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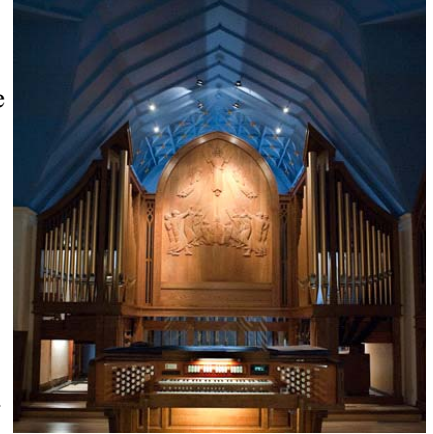
THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, DENVER, CO

# PARISH POST

## Reception and Installation of the New Pipe Organ

Our new Patrick J. Murphy & Associates pipe organ arrived Sunday, August 2, in an 80-foot semi-trailer. Over 30 enthusiastic volunteers were on hand to welcome and unload it into the Ascension sanctuary. The total weight of organ pipes, chests, blowers, mechanism, and console transferred from truck to nave that afternoon exceeded 8 tons!!!

What had been estimated at taking 4 hours time to unload instead took 2-1/2 hours to accomplish with this magnitude of volunteers. Consequently, the five-man crew from Stowe, Pennsylvania was able to commence work erecting the organ the very next day. Three days later, nearly all of the mechanism, largest pipes (some over 16' tall), and cabinetry were in place. The capstone of this progress was hoisting and remounting the reredos sculpted by Arnold Ronnebeck (1931) into a more commanding position within the organ case. For the first time, this sculpture is now beautifully framed and properly lighted. During the remainder of first week, the Murphy crew installed expression louvers and a carved screen in the front of the south chamber, placed gold façade pipes with silver mouths in the cases surrounding the reredos, and connected electrical power, interior lighting, and winding from the two high-speed blowers.



By the beginning of the second week of installation, the organ was up and physically playing; testing being done on every electrical connection and the predetermined wind pressures for each of the instrument's divisions was set. During this week, all of the bass (Pedal) pipes were tuned and regulated and this same process was applied to treble pipes (Great and Swell manuals), as well. Pat Murphy visited the site and determined specific parameters for the final stage of installation - tonal finishing. The organ was allowed to settle into its new surroundings for three weeks and tonal finishing will commence September 8 and continue for 10-12 days. It is expected that the organ will be played at church services for the first time on September 13. The dedication is planned for Ascension Day, May 2010.



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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# Message from Father Tom

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## Dear friends in Christ,

We have a mini transition coming our way as we look forward to Fr. James and his family returning to full-time ministry after a wonderful, relaxing and renewing sabbatical. With Fr. James' return, I, as you're acting rector, will be returning to my previous role in ministry at Ascension which has been to help out on Sunday mornings, to be available to the larger community for various pastoral needs and to support Fr. James in his ministry. This is certainly a role that I have fully enjoyed in the past and am looking forward to once again.

The previous four months have been a wonderful opportunity for me to share Ministry with many of you. Even though it has been the summertime when activity is diminished, working with so many of you in a more intimate way has been a blessing. Possibly the greatest blessing of all over these past four months has been our worship in the chapel. It has been intimate and lively, all of us getting used to a different environment which was at the same time challenging and inviting. And of course, all of it being done so that our main sanctuary can be transformed into the incredible space that it has become.

As our worship in the chapel changed us as a community, and as our worship space in the church has changed, so we as a community must allow and embrace both growth and change. To do this, our spiritual lives must lead the way in this time of transition, seeking above all else a life that is growing and renewing, a life that is seeking a transforming experience with God. Our journey forward must always be about our relationship with Christ, our openness to the Spirit and our groundedness in the Father, seeking to make these relationships tangible, visible and authentic. When we are in transition moving from where we've been to where we are headed, we must recommit to a spiritually disciplined life of meditation, prayer and reflection. Both study and worship will bubble to the surface and become a higher and higher priority for us, and at the same time drawing us closer as a community. And being Christ to the world, moving beyond ourselves, not only becoming the "wounded healer" but also the one who will embrace the cross of Christ and seek "justice" at every turn will become a more visible part of our new life.

Finally, and maybe most importantly, though that is a hard call for me, this time of transition into that new place that we are becoming will call for us a deep Christ like humility and vulnerability within a nurturing community. Each one of us will take more responsibility for our own personal struggle and also more responsibility for being with others in their struggles and their successes. This is the nature of community and this is the hallmark, the true authentic sign of the presence of Christ. So, I guess I will say that this is most important.

