



Community of Christ

The Communicator



Get Ready for Summer!

An exciting way
our congregation

has decided to “get ready for summer” is to continue to celebrate the great mix we now have of adults of all ages, and an increasing number of children! Since we want to give the regular Church School teachers a break for the summer, and at the same time we don’t want to lose momentum for our children’s program, we’ve decided to have a **new summer format!**

On the first Sunday in June, the 7th, we will have a special Baptism Service. Before that, however, we will begin the following summer schedule:

- **9:30 a.m. - Weekly Sunday Coffee and Fellowship Time!** (Of course we’ll have things besides coffee, like muffins or whatever our volunteers decide to bring!).
- **10:00 – 10:45 a.m. - Intergenerational Class or Activity that will engage us all!** For those of you who participated in our wonderful Emmaus Meal Worship on April 19th, (thanks Rick and Kay Bunch!), you know how joyful it was to hear from so many different people, sharing their experiences, and becoming more bonded as a loving community!
- **11:00 – 12:00 noon – Sunday Worship (with nursery for children under age five)**

- **From August 5th to 9th we’d like to encourage as many of you from Ft. Collins as possible to attend the **Glacier View RMMC Family Reunion!** As your pastor, I realize there are children who have never attended a reunion, and I can guarantee you your family will be blessed if you make this a priority. For those who need financial assistance, let us as a congregation work to find ways to raise funds.**

Marilyn Garner has volunteered to help “coordinate” our Sunday Intergenerational Classes for June, July & August, but we all want to help make it successful! So, **those of you who are willing to help her with just one or two please let Marilyn know ASAP!** She’s heading off soon to celebrate with family Graceland’s graduation in Lamoni, Iowa! We know that some of you will be away some during the summer, but let’s not let our wonderful sense of fellowship shrink by missing great summer fellowship!

In Section 163, we’ve been invited to discern “What matters most?” In listening to the news about how God’s grace brought meaning and healing after the tragedy of Columbine High School ten years ago, I think it’s important that we pledge to cherish our children, nurture our teenagers, and support our young adults to find meaningful ways to grow spiritually. Hope to see you this summer as we do just that! Thank you everyone!

Sharon P. Troyer



May Calendar

May 3rd	First Sunday Giving
May 6th	Worship Coordinators Meeting 7 p.m.
May 10th	Mothers Day
May 10th	2 cents a Meal
May 13th	Prayer Shawl Group 1 p.m.
May 14th	Afternoon Women's Group
May 17th	Business Meeting 12 p.m.
May 21st	Leadership Meeting 7 p.m.
May 24th	Communicator Items Due
May 31st	Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m. "We Share" Presentation



We saw it in the Paper!!

Nina Kunze (daughter of Betty Jones) wrote an interesting traveler's notebook on a trip to California.

The Art of Eric and Jim Fronapfel was on display at the Colorado Coalition of Artists during March. Jim's work was on display at the Bas Bleu Theater and Gallery in April.

Roy Jones was shown putting a solar module into a box for shipping at Abound Solar in Loveland.

Did you see the picture in the April Herald of those attending the Rocky Mountain Women's Retreat?

"Celebrating Diversity"

The Ft. Collins WCN group will present a Panel Presentation called, "Celebrating Diversity", on Sunday evening, June 14th following our monthly potluck at 5 p.m. Our panel will be made up of guests representing various sexual orientations and gender identity, including allies and parents. The focus will be on what it means to become a "Open and Affirming" congregation. This is a significant part of our congregational discernment process to become part of WCN, Welcoming Community Network within Community of Christ. Please mark your calendars now. We hope to have all persons in our congregation attend this important event. Transportation provided for anyone who needs it! Watch June's Communicator and website for more details.

Our Youth Are Active



Zachary Fronapfel, a 7th grader at Lesh Jr. High, is a defender for the Arsenal U-13 Gold team this spring. They all traveled to the Las Vegas Invitational Soccer Tournament which was held March 27-29. They had a great tournament winning their first 3 games 7-1, 6-0, and by a shootout. They were beaten in the championship match by a Las Vegas team, 4-1, but felt very pleased by how well they had played.



