



The Communicator

"Resurrection"

—Rich Kohlman
Communications Ministries Pastor

*He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to plead
for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in
time of need.*

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives," 2nd verse. HS 274

Easter 2006 found my wife and I in Brazil with our son, daughter-in-law, and grandchild. We went to see an impressive rendition of the Passion of Christ. It was held outside with seven magnificent sets. The crowd of thousands and the actors would move from one set to the other until we arrived at the tomb to see the Christ arise from death. It was an event we will not forget both for its excellence and for the real feel it provided as Christ drug the cross down the street right past where we stood. We literally became part of the story.

Easter 2007 found us in a completely different place. World Conference was over with its stresses, long hours, and multiple meetings and responsibilities. We had come through a long process of downsizing and redesign of IHQ that brought more than enough pain for too many. We had carried double responsibilities. We had experienced the death of my parents. My emotional and physical tanks were empty. Using our floating day off, we opted for a four-day weekend over the Easter weekend from Good Friday through Monday. We wanted to get away. I was physically and emotionally bone

tired. I was too tired to even think of driving someplace much less packing. My wife asked me what I wanted to do.....**and..... I..... didn't.....know.** One of my support persons remarked to me that perhaps therein lay the answer. Do nothing! And so we did. We slept in, we ate out, we did only what we felt like doing with no agendas.

In choosing to not attend an Easter service, I was deeply aware that what I needed most was my own resurrection rather than to celebrate Christ's resurrection. *He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.* And so I claimed those words for my Sabbath weekend.

I was amazed at how much better I felt by Monday afternoon. My hungry soul was being fed! I felt like getting back to work and addressing the many issues that awaited. Physically I was rested and renewed. My spirit was able to take some additional "resurrection" time later in the year.

What joy there is in the faithful belief of a resurrected Jesus that is resurrected in us! Always there to help in time of need, who blesses me with his love, who pleads for me who resurrects even me. May this Easter you find the spirit of Jesus being resurrected in you to continue the ministry of Jesus in and through your hands and feet.

Alleluia!



Musical Instrument Update

By Tom Beck for the Organ Committee

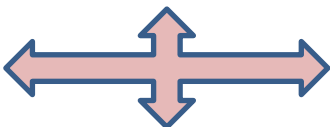
The congregation has really stepped forward in meeting our funding need to replace our aged organ and piano. We are so grateful to the members of our congregation who have so generously contributed towards our financial goal. Some members have chosen to remain anonymous, but one contributor, Bill Norwood, made a generous contribution in memory of his beloved wife, AroGail, a noted piano teacher and church musician whose parents were from Fort Collins.

While the Greeley Congregation has expressed an interest in our organ, a decision to acquire it has not been made at this time.

The Piano/Organ Search Committee has explored possible products for purchase and is in position now to order the electronic keyboard, the Roland C-200 Classic Organ, which will provide amazing organ sounds and other features to enhance any worship setting. This instrument can be Googled online by name where a demonstration of its features can be heard.

A Yamaha grand piano looks to be our major purchase with a substantial discount given by a local music store.

Opportunities for others to contribute to our fund are still available by contributing to the “organ fund” through your Disciples’ Generous Response. Any funds not needed for purchase of the instruments will be used to continue to upgrade our sound system to make it easier to hear in the sanctuary.



Compassion, Justice, and Immigration 2012

This special program will address issues that impact immigrants and our Fort Collins Community. Join us on Sunday, April 22, to learn, discuss, and move into actions that support those needing our help in the community. Five panelists will bring experience and training to offer their perspective on local immigrant issues. Break-out groups following the panel discussion will allow time for questions and discussions on action opportunities.

“Compassion, Justice, and Immigration 2012” is sponsored by the Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council and the Interfaith Immigrant Rights Coalition. This event will be held at:

Plymouth Congregational Church, U.C.C.
916 West Prospect Road
Fort Collins, CO
Sunday, April 22, from 3:00–5:00 p.m.

All Are Welcome!

Please rsvp to Kristen at
kristen.jernigan@larimercenter.org, or
at (970) 494-4225.



