

# COMMUNITY

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 2014

### TRANSITIONS

#### Welcomes

##### ***Manisha Pandit, Office Administrator***

Manisha takes over from Seana Zimmer and has big shoes to fill. She loves photography and teaches Indian cooking classes.

##### ***Rick Danielson, Pastor***

A warm welcome to Pastor Rick Danielson who will begin at Community UCC on Friday, August 1. His first service will be on Sunday, August 3.

#### Farewells

##### ***Seana Zimmer, Office Administrator***

The Zimmers are moving to the East Coast in August. They thank their friends at CUCC who helped get their house ready for sale. It sold very quickly and they have a contract on a new home in New Jersey. We will miss Seana, Sammy and Erin Zimmer and wish them every success with their move as they reunite as a family with Paul who is already out East.

##### ***Jane Anne Ferguson, Interim Pastor***

Pastor Jane Anne Ferguson will be leaving us end of July. Please read her farewell letter on Page 2 and join us as we thank her for her service to the CUCC Community over this past year.

### Jean Scott Memorial Service



It is with great sorrow that we inform you that our beloved Jean Scott passed away peacefully amidst her friends on Saturday, June 7th. The memorial service was held Saturday, June 21st at 4pm, at Community UCC. There were five current and past pastors, as well as over 175 people, in attendance for the service. Jean Scott was interred here at the church. A second service was held at Golden West for those who could not attend the service at the church.

Condolence cards and memorial contributions may be sent to the church. Cards will be forwarded to the family.

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### ***Nominating Info***

Hello, Everyone:

The time is short before Pastor Rick gets started in August, so it is my sincere hope we can get our Commissions and Committees up and running so we are ready to work closely with him. As Nominations Chair I have talked with a number of people who are eager to help out, and I know you would all like to join them in making our Congregation work as well as it can. It should be an exciting and rewarding year.

The particular needs at this time are for the following:

- Chair of Property, to replace Al Ramirez
- Chair of Social Action
- Chair and Participants for Adult Education
- Participants for the newly disentangled Spiritual Life Commission & The Fellowship Commission

Please feel to contact me for further information and discussion. (303 554-5320)

*Peter Kleinman*

# Pastor Jane Anne's Letter

Dear Friends at CUCC,

This will be my last newsletter article for you! Our time together has flown by and I will miss you. You are a vibrant community of faith with a wonderful future of ministry ahead of you. I know that you will give Rick Danielson and his partner, Leroy, a warm welcome. I look forward to observing from afar the ways in which you co-create with him and the Spirit the work of God in the world.

Many of you have been asking me about my future professional plans....right now they are still in the mind of God! I am pursuing options for parish and chaplaincy ministry in the Fort Collins/Loveland area. In August I will take some vacation with Hal, Cameron and Chris, my husband and step-sons. I will be finishing work on a storytelling in ministry website that I started in January. And that is as much as I know. I will keep you posted. Thank you for your kind inquiries and please keep me in your prayers regarding my next job in ministry.

It is always hard to find the right words to say good-bye to a community with whom you have worked closely in ministry. You have weathered your interim time well financially and organizationally. You are making broad strides in re-vitalization of commissions and committees. Not only did you lose your beloved Pastor Pete, but also your beloved pastoral associate, Jean Scott, - twice! In her retirement and in her death. Be gentle with yourselves (and with Rick) as you welcome a new pastor. You are still grieving former ones.

Now I leave you with some words from scripture...for they say best what my heart and mind want to express to you.... *I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel, [the good news of God through Jesus in the world.] I am confident of this, that the One who began a good work among you will bring it to [fruition]... [And so] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen....and the God of peace will be with you.* Philippians 1:3-6; 4:4-9

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your pastor these eleven months.

*Blessings,*  
*Jane Anne Ferguson*

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**Christian Education Director** — Karen Kent-Pyle / ce@cuccboulder.org  
**Office Administrator** — Manisha Pandit / office@cuccboulder.org  
**Choir Director:** Kamilla Macar  
**Pianist:** Kathy Rinehart  
**Newsletter Photos:** Marilyn Zimmerman—looking for replacement  
**Webmaster:** Erika and Jayson Webb

## 2014 Coordinating Council:

*Council Officers:*

**Moderator:** Cathy Hazouri    **Narrator:** Karen Ramirez  
**Treasure:** Kamilla Macar    **Financial Secretary:** Heather Bowler  
**Scribe:** Judi Kleinman

*Commissions*

**Spiritual Life:** Heather Bowler  
**Fellowship:** Lee Berg  
**Property:** Tom Corrigan and Al Ramirez  
**Social Action:** OPEN  
**Christian Education:** Vicky Graham  
**Nominations:** Peter Kleinman

# Christian Education

## Summer Session, 2014

**Ages 0-4:** Come check out our cool space tent and shelves of toys, books and puzzles. Children can also choose to color or make fun shapes out of playdough.



