



# The Communicator

## "Attitude and Kindness in 2012"

—Kay Bunch

**Outreach Ministries Pastor**

"Imagine what would happen if there were an outbreak of kindness in the world, if everyone did one kind thing on a daily basis."\* Imagine what could happen if we actually practiced this until it became a habit? What if we greeted ourselves and everyone we meet with positive thoughts and kind actions. Imagine, starting with the small, an individual, a situation, where we could uplift and bring delight to others and in turn to ourselves.

One day when I was volunteering with the homeless clients at Catholic Charities a man said to me, "Thanks for your smile," and another said, "Having an actual conversation with another adult is a treat. Thanks for taking the time to listen and talk with me." Let's shine a light on the ordinary moments and make them special, make them spontaneous and intentional—yet honor them with kindness and gentle caring.

I want to share the following piece, "Attitude" with you. It reminds me of a good friend, Harriet, who recently died of numerous cancers she had been battling for many years. Harriet's inner light, her fighting spirit, her delight in life, and most of all her positive spirit and outlook on

living life to the fullest—inspires and stays with me. May we all practice living every moment, treasuring people, celebrating and elevating the ordinary, and allowing the light of spiritual awareness to illuminate our days.



### "Attitude"

*There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head. "Well," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today." So she did, and she had a wonderful day.*



*The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head. "Hmm," she said, "I think I'll part my hair down the middle today." So she did, and she had a grand day.*



*The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed she had only one hair on her head. "Well," she said, "today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail." So she did, and she had a fun, fun day.*



*The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head. "Yay!" she exclaimed. "I don't have to fix my hair today!"*



**Attitude is everything.**

\*Ann Herbert, Random Acts of Kindness

## Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



### Speakers

- ❖ January 1: No Speaker
- ❖ January 8: Rich Kohlman
- ❖ January 15: Sue Janetta
- ❖ January 22: Gil Pagat
- ❖ January 29: Dave Simons

### Keyboard

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

### Greeters

- ❖ January: Nancy and Logan Miller

### Nursery

- ❖ January 1: Debbie Jones
- ❖ January 8: Bettie Miller
- ❖ January 15: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ January 22: Voni Simons
- ❖ January 29: Rose Julch



### 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.

## January Birthdays



Julie Foster	01/03
Glenn Smith	01/04
Laurie Stone	01/08
Brian Cole	01/09
Greyson Garner	01/11
Donna Miller	01/13
David Garner	01/18
Sharon Fulton	01/19
Nancy Mendenhall	01/19
Bonnie Oberoi	01/26
Bob Fulton	01/29
Jessica Julch	01/29

## Financial Report



### November Income

#### World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,452.50
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	311.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	30.00
Invite People to Christ	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,818.50</b>

#### Local

Local Offering	\$2,682.16
Building Fund	42.00
2 Cents a Meal	61.00
Family Assistance	80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,865.16</b>

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



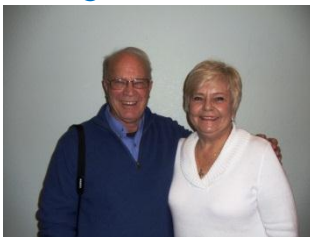
## Names in the News

**Maria Swall**, development director of The Boys and Girls Clubs of Larimer County, was quoted in a Fort Collins *Coloradoan* article after Colorado Gives Day. Donations to The Boys and Girls Clubs of Larimer County totaled \$12,920.

Fort Collins area charities will be operating overflow space for local homeless shelters according to the Fort Collins *Coloradoan*. The article also mentioned the **Fort Collins Community of Christ** congregation's roll in operating an overflow shelter this past winter.

The Performing Arts section of the Fort Collins *Coloradoan* announced the Larimer Chorale's Candlelight Christmas Concert held Saturday, December 17, 2011, and Sunday, December 18, 2011. Community of Christ members **Tim Sundell**, **Rick Bunch**, and **Tom Beck** performed in the concerts.

## Getting to Know You!



**Brian and Vera Entwistle** have come to Fort Collins.

### Why Fort Collins?

Many years ago when Brian was serving as the Youth Leader for Omaha/Council Bluffs, the Entwistles adopted a boy named Aaron. He has spent a lot of his life moving about with Brian and Vera (they have

traveled in at least 17 countries). Now he says it is their turn to move with his family—i.e., he and his wife, Jody, and their two children. But the story is a bit more complicated—recently Aaron searched out his “birth mother” and as a result, found the added bonus of a step-sister and a step-brother who looks a whole lot like Aaron. The two “brothers” bonded to such an extent that the step-brother, who incidentally lives in Greeley, urged that Aaron's family move from Australia to this area. So since Aaron's family is moving to the USA in February, it would be a long way away from Grandma and Grandpa Entwistle; thus, Fort Collins Congregation is the winner!

