



CORONA CORNER

CORONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DENVER, CO

JUNE 2008

Matt Syrdal hired as youth director

Matt Syrdal has been hired as Corona's new youth director. Matt graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., in June 2007 with a master of divinity degree. He and his wife, Alyssa, live in the Stapleton area. They moved to Denver in September to be closer to her family.

Matt, 32, has a heart for youth ministry that goes back to his high school days in Seattle, Wash., where he participated in the Young Life youth ministry program.

"I went through Young Life in high school and it made a huge impact on my life," Matt said. "After graduating from college I led a Young Life group. I enjoyed it immensely."

Matt's undergraduate degree is from the University of Washington. He majored in graphic arts and worked in the graphics industry after graduation.



Matt and Alyssa Syrdal. Matt is a 2007 graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary and was recently hired as youth director.

Matt recently completed a chaplaincy internship at St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver, but he has been seeking a youth position at a church.

"In this day and age there is a sense of urgency for how the church relates to youth," Matt said. "There are so many changes going on in our culture that impact youth, especially with media and technology."

Matt said he also has a heart for outreach in the inner city, and that Corona is a good place for that.

Alyssa is getting her master's degree in counseling at Regis University and will be working with children with special needs and their

families.

Matt and Alyssa are members of the Presbyterian Church, USA. Matt has been a member of University Presbyterian Church in Seattle and most recently with Hollywood Presbyterian Church in Hollywood, Calif.

-- Bob True

From my mind's eye . . .

I hope your spring has sprung. What I mean by that statement is this: I hope that the busyness of spring season is something you are looking back at as opposed to still being in the midst.

One of the great things about looking back is that we can see with greater clarity the footprints of God in our life. Please understand, it is not as if God is not faithful in the present; however, sometimes I find myself so absorbed in the present that I miss what God is doing. God's faithfulness can get lost in the moment. It can be seen and better grasped when we take time in reflection.

One of the busy pieces in my family's life has been moving to our new home. I want to thank those twenty-plus people who helped move us on and around May 26th. You have no idea how significant that was in the life of the Geiters. The support offered and received is a way I see the footprints of God in our life. It will take some time before this house is truly our home (boxes, boxes, and more boxes); however, being able to buy and move into a house speaks to me of the faithfulness of God. It speaks to me of God's reminder that our family's life is to be cemented into the lives of those who call Corona their church home.

One of my favorite scriptures is:

Psalms 17:7 "Show the wonder of your great love, you who save by your right hand



those who take refuge in you from their foes."

The Hebrew word for God's great love is Hesed. It is translated: "kindness, mercy, loyal love, unfailing love, full of devotion". This 'great love' is tied to relationship. It is experienced as we are connected to God. That should be clear because seeing the "wonder of your great love" is based on taking refuge in God.

This word Hesed is found close to 200 times throughout the Old Testament scriptures.

God is quite serious about communicating to us that He is the faithful God full of mercy, kindness and unfailing love. In relationship, His unfailing love will emerge and be seen.

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

Pastor John

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Adult education features interesting discussions

We've had great reviews on the Prince Caspian series brought to us by Drs. Rick & Jean Hess. If you haven't seen the movie, we encourage you to do so. And you may want to take a moment to ask the Hesses or someone from the class about the many insights we learned from their teaching and this film.

Going into June, once again, David Sawyer continues with his very popular, in-depth study, "Fresh Insights From the Book of Luke." Catch up on this in B-5, and bring your questions!

And for the next several weeks, we are de-

lighted to have Scott Kingry facilitating a discussion of the sermons. "3-D" gives you a chance to talk back to the sermon message, whether you agree or disagree or have an experience or concern to share. We are looking for ways to sort things out and to make it practical for us to implement these messages in our lives and grow together. Join us in the Multi after worship!"

-- Elaine Connell

Phil and Chris Ginsburg coming to Corona in June

Those of you who came to last year's retreat will be excited to know that Phil Ginsburg and his lovely wife, Chris, have agreed to join us at both services on the weekend of June 27, 28 and 29.

