



# *The Communicator*

## ***"New Year—New Beginnings"***

—Vera Entwistle, Vision Ministries Pastor

As a child growing up in England, New Year's Eve was always a special celebration in our home. Late in the evening, we would gather around the fireplace, while Mother would give us each a piece of paper and a pencil for writing out our New Year's Resolutions. We sat in silence, chewing the ends of our pencils, as we decided what promises we would make. We took this tradition seriously; this would be a new start to a new year full of promise.

When all of us were ready, Dad would hold on to us as we leaned close to the fire, let our pieces of paper catch the draft of the fire, and fly up the chimney. We would then race outside to see if we could see our resolutions fly out of the chimney.

When we gathered again around the fire, we would share with the rest of the family the resolutions we had made.

As I became an adult, I lost that childlike sense of wonder, and I no longer made resolutions.

When we arrived in Colorado a year ago, it was with a sense of excitement and new beginnings. As a congregation, you made us welcome. It was a joy to be here!

Now, with the return of our son and his family to Australia, our days seem empty, sad, and lonely. What are my resolutions for the future?

I know I need to recapture that New Year's Eve excitement. I can begin again, no matter what the date. I can make promises to myself. The future lies before me, and I can set a goal to be true to my resolutions.



Maybe if I start this New Year with that same childlike optimism, I will again find joy in daily life and can help my

resolutions come true. I am sure going to try.

What resolutions have you made for 2013?

Happy New Year, everyone!



### **Youth Supporting Outreach International**

Our youth approved donating the remaining \$283 they earned last year from their bowling outing to various projects with Outreach International.



## 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 now our coordinator for the sacrament of administration. Please contact him at (970) 310-0665 or [entwistlebrian@gmail.com](mailto:entwistlebrian@gmail.com) if you have need for administration or to schedule it for someone else.



## Community of Christ Sings

The new hymnal for the church will be released next year. We will be doing a pre-order for the congregation to get the discounted price of \$19.55. If you would like to order a hymnal to have at home, the musician's large-print edition, or the USB digital flash drive 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.

## January Birthdays



Julie Foster	01/03
Glenn Smith	01/04
Laurie Stone	01/08
Brian Cole	01/09
Greyson Garner	01/11
Donna Miller	01/13
David Garner	01/18
Sharon Fulton	01/19
Nancy Mendenhall	01/19
Bonnie Oberoi	01/26
Bob Fulton	01/29
Jessica Julch	01/29

## Financial Report



### November Income

#### World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,698.35
Invite People to Christ	0.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	317.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	0.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	0.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,015.35</b>

#### Local

Local Offering	\$2,764.00
Building Fund	45.00
2 Cents a Meal	10.25
Family Assistance	85.00
Second-Sunday Social	20.00
Organ/Piano Fund	50.00
Camp Paradise	15.00
RMMC Conference	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,994.25</b>

—Betty Jones, CFO

## Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



### Speakers

- ❖ January 6: TBD
- ❖ January 13: David Nii
- ❖ January 20: Scripture and Music
- ❖ January 27: Rich Thompson

### Keyboard

- ❖ January 6: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ January 13: Kay Bunch
- ❖ January 20: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ January 27: Tom Beck

### Greeters

- ❖ January: Nancy and Logan Miller

### Nursery

- ❖ January 6: Debbie Jones
- ❖ January 13: Bettie Miller
- ❖ January 20: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ January 27: Pat and Bill Miner



## Getting to Know You!

### So how much do you know about Tom Beck and Max Coopwood?

Did you know that they actually live in Loveland but choose to worship with the Fort Collins Congregation? Did you know that it was Jon Mendenhall (whom Tom had known in the Greenwood Congregation) that urged them to



join this very accepting and friendly congregation? Did you know that Tom knew Gary Clark, Dick Foster, and Bill Miner

at Graceland? Did you know that both have degrees in elementary education (Max a bachelors from UNC and Tom a masters)?