### Camp Quality

Synonymous with Camp Quality is the name of Vera Entwistle, because since 1983, Vera has devoted 120 percent of her time to organizing the camps; training the volunteer companions; seeking funding from various places such as Rotary Club, Lions Club, and corporate sponsors [including donations from Newman's Own Trust]; and finding locations in 19 different countries for over 50 camps. For instance, there are 15 active Camp Quality sites in the USA, 7 camps in Canada and 14 in Australia. So what is Camp Quality—it is a very special camp for kids with cancer that allows them to escape from their daily medical treatments and just be kids. The companions have a 1-on-1 relationship with their particular charges from which lasting friendships grow as well as friendships between the campers.

Vera says that she put away her oils and her love of painting to devote her creative energies to these camps. Those who have had any contact with the results from a Camp Quality appreciate the miracles that

she has accomplished. Fittingly, she has been properly recognized by the Governor General with the highest honor of Australia, the Order of Australia, so that she can be called Vera Entwistle, O.A.M.

From her earlier years in Australia, Vera developed an appreciation for the unique character of the gum trees and even attended a workshop with “Artists of the Bush” and now she is looking forward to unpacking her oils and exploring “Autumn Aspen” time as well other aspects of the mountains here.

### Relocation Adjustment

When asked how they were adjusting, they indicated that there were some things that presented challenges—for instance, THE WEATHER after coming from the very temperate climate of Sydney to face snow, ice, etc. [Wait ‘til they experience a HAIL storm!] Amazingly they have already bought a house just off the Overland Trail and a car, but there are other logistics of the move—credit ratings, driver’s test, and awaiting their overseas container. They said that they will particularly miss the ocean, but the mountains are a reasonable compensation. Then there is the droll Australian humor—when faced with an angry person, they say “Don’t get off your bike!”

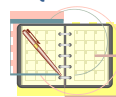
As regional assistant for Australia with Community of Christ, Brian traveled extensively during his 10 years under church appointment in Australia. Living in the Sydney area, they loved the amazing Sydney Harbour, especially the sights around the Opera House. It is such a joy just to take in the dramatic scenery around the harbor. Among their many precious memories of the years in Australia are the times when they each had an opportunity

to carry the Olympic Torch—Vera on the last stop before the stadium of the Sydney Olympics and Brian through the streets of Sydney for the Greek Olympics (they have their torches to prove it).

### What are their plans for the holiday period?

They have very dear friends, the Benedicts, living in Oregon. The two families shared many holidays when the Benedicts were teaching in Indonesia. Brian also studied for his graduate degree in Oregon. So we are lucky that they did not opt for Oregon instead of Fort Collins!

### January Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins>

- Jan. 1: Communion (In the Activity Center)  
First-Sunday Giving  
Potluck (TBD)
- Jan. 4: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.  
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.  
Worship Coordinators, 10:45 a.m.
- Jan. 8: Two-Cents-A-Meal  
Second Sunday Social, 5:00 p.m.
- Jan. 9: WEAVERS, 4:00 p.m.  
PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 11: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.  
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Jan. 15: Youth meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- Jan. 18: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.  
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Jan. 19: Pastor’s Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
Leadership Council, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 22: *Communicator* items due
- Jan. 25: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.  
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.



## Congregational Leadership Team

### Pastors

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## 2011 Directory Updates

E-mail change for Dick and Julie Foster:

[rfoster700@gmail.com](mailto:rfoster700@gmail.com)

Welcome new members:

**Brian and Vera Entwistle**

1425 Bubbling Brook Ct.

Fort Collins, CO 80521

**Gary and Peggy Gordier's** new address and phone:

13356 Amasia Dr.

Austin, Texas 78729

(512) 249-9030

The new church directories for **2012** are finished and will be available on Sundays in the foyer of the church.

## 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	1,963.50	2,879.00	4,842.50
November	1,818.50	2,865.16	4,683.66
December	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$20,773.50</b>	<b>\$33,888.56</b>	<b>\$54,662.06</b>

## Children's Christmas Program



Thanks to Sharon Fulton and her willing band of helpers, this year's Children's Christmas Program was a huge success! The Activity Center was full of joy filled persons. Nancy Miller and her group of helpers also provided great cookies and treats afterwards.