



The Communicator

"Get Out of the Way!"

—Debbie Jones

Worship Ministries Pastor

As you read this, I am somewhere on the water in the Florida Keys with friends and family snuggled together in a small sailboat. However,



as I write this, I have many thoughts crowding my brain. "Don't forget the binoculars. Remember to take the cat to Ken's. Give Logan instructions about Hurley's meds. Have the oil changed in the car. How many shoes do I need to take? Have I found people to cover my responsibilities at church?" Am I forgetting anything? Of course I am! What am I forgetting?! I think panic may be rearing its ugly head, keeping me from accomplishing that which I need to accomplish. So many times I feel like my own worst enemy. I wonder how many more things I could do if I could just get out of my own way.

I think God sees things similarly. He sees all the things he could help me accomplish if I would only get out of the way and let him. Hearing Kathy's sermon reminded me of the first time I agreed to speak. It, too, was for a preaching class. I didn't think I could talk for ten or fifteen minutes about scriptures, but I let God nudge me forward and took the first step with him by my side. Too many times I think I don't have the particular skills to do something or I don't have the time necessary to undertake a task

from beginning to end. But God continues to nudge and sometimes pushes and shoves me in the direction he wishes me to travel.

God wants to give you direction in your life. Are you listening? Or maybe you, too, need a gentle shove. Take a few moments—for quiet prayer and meditation, a walk surrounded by the beauty of his creation, or reading and studying the scriptures—and open your eyes and ears to God's calling. Get out of the way, and let him show you the direction he wants you to go.

Be open to all the possibilities. With God, you can accomplish great things!



Youth Group Update

Our November meeting was one of planning. We also shared with them the success of their two service activities. The first was their Make-a-Difference Day donation of \$500.00 to the North Ft. Collins Business Association Coat and Boots program and their solicitation of matching funds. It was a huge success. I'd like to quote a line from the thank-you card they received from the organization. "Thank you for warming the hearts and souls of children in need." Over 500 children in the Poudre School District received new coats and boots, and our youth were a big part of that effort.

The second activity was our congregation coat drive organized by the youth and generously

supported by the congregation. Over 50 coats were donated. I'd like to again quote from a thank you from Homeless Gear. "Please accept this thank you for the coats you collected and delivered to the Murphy Center. They were put out at our distribution and nearly all we taken by someone that really needed it!" The youth would like to thank the congregation for their support of this service activity.

Our December babysitting activity was cancelled due to a conflict with the congregation Christmas program.

We had planned on sledding for our January meeting. Due to the lack of snow, we had to make alternate plans and enjoyed an evening of games at the home of Marta and John Ytell. They prepared a delicious meal of chili and corn bread, which we all enjoyed!

On Sunday, February 12, we met at the church to continue our exploration of world religions. We had three guests speakers from the Islamic faith share their Muslim beliefs with us. It was a very educational and enlightening experience.

—Pat and Bill Miner



We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our church family for the beautiful bouquet and wonderful contributions of food following Sharon's accident. The flowers have provided bright spring-like color in contrast with the Christmas decorations which have yet to be put away. And the food has been a marvelous substitute for the grilled cheese sandwiches and Ramen noodles which our son predicted we would be eating night after night. We just love and appreciate you all so much.

—Bob and Sharon Fulton

Thank you so much for the flowers and prayers. The flowers are beautiful! The first eye surgery went well. It didn't take long, and there was no pain. I pray the next three procedures go as well. Again, many thanks. —Joyce Jordeth



Faith Community Unites to Offer Housing for Homeless Families

An Interfaith Council endorsed cooperative effort among United Way, Catholic Charities, Sister Mary Alice Murphy Center for Hope, and area faith communities have begun to provide an outreach program of day service, evening meal, light breakfast, and overnight short-term housing to homeless families.

Participating host faith communities will each provide, on a rotating one-week schedule, meals and overnight housing facilities on an approximately quarterly basis. Other supporting faith communities will provide meals and overnight management assistance.

