

Corona Corner

Corona Presbyterian Church, Denver, CO

November 2009

Stewardship Sunday

November 15, 2009

Sunday, November 22, 2009

One Service 10 am

Short Congregational Meeting

11:15 am

All Church Potluck

11:45 am

sponsored by the Deacons

Pictures are of "My night in a Box" It was a success!

Corona Youth News

Up Coming Activities:

November 13 – Scavenger Hunt/Fugitive

December 11- Operation Christmas Child

Youth Winter Retreat *

* We are looking for volunteers to participate in the Retreat and Mission Trip as a leader. We are also looking for big cars for transportation (seating 7 or more). Highlands Presbyterian Camp Feb 12th – 14th Cost \$ 75

2010 Mission Trip *

Group Work Camps

Red Mesa, AZ July 11th – 17th

We are blessed to be a part of this trip, we will be serving the needy and elderly of the Navajo Nation. We will be performing physical labor to improve houses, and living conditions of the needy or elderly.

Fundraisers for 2010 Mission Trip

Help Us Grow: Nov. 22nd

We are passing out painted flower pots and asking you to fill the pots with your spare change.

Rent a Kid: Nov. 15th

We can also call this "Rent a Kid," we are auctioning off a youth for a day and you can have them clean inside out your house, or whatever comes to mind.

Art Auction: Dec. 13th

The Youth will be putting together pieces of art that will be put on auction right before the holiday season.

Talent Night: March 13th

We will be partnering with Corona Now and have the kids share their talents with us.

20/20 Challenge: May

We are going to have the kids challenge 20 people, families they know. The challenges that the family chooses to give the student \$20 or 20 prayers.



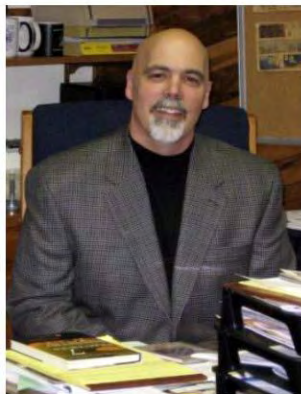
From my mind's eye...

The month of November is stewardship month at Corona. It's on the front page of our newsletter. You will be receiving a letter concerning stewardship in the mail. It causes some of you anxiety as the church asks you to consider what your contribution financially would be for the next year. I find it encouraging that we have our annual stewardship campaign in the same month that we celebrate "Thanksgiving". I want to give you some good news:

2Corinthians 9:7 "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

I hope this verse sets you free to know God's heart in this matter of giving. It is not Pastor John's idea of what you should give, nor is it Corona Presbyterian Church's idea. It is between you and God. God is to be the one who leads you in this endeavor. At the same time, our hope is that you will faithfully contribute financially in supporting our church. Your giving makes possible the ministries of Corona.

Paul is spelling it out, making it crystal clear in this scripture to the Corinthians that our stewardship in finances is not to be "under compulsion". God does not want a person to give while dragging their feet and grumbling. There is to be no dread or coercion. God's idea is that we would find a "cheerful heart of giving". The word cheerful is "hilaros" in the Greek language. It means without grudge, but full of joy and even thankfulness. Our giving is to come from the posture or attitude of joyful thanksgiving.



Why does God get excited about a "hilaros" heart of giving? It means that we believe that God is the faithful one. God is good. God is with us! God is right here in the midst of our life. God is the great provider. It means we understand and recognize that all we have belongs to God and we are merely those who manage it for Him. And with this attitude we give with great joy a portion of what God has provided for us.

Stewardship Sunday is November 15. Smile a little. Give as God leads you to give with a heart of joy. Let us see where God is moving and join Him in this great adventure called "the kingdom of God".

In God's grip, His is the strong one!

Pastor John

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Please submit items to the newsletter box in the office or email to Carol. Thank You!

/// Corona Gleaned ///

From the Missions Committee:

Thanks to everyone that came out for Project Glean on October 3rd, we picked over 5,000 tomatoes (yes, over 5,000!!!) for COMPA (Compassion in Action) who distributed it to area foodbanks.



Deacon's Corner - November 2009

Community Bulletin Board now available! Have you noticed the revamped bulletin board in the kitchen? Part of the board is dedicated to our MOPS group – check out the cute pictures of the kids. ☺ Most of the board however is Corona's own Community Board. Are you looking for a roommate? Have an item to sell? Hiring someone for a job? Hosting a community event? This is the place to post your notices. Please put a date on your posting as we will be removing items after a month – but if it ongoing you are always free to re-post. This is your place to communicate those odds and ends items that maybe don't need to be in the weekly bulletin or in the newsletter but you'd like to share. Any questions? Contact Renee Walbert 303-328-7230 or renewalbert@gmail.com.