We are still working out details of what that weekend will be like, so please be in prayer about it, and share anything on your heart with either Mike Wenger, Jary Dailey, or Elaine Connell. Also let us know if you would be interested in participating in a workshop on finding and sharing your own story, if you would like to share a story in a service, or if you have other suggestions.



Vacation Bible School!

It's coming, save the dates:

August 4-8, 9 a.m. – Noon at Corona
Ages 4 through 5th grade (just completed)

Jump in and splash with Scuba the Dog as Scuba learns to scuba dive and we all learn about how much God loves us.

Registration for the church will begin June 29th and then we will open it up to children in the neighborhood.

We are still looking for adults and teens (middle school and up) to help with VBS. Whether your gift is games, crafts, music, drama or teaching—there is a place for you.

Contact either

Julie Ho

303-329-3161

Or

Renee Walbert

303-862-4100 (hm)

303-328-7230(cell)



Corona's youth lead worship . . .

Many a spring finds Corona experiencing what is known as YOUTH SUNDAY...

Youth Sunday was June 8 this year. The youth group designed, created, organized and delivered the entire worship service. From the greeters at the front door to providing the message, they did it all.

Graduating seniors Steffan Geiter, Andy Goellner and Deidra Walbert received prayer for their next chapter in life.

Youth Sunday is a wonderful way to give our young people an opportunity to lead and to bless the congregation with the gifts and talents the Lord has given them.

-- Jessica True

The Youth Group led praise music with voices and guitars.



Children and the young at heart were encouraged to let Jesus help them overcome life's difficulties. Mei Mei Pollitt led the Children's Sermon.



A Senior Moment, left, honored graduating seniors. From left are Steffan Geiter, Deidra Walbert, youth volunteer Jarod Bulthius, and Andy Goellner.

Sacred dance was given by Jessie Goellner, Mei Mei Pollitt, and Leanna True



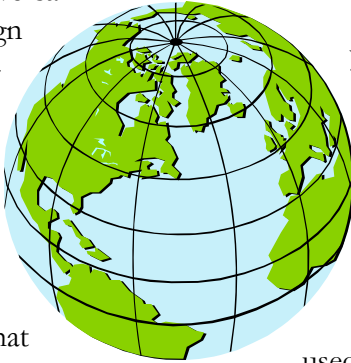
Lena Gibbs played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes for the postlude. A musical ensemble played and sang Shine Jesus Shine, below.



Tania Fendel traveling to Ukraine to teach English and Bible study

Tania Fendel will be in the Ukraine June 22 - July 8 with ACCTS teaching conversational American English as a foreign language and a bible study - Visiting with Jesus, "The Suffering Servant-King."

Indigenous military officers as well as some of their families will be attending this camp. She asks for your prayers - smooth travel and His kingdom to come, that many would believe and be saved. She will be traveling in the Ukraine and Russia (Carla Brunstead will be joining her in St. Petersburg) to maybe find some of her family and at the very least to see where her parents were born and lived. Thanks so much!



Goellner going on Peru mission

Jessie Goellner, 15, will go on a mission trip to Lima, Peru, in early July with Big World Ventures, an organization of Focus on the Family.

Jessie will be part of a group of 600 youth and adults from all over the United States who will be organized into teams to perform skits and minister to inner-city youth and families.

Jessie read an article last year in Brio magazine about the Peru mission opportunity and began making plans and raising money to participate. She used money from baby-sitting, odd jobs, and from contributions. Much of her support was raised through an appeals letter to her church family at Corona.

Corona Dance Camp

Corona's Dance Camp will be on June 16-20 at Corona. The dancers, from ages 4 on up, will learn dance steps, mostly ballet, and will use what they have learned in a worship dance for the June 22 service.

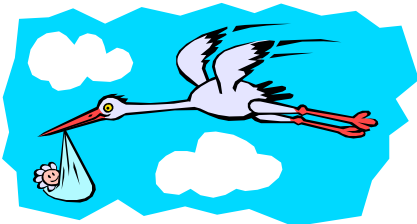
The dancers have loads of fun because Miss Holly is a great teacher. She has been a dancer herself for 27 years and a teacher for 19.