Community of Christ is one of the supporting congregations for the hosting Mennonite Church. We volunteered to fix a meal once during their scheduled week. Our first opportunity to serve was February 11. The first family into the program arrived for Friday night. On Saturday evening, Dave Simons and Rich and Mary Kohlman prepared a meal of ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, and apple crisp a la mode. The mother and her two sons were deeply grateful and an absolute joy to share with over the meal.

—Kay Bunch Outreach Ministries co-pastor



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.

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ March 4: Jean Newman
- ❖ March 11: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ March 18: Dick Foster
- ❖ March 25: Nancy Miller

Keyboard

- ❖ March 4: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ March 11: Tom Beck
- ❖ March 18: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ March 25: Brian Entwistle

Greeters

- ❖ March: Donna Clark and Ken Jones

Nursery

- ❖ March 4: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ March 11: Bettie Miller
- ❖ March 18: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ March 25: Mary Kohlman

March Birthdays



Bianca Clark-Bennett	03/01
Carol Birks	03/05
Aubrey Hake	03/08
Taylor Bridwell	03/15
Sara Rolfe	03/15
Marta Remmenga	03/16
Steve Thomas	03/17
Shari Smith	03/17
Kelly Jackson	03/22
Lee Cook	03/24
Bill Florom	03/25
Ashley McKenzie	03/27
Doug Yarrington	03/28
Luella Foster	03/31
Jared Clark	03/31

Financial Report



January Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,566.00
Invite People to Christ	10.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	284.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	10.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	10.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	10.00
Total	\$1,890.00

Local

Local Offering	\$2,776.50
Building Fund/Bazaar	57.50
Herald-in-Every-Home	79.00
2 Cents a Meal	74.00
Family Assistance	60.00
Pancake Breakfast	35.00
Youth	25.00
Camp Paradise	2.50
RMMC November Conference	10.00
Total	\$ 3,119.50

—Betty Jones, CFO



Names in the News

- ✚ Josh Birks was quoted in the Fort Collins *Coloradoan* article, "Mall revamp awaits economy." Redevelopment of the mall has been put on hold because of economic concerns in the U.S.A. and Europe. Josh serves as economic advisor to the city of Fort Collins.
- ✚ Josh Birks was once again quoted in a Fort Collins *Coloradoan* article, "Local Kmart, Sears may be shut down," about how the possible closings could impact economic development at Kmart plaza on College Avenue and the Foothills Mall.
- ✚ Fort Collins Community of Christ congregation helped families ring in the New Year by hosting several activities as

part of First Night Fort Collins. The activity center hosted Rattlesnake Jake's Cowboy Show and The Wayne and Wingnut Show. There was also a table set up where kids (and perhaps a few adventurous adults) could have their faces painted.

✚ The 2012 *Daily Bread* will feature contributions from Fort Collins congregation members Vera Entwistle and Shirley Remmenga. David Nii, past Rocky Mountain Mission Center president, and Karen Hutchinson from the Loveland congregation are also in this year's book.

✚ Dave and Voni Simons announced the engagement of their daughter Cassi to Brian Pearson. The wedding date is set for early May near Santa Barbara, California. The couple currently resides in San Diego, California.

—Max Coopwood, reporter



Getting to Know You!

What do you know about the Fultons?

Do you know that Bob and Sharon are much involved in the children's program for the Fort Collins Congregation? Have you noticed them working with the bell choir? or some of the Sunday School special programs? Did you know that Bob is involved with "CHAMP"?

Why did they chose to come to Fort Collins?

Bob, Sharon, and son Robby (just 20 months old) moved to Fort Collins from Emporia, Kansas, in 1970; Bob had been teaching history and coaching football there for six years. When he accepted the position at Fort Collins High School, he was a history teacher and coach; also he added drivers' training to his repertoire. Having both grown up in Kansas City, Kansas, they were attracted by the smaller size of the city, the quality of the school district and the recreational opportunities along the "front

range." It seemed like a vibrant place to raise a family.

What has kept them here?

