



The Communicator

The Trumpet Shall Sound

and We Shall Be Changed!



My favorite *recitative* and *air* of the *Messiah* is by the bass and the trumpet, “Behold, I Tell You a Mystery” and “The Trumpet Shall Sound.” I can hardly wait to hear these numbers near the end of the performance. I can listen to these two pieces over and over and over. There is something about that trumpet that lifts me up when I am down and lifts me higher when I am up. As the trumpet goes up the scale, so does my heart soar, and I believe that I can indeed be changed. What *mystery* there is in this promise! It doesn't make me incorruptible, as the words continue, and it is not about a final resurrection of immortality, as the sound penetrates my carefully built walls of invulnerability to grace. It is more about the present than the end for me.

It is an experience about the everyday resurrection and presence of God that is available to each of us as we spend time with God in our spiritual disciplines. I believe there is a trumpet, deep in the soul of us, and that trumpet calls forth the very presence of God incarnate in us. It seeks to mold our lives into the creature God would have us be. Sometimes we can't hear it because of all the cacophony of other distractions in our lives. In silence, however, there is no uncertain sound and we

are pierced through and through. We are changed into more whole or holy spiritual beings of creation.

As you celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas season, amidst the various activities that claim your attention and time, may you hear the trumpet of *your* soul and be changed!

Peace and Wholeness,

Rich Kohlman

*If you know yourself in
the innermost chambers
of your being, there you
can also come to know
Divine Presence.*

—Lauren Artress,
The Sand Labyrinth

Singers,

One

and All!



Join us this season to provide special choir ministry throughout Advent and Christmas. Reserve Monday evenings for rehearsals, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.



Baptism, Confirmation, and Church Membership

New policies are now available to all members and priesthood. Please go to:

www.cofchrist.org/policy for the policies, a letter from President Veazey, and other explanatory documents concerning these new policies.

Financial Report



October Income

World Church

World Ministries	\$1,705.50
Oblation	421.25
World Hunger	150.25

Local

Local Offering	\$3,628.50
Building Fund	70.00
2 Cents a Meal	52.00
Family Assistance	65.00
Rocky Mountain Mission Center	13.00

—Betty Jones, CFO

Congregational Retreat

February 25–27, 2011

Save this date! Dave Schaal, a member of the First Presidency, has adjusted his calendar to be with us during the retreat. We are looking forward to a meaningful experience as we continue to discover a sense of both individual and corporate mission.

This will be an in-town retreat.



Cell Phone Numbers Requested

For the new 2011 congregation directory, it has been suggested that cell phone numbers be included. If you would like your cell phone number included, please e-mail Jon Mendenhall jon@jonnanco.net or phone (970) 229-1947 with your cell number and let him know it is OK to include it.



Upper Room Study Group

Meets Every Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

This open group invites people to participate in a discussion where we share thoughts on our daily meditations. We use *The Upper Room Disciplines: a Book of Daily Devotions* as our study guide. Participants enjoy an exchange of ideas that vary from quiet, humble thoughts to creative, more expressive ideas! We listen to each other's interpretations, always with respect. Often we share personal experiences inspired by our daily devotional and scripture readings.

There is no requirement for “perfect attendance” every week; participants attend as they are able and according to their own schedules. As we complete our Upper Room Study Group for 2010, we are looking forward to beginning 2011! **We've ordered a few extra books; do you want to join us?** How about helping set up an evening group that might work for those without daytime flexibility? Contact Shari Smith, Sharon Troyer, or Rich Kohlman for more information.

Second-Sunday Socials



December 12 will be our annual Holiday Dinner at 5:00 p.m. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information.



Here are some of the helpers and the bags that were filled during the November service project. The bags will be given to homeless persons that we meet on the street. Thanks for all your help.

—Marilyn Garner



Christmas Program Practice

A practice for the Christmas program will be held on Saturday morning, December 18, at the church. The time will be announced in the church bulletin.

December Birthdays



Marilyn Garner	12/02
Dick Foster	12/03
Pat Miner	12/16
Carnie Fulton	12/16
Michael Davis	12/16
Gordon Woelfle	12/17

Juliette Garner	12/17
Kathy Bridwell	12/20
Maria Swall-Yarrington	12/21
Bill Miner	12/22
Carrie Newman	12/23
Melanie Fronapfel	12/28
Nona Woelfle	12/29
Sandra Johnson	12/31

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery Schedules



Speakers

- ❖ December 5: Tim Ashburn
- ❖ December 12: Music Program
- ❖ December 19: Rich Kohlman
- ❖ December 26: Nancy Miller

Keyboard

- ❖ December 5: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ December 12: Kay Bunch
- ❖ December 19: Tom Beck
- ❖ December 26: Jean Newman

Greeters

- ❖ December: Pagat Family

Nursery

- ❖ December 5: Shauna Clark
- ❖ December 12: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ December 19: Bettie Miller
- ❖ December 26: Donna Clark

NCC Membership Approved

On November 10, 2010, delegates at the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches USA (NCC) approved Community of Christ for membership. The NCC is a community of Christian communions that represents a wide range of Christian traditions and experiences.

