

***Our mission is to faithfully witness of
Jesus Christ so that:***

- *Our relationship with God can be nurtured,*
- *Our discipleship can be strengthened,*
- *The dignity and worth of persons can be valued,*
- *The recognition and contribution of others is accepted,*
- *We become aware of and respond to the needs of the community, and*
- *We will respect and care for God's earth.*

Communicator



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Fort Collins, Colorado

A Welcoming Congregation

For everyone born, a place at the table

Detachment

"Detachment facilitates patience and trust. As we acknowledge and accept the wisdom--and indeed the necessity--of dependence on God alone in the dark night experience, we realize that we cannot control the many ways in which our spiritual life can unfold. However, we can determine our response to the graces that God makes available to us. And since we cannot set the pace at which God's work is accomplished within us, we are challenged to choose the way of patience and trust, confident that 'God will provide what is best. God watches over the affairs of those who truly love him without their worrying about them.'"

—"Desire No Other Path": Spiritual Direction for the Dark Night. Joel Giallanza, CSC. spiritual life, summer 2007, Pg. 91.

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We who live, especially in the western world, find detachment so difficult because we are so attached to so many things. And, our attachments are insatiable. I am constantly amazed by the number of storage facilities that continue to spring up over the land to hold all our attachments. And, the darker the night of the soul, the more things we acquire and become attached to, hoping to find a way out of the dark with things. However, as the author stated, "We cannot set the pace at which God's work is accomplished within us." We need to

develop a greater sense of patience and trust in the One who can truly lead us out of the dark. We, however, just don't think God really understands how dark it is and can't wait for God to grace us with God's purpose in us.

May we be blessed with greater patience and trust as we learn to detach ourselves so that we can become attached to God, the true source of our life. May we loosen our grip and open our hands, clearing the way to receive the direction prepared for us.

Peace and Wholeness,

Rich Kohlman



March Second-Sunday Social



The next Second-Sunday Social falls on March 10—"National Pack Your Own Lunch Day." We're going to celebrate this with a box-social twist. We will provide the sack lunches and you will be matched up with a lunch partner to get better acquainted with. We will begin right after church on Sunday, March 10. It is very important that you RSVP by Thursday, March 7 so we don't waste packaging or run short on our lunches. **You don't have to bring table service!**

March Calendar



Check the website:

<http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins/>

- Mar. 3: Adult Class/Forum, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Communion Sunday
First-Sunday Giving
- Mar. 6: ASH WEDNESDAY
Worship Coordinators, 5:30 p.m.
Leadership Council, 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 10: Adult Class/Forum, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Children's Classes
Second-Sunday Offering
Second-Sunday Social, 11:45 a.m.
- Mar. 14: Take-Away Lunch volunteers at
Murphy Center, 10:00-noon
- Mar. 17: Adult Class/Forum, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Communicator items due
- Mar. 21: Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Mar. 23: Saturday Morning Breakfast for those
experiencing homelessness. (All are
welcome to come by and help.)
- Mar. 24: Adult Class/Forum, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Children's Classes
- Mar. 31: Adult Class/Forum, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Notes from the CFO's Desk

2018 Contribution Receipts: Year-end receipts for your 2018 contributions have either been distributed or mailed to you. If you have any questions about your receipt, please contact Ruth Chatburn, Co-Congregational Financial Officer.

2019 Narcotics Anonymous Pledge Support Fund: The target monthly pledge goal is \$150.00 per month. We received \$75.00 during the month of January 2019. Your generosity during 2018 in support of Narcotics Anonymous' mission and use of our facility was tremendous. It is our hope that we can experience that same support in 2019.

Financial Report



January Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$2,185.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	242.00
Total	\$2,427.00

Local

Local Operating	\$2,974.22
Building Fund	855.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	70.93
Family Assistance	35.00
Youth Fund	13.00
Herald Fund	249.00
Narcotics Anonymous Pledge	75.00
Total	\$4,272.15

Summary of Local Expenses

Outreach Ministries	\$375.00
Worship Ministries	0.00
Youth Ministries	0.00
Mission, Vision & Education	0.00
Pastoral Ministries	0.00
Fellowship Ministries	34.62
Administration/Communications	926.71
Stewardship (Operational)	2,903.92
Total:	\$4,240.25

