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Summer of Exploring Creative Play and Spirituality



Happy Summer!!

Dear Family of Church of the Hills,

As you read this I will be in the final days before I leave on the adventure of creativity and play AND so will you!! I do hope you take advantage of the many various offerings of the Sabbatical Team to engage and experience some of the pieces that we can share together.

I do want you to know I am leaving you in great hands! You have an amazing lineup of preachers for the summer. Each brings their own specialty and style. I believe you will be blessed with all they have to offer and bring you God's word.

As well, in July you will have your own pastor in residence. Yes, a pastor here just to support you and accompany you mid-way through this summer. There will also be three pastors moderating your session. So all in all, seven ministers and an intern will be here to provide

for your needs during the summer months, as opposed to your one regular pastor. I am confident you will be well taken care of during this season.

But I do want to challenge you that they are not just here to cover your needs; but to challenge you in your own spiritual journey. I pray and hope you will be open to their wisdom, their guidance, to God's spirit moving and working in your midst.

I believe this summer is one of learning and openness to possibilities for us all. Please know I will miss you and pray for you during this time.

Biographical information on each of the pastors preaching or serving as pastor in residence follows.

Until we see each other again, in September, I will hold you in my heart.

Blessings
Dee

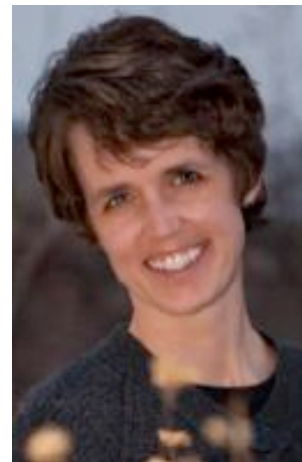
June 26th

The Rev Bill Calhoun is a retired minister member of the Presbytery of Denver, serving as Presbytery Moderator in 2010. During his ministry, Bill served three congregations across the nation: nine years in Binghamton, NY; nineteen years in Newton, IA; and nine years at Montview Blvd Presbyterian Church in Denver. Throughout his ministry, he has been active in mission ministries across the nation and the world and in community ministries from affordable housing to interfaith dialogues to advocacy work for social inclusiveness and recently in health care reform. Bill loves to walk in the mountains, cultivate deep silence and create small circles of listening conversation. He coached high school football for 23 year in three states.



July 3rd & 10th

Joelle Brummett Beller is a Fuller Theological Seminary graduate and a PC(USA) minister. She has served in various capacities as a pastor since 2000. Having grown up in Colorado and taken her first pastoral call in Montana, she finds God easily in the outdoors. She has worked with youth, young adults, new church development folks; she has led retreats for women and young leaders in the church; and most recently she has become passionate about ministry to children & their families. She and her husband Scott have lived in intentional Christian community 8 of their 17 years of marriage and are proponents of building strong Christian community wherever they are, as a foundation for ministry. She is a woman who wears many different hats. She is a wife, mom of 3 boys, minister, adjunct professor and a crazy movie buff. She also loves to read, preach, pray, listen, dance and sing.



July 17th, 24th, 31st

The Rev Les Avery has served churches in the Denver area for more than fifty years. His longest tenure was twenty-two years at St. James Presbyterian Church in Littleton, where he was Senior Minister and Head of Staff. He retired in 1993 and since retirement has served as Interim Pastor at Corona Presbyterian and Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian. He has also filled pulpits in several churches while ministers have been on Sabbatical. Les and his wife Jackie have six children, fourteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He is an avid cyclist having ridden his bicycle more than 100,000 miles since retiring. This past June he represented Colorado in the National Senior Olympics in Houston, competing in the 80 - 85 year old category in the 20 and 40k road races.



Pastor In Residence during July

The Rev Laurie Furr-Vancini is a native of north Florida. She grew up in Gainesville and then Macclenny, Florida and is a graduate of Baker County High School. Following high school, Laurie attended Wake Forest University earning a B.A. with double majors in Religion and Sociology. She earned an M.A.Ed. from Virginia Tech. Upon leaving



Virginia Tech, Laurie worked in Housing and Student Activities offices at Georgia Tech, University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Georgia Baptist College of Nursing. Laurie attended Candler School of Theology at Emory and Columbia Theological Seminary, earned a M.Div. and was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, PC (USA) in October, 1999. Laurie served at Hodges Boulevard Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, FL and St. Giles Presbyterian Church in Orange Park, FL before coming to Palms Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville Beach in August of 2007. Laurie is married to Jeff and they have 3 children: Charlie in high school, Sam in middle school and Abigail in elementary school. They are also proud owners of Lady (dog) and Aslan and Professor McGonagall (cats). Laurie enjoys her book club, sweating it out at the gym and travel.

