

*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

**November 2020**

# "Thanksgiving"



## *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 our Zoom 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 our lives 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 and he can check on possible solutions for you. We want to be able to include everyone in our congregational worship and activities.

## *From Your Facilities Management Team*

**Seasonal Overnight Shelter:** The City of Fort Collins has elected to not use our facility this year for the Seasonal Overnight Shelter. The city has leased vacant space in the Larimer County Food Bank facility for this purpose.

**Church Lawn Irrigation System:** The sprinkler system was recently drained and the sprinkler headers blown out in preparation for the winter months. During the sprinkler system blowout, it was noticed that there were several

sprinkler heads that were not functioning properly and will need to be inspected next spring.

**Building Projects:** All building projects have been placed on hold until further notice. With the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors, it was determined that it would be wise not to proceed with any major projects, unless absolutely necessary, until it can be determined how we will be functioning as a congregation after the pandemic.

**Maintenance of Church Facilities:** Several building maintenance items have been recently completed: (1) The Activity Center floor carpet was cleaned. (2) The basement vinyl tile floor was scrubbed, recoated with wax, and buffed. (3) The Activity Center elevator and the foyer elevator were placed under a new contract with a new service provider. The first maintenance visit occurred a few weeks ago. The two elevators are due for state inspections in November. (4) The building furnaces were recently checked for proper operation with no issues found. Since the building is currently unoccupied, thermostats have been set to maintain sufficient heat for various areas of the building while trying to reduce utilities cost during the winter months.


## *Notes from the CFO's Desk*

**Contribution Receipts:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and not meeting in-person, we have not issued contribution receipts for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters of this year. We will, however, be mailing year-end contribution receipts for the complete 2020 year to you by February 1, 2021. If you have any questions before then about your contributions, please contact Ruth Chatburn (970-833-0570) so she can assist you.

**Contributions During the Continued Closure of our Facilities:** Contributions have remained fairly stable with a slight dropping off in contributions the last couple of months. We are doing our best to minimize as much expense as possible and remain within our

budgets. We want to thank everyone for their continued financial support and let you know that we are very appreciative of the funds that are received each month. Please continue to send your offerings and contributions to Ruth and Gary Chatburn, Congregation Financial Officers, so that your "Disciples' Generous Response" can be processed into the accounts that you designate.

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** will be meeting **November 19** at **2:00 p.m.** on ZOOM. Everyone is invited. The book has not yet been selected as of the printing of the *Communicator*. For more information and connection instructions, contact Donna Clark or Kay Bunch.

## November Birthdays



|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Makenna Jackson   | 11/1  |
| Joyce Jordeth     | 11/2  |
| Sharon Troyer     | 11/2  |
| Shauna Clark      | 11/2  |
| Shirley Remmenga  | 11/4  |
| Jon Ytell         | 11/7  |
| Emmaline Garner   | 11/7  |
| David Birks       | 11/11 |
| Brett Bridwell    | 11/11 |
| Zachary Fronapfel | 11/15 |
| Alec Fronapfel    | 11/15 |
| Debbie Jones      | 11/17 |
| Dawn Gaffield     | 11/21 |
| Wendell Wallace   | 11/28 |



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

### Speakers

- ❖ Nov. 1: Stephanie Gustave
- ❖ Nov. 8: RMMC Conference Zoom Service
- ❖ Nov. 15:
- ❖ Nov. 22: Sharing Service  
Business Meeting after Service
- ❖ Nov. 29: James Speer

### Planners

- ❖ Nov. 1: Stephanie Gustave
- ❖ Nov. 8: RMMC
- ❖ Nov. 15: Bob Fulton
- ❖ Nov. 22: Deb Friesz and Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ Nov. 29: TBD

## November Calendar



Check the website:

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

- Nov. 1: 10:30 a.m. ZOOM Worship Service  
Communion Sunday  
**First-Sunday Giving**
- Nov. 4: 6:00 p.m. ZOOM Leadership Council Meeting
- Nov. 8: 10:30 a.m. NO ZOOM Worship  
**Second-Sunday Offering**  
No Second-Sunday Social
- Nov. 15: 10:30 a.m. ZOOM Worship Service
- Nov. 19: 2:00 p.m. Novel Bunch on ZOOM
- Nov. 22: 10:30 a.m. ZOOM Worship Service  
**Congregation Business Meeting after Service**  
(*Communicator* items due)
- Nov. 29: 10:30 a.m. ZOOM Worship Service  
First Sunday of Advent

## Congregation Business Meeting

There will be a congregation business meeting immediately following the morning worship service on November 22. The purpose will be to elect/sustain the congregation leaders for 2021.