### Why did they decide to move to Loveland?

Well, Max's parents, Max and Helen, chose to move to Loveland from Denver. In 2002 after considering Fort Collins, Tom and Max found a house that was convenient for them to live together. Tom had retired in 1999 from teaching 32 years as a fourth through sixth-grade classroom teacher and as a music teacher. (He was nominated for the Colorado Teacher Award in 1998.) Max was attended UNC and studied for a B. A. degree in elementary education. Both had had full careers: Tom started out studying accounting to follow in his banker dad's footsteps, but he soon found that his interests were in music education. After two grueling years in Belt, Montana (near Great Falls), teaching music in K-6 and choir and band in junior and senior high (including halftime shows, parades, music festivals), he lucked out while studying one summer at the University of Denver and found a position in the Jefferson County schools teaching elementary instrumental music. After seven years there, Tom took a sabbatical to get a masters degree in elementary education.

Max's career path is quite different; he worked for Hewlett Packard before and after his time in the service. Attending night school, he was able to complete an associate degree in computer information systems, which he could apply in his work in distribution. But, the debilitating effects of fibromyalgia made it necessary for him to take an early disability retirement in 2001.

Both Tom and Max have interesting stories about not serving in the military. Tom was just recovering from extensive injuries from an automobile accident, which left him physically unfit. But Max's problem was being underweight (even after extensive stuffing on bananas and milkshakes). However, the recruiter in Max's case managed to make a "clerical error" enough to match his height to his weight. So, he served in Germany for three

years driving trucks and in the Army Reserves for three years hauling heavy equipment.

### **What are their roles in the Fort Collins Congregation?**

Tom has provided many applications of his musical talents. We have all enjoyed his time at the piano and organ, his playing of his clarinet, and his organizing of choirs for special occasions.

Following his baptism in 2009, Max has taken his membership very seriously. He contributes often to the worship services and recently has taken on a number of projects the congregation sponsors. He also is serving as the congregation's historian and has co-taught the preparation for baptism class for two sessions.

### **What volunteer projects have they chosen?**

When Max's disability made it impossible for him to use his education in a full-time job, he chose to be a reading coach for the Loveland School District. He has also worked in outreach and fund-raising for the Northern Colorado AIDS Project. He served on their board of directors, but he finds that administration is not his forte. He prefers to be a worker bee! He also has helped to raise funds for the Larimer County Humane Society.

For three years Tom volunteered for the Project Angel Heart, which provides meals for the terminally ill (especially AIDS patients). He worked in the kitchen and delivered meals. He was also instrumental in getting the GALA (Gay and Lesbian Acceptance) organization started (a group representing church members and friends). He served as secretary for two years. Tom and Max actively support their yearly Labor Day retreat. Both Tom and Max did the Crop Walk this past fall, as well.

### **What about their families?**

Tom and Max make an effort to spend quality time with their families. Max is the oldest of three children: He has a younger brother and sister. His brother Steve, lives in Parker,

Colorado, with his girlfriend Gail. His sister Denise, lives in Boulder, Colorado, with her husband Alan and their sons Ben and Jack.

Tom has an older sister, Dottie, who still lives in Tom's hometown of Billings, Montana, and she frequently looks in on his 92-year-old mother, Ruth. (She was my camp counselor at Camp Monyoka during my teen years.) His stepfather is Will Timms, a former apostle, who is 100-years-old. The church has been a major part of his life from birth.

### **Where have they been traveling?**

They both relish discovering other places. Max was stationed in Germany, and Tom spent two summers in Europe getting to Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France, and Malta. They have also traveled to England, Ireland, Canada, Hawaii, and much of the USA. Max would also like to explore each of the national parks.

### **What do they like to do?**

Max has set as a goal to read a biography of each of the U.S. presidents. He reads a lot of history. He takes pride in his old Ford truck and likes going to see old trucks and cars. Living in Colorado, he takes advantage of its rocks and minerals as well as bike riding and photography. He can be found watching animated films and cartoons (He didn't take up my offer of my Bullwinkle DVDs, however). He is an "I Love Lucy" fan as well as an Elvis fan.

Tom sings most seasons in the Larimer Chorale, and he loves to play the piano. He also enjoys cooking and creating landscapes in oils and pastels.

Both enjoy gardening and making the most of their companionship.

