



The Communicator

"Building Vibrant Community"

—Dave Simons, Pastoral Ministries Pastor

Over the past few weeks I've had the privilege to experience some amazing examples of how we as a congregation are working together to form a real sense of community. We've done this over the years, so it's really nothing new for us. But I am beginning to see more clearly how God is working with and through us in our own demonstration of being a Signal Community (see August 2012 issue of the *Herald*). Here are a few ways that I've observed this happening:

On the last Sunday in September, a large number of our members shared in a variety of service-oriented projects such as visiting the elderly, packing bags for the homeless, and fixing a meal for the FFH program. After volunteering at the distribution and support center for the recent High Park fire victims that morning, one individual commented enthusiastically: "This is what it's all about! I'm so excited to be able to do something of service helping others." *We build community when we find new avenues of service.*

A majority of our priesthood members met for an early service on Communion Sunday in October. We were reminded of our calling as priesthood, challenged to engage more fully in focused ministry and recognize the unique gifts that each has been given. Brian Entwistle has offered to conduct classes/workshops for the

Melchisedec priesthood on topics relevant to their calling. The Aaronic priesthood will be more focused on family ministry. *These individuals seem eager and excited to expand their ministry and calling.*

You should have been there (and perhaps you were) at the 2nd Sunday Social/Fellowship evening. Delicious food was shared and young and old got quite involved in Halloween pumpkin carving. I overheard one child say "Why can't we do this more often? This is fun!"

It was a great time for fellowship and creative pumpkin carving. Adults and youth enjoyed being together for this activity. *Look for opportunities to engage in good times together! Offer to assist in these fellowship activities. See how this builds community!*

We are challenged to live out Signal Communities. "They are more than a friendly social gathering or being good neighbors. They are sacred communities that arise from deeply transforming spiritual encounters with the Word of God in Christ. They are genuine expressions of Christ's peace in all its qualities, revealing a way of living that demonstrates the peaceable reign of God on Earth." (See www.CofChrist.org/signalcommunities.)

Let us together build a vibrant, faithful, outreaching spirit of community here in our congregation. Give us your thoughts on how you want to be involved.



Sacrament of Administration

Brian Entwistle is now our coordinator for the sacrament of administration. Please contact him at (970) 310-0665 or entwistlebrian@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.

November Birthdays



Makenna Jackson	11/1
Joyce Jordeth	11/2
Sharon Troyer	11/2
Shauna Clark	11/2
Shirley Remmenga	11/4
Jon Ytell	11/7
Emmaline Garner	11/7
Naomi Graybill	11/7
David Birks	11/11
Brett Bridwell	11/11
Zachary Fronapfel	11/15
Alec Fronapfel	11/15
Debbie Jones	11/17
Gary Alton	11/19
Vergean Wood	11/20
Dawn Gaffield	11/21
Steve Watkins	11/25
Wendell Wallace	11/28

Financial Report



September Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,610.00
Invite People to Christ	15.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	413.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	35.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	5.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	5.00
Total	\$2,083.00

Local

Local Offering	\$2,954.50
Building Fund	30.00
2 Cents a Meal	71.00
Family Assistance	135.00
Pancake Breakfast	25.00
Camp Paradise	5.00
Organ/Piano Fund	0.00
Total	\$3,220.50

—Betty Jones, CFO

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ November 4: Gil Pagat
- ❖ November 11: Debbie Jones
- ❖ November 18: Rich Kohlman
- ❖ November 25: Shirley Remmenga

Keyboard

- ❖ November 4: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ November 11: Jean Newman
- ❖ November 18: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ November 25: Tom Beck

Greeters

- ❖ November: Bill and Pat Miner

Nursery

- ❖ November 4: Debbie Jones
- ❖ November 11: Bettie Miller
- ❖ November 18: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ November 25: Mary Kohlman



Getting to Know You!

Have you missed seeing Dick and Julie Foster around recently?

Maybe you might ask them about their trip to Alaska or perhaps you might wonder why



Dick's name was on the Prayer List. What do you really know about them? Did you know that they are another Graceland couple

or that Dick came originally from Everett, Washington, and Julie from Honolulu, Hawaii? Did you know that Gil Pagat was Dick's roommate at Graceland and that Julie knew Gil both from Hawaii and from Graceland?

Did you know that it was Dick's mom, Luella Foster, who first decided to move to Fort Collins in 1962? She had wanted for a long time to go to college to become a teacher, and with the support of Doris Haden (her best friend) she decided to go to CSU where she could get her teaching degree. Doris's husband, Bill, had a church assignment in Colorado. Luella basically said to her husband, Merle, that she was going to Fort Collins and if he wanted to come, he had better sell the house in Everett, Washington, and join her. After a few months the house sold, and he landed a civil service job as a painter at CSU—the best job he ever had as it turned out.