The camp is free to all. Typically the parents give her a love offering at the end of the week to say, "Thank you!" Please call Holly Miller if you have any questions or would like to register. (303) 458-6638



Welcome Gabriel Anand Kumar

John and Kristol Kumar are the proud parents of Gabriel Anand Kumar. Born on May 12 at 5:47am. He was 6 lbs, 7 oz, and 19 inches long. The new family is doing wonderfully well. You may have seen some mighty proud grandparents around the church lately!



MOPS has big summer plans

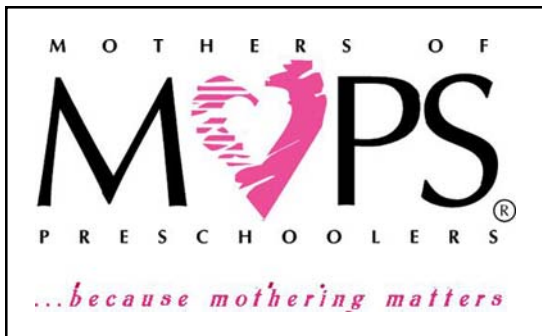
The Corona Mothers of Preschoolers finished up a great year and will host informal Friday “playdates” during the summer. All mothers of preschoolers (age 0-6) are welcome to attend.

Following are some upcoming activities.

June 20 – Sloan’s Lake Park Meet at 10 a.m. at the park. (Sheridan Blvd and W 17th Ave in Northwest Denver)

July 4 – We will not meet this morning. Happy 4th to you!

July 18 – Hunkta-Bunkta-Backpack Join us from 10:30-11:15 at the Cherry Creek Library. “Bring your backpacks for a musical extravaganza!”



Come have some hand-clapping, toe-tapping, thigh-slapping fun with Katherine Dines and her original and internationally known songs and stories.” (3rd and Milwaukee in Cherry Creek North)

July 25 – Extra Friday Park Day! Stapleton Central Park Meet at 10 a.m. at this cool, huge new park in Stapleton. (Located on the north side of MLK Jr. Blvd just east of the Stapleton Control Tower).

Please contact Tracy Ro at 303-859-5266 or tracyro17@yahoo.com with any questions. Emails will be sent out at the beginning of the week with a reminder about Friday’s event.

Corona Prayer Points

There are many Corona groups that gather during the week for prayer. You are welcome to join in with any of the groups listed here. Let us know if you are aware of additional gatherings like these by calling Elaine Connell 303-355-4768.



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 rd 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.

Puppets prepare for South Dakota

That Puppet Team is going to South Dakota on a ministry tour from July 5-10 where it will perform at two churches in Rapid City and a Bible camp near Huron. The team is excited that they are able to go and spread God's word in this cool way in South Dakota.

The trip will begin on July 5 when the puppet team loads two rented vans and departs for Rapid City. In Rapid City, they will perform "Our Father Knows Best" at Westminster Presbyterian Church. This is a skit about prayer and how people might pray for opposite things, but in the end God knows best.

Then they pack up and drive to South Canyon Lutheran Church in Rapid City to perform "Ants'Hillvania."

The Prodigal Son

"Ants'Hillvania is about the prodigal son, but instead it's the prodigal ant, so it's a parody," said That Puppet Team Director Gary Wong.

After the performance the puppet team will spend time with the high school group and see Mount Rushmore with them.

The next day the team will travel to Byron Bible Camp near Huron in the east central part of South Dakota where they will perform and conduct a seminar to train campers in puppetry.

On July 9 and 10 they will hang out at Lake McConaughy in Nebraska.

Financial Help

Since the cost of gas has gone up That Puppet Team needs a little more help with money. People can contribute by writing a check to Corona Presbyterian Church and writing "That Puppet Team Ministry Tour" in the notes section.

"We are very thankful to have such a supportive and loving congregation and parents to make this all possible," Gary said. He also asks for prayer as the team makes preparations for the trip.