Bob found that teaching and coaching gave him the opportunity to inspire and motivate young people in many different ways; he still sees many of "his kids" all over town. Throughout Bob's 36-years in education, he has acted as a media specialist, a drug and alcohol counselor, and a regular counselor. While at FCHS, Bob also implemented the Peer Counseling and Project Friend programs. These were the first programs of this kind in the school district.

Sharon has mostly been involved in children's education and music activities. Her professional career in Kansas and Colorado has included the teaching of Spanish, English language acquisition, and third grade. She grew up playing piano and organ for church as well as singing in the choir. Sharon got her start in putting together special children's programs for church from her mom. Preparing skits and programs has always been very important in her public school teaching as well as her role as children's education coordinator.

From whence came the bell choir?

Bob Johnson from Estes Park first brought the Kristal Bell Choir program to the Fort Collins Congregation. It is not a coincidence that the memorial fund donations given in honor of the death of Sharon's mother would be used to purchase our very own bell choir kit. Earlier Sharon directed a children's choir that required a weekly practice. However, the bell choir program as structured in our congregation can prepare for performance with a minimum of practice time (and involve a wide age range of children).

What keeps them busy?

Both Sharon and Bob continue to be very active; they work out together four days a week. After quitting high school coaching, Bob did some track coaching with the CSU program and formed strong ties there. Then he began road racing and enjoyed the camaraderie of the local

running community, even coaching some of the adults. He has been involved with Masters Track and Field for nine years and travels throughout the United States and Canada to compete in Masters Decathlon and other multi-event meets. Bob has won four Masters National Decathlon titles. He continues to be involved in many activities at church, and he participates in Character in Athletics (CHAMP), which works with local coaches to promote character in young athletes. He also has maintained a house-painting business during his “retirement.”

Outside church, Sharon has been a part of the League of Women Voters and is a 30+ year member of the Larimer Chorale. Sharon is also a substitute teacher and volunteers once a week in Keenan’s second-grade classroom.

Where are their children?

Bob and Sharon’s children and grandchildren are a huge part of their lives; they attend many activities and help out with transportation. Their daughter Melanie and her husband, Eric, Fronapfel have sons Zach (16), Alec (11), and Keenan (8). Melanie is a special education and instructional paraprofessional at Putnam Elementary. Eric is retired as an art teacher but now paints houses and illustrates children’s books. They all love sports, especially soccer; Zach and Alec play competitively (Zach plays for Fort Collins High School). Keenan plays on age-appropriate teams. Alec and Keenan also play basketball. Unfortunately, Bob and Sharon only get to see the Carlisle, Pennsylvania grandchildren on the average of three times a year. Their son Rob is the women’s soccer coach at Shippensburg State University, and wife his Allyson, is the Director of Kidsafe of Pennsylvania. Their son, Austin (5), is in kindergarten and loves to do every sport in season. Austin’s sister, Addison (3) spends her days at preschool or with her mom.

Their younger son Carnie and his wife, Sarah, are leaving Brooklyn, New York, after almost five years to live in Colorado. Carnie is

transferring from his Manhattan office to a small one in Denver around the first of April. Sarah will have to leave her job as an assistant designer for Nicole Miller Fashion, and will be looking for work in a creative field after the move.

How do they have fun?

Bob and Sharon both love outdoor activities including camping, hiking, and skiing. Bob is an avid fisherman and finds that a little less painting and a little more fishing are getting done during the summer months. They also enjoy going to local concerts and athletic events plus getting together with their various social groups. They have traveled to many places in the states including Alaska and Hawaii. They have also been to Mexico and the Iberian Peninsula. Sharon has gone on choir trips to the British Isles, Austria, and the Czech Republic, as well as traveling to Poland for her nephew’s wedding in January.