Homeward 2020 is sponsoring an event on Thursday, March 29, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church to unveil the implementation of “One Congregation, One Family,” a mentoring model in which a small team of congregational volunteers guide a formerly-homeless family to self-sufficiency through a seven-month program.



The Interfaith Awards Banquet was held this last Thursday evening recognizing four service groups who serve youth in our community. It was a wonderful, inspiring evening. We heard the stories of each of the groups and what they do in Fort Collins and Larimer County. According to Rich Thompson, president of the council, our group of 13 attendees from Community of Christ was the single largest group of any of the denominations who make up the council. Thanks, Rick and Kay Bunch, for your service with the council and for inspiring so many others to participate.



On Thursday, March 15, the congregation was presented with a framed certificate thanking us for donating the use of the Activity Center for a free tax service program that is usually housed in the library across the street. Due to construction there, the volunteers had to find another facility. Through Betty Jones we arranged to have the program in our facility this year.



On Sunday evening, March 11, 20 adults and children gathered in the fellowship hall for our Second Sunday Social. We joyfully put together 96 breakfast bags filled with oatmeal and hot chocolate packets, fruit cups, fruit juice, cheese and crackers, peanuts, and hard candies. These bags of food were delivered to be distributed by Ken John. Ken is heading up a “take-away meal program” year around, and the food goes to 15 different homeless facilities/organizations here in Fort Collins and around the state. Their goal

is to distribute 10,000 meals this year. Ken John thanks the congregation for their help for the homeless community in a very vital way.

We enjoyed a delicious supper and enthusiastically sang many of our old, rousing hymns that were led by Rick Bunch. Fun was had by all!

—Kay Bunch
Outreach Ministries Co-Pastor



“The Graybill family would like to thank everybody for the love, kindness, and support we have experienced since Dad’s death. Whether in the form of cards, calls, hugs, flowers, memories recalled, thoughts, or prayers—we have been deeply touched. We do not plan a service at this time. Instead the family would like friends to add an entry into the memorial book online at www.mariposagardens.com.”



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.

“We have to make truth and nonviolence not matters for mere individual practice but for practice for groups and communities and nations. That at any rate is my dream. I shall live and die trying to realize it.”

—Mahatma Gandhi

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ April 1: Rick Bunch
- ❖ April 8: Brian Entwistle
- ❖ April 15: Ken White
- ❖ April 22: Youth
- ❖ April 29: Rich Kohlman

Keyboard

- ❖ April 1: Kay Bunch
- ❖ April 8: Tom Beck
- ❖ April 15: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ April 22: Jean Newman
- ❖ April 29: Sharon Troyer

Greeters

- ❖ April: Ytell and Carrie Newman Families

Nursery

- ❖ April 1: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ April 8: Bettie Miller
- ❖ April 15: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ April 22: Voni Simons
- ❖ April 29: Rose Julch

April Birthdays



Tonia Watts	04/01
Ryder Jackson	04/06
Dee Cable	04/09
Angela Alton	04/13
Dave Simons	04/19
Jon Higgins	04/21
Cinnamon Garner	04/23
Avery Dicke	04/25
Kay Bunch	04/25
Bettie Miller	04/30
Jared Clark	03/31

Financial Report



February Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,497.50
Invite People to Christ	15.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	261.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	10.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	15.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	5.00
Total	\$1,803.50

Local

Local Offering	\$2,676.50
Building Fund/Bazaar	25.00
Herald-in-Every-Home	26.50
2 Cents a Meal	48.00
Family Assistance	55.50
Soup Supper Meetings	25.00
Red Heart Dinner	178.00
Camp Paradise	.50
Total	\$ 3,035.00

—Betty Jones, CFO



Getting to Know You!

Do you really know Vergean Wood?

Have you been the recipient of very cheerful greetings on a Sunday morning? Did you know that she attended the Fort Collins Congregation way back in 1940 before the building at Oak and Matthews even existed? Did you know that she is one of the Smith descendants? Do you know about her card parties?

When did she first come to Fort Collins?

When Vergean's family moved from Des Moines, Iowa, to Denver, in 1933, she began attending what was then known as the RLDS church. It was there that she was baptized.

