

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

June 2019

Gathered Under Her Wings



While I was mowing the grass a few years ago, I discovered a robin's nest on the top boards in one corner of our fence. Inside were three robin's-egg blue eggs. The nest was visible just outside one of our bedroom windows where we set up our surveillance of the mother robin nesting on the eggs. Through wind and rain and thundering and lightning she sat there providing protective cover. One morning, when I went to check on the nest, the eggs had hatched and the newborn birds were stretching their little beaks wide open waiting for food.



Sabbath time is something like this. In stillness we are born spiritually, or in stillness we find ourselves in the dark night of our soul. The

storms of life beat on us and wear us down. Then, as promised, God gathers us under her wings, patiently waiting for us to burst forth into a new world of spirit. Here she sits, day after day, until we are ready. Then, when we are finally done with our hatching process, stimulated by the warmth of a caring, patient God, we come forth empty and hungry. We stretch and reach for spiritual nourishment that she has gathered for us. Finally, when we are strong enough, we set forth in flight to meet the tasks and responsibilities to which we have been called. Our Sabbath may only be a few minutes, or days, or sometimes even weeks or months, but she waits, gathering us to her until we are ready to come forth and receive.

Stillness and observation of nature, teaches me a spiritual lesson to trust in a God who will always be there to protect and nurture and guide me along the way toward the peaceable kingdom—even if I have put a shell between me and God.

Peace and Wholeness,
Rich Kohlman

Being in community with others is an inescapable part of a full and meaningful life. Gathering to observe ritual, ceremony, parade, pilgrimage, festival, these are the ways we remember the rhythm of things, the triumph of the spirit, the cycle of birth and death, the deepening of a life together.

—Wayne Muller, *How, Then, Shall We Live?*
Pg. 134.



A Novel Bunch (formerly the Book Club) No Meetings in June, July, and August

June Calendar



Check the website:

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

- June 2: Adult Class, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Communion Sunday
First-Sunday Giving
- June 5: Worship Coordinators, 5:30 p.m.
Leadership Council, 6:00 p.m.
- June 9: Adult Class, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Second-Sunday Offering
Second-Sunday Social, 5:00 p.m. Picnic
at Miller's Lake. Watch for more
information in announcements.
- June 13: Take-Away Lunch volunteers at
Murphy Center, 10:00–noon
- June 16: Adult Class, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Father's Day
Communicator items due
- June 22: Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast
(All are welcome to come by and help.)
- June 23: Adult Class, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
- June 30: Adult Class, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Business Meeting Sunday, June 9

A short business meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, June 9, following the morning worship service. The purpose of the business meeting is to request the appropriation of funds for additional building air-conditioning and a new hot water tank. If you have questions about the meeting content before this date, you may contact Gary Chatburn.

Notes from the CFO's Desk

Accounting Code Revisions: Please note that some accounting codes have been revised. If you have an old account listing, please discard it and pick up a new listing in the church office before you turn in items for reimbursement.

Financial Report



April Income

World Church

World Mission Tithes	\$1,575.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	209.00
World Conference Offerings	25.00
Total:	\$1,809.00

Local

Local Operating	\$3,565.00
Building Fund	795.00
Two Cents a Meal	64.82
Family Assistance	70.00
Youth Fund	10.00
Narcotics Anonymous Pledge	105.00
Memorial & Gifts	1,990.00
Total:	\$6,599.82

Summary of Local Expenses

Outreach Ministries	\$0.00
Worship Ministries	0.00
Youth Ministries	0.00
Mission, Vision, & Education	6.96
Pastoral Ministries	0.00
Fellowship Ministries	0.00
Administration/Communications	709.56
Stewardship	3,080.91
Total:	\$3,797.43

Activity Center Income

Rentals & Donations	\$865.00
Total:	\$865.00

Activity Center Expenses

Operating & Maintenance	\$470.01
Total:	\$470.01

—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	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			-
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 9,802.00	\$ 14,771.22	\$ 24,573.22
Balance	40%	60%	

HVAC Duct Cleaning:

Doc's Super Vac completed cleaning of the building heating and air-conditioning ducts, air registers/vents, and the air handling units during the week of May 19, 2019. There was lots of dust, debris, etc. removed from the duct work and associated equipment.



New Addresses

Don and Joyce Worthington have moved to Rigden Farm. Their new address is:

2350 Limon Drive #219
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Phone remains the same: (970) 229-9565
Email remains the same:
worthington2@yahoo.com

Rich and Mary Kohlman
5457 Hallowell Park Drive
Timnath, Colorado 80547
Phones and emails are unchanged.

Welcome Sydney Dorrance (Just graduated from Graceland!)
407 Flagler Road
Fort Collins, CO 80525
(816) 521-8661, sldorrance@gmail.com

June Birthdays



Oceana Alcoser	6/4
Bret Remmenga	6/5
Kate Ytell	6/9
Don Struble	6/9
Gary Jones	6/17
Marc McKenzie	6/26
Max Coopwood	6/29



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

Speakers

- ❖ June 2: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ June 9: Rich Kohlman
- ❖ June 16: James Speer
- ❖ June 23:
- ❖ June 30:

Planners

- ❖ June 2: Danise Remmenga
- ❖ June 9: Bettie Miller
- ❖ June 16: Debbie Jones
- ❖ June 23: Debbie Jones
- ❖ June 30: Deb Friesz

Keyboard

- ❖ June 2: Jean Newman
- ❖ June 9: Stephanie Gustave
- ❖ June 16: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ June 23: Tom Beck
- ❖ June 30: Deb Friesz

Greeters

- ❖ June: Ruth and Gary Chatburn

Nursery

- ❖ June 2: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ June 9: Gary Chatburn
- ❖ June 16: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ June 23: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ June 30: Pat Miner



Second-Sunday Social

We will enjoy a picnic at Miller's Lake at 4:00 p.m. on

Sunday, June 9. Bring a side dish, mosquito spray, suntan lotion, lawn chairs. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Some drinks will be provided, but feel free to bring your own also.

Directions: Go west on Highway 14 (Mulberry St.) 5.83 miles from I-25 to County Road 19. Turn right. When the road bears right continue straight toward the lake between some farm buildings and follow the path to the lake.

Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team is hoping to start an activity with our families: sharing meals, "breaking bread together."

The plan is to engage three families sharing together once a month—each family "hosting" the gathering for a three-month period. It would be up to the families to plan each gathering.

The hope is that at the end of the three-month cycle a new group of three families will be united in fun and fellowship.

There will be a sign-up clipboard passed around to sign up throughout May. Or, feel free to contact Stephanie Gustave at srgstave@gmail.com with comments, questions, or concerns.

Communicator Survey

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- ☐ Yes, please keep mailing me the *Communicator*
- ☐ No, please remove me from the mailing list.

Name: _____