—Beverly Doig, Reporter

March Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins>

- Mar. 4: Communion
First-Sunday Giving
Potluck
- Mar. 7: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
Worship Coordinators, 10:45 a.m.
Pastors meeting, noon
- Mar. 10: Young Adult RMMC activity. Contact RMMC office.
- Mar. 11: Two-Cents-A-Meal
Second-Sunday Social
- Mar. 12: WEAVERS, 4:00 p.m.
PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 14: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Mar. 15: Leadership Council, 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 16-18: Sr. Hi. Mystery Retreat. Contact RMMC office.
- Mar. 18: Youth meeting, 5:00 p.m.

Communicator items due

Mar. 21: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
Mar. 28: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.



Dear Volunteers, Supporters, and Partner Service Provider Agencies:

We at Catholic Charities warmly invite you to our Open House for the new Day Services and Emergency Overflow wing at The Mission, the Brian Soukup Center to Love and Serve. We invite you to celebrate the many years of partnership, hard work, and financial assistance you have provided. For volunteers, it will be great to see the new space in which you will be operating. For partner agencies, please come and see the space that you will be referring clients to and catch up about our services, and for those who contributed to this building, please come and see how your help has benefitted our fellow citizens who happen to be homeless.

**Open House for the Brian
Soukup Center
To Love and Serve**

A momentous event in the
history of The Mission!
Monday, February 27, 2012, 1–4
p.m.
460 Linden Center Drive,
Fort Collins
(970) 484-5010

*Enjoy refreshments, facility tours,
entertainment, and fun mingling!*



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.



The AC Milan professional soccer team hosted a weeklong Milan Junior camp in Fort Collins last June. **Alec Fronapfel** was one of three campers, out of 170, chosen to participate in a soccer tournament and training in Milan, Italy, last November. Alec's father, Eric, and Grandpa Harold accompanied him.

The first day they arrived they slept a lot then walked around. Alec enjoyed the movies on the plane, but it was too noisy to sleep. The second day was training with the AC Milan coaches. The kids also got to see the team trophy room, which was amazing. The third day was the tournament where Alec played goalie. It was fun, except that the weather was really rainy and cold. On the fourth and last day, they went to the AC Milan vs. Cantina soccer match. The stadium was huge, and the crowd was really enthusiastic. It was the biggest soccer game Alec had ever seen. On that day, also, he and his dad and grandpa went to the cathedral in Milan. (It is the fourth largest in the world.) He said that it was interesting to see that they buried all the dead people above the floor. Other highlights included the delicious pasta they had every night and the best ever pistachio gelato! He made a lot of new friends from all over the Americas and Africa.

Alec really appreciated all the support he received from friends and friends of friends who helped him with this dream experience.



2012 Directory Updates

Address change:

Pamela Webb

2846 Shadowglen Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
pamw5324@gmail.com

Wedding:

March 31, 2012

Bride: Pamela Webb

Groom: John Cordova

I will be taking John's last name—Pamela Cordova

New e-mail:

Entwistle, Brian and Vera
entwistlebrian@gmail.com
entwistlevera@gmail.com

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			
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
TOTALS	\$ 1,890.00	\$ 3,119.50	\$ 5,009.50



Frank Graybill, a long-time member of our church family, passed away on February 17 in Mesa, Arizona. In lieu of sending flowers, the family would like friends to add an entry into the memorial book online at www.mariposagardens.com.

Mission Center News

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the grace and peace of Jesus Christ.

The purpose of this communication is to share some important information regarding the Rocky Mountain Mission Center staff. Effective February 3, 2012, DeziRae Astle and Tim Ashburn will be temporarily relieved of their current responsibilities in ministry and leadership to attend to some personal matters of concern each of them is separately facing.

David Nii [dnii@cofchrist.org, (303) 870-2589] will be providing leadership during this time as Mission Center President and Financial Officer. Questions or concerns regarding mission center events and ministries should be directed to Dave. Please remember Tim, DeziRae, and their families during this time in the spirit of loving community.

I will communicate with the mission center when Tim and DeziRae resume their ministerial assignments.

In Christ's Peace,

Ron

Ron Harmon

*Apostle, Western U.S.A. Mission Field
Community of Christ*



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