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Remember

By Joy Harjo

Remember the sky that you were born under,
know each of the star's stories.
Remember the moon, know who she is.
Remember the sun's birth at dawn, that is the
strongest point of time. Remember sundown
and the giving away to night.
Remember your birth, how your mother struggled
to give you form and breath. You are evidence of
her life, and her mother's, and hers.
Remember your father. He is your life, also.
Remember the earth whose skin you are:
red earth, black earth, yellow earth, white earth
brown earth, we are earth.
Remember the plants, trees, animal life who all have their
tribes, their families, their histories, too. Talk to them,
listen to them. They are living poems.
Remember the wind. Remember her voice. She knows the
origin of this universe.
Remember you are all people and all people
are you.
Remember you are this universe and this
universe is you.
Remember all is in motion, is growing, is you.
Remember language comes from this.
Remember the dance language is, that life is.
Remember



Joy Harjo was appointed the new United States poet laureate in 2019. Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1951, Harjo is a member of the Mvskoke/Creek Nation. She is the author of several books of poetry, including *An American Sunrise*, which is forthcoming from W. W. Norton in 2019, and *Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings* (W. W. Norton, 2015). She is a current Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets and lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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July offerings and attendance

7/7/2019	29	\$ 2682.00
7/14/2019	57	\$ 670.00
7/21/2019	51	\$ 2232.00
7/28/2019	33	\$ 1950.00

Total \$ 7534.00

Average Attendance: 43

The church needs about \$10,000 a month to cover expenses.

Rod and Joanne Gustafson	3-Aug	Anniversary
Kendall and Deb Johnson	5-Aug	Anniversary
Karen Rail	7-Aug	Birthday
Jenna and Dan Williams	9-Aug	Anniversary
Sarah Stocking	13-Aug	Birthday
Deana Carter and Ro Rains	16-Aug	Anniversary
Jean Romig	18-Aug	Birthday
Keith Daly	18-Aug	Birthday
Floy Jeffares	20-Aug	Birthday
Jenna Williams	28-Aug	Birthday
Gabriel Stocking	30-Aug	Birthday
Lily Williams	30-Aug	Birthday

WRCC UCC August Calendar and upcoming events

- August 3: Yoga with Melinda at 8:30 a.m.
- August 4: Spirituals and Communion Sunday. Last day to bring school supplies for Action Center. Pastoral Relations Committee meets after worship.
- August 10: Deacons and Trustees meet. Yoga with Melinda at **8:00 a.m.**
- August 11: Adult Study Hour meets at 9:00 a.m., Worship at 10:00 a.m.
- August 18: Adult Study Hour meets at 9:00 a.m., Worship at 10:00 a.m., Church Council Meeting after worship.
- August 24: WHI at Sixth Avenue UCC. This activity begins at 4:00 pm.
- August 25: Adult Study Hour meets at 9:00 a.m., Worship at 10:00 a.m.

For future reference

- The Wheat Ridge Community Meeting will be held at our church on Sept. 11. Wheat Ridge city staff and members of the Wheat Ridge Police Department meet with residents to discuss traffic safety, life quality, and crime reduction. The group will meet in our Fellowship Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Fall Kickoff for our Sunday School and our choir will be held on Sept. 15.
- Community Recycle Day will be held in our parking lot on Sept. 21.

A fish cannot drown in water.
A bird does not fall in air.
Each creature God made
must live in its own true nature.

— Mechthild of Magdeburg



Don't Forget to register your King Soopers card! **This is an important fundraiser for the church.** Since the implementation of this new process the proceeds from the cards have decreased from \$250 a quarter to \$75 per quarter.

We have a new procedure for the King Soopers rewards program

To use the King Soopers or City Market Community Rewards Program go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>

Once logged into your King Soopers or City Market account you can search for Wheat Ridge Congregation United Church of Christ either by name or SY198 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address, and a King Soopers rewards card.

- Customers must have a registered King Soopers or City Market rewards card account to link to your organization.
- If you do not yet have a King Soopers rewards card they are available at the customer service desk at any King Soopers.

REMEMBER, purchases will not count for our church until after you register your rewards card. Participants must swipe their registered King Soopers or City Market rewards card or use the phone number that is related to their registered King Soopers or City Market rewards card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Do you have items to recycle? Check out CHaRM! This is a center for hard to recycle items. They take phones, small electronic items, copier and fax machines, TVs, VCRs and DVD players, scrap metal, books, cooking oil, fire extinguishers, porcelain toilets, seats, and urinals. They also take hard to recycle plastics not accepted in curbside bins. These include white block foam, plastic bags and plastic bubble wrap. For fees and a full list of items go to <https://www.ecocycle.org>. They also sell reusable items for reasonable prices!

Take the UCC Environmental Justice Quiz!

1. Did you know that UCC ministers coined the phrase “environmental racism” and played a leading role in giving birth to the environmental justice movement in the 1980s?

During a six week campaign of civil disobedience in 1982, a movement was born that made national headlines and introduced the world to the issue of environmental racism. Learn more about this inspiring movement in which the UCC became the driving organizational force.

