

***We proclaim Jesus Christ
and promote
communities of joy,
hope, love, and peace.***



Communicator

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Community of Christ

Fort Collins, Colorado

A Welcoming Congregation

For everyone born, a place at the table

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—Rich Kohlman, Communication Ministries Pastor

I have noticed over the last few years that the word “hate” has been appearing more and more frequently in our human communications. From the media, to religions, to Facebook, to playground confrontations, and to everyday conversation the word appears too often. Rather than investing in the task of creating loving community, we seem to be investing in the divisions of people.

On the way to Spectacular a few years ago, a Cadillac passed me on the highway with the above license plate. A number of others also saw the same car pass them. We wondered what the intended message was.

I wondered if this was a put-down message. “Look at what I own, don’t you just hate me for it?” Or, maybe there was supposed to be a question mark. “Would you hate me just because I’ve achieved the American Icon dream of a luxury car?” Or, maybe it was a deeper psychological message. “I’ve always been the target of your hate, but I made it anyway, so go ahead and hate me. Or, it could have been an entirely different message that simply wasn’t clear to those of us who saw it, and had nothing

to do with hate. Whatever the intended message, all of us wondered, why would you put that message on your car? It was a strange first impression, indeed!

I then remembered a license plate I had years ago in Illinois. It was not a vanity plate even though many people asked me about it. It was **LUV 689**. I just lucked out. However, if I was going to choose a license plate, I would much rather have one that that spread love on the highway rather than hate. First impressions make such a difference.

On-the-other-hand, Jesus reminds us to “love our neighbor as ourselves,” regardless of first impressions or last impressions. What a joy it was to know I was headed to a camp where the love and peace of Christ would be the focus, and how to share it with those we would come into contact with. For what we advertise about ourselves also has a way of finding and attaching itself to us.

What message are you sending about yourself along the highways of your life? It makes all the difference in our world and in yours.

**My Spirit is reaching out to numerous souls
even now and there are many who will respond
if you, my people, will bear affirmative
testimony of my love and my desires for all to
come unto me.**

—Doctrine and Covenants 153:9b

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Communion Emblems Brought to You

If you are unable to attend a Communion service and would like the emblems brought to you, please contact Bob Fulton, 484-6943, or Dave Simons, 282-0969, to make arrangements. Also, if you know of anyone 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.

Second Sunday Social Coded Dinner

August 11: "Coded dinner" followed by a trivia contest by Brian Entwistle. If you would like to help (and be privy to the "code"), call Brian.



August Birthdays



Man Oberoi	8/4
Madie Birks	8/15
Keenan Fronapfel	8/19
John Garner	8/20
Ken Jones	8/26
Sierra Bridwell-Deshner	8/26
Allister Garner	8/26
Erin Alton	8/29

Financial Report



June Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,812.00
Invite People to Christ	25.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	379.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	47.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	25.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	35.00
World Conference Donation	10.00
Total	\$2,333.00

Local

Local Offering	\$3,540.56
Building Fund	50.00
Bazaar (Goes to Building Fund)	15.00
2 Cents a Meal	39.00
Family Assistance	85.00
Pancake Breakfast	44.00
Total	\$3,773.56

—Betty Jones, CFO

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ Aug. 4: Brian Entwistle
- ❖ Aug. 11: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ Aug. 18: No Church, NewWestFest
- ❖ Aug. 25: Sue Janetta

Keyboard

- ❖ Aug. 4: Tom Beck
- ❖ Aug. 11: Jean Newman
- ❖ Aug. 18: No Church, NewWestFest
- ❖ Aug. 25: Sharon Fulton

Greeters

- ❖ August: Vergean Wood and Bill Norwood

Nursery

- ❖ Aug. 4: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Aug. 11: Bettie Miller
- ❖ Aug. 18: No Church, NewWestFest
- ❖ Aug. 25: Mary Kohlman



Getting to Know You!