Koinonia Sunday- November 22, 2009

- What?** Combined Church Service, Short
Congregational Meeting & Pot Luck
- When?** Sunday November 22, 2009
Worship at 10:00
Congregational Meeting at 11:15
Pot Luck to follow at 11:45
- Bring?** **A-H** - side dish
I-P - main dish
P-Z - dessert
Paper plates and service
The Church will supply drinks and bread.

Also needed? 9:00 Sunday--set up crew. Contact Laura Anderson if you can help 303-321-0450

From Jim and JoAnn Silver regarding her mother who used to attend here with them: Helen Schmitt passed away on October 18, 2009. Many prayers were answered along the way in her last few days with family getting to see her, good care by hospice nurses and other staff at Legacy Center in Canon City, where she lived for a little more than a year. God did take her gently home. There will be a service held to remember Helen in her hometown, Muscatine, Iowa the first Sunday in November. Thanks to our praying friends at Corona Presbyterian--all faithful servants. Jim and JoAnn's address is 10945 CR 255 Westcliffe, CO 81252

MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT

Jim Bultema, one of the people we we have supported for many years recently visited Corona, and gave us an update. Jim and Renata's ministry is in Antalya, Turkey, but their family is temporarily in Germany while he works on his Doctoral thesis. This has allowed them to be close to their older children who are attending Black Forest Academy in southern Germany for this school year. Their main ministry in Turkey is associated with the St. Paul cultural center which Jim and Renata founded. The cultural center houses St. Paul Union church, where Jim leads as Pastor, as well as Turkish and Russian speaking congregations. It also serves as a community center and is used for local outreach in Antalya, a city of over 700,000 people on the Mediterranean coast. Jim told us about plans to expand the cultural center because they are running out of room due to the heavy usage my multiple groups. The Bultema's also are involved in an outreach to international kids called Olive Grove, which is a two week camp each summer. For more information visit their web-site at <http://stpaulcc-turkey.com/>.



FROM MIKE WENGER:

On October 25th, we will be starting another video series which Mary Bareis-Golumb has agreed to lead. Here is a short description: As disciples of Jesus, we've discovered that following him demands an intense commitment to the text and complete devotion to Christian community. But there is more. Come discover the fierce passion of our early Christian brothers and sisters to walk like Jesus - even when the path becomes treacherous.

Walk with Ray Vander Laan through the land that Jesus and his disciples walked, learn how the culture and politics influenced the imagery and stories of the Bible, and see the text through the eyes of God's chosen people, the Jews. In the final two installments of this powerful series, Vander Laan leads us on a journey through Galilee and to Asia Minor, a region where the rabbinic practice of selecting disciples was well-known, and where disciples walked the walk Rabbi Jesus taught them. Filmed in Israel and Turkey, these five-session DVDs explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus, not only in the first century, but now in the twenty-first century.

The lessons are titled:

Run, the Passion of Elijah - Aphrodisias
Learning to walk like Jesus - Antioch Pisidia
An Unlikely Disciple - Paul as Rabbi, Timothy as Disciple - Lystra
Why Christians Suffer - Cappodocia
Don't Forget Us - Cappodocia

This year, have Christmas take on new meaning by celebrating Advent! Look for ideas as to how to bring this beautiful season to life in upcoming Sunday bulletins.



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A Night of
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BLUES
NOVEMBER
14th:2009
7 - 9 pm

Call Jim Watson for details - 303-601-7135!



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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

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Youth Pastors

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November 5, 2009

Dear Members and Friends of Corona Presbyterian Church,

As your Missional Guiding Team, we are excited to report back to you on what we have done and what we have learned so far. It is a great privilege to be serving you and the Lord with the specific charge of discerning what He is up to among us and how we might implement His vision for us as a Body! Thank you for this opportunity and for your enthusiastic participation with us in this process.

To bring you up to date on our activities, Corona has been taking part in a Missional Church development process along with six other churches in the Presbytery since June. The process focuses on the principle that the Spirit of God is among the people of God. We wanted, and we needed, to hear from you! Following specific training, we interviewed 32 people in the congregation. Demographically, the interviewees consisted of a roughly even split between males and females and represented all ages from teens through some of our Mariners. Some of the people we interviewed had been at Corona only a short while, but others have been members since the 1950's! We wanted to learn about what God is doing in the lives of people in this congregation. We reviewed our notes with the consultant and sought to identify common themes from these interviews. During the early fall, we also held a Sunday school class to familiarize people in the congregation with the philosophy behind this Missional Church process.

