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"The Little Brown Church with the Bell"



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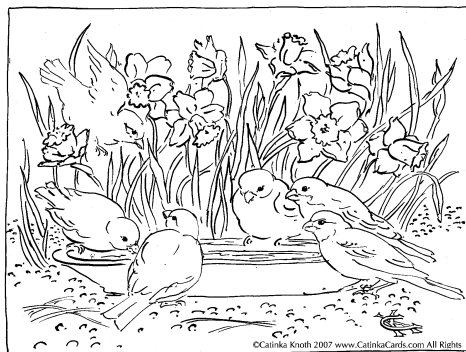
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Wednesday Night Book Study

**"The Heart of Christianity –
rediscovering a life of faith"**

by Marcus Borg

Each Wednesday night

6:30 soup supper / 7:00 Book Study

You are welcome to come grow with us as we read and discuss Borg's book. You may come to just read and listen, or jump right into the conversation. This is an excellent opportunity to bring your questions and ponderings of faith to the table. Speak with Don if you would like to join us

POTLUCK LUNCH

Sunday, May 16 after worship

Bring something to share and join in a time of fellowship around the tables. Everything else will be provided

Spring Clean-up Day

June 5, 8:00 – 12:00



As the snow melts into memories, there is lots to do to get ready for the Summer; windows, floors, cupboards, garden, repairs, etc.

Snow on the Daffodils

The glacier in our front yard is retreating, ever so slowly. Each year we watch with anticipation as the snow melts to uncover our herb garden, then the Columbine and Johnny Jump-ups appear. Next it will be the Daffodils who pop up in their bed within another week or two – I hope. By the way, have you noticed the Daffodils springing up in Guyer Garden as they get ready to put on their show? Keep watching. There have been Robin and Blue Bird sightings and this month we can anticipate the return of the hummers! Signs of springtime are everywhere. So, even though it may snow on the Daffodils, we love it.

This month brings big changes to our mountain. Those who commute to Boulder for work have been watching a day by day sneak-preview of things to come. I hope you make plenty of time to enjoy some springtime hiking this year. Sure, it will do your body good, but the real benefit is how the experience of being in God's world this time of year can heal the soul.

– Don

McDowell Baby Shower –

May 2, following worship

As most of you know our accompanist, John McDowell and his wife Chrissy had baby Edward, on February 3. We'll have an informal shower for them during fellowship on May 2. Since the McDowell's have a 2 and 4 year-old, they say they don't need much in the way of "baby goods" and can mostly use groceries and diapers, although any gift is appreciated. We will have a money tree available for those who find that a useful way to help out, but gift cards are also practical and were mentioned by the McDowell's.



A MOMENT FOR MISSION:

Food Pantry and USDA... The local need for food assistance is not diminishing in this current economy. If anything, it is on the increase. For the Nederland Food Pantry, Judy Anderson has reported the following: In January, 76 families encompassing 120 individuals received food; in February, 66 families with 109 individuals; in March, 67 families with 111 individuals. This past month, the USDA food distribution increased. We served 15 families, the highest so far this year totaling 20 people. A recent report from the Denver Rescue Mission stated that 11,000 people in Denver are facing homelessness. Of those, 46% are families with children. In today's economy 1 in 26 children in Colorado do not know where their next meal is coming from

Also, please note that food banks state-wide are running low. Your donations to the Nederland Food Pantry the first Sunday of each month are greatly appreciated.

Thank you!



Christian Women in Service (CWS)... following a national trend of Church Women's organizations, our membership is dwindling. Last month only three members were in attendance. This is a repeated pattern which does not bode well for the upcoming bazaar traditionally held during Miners' Days in late July. A review of the current church directory showed 15 women who are eligible for membership. However, of these, the greater majority are employed or are no longer regular church attendees. The same pattern is also repeating itself at St. Rita's Catholic Church. Facing reality, this group active as the Ladies Aid Society of Nederland since 1912, may be fading away as members age and society changes.

So, what to do? It was decided that the best thing to do was to continue plans for the July bazaar, but to change the focus of it to emphasize home-baked goodies and white elephant sales. We will also continue the house plant cuttings as well. CWS will no longer do handcrafts for the sale, but will accept donations of saleable goods such as knitted or crocheted wear, handcrafted cards, pottery, or jewelry. We encourage congregational members to begin thinking about cookies and breads that can be made ahead of time and frozen for the sale in July. Also begin collecting items you can contribute. This annual event raises NCPC's share of the funds for the Christmas food baskets, and the CWS portion purchases the nuts and candy for those baskets. Later on, we will be asking for assistance in sorting and pricing and displaying items for sale. The July bazaar will of necessity become a church-wide project.

New Art Display – ‘Retablos’

The art currently on display in Fellowship Hall is the work of local artist **Catherine Robles-Shaw**. She has won many awards and many of her works are in permanent museum collections. Catherine comes from a long line of artists who have passed the techniques of planning and carving of Retablos from generation to generation.

Retablos are paintings with a religious theme, usually images of Saints, and were used to decorate Spanish Colonial homes and chapels. Traditionally they are made of local woods, pine, aspen etc. The board is hand-adzed, and carved then sanded smooth. Then it is coated with gesso and painted. Catherine uses minerals and vegetable water based paints to create the images, then seals the work with her homemade Pinion Varnish.