**Welcome Home, Fr. James,** I'm glad you are back. Welcome to all of you, to our new, beautiful sanctuary and thank you to all who have helped make it possible. As you and I embrace and honor the different parts and pieces of a faithful spiritual journey, we will see the Spirit of God descend upon us like a dove, bringing new life to this small corner of the kingdom. I ask you to join me in celebrating this time of transition as we move from where we have been to where we will be, as we commit to keep our feet firmly planted in Christ who is the head and the cornerstone.

God's peace is with you always.

Fr. Tom+



# “FOLLOW ME”

Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received...but only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage. –*St. Francis of Assisi*

## **PARISH MINISTRY FAIR AND FALL PROGRAM KICK OFF**

**Worship, Music, Education, Pastoral Care, Outreach,  
Hospitality, Communication, Youth,  
Building & Grounds, Vestry, Finance/Budget/Stewardship**

**SEPTEMBER 13  
(after the 10:00 am service)  
COME AND GET AQUAINTED WITH  
THE MINISTRIES AT  
**ASCENSION****

**Plan to be a part of  
KICK OFF SUNDAY**

**Acolytes, Chalice Minister, Eucharistic Visitors, Alter Guild, Ushers,  
Prayer Chain, Lectors, Praise Team, Children’s Choir, Web Site,  
Bulletin Boards, Greeters, Newcomers, Parish Dinners, Coffee Hour, Parish Newsletter  
and more...**

## Message from Deacon Bobbie

I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words about **OUTREACH** and why it is so important. I know some of you dread that word, thinking that it means actually going out among the poor and oppressed, but there are many ways to serve. Ascension does a wonderful job of reaching out to the community. We are involved in many projects from St. Francis Center to mission trips to South Dakota, to helping people in Haiti. Jesus calls all of us to become involved in some way. After all, doesn't he tell us to love our neighbors? Read the story of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel of Luke chapter 10. Jesus shows us in the parable that we, who intend to follow Jesus, have a responsibility to everyone because everyone is our neighbor. We are to demonstrate mercy to all, or as Paul later writes in Galatians chapter 6, do good to all.

I was talking to the women of the

shelter where I work and asked them how they felt about services and resources they receive when they access a program that helps them. Most said that they were grateful for the support, and many said they would someday like to give back to someone else who is in need.

Jesus said that whenever we help even one person, we are following his example and being his hands in the world. Remember this when you think about participating in an outreach program, such as the ones listed on page 10.

I want to close with a poem that one of the women in the shelter gave me this week. It spoke to me as I hope it will speak to you.

Peace & Blessings  
Deacon Bobbie



### OTHERS

Lord, help me live  
from day to day  
In such a self-forgetful way,  
That even when I kneel to pray,  
My prayer shall be for "Others."

Help me in all the work I do  
To ever be sincere and true,  
And know, that all I do for You  
Must needs be done for "Others."

And when my work in earth is done,  
And my new work in Heaven's begun,  
May I forget the crown I've won,  
While thinking still of "Others."

"Others." Lord, yes, "Others!"  
Let this my motto be.  
Help me to live for others  
That I may live for Thee.

## Ascension Family Profile

Jack and Inger Moore live in Parker, with their 2 sons Jack (IV) and John. They met 11 years ago while working at their part-time job. They married in October 2000 in Inger's hometown of Fairfield, Iowa. Almost 400 of their friends and family attended the wedding from all over the country. Jack graduated from the University of Nebraska and is currently an Associate Wealth Management Advisor. He is studying for his Certified Financial Planner designation.

Inger graduated with her AA from Colorado Mountain College in Glenwood Springs, her BA from the University of Iowa and MA from Regis University. She was also on the Iowa Crew team. She will be starting her 12<sup>th</sup> year of teaching in Douglas County School District as an Elementary Art Teacher. Jack and Inger enjoy traveling, photography, the outdoors, hiking, camping, mountain biking, skiing, fly-fishing and golf. Jack has a passion for volunteering time to those less fortunate. He is a recent recipient of an Outstanding Volunteer Award from Northwestern Mutual for his efforts through the Outreach Committee at Church. He is a Vestry member and the Outreach Committee Chair.

