



# *The Communicator*

## *"Schedules"*

—Debbie Jones, Worship Ministries pastor

Schedules....We all have them and they are always changing, especially this time of year. On the ninth we go back to 9:45 a.m. classes and an 11:00 a.m. worship service. Vacation is over and children are heading back to school. Next month we switch from daylight saving time. It's sometimes hard to adjust, but I look forward to the changes.

My summer, as you will read about later in this issue, has been a hectic one with the fire evacuation, a new boat, and my daughter's move. Right now my life is unorganized, so is my home and my relationship with God. I haven't had time for myself—or God. It should be the opposite. I know I should be talking to God even more when my life gets hectic. Maybe now would be a good time to readjust my prayer schedule too.

I remember this poem hanging on my grandmother's wall as I was growing up and I have it hanging in my bathroom now.



### *"Footprints"*

One night I had a dream—

I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord

and across the sky flashed scenes from my life.

For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints,

one belonged to me and the other to the Lord.  
When the last scene of my life flashed before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that many times along the path of my life,  
there was only one set of footprints.

I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest  
and saddest times in my life.

This really bothered me and I questioned the Lord  
about it.

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,  
you would walk with me all the way,  
but I have noticed that during the most  
troublesome times in my life  
there is only one set of footprints.

"I don't understand why in times when I needed you  
most,  
you should leave me."

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child,  
I love you and I would never, never leave you  
during your times of trial and suffering.

"When you saw only one set of footprints,  
it was then that I carried you."

—Mary Stevenson

When my life gets really crazy, God is there  
beside me all day long, watching over me and  
keeping me safe. He is the strength that sees  
me through my hectic life.

And even though I can't find the time for quiet  
conversations with God in my schedule, I'm  
thankful that he still keeps me in his.





## Schedule

Church school classes for both children and adults will start on September 9 at 9:45 a.m.

We will resume our normal worship schedule on September 9 with the prelude at 10:45 and the morning worship at 11:00 a.m.



## 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](mailto: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.

## Financial Report



### July Income

#### World Church

|                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Use where needed most               | \$1,460.00        |
| Invite People to Christ             | 20.00             |
| Abolish Poverty/End Suffering       | 254.00            |
| Pursue Peace on Earth               | 25.00             |
| Develop Disciples to Serve          | 30.00             |
| Experience Congregations in Mission | 20.00             |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>\$1,809.00</b> |

#### Local

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Local Offering    | \$2,270.00        |
| Building Fund     | 20.00             |
| 2 Cents a Meal    | 10.00             |
| Family Assistance | 60.00             |
| Organ/Piano Fund  | 25.00             |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>\$2,385.00</b> |

—Betty Jones, CFO

## September Birthdays



|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Joy Jones                | 9/2  |
| Art Dirlam               | 9/4  |
| Felicia Bridwell-Deshner | 9/9  |
| Taylor Thomas            | 9/11 |
| Donna Clark              | 9/11 |
| Caren Alton              | 9/13 |
| Vera Entwistle           | 9/14 |
| Gabriel Pagat            | 9/15 |
| Shawnea Pagat            | 9/15 |
| Deb Friesz               | 9/19 |
| Mike Davis               | 9/21 |
| Kathy Graybill           | 9/22 |
| Tom Beck                 | 9/23 |
| Jan Newman               | 9/25 |
| Ets Cunningham           | 9/30 |

## Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



### Speakers

- ❖ September 2: Dave Simons
- ❖ September 9: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ September 16: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ September 23: Rick Argotsinger
- ❖ September 30: Special Service

### Keyboard

- ❖ September 2: Jean Newman
- ❖ September 9: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ September 16: Kay Bunch
- ❖ September 23: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ September 30: Tom Beck

### Greeters

- ❖ September: Vergean Wood and Bill Norwood

### Nursery

- ❖ September 2: Debbie Jones
- ❖ September 9: Bettie Miller
- ❖ September 16: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ September 23: Voni Simons
- ❖ September 30: Rose Julch



