

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



March 2021

For everyone born, a place at the table

"Come Back to Me with All Your Heart!"

(Or, Just Come Back, Please!)

By Rich Kohlman



The dog we had before Frisco was Dillon. We rescued him from a shelter a few weeks after our previous dog, Xuxu, died. At that time he was about 2-years-old, fairly well trained, but still needed some practice with his

obedience. So, I worked with him to "come" when I called him. He came quickly when he knew there was a treat. Sometimes he was distracted. Other times he stopped and thought about it awhile before deciding if he really wanted to be with me or not.

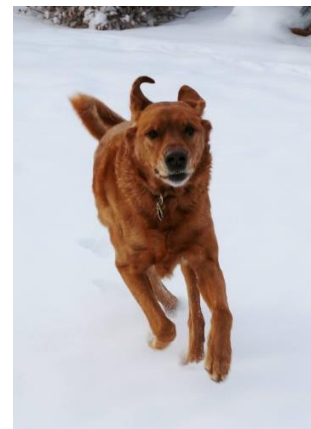
During the Lenten season, shortly after we adopted Dillon, a meditation hymn "Hosea," (#15 in *Sing a New Song*) was sung at a Lenten service. As we sang, I thought about my relationship to God and Dillon's relationship to me.

"Come back to Me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart. Long have I waited for your coming home to Me and living deeply our new life."

How often has God called to me to "come," and I have let fear keep us apart. How often have I heard the call and wondered, "What's in it for me?" How often have I let other things distract me from the call or acted like I didn't hear it at all. I'm not much different in my relationship with God than Dillon was with me! Can I trust God? What if I make a mistake? Will God really provide for my needs? Will God be patient with me?

When you think your life has "gone to the dogs," it probably has. However, our faithful God continues to call and wait for us to come home and live deeply our new life where we

"shall sleep secure with peace; faithfulness will be [our] joy."



Leadership Council Meeting

This meeting will be held on March 3, at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM. Connection information will be provided before the meeting.

Online Zoom Worship Services

Our Sunday morning online worship services via ZOOM have provided us with the means to stay in touch with each other and to worship together during this time of COVID-19. We miss the in-person togetherness, but we can still connect thru our ZOOM worship services and other meetings. If you are not attending these services, we want you to know that we miss your attendance. These ZOOM services are beneficial in keeping us connected during this time of separation. So, if you have not joined with us for an online worship service, we would encourage you to do so and get reconnected to your congregation. Also, you will most likely meet new friends, as well as old friends, from other parts of the United States that have been joining us for worship. At the end of our services there is time to share and chat with each other about what is going on in your life as well as to share joys and concerns.

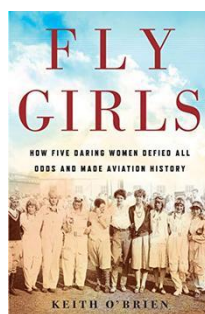
If you are having trouble connecting or gaining access to these online services, please call Gary Chatburn for assistance. If you do not have computer or phone devices, or your computer hardware and other devices are not adequate, you can talk to Gary Chatburn and he can check on possible solutions for you. We want to be able to include everyone in our congregational worship and activity events.

For those of you that have been attending the online services, we would be interested in knowing if there are other items that you would like to have included in the worship service format in addition to what you have been experiencing. Please forward those suggestions to Gary Chatburn.

Notes from the CFO's Desk

Contribution Receipts for 2020: All contribution receipts have been mailed to all persons that made contributions to Community of Christ during the year 2020. If you have not received your receipt, please contact Ruth Chatburn.

Also remember that **cash offerings** like the **Second-Sunday Offering** are not being received as normally, so you might want to add that to the offerings you are sending to Ruth and Gary.



A Novel Bunch

Date: March 18

Time: 2:00 p.m. on ZOOM

Book: *Fly Girls*

by Keith O'Brien

Everyone is welcome. For ZOOM contact information see Kay Bunch or Donna Clark

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



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery (All on ZOOM for March)

Speakers

- ❖ Mar. 7: Nancy Miller
- ❖ Mar. 14: No ZOOM Service
- ❖ Mar. 21: James Speer
- ❖ Mar. 28: Sharing Service (Palm Sunday)

Planners

- ❖ Mar. 7: Tom Beck
- ❖ Mar. 14: No ZOOM Service
- ❖ Mar. 21: Stephanie Gustave
- ❖ Mar. 28: Deb Friesz & Shirley Remmenga

March Calendar



Check the website:

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

- Mar. 3: 7:00 p.m. Leadership Council Meeting via ZOOM
- Mar. 7: 10:30 a.m. ZOOM Worship Service
Communion Sunday
First-Sunday Giving
- Mar. 14: No ZOOM Worship
Second-Sunday Offering
No Second-Sunday Social
- Mar. 18: 2:00 p.m. Novel Bunch on ZOOM
- Mar. 21: 10:30 a.m. ZOOM Worship Service
(Communicator items due)
- Mar. 28: 10:30 a.m. ZOOM Worship Service
Palm Sunday

Herald-in-Every-Home

Help support the Herald-in-Every-Home program by making an extra donation to the operating fund of \$32 to cover the cost of one subscription. Our recently approved budget calls for \$600 to be raised for this endeavor this year. Please mark "Herald" on your envelope or check.

Daylight Saving Time

Starts: Sunday, March 14, 2021. Clocks are turned forward one hour from 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.