So what brought Dick and Julie to Fort Collins?

Dick and Julie came through Fort Collins on their way to Kohala, Hawaii, where they taught school for three years. They thought it was a great place. Four years later, in 1970, they settled in Fort Collins when Dick got a teaching job at Leshar Junior High. After he received his master's degree in counseling, he got a counseling position at Lincoln Junior High. Julie became a respiratory therapist during those years. They stayed in Fort Collins for 10

years. (Luella and Merle were also living in Fort Collins.)

Shift ahead another 27 years—they have now moved back to Fort Collins following their retirement from church appointment. During their years away, Julie also became a school nurse. Financially it was a good move to come back and reunite with “old” friends. They both really enjoy the many friendships they have here over the years. And they say, “We think we have finished moving, we think!”

Where else have they been?

Julie and Dick counted the number of times they had moved over the years since they had been married—27 times! While under church appointment, they lived in Independence, Missouri; Tampa, Florida; Lenexa, Kansas; Olathe, Kansas; Lamoni, Iowa (Graceland College); Dallas, Texas; Elk Grove, California (Sacramento area); and in Carlsbad, California.

They have seen much of the USA and the British West Indies as well as Mexico and Canada in their travels. Their recent tour of



Alaska took them to some awesome sites in Fairbanks and Denali Park. They report, “We would never survive living in Fairbanks in the winter

since we were told it gets down to 70 degrees below zero!”

What's happening with their kids?

Their three children—Jill, Mark, and Lana—all live in southern California. Jill is married with two children, ages 13 and 10. She is an interior decorator, as well as a home appraiser, and she works with her husband in his mortgage business. Mark is a general contractor, and he is his own boss having plenty of work in building and renovating homes. His wife, Alexis, has started a flower business. They have three girls, ages 10, 6, and 3. Lana is a graphics designer by profession but also a fitness

instructor with her husband. They own their own fitness center, which is rapidly expanding.

It is more than California's great weather that lures Dick and Julie to San Diego each winter.

What do they like to do?

Because of the many people they have enjoyed working with through the years, they are always excited to find out who is moving here next—because they probably know them! It was particularly exciting when Gil Pagat and his family moved here. When the Entwistles came from Australia, the Fosters could hardly believe it! They were friends from the 1980s. It has been such a pleasure for the Fosters to share with old friends here from the 1970s (and to make friends with those who have moved here in between times).

Dick loves to fly-fish, and Julie loves to knit and bake (some of us have been lucky enough to receive the generous gift of her bread loaves; Dick says that he always makes sure that he gets to sample them before she sends them out!) They both are into reading inspiring books and watching movies. They continue to pursue their interests in spirituality, and they have become level-2 Reiki Practitioners. (This is an ancient healing art from Japan.) By following their interests in this realm and through constant studying and reading and visiting with those on the same path, they have received many rewards.

Where might you see them around?

Dick volunteered at the Mission for homeless last year once a week, and they both volunteered at our church facility for the day shelter. They both joined the Silvertones Choir, a community-based, senior choir sponsored by the Larimer Chorale.

Julie is very much into healthy eating and life style. She and Dick both love to work out at Miramont Fitness Center. The Fort Collins congregation has greatly benefited from the

active participation of the Foster family; they believe in being of service when they can.

—Beverly Doig, reporter

November Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins>

- Nov. 1: Interfaith Council Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- Nov. 2-4: RMMC Conference,
- Nov. 4: Communion
First-Sunday Giving
Potluck
- Nov. 7: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Coordinators, 10:45 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
Pastors Meeting, 12:00 noon
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Nov. 11: Two-Cents-a-Meal
- Nov. 12: WEAVERS, 4:00 p.m.
PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 14: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Nov. 18: *Communicator* items due
- Nov. 21: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Nov. 22: Thanksgiving
- Nov. 28: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.



Rocky Mountain Mission Center Conference

This year's fall RMMC Conference will be on the weekend of November 2-4. The delegates elected to represent Fort Collins are:

- ✓ Tom Beck
- ✓ Max Coopwood
- ✓ Brian Entwistle
- ✓ Vera Entwistle
- ✓ Shirley Remmenga

Should one or more of the above be unable to attend, the alternates selected are:

- ✓ Dave Simons
- ✓ Sharon Troyer

RMMC Conference will be electing delegates to the 2013 World Conference and the 2013 USA National Conference. If you are interested in representing the RMMC for either or both of these events, please notify Rich Kohlman. He must have this information no later than October 29.

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	1,883.00	2,781.00	4,664.00
August	1,605.00	2,401.00	4,006.00
September	2,083.00	3,220.50	5,303.50
October			
November			
December			
TOTALS	\$ 17,440.50	\$ 45,496.50	\$ 62,937.00

"Never think that you need to protect God. Because anytime you think you need to protect God, you can be sure that you are worshipping an idol."