Mary Jane Heinrichs

What do you know about Mary Jane (“MJ”) Heinrichs? Did you know that she feels very comfortable attending the Fort Collins Congregation even though she drives from Boulder? Having friends here from Graceland is one of the reasons. Did you know that she too is a Jayhawker? Did you know that she moved to Colorado two years ago from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she attended the Juan Tabo Congregation in Northeast Albuquerque? Did you know that she can trace her father’s lineage back to Frederick the Great of Prussia? When asked about their royal lineage, and why they were poor, he replied, “We’re not poor, in fact, we are very rich with many blessings other than money. Mary Jane Heinrichs is a good name. Be proud of who you are, okay!” (So she chose to use that name after her divorce.) Did you know that she lived in Mount Shasta, California, for several years and helped create The Mount Shasta Herb and Health Store?

MJ has an extraordinary heritage — quoting from her family story:

“My dream was to be an inspiration for good in the world.”

“My parents were partly responsible for this dream.”



Carl Heinrichs, 1925

“They were hard working German immigrants searching for the land of opportunity, the land of the free. They taught me to look for the good in all things, especially people; to observe and work with nature, as it contains

the laws of the universe; and to travel because it

expands a limited perspective. And most emphatically, they stressed getting a good education, as it was the best insurance policy a

woman could have in her dowry, which was revolutionary thinking for young girls in 1950.”

“By the time I arrived in the family on August 9, in Independence, Missouri, as the third born daughter, my father, Karl Frederick Heinrich Wilhelm Heinrichs, aka Carl Heinrichs, had mastered English with only a slight residue of a delightful accent of his mother tongue. My mother was slower to learn, as the need was not as great for her until later.”

MJ’s parents became members of the RLDS church in Hannover, Germany, and they moved to “Zion” at the request of President F.M. Smith. She has an extensive family history connected with the church (included in four very thick notebooks of genealogy).

“Believing that they had found a supportive church home, they chose to relocate in Independence, Missouri, the World Headquarters of the Reorganized Church of



Carl Heinrichs 1925
with violin

Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (RLDS) and the hometown of Harry S. Truman, the soon to be president of the United States. In fact my childhood home was across the street from his boyhood home.” MJ would

walk her dog when President Truman was walking with “his” bodyguards. He would

often wave to her, and she would talk with him about what it was like living in Independence, Missouri, as a youngster.

“My father’s major skill was that of being a talented artist, whose creativity covered the yearly calendars for Trans World Airlines, and Union Pacific Railroad. As an artist, my father was a sensitive, compassionate man, who was confused by the verbal abuse directed at our family, as German immigrants during WWII.”

MJ remembers Arthur Oakman coming to their home early in the morning to share German information with her father. Arthur was learning the language from her father,

because he was training to go to Germany as an apostle. It is impressive that her dad had translated the Book of Mormon into German. Many of MJ's childhood playmates were the children of RLDS leadership, mostly males. She always wanted to climb into their tree houses to see what they did there! She remembers being a "feminist" rather than a traditional female in the 1950s which always seemed to challenge her!

Growing up in this environment, she felt the joys and pain her parents experienced. The positive result was that she had a desire to better understand the human experience and obtained a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Kansas and a master's degree from the University of Nebraska, as a Human Development and Family Life Specialist with an emphasis in developmental psychology. She spent most of her adult life in higher education working at three major universities: University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska; University of Colorado in Boulder; and the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

While MJ was living in Albuquerque, she was associate director of graduate recruitment and admissions at University of New Mexico, working with over 110 graduate programs. Following her father's involvement with the Book of Mormon, she has continued to research its background.

What about MJ's family?

MJ has celebrated 50 years of life (25 years married and 25 years divorced and single). She has three children—two daughters, age 48 and 46 who live in Nebraska, and one son, age 36 who lives in Atlanta, Georgia. They were baptized in the RLDS church but currently do not attend. All are married and have very interesting lives. She has seven grandchildren: 18 months to 20 years of age.

Travel has been a significant part of MJ's life.