President Becky Savage, Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer Dale E. Luffman, and former Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer Gail Mengel represented the church at the NCC's historic Centennial Conference.

Community of Christ membership in the NCC culminates a journey that began at our 1980 World Conference when delegates approved World Conference Resolution WCR 1157—Participation in Interdenominational Christian Ministries. Later legislation included 1992 approval of WCR 1222—Interfaith Organizations and 2002 approval of WCR 1275—Ecumenical/Interfaith Memberships.

We appreciate the work of current and former Ecumenical and Interfaith Officers Luffman and Mengel. We look forward to building relationships through the NCC based on our united conviction that God has brought us together in Christ.



Thank You!

Thank you for your contributions to the mathathon and your support for my school. The school met its goal, and I more than met my goal of \$300 by raising \$400! The funds will go for school activities, field trips, and extra supplies. I was fortunate to be the top fundraiser in both the first grade and the whole school! Thank you for your willingness to help me and my school.

—Bianca Clark

Good work and congratulations, Bianca!

—The Fort Collins Community of Christ

Youth on the Move!

The jr. and sr. high youth have been on the move!

We met at the home of Pat and Bill Miner on October 17 and enjoyed a meal together, made plans for November and December, and watched the movie *Invictus* about the life of Nelson Mandela. One comment from our youth was, "The youth group was very fun, because we got to talk about the things we could do for the church."

November 13 found us at the Denver Zoo. The weather cooperated as well as the animals—including a baby giraffe, tiger cubs, and a baby orangutan. These comments are from our youth about our excursion to the zoo:

"...I really enjoyed my time at the zoo with my friends from church.

...My favorite part was when the monkey stuck its head through the fence.

...Today at the zoo was so much fun. I learned different things about animals!

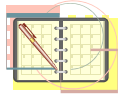
...My favorite part was when the monkey jumped on the fence.

...The Denver Zoo was great. The best part was when we got to see the gorillas. They are like humans in so many ways."

Two friends joined us for our day at the zoo. Special thanks go to Gil Paget for his support and for Marta Remmenga for her support and for driving.

A note to parents of younger children.
PLEASE KEEP SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1-4 P.M., ON YOUR CALENDAR. The youth are offering FREE babysitting to provide parents a break to get a jump on holiday shopping, take in a matinee, or have lunch together. Please see the weekly bulletin inserts for additional information. Activities and refreshments will be provided. Please confirm your child's attendance with Pat or Bill Miner, 674-1848, so we can adequately prepare.

December Calendar



Check the website
<http://cofchrstrm.org/FortCollins>

- Dec. 1: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
Worship Coordinators, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 3: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Dec. 4: Mission to Hope Walk, 8:00 p.m.
- Dec. 5: Communion
First Sunday Giving
Business meeting, 12:15 p.m.
Free Babysitting, 1:00–4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 7: Retreat Planning, 1:00–2:30 p.m.
- Dec. 8: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
Prayer Shawl Group, 1:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Dec. 12: Two-Cents-a-Meal offering
Holiday Dinner, 5:00 p.m.
- Dec. 13: WEAVERS Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 15: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Dec. 16: Leadership Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 17: Friday Morning Breakfast Club,
8:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Dec. 18: Children's practice for the Christmas
Program. Time to be announced.
- Dec. 19: *Communicator* items due.
Christmas Program, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 22: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Dec. 25: Christmas
- Dec. 29: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.



“Glad Tidings We Bring”

Celebrate Advent with the live webcast or join us at the Temple for an evening of lessons and carols on Sunday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. CST. The service will combine Advent-themed scripture readings with seasonal music from the Voices of Peace Symphonic Choir, Emporia State Faculty Brass Quintet, and Jan Kraybill on the organ. President Stephen M. Veazey will offer the homily.

Information on how to join the webcast will be shared when it is available, or check the World Church website: <http://www.cofchrist.org/> for directions when they are posted.



If you are receiving this newsletter by e-mail, thank you! If you are receiving a printed copy and do have e-mail, please consider receiving it by e-mail instead. Not only will you receive it in beautiful color, but you will be saving the congregation between \$.50 and \$.75: the cost of mailing, ink, paper, and labor. It's good stewardship for the earth and for the congregation. And, if you receive it by e-mail and need it printed, you can always print it on your printer and still save money for the congregation.

Thanks for your consideration.

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