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



Communicator

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A Welcoming Congregation

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“The Wounded Healer”

—Vera Entwistle, Vision/Missions Pastor

Years ago, when Brian and I were in Independence, Missouri, for appointee-minister training, other appointee friends presented us with a book by Henri Nouwen titled *The Wounded Healer*. We had only been an appointee family for two years when my father committed suicide and my life fell apart; and that book became something I would turn to for comfort. I searched out other books written by Nouwen, and with each book came the realization that this indeed was a man of great spirituality. His writings were such a sensitive ministry, reaching out to those in pain, and as I read I found hope that I would be able to find healing.

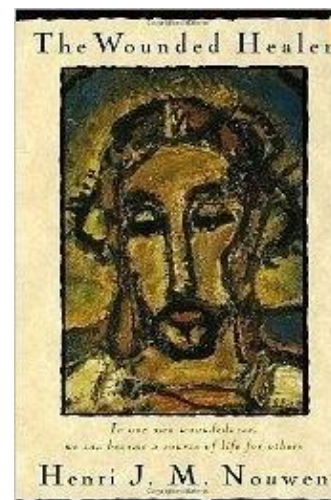
Recently I read a couple of biographies of Nouwen and learned that he would always put a multi-colored stole over his shoulders in preparation for prayer. He said that the act of putting on this stole reminded him of his responsibility as a priest. However, I was stunned to learn that this man who had ministered to thousands battled a deep depression most of his life. Friends told of telephone calls from him in the middle of the night as he struggled with his loneliness. In 1996 he had a complete breakdown. As I read of his depression and isolation, I began to grieve for him. He was in fact for me the personification of the “the wounded healer.”

His biographer said that while it was well known that he suffered sorrow and deep

despair, it was only in the last years of his life that he finally openly shared with friends that he was homosexual. One friend of Henri wrote that she hoped the church would learn from his life of acceptance and affirmation of all God’s people.

In the midst of his pain, this man was able not just to function, but to be a blessing to others. He traveled the world to speak words of encouragement to others while he personally was beset by what for many of us would be soul-destroying sadness.

What can I learn from this? Overcoming hurt is a part of life. I would like to say that serving the church always brings joy, but there are also the hurts. Can I continue to minister despite the pain I carry? Is it really possible for me to rise above it and not just go on—but go on in strength? Henri Nouwen did it! God willing, so can I.



*In our own woundedness,
we can become a source of life for others.*

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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 Picnic and Games

Meet at Bettie Miller's lake for games and a picnic, 38920 Weld County Road 19. Directions: From Fort Collins go east on Mulberry (Highway 14). Go approximately 5 miles east of I-25. Turn right on County Road 19. Follow the road around a curve; the house will be on your left. Call if you need further directions.

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A Job Well Done

Children's Christian Education

Many thanks for a wonderful job done by teachers, class assistants, and other staff who gladly volunteered in the Children's Christian Education program. Classes ended May 19 and will resume on September 8, 2013. Our dedicated teachers this year included Donna Clark, Mary Kohlman, Nancy Miller, and Brian Entwistle. Tom Beck, Max Coopwood, Bob Fulton, Bettie Miller, Rose Julch, Gil Pagat, Marta Remmenga, Shirley Remmenga, Voni Simons, and Jon Ytell volunteered as assistants.

All of the staff must be "youth worker qualified," and the assistants must be scheduled for each week. Marta Remmenga assumed that responsibility quite ably. Additional thanks to Donna Clark for taking on some of the responsibility for Bell Choir performances.

—Sharon Fulton

June Birthdays



Scott Watkins	6/2
Oceana Alcoser	6/4
Kate Ytell	6/9
Don Struble	6/9
Katie Watkins	6/12
Cash Thomas	6/14
Gary Jones	6/17
Ben Swall-Yarrington	6/19
Bonnie Thomas	6/20
Les Cunningham	6/21
Wanda Florom	6/21
Marc McKenzie	6/26
Max Coopwood	6/29

Financial Report



April Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,940.00
Invite People to Christ	0.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	407.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	0.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	0.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	0.00
Total	\$2,347.00

Local

Local Offering	\$2,382.00
Building Fund	70.00
2 Cents a Meal	38.00
Family Assistance	165.00
Herald	29.00
Other	40.00
PET Project	61.66
Camp Paradise	1.00
Total	\$2,786.66

—Betty Jones, CFO

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ June 2: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ June 9: Vera Entwistle
- ❖ June 16: Nancy Miller
- ❖ June 23: Brian Entwistle
- ❖ June 30: Dave Simons

Keyboard

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

Greeters

- ❖ June: Vera and Brian Entwistle

Nursery

- ❖ June 2: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ June 9: Bettie Miller
- ❖ June 16: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ June 23: Voni Simons
- ❖ June 30: Rose Julch



Getting to Know You!