They adore their children who will be giving them a very exciting holiday season this year. Jack will be 3 December 23rd, and John's first birthday is January 4<sup>th</sup>. You will occasionally hear little Jack yell "Amen" in midst of silence during the 10 o'clock service. Both boys are full of joy! They also have a yellow lab, Summit, who turned 8 in April.

Jack and Inger feel blessed being part of the Ascension family. They appreciate the kindness that everyone exudes and love being apart of such a great community.



# Ascension Music Ensembles Resume Rehearsal for 2009-2010

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Church of the Ascension is blessed with several distinct music ensembles to lead and edify worship. All of these ensembles resume regular rehearsal in early September

## ADULT CHOIR

The **Adult Choir** resumes rehearsal Thursday, September 3 at 7:00 PM in the Choir Room. It is not an auditioned ensemble and singers. Those who would like to develop their singing voices are always welcome to join us in rehearsal. High school students in Grades 9-12 are also encouraged to join us. All materials are provided in a manageable binder that allows singers to lead worship with assurance. Ascension Choir prepares a diverse repertoire including anthems in the Anglican tradition, a cappella motets, spirituals and contemporary anthems that serve to inspire Sunday worship and expand the musical horizons of volunteer singers. Rehearsals typically include prayer, physical, mental and vocal warm-ups, rehearsal of hymns, service music, and offertory anthems well in advance of their presentation. In addition, the Organist and Music Director is available for individual help on request. Post-rehearsal treats and choir parties are routinely provided for our singers. For further information and an access code to the church entry, please contact Greg Larsen at [303] 909-0433 or [music@ascensiondenver.org](mailto:music@ascensiondenver.org).

## CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

**Youth Program Nights** resume on Wednesday, September 16. **Youth Choir Rehearsal** begins in the Choir Room at 5:30 PM. Choristers begin rehearsal with physical, mental and vocal warm-ups that prepare them to sing. Each youth chorister has their own binder in which to keep songs and other materials in order to review anthems, service music, and hymns that will be presented during any of seven designated 'Youth Sundays' during the school year (October 4, November 1, December 20 [Pageant], March 7, April 11 and May 2 and 16). As in the past, practice CD's are provided to each family. This is followed by **Dinner** at 6:10 PM in the Parish Hall which is provided on a rotating basis by parents and other interested persons. Nutritious but kid-friendly food such as tacos, sloppy Joes, pizza, etc. is generally served. The program night concludes with a **Junior Youth Group Activity** which ends by 7:00 PM. This might include a games, service work, Bible study, crafts and even activities organized by the Senior Youth Group. This activity is coordinated by Cary Mathis. A winter recess is taken during the month of January and Youth Program Nights resume on Wednesday, February 10. For further information and an access code to the church entry, please contact Greg Larsen at [music@ascensiondenver.org](mailto:music@ascensiondenver.org) or 303-909-0433.

## THE CHERUB CHOIR

The **Cherub Choir** rehearses at Sermon time for 15 minutes a couple of Sundays each month and children occasionally rehearse during coffee hour (after church) September through December and February through mid-May. Rehearsals prepare the children to present sacred songs following Communion on designated Youth Sundays with repertoire chosen to complement the Sunday School's *Godly Play* curriculum.

## PRAISE TEAM

The **Praise Team** resumes regular rehearsal on Thursday, September 3, 6:00–7:30 PM in the Church Sanctuary. This ensemble welcomes new singers and instrumentalists who enjoy leading the congregation in praise and worship during the 10:00 AM service. How exactly do you lead others in praise and worship? It is making a connection between mind and heart through lyrics of songs focused on God – especially during the administration of communion. The Praise Team continually expands its repertoire, taking pride in the introduction of new music appropriate to the lectionary (passages of Scripture) of any worship service of the church year.



## Youth News

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Dear Youth and Families,

Fall is just around the corner and we are gearing up for the best one yet! Wednesday nights will be starting soon as well as Sunday school. For the older youth, we will have a retreat in October and monthly service opportunities. In addition, service in the church as acolytes is a wonderful way to participate in worship for those children in third grade and above. Come and see the exciting opportunities this fall at the Church of the Ascension!

**Super Servant Tuesday's —NEW!—** The 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth will be serving at Metro Care Ring and the St. Francis Center as well as visiting our homebound members of our congregation each month.