August 7th, 14th, 21st

The Rev Diane Prevary is a cradle-roll Presbyterian, grew up in Charlottesville, Virginia, and was educated at Mary Washington College (B.A. 1980), and Union Theological Seminary in Virginia (now Union Presbyterian Seminary) (M. Div. 1984). She was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. in 1983. Called first to parish ministry, she served pastorates from 1983 thru 1999 in Maryland and Virginia. In 1999 she began exploring a new direction in ministry, serving on the staff of the Presbytery of the James. Her experience in this position, coupled with training in interim ministry, led to two additional positions at the presbytery level: Interim Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Central Nebraska and Interim General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Southern Kansas, where she became friends and colleagues with Pastor Dee. Diane elected to take an early retirement from parish ministry in 2004 in order to focus energy toward the blended family that resulted from her marriage to Jim Bushong in 2002. Their family consists of five adult children and six grandchildren. Their home is 60 miles north of Houston, TX, on Lake Conroe. Having moved her membership from Southern Kansas to the Presbytery of New Covenant in 2004, she accepted the invitation to stand for election as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of New Covenant in November, 2005, and was re-elected to a second term in 2008. She will retire from that position at the end of 2011. In addition to this part-time position with the presbytery, Diane and her husband, Jim Bushong, volunteer as consultants to churches in a variety of areas, to include conflict management, visioning, transitions in ministry, and leadership training.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



WHERE KIDS CARRY OUT GOD'S RECIPE

June 13 - 17, 2011

9 a.m. to Noon

Children 4 years through
rising 5th graders

To register pick up a form at the church
or go online at www.churchofthehills.com
and click the "Children>Vacation Bible School" tab

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Let Ann Joseph or Terry know if you would like to help
with stories, skits, crafts, recreation, snacks,
registration, etc. Lots of adult and youth help is
needed to make this a highlight for our community.



Summer Youth Mission Trip

July 22 - 29

Eleven students and two adults will be going to the Wind
River Reservation near Lander, Wyoming to reach out the
poor and needy people who live there.

In addition to the service portion of the trip, we will enjoy a
couple of days exploring and camping in Yellowstone
National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and Jackson,
WY. **The trip is now full, but a waiting list is being kept
just in case spots open up.**

For more details, check out the website
(www.youthworks.com).

- A huge "thank you" to the congregation for helping
the youth raise over \$1500 with the fund raisers they
did throughout the year.
- Participants: Terry Buchanan; Bridger & Silka Cole;
Amelia Faraco-Hadlock; Samantha Hansen; Ande,
Erin, & Jill Hesser; Tati Jones; Annie O'Connor;
Amanda & Mike Sciarabba; Madi Shipley

Youth Outings throughout the Summer will include

- Water World
- Elitch's
- Hiking
- Mt. Princeton Hot Springs
- Xtreme Arena

(dates to be published soon)

Highlands Summer Camp

Registration materials for our Presbytery Camp are
available in the narthex. Camps are offered for
children (age 5) – high school seniors in the beautiful
mountain setting just south of Estes Park.

Children's Church

We would like to offer a time of learning, worship, and
fun for children (K-2nd grade) during our worship
services. If you would be interested in being part of a
rotation of adults and teenagers to provide this
program, please contact Ann Joseph or Terry. While
this team is being put together, we are offering
programming in the nursery following children's time
in worship.

Community Supper

Community Supper is on sabbatical and will start back up in September. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU goes out to all the wonderful volunteers that made this last season such a success.

Blessings,
Linda, Tina, and Anita

Faith Day at the Rockies Sunday, August 21

All 30 tickets have been claimed for this exciting afternoon (1:10pm game against the LA Dodgers followed by an amazing Christian concert by Casting Crowns), but Terry is keeping a waiting list in case tickets become available.



Friday Nights at the Movies 7 - 10 p.m.

Movies through the end of the summer will relate to Dee's upcoming sabbatical adventures and also provide a great format for theological discussion.



June 24 - *Christian the Lion*

July 22 - *The Horse Whisperer*

August 26 - *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*

Spares & Pairs

The next potluck dinner will be on June 10 at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the home of John and Susie VanderHorst. Bring a dish to share and enjoy meeting new friends while you admire the great views from their deck.

Directions: from Hwy 73 travel on North Turkey Creek 6.4 miles; turn R at South Turkey Creek, go 1.5 miles; turn L at Deer Creek Canyon Rd, go 3.4 miles. Turn R at Deer Creek Rd, go 1 mile; turn L at Sampson Rd (press 7492 to open gate), go 1.8 mi; turn R at Mill Hollow Rd, travel about 1 mile to 10872 Mill Hollow Rd. (303.697.5994).