—Stanley Hauerwas

Congregation Business Meeting

At our business meeting on September 16, the congregation accepted the auditor's report, elected delegates to the RMMC Conference (see below), approved a donation of \$3,300 to the mission center budget, and approved the ordinations of Marilyn Garner to the office of elder and Donna Clark to the office of teacher.

The leadership team was also elected or sustained for the coming year which began October 1. They are as follows:

Pastors:

Vera Entwistle, Vision and Mission
Kay Bunch, Outreach Ministries
Debbie Jones, Worship Ministries
Rich Kohlman, Managerial and
Communications Ministries
Dave Simons, Pastoral Ministries

Coordinators:

Marilyn Garner, Fellowship Ministries
Betty Jones, Stewardship Ministries
Gary Jones, Facilities Ministries
Carrie Newman and Sharon Fulton,
Education Ministries
Sharon Troyer, Spiritual Formation
Ministries
Brian Entwistle, Youth Ministries

Recorder: Jon Mendenhall

Congregational Financial Officer: Betty Jones

Historian: Max Coopwood

Secretary: Shari Smith

Auditor (two-year term): Donna Clark
(Dick Foster has one year remaining.)

Standing Committees:

Building Committee
Facilities, Leasing, and Marketing
WEAVERS



NOVEMBER: Hunger Action Month

During the month of November, the Fort Collins congregation has an opportunity to make a difference in our own community by taking action in a month-long project of sharing our “gifts” to those in great need. Each Sunday in November, starting November 4, 2012, as part of the Disciples’ Generous Response, a part of our giving will focus on supporting the Food Bank of Larimer County.

By bringing nonperishable items, checks, and cash to our special collection basket, we can help combat hunger for working poor families, seniors, and many children in Larimer County. For every \$10 donated, we can help supply enough food for 40 meals to children and families.

On Sunday, November 25, a special prayer of blessing will be given to the recipients of our gifts before we deliver our donation to the food bank. With this effort comes more than a meal—we are delivering hope for tomorrow and strength for our hungry neighbors to face another day. Let’s make November a month for ACTION!



Names and Photos in the News

1. **Carrie Newman**, executive director for the Fort Collins Symphony Orchestra, was quoted in the *Coloradoan* plugging the symphony’s season opener and their guest guitarist D. J. Sparr.
2. Tennis stars **Gabe Pagat** and teammate Griffin Kosonocky progressed through to the finals in high school tennis regionals competition.

3. The *Coloradoan* Editorial Board gave a big thumbs-up to all the teams and individuals who participated in this year’s CROP Hunger 5K Walk. Community of Christ was one of the teams that helped raise over \$18,000 to alleviate hunger here locally and worldwide. Our team members included **Vera and Brian Entwistle, Bianca and Donna Clark, Dave Simons, Dillon the Dog, Sharon Troyer, Mary Kohlman, Tom Beck and Max Coopwood, and Shirley Remmenga.**
4. **Nancy Mendenhall** was found in the *Coloradoan*’s Volunteer Spotlight. She has logged more than 4,000 volunteer hours for the USDA Forest Service.
5. **Ken Jones** was mentioned in the *Coloradoan* as a 16-year employee of Gib’s New York Bagels who won the Mayor’s Employer of the Year award through the Commission on Disability. Ken says they will be on Channel 14 on November 14.

Harvest Social Party, October 14



Do you know who the “headless” visitor is?



Community Service Day September 30



Betty Jones and
Vergean Wood



Tom Beck, Gil Pagat, Jean Newman, Donna
Clark, Vera Entwistle, Kay Bunch, and Voni
Simons

Crop Walk, October 4



Brian Entwistle, Dave Simons, Sharon Troyer,
Tom Beck, Mary Kohlman, Shirley Remmenga,
Donna Clark, Dillon Kohlman, Bianca Clark,
and Max Coopwood (not pictured).



Daily Bread

If you would like a copy of the Daily Bread for 2013, please contact Bettie Miller to place your order. Contact her at (970) 443-5449 or bjeannem@aol.com.



Book Club

If you are interested in forming a book club for women that would meet during the day, see Kay Bunch or Jean Newman.



Leaving Stuff in the Office?

If you are leaving things in the office or library, please also leave a detailed note as to why you are leaving them there so we know what to do with them. Too often we are finding things and don't know what to do with them, if they have any value, or how we should dispose of them. Thank you.



To the Community of Christ congregation,
Thank you for the huge, loving bouquet sent
after my accident. The arrangement lasted a full
month and was a constant reminder of support.
—Shari Smith

*"If the only prayer you say in your life
is 'thank you,' that would suffice."*

—Meister Eckhart