**Ages 4+:** Children begin their morning with free-play, either inside with books, puzzles, blocks and games, or outside playing on the playground.

They will gather together at 10:30 for Weekly Sacred Time followed by a values based picture book and coordinating craft before joining the adults in the sanctuary for the end of service.

**Runner:** An adult volunteer Runner is on hand to meet and greet our children and visitors with a smile and to ensure the teachers and classrooms are a safe, fun environment.

*Our Progressive Christian Education Director, Karen Kent-Pyle, will be back the week of August 11th, preparing for the Welcome Back to Sunday School scheduled for September 7th.*

## Commissions and Committees

### *Community Compassion Corp—Planning Work Projects for CUCC Congregants!*

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at a member's home. Please Join Us!

#### ***Build Stoves in Guatemala Nov 7-16***

The CCC (Community Compassion Corps of CUCC) is offering a work week in San Lucas Toliman (a small village around Lake Atitlan) where we will be building fuel efficient woodburning stoves with outside ventilation for Mayan women and their families who will be helping us. In addition, this service/learning project led by Transformational Journeys will include cultural talks every evening and a boat tour visiting other villages around the Lake. Dates are: Nov. 7-16. Cost is \$1800, which includes airfare, lodging, food, and internal transportation. The costs are tax deductible. If interested, we have flyers on the little table outside the right side of the sanctuary and/or you may speak with John (303-249-7037) or Linda Woods (303-588-0522) or Vicky Graham (303-499-4786). Teens are welcome with a parent. *First deposit is due July 9.* This is an exciting and worthwhile event for those who have participated before.

#### ***Another Chance to Spend a Service/Learning Week with the Navajo***

If enough people are interested, there is another opportunity for a group to go to Tuba City, AZ, in September and spend the week learning about the Navajo way of life and history and doing a service, probably helping in the school.. Those of us who went in April found it an intense and rich experience with a unique opportunity to get to know several Navajo people. If you are interested please contact Linda Woods ([lwounsel@gmail.com](mailto:lwounsel@gmail.com)) or Judi Kleinman ([judithk@umich.edu](mailto:judithk@umich.edu)). Also find out more by talking with any of us who went in April: Linda and John Woods; Peter and Judi Kleinman; Carol Gibson; Bill and Susan Marine; Spence and Val Havlick; Laura Terpenning; Joyce Stockdill; John and Liz Tilton.

DATE: September 20-27, 2014

COST: \$899/person

DEADLINE: Deposit and commitment due to Judi Kleinman by July 15, 2014

#### ***Native Seed Collection***

On the morning of Saturday, June 14, the CCC, Fiftieth Anniversary Committee and Earth Action sponsored a native seed collection. We gathered seeds of Emory's Sedge along the bank of an irrigation ditch on an Open Space farm near Longmont. The activity was not strenuous, the scenery gorgeous and the fellowship lovely. A special treat was driving past a blue heron rookery on the way there; we saw thirteen nests and herons coming and going. Everybody had a good time, and some enjoyed a brown bag lunch together afterwards. We thank all the participants for their time and hope to do this again.

# Commissions and Committees

**We Pray For Peace** in our hearts, our homes, our community, our nation, and the world.

## ***Social Action News***

**Community Table:** CUCC members serve a meal to the homeless and low-income on the 4th Thursday of the month. Our next turn to help is **Thursday, July 24, 4-6 pm** at First United Methodist Church. No experience necessary!

***The STUFFRAISER IS COMING!*** This summer from Sunday, July 27 until Sunday, September 7 CUCC members and friends will be asked to consider donating needed items to Boulder's **Attention Homes** <http://www.attentionhomes.org/>. The goal of Attention Homes is to provide opportunities for at-risk youth via their drop-in program for runaway and homeless youth and their residential program. Homeless youth nationwide face threats such as human trafficking, often for sexual exploitation. Learn more about this topic: <http://coloradoproject.combathumantrafficking.org>. *What stuff are we collecting?* Stay tuned through July for announcements in the weekly email, the Sunday bulletins, and live announcements in church. *The Social Action Committee thanks you for your commitment to our Stuffraiser!*

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Update**

We are only two months away from our big 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration weekend August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Here's what we have achieved in our Jubilee Year thus far:

- On January 26, 2014, our church celebrated the actual anniversary date of the 1<sup>st</sup> service of Southern Hills United Church in 1964 in a home in Martin Park. A historical brochure was created in honor of that event.
- Our choir sang a special anthem on Easter Sunday and will do an encore performance on August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Jean Scott delivered a special sermon as a guest who served us a former interim pastor (2001) and as our Pastoral Associate (2002-2013).
- Our CCC commission organized a native seed collection volunteer opportunity in June.

