

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



A monthly newsletter of
Community of Christ

Fort Collins, Colorado

A Welcoming Congregation

For everyone born, a place at the table

July 2013

"Past, Present, Future"

—Debbie Jones, Worship Ministries Pastor

It's July and half the year is behind us, and the other half lies ahead. When we look back, we can see our accomplishments, a few changes, and some milestones. The past is, as Martha Stewart would say, "A good thing." It's our roots, where we've come from, and if we learn from it, we can see what mistakes we may have made so as not to repeat them.

The future is when we look forward and envision our plans and our hopes—things yet to come. It's the frontier of things yet undiscovered, and it's filled with questions. The future is our dreams.

There's a Bill Keane "Family Circle" comic where Billy says, "Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present."

A gift is something we're usually glad to receive, something given to us to represent appreciation, affection, or love. What shall we do with this gift?

In the past, as the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, we learned we were to be in the forefront, to lead others to the ways of the Christ, to be good stewards, and to strive for zionic conditions here on earth. We now have a new name, Community of Christ, with new missions, principles, and initiatives, inviting us to act and to be Christ's hands in the world. Doctrine and Covenants 164:9e-f states, "The challenges and opportunities are momentous. Will you remain hesitant in the shadows of your fears, insecurities, and competing loyalties? Or will you move forward in the light of your divinely instilled call and vision? The mission of Jesus Christ is what matters most for the journey ahead."

In late 2011 I received a small folder in the mail asking: "Have you heard the call to mission?" It stated the mission initiatives—To invite people to Christ; To Abolish Poverty and End Suffering; To Pursue Peace on Earth; To Develop Disciples to Serve; and To Experience Congregations in Mission. It stated our call was more than words on a page. "By the grace of God, you are poised to fulfill God's ultimate vision for the church."—Doctrine and Covenants 164:9a

We were challenged to respond, and you have responded. Think about how you spend your days and the people with whom you come in contact. You are making a difference in their lives, whether it be large or small. You help the hungry, the homeless, the unlearned, and the elderly—just to name a few. Just look at the display in the church foyer showing the many ways you, the individuals of our congregation, are participating in our community. And if you haven't already, I invite you to find a way to add your own name there.

Each one of us is the church, each one is the vision of the future, and each one is the mission of Jesus Christ.

I leave you these quotes to ponder:

"Every man is guilty of all the good he didn't do."

—Voltaire

"If change is inevitable, predictable, beneficial, doesn't logic demand that you be a part of it? One man cannot summon the future. But one man can change the present. Be the captain of this enterprise."
—Captain Kirk, USS Enterprise



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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 Picnic at the Park

Our annual picnic in City Park will be July 19 at 6:00 p.m., shelter #7, same as the last three years. Sharon Fulton, Donna Clark, and Pat Miner are coordinating the event. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks, and homemade ice cream will be provided. Bring a side dish to share.

July Birthdays



James Miller	7/1
Betty Axelsen	7/3
Joan Green	7/4
Jay Ytell	7/4
Merly Pagat	7/5
Josh Birks	7/6
Rich Kohlman	7/10
Christy Harms	7/11
Larry Slocum	7/12
Marilyn Doig	7/13
Thelma Slocum	7/17
Betty Jones	7/17
Evie Birks	7/17
Shelton Thomas	7/19
Logan Miller	7/20
Madison Clark	7/22

Financial Report



May Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,715.00
Invite People to Christ	0.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	168.25
Pursue Peace on Earth	20.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	25.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	20.00
Total	\$1,948.25

Local

Local Offering	\$3,361.76
Building Fund	36.25
Bazaar (Goes to Building Fund)	60.00
2 Cents a Meal	101.50
Family Assistance	57.25
Camp Paradise	14.02
Rockies Family Camp	1.00
RMMC Fall Conference	11.00
Big Spruce Campgrounds	1.25
Total	\$3,644.03

—Betty Jones, CFO

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ July 7: Debbie Jones
- ❖ July 14: Worship with Loveland and Greeley
- ❖ July 21: Gil Pagat
- ❖ July 28: Dick Foster

Keyboard

- ❖ July 7: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ July 14: Worship with Loveland and Greeley
- ❖ July 21: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ July 28: Kay Bunch

Greeters

- ❖ July: Kathy Bridwell and Betty Jones

Nursery

- ❖ July 7: Debbie Jones
- ❖ July 14: Worship with Loveland and Greeley
- ❖ July 21: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ July 28: Pat and Bill Miner



Getting to Know You!

Beverly Doig

Why Fort Collins?

