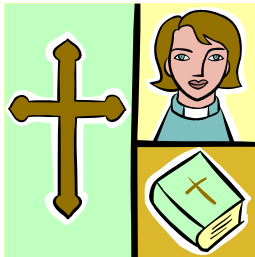




Community of Christ

# The Communicator

## Pastor's Greetings



August was an active month for our church family! We've loved having new people move into Ft. Collins, but definitely hope we don't have more

accidents happen to our newcomers!! Best wishes to Rich and Mary Kohlman as Rich recovers from being hit by a car while biking is Frisco!

On the positive side, twelve people from our congregation were able to attend the entire Family Camp at Glacier View, and Dave Simons joined them on Sunday! We all enjoyed the worship, classes, good meals and fellowship! Some enjoyed swimming in the pool and canoeing in the lake. Be sure to ask Autumn, Oceana and Rose about that! 😊

The reunion material we studied, by Danny Belrose, focused on *Being Vulnerable to Grace*. Among other things, guest ministers, Jane and Bob Gardner and Terry Williams invited us to ponder the question "What matters most?" When President Veazy asked this in Section 163, we were invited us to examine our individual spiritual lives as well as congregational sense of direction. I came home from reunion with the realization that it isn't enough for a pastor or a leadership team to have "goals with measurable objectives", if they're not in response to identified needs the congregation sees. We are called to *let God remove our*

*spiritual blindness* so we can discover a *common* vision and then *respond with uncommon* devotion! Are we willing to step out of our comfort zones, in incarnational ways like Jesus did when he "pitched a tent and lived in our neighborhood?"

I believe we are being given several opportunities to ask "What **DOES** matter **most?**" Catholic Charities Northern Colorado has asked us if they can return to our Activity Center for five more months of providing shelter during the winter months. Does that mean we will vote "yes" because it is an additional source of rental income? Or does it mean that we can be blessed by the income **AND**, at the same time, respond in even greater and more compassionate ways to the homeless and near homeless around us?

Your leadership team invites you all to go within ... to your own heart or "inner room", to listen to the voice of the Spirit that can guide us as individuals and as a congregation. Let's together *ask for blindness to be removed from our eyes* so we may see in new ways. **We do want to discover what matters most!** As I begin my second year as your pastor, I hope you will join me in discovering new, concrete ways to serve others. That may mean being open to the unexpected. You can help us see that the needs we might best meet are often the ones right at our doorstep!

Sharon Troyer, Pastor

## September Calendar



- 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Worship Team Mtg. 7 p.m.  
**6<sup>th</sup>** – No Sunday School  
           First Sunday Giving  
**10<sup>th</sup>** – Afternoon Women's Group  
**13<sup>th</sup>** – Children's Sunday School Classes  
           resume  
           2 cents a meal Offering  
           Business Meeting following church  
           Second Sunday Social (potluck &  
           volleyball)  
**17<sup>th</sup>** – Leadership Meeting 7 p.m.  
**20<sup>th</sup>** – Communicator Items are due  
**25/26<sup>th</sup>** – Temple School – Dave Simons  
**27<sup>th</sup>** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Children's Activity



### SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

Sunday School classes for all children will get off to a great start on Sunday morning, September 13 at 10:00

a.m.! Our congregation is blessed to include a good number of bright, energetic children who love to get together, and we are looking forward to a fantastic Sunday School year. Children are strongly encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to participate with us.

It is WONDERFUL news when programs within the church are growing. This year we are pleased to offer 4 children's education classes instead of 3.

The groups will include a Nursery class (ages 2-3), an Early Learners class (ages 4-6), an Elementary School class (second through fifth grade), and a Middle/High School class (sixth-tenth grade.) What a blessing for us as a congregation to even be able to ask the question "Where shall the new class meet?"

## We saw it in the Paper!!



Shirley Remmenga purchased property at 3500 Carlton Ave.

Did you see the picture of David Nii serving communion during the IYF (International Youth Forum) pilgrimage in Thailand in the August Herald?

There was a lot in the paper about the New West Fest, but we didn't see the church name mentioned. We did have the activity center open as the Oasis for people to rest and relax. We counted 423 visitors over the 2 day event.

The suspected robber of two liquor stores was apprehended on Endicott Street ... so the street to the south of Joyce Jordeth's house had 6 police cars and an ambulance in it for awhile!

### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER SPECIAL CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

During the entire month of September we are having a **Towel Drive for Catholic Charities and the Center for Hope**. In addition to towels, disposable razors, new hygiene products, sun screen, insect repellent and socks are needed.

