



Community of Christ

The Communicator

Becoming a Sanctuary of Peace!

The days are beginning to feel like “fall has fell” and winter is around the corner! Something about it, however, lends excitement in the air, and I feel it for several reasons. I’m ready to experience something that in the Dutch language is called *gezellig*. Honestly, there is no exact word for it in English, but it is extremely common in Holland. Though the dictionary describes *gezellig* as “cozy,” anyone from the Netherlands will tell you it is much more than that! They say it conveys a warmth that welcomes you in a way that is tangible. It is a “felt sense” that is present when someone enters a place or is with someone where well-being is valued. I believe this quality is found in our congregational life. I hope it grows as we discern a focused sense of call and purpose. “Being a Sanctuary of Christ’s Peace” is language we’ve been given for this within Community of Christ (as our 2009 World Church theme).

Specifically, I felt it strongly when I walked into our sanctuary on October 18 and saw all the children, parents, grandparents, teachers, musicians, and friendly faces gathered to celebrate the **National Children’s Sabbath**. The prevailing theme of “Becoming Servants” was evident in the planning, music, PowerPoint, readings, and most of all in the palpable joy in the room. It was felt in the sharing of the gifts of the planners and the children and their families. That was truly “gezellig”!

I also sense it now as we prepare to house the **Winter Day Shelter again for the next five potentially cold months**. I ask myself, “What does it mean to house something?” It’s about providing a home. Today I realize that a lot has changed since last year when we made the decision to provide space for the day shelter. Some had felt misgivings about this decision, and it required courage. When I say courage, I don’t mean the absence of fear, but “choosing to act with love in spite of the fear,” a quote from *Hope for Today*, a daily devotional resource used in Twelve-Step programs.

This year, the decision to again extend that welcome was seen more as a blessing than as a risk. That may say something about *our* being changed!

We rejoice that there are more volunteers from within our congregation who have decided to “share themselves” in this way. Ken John, founder and director of the Homeless Gear nonprofit organization now housed in the Murphy Center for Hope, has expressed gratitude to us for responding generously in the Towel and Toiletries Drive coordinated by Rick and Kay Bunch and Pat and Bill Miner. These needs will continue, however, so we hope your mindfulness will continue, especially as you donate food items for the Larimer Food Bank on the first Sunday of each month. There are many ways to “pass the peace” in our community. May God bless us as we seek to provide a “gezellig” church home to each person who walks through our doors!

—Sharon Troyer

November Calendar



- 1**—First Sunday Giving, Food-Bank Donations
- 4**—Worship Team Mtg., 7 p.m.
- 7**—Mission-Center Conference This Weekend
- 8**—2-Cents-a-Meal Offering
- 12**—Afternoon Women's Group, 1 p.m.
- 19**—Leadership Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 22**—*Communicator* Items Due
- 22**—Congregational Business Meeting after the Service
- 22**—4th-Sunday Children's Activity
- 26**—Happy Thanksgiving!
- 29**—Pancake Breakfast and Forum, 9 a.m. Our speaker is Sue Beck-Ferkiss, director of the Homeless Prevention Initiative.

Church Women United

Church Women United invites women of all faiths to join them for their World Community Day Service on Friday, November 6, at Christ United Methodist Church located at 301 E. Drake, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please bring a covered dish to share at the "Dime-a-Dip" luncheon that will conclude the service. For more information, please call Vergean Wood: (970) 204-1006.