**Genesis 2009 - Oct. 16 -18 CRASH** — at Frontier Ranch, Buena Vista, CO

Genesis is a weekend retreat for churches and their 6th-12th grade youth with opportunities to meet new people, participate in some entertaining activities, enjoy awesome music by Read You and Me, and hear Jesus' invitation to CRASH into Him and discover what the apostle Paul proclaimed: *"that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new"* (2 Cor. 5:18, The Message). It presents a basic introduction to the Gospel and is designed for those with little or no experience of Christianity or the church, while also providing opportunities for current disciples to renew their faith. It is a wonderful opportunity for leaders to invite new youth into their group and for teens to bring their friends. At the same time it is a wonderful time for youth groups to get together and grow as a community. We hope that the weekend will be a personal "genesis" in a life long journey that will help young people understand how they have been created as special and valued people with a unique purpose. The event is scheduled for October 16-18, 2009 at the absolutely incredible Frontier Ranch near Buena Vista and will cost \$115.00. More info at [http://www.coloradodiocese.org/03\\_faithformation/genesis09/genesis\\_09.html](http://www.coloradodiocese.org/03_faithformation/genesis09/genesis_09.html).

There will also be several fun outings, and opportunities to serve with other churches coming up. The youth committee will meet in late August to discuss these opportunities. We will keep you posted!

Christ's love and peace,  
Cary Mathis  
Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator



## Welcome Back, Father James, We've Missed You!

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September 6<sup>th</sup> will be Father James's first Sunday back from his amazing Sabbatical. Those of us left behind cannot wait to hear of his and Eli's and Hannah's experiences. In case you don't know their itinerary, Father James journeyed to Israel, Turkey, and Greece following the footsteps of Paul. Eli and Hannah joined him in Rome, from where they traveled through northern Italy to Paris, once in Paris they stayed for six weeks or so. Having now returned, they are in for another adventure when they see the new organ that was installed while they were away! For pictures, details, and interesting narratives, see Father James's blog linked from the front page of the Church website.



# September/October at Ascension

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## Sept 13 — MINISTRY FAIR

Plan to attend the celebratory **MINISTRY FAIR** on **September 13th**. The Ministry Fair immediately follows the 10:00 service and is conducted in the parish common room where coffee hour is served. On this day, a special coffee hour will be offered while congregational members have the opportunity to learn more about the communities within our church home. The chairs of each committee, including Outreach, Hospitality, Sunday School, Music Programs, Building and Landscape, etc will be on hand to describe the functions and value statements of their committees, answer any questions about their committees and sign up those interested in joining one of these valuable service groups within the church. So you can decide in advance which tables you want to visit, see the church website for a complete list of committee. If you have any questions, please contact Katrina Benes at [katgbenes@gmail.com](mailto:katgbenes@gmail.com).

## Sept 13 — SUNDAY SCHOOL

As summer comes to a close, **Sunday School** days are ahead. Sunday School will begin on **September 13th** and we are looking forward to seeing all of you and hearing about your summer adventures. On the teaching front, we are looking for at least one more teacher for this year. Julie Mahoney will be moving on to other commitments which will leave us a bit short. Teaching is really easy and can be as much or as little as your schedule allows. Please contact Amy Leonard at [amy.leonard@comcast.net](mailto:amy.leonard@comcast.net) if you are interested.

## Sept 19 — YARD SALE!!

Ascension is having a yard sale in the parking lot September 19th from 8 am to noon. You may drop off items during regular church business hours by contacting Celeste and taking your items to the undercroft area just beneath the sanctuary. If you need assistance with picking up your items or should you like to arrange for a drop off after hours, please contact Liz Arnold at 303.333.1089 or e-mail at [lrarnold1@aol.com](mailto:lrarnold1@aol.com). Also, if you would like to offer to assist during the day of the yard sale, September 19th, please let Liz Arnold know this as well. We are collecting most all items, but in particular, toys, sporting equipment, books, household items, children's clothes, and higher-quality adult clothes, the kind you would take to a consignment store. The clothes must be clean.. Antique furniture along with china, silver, and art would also be very much appreciated!!

## Sept 26 — ST. PAUL AT THE MOVIES

The **St. Paul at the Movies** Group will be meeting on **September 26th** at Ann and Brian Alexander's house at 2710 So. Ogden. The movie will be *Ordinary People*. The group then meets after Sunday coffee hour the next day for a discussion based on the books written by Father Robert Jewitt, who spoke in May, called *St. Paul at the Movies* and *Saint Paul Returns to the Movies: Triumph over Shame*. Check the weekly bulletin for more information.

