

Fort Collins, Colorado

October 2012

The Communicator

"The Hound of Heaven"



—Rich Kohlman, Communication/Managerial Ministries Pastor

| fled Him, down the nights and down the days; | fled Him, down the arches of the years; | fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways Of my own mind; and in the mist of tears ...

From those strong Feet that followed, followed after. But with unhurrying chase, And unperturbed pace. —The Hound of Heaven, Francis Thompson (1859–1907)

Craig saw him first. He had bolted from his resting place and plotted a course to intercept us about 30 yards down the road. But having seen him before the critical point, we increased our speed to outpace him, since most dogs would only go a short distance past their property line.

He was a golden retriever about one year of age. Only he didn't stop as most dogs do. He kept running along with us, with "unhurrying chase, and unperturbed pace." We were about six miles from home near the end of our morning bike ride. Going downhill we would pull away from him, but as soon as we slowed, he would be alongside us again. Never threatening, staying on the side of the road, he ran and ran and ran. Six miles he ran, never leaving our side. I have never seen a dog run like that alongside two bikers. It was a strange and eerie experience.

He was like the Hound of Heaven. I often see God coming and try to outrun him. But those strong feet just follow along with *"unhurrying chase, and unperturbed pace."* He fulfills the promise to always be with me. Why do I try to leave him in the dust? His grace and love are unthreatening, and he seems so unperturbed by my behavior. I thank God for a grace and love that is always there when I slow down long enough to experience its healing embrace; a God who never asks *why* I flee him, but is always there when I need him.





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.

October Birthdays



Financial Report



August Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,251.50
Invite People to Christ	0.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	308.50
Pursue Peace on Earth	15.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	15.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	15.00
Total	\$1,605.00

Local

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Local Offering	\$2,296.00
Building Fund	30.00
2 Cents a Meal	0.00
Family Assistance	60.00
First-Sunday Meal	10.00
Camp Paradise	5.00
Organ/Piano Fund	0.00
Total	\$2,401.00
	—Betty Jones, CFO

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- October 7: Derrick Williams
- October 14: Jean Newman
- October 21: Vera Entwistle
- October 28: David and Carol Birks

Keyboard

- October 7: Sharon Troyer
- October 14: Kay Bunch
- October 21: Jean Newman
- October 28: Tom Beck

Greeters

✤ October: Max Coopwood, Tom Beck

Nursery

- October 7: Marilyn Garner
- October 14: Bettie Miller
- October 21: Marta Remmenga
- October 28: Pat and Bill Miner



Directory Updates: Correction in the spelling of Wendell **Wallace**, Wendell

Birks, Josh and Jenn,

New e-mail: jvbirks@gmail.com Delete home phone number. No longer active.



Getting to Know You!

Lillian and Wendell Wallace have joined the Fort Collins Congregation. They have sold their home in Bethesda, Maryland, after living there 43 years and enjoying the Washington, D.C. scene with its historical and educational places as well as outstanding museums. Did you know that they were a Foreign Service family who took assignments in such places as Calcutta and New Delhi, India, as well as Islamabad, Pakistan, and Athens, Greece—over a period of 10 years? Afterward they were in service in Washington, D.C. until they retired in 1992.

What was it about Fort Collins?

The Wallaces tell of having visited Fort Collins many times and having always liked it. One big attraction which draws them to our area is being accessible to their two youngest grandchildren, but they also are looking forward to living near old friends. They are impressed by Fort Collins's many public parks and trails to explore and its small-town atmosphere.

Where are their four children?

After growing up abroad and in Bethesda, Maryland, their children live in diverse locations. Wade, who married Ann Weddle in 1987 in Washington, D.C, is serving as pastor of the Washington, D.C. congregation. He attended there as a baby, was baptized and confirmed there, and received his first call to the priesthood there. Wade and Ann with their two sons, born in D.C., have lived in Kansas, Texas, and Pennsylvania while Wade worked in telecommunications for MCI. Their oldest son, Vaughn, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, in May 2012, and he is now in New York City where he is the producer of the LIGHTBOX section for Time magazine (*lightbox.time.com*). The youngest son, Garret, is a sophomore at Oberlin College studying psychology.

Lisa Wallace Elbin lives in Jupiter, Florida, with her two children—Megan, who will graduate in May from Dreyfuss School of the Arts (high school) where she is a vocal major; and Ryan, who is a seventh grader. Ryan plays baseball in the spring and saxophone in the school band. They are active in their church youth groups at West Palm Beach Presbyterian.

Mark Wallace lives in Collado Mediano, near Madrid, Spain, and has two daughters: Chloe, just beginning school at London College of Communication and her fourth-grade sister, Nicole. Nicole is a beginning viola player while Chloe plays recorder. They both have been studying music at a public Spanish conservatory from which Chloe graduated with honors in June. Wendell and Lillian have visited them at different times of the year. They hiked and camped in the Spanish Pyrenees; auto toured in Ronda, Cadiz, and Zahara de la Tuna on the Mediterranean; and trekked mountains and gorges in the rocky Asturias in the north.

Many will recall that Lynn lived in Fort Collins before marrying Rick and moving to Steamboat Springs where they own a window washing business and vacation rental business (VRBO vacation rentals by owner). Lillian and Wendell love spending time camping, hiking, biking, and sharing with them and their girls, Riley, 11 and Ellery, 8½. (In fact, they recently headed to Denver to catch Riley's soccer match there.)

