

At Home

Wedding vows recited in June

June 1 at 1 p.m., Abigail Moore became the wife of Jason Howard during a worship service held at the First Christian Church in St. Francis.

Candlelighters, Rachel Wisdom of Wray, Colo., and Alex Jordan of St. Francis lit the candelabra candles on either side of the altar. The groom's mother was escorted to light an altar candle and to her seat by Robert Paddock, her nephew, of Greenwood, Ind. The bride's mother was escorted to light an altar candle and to her seat by her nephew, Nick Wisdom of Wray, Colo. Jonathan Wilhoft, cousin of the bride, also served as an usher.

The service began with a solo, *Above All*, sung by Robert Paddock. The service's praise team consisted of the bride's cousins, Jonathan and Violet Wilhoft of Parsons, Joshua Moore of Porter Corners, N.Y., Janessa Jordan and Calissa Wiley of St. Francis, Abby's sisters, Hannah and Katie Moore of St. Francis, as well as the couple's friends from Colorado Christian University's Contemporary Christian Ensemble, Katie Smart, Rebecca Oerter, Christine Parker and Shay Weske, all of Denver, Colo. The team led the guests in singing *It Is You, Be Thou My Vision* and *Take My Life And Let It Be*. Then the Colorado Christian University's Contemporary Christian Ensemble quartet sang *Saving Grace*.

Lisa Paddock, Jason's grandmother from Mason City, Ill., Jason and Joshua Paddock, ring bearer and young cousin of the groom, watched on as Kaylan Jones of Glen Elder escorted by David Jolliffe of St. Francis, Tawni Langness of Goodland escorted by Curt Brophy of Wray, Katie Moore of St. Francis, maid of honor, escorted by Kevin Oestman of Wray, and Hannah Moore of St. Francis, maid of honor, escorted by Travis Howard of Wray, best man, walked down the aisle.

The bride's attendants wore lavender princess-cut gowns and matching stoles. They carried cascading bouquets of ivory, purple and blue silk roses and hydrangea.

The groomsmen wore black suits with white shirts. Their boutonnières were silk blue rosebuds with baby's breath.

Five flower girls wearing lavender dresses with purple and blue rosebud wreaths in their hair, carried twig baskets and dropped lavender, blue and

ivory scented silk rose petals in the aisle. The maidens were cousins of the bride Leisl Wilhoft of Parsons, Erin, Krystal and Faith Wisdom of Wray and cousin of the groom, Jasmine Howard of Yuma.

As Grandmother Paddock played *Air* from *Water Music* by Handel, her father, Roger, escorted the bride down the aisle. Abby wore a two-piece gown of ivory bridal satin. The ivory satin of the bodice was unadorned except for ribbon lacing in the back. The ballgown shirt was of ivory satin with an overskirt of ivory embroidered lace borrowed from Abby's mother's wedding gown. The bride's veil was of ivory tulle and her headpiece was a crown of rum colored ceramic rosebuds and pearls. Her hair was adorned with rum-colored ceramic rosebuds. Her "something old" was the lace overskirt from her mother's wedding gown. "Something new" was her gown. Her "something borrowed" was her mother's wedding pearls. "Something blue" was a band of blue ribbon on the underskirt of her gown as well as a bracelet of blue topaz, a gift from Jason's grandmother and his stepmother.

The bride carried a nosegay bouquet of ivory and blue silk roses, lavender silk lilacs all hand wrapped with ivory brocade satin ribbon. The bride's father wore a black suit and blue shirt. His boutonniere was a blue silk rose bud with baby's breath.

A meaningful part of the service for Abby was when her father, Roger, told Jason, "I give you Abby's hand in marriage and the key to her heart," as he presented Jason with a small key-shaped charm. Years ago, when Abby had committed herself to the concept of courtship (a lifestyle choice in which the person uses their single life to grow in relationship with God through Christ Jesus rather than investing time in romance until such time as God brings the one He has chosen) rather than dating, her father gave Abby a necklace. The necklace had a heart-shaped charm with a key attached. The heart was inscribed "He who holds the key holds my heart." At the time Abby committed to courtship, her father became a partner with Abby, committed to helping Abby protect her heart by holding her accountable in all relationships. Her father kept the key to be

given to the one God had chosen. On June 1, the key went to Jason, the new guardian of Abby's heart.

Jason and Abby honored their mothers, Cindy Howard of Wray and Chelly Moore of St. Francis, by presenting them with hugs, kisses and ivory roses. Reverend Bob Paddock, grandfather of the groom, Mason City, Ill., read the scripture, Colossians 3:12-17. He also gave the homily and charge to the couple, addressing them not only as new husband and wife but also as future pastor and youth pastor. He charged them to hold their relationships with God through Christ Jesus above all, then their relationship with each other as of higher importance than their ministries.

Reverend John Bartlett, grandfather of the bride, led the couple in their exchange of vows and rings, in lighting the Christ candle and served them communion. The rings that the couple exchanged were heirlooms of Cindy Howard, the groom's mother, and were gifts to the couple from Cindy. Jason's ring had been inherited from his great-grandfather and Abby's ring contained diamonds that had been inherited from Cindy Howard's grandmother.

"Papa" John served communion using the chalice recovered from the ashes of the tragic burning of the original First Christian Church building. He encouraged them that in the hard times that may come, Christ, as the communion chalice had in the fire, would emerge from the ashes. Their relationship with God through Christ Jesus would cause them to always emerge victorious.