After graduating from South High School in Denver in 1939, she enrolled at “Aggies” (now known as CSU) in home economics to study to become a dietician. While in college, she attended the Fort Collins Congregation on weekends when she didn’t go home. The current church building had not yet been built, and Sunday services were held around the corner in a building that was also used as a mortuary. Sometimes she even accompanied for the services.

While at “Aggies,” Vergear met her future husband, Marvin, and they were married in 1942. After living in various places, they settled on Fort Collins to make it their permanent home in 1955. Since Marvin worked for a greenhouse, often he provided the holiday greens for decorating the church.

What sort of things does she enjoy doing?

Outside of home, family, and church activities, she has been a longtime member of “Golden Sunset” which is one of the few remaining “Homemakers of Larimer County” clubs. While it is now mainly social, they raise money to help needy 4-Hers with their projects.

She is also interested in “Church Women United” which is a worldwide organization that tackles women’s issues. The Fort Collins group has members from Laporte, Timnath, and many Fort Collins churches. One of its local projects is putting together layettes to be given to needy



newborns through the Larimer County Maternity Assistance Program.

Through the years Vergear has motivated many others from the Fort Collins Congregation to keep an eye out for items that might help with the layettes. Using her outstanding skills, another of her projects is making knee robes for nursing-home patients and caps for cancer patients and newborn babies at the hospital.

She remembers get togethers for supper and card playing with three other couples. Several of these six friends were very competitive players. There were many good memories shared from their exciting evenings together.

What keeps her busy currently?

She says that she no longer does the many sewing projects that she enjoyed, but she meets with a few other women to make little girl’s underwear that is given out each year when children from needy families receive backpacks and school supplies.

Where is her family now?

Vergear says, “I have much to thank God for during so many years. I’m especially thankful for my many friends, my church family, and my own BIG family. She has two sons and four daughters with their spouses, as well as 13 grandchildren and even more great-grandchildren! Most of them live in Colorado, but some are as far away as New York and China!

So does Vergear’s story motivate you to become involved in doing something to help those less fortunate?!

—Beverly Doig, reporter

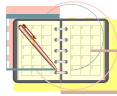


The worship planning teams are looking for a few new members. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Jones for more details, (970) 490-5993.

“We go on multiplying our conveniences only to multiply our cares. We increase our possessions only to the enlargement of our anxieties.”

—Anna C. Brackett, The Technique of Rest

April Calendar



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

- Apr 1: Communion
 First-Sunday Giving
 Potluck
- Apr. 4: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.
 Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
 Worship coordinators meeting, 10:45 a.m.
 Pastors meeting, noon
 Choir practice, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 5: Maundy Thursday
- Apr. 6: Good Friday
- Apr 8: EASTER
 Two-Cents-A-Meal
 Second-Sunday Social will be Easter egg
 hunt and potluck breakfast after the
 early morning service.
- Apr. 9: WEAVERS, 4:00 p.m.
 PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
 Choir practice
- Aprl 11: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.
 Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Apr. 13-15: TEAM in Longmont
- Aprl 15: Youth meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- Apr. 18: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.
 Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Apr. 19: Leadership Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 20-22: Jr. Hi. Retreat in Ft. Collins. Contact
 RMMC office.
- Mar. 22: Communicator items due
- Apr. 25: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.
 Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.



2012 Directory Updates

New e-mail:

Jon Ytell
jrytell@gmail.com



The church has two double cassette players to
 give to the first one who needs/wants them. See
 Rich Kohlman.

Fort Collins Congregation Offerings 2012

Disciples' Generous Response

Month	Total World	Total Local	Total Giving
January	1,890.00	3,119.50	5,009.50
February	1,803.50	3,035.00	4,838.50
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
TOTALS	\$ 3,693.50	\$ 6,154.50	\$ 9,848.00



Leadership Survey Results

The results from the recent Pastor/Coordinator
 Evaluation presented to the congregation have
 been tallied and are posted on the
 congregation's Web page and can be accessed
 at the address,
<http://cofchstrm.org/FortCollins/>. After
 opening the Web page, click on Leadership
 Survey Results below the red banner, and the
 results will pop up in PDF format. If you would
 like to have a hard copy, please see Rich
 Kohlman.