

# Progressive Spirit

## news

ST. PAUL'S United Church of Christ

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## Pastor's Post



June, the first day of summer, Pride celebrations around the world for LGBTQ folk, and the time many begin to relax and enjoy the great outdoors. It's also a time to get our planning calendar together for the summer.

As you can see from the list to the right, the council has been busy

planning events for St. Paul's for the next couple of months. Please read about these events elsewhere in the newsletter.

During June, I attended the Rocky Mountain Conference Annual Meeting. It was held this year at LaForet, and as always, that is such a relaxing place to go. I was able to walk the labyrinth a couple of mornings, and if you have never meditated with the smell of pine trees in your nose,

## July Events

- June 29 – July 1 – Laramie Pride Fest
- June 30 – Pride parade
- July 1 – Youth Breakfast Fundraiser
- July 1 – Interfaith Pride Service
- July 4 – Freedom Has A Birthday
- July 7 – Countryside Community Church Faith Singers concert.
- July 7 – Youth Group
- July 15 – St. Paul's birthday party – Ice Cream Social
- July 17 – July 28 – Rev Ken will be out of town, but available by phone
- July 22 – Marcus Frye is our guest preacher

*All events are in the Church or Church Basement, unless otherwise noted.*

and birds chirping around you, I can highly recommend it. During the business meeting portion of the gathering, we discussed such things as Sue's sabbatical, clergy compensation, and I was able to attend four very good workshops. I also spoke with Rev. Kevin Petit, who is in charge of our conferences Inclusion Team. I will be presenting to the council about how we can become an Accessible To All Congregation in the future.

Our youth group has been meeting and we have had some fun meetings. We watched a movie, we planned what we want to do, and we have adopted a service dog. On Sunday, come help the youth raise money to help with training for the dog. Breakfast will be from 8:30 to 9:45. Donations accepted, and we want to thank Don Denham for pulling this together.

On July 4 we will be at Washington Park for Freedom Has A Birthday. Come enjoy the festivities, and help us man the table and games. All are invited. If you can help, there is a signup sheet downstairs in the social hall. We will be hosting a youth choir from Omaha for an evening on July 7, and they will be doing a concert for us at 6:30. They will join us in worship on July 8. We will serve them pizza before the show, and they are planning to serve us ice cream afterwards. In the morning, before they leave for SLC, we will provide breakfast for them as well.

If you would like to help with coordinating food (dinner, snacks and breakfast) for the group, please get in touch with Rev. Ken.

We will be having our birthday celebration, sidewalk picnic on July 15. Invite your friends to our service, and to stay and enjoy a picnic on the lawn. Of course, you can just invite them to the picnic. Everyone is welcome.

I will be going to New Orleans to attend the Equality Federation annual meeting at the end of the month. I look forward to this, as I feel this another tool to help bring diversity and equality to our state, and our congregation.

Peace, and Blessings to all,      Rev. Ken

## Worship Calendar - July

- July 1
  - Pride Sunday - Interfaith Gay Pride Service
  - Special Music
  - Guests in the pulpit
- July 1
  - Youth Group Breakfast Fundraiser
- July 7
  - Special Concert at 6:30 PM
  - Singers from Countryside Community Church
  - Youth Group after the concert
- July 8
  - Mark 6:1-13
  - Special Music from Countryside Community Church
  - Worship Leader: Katie Uhl
- July 15
  - 2 Samuel 6:1-5,12b-19
  - Worship Leader:
- July 22
  - Marcus Frye delivers a reflection
  - Worship Leader:
- July 28
  - John 6:1-21
  - Worship Leader:

## Message from the Administrative Council

The council met on June 27. This was a planning meeting for the events of the summer. They are listed on the first page, and in articles in the newsletter. We discussed Freedom Has A Birthday, Youth Group, Sidewalk Picnic, hosting the Faith Singers from Omaha, and our worship activities through September.

We also had continuing discussion about our stain glass windows, and how to find someone to repair those that need repair. We also talked about getting someone in to help us look at ways to incorporate what the police department suggested we do for safety, with updating our worship space. That work will begin and will take a while. We will have a meeting in the fall to discuss what you all would like to see done in our sanctuary.

We are going to attend the August 12<sup>th</sup> service with St. Matthew's at St. Albans. It will be a potluck after services. We will arrange car-pools.