Activity Center Income

Rentals & Donations	\$615.00
Total:	\$615.00

Activity Center Expenses

Operating & Maintenance	\$870.59
Total:	\$870.59

—Gary and Ruth Chatburn, CFO

Fort Collins Congregation Operating Offerings 2019 Disciples' Generous Response

Month	Total World Operating	Local Operating	Total Operating Giving
January	2,427.00	2,974.22	5,401.22
February			-
March			-
April			-
May			-
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 2,427.00	\$ 2,974.22	\$ 5,401.22
Balance	45%	55%	

From Your Facilities Management Team

Status of Approved Projects: Projects requiring approval from Mission Center and World Church personnel were submitted the day after the January 27, 2019, congregational business meeting. We were notified two days after the submittal that the projects had received the necessary approvals. The first set of projects to be released for construction will include:

1. Replacement and installation of new exterior building lighting

2. Replacement of interior building hallway lighting,
3. Installation of lighted emergency exit signs

Discussions with the selected electrical contractor have begun in order to finalize the bill of materials and the work scope.

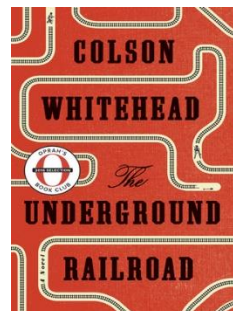
The next project to be released for construction will be to replace the Sanctuary foyer entrance doors. Discussions will be underway soon with our selected door contractor to finalize a door design that will be compatible with the building structure and the future replacement of the Sanctuary windows. The Facilities Management Team invites input from the congregation.

Other projects that were approved at the January 27, 2019, congregational business meeting will be implemented after the above projects have signed contracts and work is in progress.

New Building Thermostats: To date, there have been five new smart thermostats installed in the building. Thermostats in the Sanctuary, Basement Lounge Area, Fellowship Hall, Activity Center Restrooms, and the Activity Center Upstairs Multipurpose Room have been replaced. The new thermostats have been programmed and are operational. Each thermostat is currently being monitored and programs adjusted as necessary to meet building requirements.



A Novel Bunch (formerly the Book Club) March Meeting



DATE: Thursday, March 21
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Ruth Chatburn's home
BOOK: "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead
BRING: A snack to share

March Birthdays



Bianca Clark-Bennett	3/1
Carol Birks	3/5
Tim Sundell	3/12
Taylor Bridwell	3/15
Marta Remmenga	3/16
Shari Smith	3/17
Kelly Jackson	3/22
Bill Florom	3/25
Jared Clark	3/31
Joyce Worthington	2/24



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

Speakers

- ❖ Mar. 3: Nancy Miller
- ❖ Mar. 10: James Speer
- ❖ Mar. 17:
- ❖ Mar. 24: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ Mar. 31: Deb Friesz

Planners

- ❖ Mar. 3: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Mar. 10: Donna Clark
- ❖ Mar. 17: Kay Bunch
- ❖ Mar. 24: Ruth Chatburn
- ❖ Mar. 31: Team Planning

Keyboard

- ❖ Mar. 3: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ Mar. 10: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ Mar. 17: Kay Bunch
- ❖ Mar. 24: Jean Newman
- ❖ Mar. 31: Stephanie Gustave

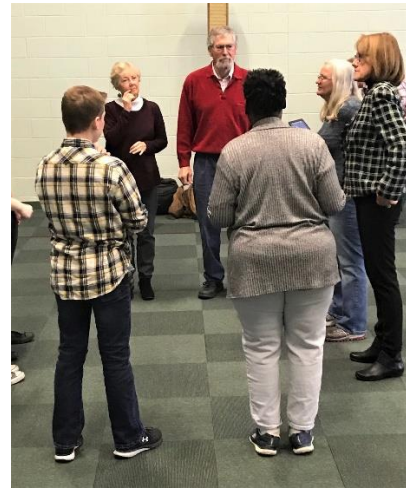
Greeters

- ❖ March: Jean Newman

Nursery

- ❖ Mar. 3: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Mar. 10: Gary Chatburn
- ❖ Mar. 17: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ Mar. 24: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ Mar. 31: Pat Miner

February Second-Sunday Social Pictures





Communicator Survey

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Attendance Summary 2008–2018

