



CORONA CORNER

CORONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DENVER, CO

MAY 2008

Church -Work "Improvement" Day May 17



9 a.m. to Noon

The Trustees have sown a few seeds in a plot of spring improvements.

With several willing hands, there are a number of things to work on at the May 17 Church "Improvement" Day.

Things to look forward to: New seal coat and paint striping in the parking lot, new paint in the restrooms - these may be finished before May 17. The Work Day list will have several projects that folks can choose to sign up for :

- Flowerbed and plant work,
- Landscape/alley cleanup,
- driveway post repair,
- Sunday school room upgrading,
- Clear room B-4 of junk (demolish/trash unused cabinets, and more).

Breakfast is included beginning at 9 a.m.

See project sign-up forms in the coming weeks.



From my mind's eye . . .

Springtime is one of my favorite times of the year. In nature it is a place where life reappears. The splendor and beauty we see speaks of new life.

In winter everything is not dead, it is just dormant. When trees go dormant they are in part protecting themselves from winter freezing. They are shutting down in order to survive.

One could take this picture in many directions. One direction is a personal call of allowing God to move our hearts from being spiritually dormant to a place of spiritual transformation. We can let God move us to a season of explosive growth.

I believe God is calling us to growth and renewal at Corona.

One of the ways you can be involved in moving our church into the beauty of spring is through prayer and seeking God on behalf of Corona. You and I both realize there are many things we need to pray about. Pray for our church, our elders, our pastors and our teachers. Pray for our youth director search committee.

A specific prayer need is wisdom for our Session. Session is wrestling with staffing issues. With the departure of Caran Joseph and Greig Hess Session is being forced to look at the staffing needs of our church.

We are asking, "What does Corona need in staff to maintain what we are presently doing and to also look to what God is calling us to be.



Another specific prayer is to ask how you can invest yourself in your church. Begin to take ownership in Corona. Every person that calls Corona their home church should be involved in ministry of some kind. Church is meant to be both a noun and a verb. We are the church. (I started preaching... sorry... that is meant for worship services.)

So as spring has sprung, let us follow suit and find ourselves moving closer to our Lord and Savior and to each other.

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

Pastor John

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Class offerings in May

Don't miss out on the educational and fun of offerings coming your way in May.

Sunday School Classes

David Sawyer will continue his teaching of "Fresh insights on the Book of Luke" in classroom B-6 all four Sundays.

Prince Caspian Study

In the multipurpose room, Drs. Rick and Jean Hess are teaching on "Prince Caspian" the second book in C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia beginning on April 27 and continuing each Sunday through May 18. The final class will be a discussion after seeing the feature film coming to theaters on May 16. Watch for details of when the class plans to see the film at an area theater coming in the next few weeks.

Sermon Put in Action

A "3D" class will encourage discussion and sharing with the goal of putting the sermon message into action starting on May 25 in the multipurpose room.

Journey Through Genesis

"Journey Through Genesis," led by Dr. Jean Hess, our associate pastor, and Dr. Rick Hess, professor of Old Testament and ancient Near Eastern languages at Denver Seminary, on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Hess' home.



Pre-service prayer

Pre-service prayer time is every Sunday morning from 9 to 9:15 a.m. in the prayer chapel, which is the room on the north side of the balcony. Please join us.

Post-service prayer teams

Post-service prayer teams are needed to pray for people who come forward at the end of the worship services. If you have a heart for prayer and for people we would love you to contact Jary Dailey or Ellen McKenzie.



Greig and Jenna begin new journey

Greig and Jenna Hess are leaving Corona to join Smoky Hill Vineyard Church in Centennial, where Greig has been hired as a multimedia staff person.

Corona said good-bye at the April 25 friday nights @ corona, which was an extended worship service of music and reflection on Greig's years of service at Corona, along with a time of prayer for Greig and Jenna as they start this new journey.

Greig first came to Corona with the rest of his family in 1997 when his mother, Jean, was hired as an associate pastor. Greig was

hired as Corona's contemporary worship director in November 2002. He and Jenna met at Corona and the couple were married in 2004. Today they have an infant daughter, C.J.

