



Community of Christ

The Communicator

Ecclesiastes 3: 1

"To everything there is a season ... A time to plant, and a time to reap; ... a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ..."

There's balance in this scripture. We've all heard the saying "April Showers bring May flowers". This is a balance of nature. Something is required in order to have something else. Water - Flowers. Clouds - Rain. Seeds - Fruit.

We also see this balance during the Easter Season as we follow Christ's journey into Jerusalem on a colt. There's the joyful celebration with palms upon his arrival followed by the sorrow of Good Friday; the quiet time of prayer in the garden of Gethsemane and then the painful prayer cried out publicly from the cross, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

There's the emptiness of life from Christ's body on the cross and the miracle of the resurrection from the empty tomb. In Christ's life and death we find balance. Balance is reflected in our lives as well. It is necessary to divide our time of work and play, quiet inner reflection and celebratory gatherings. But God doesn't ask us to balance Christ and our daily lives; He tells us Christ **is** the balance! When we include Christ in every part of our lives, nothing else is required.

This Easter Season, may you allow the love of God through Christ to balance you.

Debbie

COME AND JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE RISEN LORD!

Easter Services will begin with an **informal gathering to watch the sunrise**. Bring a favorite scripture or reading and your cup of coffee (or a hot beverage of choice).

Meet at 6:00 AM at the location, which will be announced later so watch your bulletin!

Then catch a few winks before you head to the church activity center for the **"He Is Risen" service at 9:00 AM**, a **Pot Luck Breakfast** and **Easter Egg Hunt**. **There will NOT be any classes.**

We will begin **gathering for the Easter Worship Service at 10:45 AM** in the Sanctuary.

HE IS RISEN INDEED!



MESSIAH

The Larimer Chorale will perform George Frideric Handel's MESSIAH on Sunday, April 5, 7:00 p.m., at the Lincoln Center in Fort Collins.

This beloved choral work was originally written as a Lenten/Easter piece, and this performance should prove to be outstanding. Tickets are available through the Lincoln Center. Performing from our congregation are: Sharon Fulton, Tom Beck and Rick Bunch.

Directory Update

New Phone Number for:
Rose Julch - 970-420-9334



April Calendar

April 1st Worship Cord. Mtg. 7 p.m.
 April 3rd-4th RMMC Mission 2009
 April 5th Palm Sunday
 April 5th First Sunday Giving
 April 5th Potluck 5 p.m. & Steve Veazey
 Web cast 6 p.m.
 April 9th Afternoon Women's Grp. 1 p.m.
 April 10th Good Friday
 April 12th Easter 9 a.m. Potluck and Easter
 egg hunt 10:45 a.m. Worship
 April 12th 2 cents a meal
 April 16th Leadership Meeting 7 p.m.
 April 17th Friday Morning Breakfast Club at
 McCoy's 9 a.m.
 April 19th Communicator Items Due
 April 26th Fourth Sunday Activity



April Birthdays

Tonia Watts	04/01
Thelma Dameron	04/02
Ryder Jackson	04/06
Dee Cable	04/09
Angela Alton	04/13
Gary Gordier	04/14
Irene Gibbens	04/18
Dave Simons	04/19
Jon Higgins	04/21
Peggy Gordier	04/22
Cinnamon Garner	04/23
Kay Bunch	04/25
Bettie Miller	04/30

Food Drive

Shelton and Cash Robinson participated in a food drive for the Larimer county food bank. Sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, on Saturday March 14th, that raised over \$1000.00 in money and thousands of pounds of food.



We saw it in the Paper!!

Jon and Nancy Mendenhall wrote a letter to the editor asking the Mayor why he didn't sign the Freedom to Marry Proclamation.

The engagement of Darin Slocum and Erin Heyse was announced. The wedding is planned for May 16th. Darin is the son of Thelma and Larry Slocum

Several from the congregation were listed as donors or those recognized by donation to Outreach International.



April Worship Schedule

Date	Planner	Presider	Speaker
4/5	Marta. Remmenga & Bettie Miller	Kay. Bunch	Dick Foster
4/12	Sharon Fulton & Debbie Jones	Dick. Foster	Sharon Troyer
4/19	Rick Bunch		
4/26	Sharon Fulton & Debbie Jones	Shirley Remmenga	Rick Argotsinger

A detailed worship schedule is on the congregation webpage and in the church office.