What? More Jayhawks!

The Wallaces say, "We've had a rich life!" They both attended Graceland—Lillian 1955–57 and Wendell 1952–54. Wendell earned degrees from Kansas University after serving two years in the U.S. Army. Lillian attended KU and after their marriage moved to Junction City, Kansas, where Wendell interned as assistant to the city manager, and she completed her B.S. degree at Kansas State in Manhattan. In 1960, with baby boy, Wade, riding shotgun in the back window of their Volkswagen Beetle, the Wallaces moved to Virginia and employment with the federal government.

In the course of work and traveling, all of the Wallaces have met many interesting people who have enriched their lives. They have worshiped and shared their beliefs with others. To quote them "Now, it is time for a new, but continuing, chapter here in Fort Collins."

Where you might find the Wallaces—

The Wallaces are settling in at 2827 Sitting Bull Way (accessed via Custer!) while continuing to house-hunt. They particularly enjoy entertaining and making this home a place where everyone is welcomed. Music, walking, CSU sporting, and academic events, as well as national and international affairs, elections/politics, plus fulfilling the responsibilities of Christian citizenship are among the shared interests of Lillian and Wendell. And of course, they will find every excuse for heading across Rabbit Ears Pass to Steamboat as well as exploring large portions of the Rockies and westward.

—Beverly Doig, reporter

October Calendar



Check the website http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins

- Oct. 3: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m. Worship Coordinators, 10:45 a.m. Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Oct. 7: Priesthood meeting, 9:00 a.m. Communion First-Sunday Giving Potluck Crop Walk, 1:00 p.m.
- Oct. 8: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 10: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m. Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Oct. 14: Two-Cents-a-Meal Second-Sunday Social, Harvest Party, 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 17: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m. Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Oct. 21: Communicator items due
- Oct. 24: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m. Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Oct. 31: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m. Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.

Fort Collins Congregation Offerings

2012 Disciples' Generous Response

	Total	Total	Total
Month	World	Local	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			
October			
November			
December			
TOTALS	\$ 15,357.50	\$ 42,276.00	\$ 57,633.50



The Fort Collins congregation has a Facebook presence. To receive posts from the congregation on Facebook, go to our Web page *http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins/* and click on the above symbol. After the Facebook page opens, click on "like" to receive any future posts.

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 beginning October 1. They are as follows: **Pastors:**

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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



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. We must have this information no later than October 29.



Walking Tall—Teen Activities Schedule

Through discussions with the attendees and by letter to the parents, it was mutually agreed that we will meet at church on the first and third Sundays at the normal church-school time and one other meeting at an agreed time and place during the month. The reason for this is to avoid conflicts with family needs, sports activities, and the pressures of homework, etc. If there are questions or further clarification is needed, please e-mail me at *entwistlebrianc@gmail.com* or phone, (970) 310-0665 anytime.

-Brian Entwistle

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. We will 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 (1-800) 833-1000, 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 Progam
- Volunteers of America Caregiver Support
- 🖊 Handyman
- 4 Adopt-a-Diningroom

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



Names and Photos in the News



Oceana, Bianca, and Juliette at their baptism and confirmation



Shelton at his baptism and confirmation



Max Coopwood, Tom Beck, Sharon Troyer, Nancy Simon, and Mary and Rich Kohlman at the GALA retreat (dressed in green for the banquet)



Our Golden Girls: Vergean Wood, Joyce Jordeth, Joy Jones, Lee Cook, Jeanne Graybill, Betty Jones, Luella Foster, and Shirley Remmenga



I want to thank all of my church friends for the heartwarming evening that you presented to me and others in the congregation. It was especially meaningful to me, because I have been away from the Fort Collins congregation for many years and some of you I don't know too well. Yet I hope to get very well acquainted with all of you very soon.

Thanks again. The roses were lovely and the comments that you wrote were just wonderful.

Your church friend,





With gratefulness and humility, I thank the entire congregation and everyone who helped with making the Golden Girls' Extravaganza the beautiful, terrific evening that it was for me, and I'm sure, for the other seven ladies, as well. I was completely taken by surprise and in awe of the happenings. Thank you for your work, your support, your beautiful decorations, the red roses (so elegant and lovely), the special little cake to take home and the punch and cupcakes at my table. I loved the little water beads and so did the kids. On top of everything else, the little booklet, with loving notes, is a treasured keepsake for me. Thank you, thank vou. To be loved as I am and have been and to be honored by such an outstanding group of precious people is about as good as it gets.

I reciprocate with love from my heart to yours, each of you,

Shirley Remmenga



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful evening. The limobus, attentive escorts, impressive MC, beautiful red roses, refreshments, memory books, and opportunity to share past experiences with the other honorees, church members, and families were great! It truly made me feel like "Queen for a Day."

I know this took a lot of detailed planning, and I feel humbled and honored to be one of the Golden Girls.

Joyce Jordeth



To Fort Collins Community of Christ, I wish to thank each of the many people that were involved in making the "Recogniton of Service" such a special memory for me. Thanks, too, for the beautiful bouquet of red roses and delicious decorated cake.

I felt very humbled to be recognized for doing things that I have always enjoyed doing.

I'm still amazed that so many people could be so secretive and made the evening a complete surprise for all of us "Golden Girls"!

My church family has a special place in my heart. Love,

Vergean Wood



Tim Ashburn wishes to express his appreciation to the congregation for our \$3,300 support of the mission center budget.