In September 2006 he and Jean and a group of others on the worship team started friday nights @ corona. That same year, Greig earned a degree in Music Production and Technology from the University of Colorado at Denver.

During the April 25 friday nights, Greig reflected on his experiences as contemporary worship director.

"These have all been really fantastic experiences," Greig said. "The biggest lesson I've learned is God's heart for the broken.

"God has grown my heart for people. A lot of what we have done both outside in the summers and down here is to attempt to connect with broken people."



The friday night band played an extended worship service on April 25. Greig Hess reflected on his experiences as contemporary worship director.



After friday nights worship, there was a time of fellowship with cake and drinks.

When he began on staff in 2002 he was just 20 years old and scared, he said. But he took strength and comfort from scripture, particularly Jeremiah 1:5-8:

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

“Ah, sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak, I am only a child”

But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a child.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

Smoky Hill Vineyard has a membership of nearly 2,000 and utilizes advanced multi media techniques in its worship services. Greig will be part of a team that creates videos for use during sermons and in other aspects of worship. He will also be involved in audio production and lighting. Smoky Hill is remodeling, and Greig will help the church incorporate media and other technical capabilities into the project.

Greig will continue to pursue his love of worship music, and will not be hanging up his guitar anytime soon.

“I am not going to give it up, but I don’t know how I’ll use it in the future, that’s part of the unknown,” Greig said.

He has opportunities to continue playing and leading worship with other organizations,



Greig and Jenna Hess

such as Confluence Ministries, which organized a mission trip to Mexico recently that Greig participated in as a member of the praise band.

As part of the transition, Jenna has stepped out of her role as elder at Corona, where she was involved with children and youth. Jenna is a public school teacher in Aurora.

Many, many thanks to Greig and Jenna for all they have done at Corona. Their energy, effort, enthusiasm and creativity have been incredible. Greig has provided unsurpassed technical expertise, connections within the local contemporary worship community, musical and spiritual leadership of the praise team, and a faithful and loving heart for God. Jenna and CJ have blessed us richly, too, and we will certainly miss each of them.

As we begin the next chapter of Friday nights, we are discovering Greig has left us with some pretty big shoes to fill. At the same time, we are discovering the many ways that God has gifted us as His people to begin to fill those very shoes! We hope the congregation will join us in the coming months. Maybe God has a special calling for those among us!

-- B. True and E. Connell

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* 12 noon Each Sunday, . Youth Dir. Search, Parlor or Library				1 10 a Sewing	2 9a MOPS 6:30 p Fri. Worship	3 7a Prayers 7a Men's Small Group, Library
4 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	5 6p Young Adults, @ A Walbert	6 6:30p Trustees	7 9a Watercolors 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Fri. nite practice 7p Choir practice	8	9 9:30 MOPS Steering 6:30 p Fri. Worship	10 7a Prayers 6p Puppets, Multi
11 <u>Mother's Day</u> 9:30 Worship 10:40 Fellowship/Parlor * 1:00 Puppets, Multi 3-5 Oromo, Parlor 6 Youth Group & Bible Study 6p Bultema Group, Par.	12 6p Young Adults, @ A Walbert	13 6:30p Session	14 6:30 a Men's Prayer 9a Watercolors 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Fri. nite practice 7p Choir practice	15 7p WGA, introduction Multi & Other	16 9a MOPS 6:30 p Fri. Worship	17 7a Prayers 7a Men's Small Group, Library 9 – 12 Work Day at Corona 6p Women's Movie Night
18 9:30 Worship 10:40 Fellowship/Parlor * 1:00 Puppets, Multi 3-5 Oromo, Parlor 6 Youth Group & Bible Study	19 6p Young Adults, @ A Walbert	20 Corona Corner deadline! 6:30 & 7p Committees	21 9a Watercolors 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Fri. nite practice 7p Choir practice	22	23 6:30 p Fri. Worship	24 7a Prayers 6p Puppets, Multi
25 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	26 <u>Memorial Day,</u> <u>Office Closed</u> 6p Young Adults, @ A Walbert	27 7-8:30 Puppet Comm.	28 6:30 a Men's Prayer 9a Watercolors 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Fri. nite practice 7:00 Choir practice	29	30 9a MOPS 6:30 p Fri. Worship	31 7a Prayers 7a Men's Breakfast

Puppet team victorious at festival

That Puppet Team competed in two competitions during a festival at Grace Chapel in Englewood on Friday night and Saturday, April 25 and 26. The team won a gold medal for their song, "Face of Love," and a silver medal for their skit "French Fries that Weren't." The team performed both of the pieces at Corona on April 13 for children and adults.