We are thankful to the **Nederland Palette Gallery** for arranging this display of very unique and beautiful art, and Catherine's willingness to share it with us.

Congratulations Carolyn Armstrong

Carolyn recently graduated from Regis University – *with honors* - and will be awarded the degree of **Doctor of Physical Therapy** on May 8, Congratulations Dr. Armstrong!!





Summer Concert Series - 2010

Each concert in the series will be held at 4:00 on S.

- June 27** Jessica Oddie - Violin
- July 18** Zach Cramer – French Horn with
Ilya Goldberg - Russian violinist
- August 1** “Opus Two” - Andrew Cooperstock - Piano
William Terwilliger - Violin
- August 22** “Now and Then” – *Ancient Instrument Consort* - Playing
Recorders, crumhorn, viola da gamba, Celtic harp, percussion
- September 19** “Bodah” – *Traditional Irish music*
- October 17** “Mountain Music Duo” *Classical and Jazz*
James Cline – Guitar
Tenly Williams - Obo/English Horn



Note: Details on each of these concerts will soon be available at mcmaa.org, and the church website: nederlandpc.org.
In the meantime, pencil them in on your calendar.

May Birthdays

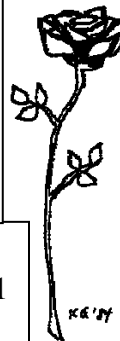
Adam Durkee	5
Rich Tillotson	13
Peggy Martin	14
Luke Harrison	16
Del Lynd	17
Rita Justice	17
Carolyn Armstrong	18
Pennie Dexter	18
Janet Turnburke	22
Joye Stanich	25

May Anniversaries

Austin & Erica Phelps	2
Erick & Jenny Murray	19
Jan & Mike Mussler	23
Gary & Pat Ennor	31
John & Chrissy McDowell	31

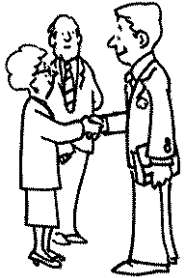
Directory Update

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Welcome these new friends!!

Be sure to welcome Peter & Janet Fossel, Kenneth Kasch and his son Layton, Del Lynd, and Sue Bart, all who have been visiting us on a regular basis. Also be certain to welcome back Al & Diana Nelson and Ellen Andersen from their winter adventures elsewhere.



In our prayers: Let us offer prayers of comfort for Judy Anderson and family upon the death of her mother; comfort and healing for Hayden and the other children who were in the recent Little Bear bus accident and to Ellen Andersen after a recent pulled muscle. Give prayers of emotional healing for Elsa, the daughter of Peter Fossel. We continue to offer prayers of recovery and healing for Justine Irwin with her knee problems; Rhonda Skeie’s father, Lew Holland, Kathleen Henningsen’s father, Don; Emily Hayne’s mother, Janet Fish; and Gwen Burak’s Aunt, Barbara Bateman. Pray for Darla Miller and her unborn child as she faces surgery and for healing for all of Judy Richard’s family. Remember to give prayers of comfort and peace for Susan Morrison’s mother, Irene; Aaron Berkley’s grandmother, Lucille Smart; and as always, for all those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis, including Florence Gruchy, Jane Bauder and Gloria Fraiser, as well as those serving in the military and away at school. Let us continue to pray for healing and rebuilding for the people of Haiti and Chile after the earthquakes.

The Counselor’s Corner:

This year, Pentecost, the time when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples comes to us on May 23. We 21st century Christians may find the celebration of Pentecost a bit archaic and certainly not “up there” with Christmas and Easter. After all, when was the last time you had trouble finding a seat in the Sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday? Maybe we don’t understand it because it seems so ethereal and temporary, yet it really is the final gift of Jesus’ epiphany. Pentecost is the celebration of the flooding of the Spirit into our body and mind so that we have the opportunity to

experience an alteration of consciousness through the Spirit. We can become new beings when we connect our awareness with our day to day experience in the world. The mind-body connection through the power of the Spirit is what creates true healing. In most areas of counseling, that is what we’re trying to do – get a person’s mind, body and spirit integrated so that they are productive in the workings of the world.

Pennie Dexter

For one who has spent so much time in the Absolute, perhaps embodiment and reconnecting with instinct and feelings is the resurrection. ~ Anonymous

Sun	Mon	Tue	May 2010 Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Church School 11:00 McDowell baby Shower	3 9:30 Tai Chi 12pm NAS Lunch	4	5 9:30 – Painting 12pm NAS Lunch 6:30 Soup Supper 7:00 Book Study	6 10:00 Food Pantry	7 8:00 – 2:00 Boulder Aging Council Meeting	8 9:30 – 11:00 USDA and Food Pantry 8:00 - Highlands Work Day
9 MOTHER'S DAY 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:30 Church School	10 9:30 Tai Chi 12pm NAS Lunch	11 CWS 1:00 – 3:00	12 9:30 – Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch 1-3 Writing Wkshop 6:30 Soup Supper 7:00 Book Study	13	14	15
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16 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:30 Church School Potluck 11:10 2:00 - Recital	17 9:30 Tai Chi 12pm NAS Lunch	18	19 9:30 – Painting 12 pm NAS Lunch 1-3 NAS Board 6:30 Soup Supper 7:00 Book Study	20 6:30 - Session	21	22
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