COMMUNITY is the “watchword” for **Carrie Newman** as she serves as an advocate for the performing arts community in her profession, as she depends heavily on her extended family as a support community, and as she finds a powerful connection to the members of the Community of Christ. (She particularly desires to treat people with respect and is actively concerned for world peace.) Carrie is currently teaching the adult Sunday school class as well as working with one of the service planning committees. Since Aidan and Avery are active in the youth group, she is also involved in their projects.

Carrie is a native of Fort Collins, growing up in the same house where her parents still live. She graduated from Rocky Mountain High School. Her self-confidence comes from her



family’s encouragement for her to make her own decisions; thus, she desired to look elsewhere after graduation, taking her on un-foreseen adventures. Carrie furthered her education at Pacific University near Portland, Oregon, with degrees in biology

and sociology. During her senior year, she began exploring the possibility of joining the Peace Corps. She was accepted into the Fisheries Program (Aqua Culture) and soon began her training in South Carolina. Eventually she was assigned to Central African Republic, a small country in the center of Africa (“Heart of Darkness” is based near there). She spent three amazing, scary, life-changing years there. Her perspective in dealing with people, gained from this adventure, continues to influence her. She is particularly drawn to people who are a bit out of their own environment. While in Africa she was forced to learn to communicate in the local language, Songo, as well as French.

Carrie studied for her master's degree in public policy at University of Chicago. This is a unique field preparing for the understanding of government and of practical sociology. Her emphasis was in health policy.

In 1992 Carrie met her "soul-mate" and they were married in the Fort Collins church by Shirley Remmenga. In 1994 the family returned to Colorado to work in Denver. Avery was born in 1996 and Aidan in 1998. Things began to change due to the effects of mental illness, resulting in a divorce in 2000. Emotions and the awareness of emotional and mental problems are open subjects in their home as a result of their heightened awareness of the effects.

The return of Carrie and the boys to Fort Collins was not exactly planned. Carrie was drawn by the opportunity of a job with Poudre Valley Health System, since she had more than 14 years of experience in health administration. But more importantly, she had the stability of an extended family living here, including her sister-in-law whose daughter and son are near the ages of Avery and Aidan. In addition, the congregational family was familiar and accepting. She felt as though she was welcomed into open arms, a community that was there for her. Carrie speaks of a special experience she had in 2009 when she felt a reinforcement regarding her community. She knew without a doubt that she was not in it alone and had the best possible support system going for herself and for her two boys.

Interesting enough, the original job that drew her to Fort Collins faded out after only one year, and that was very hard to take. However, it led her to Art Dirlam who told her of an opening with the local symphony—the right job at just the right time! The Fort Collins Symphony has been in existence for 64 years, acting as a center for the local community. Carrie's new job title opened many doors for her: it made her realize that becoming a part of this community fed her soul. It certainly was a different sort of life than she had known before— simpler and more fulfilling, although at times stressful.

Carrie's job as executive director for the Fort Collins Symphony Association means that she is responsible for promotion of the performing arts groups, is the facilitator of performances, and arranges for events that relate to these groups. She needs to have a working relationship with the "movers and shakers" that support the performing arts in the community.

She encourages young people to participate in symphony activities. Lincoln Center is her realm; she coordinates the limited staff there to make things happen. She has a very challenging social schedule that requires careful time management, but she says her most important job is that of single parent. The boys are willing helpers as members of the "team" and they carry their share of the load. The three of them make sure that they have dinner together and "take care" of each other.

Fort Collins has been a place where Avery and Aidan can express themselves freely and without fear. Carrie is proud of their sense of responsibility even though they each approach situations quite differently. Avery has grown up quite a bit lately; he is the peacemaker who tends to promote understanding. Aidan is the "truth sayers"; he prefers to play "devil's advocate"—looking at the other side of an issue. They both make friends easily and make good choices, recognizing what is right. They, too, have a sense of community, and they are drawn to the underdog and disadvantaged kids who need someone in their corner. Avery is a junior at Rocky Mountain High School (where Carrie attended) and Aidan attends the same middle school that Carrie did. Because of the unique responsibility that Carrie holds with the symphony, the boys are often involved in "behind the scenes" preparations for concerts; they get to meet guest artists; and they attend some of the non-profits events. Although they realize they are in a privileged position, sometimes the work does seem like chores.