May Birthdays

Porter Garner	05/03
Voni Simons	05/04
Awtumn Alcoser	05/10
Rose Julch	05/15
Jim Miller	05/15
Lisa Garner	05/25
Bailee Burgener	05/28

Any-a-gram???

Sounds like a new kind of Telegram Company, doesn't it? Those who attended the recent retreat, *The Enneagram, a Path to Authenticity & Sharing Christ's Peace*, learned that the Enneagram is an ancient way to better understand self and others. Sixty eight people, from numerous denominations in Ft. Collins and several Community of Christ congregations in Rocky Mountain Mission Center, gathered for a two day retreat directed by Sharon Troyer.

Some who attended were familiar with the Enneagram and for others it was their first exposure. Sharon did an excellent job presenting a complex topic, helping those in attendance learn about nine different personalities or ways of looking at the world. Andy and Jana Horner, guest ministry from Greenwood Community of Christ, enriched the retreat with meditation, scripture and prayer.

Nancy Miller kept everyone well fed with nourishing food and attractive goodies like her wonderful chocolate dipped pretzels! So, if you hear people talking about being a number Nine, or Six, and wonder what it's all about, ask anyone who attended more about it. You can get online to take a free Enneagram Typing Inventory, obtain one of many helpful books, and find out for yourself about this great tool. Are you a Seven?

Debbie Jones



Ecumenical Community Events

*The following events are sponsored by:
Contemplative Outreach Northern Colorado*

Saturday, May 9th – 8:00 a.m. – noon

Rose Myler of Denver Contemplative Outreach, will be in Ft. Collins teaching **Forgiveness Prayer**. This is a powerful prayer practice that helps people forgive at the deepest level of their being. It is a *prayer of the heart* that helps us choose to be freer in relationship to ourselves, each other and to God. If this speaks to *your* heart, you may want to participate at **Trinity Lutheran, 301 E. Stuart, in Ft Collins**. Cost: \$30

Saturday, June 6th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contemplative Outreach of Northern Colorado is sponsoring a day of prayer at Community of Christ. Coffee & rolls & registration at 8:a.m. Following introduction and practice of Centering Prayer, beginning at 8:30, **Sharon Troyer, Pastor of Community of Christ** will present a workshop on **The Enneagram**. Her focus will be on the importance of finding balance between our Body Center, our Heart Center, and our Head Center, where our Personality Type finds its major expression. Understanding our Enneagram Type helps us identify ways we rely on our personality rather than living out of what might be called our Essence or True Self. Recognizing the “mind of Christ” or that place where we sense our “Beloved-ness” helps us *let go* of barriers to giving and receiving love.

Suggested donation: \$40.00. Bring your own lunch. For more information, contact Irene Wheritt (689-3101), Fran Milde (481-6661) or Christine Travers-O'Brien (412-4433)

Sunday School

Children's regularly scheduled Christian Education classes will end on Sunday, May 17. Many, many thanks to our wonderful teachers, Shauna Clark, Tom Beck, Debbie Jones, Marilyn Garner, and Sharon Fulton for their steadfast dedication to our children. They have also been supported by many other adults who have volunteered to assist in these classes. Our young people are truly blessed in their walk with Jesus.

Congregational Pancake Breakfast & Sunday Forum on May 31st

Since Mother's Day is May 10th, our regular Second Sunday Social for May has been **rescheduled**. Instead on May 31st, we will have a Congregational Pancake Breakfast at **9 a.m.**, followed by a **Fifth Sunday Forum**. This inter-generational presentation will be about the recent document presented to Community of Christ, called WE SHARE. In a Power Point presentation, it will describe principles and beliefs that guide our global church. We will also view a newly designed symbol now being used throughout the church. We hope everyone will want to be part of this special activity!

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May Worship Schedule

	Planner	Presider	Speaker
5/3	Dave Simons	Dave Simons	Bob Danielson
5/10	Marilyn Garner	Unavailable at time of printing	Sharon Troyer
5/17	Dick Foster	Unavailable at time of printing	Nancy Miller
5/24	Robin Higgins and Voni Simons	Unavailable at time of printing	Testimonies
5/31	Rick Bunch	Rick Bunch	Readings by the Congregation

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please join us in remembering those on our Prayer List.

Lee Cook

The Erm Family

The Family of Annie Terrell

Those affected by economic conditions

Those serving their country in military duty