(Written from the minutes of the meeting by Rev. Ken for the newsletter)

## Countryside Community UCC Faith Singers Concert, July 7

A group of youth and adults from Omaha will be doing a concert at St. Paul's at 6:30 pm on July 7. The youth and adults will stay the night in in the social hall, and then will be with us on Sunday morning for worship. The concert on Saturday will be at 6:30. Our youth are encouraged to come meet with the group. The group would like to mix and mingle with our membership, and have even talked of having ice cream for us after the concert.

If you would like to help with dinner on Sat, snacks, or breakfast on Sunday, please let Rev. Ken know.

## St. Paul's has a birthday in July

St. Paul's has a birthday in July, and we will celebrate this on July 15, with our sidewalk picnic. The church will provide hotdogs, buns, and fixings, as well as ice cream. You are asked to bring a dish to share, and invite your friends to come join us.



## July Birthdays

- 18 – Roger Iverson

## Family Promise

Family Promise of Albany County is selling raffle tickets for a "Women of Courage" quilt.



The quilt was made by Kathleen Bertancel and quilted by Linda Dunlap. There are 15 women represented in the quilt, each with an amazing story. Linda Melcher, Vice President of FPAC will have tickets with her and will attend our church service on July 1st. Tickets are \$2 each, or 3 for \$5. Linda will also have the quilt on display in the fellowship hall. Tickets can also be purchased and the quilt viewed on the FPAC website, [Family Promise](#)  
Reported by Terry Given

## Cultivating Conversation about Race, Gender and Class

She had two daughters. She loved the church, she knew education was important, and she was deeply involved in volunteer work. Yet she felt that God was calling her to do more.

Marilyn Adams Moore (1933-1991) grew up as a Presbyterian in New York City. She was a committed laywoman who did not see herself as a preacher. Yet the transforming power of the Holy Spirit changed her life. Eventually she graduated from New York Theological Seminary, was ordained in the United Church of Christ, and served for a time as an assistant minister at St. Alban's Congregational Church in Queens.

Moore became secretary for racial and social justice with the UCC Board for Homeland Ministries, helping clergy and laity respond to social issues and support immigrant women and the homeless. She also held positions with the National Council of Churches and the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization.

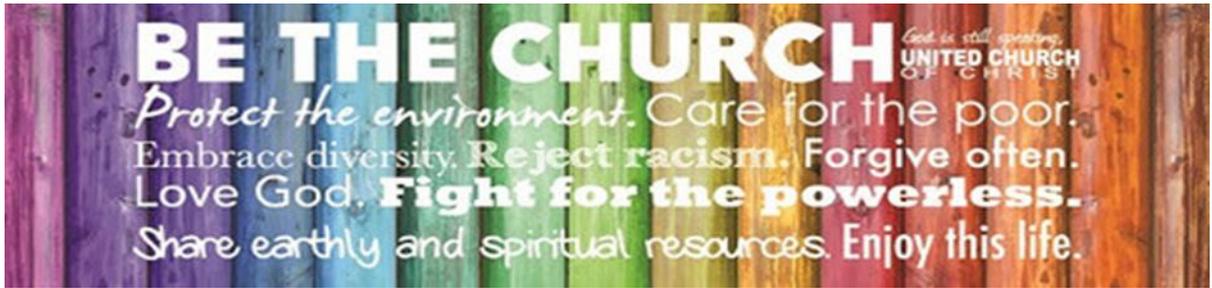
Her most significant work was with the UCC Commission for Racial Justice, serving as assistant director alongside [Charles E. Cobb](#). She shaped many Commission programs—especially the campaign to free the Wilmington Ten, and to support Marie Hill, a 17-year old African American woman from North Carolina who had been condemned to death for committing murder.

In the national UCC offices Moore played a key role on the “Women’s InterStaff Team,” bringing women staff together to cultivate honest and open dialogue about the intersection of race, gender and class. She pressed UCC leaders to create a new “Council for Racial and Ethnic Ministries (COREM).” Such a Council, she believed, would encourage UCC sisters and brothers to collaborate with each other for more effective and relevant racial and ethnic ministries. She believed that one table surrounded by various colors, stories and gifts would inspire the UCC.

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**Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.**



## St. Paul's UCC

### Our Mission:

*To be an emphatically inclusive,  
progressive community  
on the Path of Christ,  
seeking justice and peace for all Creation  
through creative ceremony and celebration,  
soulful questioning,  
and acts of compassion and service.*