



The Communicator

"We Are Able"

—Rick Bunch, Vision and Mission Pastor

The following message was included in Nelson Mandela's 1994 Inaugural Speech and seems to have application for our congregation.

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you NOT to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

So often we belittle ourselves because the Congregation is so small or bemoan the fact that the World Church is not larger. The fact is that there are many able people in our congregation who are making a difference. The poster in the foyer attests to that fact. There are many more who are serving in significant ways and who have chosen, for one reason or another, not to have their names or

involvements posted. I am pleased and proud to be associated with the people in this congregation. I am honored to be a part of a movement that stands for something and acts to bring about good in this community. Not long ago the president of Inter Faith Council remarked that Community of Christ has become a light to the Fort Collins community.

I am reminded of a poster we recently observed in the fellowship hall of a local congregation of another faith. It read as a paraphrase of Matthew 25, "When saw we you a stranger and welcomed you in?" There are so many opportunities to fulfill the measure of our welcoming statement posted so prominently in our facility. Granted, we are small in numbers, but the real measure of community is in the quality of its members. As we continue to explore mission may we be open to discover new possibilities.

May we acknowledge our strengths and build on those gifts to bring about ministry in ways and means that we have not heretofore considered or even dreamed of. When that happens, we become the leavening factor of note in the words of the Christ. We are a brilliant, beautiful people. As we pool our abilities, may the action of our prayer be to welcome, to minister, and to serve God's people in this place. Therein lays the strength of a people of promise, a true community of the Christ.

Summer Schedule

Church school classes for both children and adults have ended in June. They will resume on September 9.

The **new time** for our worship service began on June 10. Prelude begins at 9:45 a.m. and the service begins at 10:00. We will resume our normal worship schedule on September 9.

Congregation Picnic!



Food and fun for everyone!



There is no **red** ball in my hand!

Baptism

Nancy Simon was baptized into Community of Christ on June 30 in a private ceremony with close friends. Please welcome her into the community.



Sacrament of Administration

Brian Entwistle is now our coordinator for the sacrament of administration. Please contact him at (970) 310-0665 or entwistlebrianc@gmail.com if you have need for administration or to schedule it for someone else.



Communion Emblems Brought to You

If you are unable to attend a Communion service on the first Sunday of the month, and would like the sacrament 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 who would like the sacrament 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.

Financial Report



June Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,460.00
Invite People to Christ	20.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	254.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	25.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	30.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	20.00
Total	\$1,809.00

Local

Local Offering	\$2,270.00
Building Fund	20.00
2 Cents a Meal	10.00
Family Assistance	60.00
Organ/Piano Fund	25.00
Total	\$ 2,385.00

—Betty Jones, CFO

Summer Potlucks



The August potluck will be on August 12, in a location to be determined, during the NewWestFest when access to our building is blocked.

August Birthdays



Man Oberoi	8/4
Madie Birks	8/15
Keenan Fronapfel	8/19
John Garner	8/20
Ken Jones	8/26
Sierra Bridwell-Deshner	8/26
Allister Garner	8/26
Erin Alton	8/29

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ August 5: Debbie Jones
- ❖ August 12: NewWestFest
- ❖ August 19: Brian and Vera Entwistle
- ❖ August 26: David Nii

Keyboard

- ❖ August 5: Kay Bunch
- ❖ August 12: No Services
- ❖ August 19: Tom Beck
- ❖ August 26: Sharon Troyer

Greeters

- ❖ August: Joyce Jordeth and Dave and Voni Simons

Nursery

- ❖ August 5: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ August 12: No Services
- ❖ August 19: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ August 26: Mary Kohlman



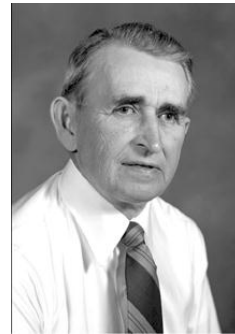
Getting to Know You!

She's Back! Jeanne Graybill is Back!

Mesa, Arizona was just too far away from daughter, Kathy; son-in-law, Bill; and granddaughter, Tonia. Jeanne is still settling in to Parkwood Estates, an independent living facility—not far from Bill Norwood. Jeanne says that Fort Collins seems like home, although it has certainly changed since she and Frank were living here.

What was the original enticement of Fort Collins?

The Graybills (Frank and Jeanne) lived in Oklahoma for 10 years after graduation. Frank taught at OSU (Oklahoma A&M); while there,



his mentor encouraged him to go for his PhD at Iowa State. In fact, Frank started the Statistics Department at OSU from scratch. At a conference in Wyoming, Frank ran into Elmer Remmenga who informed him that Colorado State

University was interested in creating a graduate program in statistics, and they were looking for a candidate to lead this effort. Although the Graybills had put down roots (even having just built a new house), the offer from CSU in 1960 was most welcome. Again Frank did some very astute hiring and established the Statistics Department and laboratory. Frank became internationally known for his research on linear models. He wrote several textbooks that were used extensively:

✓ *Matrices with Application in Statistics*

✓ *Theory and Application of the Linear Model*
(the famous "Green Book")

✓ *Applied Statistics*

✓ *Introduction to the Theory of Statistics.*

What has Jeanne been doing lately?