Her parents would often talk about the Black Forest in Germany and would travel to

Colorado Springs, Colorado, and rent a cabin by a stream so that MJ might have an idea of their childhood in Germany. Hence her desire to live in Colorado!

Due to their German heritage she insisted that her daughters take four years of German in high school, and, as a reward, they all traveled to Germany to check out their family background. This was around 1984, so East Germany was not yet accessible. This trip also included many wonderful stops in Europe, including Paris and London.

During the summer months in Independence, Missouri, they had a covered wagon celebration of the trails, i.e., Santa Fe Trail, California Trail, and Oregon Trail, that began in Independence—"Santa-Cali-Gon Days." As a youngster, she always wanted to explore. So as an older person, she followed the trails to California, Oregon, and finally to Santa Fe. (The Santa Fe Trail was high on her list because of the map her dad created in Germany related to the Book of Mormon.) Be sure to ask her about this map.

Living in Lincoln, Nebraska, made her curious about "Germans in Russia," and she was fortunate to connect with Suzanne Massie whose former husband, Robert K. Massie, wrote the book *Catherine the Great*. Susanne researched most of the material and MJ traveled with her to Russia and had many wonderful experiences.

After her divorce, MJ connected with some very interesting people that led trips to Machu Picchu, Peru, and Tibet. These journeys were connected to her interest in discovering more about the Book of Mormon.

MJ also traveled to Tuscany with a group from Graceland University, which was also a great adventure. Traveling to Belize was another interesting trip.

She says that she has been able to finance these journeys because of blessings other than money.

—Beverly Doig, reporter

August Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchstrm.org/FortCollins>

- Aug. 4: Communion Service
First-Sunday Giving
Potluck
- Aug. 7: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
Pastors, 1:30 p.m.
Worship Coordinators, 2:30 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 11: Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering
Second-Sunday Social, Coded Dinner,
5:00 p.m.
- Aug. 12: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 14: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Aug. 16-18: NewWestFest
- Aug. 18: No Church today due to NewWestFest
Communicator items due
- Aug. 21: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Aug. 25: Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- Aug. 29: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.
- July 28: Worship, 10:00 a.m.



I want to thank Tom Beck, Max Coopwood, and Sharon Troyer, for their labor and also those who donated to the flowers these three expert “gardeners” planted in my flower bed. It is quite lovely now as one walks up to my front door to see all the beautiful flowers in bloom. I appreciate the way they incorporated my stepping stones into a lovely pattern among the flowering plants. Thanks to everyone involved. I appreciate it very much. I think it was a very nice project for the 2nd quarter of 2013!

—Betty Jones

Up-Coming Second-Sunday Socials

- August 11: “Coded dinner” at 5:00 p.m.
followed by a trivia contest by
Brian Entwistle. If you would like
to help (and be privy to the
“code”), call Brian.

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



Fort Collins Congregation Offerings 2013 Disciples' Generous Response

Month	Total World Initiatives	Total Local Operating	Total Operating Giving
January	1,583.00	2,407.00	3,990.00
February	1,917.50	1,867.50	3,785.00
March	2,252.00	3,752.50	6,004.50
April	2,347.00	2,382.00	4,729.00
May	1,971.25	3,338.76	5,310.01
June	2,332.00	3,540.56	5,872.56
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 12,402.75	\$ 17,288.32	\$ 29,691.07



School Supplies Needed

It is the time of year that causes students and teachers to weep, while many parents may be inclined to shout with joy. The new school year is nearly here, and students will be heading back to classrooms. Each will be in need of pencils, notebooks, and other supplies. Please help abused and needy children in Larimer County succeed this year by donating items to this worthy cause. A collection box will be set up in the church foyer, so bring in your contributions and help us fill the box to the top! Please bring in supplies to the church by Sunday, August 4, 2013. They will be packed up and delivered the following Monday, stuffed into backpacks, and then delivered to families around the county. Thank you for giving kids around our community a head start this school year.