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



# Communicator

*A monthly newsletter of*

*Community of Christ*

*Fort Collins, Colorado*

*A Welcoming Congregation*

**March 2013**

## ***"Lay Your Hands Gently"***

—Rich Kohlman, Communications Ministries Pastor

*"Lay your hands gently upon us.*

*Let their touch render Your peace.*

*Let them bring Your forgiveness and healing.*

*Lay your hands gently, lay Your hands."* SNS #27

We are in the midst of Lent preparing for Easter on the last day of the month. I am reminded of an experience I had about five years ago that meshes with the Lenten season and the promise of acceptance and healing that comes when we take time to spend quietly with the Spirit.

She reached over and gently touched my hand. With her fingers she outlined and softly squeezed the perpetual bruise on my left hand (a result of blood thinning aspirin and prednisone, that only takes a bump, sometimes unnoticeable, to rebruise the area). She said nothing. She just silently and peacefully touched the wound.

She was a nine-year-old girl in my congregation in Independence, Missouri, for whom my wife Mary and I have become surrogate grandparents. We do what we can to minister to and support her and her siblings. On this Sunday morning, she became the minister bringing healing in a way that I could never describe to her.

Sometimes I believe my spiritual life is perpetually bruised as well. Even the slightest

bump can cause an angry dark purple bruise to appear, and so, like my hand, I try to protect it from the bumps and difficulties of life. I pull back into a protective cocoon. Then, in the most unexpected moments, God reaches down and gently touches my spirit with hands of peace, forgiveness, and healing.

That is the nature of God's love, to gently bring healing when we need it and are still enough to receive it. It is the indescribable moment when Spirit touches spirit. How much healing do I miss because I do not take time to be still in God's presence and let God lay gentle hands of love upon me?

May we each, in our own way, take time this Lenten season to be still and let God touch us, bringing peace, forgiveness, and healing. Out of that healing there comes a resurrection of our spirit into a new life of acceptance and service for the cause of the peaceable kingdom, even Zion.

Let the trumpets sound in celebration of each of our lives this Easter as the Spirit's hands lay gently upon us and we find resurrection into new life.



## Communicator

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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](mailto:entwistlebrianc@gmail.com) if you have need for administration or to schedule it for someone else.



### Second Sunday Social

#### LUCK OF THE IRISH

March 10, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

Potato Bar—Jean Newman chair. Please contact Jean or Lillian Wallace to help.

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## 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.

### March Birthdays



Bianca Clark-Bennett	3/1
Carol Birks	3/5
Sara Rolfe	3/15
Taylor Bridwell	3/15
Marta Remmenga	3/16
Steve Thomas	3/17
Shari Smith	3/17
Kelly Jackson	3/22
Lee Cook	3/24
Bill Florom	3/25
Ashley McDonald	3/27
Doug Yarrington	3/28
Luella Foster	3/31
Jared Clark	3/31

"If we are to love our neighbors, before doing anything else we must see our neighbors. With our imagination as well as our eyes, that is to say like artists, we must see not just their faces but the life behind and within their faces. Here it is love that is the frame we see them in."

—Frederick Buechner, *Whistling in the Dark*

## Financial Report



### January Income

#### World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,345.00
Invite People to Christ	0.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	238.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	10.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	0.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,583.00</b>

#### Local

Local Offering	\$2,407.00
Building Fund	77.50
2 Cents a Meal	50.37
Family Assistance	40.00
Herald in Every Home	53.00
PET Project	70.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,697.87</b>

—Betty Jones, CFO

### Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



#### Speakers

- ❖ March 3: Contemplative Communion
- ❖ March 10: Gil Pagat
- ❖ March 17: Brian Entwistle
- ❖ March 24: Tim Ashburn
- ❖ March 31: Rich Kohlman

#### Keyboard

- ❖ March 3: Tom Beck
- ❖ March 10: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ March 17: Jean Newman
- ❖ March 24: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ March 31: Kay Bunch

#### Greeters

- ❖ March: Donna Clark and Ken Jones

#### Nursery

- ❖ March 3: Debbie Jones
- ❖ March 10: Bettie Miller
- ❖ March 17: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ March 24: Vonni Simons
- ❖ March 31: Rose Julch



### Up With Youth

**Marie Ytell**, an 8th grader at Severance Middle School, has always loved horses. After moving to Fort Collins, her family got two riding horses, and she has been riding for about four years. Marie started vaulting four months ago and is a member of the Mile High Vaulters located in Fort Lupton. The vaulting horses are kept in Fort Lupton, and Marie travels there on Fridays, Sundays, and sometimes Wednesdays for practices. She will be attending a vaulting clinic in Texas at the end of February. Competitions begin in March and run through October. Smaller “recitals” are also held for fun.