2. Did you know that the UCC has formed a special partnership with a leading climate organization called 350.org, so that church green teams are now becoming 350 affiliates?

Members of the United Church of Christ have often worked with 350.org in the pursuit of justice and shared goals. This informal, longstanding relationship is now being deepened through a pilot endeavor that encourages and invites UCC green teams to affiliate with 350. Read about this exciting undertaking.

3. Did you know that in places like Flint, Michigan, and the Standing Rock Indian Reservation (North Dakota) the UCC has been actively involved in standing alongside those struggling for justice?

Solidarity is one form that love takes in the ministry of environmental justice. The goal is to find ways that local churches and members can actively support others who are facing environmental injustices.

4. Did you know that the UCC is building a powerful environmental network that stays connected through a blog and e-newsletter called The Pollinator?

The Pollinator is a digital platform of the UCC for the sharing of ideas and inspiration, so that we might become more fruitful in the pursuit of environmental justice. Its focus is the building of a faith-filled and faith-rooted movement for the care of creation. Read the Pollinator blog and sign-up for its newsletter.

Join the Justice and Peace Action Network

Sign up to receive weekly justice actions and updates via email.

The Justice and Peace Action Network (JPANet) is the arm through Justice and Witness Ministries of the UCC carries out its mission statement. The JPANet both educates and engages its members in shaping public policy in keeping with God's vision of a just and loving society. Our work is grounded in General Synod resolutions, consonant with historic UCC witness, and formed by a biblical understanding of prophetic ministry. https://www.ucc.org/join_the_network

Summer Photo Gallery



Dave Whitehead singing "What a Wonderful World."



We had a beautiful Pentecost Sunday! The altar and chancel area were decorated by Gabrielle Sherry.



Our church was proudly represented in the annual Pride Parade. Pictured from left to right; Ro Rains, Amanda Earle, Susan Hébert, and Deana Carter



Beth Nicholson And Bonnie Carothers sang, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You." Beth is the sister of David Conner and Bonnie is Beth's daughter.



Baptism Sunday



Bella and Levi, actors

As usual, you have donated generously to the Action Center School Supply Drive. This is just a small portion of the items donated! Wow and thank you!





MOUSE MORSELS

Happy August everyone! We mice hope you have been enjoying your summer travels and activities.

It has been a couple of months since we last reported, and boy do you all get out and about a lot! **Jen and Matt Brozovich** traveled to Mexico. This is an annual trip that they take with some friends. They had a great time. **Cynthia and Karen Parkinson** along with **Curt and Bonnie Daly** traveled to Alaska. They viewed some wonderful scenery and wildlife. **Jeri Mitchell** joined them in their travels. She is enjoying living in Alaska. How cool! **Donilyn and Jim Thomson** have been enjoying some exciting music venues. They saw Garth Brooks and said it was amazing! They then attended the Bravo Vail Music festival and heard The New York Philharmonic! The orchestra was conducted by Leonard Slatkin. We are sure it was inspiring. **Floy and Quintry Jeffares-Whitehead** have jaunted off to Germany to visit Floy's mother. We hope they have a good trip! **Claire Kenney** enjoyed three weeks in drama camp. She loved it! She learned a lot and sang a lot. **Grant Kenney** has been busy, too. He participated in circus camp again this year. He even got to play with a ring of fire! **Grant** is also quite the karate kid. He is practicing hard and participating in tournaments. He hopes to earn his black belt in September. Good luck, Grant! **Erika Kenney** is really enjoying her position as a physician for the Mullen Home. The Mullen home is an assisted living and nursing facility affiliated with Little Sisters of the Poor. Congratulations to **Abbie Baker!** Abbie was selected for the National Youth Leadership Forum: "National Security Diplomacy, Intelligence & Defense" held in Washington, DC. The mission of NYLF is to recognize and honor youth among the nation's top high-school scholars and prepare for a possible future career in public service. Abbie is the grand-daughter of **Marilyn Olson** and she is entering her sophomore year in high school. She lives in Cotopaxi, Colorado (pop. 47!) We are all proud of Abbie!! Speaking of Marilyn, she is taking over the job of church historian! We thank Marilyn and give a big thanks to **Joanne Dyer**, who managed this important job for many years. We've had a meaningful and celebrative worship this summer. We celebrated Pentecost Sunday with special music and a decorated sanctuary! The church picnic was also great fun. **Bella Anderson** and **Levi Meyer** participated in a skit about Balaam's Ass (read Numbers 22 in the Old Testament). A wonderful highlight of the summer was the baptism of **Zoe and Tyce Brozovich** on July 10. This was the highest attendance we've had all summer. It was very special. We are sad to report that **Anne Cain** will be moving permanently to North Carolina. She hasn't left yet so you still have time to say goodbye. We will miss you, **Anne**, but we know this is a good move for you! Our new sign is installed and now posting messages. Yay! We have been enjoying a lot of wonderful music during our worship this summer. **Thanks to all our excellent musicians** who have been providing our special music this summer. There is still more to come so we hope to see you in worship! Please share your news with us so we can share it with our church community!

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