



The Communicator

Pastor's Greeting

By Sharon Troyer



Let's all welcome Autumn Alcoser, Alec Fronapfel, Emmaline Garner, Logan Miller, and Gabriel Pagat as our five newest church members! We want to thank Marilyn Garner as planner and everyone else who shared their gifts of ministry in the Baptism and Confirmation Service on September 19. Special appreciation to Max Coopwood and Mary Kohlman who taught the prebaptism classes that supported these wonderful children in preparation to become part of Community of Christ in this way. Our congregation was richly blessed by the uniquely personal confirmations each child received from ordained ministers who knew and loved them! The messages about baptism and confirmation, brought by Gil Pagat and Kay Bunch, set a very special tone for celebrating these two sacraments. The entire worship service emphasized the ongoing importance of listening to the Holy Spirit in all our lives! And last, but not least, thank you, Gary and Debbie Jones, for preparing our baptism font and creating such a wonderful atmosphere of worship in the Upper Room!

I invite you to mark your calendars now and plan to **save the weekend of February 25–27, 2011, for our Congregational In-Town Retreat.** A planning committee has begun the exciting process of designing this retreat. We

hold it up as being very important, so don't be surprised in October as we seek input from all church school classes and other groups to make sure that *your* needs are considered as we finalize our goals, theme, and weekend activities. If you have specific ideas or feedback about plans, logistics, or things that would make you and your family certain to attend, please share your thoughts with any one of the planning committee. They are Kay and Rick Bunch, Gary Gordier, Tom Beck, Max Coopwood, Rich Kohlman, Carrie Newman, Shirley Remmenga, and Sharon Troyer.

In the meantime, remember our fall church school classes for adults and children are now under way, and we **now begin each Sunday promptly at 9:45 a.m., not 10:00.** This gives us enough time to focus on our new curriculum, linking us together with Christians around the world who creatively invite scripture to deepen our relationship with God as disciples of Jesus Christ. Hope to see you there!

Youth Group Organizational Meeting

2010–2011

By Pat Miner



Our first meeting was held on Sunday, August 22, with excellent attendance. After a lunch of

self-made quesadillas and ice cream sundaes, we had the election of officers for the year.

The following youth were elected by their peers.

President—Ben Miller
Vice President—Jay Ytell
Secretary—Kate Ytell
Treasurer—Avery Dickie

The group discussed what they would like to do for the year. Service, youth group social activities, and exploring other religions came to the top of the list. We also decided that monthly meetings would work well with their busy schedules.

All youth, grades 6–12, are invited to attend. Our next meeting is Sunday, September 26, 6:00–7:00 p.m., in the hospitality room at the church.

Dates Announced for President Veazey's Annual Address

Mark your calendar for the president's 2011 and 2012 annual addresses to the church. During special worship services at the Temple in Independence, Missouri, Prophet-President Stephen M. Veazey will talk about critical issues and opportunities facing our worldwide church as we pursue God's mission. Upcoming addresses will be on the following dates:

- Sunday, April 10, 2011, at 6 p.m.
- Sunday, April 15, 2012, at 6 p.m.

All who can attend in person are encouraged to come to the Temple. These services will also be webcast at www.CofChrist.org in English, French, and Spanish.

USA National Conference



July 18–July 22, 2012, Independence, Missouri, at International Headquarters. Registration fees and offerings will cover the expense of the event. The registration cost will be set by October 2011.

Financial Report



August Income

World Church

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| World Ministries | \$1,528.00 |
| Oblation | 230.00 |
| World Hunger | 50.50 |

Local

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| Local Offering | \$4,014.50 |
| Building Fund | 35.00 |
| 2 Cents a Meal | 50.00 |
| Family Assistance | 60.00 |
| Mexico School | 225.00 |
| New West Fest | 112.50 |

—Betty Jones, CFO

Second Sunday Socials



October 10: Annual Harvest Party—Nancy Miller, coordinator, 5:00 p.m.

October Birthdays



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| Eric Fronapfel | 10/02 |
| Mary Kohlman | 10/07 |
| Jon Mendenhall | 10/14 |
| Beverly Doig | 10/21 |
| Ben Miller | 10/21 |
| Gilbert Pagat | 10/21 |
| Nancy Miller | 10/23 |
| Rick Bunch | 10/28 |
| Sarah Tolbert | 10/30 |
| Aidan Dicke | 10/30 |

Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery Schedules



Keyboard:

- ❖ October 3: Robin Higgins
- ❖ October 10: Kay Bunch
- ❖ October 17: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ October 24: Jean Newman
- ❖ October 31: Tom Beck

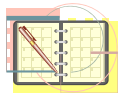
Greeters:

- ❖ October: Max Coopwood, Tom Beck

Nursery:

- ❖ October 3: Nancy Miller
- ❖ October 10: Debbie Jones
- ❖ October 17: Peggy Gordier
- ❖ October 24: Julie Foster
- ❖ October 31: Pat Miner

October Calendar



Check the Web site

<http://cofchstrm.org/FortCollins>

Oct. 1: Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
Worship Coordinators, 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 3: Communion, First-Sunday Giving
Crop Walk, 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 6: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
Worship Team, 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 8: Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.

