



The Communicator

“Christ, the Prince of Peace”

—Dave Simons

Pastoral Ministries Pastor

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; ...and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.”

The words of this familiar scripture from Isaiah 9:6–7 remind us once again of the prophecy signaling the coming of the Savior, Jesus Christ, and the reason for our celebration at this Christmas season. The various names given to Christ in prophecies, during his lifetime and by followers since, give us cause to ponder the names by which we will be known. Can we become healers, shepherds, witnesses, guides, prophets, lamps, lights, leaders, and teachers?

“Community of Christ,” your name, given as a divine blessing, is your identity and calling. If you will discern and embrace its full meaning, you will not only discover your future, you will become a blessing to the whole creation. Do not be afraid to go where it beckons you to go.”

—Doctrine and Covenants 163:1

These are among the concerns and thoughts that we pastors have as we meet regularly to discuss the future of our congregation. Just where is it that we are called to go? In previous articles in *The Communicator* we have been challenged to explore our passions, how we want to contribute to the life of our congregation, areas where we would be willing to serve, and what it means to be a welcoming community of followers of Christ. Recently, our president and prophet, Steve Veazey, along with other church leaders, has challenged us to embrace new mission initiatives and focus on “what matters most for the journey ahead.”

These themes—names; following Christ; being a true community of disciples; entering a new year with enthusiasm, vision, and direction; and my own personal sense of calling and witnessing—all remind me and reassure me of Christ’s presence with us. I am convinced that we can discern just where it is that God is leading us—here and now. I am humbled to be engaged with each of you in this time of adventure, discovery, and serving one another.

May we share the joy of this Christmas season with those around us and witness to all of Christ’s love, the Prince of Peace.



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Please remember these leaders in your prayers as they dedicate themselves to serving our congregation.



FYI!

We have had 74 people share in ministry in our worship services through October 2011, not counting persons in group participation. We have an average attendance of 50 for this year-to-date. Thanks for sharing your gifts of ministry.

Annual Christmas Program

Lo and Behold! . . . Seeing Is Believing!

Meet Angel "Lo" and Angel friend "Behold." These two bumbling angels get left behind after announcing the birth of Jesus to the shepherds. Their adventure becomes a glorious telling of the birth of Jesus, the Messiah. Curious to find out more? Then join us for the children's Christmas program on Sunday evening, December 18, 6:00 p.m., in the Activity Center. The program will be followed by yummy refreshments and fellowship.

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ December 4: Tim Ashburn
- ❖ December 11: Rick Bunch
- ❖ December 18: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ December 24: **Christmas Eve**
Candle-light Service

Keyboard

- ❖ December 4: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ December 11: Kay Bunch
- ❖ December 18: Tom Beck
- ❖ December 24: Jean Newman

Greeters

- ❖ December: Pagat Family

Nursery

- ❖ December 4: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ December 11: Bettie Miller
- ❖ December 18: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ December 24: Mary Kohlman



Communion Emblems Brought to You

If you are unable to attend a Communion service on the first Sunday, and would like the sacrament to be brought to you, please contact either Bob Fulton, 484-6943, or Dave Simons, 282-0969. Every effort will be made to provide this ministry. Also, if you know of any member that would like the sacrament to be brought to them, let Bob or Dave know in advance, and one of them will get in touch with that individual so arrangements can be made.



Looking for a way to serve? Have a skill in writing you would like to develop? *The Communicator* is looking for someone willing to write an article each month about one of our members/friends. This endeavor would help us to learn more about each other, our past experiences, ways we are serving quietly, interests we have in common, or interests we would like to learn more about.

If you are interested in exploring this opportunity, please contact Rich Kohlman, (970) 484-1239, or rkohlman@comcast.net.

*Go, tell it on the
mountain, that Jesus
Christ is born!*

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

Financial Report



October Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,682.50
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	241.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	30.50
Invite People to Christ	\$10.00
Total	\$1,964.00

Local

Local Offering	\$2,676.00
Building Fund	30.00
2 Cents a Meal	94.00
Family Assistance	45.00
Pancake Breakfast	34.00
Total	\$ 2,879.00

—Betty Jones, CFO



Names in the News

From the Thumbs Up section of the *Coloradoan*, **Nancy Miller** and members of her family were recognized (along with others in the community) for their sponsorship and support of the October 2011 Intercultural Leadership Skills for Teens workshop. This was organized by the Intercultural Community Builders.

Florence Ruth Denton, first cousin to **Joy Jones** and **Lee Cook**, passed away on November 3, 2011. Her family, the **Seaworths**, were charter members of the Fort Collins congregation.

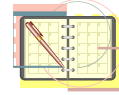
The October 2, 2011 CROP Walk raised more than \$18,000 to help feed the hungry here locally and around the world. This was a record amount for the city of Fort Collins. Members from Community of Christ Fort Collins participated in the walk.

Thelma and **Larry Slocum's** trip to Ireland was featured in the *Coloradoan's* Traveler's notebook section.

The Business section of the *Coloradoan* featured Old Town's Lloyd's Art Center. The shop was sold three years ago after being in the Jones family since 1951 when **Lloyd** and **Joy Jones** first opened the business. They later sold it to **Gary** and **Debbie Jones** who sold the shop to its current owner.



December Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins>

- Dec 4: Communion,
First-Sunday Giving,
Potluck
- Dec. 5: Choir practice, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 7: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Coordinators, 10:45 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Dec. 11: 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering,
Second-Sunday Social, Holiday
Dinner, 5:00 p.m.
- Dec. 12: Choir practice, 7:00 p.m.
PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 14: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Dec. 15: Pastor's Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Leadership Council, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 17: Dress rehearsal for children's
Christmas program, 9:00 a.m.
- Dec. 18: *Communicator* items due
Youth child care services, 1:00–
4:00 p.m.
Christmas program, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 21: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve candle-light service,
6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 25: Christmas. No services today.
- Dec. 28: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.

*"For unto us a child is born,
unto us, a son is given."*

Fort Collins Congregation Offerings

2011 Disciples' Generous Response

Month	Total World	Total Local	Total Giving
January	1,917.00	3,368.50	5,285.50
February	1,567.00	3,454.00	5,021.00
March	2,033.00	3,621.20	5,654.20
April	2,073.00	3,366.80	5,439.80
May	2,341.50	3,995.40	6,336.90
June	1,630.00	2,699.00	4,329.00
July	1,825.00	2,949.50	4,774.50
August	1,678.00	1,836.00	3,514.00
September	1,927.00	2,854.00	4,781.00
October	1,964.00	2,879.00	4,843.00
November	-	-	-
December	-	-	-
Totals	\$18,955.00	\$31,023.40	\$49,978.90



Give Where Needed Most

Entrusts the church to direct funds where they can quickly do the most good.



Invite People to Christ

Increase number of Community of Christ members and congregations.



Abolish Poverty, End Suffering

Expand ministries that serve the poor and hungry and stop conditions that produce poverty.



Pursue Peace on Earth

Learn and live justice and peacemaking ministries that help establish Zion, the peaceable kingdom.



Develop Disciples to Serve

Equip and empower people of all ages as disciples, ministers, and leaders.



Experience Congregations in Mission

Develop dynamic congregations engaged in Christ's mission of evangelism, compassionate ministries, and justice and peacemaking.

Silent night!

Holy night!

All is calm,

All is bright.