## Oct 4 — YOUTH SUNDAY

The first **Youth Sunday** will be held on **October 4th**. The Youth Choir will sing and there will be other activities. As described on page 5, this program is fun for all participants, including the congregation this more-than-cute choir sing!

## Oct 9 — ST. FRANCIS CENTER GALA

The **St. Francis Center Annual Gala** will be held on **October 9th** at the downtown City Center Marriott. Ascension is usually represented by a few tables. See page 9 for details. Call Jack Moore, chair of the Outreach Committee to reserve a seat at the table!. He can be reached at [jackmoore\\_3@yahoo.com](mailto:jackmoore_3@yahoo.com) or 303-995-5046.

## Oct 13 — PASTORAL CARE TEAM CARD PARTY

The **Pastoral Care Team Card Party** will be meeting on **October 13th** at Roz Dudden's house at 1435 Race Street at 6:30 pm. The group makes birthday cards to send to all parishioners. Like to do scrapbooks? You'll love this activity! Talk to Deacon Bobbie or Roz Dudden about the details. Roz can be reached at 303-388-8318 or [roz@dudden.com](mailto:roz@dudden.com)



## News you can use

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This autumn **Bill Dorn** will be facilitating a course based on four of The Miss Marple novels written by Agatha Christie. The class will meet Tuesday mornings from 10 am to noon at the Wellshire Presbyterian Church at 2999 S. Colorado Blvd (between Yale and Hampden) starting September 15 and ending November 3. The tuition cost is \$45. For more information on this course and other courses offered this autumn by the Colorado Academy for Lifelong Learning, visit the web site at <http://www.academyll.org> or you can contact Bill at [billdorn@mac.com](mailto:billdorn@mac.com) or at 303-756-1097

**Suzy Whittemore's** daughter **Stacey** gave birth to **Jack Collins Mitchell** on July 23, 2009. Weighing in at 8lbs, he has already made his grandmother very happy. So congratulations, Suzy!!

On August 14, 2009, a lovely summer evening, **Virginia Deal's** grandson **Christopher Deal** married **Danae Green**. Ascension Church holds many memories for the Deal family. Father Foster, Virginia's grandfather not only performed the wedding ceremony for Virginia and many of her family members, but Chris' mother and father were married at Ascension also.

The **50-50-3 Team** is now **15 families**, giving an extra **\$2,600!** So, please help us through the slow summer and fall months. We are looking for **50 families** to give **\$50** a month for **3 months**. Can you do that? **Thirty-five more families** need to join the team and we will collect enough money to reach our goal. Please think and pray about helping a little more to support the church. Thank you from the Vestry and Finance Committee.

The 1st.annual **Bill Covode Overcoat Classic** was held on Saturday August 15 at City Park golf course. A fun time was had by all and the proceeds went to the St Francis Center. The winning team included two members of the Church of the Ascension, **Jim Hautzinger** and **Buzz Schaumberg**. The other members of the winning foursome were David Brickson and Chuck Jenkins

## In Memoriam

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**Blanche Taussig Cowperthwaite-Davis**, known for her advocacy of women's rights and commitment to serving Colorado, died on June 17, 2009 at the age of 100. She was married to **Arthur Cowperthwaite** at Ascension in 1929 and bore five children over a span of 25 years. Their oldest son, **Steve**, who died in 1998, was a lifelong parish member who served two terms on the Vestry, years apart, and was a perennial usher. Following the death of Arthur in 1990, Blanche married architect **Rodney Davis** in 1996 in the chapel at Ascension which he designed. He died in 1997. Among her many survivors is **Lucia Cowperthwaite**, widow of Steve and long-time chorister.

## The Greening of Ascension

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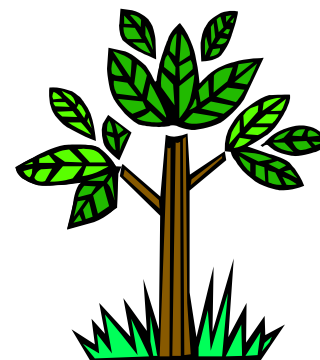
A few creative and concerned parishioners have proposed examining what the Church can do to reduce our carbon footprint, and help the environment in the neighborhood and the City.

The movement will start with small and simple measures like using electronic communications whenever possible to reduce paper use, recycling paper when it is used, i.e. Sunday bulletins and other handouts; using paper or china cups and plates instead of styrofoam for coffee hour, installing CFL (compact fluorescent light) bulbs wherever possible throughout the church buildings. We already recycle glass, aluminum and paper which is placed in bins behind the church, so we are talking about incremental additions, not major changes at first.

