



The Communicator

“Welcoming?”

—Rich Kohlman,

Managerial/Communications Ministries Pastor

I had a rude awakening a few Sundays ago. I'm not as welcoming as I thought I was. We had three visitors that Sunday. Two attended the adult class, and the third came to the worship service. I was busy taking care of some “church” business so wasn't in the class when they were introduced, but I did notice their presence.

After class I headed out to take care of some more “church” business so still did not greet or welcome the visitors, but I did catch their names as Jake and Justin as others introduced themselves. By the time all three of the visitors were introduced at the beginning of the worship service, I finally recognized that I knew Justin from the Rainbow Peaks Youth Program sponsored by Lambda where I volunteer once a month. I was embarrassed that I had not recognized him earlier. So I planned immediately after the service to make a beeline to Justin and welcome him, Jake, and the other visitor.

My plan was crushed, however, when my wife noted that Jake and Justin left the service during the singing of the first hymn. My chance to welcome them was gone. And in my disappointment at my own failure to recognize Justin and to

welcome he and Jake, I totally forgot about welcoming our other visitor who stayed for the worship service.

So, I have to ask myself a number of questions. Why is it hard for me to greet a stranger? Did my failure to recognize Justin cause him and Jake to feel less welcomed? Did something else happen in the service and our corporate greeting that caused them to leave? Maybe it was something having nothing to do with me or us. I don't know the answer and may never know. What I do know is that just posting our covenant of welcome and just feeling like I am a welcoming person is not enough. The words must be fleshed out in how I behave when I encounter a visitor. I must be more sensitive to what they may be feeling and help them to feel comfortable in our midst.

In a paraphrase, “extending the love of Jesus Christ is an arduous task.” I pray that I can do better in the future by being more present to those who visit and not confuse “church” business with the business of being the church to those who are seeking a safe place to worship.

**Open your hearts and feel the yearnings of
your brothers and sisters who are lonely,
despised, fearful, neglected, unloved.**

—Doctrine and Covenants 161:3a



Youth Group on the Move

Our first meeting of the 2011–2012 school year was on Sunday, September 11, at Pat and Bill Miner's. We accomplished many things.

Meeting date, time, and place

Third Sunday of each month from 5–7 p.m. at the church

Election of officers

President—Kate Ytell

Vice-President—Avery Dicke

Treasurer—Jay Ytell

Secretary—Ben Miller

Service projects

October 2: Set-up and clean-up for the first Sunday potluck and have everyone participate in a “getting to know you” activity

December 18: Babysit at the church from 1:00–4:00 p.m. for parent's afternoon out.

Bowl-A-Thon proceeds: the youth wanted to use the funds to help the homeless and to help elementary children have coats, boots, hats, and gloves to stay warm in Colorado's winter.

The youth then discussed other activities they would like to do this year. We then shared dinner together topped off with fudge Sundae pie!

Our second meeting was held on October 16. One activity the group wanted to pursue was to have guest speakers introduce them to some of the world religions. Our first guests were from the Baha'i Faith. They shared their beliefs with us, which emphasize the spiritual unity of all humankind. It was a very interesting and informative meeting. We then shared a light meal together.

On Saturday, October 22, the youth participated in “Make a Difference Day” by going to downtown Ft. Collins to solicit donations for the North Ft. Collins Business Association's “Coats and Boots” drive, which they will match with some of the “Bowl-A-Thon” proceeds.

We are off to a good start!



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

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ November 6: Debbie Jones
- ❖ November 13: Shandra Newcom
- ❖ November 20: Kay Bunch
- ❖ November 27: TBA

Keyboard

- ❖ November 6: Jean Newman
- ❖ November 13: Kay Bunch
- ❖ November 20: Tom Beck
- ❖ November 27: Sharon Troyer

Greeters

- ❖ November: Jean Newman and Art Dirlam

Nursery

- ❖ November 6: Debbie Jones
- ❖ November 13: Bettie Miller
- ❖ November 20: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ November 27: Bill and Pat Miner



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.

November Birthdays



Makenna Jackson	11/01
Joyce Jordeth	11/02
Sharon P. Troyer	11/02
Shauna Clark	11/02
Shirley Remmenga	11/04
Emmaline Garner	11/07
Jon Ytell	11/07
David Birks	11/11
Brett Bridwell	11/11
Sawyer Jones	11/12
Zachary Fronapfel	11/15
Alec Fronapfel	11/15
Debbie Jones	11/17
Gary Alton	11/19
Vergean Wood	11/20
Dawn Gaffield	11/21
Steve Watkins	11/25

Financial Report



September Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,668.50
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	233.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	25.50
Total	\$1,927.00

Local

Local Offering	\$2,744.00
Building Fund	40.00
2 Cents a Meal	0.00
Family Assistance	70.00
Total	\$ 2,854.00

The World Church mailed a "Contributor Guide" to everyone who donated to the church in the last three years. Our new envelope procedure for the World Church with its new categories is explained very well in it. Please let me know if you didn't receive one or have any questions. Thanks.

—Betty Jones, CFO

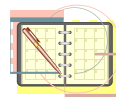


Names in the News

Zach Fronapfel scored one of the soccer goals that helped the Fort Collins Lambkins successfully defeat Greeley West with a final score of 7-0.

The Larimer Chorale began their 35th season at the Lincoln Center on October 22. **Kathy Graybill, Tim Sundell, Sharon Fulton, Tom Beck, and Rick Bunch** all participated in the presentation of *Carmina Burana*.

November Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins>

- Nov. 2: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
Worship Coordinators, 10:45 a.m.
Pastor's Meeting, 11:45 a.m.
- Nov. 4-6: RMMC Conference, Estes Park
- Nov. 6: Communion
First-Sunday Giving
Potluck
- Nov. 9: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Nov. 10: Afternoon Women's Group
- Nov. 13: 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering,
Second-Sunday Social, 5:00 p.m.
- Nov. 14: WEAVERS, 4:00 p.m.
- Nov. 16: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Nov. 17: Interfaith Program, Legislative
Process
Pastor's Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Leadership Council, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 20: *Communicator* items due
- Nov. 23: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Nov. 24: Thanksgiving
- Nov. 27: Business meeting to approve the
budget, after morning worship
- Nov. 30: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.

A great benefit of Sabbath keeping is that we learn to let God take care of us—not by becoming passive and lazy, but in the freedom of giving up our feeble attempts to be God in our own lives.

— *Marva J. Dawn, Keeping the Sabbath Wholly*

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	-	-	-
November	-	-	-
December	-	-	-
Totals	\$16,991.50	\$28,144.40	\$45,135.90



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.

Dick Foster and Sharon Troyer represented our congregation in the 2011 Larimer County Fair Parade marching with PFLAG.