## Not Everything Is Canceled

*Beauty is not canceled*

*Sunshine is not canceled*

*Fall is not canceled*

*Love is not canceled*

*Relationships are not canceled*

*Reading is not canceled*

*Naps are not canceled*

*Devotion is not canceled*

*Music is not canceled*

*Imagination is not canceled*

*Kindness is not canceled*

*Conversations are not canceled*

*Humor is not canceled*

*Hope is not canceled*

## Change in Worship Service Schedule

As you are aware, Gary Chatburn has done a superb job in preparing all the elements necessary for us to participate in the Zoom weekly worship services. This includes connection information, graphics, YouTube, music, and on-screen announcements, as well as muting and unmuting the appropriate people who are sharing in the service. This takes a huge amount of time each week. We have now completed 20 weeks of Zoom services.

Since Gary is the only one with the technological equipment and skills at this time, we face burning Gary out. Therefore, for the next three months: October, November, and December, we will **NOT** be having Zoom services produced by the Fort Collins congregation on the second Sunday of each month. This would include **November 8 and December 13**.

There are other congregations both in the mission center and in other mission centers who are also holding online services. For those Sundays we will forward connection information to you, as we have been doing, so you can participate with other congregations. If you have connection information for services outside the mission center that you think others would be interested in, please forward that information to Rich Kohlman, and he will see that it is distributed to all of you.

## Congregation Business Meeting Recap

**September 27, 2020**

At the business meeting on Sunday, September 27, the congregation:

1. Elected **Stephanie Gustave** as pastor
2. Sustained **Gary and Ruth Chatburn** as CFOs
3. Sustained **Max Coopwood** as Congregational Recorder and Historian

4. Approved \$4,320 as support for the Mission Center budget
5. Elected the following as our delegates to the Mission Center Conference:  
**Stephanie Gustave**  
**Shirley Remmenga**  
**Sharon Troyer**

## Meditation Thought

**Do not forget that the ashes falling from the sky are all that remains of the pine and grass and thistle and bear and coyote and deer and mouse that could not escape. Scoop some up in a sacred manner. Take it to your altar. Offer prayers for these beings. Honor their death. Pray for life. Call in rain. Remind Fire that it is full, has gobbled enough, and can rest. May all beings be safe. May all beings be loved. May all beings be remembered. May all beings be mourned.**

@courtyellowwolf



## 2021 Congregation Budget

There will be a budget review session for the congregation via ZOOM on Wednesday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the budget is planned for Sunday, January 10, 2021, via ZOOM.

## Hello Interfaith Friends,



United Way of Larimer County has just announced its Cameron Peak Fire Response Fund. United Way of Larimer County has been asked by

County officials, Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), and partner agencies to launch a fund for private donations for those most affected by the fire. There will be short-term and long-term impacts—unmet needs may not surface for six months. Donations are tax deductible and will be distributed to affected community members through the Cameron Peak Fire Long-Term Recovery Group.

Click here to donate or learn more.

<https://fortcollinsinterfaith.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6b26634026ed2fe7fa47557ec&id=3488e72c26&e=72c05b4c7f>

## Food Bank of Larimer County



Looking to help make a difference in the lives of your friends, families, and neighbors? Food Bank of Larimer County is responding to the increased hunger needs

during the COVID-19 pandemic and is in need of volunteers to help them do so.

The Food Bank is currently seeking Food Share Assistants in Fort Collins and Loveland as well as Warehouse Assistants in Loveland.

Please visit our volunteer page at

<https://foodbanklarimer.org/volunteer/> to learn more and feel free to contact Kimberly, Matt, or Tasha at 970-829-0157 or [volunteerinfo@foodbanklarimer.org](mailto:volunteerinfo@foodbanklarimer.org) with any questions.

## Daylight Savings Ends



Don't forget to turn your clocks **back** one hour when you go to bed Saturday night, October 31.