She has enjoyed various activities with her family. She spoke particularly of “playing tourist” recently when her son, Dan, was here for four days. They took several drives around the area, including a trip to Estes Park and a memorable drive up Rist Canyon (she had never been there before) where the fire damage was then circling back by Horsetooth Reservoir.

She has also been “taking advantage” of Fort Collins’s medical facilities and is “pretty pleased.” Her nearly 90 years are catching up to her a bit. She finds that although this altitude was quite acceptable for many, many years, she now needs oxygen at night.

Where has she traveled?

Frank’s work took him to many countries, and Jeanne was a very willing traveling companion. In addition, they traveled for pleasure: chalking up nearly 100 countries in total and visiting several more than once. They were particularly interested in exploring their heritage in the British Isles. As well, they found Africa fascinating, especially Egypt, South Africa, and Morocco. In the Orient they enjoyed sharing their time in China and Japan.

What are some fond memories of Fort Collins?

Frank served as the pastor of the Fort Collins Congregation for several years. Jeanne was his willing cohort in this endeavor. They worked together to integrate music into the services. She served as the choir director for a while, and many remember her lovely solos enhancing the services. Also Jeanne taught the senior high Sunday school class—Gary Jones was one of her students! Their children were active in the Zion’s League, which had a nonstop program under Betty Knittel.

Jeanne’s special mission was to keep the church building in a condition that would make the members proud to worship there. She maintained the cleaning roster and the

checklist for the weekly volunteers. The Youth Chapel was one of the projects that involved everyone; thus, it has a unique place in the hearts of those who worked so hard to make it happen. From the black walnut tree that had to be sacrificed to make room for the new addition, a pulpit was built and many decorative pieces added to the walls.

When Frank and Jeanne decided to move into a condo in Park Lane Towers, they spent many long hours re-decorating so that the space would be a fitting setting for their treasured furnishings. So in retirement they “snowbirded” to Mesa, Arizona, but came back to their Colorado condo for summers. Park Lane Towers has many long-term residents; they tell of a surprise retirement party for a local doctor that the Graybills helped to orchestrate.

—Beverly Doig, reporter

August Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins>

- Aug. 1: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Coordinators, 10:45 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
Pastors Meeting, noon
- Aug. 5: Communion
First-Sunday Giving
- Aug. 8: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Aug. 10–12: NewWestFest
- Aug. 13: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 15: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 19: *Communicator* items due
- Aug. 22: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Aug. 29: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.

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	2,278.00	21,746.00	24,024.00
April	2,353.00	3,938.00	6,291.00
May	1,736.00	2,870.50	4,606.50
June	1,809.00	2,385.00	4,194.00
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
TOTALS	\$ 11,869.50	\$ 37,094.00	\$ 48,963.50

Congregation Business Meeting

We will have a congregation business meeting on Sunday, September 16, after our morning worship. The business will include

1. Acceptance of the Audit Report,
2. Approval of our annual contribution to the RMMC,
3. Election of delegates to the RMMC Fall Conference,
4. Approval of ordinations, and
5. Election and sustaining of congregation officers and leaders.

If you have additional items for inclusion, please send those to Rich Kohlman.

Rocky Mountain Mission Center Conference

This year's fall RMMC conference will be on the weekend of November 2-4. If you would like to be a delegate for the Fort Collins congregation, please notify Rich Kohlman.

Also, the RMMC conference will be electing delegates to the 2012 World Conference and the 2012 USA National Conference. If you are interested in representing the RMMC for either

or both of these events, please notify Rich Kohlman.

Peace Colloquy

"Peacemaking: Engaging Nuclear Questions"



Register now for the 19th annual Peace Colloquy. "Peacemaking: Engaging Nuclear Questions" will be held October 26-28 at the Temple in Independence, Missouri. Explore nuclear questions, complexities involved in disarmament, and our role as a peacemaking church. Programming will explore the theme from perspectives for multiple ages. Visit www.CofChrist.org/peacecolloquy for details about keynote speakers, including the Community of Christ International Peace Award recipient. Register online or by calling ext. 3077.

Volunteer Opportunities

It takes just a little to give back a lot to your community.

- ✚ Homeless Gear: Non-perishable food and Take-Away Meal Program
- ✚ Volunteers of America Caregiver Support
- ✚ Handyman
- ✚ Adopt-a-Diningroom

Visit www.createthegood.org/colorado to find out more about these and other volunteer opportunities in Fort Collins.

"In our era, the road to holiness necessarily passes through the world of action."

—Dag Hammarskjöld