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and promote
communities of joy,
hope, love, and peace.***



Communicator

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Community of Christ

Fort Collins, Colorado

A Welcoming Congregation

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“Reflection—Renewal—Resurrection”

—Dave Simons, Pastoral Ministries Pastor

These three words continue to probe and linger in my wandering mind during this Lenten season. Years ago, while early in my ministry and occupied with vocation and family-raising activities, I gave little thought about my personal preparation for the Easter experience. It just seemed to fall into place on the calendar, whether I was spiritually ready for it or not. Now, in my retirement—and during the “lazy” days of winter—I work harder and more intentionally during Lent in getting ready to be moved by what Easter and the Resurrection, is all about.

In the early morning hours each day that I spend in reading, study, meditation, and prayer, I often move my thoughts to reflection. How am I doing in my spiritual journey with my Creator? What changes do I need to make throughout Lent to be more in tune with the Holy Spirit? What about my relationships with others? Who have I offended, ignored, found fault with, or hurt recently? What actions can I take to allow the Spirit to find a more consistent dwelling place in me? Reflecting on these thoughts and desires causes me to seek the necessary changes in my life that will prepare me for the culmination of Lent at the Easter experience.

I find renewal in these moments as I allow the Spirit to flow through me. I am reminded of God’s presence and faithfulness in my life and know that God promises to do new things with

me as I journey with others. I am renewed with a fullness of God’s grace, knowing that hope springs forth for me and all others in the knowledge of Christ’s redeeming power and presence. The words of the Psalmist are clear: “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10 NIV).

I eagerly await the Resurrection experience once again. For me, it’s still a bit of a mystery. I wasn’t there that morning when some of his followers came and found the tomb empty. But their testimony is enough for me to appreciate and attempt to more fully understand the meaning behind Christ, the Resurrected One, showing himself later in his full glory. This was new life for them—and it promises new life for me! That’s what makes the amazing Resurrection experience full of meaning and hope for me, and for each of us!

And so through this season of Lent, perhaps you’ve taken time or had a notion to reflect, find renewal, and anxiously await the Resurrection day once again. Please join with me on Easter Sunday in the activities that have been planned (beginning at 9:00 a.m.), and invite a friend or neighbor to join with us!



Early morning service in the Activity Center	9:00 a.m.
Breakfast potluck	9:30 a.m.
Easter egg hunt at approximately	10:10 a.m.
Morning worship	11:00 a.m.

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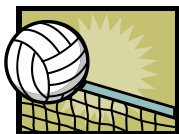
Communion Emblems Brought to You

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.



Sacrament of Administration

Brian Entwistle is 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.



Second Sunday Social Volleyball

April 14, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

We are going to do a “sandwich stack” for our meal. Breads and drinks will be provided. Bring your favorite sandwich filler, salad, or dessert.



Spiritual Growth Opportunities

As a team working on expanding our understanding of the Holy Spirit, we want to thank you for your consideration of and/or participation in the three sessions we have held so far. These were: “An Introduction to Our Present Understanding of the Holy Spirit,” led by Brian Entwistle; “Centering Prayer,” led by Sharon Troyer; and “An Introduction to Reike” led by Dick and Julie Foster.

As you know, the church is encouraged to “grow in spirituality.” The three sessions offered were designed to help us expand our awareness of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We will continue to offer further exploration and discussion for personal and congregational spiritual growth. These offerings may be single events or continuing weekly sessions as, for example, the Upper Room study, which meets every Wednesday morning at the church and is open to everyone.

The next offering is “A Course in Miracles.” During the Christmas season, we distributed a booklet regarding this course. The day has yet to be set, but in May we will offer a two-hour session to introduce the course. This will allow you to ask questions to our two experienced facilitators.

Following this introduction, we will discuss with those interested in taking the course—where, and when, we will meet. Depending on the individual needs of the participants, we may be able to arrange two weekly group sessions: one to meet during the day, and the other to meet at an appropriate time and place suitable for those who prefer meeting in the evening. Brian will be the organizer, but an experienced guest facilitator will lead the course.

Several people have indicated that they will participate, but you may be one who can’t decide if ‘The Course in Miracles’ is appropriate

for you. The introduction mentioned above will help you understand what is involved, but we suggest that you go online and read what other people are saying about the course. Check the following Web site:

http://www.amazon.com/Course-Miracles-Foundation-Inner-Peace/product-reviews/1883360269/ref=dp_top_cm_cr_acr_txt?ie=UTF8&showViewpoints=1. Also, if you know anyone who has taken the course, ask them their opinions. Brian and Julie, who are presently attending separate group sessions, are willing to answer any questions. Keep an open mind. Be informed, but please be aware this is not a course for private study. It is best understood by participation in a group.

If you have comments on the three offerings made so far, or want to offer suggestions for future offerings, please send them to us.