Corona's puppet team was one of 16 in the competition. The weekend festival included teaching about different aspects of puppetry and children's ministry.

"It went great, it was a good weekend," said Gary Wong, director of That Puppet Team.

South Dakota trip

That Puppet Team will be performing twice in Rapid City and twice in Huron during a trip to South Dakota July 5-11. The team will also be holding a puppetry workshop while in Huron.

The team will perform the musical "Ants'hillvania" once in Rapid City and once in Huron. Upon their return, the team will perform Ants'hillvania for Corona's children and adults on Sunday, July 13.



Puppet Seminar coming for new puppeteers

Calling all persons who want to be puppeteers

Corona's 16th Annual Summer Puppet Seminar will be June 6-8. This free seminar is open to students going into 6th grade and up.

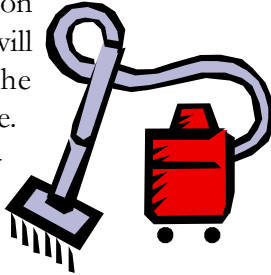
Learn about puppetry and That Puppet Team on Friday and Saturday, then perform with That Puppet Team the following Sunday morning.

For more information, see the puppet website:

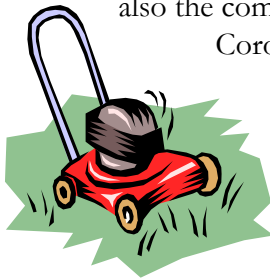
www.coronachurch.com/puppets.htm

Deacons seek helpers in vital ministry

June 7 will be Church Caring Day and the hope is that families, kononia groups, etc will participate. The Deacons' vision is that a group or family will adopt someone to get the work that they need done. This is a copy of the survey that has been in the bulletin.



What is the role of the Deacon? Scripture says that while all Christians are called to serve others, Deacons are given the gift of mercy and caring. They serve both the local church body and also the community at large.



Corona is currently operating with a decreased number of Deacons. In order that we can continue to be God's hands and feet, we need your help. Please take a few moments to

fill out the following survey and let us know ways in which we may call upon you to assist in this vital ministry. Return the survey to the box in the parlor. Thanks for your help!

I am home during the day and can help with:

- driving people to appointments or other functions
- lunch preparation

- sitting with persons while the caregiver is away
- phone tree
- deep cleaning, occasional laundry
- yard work, moving, painting, odd jobs [heavy]
- electrical, home repair, etc. [light]
- childcare
- companionship and visitation
- planning, serving, set up or cleanup for receptions after funerals

I work but can help with:

- dinner preparation
- phone tree
- yard work, moving, painting, odd jobs [heavy]
- electrical, home repair, [light]
- deep cleaning, occasional laundry
- transportation to church or other functions
- childcare
- companionship and visitation

Name _____

Phone _____



Help for the homeless

Last year Corona helped a single mother and her family find stable housing through the Family and Senior Homeless Initiative, part of Denver's Road Home, a 10-year program to end homelessness in Denver.

We will participate again this year, and have once again assembled a team of mentors that are willing to help another person through the obstacles as they make the transition from homelessness to stable housing. This is a significant way for us to show Christ's love to the most needy in our community and to make a lasting impact in their lives.

We expect to have the new mentors trained and have a person assigned in the next couple months, so look for updates from the Missions Committee of session in the next few months.

Welcome & assimilation

For our first installment in the Newsletter we thought it would be appropriate to describe our purpose and goals

WELCOME: Admitted gladly to a place or festivity; received cordially; The act of making welcome.