Plan now to attend

WOW—"The Ways of Worship"—a workshop for worship planners, presiders, musicians, and other participants—on Saturday, Oct. 31, at 9:00 a.m. until noon. Discussion topics include: **Thinking Outside the Box, Nuts and Bolts, Putting the Pieces Together: Effective Planning for Worship and the Role of the Presider, and Music Matters. All are invited to attend!**

November Birthdays

Makenna Jackson	Nov. 1
Joyce Jordeth	Nov. 2
Sharon P. Troyer	Nov. 2
Shauna Clark	Nov. 2
Shirley Remmenga	Nov. 4
Jon Ytell	Nov. 7
Emmaline Garner	Nov. 7
Brett Bridwell	Nov. 11
Brandon Burkey	Nov. 11
Sawyer Jones	Nov. 12
Zachary Fronapfel	Nov. 15
Alec Fronapfel	Nov. 15
Debbie Jones	Nov. 17
Gary Alton	Nov. 19
Vergean Wood	Nov. 20
Dawn Gaffield	Nov. 21
Steve Watkins	Nov. 25
Ann Mauk	Nov. 28



We Saw It in the Paper!



Did you see Sharon Troyer and Les Cunningham in the picture accompanying an article on the Crop Walk? (I hear Dick Foster and Rick Bunch also participated in the Walk.)

Dick and Julie Foster sold property at 2515 Owens Avenue.

Janene (Bridwell) Burgener was quoted in an article on the StrollerFit program. She says, "StrollerFit has given me the strength to be the person I want to be."

Jennie Russell's eighth grade science class experienced River Week by studying the Poudre River watershed. Jennie also wrote a "thumbs up" to those who supervised and supported the kids. (Jennie was Janny Kay McKenzie's roommate when they first came to Fort Collins.)

Drake Wood (Marcia's great-grandson) made a tremendous interception play which contributed to Poudre's win over Northglenn.

Donna Palmer wrote a "thumbs up" thanking those who helped make the first Kiwanis Club Fish for a Star successful.

Several local members either donated to Outreach International or were honored by donations.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Nancy Zmyslony who passed away October 2.

Correction: The wedding of Cooper Jones (Betty's grandson) and Katy Brinlee was noted in the *Graceland Horizons*.

Fourth Sunday in November Special Children's Activity

For the 4th-Sunday Children's Activity, November 22, we'll need all of the children's help to make a banner! Beverly Doig will be there to lead us in this project.

**Congratulations to Gil Pagat and Dick Foster for winning third place in the Miramont tennis tournament last week.
Way to go!**

Eric Fronapfel, illustrator, and Michelle Rodenburg, author, recently published the children's book, *The Twelve Days of Christmas in Colorado*. Eric has a BA degree in Art Education and a Master's in Fine Arts. Michelle holds a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instructional Design, and this is her third children's book. Books are available at local outlets and from Eric himself. He is always happy to personalize an inscription.

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Our Contributions

World Church Income for July

World Ministries	\$1,020.00
Oblation	195.00
World Hunger	80.00

Local Income for July

Congregation	\$3,438.00
Building Fund	15.00
2 Cents a Meal	65.00
Family Assistance	590.00

World Church Income for August

World Ministries	\$1,285.00
Oblation	197.00
World Hunger	110.00

Local Income for August

Congregation	\$2,899.00
Building Fund	20.00
2 Cents a Meal	56.00
Family Assistance	60.00

World Church Income for September

World Ministries	\$1,240.00
Oblation	261.00
World Hunger	130.00

Local Income for September

Congregation	\$4,230.00
Building Fund	15.00
2 Cents a Meal	104.00
Family Assistance	35.00



Children from the Fort Collins congregation collected a total of \$10.00 for Outreach International during the last Lenten season. It has been sent to aid the victims of terrible flooding in the Philippines. Thanks to the youth for their help!

**Important Congregational
Business Meeting,
November 22,
after the worship service.
See you there!**

“I want to thank everyone for your prayers and kind support during the loss of both my mother and sister. Also, thank you for the bouquet of flowers; they helped to brighten our days. We are having a memorial service for both of my parents at the Bay City, Michigan, church on November 21.”

—Gary and Peggy Gordier and family

Rocky Mountain Mission Center Conference

The RMMC staff has planned an exciting weekend for both youth and adults, November 6–8, at the YMCA near Estes Park. Register your family now; it's only \$35 per person and free for children under eighteen. Attending only one day is an option if you can't stay the weekend.