Those making the trip include Rosa and Thomas Wenger, Matt Goellner, Melinda Ho, Leanna and Sam True, Anica and Lucas Bareis-Golumb and Deidra Walbert. Gary and Linda

Wong are going and will drive the vans. Their kids Joshua and Andrew will also go along. Jessie Goellner will not be able to go because she will be on a mission trip in Peru.

Fiona Leaves Corona

Fiona Hess also won't be going because she left the puppet team in May to go to a new church.

"Fiona served on the puppet team for a couple of years," Gary said. "She had a heart for the ministry and it was hard to see her leave. We will miss her but know that God has good things in store for her in the future."

-- Leanna True



June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 9:30 Worship, Food drive 10:40 Fellowship, Prlr 12:30 Deacons, 1:00 Puppets, Multi 3-5 Oromo, Parlor 6p Youth Group & Bible Study</p>	<p>2 (6p Young Adults,)</p>	<p>3 6:30p Trustees</p>	<p>4 7pGigglin' w/ God 7p Fri. nite practice 7:00 Choir practice</p>	<p>5 10a Sewing Noon, Corp. Prayer, Parlor</p>	<p>6 4p Puppets, lower classrooms 6:30 p Fri. Worship (food drive)</p>	<p>7 7a Prayers 7a Men's Small Group, Library 8a Puppets, Multi</p>
<p>8 9:30 Worship 10:40 Fellowship/Parlor 1:00 Puppets, Multi 3-5 Oromo, Parlor 6 Youth Group & Bible Study 7p Bultema Grp, Par.</p>	<p>9 (6p Young Adults,)</p>	<p>10 6:30p Session</p>	<p>11 6:30 a Men's Prayer 7pGigglin' w/ God 7p Fri. nite practice 7:00 Choir practice</p>	<p>12 Noon, Corp. Prayer, Parlor</p>	<p>13 9:30 MOPS Steering 6:30 p Fri. Worship</p>	<p>14 7a Prayers 9:30a Presb'y Men</p>
<p><u>15 Father's Day</u> 9:30 Worship 10:40 Fellowship/Parlor 1:00 Puppets, Multi 3-5 Oromo, Parlor 6 Youth Group & Bible Study</p>	<p>16 9-12 Dance Camp (6p Young Adults,)</p>	<p>17 9-12 Dance Camp 6:30 & 7p Committees</p>	<p>18 9-12 Dance Camp 7pGigglin' w/ God 7p Fri. nite practice 7:00 Choir practice</p>	<p>19 9-12 Dance Camp Noon, Corp. Prayer, Parlor (7p WGA, introduction Multi & Other)</p>	<p>20 Corona Corner deadline! 9-12 Dance Camp 6:30 p Fri. Worship</p>	<p>21 7a Prayers 7a Men's Small Group, Library 10-4 Deacon Work Day 1-5 Wedding,& Reception 6p Puppets, Multi</p>
<p>22 9:30 Worship 10:40 Fellowship/Parlor 1:00 Puppets, Multi 3-5 Oromo, Parlor 6 Youth Group & Bible Study</p>	<p>23 (6p Young Adults) 6:30p Project Valentine Meeting</p>	<p>24 7-8:30 Puppet Comm.</p>	<p>25 6:30 a Men's Prayer 7pGigglin' w/ God 7p Fri. nite practice 7:00 Choir practice</p>	<p>26 Noon, Corp. Prayer, Parlor</p>	<p>27 6:30 p Fri. Worship</p>	<p>28 7a Prayers 7a Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>29 9:30 Worship 10:40 Fellowship/Parlor 1:00 Puppets, Multi 3-5 Oromo, Parlor 5:30 CPC Prayer Mtg 6 Youth Group & Bible Study</p>	<p>30 (6p Young Adults,</p>					

Spring work day improves building and grounds

Many people turned out during the morning of May 17 to clean up, fix up and spruce up.





Photos by Leanna True





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Worship Times

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship and Christian Education for all ages follows the service.

Friday 6:30 p.m.

A contemporary service with music, message and fellowship: www.fridaynights.org.

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