO

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## Corona says goodbye to Pastor Jean

A special Friday Nights at Corona was held July 11 to honor the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Jean Hess on her final day. Jean has been a staff member since 1997, and has fulfilled a number of ministry roles during those years.

As a native of Scotland, Jean was ordained by the Church of Scotland and had been in pastoral positions at Presbyterian churches in Glasgow before moving to Denver where her husband, Rick, was a professor at Denver Seminary. The seminary approached Corona's session in 1997 about the possibility of hiring Jean, and she began at Corona as an assistant to Interim Pastor Les Avery, and as a minister to the women of Corona.

Her many ministries at Corona included organizing retreats, the women's tea, leading worship, pastoral care, outreach and evangelism. Jean was formally installed in November 2002 as asso-



*Rick and Jean Hess and their family were on hand for Jean's final night at Corona on July 11.*

ciate pastor by the Presbytery of Denver. She led Corona during times when there was no senior or interim senior pastor. Jean completed a doctorate of ministry degree at Denver Seminary that focused on her passion for prayer and healing.

The entire Hess family, including Rick, their two sons, a daughter and two daughters-in-law, have served the church in a variety of roles. Greig Hess was the contemporary worship director from 2002 until April of this year.

During the July 11 Friday Nights, Jean's family was either part of the worship team, or part of the worshippers, including grandchildren in the arms of Rick and daughter-in-law Jenna. She said God orchestrated her final Friday Nights service as one in which her whole family could participate and lead worship.

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# From my mind's eye . . .

By the time you read this article, the Geiter's will have been in Oregon for several weeks and I will be "chomping at the bit" to be back at Corona. We will be on vacation June 25- July 15. Our plans are to visit family and friends in Salem, Portland and The Dalles Oregon. One of my favorite hopes for our trip is to put my feet in the Pacific Ocean.

We will be traveling about 3000 miles by the time we are back and at home. If I look a little worst for the wear... remind me that it is just a temporary moment in time and space and I will be fine shortly.

I realize that the last few weeks have been very difficult for our church family. The pinnacle of that was our congregational meeting on June 22. I want to say how proud I am of our church family for showing respect and love toward one another. Though we may not agree 100 percent with each other, we are following Christ Jesus- the head of the church, together. Together we



will seek to fulfill the Kingdom work God is calling us to be about.

Lastly, I am truly sorry that we will miss Pastor Jean's last service with us. We will be praying that the time of remembering and celebrating her ministry at Corona, though sad, is also a tribute to her faithfulness to Corona and God's faithfulness to our church.

We will be seeing you soon. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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

*Pastor John*

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# VBS makes final preparations for August

Vacation Bible School is coming up August 4-8, and while we have recruited most of our teachers we can always use more helpers, people to donate craft supplies, decorations and snacks. We're doing a BBQ lunch the last day.

Our theme is SCUBA (Super Cool Under-sea Bible Adventure), using Bible stories involving water to teach kids to believe in, obey, trust and love God, and share God's love. Kids will participate in music, crafts, games, stories, and snacks.

VBS runs Monday -Friday, August 4-8, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Registration is FREE and anyone ages

4-5th grade (completed) is welcome. There will be childcare for younger members of volunteers' families. We welcome responsible teens, single adults, and grandparents as helpers, too!

For more information on how you can specifically help or to donate items contact Julie Ho 303-329-3161 or Renee Walbert 303-862-4100 (hm), 303-328-7230(cell).

## Committee seeks choir director

Finding a new choir director is the task of a search committee that assembled in June and developed a job description and announced the position. The committee will also begin reviewing applications and conducting interviews in August after the application period closes.

The job description was sent to several organizations and posted on several websites, including the Corona website at [www.coronachurch.com](http://www.coronachurch.com).

Search committee members include Scott Anderson, Greg Fee, Pam Marsh, Jessica True and Renee Walbert.

Separate processes will be conducted to find an accompanist for the choir, and a contemporary worship leader. All positions will be part time.

### A Note from Katie Krause...

Thank you to everyone at Corona who has prayed for me and given me encouragement as I prepare to head to South East Asia.

I currently have 38 individuals, couples and groups committed to praying for me and my journey. In addition, I have about 39 percent of the monthly financial support that I will need in order to be allowed to leave.

Please continue to pray for more prayer partners, as well as the remaining financial support to be provided, so that I can leave at the end of November. Please also pray for practical matters such as packing, banking, immunizations and visas. All of these things must come together in the next few months.