Vera Entwistle, Sharon Troyer, Dave Simons (pro-tem), Dick Foster, Julie Foster, and Brian Entwistle.



Community of Christ Sings

The new hymnal for the church will be released in October 2013. We are doing a pre-order for the congregation to get the discounted price of \$19.55 for the pew hymnal. If you would like to order a hymnal to have at home, the musician's large-print edition, \$50.00, or the USB digital flash drive (no price yet) of keyboard accompaniment track recording for every song in the hymnal, please notify Rich Kohlman and we will add that to our congregation order. This will give all of us the best price and may also reduce the shipping costs. We will be sending the order in the next two or three weeks, so if you haven't yet ordered, now is the time!

April Birthdays



Tonia Watts	04/01
Ryder Jackson	04/06
Dee Cable	04/09
Angela Alton	04/13
Dave Simons	04/19
Cinnamon Garner	04/23
Avery Dicke	04/25
Kay Bunch	04/25
Bettie Miller	04/30

Financial Report



February Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,582.50
Invite People to Christ	0.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	335.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	0.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	0.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	0.00
World Conference	25.00
Total	\$1,942.50

Local

Local Offering	\$1,867.50
Building Fund	35.50
2 Cents a Meal	65.00
Family Assistance	35.00
Herald in Every Home	26.50
Daily Bread	35.00
PET Project	600.00
Camp Paradise	1.00
Laurie Stone Memorial	375.00
Total	\$3,040.50

—Betty Jones, CFO

"To be fully human, we must recognize the full humanity of all other people."

—Lisa Lofland Gould

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ April 7: Dick Foster
- ❖ April 14: TBA
- ❖ April 21: Rick Bunch
- ❖ April 28: Debbie Jones

Keyboard

- ❖ April 7: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ April 14: Jean Newman
- ❖ April 21: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ April 28: Tom Beck

Greeters

- ❖ April: Ytell and Carrie Newman families

Nursery

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



Getting to Know You!

Bill Norwood recently turned 87.

The occasion was properly celebrated at a “blue grass jam session.” Bill takes his country western music very seriously. For instance, a song for which he is remembered is the following:

Chorus:

It may be silly, but ain't it fun;

It beats picture shows and carnivals

All rolled up into one.

You hug awhile,

You kiss awhile,

And say I love you, Hon.

It may be silly, but ain't it fun.

*One day I took my sweetie on a visit to the zoo;
A monkey and a lady friend were busy pitchin' woo.*

He bit her on the ear and then he grinned a silly grin.

I knew what he was thinkin' when she smacked him on the chin.

[Reporter's Note: The Norwood family was a strong influence during my rebellious teenage years. They brought enthusiasm and music into the tiny Bozeman, Montana, church group with



various activities for the young people who were forced to attend by their conscientious parents. The Norwood Sunday dinner table always seemed to have

room for one more to enjoy delicious fried chicken raised on their chicken ranch. We drooled over Gordon Mesle's romantic courtship of his “Bettikins” (Bill's younger sister, Betty) at one of the summer reunions, and we celebrated at the gorgeous wedding of Helen Norwood and Don Macintosh at the elegant old Gallatin Gateway Inn. My younger siblings learned a very practical religion from Sister Norwood in her Sunday school class. Bill called my mother “Maw,” and he tells of songfests around the piano at the ranch before my father died in a roundup accident.]

Bill has many stories to tell.

Particularly, he tells about his adventures on his motorcycle. He says that he was courting a young lady in Roswell, New Mexico, when she began to complain that it was getting a bit cold to be going out on the motorcycle. He said he'd go get his impressive Ford, which he had left in Montana. So he got on his motorcycle and headed north. He got to Denver and stayed overnight with his brother and his wife, but when he started riding again, he began to realize how beat he was. He only made it to Lander, Wyoming, before he had to stop for another rest. The next morning he was told that the thermometer had dipped below zero overnight, and it would be mighty cold traveling in the open going north! Sure enough, Bill had to make multiple stops that day to warm his face, knees, and hands. When he stopped at Laurel, Montana, to fill up, the

station attendant informed him that the roads were dry but the curves were sanded and should be taken slowly. Bill said thanks and cranked up the motorcycle. He averaged just about 85 mph all the way into Bozeman—he wanted to get home! His mom said she was most grateful when she heard that motorcycle coming down the lane. Sister Norwood always seemed to have freeway access to heaven with her prayers.

When Bill got out of the service, he had bought his '47 Ford that his sister, Betty, loved to drive; that is until Betty and Gordon took it on a trip to Washington State. On the way home, Betty fell asleep at the wheel and wiped out 14 guard posts just outside Three Forks, Montana. It wouldn't go over 60 mph without shimmying after that—not Bill's style. He traded it for a '51 Mercury, which he drove for over 100,000 miles.