ASSIMILATION: To take up and incorporate into a living organism (church); to become absorbed

The Welcome & Assimilation Committee desires to fulfill this charge by creating an inviting and comfortable atmosphere within the church.

1. We strive to kindly and warmly greet all guests, newcomers and members.
2. We strive to genuinely receive and accept all that they may discover the Corona Family -

who we are and how Jesus Christ is working in and through us.

3. We guide our "treasured" guests to people, ministries and groups within the church that are best equipped to address their questions and their needs
4. We pray that we can continue this support and foster their assimilation on their subsequent visits



5. We desire that they will see Christ in the midst of our Corona Family

Our committee's goal is to facilitate "welcome and assimilation," but we need all of our Corona Family to serve as ambassadors of Christ and receive guests and each other as their goal also.

Committee members include Sally Johnson, Jan Helmer, Joan Tupper and Renee Walbert

Kitchen manager needed

The Board of Trustees is seeking a person who would volunteer to oversee use of Corona's kitchen. This is not a cleaning job, but rather a job to help organize and have oversight of the kitchen. The kitchen manager might establish procedures and policies and make sure they are followed.

If interested please contact Greg Fee, board president.

Women connect and grow

Transformation - are we seeking it today? The theme was echoed throughout the weekend as we listened to our speaker: shared our stories with our friends, family and roomies; took a solitary hike; joined in a writing or dance workshop; or watched a Queen Latifah movie that made us laugh about living as if life is a gift and our time here is short.

One of the highlights was Saturday night's Jeopardy game put on by Susan Strocher as the reader of the questions and Alex Kuykendall as the turner of the "blocks".

Our speaker, Rupali Hofman, spoke about being messy Christians and what true spiritual growth looks like. The world chooses youth, wealth, health, strength and success, but our Jesus chooses age, poverty, sickness, obscurity, failures and weakness.

When we are weak, He is strong. The church is a place of healing. It usually doesn't happen overnight. A messy Christian is unpretending; unfinished (trusting that God will finish us); incompetent (Jesus cares more

about our desire); and desperate. It's about connection, not perfection.

We did our share of connecting at meals and throughout the weekend. Some comments around the breakfast on Sunday morning about the highlights of the weekend were, "getting to know you appointments' on Friday night"; "laughing in general, seems like it's been a while"; "most fun retreat we were on"; "two sessions were just great, very helpful"; "seamless planning"; and "(Saturday) activities were blocked out well, staggered sessions."

Hope you can be with us next year. Yes, you do have to be a woman!

-- T. Fendel



Bohemian Love Feast, an early Christian worship experience.



Worship happened before each session and on Sunday.

Youth director search makes good progress

The search for a youth director for Corona is going well. The search committee has six to eight well qualified candidates to interview, and has met with several of them already. The committee has been meeting every Sunday afternoon.



“We’re really blessed by the number of candidates and their quality of education and experience,” said committee member Mike Wenger. “God is truly providing for us in this area.”

Jenna Hess stepped off the committee. She and Greig left Corona at the end of April. Her position will not be replaced.

Sound board help needed

We are looking for people interested in helping support the worship service through running the sound board. Training will be a part of the process of helping prepare you for this ministry. Please speak to Jary Dailey or Ellen McKenzie.



Hemenway baby born

Michael and Molly Hemenway announce that Micah is now a big brother to Amy Stanwood Hemenway. Amy was born April 10 at 12:24 p.m. and was seven pounds nine ounces. Mom and baby are doing fine.



Remember food donations on first Sunday

Everyone is asked to bring canned or packaged nonperishable food items on the first Sunday of each month (communion Sunday) to be distributed by the Missions Committee. Recipients have included Denver Urban Ministries and COMPA Food bank.

Please close fire doors

Everyone using the church should make sure that the double doors on all floors and access doors to stairwells are closed when not in use. These doors are fire doors and must be kept closed when no one is using the area.

THE WISDOM OF MOTIVES

See if you agree: If right beliefs are the head of our faith, and if good actions are the feet of what we believe, then the motives of Christ must be at the heart of what marks us as His people. -- *Mart De Haan, RBC Ministries*



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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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