If anyone wishes to become a prayer or financial partner please let me know in person or by phone 720-771-0845.

In Christ,  
Katie

## People Helping People

June 21 was the day for the first Deacon Work Day. Six members of Corona took advantage of strong backs, steady hands and willing hearts to help them with chores around their homes.

Laura Anderson, Assistant Chairman of the Deacon Board stated, "I hope that this will be the first of many work days. One of the roles of the Deacon is to assist our members at Corona to care for people in need. Events like this bless not only the ones helped but the helpers, also. Be looking for similar work days coming this fall."

Thanks to the Deacons and all the helpers for making this day a success.

## MOPS schedule for August

### For Mother's of Preschoolers

**August 1** – Crestmoor Park Join us at 10 a.m. at the park. The east side of the park is Monaco Parkway near 1st Ave, but the playground is at E Bayaud Ave and S Kearney St.

**August 8** – This is a Friday night event. We will meet at Founder's Green in Stapleton (29th between Syracuse and Roslyn) to watch the movie Curious George. The movie begins around 7:30, but come at 6:30 for a picnic and playtime.

**August 15** – End of Summer Pool Party! Meet at Tracy Ro's apartment complex for some time around the pool and hot tub. Bring lunch for you and your kids. We will meet from 11a.m. -1p.m. (1755 S. Beeler St.)

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"We came as a family, and we leave as a family," Jean said, "We worship together tonight and only God could orchestrate that and we give him all the glory."

A dissolution service was held and presided over by Elder John Walbert and Rev. Susan Boucher of Denver Presbytery to formally dissolve the pastoral relationship and to eliminate the position of associate pastor.

Session recommended the elimination of the associate pastor position in June for financial reasons due to a decline in membership over the past several years.. An informational meeting was held June 18 where members had an opportunity to ask questions and express concerns. At a congregational meeting held on June 22 a vote was taken to approve dissolving the pastoral relationship, to approve the terms of dissolution agreement, and to ask Presbytery to close the associate pastor position.

### Opportunities for Corporate Prayer at Corona

Group	Focus	When	Where
Sunday Morning Prayer	Prayer for the worship service	9:00 AM	Prayer Room upstairs
Bultema Prayer Group	Bultemas in Turkey - a sending and support group for them.	Sunday PM monthly	Parlor
Missions Committee	Support & Prayer for Corona Missionaries	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday PM, monthly	Parlor
Women's Prayer Group	Any topic or need, as the Spirit leads!	Tuesday 10 AM	Library
Prayer - for our nation and the Church.		Thursdays, noon - 1:00 PM	Parlor
Saturday AM Prayer Group	Prayer & Worship	Saturdays, 7 AM	Sanctuary
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Food, Fellowship & Prayer	Last Saturday of each month, 7 AM.	Multi
Corona Monthly Prayer Meeting	Prayer	Sunday evening, last week of each month	Church

Corona has an e-mail prayer chain and within hours, many people could be praying for you. The prayer chain can be reached by calling the church office at 303-832-2297, ext. 101. Confidentiality is respected. Update calls are appreciated.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  6:30p Trustees	2  7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Fri. nite practice	3 10a Sewing 12n Corporate Prayer, Parlor	4 Indep. Day Office Closed  <del>6:30 p Fri. Worship</del> <b>(Cancelled)</b>	5 7a Prayers 7a Men's Small Group, Library
6 <b>9:30 Worship</b> , Food drive 10:40 Fellowship, Prlr 12:30 Deacons, 1:00 Puppets, Multi 3-5 Oromo, Parlor 6 Youth Group & Bible Study	7  (6p Young Adults)	8  6:30p Session	9 6:30a Men's Prayer  7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Fri. nite practice	10  12n Corporate Prayer, Parlor	11  <b>6:30 p Fri. Worship</b>	12 7a Prayers  6p Puppets, Multi
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20 <b>Corona Corner deadline!</b> <b>9:30 Worship</b> 10:40 Fellowship/Parlor 1:00 Puppets, Multi 3-5 Oromo, Parlor 6 Youth Group & Bible Study	21  (6p Young Adults)	22  7-8:30 Puppet Comm.	23 6:30a Men's Prayer  7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Fri. nite practice	24  12n Corporate Prayer, Parlor	25  <b>6:30 p Fri. Worship</b>	26 7a Prayers 7a Men's Breakfast  6p Puppets, Multi
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