### Directory Updates:

#### Stone, Laurie

Spring Creek Health Care  
1000 E. Stuart, Room M-15  
Fort Collins, CO 80525-1555  
Phone: (970) 482-5712

#### Thomas, Steve and Bonnie

Home Phone: (970) 223-4210, primary  
contact number

#### Wallace, Wendall (priest) and Lillian (priest)

Home Phone: (970) 223-2050  
Mobile: (240) 676-7928  
E-mail: [communitydc@yahoo.com](mailto:communitydc@yahoo.com)  
Address: 2827 Sitting Bull  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

#### McKenzie, Marc and Janny

Marc's iPhone: (970) 227-4055 (no change)  
Janny's iPhone: (970) 481-8398 (no change)  
If you call the old (970) 686-1144 number,  
you will reach our fax machine that we use  
for business. No phone will ring in our  
house. The business line of (970) 674-3472 is  
no longer active.



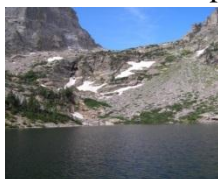
## WHAT DID YOU DO THIS SUMMER?

Summer 2012 has been more than eventful (as well as H-O-T, WARM, as well as smoky).

Since moving to Fort Collins, **Joan Green's** summer calendar has been filled with exciting and challenging hiking dates. However, this past summer's calendar has been mapped with several events that have required Joan's meeting the needs of others. During the month of June, she spent quite a lot of time preparing for the Andes' Family Reunion at the YMCA of the Rockies at Estes Park. She baked numerous batches of favorite cookies, stored away water and sodas for the thirsty hikers, and gathered toys and child-oriented activities for her grandchildren who were coming from California, including the Junior Ranger booklet that they had to complete as they hiked in



Rocky Mountain National Park. Of course she tucked in her red cape for the traditional rendition of "Little Hood Redding Ride" at the family campfire. Joan carefully planned hikes to some of her special places—Emerald Lake, beautiful Ouzel Falls, and Lumpy Ridge overlooking Estes Park—to share with her son, Scott, and his wife, Kate, and their two children, Sierra and Spencer. She was even able to



make arrangements to visit the cabin of Enos Mills, the “father of Rocky Mountain National Park,” and the Stanley Hotel where she told them stories of the resident ghosts.

Following the family reunion, Scott, Kate, Sierra, and Spencer put forth quite an effort to celebrate Joan’s fourth-of-July birthday—red, white and blue decorations, a fresh-fruit pizza appropriately depicting a flag, and even a concert by Sierra on her violin and Spencer on his cello.

A delightful cabin was reserved near Bristle Cone Pine Park where Scott and Kate had been married 14 years ago. Along the trail to Bristle Cone, it was pure magic for her grandchildren to discover carved faces of fairies on some of the trees as they hiked. Scott and Kate renewed their wedding vows in front of a 1,000-year-old Bristle Cone Pine. Spencer finally wanted to know of his parents, “How many honeymoons did you have?” since several of the places where they had hiked his parents recalled that they had honeymooned there!

Meanwhile, a problem with Joan’s stepfather in Montana was brewing. Even though she and her brother-in-law, Don, had made the trip there earlier in the year to get her stepfather settled in his assisted living unit, he was not satisfied to let his house sit vacant. He wanted help *now* so that the place could be cleared out with the intent of renting it. It became apparent that another trip north was needed to clear out the place. So Joan got the Prius ready to haul back a load of rescued family heirlooms and souvenirs, and she and Don labored for four long days filling three dumpsters, four truck loads, and the back of the Prius with the help of a cousin who lives nearby.

Joan was only home one day before her daughter, Vicki, arrived from Arizona. Vicki worked diligently fixing things around the condo—she is an excellent handy-woman. They hit the local thrift stores and Vicki’s favorite haunts in Denver for some serious shopping.