Key Sailing with Gary and Debbie

Gary and I try to head somewhere warm during the winter and this year Florida was our pick. We rented a cute one bedroom apartment on Conch Key that came with a 23 ft sail boat for our use whenever we wanted. Great! But the warm weather we were expecting in Florida was still in Colorado. Daytime temps were only in the 60's until the day we returned for home. Then they jumped back to their normal 80's, of course!

Oh, Well... We put on our jackets and sailed anyway. It was a little breezier than I like but we went out every morning and afternoon except one day, when because of high winds and small craft warnings, we drove to Key West instead. Good choice don't you think?

The days of sailing were mostly sunny and we saw several Loggerhead Turtles and a Leatherback Turtle swimming beside us. They were so large and beautiful to see but they immediately dove under once they saw the boat.

We also decided to sail to the Everglades using a chart and markers for navigation to avoid shallows and sand bars. That was a good learning experience for us and we did well, considering our first day out we ran aground on a sand bar returning to our dock. (We were able to get the boat off with the help of fellow boaters and no damage was done to the fragile Key environment.) The week was just enough to make us anxious for spring and summer weather to reach the waters around home. So, until then, our memories of sailing in the Florida Keys will have to do.

Welcoming Community Network

One year ago this month a small seed group met with the Leadership Team to propose a journey of prayer, discernment and education concerning whether this congregation should practice radical hospitality and openly welcome all into our fellowship. That seed group has grown from 4 to 17 as we have sought to keep this goal in front of the congregation.

Several opportunities for education around gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender issues have been provided, however only a few members of the congregation have availed themselves of those opportunities. In order for consensus to be reached, more of the membership needs to be informed about this process and what it means to be a WCN congregation. With that in mind a panel is being planned for May 2009.

The WCN Group realizes this is a sensitive topic and one that makes some uncomfortable, but we believe that this congregation is capable of exploring sensitive topics in a spirit of mutual concern that respects the worth of all. Please join us as we explore this aspect of our congregation's journey together.

"As a prophetic people you are called, under the direction of the spiritual authorities and with the common consent of the people, to discern the divine will for your own time and in the places where you serve." Doctrine and Covenants 162:2c

The WCN Group: Tom Beck, Kathy Bridwell, Kay Bunch, Rick Bunch, Max Coopwood, Dick Foster, Julie Foster, Bob Fulton, Sharon Fulton, Betty Jones, Jon Mendenhall, Nancy Mendenhall, Shirley Remmenga, Dave Simons, Voni Simons, Bonnie Thomas, & Steve Thomas

Second Sunday Social

Due to Easter, the Second Sunday Social has been **rescheduled** for April 5th. There will be a potluck at 5 p.m. and a web cast viewing of Steve Veazey, President of Community of Christ, who will be speaking to the global church at 6 p.m. mountain standard time. Time for discussion will be provided following the webcast. **We encourage everyone to attend**

OUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Ever wondered what our congregation's Disciples Generous Response to the World Church looks like? Here are the results of our generosity for the year 2008:

World Ministries	\$13,180.00
Oblation	\$ 2,690.00
World Hunger Fund	\$ 1,760.00
Russia-Ukraine Project	\$ 240.00

Below are our January and February contributions to both the World Church and the Local Congregation:

<u>Category</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
WORLD CHURCH		
World Ministries	\$995	\$1,220
Oblation	\$262	\$ 361
World Hunger	\$ 95	\$ 130
LOCAL		
Congregation	\$3,010	\$2,720
Building	\$ 20	\$ 10
2 Cents a Meal	\$ 73	\$ 50

Thank you for your generosity!

KIDS and the EASTER/LENTEN SEASON

Our children have much to look forward to this Easter season. On Palm Sunday, April 5, the Bell Choir will be performing "Panis Angelicus" for the worship service. For Easter Sunday all the children will be involved in the church service for that morning as well as the breakfast and Easter egg hunt.

In order to remember that Lent is a time of giving up something for Jesus, the elementary and middle school kids have received Lenten calendars to post on their refrigerators. Each day suggests a small monetary contribution connected to earthly possessions enjoyed in their homes. The calendar goes through Easter Sunday, but the children are encouraged to bring their monies to Sunday school class the NEXT Sunday, April 19. Sharon Fulton will be collecting the contributions and sending them on to Outreach International for their work with the worlds poor. Of course, any contributions will be appreciated. Also, if a Lenten calendar did not make it home, please see Sharon for a replacement.

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