Mark Your Calendars For Our Other Summer Dinners:

July 8 will be hosted by Joan and Bruce Evashevski
(70 Greystone Trail, 303.679.1683)

August 12 will be hosted by Jackie and Mel Andrew
(626 Conifer Drive, 303.674.5097)

Outdoor Worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 5, 2011 Heritage Grove Park

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs! This is our annual event where we enjoy the great outdoors and ordain/install our new officers.

Chicken will be provided, as well as other dishes

A-I please bring sides/appetizers

J-R please bring desserts

S-Z please bring salads

Thank you! The Deacons.



The Endowment Fund Has Money to Assist with Church Teams and Mission

Despite what you might have heard, funding is available for 2011!

If you have a church project or a mission that you are involved with that needs some extra funding to be successful, consider submitting an application to the Endowment Fund. Applications and guidelines are available at the Church Office.

Some questions you need to consider before applying for funding:

- Is the project consistent with the values and objectives of COTH?
- Is the project coordinated with a relevant session team?
- Is there a member(s) of COTH involved?
- Is the project realistically conceived and can it be successful?
- Is the project clearly outside the church's normal operating budget?
- Is the project well planned with a defined budget?

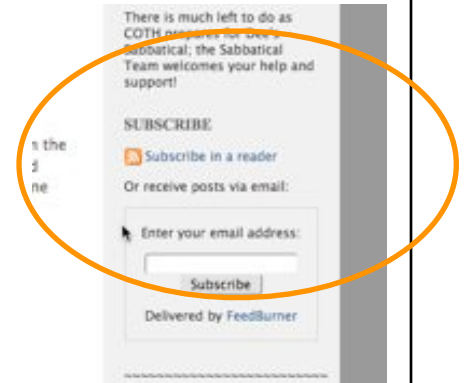
The Endowment Fund can work forever to support the mission and outreach of our church. This is because only a portion of the interest earned each year is used to fund special projects, mission activities and expenses that are outside of the annual church budget.

The Endowment Fund Trustees meet on an as need basis and requests for funds are accepted and funded throughout the year from January 1 through November 1. If you are interested in learning more about applying for funds you should contact any of the following Endowment Trustees for information.

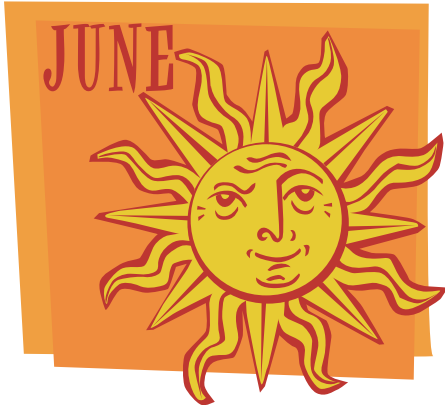
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Sabbatical Blog How to Subscribe

We encourage you to **subscribe** to the blog at <http://sabbatical.churchofthehills.com> to receive valuable information and updates as they are posted. The subscribe area is located in the right sidebar down the page. If you have problems or questions, contact either the church office or a member of the Sabbatical Team and they will sign you up. When you are signed up you will need to respond to a confirmation email.



S U M M E R B I R T H D A Y S



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- 2 Lee Nield
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- 7 Eden Garrod, Rory Krieg
- 10 Don Schell
- 11 Sherry Boyd, Kelly Croke, Grete Gansauer
- 14 Erin Hesser
- 15 Vicki Kyle
- 16 Ron Klusman, Jan Schoonveld
- 17 Bill Sandifer
- 25 Louella Young
- 30 Bud McBride

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- 11 Rick VanderWoude
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- 16 Bryant Robert
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Tanya Ignacek, Nancy Robertson
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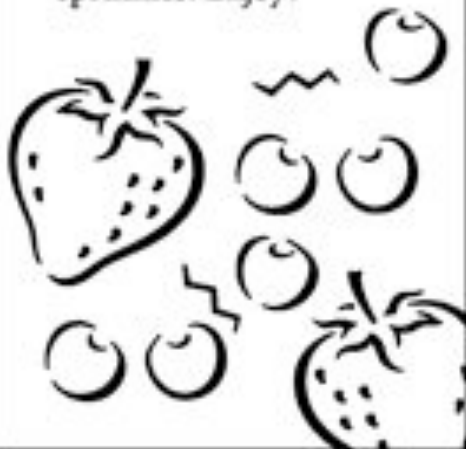
On the 4th of July, make this healthy, festive dessert to share with family and friends.

What you need:

- Clear glasses or plastic cups
- Spoons
- Vanilla yogurt
- Cut strawberries
- Fresh blueberries
- Coconut, whipped cream, red and blue sprinkles (optional)

What you do:

1. Place a couple of spoonfuls of vanilla yogurt at the bottom of each glass or cup.
2. Add cut strawberries to cover the yogurt layer.
3. Add more yogurt over the strawberries.
4. Add a layer of blueberries.
5. Repeat the layers until you reach the top of the glass or cup.
6. For extra fun, add coconut, whipped cream and sprinkles. Enjoy!



