



Fort Collins, Colorado

May, 2012

The Communicator

"New Life Emerging"

—Dave Simons
Pastoral Ministries Pastor

My house needs painting! I clearly recall that the man who sold us our house, about 10 years ago, stated that the paint on the house would probably last about 12–15 years. "The siding is durable, and tough," he stated, "so paint will 'stick' to it longer."

Well, the house doesn't look as good as it once did. The color, though still green, is faded and appears dull. After a big hail storm last summer, one side is "spotted" and has dark marks on it. The whole house needs a new paint job badly—and we're ready to have it done. Most of the neighbors have already had their houses painted, and their houses look bright, clean, and new. I'm sure they will be pleased when ours is repainted!

Recently, I've pondered this—and the needs of my personal life. What kind of clean-up is required to bring *me* "bright and new" again? What changes do I need to make to restore my life to fullness in Christ? How can I pattern my actions and thoughts to those of a true disciple? What parts of my life appear dull and worn?

In his marvelous Easter sermon, Brian Entwistle stimulated my thinking as he spoke on new life emerging. You'll recall his illustrations of the mirror, Ben straining to look through a dark

glass, and the butterflies that would shortly emerge from their chrysalises.



Is my "mirror" clear and bright, so I can see a true reflection of a new and resurrected life? Brian suggested that we ask if our spiritual lives are being revealed in our mirrors. What is holding me back from having a resurrection experience?

These are questions that will keep me searching and reflecting as I attempt to discover a new life that will emerge with a closer encounter with the risen Christ.

As a congregation of energetic youth and faithful adults, we continue on our journey together—mindful that our lives will sometimes need a cleanup, made fresh by God's spirit and discernment and blessed as a result of our interaction with each other. I hope we will find new life emerging around us through mutual support, compassionate and caring ministries, and working together in outreach. I invite each one to take advantage of the various worship and fellowship opportunities that are provided.

The house will get painted sometime this year. In the meantime, I hope it doesn't appear too dull and dirty to others.



Musical Instrument Update

By Tom Beck for the Organ Committee

The Piano/Organ Search Committee has explored possible products for purchase and has ordered the electronic keyboard, a 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. We are still awaiting one part to complete this purchase.

A Yamaha grand piano has also been ordered, and as soon as we can dispose of our current organ, we can take delivery on the grand piano and the Roland instrument.

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.



The Leadership Council has decided for this summer that we will cancel Sunday school classes for the adults as well as the children’s classes. This way all the teachers get a break for the summer. At the next meeting we will discuss the possibility of changing the time of the worship service for the summer also. If you would like to share your thoughts on a possible change of time for the summer, please contact Rich Kohlman.



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 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.



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.



Junior/Senior High Youth Group

Saturday, May 5, 6:00 p.m.—Hayride and Cinco de Mayo celebration.



Knittel Memorial Service

Betty Grace Broliar Knittel passed away November 5 in Olathe, Kansas. She will be interred at Grandview Cemetery on Sunday, May 27, at 2:00 p.m. Following the ceremony there will be light refreshments at the Olathe Community of Christ. Marilyn Garner is her niece and can provide any other information.

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ May 6: Baby blessing and Emmaus Meal
- ❖ May 13: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ May 20: Rob Borkowski
- ❖ May 27: Vera Entwistle

Keyboard

- ❖ May 6: Kay Bunch
- ❖ May 13: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ May 20: Tom Beck
- ❖ May 27: Kay Bunch

Greeters

- ❖ May: Rich and Mary Kohlman

Nursery

- ❖ May 6: Debbie Jones
- ❖ May 13: Bettie Miller
- ❖ May 20: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ May 27: Mary Kohlman

Financial Report



March Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$2,011.00
Invite People to Christ	0.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	227.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	30.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	0.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	10.00
Total	\$2,278.00

Local

Local Offering	\$3,296.00
Building Fund/Bazaar	30.00
Herald-in-Every-Home	0.00
2 Cents a Meal	5.00
Family Assistance	50.00
RMMC November Conference	5.00
Organ and Piano Fund	16,300.00

Total

\$ 19,686.00

—Betty Jones, CFO



Getting to Know You!

Have you talked with the Pagats recently?

Have you asked Gilbert or Merly or Shawnea or Gabriel why they would leave beautiful Hawaii



to settle in Fort Collins? Have you been following the local singles tennis competitions to learn that Shawnea and Gabriel Pagat

were Poudre District Champions these past 2 years—taking second place for singles in seventh grade and first for singles in eighth grade? (They were undefeated.) Are you aware that the family actively supports the Fort Collins Congregation, especially the youth activities?