After two action-packed months, Joan is relaxing before going to the Timpanogos Story Telling Festival to gather stories for the coming school year.

**Debbie and Gary Jones** had certainly not planned to spend those weeks before the fourth of July evacuated from their home. In fact they were on the schedule that Sunday morning (6/10/12) when they were awakened at 3 a.m. smelling smoke and moved downstairs to get a bit more sleep. At 4 a.m. their neighbor warned them of the fire, and they began packing up important family heirlooms and antiques. Over the next four and a half hours their families helped load three pickups, two station wagons, and an SUV. The 5’ x 10’ utility trailer had to be emptied in order to be filled with paintings and artwork. There were sculptures and valued clocks which were meaningful, irreplaceable objects. Family members went through the house selecting things that were important to them to be saved. The call to evacuate came at 5 a.m., and by 8:30 a.m. the caravan drove down the hill ahead of the fire.

The previous day, Saturday, they had attended the wedding of a niece in Drake, and since they were in the process of building up a garden spot protected from the deer this year, they had loaded the pickup with dirt for the garden. Upon arriving home that evening, Gary’s intuition made them decide to empty the pickup.

They were out of their home until the following Saturday, but were only allowed back one day because the wind shifted. It was Wednesday the 20th before they were allowed back again, the same day they were scheduled to help at Camp Paradise Family Camp. Considering the previous week’s activities, they decided to bow out of their camp obligations.

Marilyn Garner offered them a place to stay, and Debbie’s dad has a warehouse area where their goods and boat could be safely stored.

Debbie says that they burned off a lot of nervous energy pruning Marilyn's trees and doing other yard work there.

The whole experience was taxing—not knowing what was happening. On the first Sunday they could see very little from Horsetooth Reservoir, because it was very smoky. By Monday it had cleared a bit, and they could look through binoculars and see the fire fighters dropping water around the house. There are beetle-killed trees not far from the house, and there was fire between them and the house—about 100 yards away. The fire was spotty—in the trees some places and on the ground others; only one of the neighbor's houses burned and the flames took the deck of another one about ½ mile away. The helicopters were filling out of Horsetooth reservoir and they could make lots of trips. They were extremely accurate with their drops.

In May the Joneses had purchased a sailboat in Texas. They had spent about ten days working



on the boat and had planned another trip to get the boat ready to use to live on when they are there. Once the house seemed to be safe, they

did not bother to unpack. They loaded up their tools and equipment needed for work on the boat and headed to Lake Texoma to live on the sailboat and spend two weeks mending leaks and making it livable.

Then they had some other commitments to handle once they returned. They have been busy readying Debbie's sister's house for their daughter, Kelly, to rent. And since August is turnover time for their rentals, they have had to deal with them. So-o-o-o, although several members of the Fort Collins congregation came up for a cleaning day to help them get back into the house, unpacking and hanging artwork, etc. has been delayed until maybe September.

What a way to spend the summer!

**Joyce and Don Worthington** experienced a Mediterranean cruise with Joyce's 16-year-old granddaughter, Sarah, an aspiring journalist



who wants to travel. Sarah proved to be a lovely, genial companion who had carefully prepared for the

trip, studying in advance about their ten ports of call; she meticulously kept her daily journal while Joyce's record is photographs (she willingly shares her album). The local travel agent helped them to select meaningful side tours from a variety of choices so that they could see as many places as possible. And although Joyce and Sarah would often have lingered at some of the interesting places, they usually had to keep with their group of as many as 40 fellow travelers. They found that Athens was subject to lots of graffiti; however, Ephesus was clean and beautiful, truly a special, religious experience. They did find that tourists are harassed by aggressive Turkish vendors (even children vendors). Istanbul took them to Asia, another continent. Mark that off the "bucket list"! Due to the weather, they were unable to make it into Mykonos. But they got to Naples, Capri, and Pompeii where they were impressed by the art and ancient pottery. To use Sarah's words, "Rome was 'unexciting.'" She much preferred the bus tour of Tuscany with its delightful farm houses and fields of sunflowers. Although hot and humid like much of the Mediterranean, she basked "Under the Tuscan Sun." She claimed that she wouldn't mind at all living in Monte Carlo. The shopping was excellent, and the scenery with the expensive yachts quite impressive. At the end of the cruise they took an extra day in Barcelona where they particularly enjoyed the outdoor dining in the City Center (waiters have to race across the busy street to pick up the food). Sarah's journal concludes that she had learned to be grateful