Several projects are in the planning stages. It's not too late for you and/or your commission to propose an idea of your own.

- The youth are creating a time capsule to be buried after the August 24<sup>th</sup> service.
- Liz Tilton is working with Diane Martin to publish a book featuring the banners and other art of the church. It will be available for purchase.
- Art Wainwright and Barbara Willis are creating a video slide show of historical photos to be viewed during the celebrations in August.
- Taizé organizers will lead a 10:00 service, incorporating their prayer practice with our entire community.
- Former pastors Phil Campbell (1982-1986) and Malcolm Himschoot as well as Harriott Quin, ordained minister, have been invited to fill the pulpit during the remainder of the year. Phil will preach on August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Kirsten Boyer has offered her professional services to photograph our entire congregation after the service on August 24<sup>th</sup> as a gift to our CUCC community.
- Tim Brown is composing an anthem in honor of our 50<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by several members who bid on the idea at the November fundraiser.

## **Our BIG CELEBRATION WEEKEND is August 23-24, 2014.**

- **Saturday, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:45 to 11:30 AM** – Light brunch followed by a Q&A session with Bruce MacKenzie and Kayrene Pearson
- **Sunday, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 am** potluck brunch, **Special 10:00 am Service**, all-church photo in the labyrinth and youth group time capsule burial. Period dress from the 1960s is encouraged! Please invite former members to join us if you know who they are.

We decided to recruit volunteers the way we did in 1964! We have sign up posters in the Fellowship Hall. Look for the easels. Include your phone number. (Email didn't exist way back then.) Please contact [Barbara Willis](mailto:bhwillis@gmail.com) (303-440-7002, [bhwillis@gmail.com](mailto:bhwillis@gmail.com)) to volunteer or with any questions. Other committee members are [Tim Brown](#), [Elizabeth Robinson](#), and [Liz Tilton](#).

*Note:* Due to the USA Pro Challenge bike race, Broadway will be closed for "around 30 minutes" at 11:30 on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Please plan accordingly.

# July 2014

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30 Earth Action Team	2	3 7 pm Social Action Comm.	4 <b>CUCC Closed</b> 7 am Men's Breakfast Canceled 9:30 am Meditation— Tentative	5
6 <b>Lavender Circle</b> 8:30 am Taizé Service 10 am Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Hour	7	8 7 pm CCC Committee - call church for location	9	10 6 pm Coordinating Council	11 7 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Meditation	12
		<b>CUCC Closed for Carpet Cleaning</b>				
13 <b>Iris Circle</b> 8:30 am Taizé Service 10 am Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Hour	14	15	16	17	18 7 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Meditation	19
20 <b>Columbine Circle</b> Zimmer Family Farewell 8:30 am Taizé Service 10 am Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Hour	21	22 7 pm Caring Ministry Meeting	23	24 6 pm Property Comm. 6pm In Discernment	25 7 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Meditation	26
27 <b>Rose Circle</b> Pastor Jane Anne Farewell 8:30 am Taizé Service 10 am Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Hour	28	29	30	31 7 pm Spiritual Life & Fellowship	<b>Save the Date:</b> <b>Aug 3:</b> Welcome to Pastor Rick Danielson <b>Aug 23-24:</b> CUCC 50th Anniversary Celebration	

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### Deadlines

Announcements for bulletins and weekly emails should be sent to [office@cuccboulder.org](mailto:office@cuccboulder.org)

**The deadline for the weekly email announcements is 9am on Monday.**

The deadline for the bulletin and for the weekend email announcements is 9 am on Thursday.

**The deadline for The Echo is the 24th of each month.**

Sermons can be found on our Church Website and in the weekly electronic announcements.

### Youth Group News

We continue to meet in the summer on the second Sunday of the month from 6—8pm. Next meeting is scheduled for **July 27th** to plan for making a time capsule for CUCC's 50th Anniversary Celebration August 23—24th Weekend.

### Friday Mornings at CUCC

**Men's Breakfast from 7-8:30 am:** This is open to all men, and is a simple breakfast (coffee & bagels) with time for sharing and discussion. Low key and informal, the goal is to build fellowship and friendship among the men of our congregation. Guests and members are welcome as well! Questions? Contact Bill Marine: 303-818-2776.

**Contemplative Prayer at 9:30 am:** A Contemplative Prayer group meets every Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. We begin by reading a brief passage from a poem or an essay offering spiritual insight. Then we sit in silence for twenty to thirty minutes. After contemplation participants are free to depart. Some choose to remain to exchange thoughts and inspirations that follow upon the reading.