Carrie has many stories from her exciting travels, particularly from her years in the Peace Corps. She says that everywhere she has

traveled people have been there for her. She visited the African countries along the equator. She is well acquainted with many European countries, including Spain, France, Belgium, and Germany. Especially, she tells of her action-packed 24 hours in Moscow. The country of Benin was tied to the Soviet Union and Aeroflot Airlines flew from there to Moscow as well as Paris. The trick was to book a round-trip flight to Europe with the longest possible layover. Thus, Carrie scheduled a flight into Moscow with a planned day of sight-seeing.

Upon arrival she was escorted to a tourist hotel (the authorities assumed that she would stay put—wrong!) She dropped her bags and headed out. She got some vague instructions about taking a bus to the subway then taking a subway to get to the center of town. Since the signs were all in strange letters, she was a bit confused about which subway went which way.

As she was staring at her map, a young man, who spoke excellent English, offered to help her. In fact, he was willing to drop everything and spend the day as her personal tourist guide. So after visiting Red Square, instead of taking her to the recommended touristy spots, he showed her the “real people” of Moscow, including the Conservatory where artists trained (hoping to use their talents to spring them out of there). The young man called some of his friends and they had a meal together. They sang some folk tunes and Carrie contributed some John Denver songs. He took her to see his parents’ very crowded apartment and they talked and talked.

When it was time for her to leave, she rushed back to pick up her gear and catch the returning flight, handing off her leftover rubles to the young man. (He later sent her a check for the exact amount in US dollars.)

Music has always been a part of Carrie’s life; she plays the piano and the cello. Avery has played the clarinet until recently, and Aidan plays the violin.

—Beverly Doig, reporter

June Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins>

- June 2: Communion Service
First-Sunday giving
Potluck
Packing bags for the homeless
- June 5: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
Worship Coordinators, 1:30 p.m.
Pastors, 2:30 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- June 9: Two-Cents-a-Meal offering
Second-Sunday Social, Miller’s Lake,
5:00 p.m.
- May 8: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- June 10: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- June 12: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- June 16: *Communicator* items due
- June 19: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- June 23: Worship
- June 26: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- June 27: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.
- June 30: Fifth-Sunday Pancake Breakfast,
9:00 a.m.



Address Updates

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“God weeps with us so that
we may one day laugh with
[God].” —Jürgen Moltmann



Names in the News!

- ✚ **Carrie Newman**, executive director of the Fort Collins Symphony, was featured in the Finding Your Fitness section of the Fort Collins *Coloradoan*. The symphony provided music for the Beat Beethoven 5K race. The new race was organized by the Fort Collins Symphony in an effort to support the local culture of the area.
- ✚ Our own **Jon Mendenhall** was featured in the Fort Collins *Coloradoan* Volunteer Spotlight section. Jon is a volunteer driver for SAINT Volunteer Transportation.
- ✚ Fossil Ridge High School's **Shawnea Pagat** was featured in the High School Roundup section of the Fort Collins *Coloradoan*. She continues to dominate the field in girl's tennis winning a place in the state tournament.
- ✚ **Josh Birks** was quoted in the *Coloradoan* regarding the need for Fort Collins to develop the property around I-25 and Harmony Road. He believes this area can and does act as a gateway to the city and should be developed to represent that entrance.
- ✚ **Josh Birks**, Fort Collins director of economic health, believes that in spite of tax incentives offered to help with development of the Foothills Mall, the county would still benefit from increased property values resulting in higher tax revenues on properties around the mall and along south College Avenue because of the redevelopment.
- ✚ **Rick and Kay Bunch** were interviewed in an article in the Sunday, May 19 *Coloradoan* about our PET project.



Up With Youth

On our way back to church after a rousing baseball game in Library Park the morning of May 19, the kids spotted a completely overturned trash can with contents spilled all over the grass. Not a word was spoken, but they immediately started picking up the mess and returning the can to an upright position. Christ is alive in their lives!



Zachary Fronapfel, a junior at Fort Collins High School, was chosen as a peer counselor for the 2013-2014 school year. He is taking a class this semester to develop listening and problem-solving skills that will be used next year working with and counseling fellow students. Much of his training will also contribute to his own personal growth.

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			-
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 8,099.50	\$ 10,409.00	\$ 18,508.50

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

Second Sunday Socials 2013

June 9:  Meet at Bettie Miller's lake for games and a picnic.
(39820 Weld County Road 19)


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.

"According to the Talmud, every blade of grass has its own angel bending over it, whispering, 'Grow, grow.'"

—Barbara Brown Taylor, An Altar in the World