As for what we are learning, there are several things. First, the challenges presented by the Missional Church program are many. We shared initial frustration with the lack of clear direction from the consultant. We wanted to know more about intended outcomes and the process for getting there. As our experience went on, however, we realized that the lack clarity was intentional. The goal was not to follow a defined program for "church improvement" but to grow together in letting God lead us. The remarkable willingness of congregational members to share both their positive and negative experiences with Corona opened our eyes to just a few of God's activities. By getting out of the comfort zone that a defined program would have provided, we had to trust God just a little bit. Doing that, we believe, is opening the door to God. We are learning to listen with new ears and to hear how God is present and active in the life of our church. It has been eye opening and definitely enjoyable.

Those we talked with told us stories about vibrant times at Corona, but also about difficult passages in the Church's history. We heard about the importance and power that prayer has in the daily lives of the congregation. We learned how Scripture has been woven into activities at Corona throughout the years. We heard frequently that Corona can be skillful at welcoming new folks but sometimes struggles to get those people connected beyond the initial introductions. We learned that Corona is at its best when it reaches out and provides the kind of love that families give. We heard about the importance of ministries like MOPS and the various small groups. Several of you had suggestions, and we listened to these, too.

In September, the guiding team attended a second training session with the consultant and teams from the other participating churches. Since that time we have been developing questions for the next step in this process, the "Church 360." That process seeks to cast a broad net and hear from as many congregational members as possible about God's activity in their lives. We are inviting each and every one of you to participate in this "360" phase of the process, and you will be receiving more specific information about how to do that soon.

As our Missional Process continues, we are not asking more of your time, talents and gifts. What we are asking you to do is to continue to let us know about your vision, your passion and your hearts' desires for Corona by participating with us in the Corona 360. And please continue to pray for us that our hearts and minds will be open and responsive to the Lord as we seek to understand all we are learning on your behalf.

God's best to one and all!

Your Missional Guiding Team,

Elaine Connell
Peter Hack
Julie Lundquist
Pam Marsh
Linda Meyer and
Virginia Tidwell



November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 (Food drive) (Deacon's Fund) (Communion) 8:45 & 11 Worship 10a Sun. School for all 12:30 Deacons 1p Puppets 6p Youth Group & 6p Bible Study</p>	2	3 6:30p Trustees	4 10a Pastors SF mtg, Parlor 7p Boys Bible Study 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Choir Practice	5 10a Sewing (6p Young Adults)	6 9a MOPS 7p Praise Band Rehear	7 7a Men's Small Group, Library 6-8p Night of Worship rehearsal, Sanct. 5:30p Puppets
<p>8 puppets 8:45 & 11 Worship 10a Sun. School for all 1p Co-housing/Comm, Prlr 1p Puppets 1p Auction – kids, Multi 6p Youth Group 6p Bible Study 7p Bultema Gro. Par</p>	9	10 5:30p Parent to Parent (Renee) 6:30 & 7p Committees	11 6:30 a Men's Prayer 7p Boys Bible Study 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Choir Practice	12 (6p Young Adults)	13 7p Youth Scavenger Hunt 7p Praise Band Rehear	14 9a Quilting, lower clsm 9:30a Value Life group, Sanct. 3p Rehrl & set-up Multi 7p Night of Worship, Multi
<p>15 8:45 & 11 Worship 10a Sun. school for all 1p Puppets 6p Youth Group 6p Bible Study</p>	16	17 5:30p Parent to Parent (Renee) 6:30p Session	18 7p Boys Bible Study 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Choir Practice	19 (7p WGA, Intro, Multi & Other) (6p Young Adults)	20 <u>Corona Corner Deadline</u> 9a MOPS 7p Praise Band Rehear	21 7a Men's Small Group, Library 6p Puppets
<p>22 puppets 10 Worship 10a Sun. school for all 11:15 Congregation Mtg 11:45 Potluck 1p Puppets 6p Youth Group, Bible Study</p>	23	24 7p Puppets Comm.	25 6:30 a Men's Prayer 7p Boys Bible Study 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Choir Practice	26 <u>THANKSGIVING</u> (Office closed) (6p Young Adults)	27 (Office Closed) 7p Praise Band Rehear	28 7a Men's Breakfast 9:30a Value Life group, Sanct. 11a Turkey Bowl (football and lunch)
<p>29 8:45 & 11 Worship 10a Sun. school for all 1p Puppets 5:30 CPC Prayer Mtg. 6p Youth Group 6p Bible Study</p>	30					