Why did they find Fort Collins special?

Besides the enticement of moving near Dick and Julie Foster, Gil considered many aspects of moving to Fort Collins from the Big Island of Hawaii. There was a big difference in the cost of living—major differences in essential items like bread, milk, eggs, etc., where Fort Collins is much, much less expensive. There are the outstanding educational programs in the Poudre Valley—Shawnea and Gabriel say the they really appreciate the challenges. And of course there is THE TENNIS program as well as some of the quality coaches. Gil was comparing the winters here with those he suffered through in Iowa at Graceland, and the winters here appeared to be milder. [Just wait until we have six inches of snow in April!] Like many other residents here, they find the health system outstanding too. So they bought a house and settled in.

What do they do most of the time?

When asked about some of their activities, the teenagers replied that they enjoy their friends very much— Shawnea's are from school and Gabriel's from tennis and elsewhere. Merly said that she found the shopping amazing; she especially appreciated the convenience and the accessibility of the stores.

Of course, the whole family is much involved in church activities. [And did we mention TENNIS?]

What sort of things do they do for enjoyment?

They are a very busy family with tight schedules, but they make time to have family meals together and go to movies together. Tennis practices take a high priority. It was very exciting last year when they went as a family to Surprise, Arizona, where Shawnea and Gabriel represented the Inter-Mountain section for the National Junior Team Tennis.

When there is free time, the computer is a big attraction, as well as video games.

Shawnea and Gabriel play in the church bell choir and participate in the several activities of the youth group. They remembered, in particular, the program for disaster support when they collected linens and bedding.

So who are they all really?

Gil is a retired school principal who says he is a product of six nationalities but calls himself Philipino/Hawaian Caucasian. Merly says that she is Philipino, because she was born and raised in the Philippines—Dingras ILLOCS Norte. Thus, Shawnea and Gabriel have come from six nationalities and their older half-brother comes from eight nationalities and has married a woman who is Mexican and American Indian; their older half-sister also comes from eight nationalities and is married to a Japanese man. Very multinational! [And Gabriel reports that he is studying French, and Shawnea is studying Spanish.]

Merly works long hours in an assisted living facility, but her original training was in elementary education.

So, where exactly do you come from?

—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.

May Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins>

- May 2: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
Worship coordinators meeting, 10:45 a.m.
Pastors meeting, noon
- May 5: Joyful Noise Workshop, Greenwood
- May 6: Communion
First-Sunday Giving
Potluck
Youth Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Hayride and Cinco de Mayo celebration
- May 9: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- May 12: NO Mother's Day brunch or Second-Sunday social in May
- May 11-13: Silent Retreat
- May 13: Two-Cents-A-Meal
- May 14: WEAVERS, 4:00 p.m.
PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- May 16: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- May 18-19: RMMC Priesthood Retreat, Fort Collins
- May 20: Communicator items due
Last day for children and youth classes
- May 23: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- May 28: Memorial Day
- May 30: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- June 3: Last day for "Preparation for Baptism Class"



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	2,278.00	21,746.00	24,024.00
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
TOTALS	\$ 5,971.50	\$ 27,900.50	\$ 33,872.00



Family Faith Hospitality

Two of the three families who have been providing a meal for Family Faith Hospitality, when they are hosted at the Mennonite Church, will be unavailable to help the week of June 3-9. If you would be willing to assist in preparing the meal for one night during that week, please contact Dave Simons (970) 282-0969. The night will probably be Wednesday or Thursday.



Names in the News

- ✚ **Kenneth E. Cary** passed away March 10, 2012. Mr. Cary was not a member of Community of Christ Fort Collins; however, he volunteered at the meal site in the past. Some from the congregation may remember him.
- ✚ **Kurt Remmenga**, son of our beloved Shirley, was quoted in the Graceland paper, *The Tower*, providing developmental updates for renovations to the Shaw building on campus. According to Kurt, work should be concluded by August 7 and ready for classes in fall 2012.
- ✚ **Beverly Doig** was seen out on the town by a *Fort Collins Coloradoan* photographer attending a book signing for author Dorothy Wickenden's book *Nothing Daunted*.
- ✚ **Maria Swall** of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Larimer County successfully completed the Leadership Fort Collins program hosted by the Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce. Graduation will be May 10, 2012, at the Rio Grande's Agave Room.
- ✚ **John Garner** directed the Mixed Choir group of the 2012 Middle School Honor Choir presented by the Poudre School District.

Attention

The Mother's Day brunch, which is also the Second-Sunday social in May, is cancelled this year due to too many of our volunteers being unavailable to help.