Oct. 10: Two-Cents-a-Meal offering
2nd-Sunday Social: Harvest Party,
5:00 p.m.

Oct. 13: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
Prayer Shawl Group, 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 15: Friday Morning Breakfast Club, 8:30
a.m.
Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.

Oct. 20: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.

Oct. 21: Leadership Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 22: Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.

Oct. 24: *Communicator* items due.

Oct. 27: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.

Oct. 29: Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.

WEAVERS



Some of the WEAVERS committee members recently viewed the movie *8: The Mormon Proposition*, which was about the Mormon funding of Proposition 8 in California that turned over the court ruling that allowed same sex marriages. It was a very interesting and enlightening film. The plan was to show it for the community at CSU in October. The viewing has now been postponed until some additional planning work has been completed. We will let you know when the new date has been scheduled by ASAP, the CSU student programming board.

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World Church response to religious intolerance on next page.

Statement from the First Presidency

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
As a people who experienced religious persecution, we are alarmed by the growing tide of religious fear, intolerance, and violence evident throughout the world. We join our voices with other religious leaders to denounce any religious persecution and specifically anti-Muslim actions, such as Dove World Outreach Center in the USA, which planned to burn the Qur'an on September 11. Such attitudes, behaviors, and actions reflect hatred rather than Christ's example of love; divide rather than break down walls that separate people; and ignore Christ's call for his disciples to be peacemakers, ambassadors of reconciliation, and advocates for justice.

We challenge you to speak out against religious intolerance and actions that damage relationships and are contrary to Christ's example of love and mutual respect. Led by the Holy Spirit, members and friends of Community of Christ must work with God and others to restore peace to creation and create communities of Christ's peace and justice in our families and congregations and across villages, cities, tribes, and nations.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

Congregational Retreat February 25-27, 2011

Questions to ponder:

1. What would attract you to come to our congregation retreat on February 25-27, 2011?
2. What would you like to see our congregation do in the future?
3. What connects you to our congregation?
4. What else would you like to say?

*What does it mean
to be the church?*

Homeless Gear Update



In September we introduced a new Pack ID program to the homeless in Fort Collins. We will give out free ID tags for day packs and backpacks that have preprinted on the back: "If found please return to the Murphy Center For Hope 242 Conifer Street FC" If a pack is lost or confiscated, we are hoping to reunite their valuable belongings to the owner. The Murphy Center and the FC police department are participating in the program.

We have surpassed our 2009 total distributions for "Big 8" items (sleeping bags, shelters, footwear, coats, blankets, day packs, backpacks, sleeping-bag pads). In 2009 we distributed a total of 6,682 of these items and so far in 2010 we have already given out 6,747. We are working hard to reach our 2010 goal of 10,000 units. Of course these are only 8 of 40+ items that we collect and distribute.

On a recent Saturday, the Children In Need team (and so many awesome volunteers) served 56 homeless and near homeless families and 283 family members at our monthly distribution. This month's distribution included school supplies, clothing, footwear, hygiene products, and household items.

We continue to send product to over 30 facilities and agencies around the state that serve the homeless. Recently we sent product to facilities in Durango, Glenwood Springs, Denver, Longmont, and Boulder.

Our Children In Need program is now working with the Greeley School District, and we are beginning to send product to them for the many homeless and near homeless children and families in that community.

We sent a load of essentials (blankets, socks, underwear, coats, etc.) in support of the people who have lost their homes to the fires in the Boulder area. Many of these people had to evacuate without being able to take anything with them.

We will be stocking the new Loveland Day Shelter with backpacks, sleeping bags, tarps, hats, gloves, socks, and thermal underwear starting November 1. These products will be distributed to the homeless of Loveland through day-shelter trained staff using a similar model that we have in place at the Murphy Center in Fort Collins.

We will be providing product for the third year to the Veterans Stand Down in Fort Collins which is a one day event to bring aid and resources to homeless veterans in our region.

Thanks to all of our many volunteers, businesses, and community groups that make this all happen. This is truly a community organization, and together we are working hard to provide aid to people in need throughout the state.

Sincerely,
Ken John, www.HomelessGear.com

Thank-You Received



To our sisters and brothers at Community of Christ:
On behalf of Ft. Collins Mennonite Fellowship, many thanks for opening up your facility for our anniversary celebration! The space worked out perfectly, and we had such a wonderful time. Thank you for being so generous and making a special event possible.

Peace in Christ, Pam Duncan



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Thanks for your consideration.

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Radical welcome is the spiritual practice of embracing and being changed by the gifts, presence, voices, and power of The Other: the people systemically cast out of or marginalized within a church, a denomination and/or society. . . Radical welcome is concerned with the transformation and opening of individual hearts, congregations and systems so that The Other might find in your community a warm place and a mutual embrace *and* so that you are finally free to embrace and be transformed by authentic relationship with the margins.

—*Radical Welcome*. Stephanie Spellers, pg. 6.



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