**September 6<sup>th</sup> a box will be placed in the foyer for items to be contributed, so encourage children to start collecting these at home now.** These will be dispersed to homeless and near homeless in Fort Collins or sent to other areas of need. All items collected will be taken to Catholic Charities after Sep 27. Contact Kay Bunch or Pat Miner for more information.

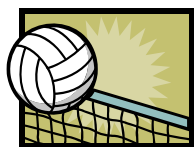
## September Birthdays



Joy Jones	Sep 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Felicia Bridwell	Sep 9 <sup>th</sup>
Donna Clark	Sep 11 <sup>th</sup>
Caren Alton	Sep 13 <sup>th</sup>
Lena Higgins	Sep 13 <sup>th</sup>
Gabriel Pagat	Sep 15 <sup>th</sup>
Shawnea Pagat	Sep 15 <sup>th</sup>
Kathy Graybill	Sep 22
Tom Beck	Sep 23
Jan Newman	Sep 25
Denise Bradshaw	Sep 26
Ets Cunningham	Sep 30



"Many, many thanks to Don and Joyce Worthington for re-furbishing the quiet bags which are used in the pews by some of our youngsters as they outgrow the nursery. The children will undoubtedly be intrigued by the brand-new items they find."



## Second Sunday Social Pot Luck & Volleyball

Sunday Sep. 13th  
At 5 p.m.

Volleyball in the activity center for all ages. There will also be other children's games and activities. Please bring a main dish and a salad or side to share.

## BOB FULTON WINS DECATHLON

Bob Fulton came away the winner in his age group of the Masters National Decathlon which was held in Seattle, Washington, Aug. 15 and 16. The decathlon is a competition of 10 track and field events which are held over a 2-day period. Bob did especially well in the high jump, the long jump, the pole vault and the discus.



## Conditions of Membership

**What!!** You didn't get to participate in the discussion on The Conditions of Membership on the 23rd? Don't worry. There is still time to get in on the discussion. How do you feel about Conditions of Membership, Baptism and Confirmation? Not sure yet where you stand? You can find resources in the Church office or they are available online. (Just go to [www.cofchrist.org](http://www.cofchrist.org) and click on Tools for Ministry, then Online Resources to Conditions of Membership.)

President Veazey states... "Therefore, we want to involve as many people as possible in prayerfully seeking God's will on conditions of membership... invites the church to seriously engage in sustained prayer, spiritual formation, ... and scripture study while listening to each other and the Holy Spirit. This process is not intended to be a popular opinion poll. If so, we simply would conduct a survey. In fact, one of the first steps of true discernment is to set aside preconceived ideas and agendas so we can become more open to God's guidance, whatever it may be. I believe that we are more than capable of exploring sensitive theological and sacramental issues in a spirit of mutual concern that respects the worth of all."

Our collected responses will be sent in a package to the World Church this month or you can respond individually via e-mail to [presidencyreponse@cofchrist.org](mailto:presidencyreponse@cofchrist.org) or by Mailing responses to:  
Andrew Shields, World Church Secretary,  
Community of Christ  
1001 W. Walnut, Independence, MO 64050

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## Interpersonal Peacebuilding Skills

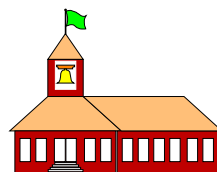
September 18-20 the Colorado Springs congregation is sponsoring a workshop with Sandee Gamet and Diane Kyser. Complete information is available in our church office or on the Announcements page of the Rocky Mountain Mission Center website: (<http://cofchristrm.org/>)

## Directory Inserts

Paper updates for the Directory are available in the church office or you can ask the Greeters for one. You should also be aware that an updated Directory is on the congregation website. Changes since the directory was published in January are listed in GREEN. The online directory is password protected. Contact the pastor or Jon Mendenhall if you have forgotten the password.

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## Back to School

Recently our children have returned to school. For some it is the *first day of school*. For the Thomas children it was Kindergarten for Shelton and pre-school for cash. Like many proud parents, Bonnie and Steve took pictures. Check them out on the website (news page) and if you have similar pictures, send them to Jon Mendenhall to add.



## CROP WALK October 4<sup>th</sup> – 1 p.m.

A 5K walk through the historic section of Fort Collins begins at First Presbyterian Church.

We would like to get a team from our congregation to walk and raise funds. Contact Sharon Troyer or Les Cunningham if you would like to walk or support a walker.

**Thanks for reading the Communicator online or on your own computer. We appreciate the time, labor, postage, paper, etc. you are saving the congregation!**