We recognize that many Ascensionites have adopted many of these practices in their homes and business places. We invite you to share your ideas on how Ascension can become greener. Please forward your suggestions and any comments and cautions you may have to **Kathleen Reilly** at [kathleen\\_reilly@q.com](mailto:kathleen_reilly@q.com) or at 303-333-2913.

We look forward to making Ascension a green oasis in the heart of Denver, and an active example of the prayer that we have a "reverence for the earth as God's creation and use its resources rightly in the service of others and to the honor and glory of God."

Please join us in this very worthwhile effort.



## St. Francis Center Gala Planned

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The St. Francis Center is planning their annual gala for Friday, October 9th. Ascension has been represented the last few years with one or two tables of 10. There is an excellent dinner, preceded by a silent auction and followed by a live auction. These can get quite competitive! If you wish to go to this fundraiser with your friends from Ascension, call **Jack Moore**, chair of the Outreach Committee. He can be reached at [jackmoore\\_3@yahoo.com](mailto:jackmoore_3@yahoo.com) or 303-995-5046.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2009  
6:00 PM

MARRIOTT CITY CENTER  
DOWNTOWN (CALIFORNIA AND 17<sup>TH</sup>)

DINNER & AUCTION  
TO BENEFIT THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES  
OF SAINT FRANCIS CENTER AND  
TO HONOR 50 NEW RESIDENTS COMING HOME  
TO THE CORNERSTONE RESIDENCES AT ST. FRANCIS CENTER

PROGRAM INCLUDES:  
SILENT AUCTION, DINNER, PROGRAM & LIVE AUCTION

DESSERT BAR: 9:45 PM

BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE

INDIVIDUAL TICKET - \$75 SENIORS/VOLUNTEERS/GROUPS OF 10 - \$60/EACH

CALL FOR INFORMATION: 303-244-0745 (ANDREW SPINKS) OR  
SEND R.S.V.P. CARD: 2525 CURTIS ST., DENVER, CO 80205 R.S.V.P BY SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

# Pastoral Care Committee

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## **Purpose Statement**

The Church of the Ascension Pastoral Care Committee seeks to serve Christ and His Church by recognizing and fulfilling the corporal and spiritual needs of the members of our parish family, in the spirit of Matthew 11:28-30:

"Come to me all who labor and are heavy-laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

**Committee Chair:** Glenda Winker

**Committee Members:** Paul Abdo, Joan Casey, Palma Chambers, Elinor Davis, Diane Ibsen, Jane Medina, Barb Watson

**Teams:**

**Visitors:**

Shut-in visits; Eucharistic visitors; nursing homes; hospitals; home visits

**Basic Needs:**

Meals for sick; meals for other times; transportation to hospital, appointments, church

**Life Events:**

Card Ministry for birthdays, deaths, weddings, births, other; Intercessions on Sunday

**Conduit:**

Prayer chain; Sharing prayer requests; Educating the congregation on these programs; Conduit for information



Our goal is to meet the above needs of our congregation.

We would welcome anyone that has the desire to help us to fulfill those needs of our parish family.

# Outreach Committee

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## **Purpose Statement:**

Church of the Ascension Outreach Committee, motivated by Christ's love, is sensitive to the evolving needs of the community, educates and organizes the congregation and acts as stewards to the least, the last and the lost.

**Chair:** Jack Moore

**Members:** Roz Dudden, Greg Diamond, Barb Watson, Joan Casey, Dorothy Wilson.

**Teams and Goals:**

If you want to be on a team, contact the team leader. We are also looking for point people for the various programs.

**Programs Team:**

Solidify our relationship to the programs we sponsor and assign a point person for each program.

Team Leader: Rosalind Dudden

Donation of goods to St. Francis and Metro CareRing; Fleece Navidad; Toys at Christmas; St. Francis Center - Roz Dudden; St. Clare's Supper - Joan Casey; One Family One Congregation - Greg Diamond; Metro CareRing; Colorado Haiti Project; Loaves and Fishes.

**Administration Team:**

Internal communication to congregation, along with training, mentoring and fundraising.

Team Leader: Dorothy Wilson

Volunteer coordination (time and effort); Advising Vestry on projects to fund; Choosing projects; Interface with other ministries, especially Sunday School; Fund raise; Team building; Training/mentoring; Internal communications for Outreach Committee.