Freedom in Christ

This Independence Day, remember that our true freedom comes from faith in Jesus.

Directions: In each set of letters, determine the pattern. Then write the letter that completes the pattern, to reveal Galatians 5:1, NIV.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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G	R	K	U	D	Q	P
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Answers: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. (Galatians 5:1, NIV)

Seniors' Resource Center

Checks and cash donations are still being accepted for the Seniors' Resource Center to offset their \$2,000-\$3,000 monthly gas budget shortage. Please make checks out to COTH and indicate Seniors' Resource Center on the memo line. If you are giving cash, place it in one of the offering envelopes in the pew and write Seniors' Resource Center on the envelope.



June 12th Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering provides a way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. The benefits can be seen all around us. Congregations are utilizing new ways to minister to children at risk in their communities. General Assembly programs are advocating for children and providing leadership development opportunities for youth and young adults. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised over \$8 million for these ministries that benefit younger members of God's family.



40% of the

Pentecost Offering is kept by congregations for use on behalf of children and youth at risk. 10% of the Offering supports General Assembly child advocacy ministries. 25% of the Offering supports General Assembly ministries with youth such as the 2013 Presbyterian Youth Triennium. 25% supports Young Adult Volunteer opportunities.



August 28th Habitat for Humanity WORKshop Sunday

This entire WORKshop Sunday will be devoted to working at the house being built in Kittredge. A group will be working at the building site, a group will be helping at the Habitat ReStore facility in Bergen Park and a group will be making sandwiches for the picnic following the workday. Please check back for more information during the summer which will be included in the Sunday bulletin, Friday Features and the church website at www.churchofthehills.com.

EChO Food Drive

There continues to be a need for all donations as the shelves are bare. The week of June 6th we will be collecting dishwashing detergent. Continue to look for items that will be collected throughout the summer which can be found in the Sunday bulletin, Friday Features and the church website, www.churchofthehills.com. Thank you for your help in these tough economic times!



CHURCH OF THE HILLS PRESBYTERIAN (USA)

APRIL 30, 2011

ANALYSIS OF REVENUES & EXPENSES - YTD 2011

	April	April Budgeted	Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
REVENUES						
Pledges	\$23,567	\$20,434	\$3,133	\$108,299	\$101,289	\$7,010
All Others	\$5,511	\$931	\$4,580	\$13,512	\$5,604	\$7,908
TOTAL REVENUES	\$29,078	\$21,365	\$7,713	\$121,811	\$106,893	\$14,918
EXPENSES						
Personnel	\$21,679	\$20,800	\$879	\$81,648	\$84,967	(\$3,319)
All Other	\$5,158	\$8,211	(\$3,053)	\$31,171	\$35,062	(\$3,891)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$26,837	\$29,011	(\$2,174)	\$112,819	\$120,029	(\$7,210)
NET TOTAL	\$2,241	(\$7,646)	\$9,887	\$8,992	(\$13,136)	\$22,128

April revenues continued to exceed expectations! There was a one-time non-designated gift of \$1,000. The Use of Building income benefited from the Senior Resource Center quarterly payment of \$1,500 for the use of the building by the Extension Services. Personnel continued to track slightly below budget, due to the vacancy in the organist/accompanist position. All other teams within the church also continued to track below budget.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Echoes Deadlines

	September 2011	October/November 2011
Articles Due	Friday, August 12	Friday, September 9
Layout Completed	Friday, August 19	Friday, September 16
Printing	Wednesday, August 24	Wednesday, September 21
Collating/Mailing	Thursday, August 25	Thursday, September 22

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IMPORTANT SUMMER DATES

JUNE

2 ASCENSION OF THE LORD
 5 OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE
 13 - 17 VBS
 12 PENTECOST
 14 FLAG DAY
 19 VBS SUNDAY
 TRINITY SUNDAY
 FATHER'S DAY
 22 1ST DAY OF SUMMER
 24 "CHRISTIAN THE LION"
 MOVIE

JULY

JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
 JULY 22-29 YOUTH MISSION TRIP
 JULY 22 "THE HORSE WHISPERER"
 MOVIE



AUGUST

AUGUST 20 "PEAK EXPERIENCES"
 AUGUST 26 "THE SNOWS OF
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Church of the Hills is a family of faith in Christ that is called together with open hearts and minds to live out our faith within God's world and within the framework of the Presbyterian Church USA.



*Summer of Exploring
Creative Play and Spirituality*

*Join us for our
Summer Worship
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.*

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