My coming to Fort Collins was with great reluctance, but having been urged by my sisters, Joan and Marilyn, to join them at Park Lane Towers where they could help me adjust to “handicap living” due to arthritis crippling, the decision has proven to be a wise one. Giving up on my “cottage in the woods” and the



associated yard work was most difficult, but very necessary. Since I had spent two different extended periods of recovery from knee replacements living in Park Lane Towers, I was well aware of the excellent facilities offered there for people with

disabilities. The move seemed to be almost “pre-ordained,” since my house sold in less than a month, at a time when houses were not

selling well. Also my rental condo came available at just the right time, on the same floor where Joan lives. The “closing” was a bit difficult, but Joan “willed it” through, and she came to Farmington to help clear out and pack up my things. So after five and one-half years, Fort Collins has become “home,” and I am at last “retired.”

Where before Fort Collins?

Farmington, New Mexico, was an ideal place to take an early retirement, since I was able to ease out of the projects for UNISYS by connecting to the extended network of databases from my back bedroom each morning. I was then able to work as an interior designer in a design showroom in the afternoons, as well as an adjunct teacher in computer science a couple of nights a week at San Juan Community College. My “perfect cottage” (just three doors down from the church) underwent several stages of remodeling inside and outside as interesting products were applied. (I really got into glass tile!)

Retired from what?

It has been a very exciting career working on the “leading edge” of the computing field for 40 some years. After eight years at White Sands Missile Range and four years working at University of Wisconsin, Burroughs/UNISYS made it possible for me to work in Australia, the UK, Sweden, and Germany, as well as “fly-and-fix-it” all over the USA, Europe, and South Africa as a networking specialist. When I was recovering from lung cancer, my doctor at the UCLA Cancer Research Center suggested that I do “something that I had always wanted to do.” Thus, began my extended years of commuting the freeways a couple nights a week to study interior design, which I was eventually able to apply for 10 years.

Where did I spend many vacations?

From my early teenage years I was active in youth programs, youth camps, and retreats, so it was natural to continue counseling at camps

and retreats. I taught photography in the most primitive of conditions (loading film tanks in the walk-in coolers and setting up enlargers in the girls' bathrooms). I developed creative crafts, as well as leading campfires in Arizona, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Michigan, and California. The Zioners in Madison, Wisconsin, were pioneers in the new program for junior teenagers—the results were amazing. Surprisingly, while I was living in Australia for two plus years, my boss was a great believer in youth programs, so I was able to take extra time off to attend many camps in some very exotic places and meet some fantastic kids there. In Germany, it was quite a challenge to translate my old favorite camp songs into German, with the kids correcting my bad grammar. The camps and reunions for Detroit Stake at Blue Water in Michigan were outstanding, a growing experience.

What keeps me busy now?

Serving on the board for the CSU Women's Association is almost like a full-time job. Besides playing bridge with the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Group and reading with the Western Literature Book Club, my most recent project has been to gather recipes for a proposed cookbook to raise funds for scholarships.

Swimming and treadmill workouts keep the knees somewhat mobile, but the nerve damage in my back makes it impossible to sit for extended periods. (It throws a kink into my Green Bay Packers watching.) However, having been worse off, I am thankful to be able to do as much as I currently enjoy.

—Beverly Doig, reporter



Address Updates

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July Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins>

- July 3: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- July 7: Communion Service
First-Sunday Giving
Potluck
- July 8: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- July 10: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
Worship Coordinators, 2:30 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- July 14: Combined service at La Paz with Greeley and Loveland congregations**
- July 17: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- July 19: Annual Congregation Picnic, 6:00 p.m.
- July 21: *Communicator* items due
- July 24: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- July 25: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.
- July 28: Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- July 31: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.



What a Wonderful Gift! 21 PETs!

These are the words written on the top of a letter of thanks from Mel West and the Personal Energy Transportation enterprise. Mel writes, "This is a slow time of the year for donations, so it is especially appreciated. Your recent and very generous gift of \$5,250.00 to PET is received with gratitude. It will go immediately to help build and ship a load of PETs to The Association for Human Development (ADHU) in El Salvador. ADHU is one of our PET distribution partners, selecting recipients, training them in the use of the PETs, and monitoring the program. Keep on with your caring and sharing. We are building a better world together. Thank you, Fort Collins Congregation and friends."

—Kay Bunch, Outreach Pastor

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	1,948.25	3,361.76	5,310.01
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 10,047.75	\$ 13,770.76	\$ 23,818.51

Up-Coming Second-Sunday Socials

August 18: 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.

Pictures from Recent Events

Remmenga/Urioste Wedding



June Second-Sunday Social Picnic and Games



Dave and Voni Simons's 50th Anniversary



Work Crew on Rose's Yard, June 18th



(Photographer Max Coopwood, not pictured)