—Beverly Doig, reporter

*Be a joyful people. Laugh and play and sing, embodying the hope and freedom of the gospel.* —*Doctrine and Covenants 161:1b*



## Names in the News!

- **Ken Jones's** employer, Mike Howland with Gib's New York Bagels, was awarded Employer of the Year by the Commission on Disability. Ken has been an employee of Gib's for more than 16 years.
- **Zach Fronapfel** and the rest of the Fort Collins High School boy's soccer team were victorious over rival Poudre High School. Zach scored one of the goals in the game.
- **Alec Fronapfel** was pictured in the *Coloradoan* helping Poudre School District reduce the amount of trash that ends up in the landfill.
- **Josh Birks** was quoted in the *Coloradoan* agreeing that developmental changes need to happen in the Poudre River District.
- The Front Range League made their selections for the fall sports all-conference soccer teams. **Zack Fronapfel** was selected from Fort Collins High School for the First Team and All-State Nominations.
- The Front Range League made their selections for the fall sports all-conference tennis teams. **Gabe Pagat** was selected to play for the Second Team.
- The Faith Family Hospitality Steering Committee thanked all those who helped to make their November 17 benefit a success. **Rick and Kay Bunch** were recognized for their efforts to secure food donations from area merchants.

- **David and Carol Birks** were included in a Fort Collins *Coloradoan* article that looked back on the destruction from the High Park Fire this past summer.
- **Josh Birks** was quoted in the Fort Collins *Coloradoan* regarding efforts to find a new tenant for the long vacant Toys'R'Us building on South College Avenue.

## January Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchstrm.org/FortCollins>

- Jan. 1: New Year's Day
- Jan. 2: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.  
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Jan. 6: Children's classes resume  
Communion  
First-Sunday Giving  
First-Sunday Potluck
- Jan. 9: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.  
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.  
Pastors Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
- Jan. 13: Two-Cents-a-Meal offering
- Jan. 14: WEAVERS, 4:00 p.m.  
PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 16: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.  
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Jan. 20: Communicator items due
- Jan. 23: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.  
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Jan. 27: Explorations in the Holy Spirit class, 1:30 p.m.
- Jan. 30: Upper Room, 9:30 a.m.  
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.

*There are many issues that could easily consume the time and energy of the church. However, the challenge before us is to discern and pursue what matters most for the journey ahead.*

**—Doctrine and Covenants 163:11b**



## 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	1,654.00	2,934.00	4,588.00
November	2,015.35	2,994.25	5,009.60
December			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 21,109.85</b>	<b>\$ 51,424.75</b>	<b>\$ 72,534.60</b>



### 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. 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.



### 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  
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

Behold, I will do a  
new thing: now it  
shall spring forth.  
—Isaiah 43:19

# AN INVITATION FOR YOU

to Share in Explorations and Discussions  
Regarding Our Ever-Present God

## THE HOLY SPIRIT

*We believe that the Holy Spirit of God affects our daily lives; directs, heals and sustains us; and leads us to share love, joy, peace, and hope.*

*With this belief as our beginning, we are planning a series of discussions and explorations of how and where the Holy Spirit is working with us and others. Presented by guest speakers, each offering will be coordinated by congregational leaders, such as Vera Entwistle, Sharon Troyer, Dick and Julie Foster, and others.*

*Even though this series is primarily for elders as opportunities to expand their ministry of spiritual awareness, all the activities are open to everyone who desires to improve their relationship with our ever-present God and are willing to attend with an open, receptive mind.*

**Our first opportunity to share will be held on  
Sunday, January 27, at the church from  
1:30–3:30 p.m.**

**Great possibilities await those who choose  
to accept this invitation.**

**If you have questions or wish to offer suggestions for  
discussion and exploration,  
please contact me – Brian Entwistle.  
([entwistlebrian@gmail.com](mailto:entwistlebrian@gmail.com))**



Our apologies to Lee Cook for missing this expression of gratitude in last month's *Communicator*.

Words cannot express my thankfulness and joy for being a part of the September 9<sup>th</sup> recognition service for our church. What a great surprise when so many, including family, could keep the secret for such a long time from all of us. It was a beautiful night, and I was truly honored to be part of it. Sorry this is so late to let you all know my feeling about a wonderful night that I'll always remember with love.

—Lee Cook

### **How to Recognize Grace**

*by Marilyn Chandler McEntyre*

It takes you by surprise.  
It comes in odd packages.  
It sometimes looks like loss  
or mistakes.  
It acts like rain  
or like a seed.  
It's both reliable and unpredictable.  
It's not what you were aiming at  
or what you thought you deserved.  
It supplies what you need,  
not necessarily what you want  
It grows you up  
and lets you be a child.  
It reminds you you're not in control.  
And that not being in control  
is a form of freedom.