Jason and Abby sang *I Will Be Here For You* by Steven Curtis Chapman to each other as a public affirmation of their vows. The song had special meaning for the couple. As both families are very musical families, Jason and Abby singing to each other was special to the families. Following the song, Papa John pronounced the couple husband and wife, gave the go-ahead for the kiss, and pronounced the benediction.

The wedding party left the sanctuary as Grandmother Paddock played *Wedding March* from *Midsummer's Night Dream* by Mendelssohn. After the recessional, Jason and Abby came back into the sanctuary and greeted their guests, inviting them to the reception.

At the reception, the couple cut the



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Howard

cake and the best man, Travis, gave a humorous toast. As guests were served cake, lemonade, mints and nuts by the Colorado Christian University's Contemporary Christian Ensemble ladies, Holly Meyer of Imperial, Neb., and Rebecca and Scott Wiley of St. Francis, the "Plugged Into Jesus" band consisting of Travis Howard, Hannah Johnson, kept the praise for Jesus going. Stephanie McAlvane and Cathleen Arnt signed during some of the music.

Honored guests attending the wedding were the bride's grandparents, Bethany Bartlett, Jean and Russell Moore, all of St. Francis and the groom's father and his wife, Bill and

Shirley Howard of Wray, as well as the groom's grandparents, Ray and Inge Howard of Wray.

Hosts and hostesses were Steve and Karissa Wilhoft of Parsons, Scott and Rebecca Wiley of St. Francis and Jane and Erika Lacy of St. Francis.

Other special guests were Allen and Virginia Crane of Los Cruces, N.M., Bruce, Lesa, Rebecca and Caleb Paddock of Greenwood, Bryan and Susan Paddock, photographers as well as aunt and uncle of the groom of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; Margaret Breed of New Auburn, Wis., Wayne, Jonneke and Jacob Moore of Porter Corners, Connie, Matt and Jessica Moore of Westminster, Colo., and Clint, Renee and CJ Wisdom of Wray.

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Wilma Lampe was a house guest of her daughter, Linda Gutsch in Denver from Friday to Monday of last week. She also visited granddaughter Leah Gutsch in her apartment and got to attend an engagement celebration dinner, along with Linda and Leah for Lance Gutsch and his fiancée Anne, at the Del Frisco Steak House on Saturday night.

Alan DeGood of Wichita arrived Thursday to visit his mother, Mardell DeGood. They spent Friday in Colorado Springs, returning to St. Francis that evening. Alan returned home on Saturday.

On July 19, Marie Dungan, Elizabeth Dungan and Amay of Salina were supper guests of Bob and Dorothy Hankins. Other guests were Angie Hankins and Kathleen Stanley. They all had a nice visit.

Holly Northrup returned to her home in Roswell, N.M., Saturday after spending the past two and one half weeks with her grandparents, Donna and Norvin Northrup and George and Debra Harper.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Trembley of Wahoo, Neb., were Thursday and Friday overnight guests at the George Harper home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Brown of South Charleston, West Va., were Saturday to Tuesday guests of Donna and Norvin Northrup, and Debra and George Harper.

Occasions

Birthday luncheon enjoyed

Arlene Walz hosted a birthday luncheon Thursday noon at Park Hill Restaurant for members of the birthday club.

Others attending included Dolores Kincheloe, Lois Leydig, Reva Pownell, Rosemary Bierig, Sharon Penton, DeEtta Knorr, Deloris Knorr and Betty Jean Winston.

Neighborhood birthday coffee

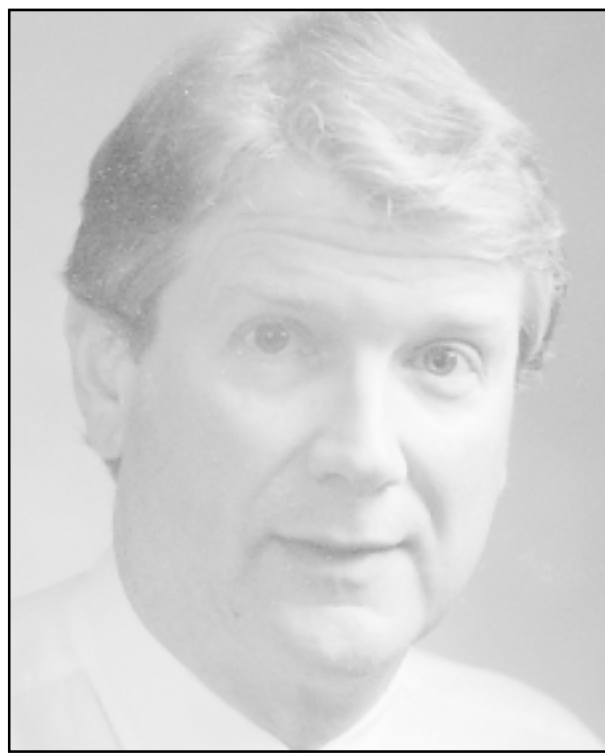
A neighborhood birthday coffee was celebrated Tuesday afternoon for Alma Zimelman at the Windmill.

Others that were there were Ellen Raile, Gladys Confer, Phyllis Bandel, Annabelle Rueb, Dulcie Kite, Dorine Zimelman and Violet Cranmer.

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