**Project Development Team:**

Get hands on in the community through service projects. Get people involved. Identify training and mentoring structure.

Team Leader: Jack Moore

Make a difference day; Mission Trips; Missionary support;

Provide opportunities for Parish to contribute in different ways.

**Emergency Response Team:**

Research and learn how Church of the Ascension may be the leader in this arena.

Team Leader: Barb Watson

External emergency/disaster response and preparedness;

Possible neighborhood watch program.

ATIME  
TO SERVE

# Outreach Award

## Northwestern Mutual Foundation Donates \$10,000 to the Church of the Ascension on Behalf of Denver Financial Representative, Jack Moore's Volunteer Involvement

The Northwestern Mutual Foundation announces a \$10,000 grant for the Church of the Ascension in recognition of Northwestern Mutual financial representative Jack Moore's dedication to the organization. In honor of his contributions, the Northwestern Mutual Foundation is naming Moore an "Outstanding Volunteer" in the company's national



**Northwestern Mutual**

Community Service Award program, which is celebrating its 15th anniversary. Since the program's inception, nearly \$3 million has been contributed to almost 300 non-profit organizations throughout the country.

"Northwestern Mutual is pleased to extend its financial strength to help support strong communities across the country," said Edward J. Zore, chairman and chief executive officer of Northwestern Mutual. "Our financial representatives are deeply committed to serving their communities and in Denver, Jack has led the way."

The Community Service Award program is open to more than 9,000 Northwestern Mutual financial representatives and assistant financial representatives, recognizing exemplary volunteer involvement and dedication to charitable organizations and philanthropic projects. Moore is one of 25 winners nationwide who were named in the annual competition. Through the program funded by the Northwestern Mutual Foundation, more than \$275,000 will be donated this year to various nonprofit organizations.

Moore was presented with the Community Service Award during Northwestern Mutual's Annual Meeting on July 21, 2009 at the company's headquarters in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. "I am humbled by the acknowledgement from Northwestern Mutual of my volunteer efforts," said Moore. "I am honored to provide this great opportunity to Church of the Ascension and the ministries we support." On September 13<sup>th</sup>, Jack will present the check to Ascension. The Outreach Committee will be making recommendations to the vestry of where to allocate the funds. The congregation is asked to make recommendations. Ask any committee member for a form. See the activities of the Outreach Committee on page 10.

The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, WI (Northwestern Mutual) has helped clients achieve financial security for more than 150 years. Northwestern Mutual and its subsidiaries offer a holistic approach to financial security solutions including: life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability insurance, annuities, investment products, and advisory products and services. The Northwestern Mutual Foundation is committed to improving quality of life by concentrating its charitable contributions in the areas of Education, Health and Human Services, and Arts and Culture. In 2008, the Northwestern Mutual Foundation contributed \$19.5 million to community betterment, both locally and nationally.

### A Prayer for Haiti

Oh God of the poor  
Bring your peace and plenty to Haiti.

Guide the many factions  
to resolve conflicts.

Give courage and compassion  
to Father Kesner  
and to the people of St. Paul's  
in Petit Trou des Nippe.

Save them from violence  
and help us to know how best  
to support them  
in their troubled times.

Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.



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## News from Bright Star Early Learning Center

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### Want to volunteer...become a Board Member!

Bright Star is an independent non-profit organization. Our home is here at Ascension which allows us to draw families from all of the neighborhoods surrounding us. We provide quality child care and early childhood education to Denver families. The Center does not advocate for any religion, but does espouse Judeo-Christian Principles.

We are beginning this year with about 42 students. We have room for more in almost every class. If you or anyone you know wants more information, call 303-393-8648. You can also visit our website at [www.brightstarddenver.com](http://www.brightstarddenver.com).

We also have 5 students that are CCAP (Colorado Children's Assistance Program) students. This number varies throughout the year. We have been known to have as many as 9.

This year we initiated a Scholarship Fund to help those children needing financial assistance. We are always looking for ways to help any child in need.

Bright Star Early Learning Center has seen many successes these last two years and I credit Gillian Lucas for her loving guidance and support making all of this possible!! If any of you want to see lots of happy faces that are learning every day any day of the week just visit us at Bright Star. Contact me to discuss volunteer opportunities.

Thank you  
Molly Martin  
Vice president, Bright Star Early Learning Center Board

