

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

A monthly newsletter of



Community of Christ



Fort Collins, Colorado

A Welcoming Congregation

For everyone born, a place at the table

March 2020

"Saturday Morning Inspires Hugs and Inclusivity"

—Val McCullough

February 14, 2020, *Loveland Reporter Herald*

Why is it so hard to make tough decisions?

Some decisions are easy—Toast or English muffin? Coffee or tea?

And then there are the decisions that are more of a quandary than a moral dilemma.

Recently, I found myself weighing the pros and cons of canceling a trip to New Hampshire during February's snowstorms.

I planned to take the shuttle bus to the airport but worried about getting on and off the shuttles because of ice and snow on the ground.

The step-down ledges on shuttle buses seem to get narrower every year. If I slipped getting off, I'd probably break a hip.

I thought of wearing my shoes with soles of small metal spikes, but figured they'd get confiscated at TSA security, and I didn't relish the thought of going on escalators at the airport in my stocking feet.

What if my toenails got caught in the escalator?

So, I rescheduled my flights for a less wintry time.

Quandary solved!

But in a world as complex, fragile, and broken as ours, some decisions are tougher and carry a moral weight.

Often having a wide viewpoint helps. Viewpoints pose questions and help us decide how to live.

"How do we treat people outside our group?"

"Are some people more important than others?"

"Do we include or exclude people from our lives?"

Examining these questions gives a lens for decision-making.

Two close friends of mine, Leonard and Liz Urban, are examples of inclusive people who see the importance of those without shelter.

One Saturday a month, Liz and Leonard — along with volunteers — serve a bountiful hot breakfast to 200 men and women who are without homes.

"They come in from the cold and are greeted with a hot cup of coffee and a hug," said Liz.



"How often do homeless people get a hug?" I wonder.

"These breakfasts are a shared celebration," said

Leonard.

This nonprofit group—called Saturday Morning—is not affiliated with any denomination, but it is held at the **Community of Christ**, 220 E. Oak, Fort Collins.

The next breakfast will take place Saturday [March 28], from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Go and see for yourself how the Urbans' decision to be inclusive will brighten your day.



A Novel Bunch

March Meeting

Date: March 19

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Host: Pat Miner

Book: *The Good Earth* by Pearl

Buck

March Calendar



Check the website:

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

- Mar. 1: 9:30 a.m. Adult Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
Communion Sunday
First-Sunday Giving
- Mar. 4: 5:30 p.m. Worship Coordinators
6:00 p.m. Leadership Council
- Mar. 8: 9:30 a.m. Adult Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
Second-Sunday Offering
Youth and Children's Classes
(Baptism Classes)
TBD **Second-Sunday Social**
- Mar. 12: 10:00–noon Take-Away Lunch
volunteers at Murphy
Center
- Mar. 15: 9:30 a.m. Adult Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
Communicator items due.
- Mar. 19: 2:00 p.m. A Novel Bunch meets
- Mar. 28: 8:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Homeless
Breakfast
- Mar. 22: 9:30 a.m. Adult Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
Youth and Children's Classes
(Baptism Classes)
- Mar. 29: 9:30 a.m. Adult Class
10:30 a.m. Worship

Second-Sunday Social for March



Watch the Sunday announcements and Church Updates for information on March's Second-Sunday Social.

Food Bank and Murphy Center Donations

It has been our practice for a number of years to receive food donations for the Food Bank and for the Murphy Center Lunch-Bag program. Generally, the Food Bank Donations are part of our First-Sunday Giving, and the Murphy Center donations are received at any time. Please remember these opportunities to share generously for the good of our community.

Collection boxes for these causes are in the foyer.

Large-Print Hymns

This is a reminder that we have light-weight, large-print binders of the hymns for the current Sunday. They are available at the usher's stand in the foyer every Sunday.

March Birthdays



Bianca Clark	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
Ashley Mckenzie	3/27
Jared Clark	3/31

Seasonal Overflow Shelter

Our seasonal overflow shelter is now operating from November 1 through April 30. It is again operated by Catholic Charities and utilizes our Activity Center. It is serving only women again this year. It operate sseven days a week depending on need.

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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	2,584.00	4,670.00	7,254.00
March	2,982.00	3,562.00	6,544.00
April	1,809.00	3,565.00	5,374.00
May	2,840.00	3,670.52	6,510.52
June	2,822.50	3,274.25	6,096.75
July	2,186.50	2,255.74	4,442.24
August	2,186.50	3,813.05	5,999.55
September	3,111.00	2,757.35	5,868.35
October	2,583.00	2,163.75	4,746.75
November	1,972.05	2,818.00	4,790.05
December	2,601.00	3,751.75	6,352.75
TOTALS	\$ 30,104.55	\$ 39,275.63	\$ 69,380.18
Balance	43%	57%	



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

Speakers

- ❖ Mar. 1: DVD
- ❖ Mar. 8: Baptism Discussion
- ❖ Mar. 15: Rich Kohlman
- ❖ Mar. 22: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ Mar. 29: Nancy Miller

Planners

- ❖ Mar. 1: Dave Simons
- ❖ Mar. 8: Nancy Miller
- ❖ Mar. 15: Mary Kohlman
- ❖ Mar. 22: Jean Newman
- ❖ Mar. 29: Dave Simons & Nancy Miller

Keyboard

- ❖ Mar. 1: Stephanie Gustave
- ❖ Mar. 8: Kay Bunch
- ❖ Mar. 15: Deb Friesz
- ❖ Mar. 22: TBD
- ❖ Mar. 29: Sharon Troyer

Greeters

- ❖ March: Jean Newman and Donna Clark

Nursery

- ❖ Mar. 1: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Mar. 8: Gary Chatburn
- ❖ Mar. 15: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ Mar. 22: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ Mar. 29: Pat Miner



Marie Ytell

has a new address:
822 N Garden, Unit 201
Bellingham, WA 98225

From Your Facilities Management Team

Building Elevators (Vertical Platform Lifts):

You may not be aware that the State of Colorado requires that our elevators (vertical platform lifts) be maintained and inspected every year in order for us to obtain operating certificates. The elevator service company that we use to maintain our lifts has declined to perform any further maintenance on our vertical platform lifts due to changes within their organization and the lack of technical personnel to service the Fort Collins area. Therefore, we are currently in the process of securing another company to service our two lifts. The lifts were recently inspected by a third-party state inspector and passed. This resulted in us being able to obtain current operating certificates for the two lifts.

Notes from the CFO's Desk

4th Quarter / Annual Contribution Receipts:

Receipts for your 4th quarter and 2019 annual contributions have been distributed. If you did not receive your receipt or have questions about your receipt, please contact Ruth Chatburn, Fort Collins Co-Financial Officer.

Red Heart Dinner Photos



Love was in the air.



Food was plentiful.



Desserts were a temptation.



Decorations were superb.



The newly weds were honored.



The youth worked hard to solve the puzzle.



Story telling abounded.



James selling the Simons on the beauty of Arizona



Can you trust these "femme fatales?"