Bill lives very happily at Parkwood Estates. He says that after his wife, Aro Gail, died, he found that keeping up a big house was expensive, and he wasn't much at the cooking and the housekeeping. He had received a brochure from Parkwood Estates, so he decided to give it a trial run. He planned to stay only four or five days to see what it was like. He liked it so well that he has stayed on for nearly two years now. He likes the people there; he likes the good food; he likes the good service; and he likes to play the grand piano in the community center (as well as his own piano in his apartment). If you hum a few bars, Bill can probably pick up the chords to play along with you.

Bill moved to Denver in 1963 where he married Aro Gail King in 1964. Both of them had been married before. They were together just three days short of 45 years. She brought a lot of music into their home. They attended the Denver Central congregation where she was the organist.

Bill has seen a lot of the USA.

Complements of Uncle Sam, Bill spent time in South Dakota for radio school, then he was in Arizona for gunnery school. In New Mexico he had bombing training and was first on B17s and B24s acting as bombardier and radio man. He then switched to the bigger B29s as radio man. He was also stationed in England in the Air Force.

Bill has had more than one family.

Bill had three sons—Kyle, who lives in California; Kevin, who was killed in a car accident; and Kent, who works for the city of Fort Collins. They were raised by their maternal grandparents in Butte, Montana. Bill has not had much involvement in their lives, although he has grandchildren and great grandchildren living in Washington State. Kyle did come to Bill's 80th birthday celebration.

Bill has, however, had quite a lot to do with his step children, Sharon Troyer and Larry King—Aro Gail's two children.

Bill is very devoted to his church.

The attendees of the Fort Collins congregation often see Bill at church. It has always been a very important part of his life. He enjoys sharing in the musical groups, especially.

—Beverly Doig, reporter



PET(Personal Energy Transport)

Our outreach project for the first quarter of 2013 was raising funds to purchase one or more PETs. The cost for each device is \$250, and this includes shipment to the nearest port for delivery. As of March 6, **\$1,783** has been raised which will allow us to purchase seven PETS!

—Kay Bunch

April Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins>

- Apr. 3: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
Worship Coordinators, 1:30 p.m.
Pastors, 2:30 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Apr. 7: Communion
First-Sunday giving
Potluck
- Apr. 8: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 10: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Apr. 11: Women's group, 1:00 p.m.
- Apr. 13-18: World Conference
- Apr. 14: Two-Cents-a-Meal offering
Second-Sunday Social, 5:00 p.m.
- Apr. 17: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Apr. 18-21: USA National Conference
- Apr. 21: Communicator items due
- Apr. 24: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Apr. 28: Church School and Worship

Fort Collins Congregation Offerings 2013 Disciples' Generous Response

Month	Total World	Total Local	Total Giving
January	1,583.00	2,697.87	4,280.87
February	1,942.50	3,040.50	4,983.00
March			-
April			-
May			-
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 3,525.50	\$ 5,738.37	\$ 9,263.87



Women's Group Needs Members

The afternoon Women's Group was formed five years ago and is presently down to four members. We welcome others to join us.

We meet the second Thursday of each month—except for December, June, July, and August—at 1:00 p.m. at Vergean Wood's home, 3402 Seneca St., Apt. A.

We selected making lap robes for Church Women United to give to nursing homes as our project when we formed. There is no sewing! If you can tie a knot, you're qualified to help. We also have book reports, exchange books, and do a lot of visiting.

If you want to bring your own projects and fellowship with us, that would be great! We are looking for a devotions chairwoman.


If interested, please call Vergean Wood, 204-1006, so she knows the number to plan for.


"Aloha ke Akua"—in other words,
"God is Aloha."


Aloha is the power of God
seeking to unite what is separated
in the world—the power that unites
heart with heart, soul with soul, life
with life, culture with culture, race
with race, nation with nation.

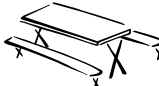
—Reverend Abraham K. Akaka,

Second Sunday Socials 2013


April 14:  "Sports Night" volleyball with Nancy and Logan Miller


May 11 (Sat.):  "Tea Party" (Sunday is Mother's Day) Call Marilyn Garner for details.


June 9:  Meet at the Miller's lake for games and a picnic.


July 14:  Annual Picnic in the Park. Sharon Fulton, Donna Clark, Pat Miner coordinating

August 11: New West Fest

September 8:  "Kick up your heels"—Learn to do the Polka! Sharon Fulton has a contact that plays polka on the accordion!

October 13:  Annual Harvest Party

November 10:  "Games"—Tom and Max, chairmen. Anyone for Mahjong?

December 8:  Annual Holiday Dinner

If there is a particular month in which you'd like to help, call Marilyn Garner or one of the chairpersons listed. Otherwise, we will randomly assign you to bring the butter, dessert, or bread.

Our Leadership Team

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
Sharon Fulton and Shirley Remmenga, 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

*"Let your religion
be less of a theory
and more of a love
affair."*

—G.K. Chesterton