for what she has after seeing how other people live. She says “two weeks could do a lot to a person”—she had become a seasoned traveler, including having her suitcase not arrive with her when returning to Chicago!

—Beverly Doig, reporter

## September Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins>

- Sept. 2: Communion  
First-Sunday Giving  
Potluck
- Sept. 5: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Coordinators, 10:45 a.m.  
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.  
Pastors Meeting, noon
- Sept. 9: New Sunday school classes start 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Two-Cents-a-Meal  
Second-Sunday Social, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 10: WEAVERS, 4:30 p.m.  
PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 12: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.  
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Sept. 16: Business Meeting after morning worship
- Sept. 19: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.  
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.  
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 23: *Communicator* items due
- Sept. 26: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.  
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.

## Fort Collins Congregation Offerings 2012 Disciples' Generous Response

| Month         | Total<br>World      | Total<br>Local      | Total<br>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        |                     |                     |                     |
| September     |                     |                     |                     |
| October       |                     |                     |                     |
| November      |                     |                     |                     |
| December      |                     |                     |                     |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>\$ 13,752.50</b> | <b>\$ 39,875.00</b> | <b>\$ 53,627.50</b> |



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

We will have a congregation business meeting on Sunday, September 16, after our morning worship. The business will include

1. Acceptance of the Audit Report
2. Approval of our annual contribution to the RMMC
3. Election of delegates to the RMMC Fall Conference
4. Approval of ordinations
5. Election and sustaining of congregation officers and leaders.

If you have additional items for inclusion, please send those to Rich Kohlman.



## Rocky Mountain Mission Center Conference

This year's fall RMMC Conference will be on the weekend of November 2-4. If you would like to be a delegate for the Fort Collins congregation, please notify Rich Kohlman.

Also, the RMMC conference will be electing delegates to the 2012 World Conference and the 2012 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 September 16.

## 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. 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](http://www.CofChrist.org/peacecolloquy) for details about keynote speakers, including the Community of Christ International Peace Award recipient. Register online or by calling 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 Program
- ✚ Volunteers of America Caregiver Support
- ✚ Handyman
- ✚ Adopt-a-Diningroom

Visit [www.createthegood.org/colorado](http://www.createthegood.org/colorado) to find out more about these and other volunteer opportunities in Fort Collins.



## Names in the News

- ✚ **Bob Fulton** finished third in the decathlon in the 70-74 age group at the national Master's Combined Events Championship. The events were held in Washington state. (July 21, 2012 *Coloradoan*, and may have already appeared in the *Communicator*.)
- ✚ In a write-up about Innosphere, the board of directors was shown, including **Josh Birks**. He serves as city of Fort Collins economic advisor. Innosphere is a nonprofit technology incubator that assists technology startup companies in Colorado. (July 21, 2012 *Coloradoan*)
- ✚ **Sam McFarlin**, Don Worthington's grandson, was featured in the summer 2012 *Graceland Horizons* along with other members of Graceland's Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) club.
- ✚ **Zach Fronapfel** was listed in the *Coloradoan* as one of the key soccer players at Fort Collins High School for the upcoming season.
- ✚ **Josh Birks**, economic health director for the city of Fort Collins, was quoted on several different occasions in the *Coloradoan* regarding development projects happening within the city including Wal-Mart's plan to reopen the Mason St. store.