As well as keeping up with school responsibilities, Marie has to help with chores for the riding horses every day at her house. She says that riding is actually more dangerous than vaulting because you have to control your horse AND yourself. In vaulting, someone else controls the horse. She really loves vaulting because it makes her feel “strong.”

**Logan Miller's** basketball team is undefeated after three games.



### Getting to Know You!

**Have you talked to Joyce Jordeth lately?**

Did you know that that is the best way to visit with her is face-to-face since she does not have an Internet connection, and she does not own an answering machine? In fact, since her neck surgery last year, she much prefers to face forward. Did you know that she attended Graceland College with Bill Norwood's sister, Betty Jo? Did you know that she moved here from Torrington, Wyoming? Did you know that she holds a master's degree in home economics?

**What do you know about Joyce's many talents?** Joyce began her career with the Extension Service in 1954 as a Home

Demonstration Agent working for several counties in Wyoming and then as Wyoming State Associate 4-H Leader. In 1970 she transferred to Colorado as the State Assistant 4-H Leader where she eventually retired in 1988 (after 33 years in the Extension Service). She loved working with individual “4-H”ers in the counties, but in later years the state jobs became quite political. Some of her work involved the preparation of 4-H manuals using her home economics background, conducting state training sessions, and planning for the fairs.

In the Fort Collins congregation Joyce has been a willing worker. She still makes the lap robes



for the Church Women United organization as well as contributing bazaar items to be sold (she aims to make at least \$100 a year). Many of us have tea towels which she embroidered, counter cross

stitch pieces, or knit dishcloths. She prepares gift bags, too.

Joyce has served as church secretary, Sunday school superintendent, recorder, editor for the *Communicator*, and most recently as historian. She says that she fell behind with the historic records when she had sick people to tend, but she is catching up slowly now. (She just finished 1999 and is working on 2000.)

### **What about Joyce’s family?**

Joyce married Olaf M. (Bud) Jordeth in 1977 in a service attended by a few friends and family at the Fort Collins church. They had met in the apartment building where she was living, and when he fixed her car, he invited himself along to “check it out.” They shared many projects during their 23 years together, including family history and gatherings, two houses and many cars. Bud passed away in 2000 from COPD. She has a stepdaughter, April West, two grandchildren, Chris and Daniel and two great grandchildren, Lexy and Casey. Laurie Stone, also a stepdaughter, passed away earlier this year. Her sister, Patsy Fabricius, lives in Florida,

and her brother, Don Croft, lives in Kansas. She also has a sister-in-law, Pat Croft, who is a widow living in Kansas.

### **What does Joyce particularly like to do?**

Joyce takes pride in her yard and garden. She raises flowers, strawberries, and two tomato plants. She is into puzzles of almost any kind—jigsaw, crossword, Sudoku. She is an avid reader, reading for enjoyment. She especially enjoys Grisham and Patterson books. (However, I couldn’t entice her into the newly formed book club.)

### **What exciting places has Joyce explored?**

When Joyce’s sister Patsy, and her husband Jim, were in Afghanistan in the 1960s, Joyce took the opportunity to visit them by travelling one way there and back the other way—making a full world tour. She visited many cities using the \$5 a day guide (singles pay more like \$10 a day) for rooms, breakfast, and tour suggestions. She walked a lot, wearing out two pairs of shoes. She learned how to make use of local transportation and carried the maps around with her to locate streets. (She claimed that she didn’t have to know east, west, north, and south if she could read the map and find the street signs.)



Later, when Patsy and Jim were in Tanzania, they offered to pay for Joyce’s parents to travel in Europe and Africa if Joyce would serve as tour guide. Thus, they were able to travel to Dublin, London, Paris, Geneva, and Rome before flying to Nairobi. From there they traveled by car to Ngorongoro Crater and to several other game parks en route to Tanzania. After 10 days there driving on the wrong (left) side of the road, Joyce found on her first trip out she was facing on-coming traffic back in Colorado! When heading back home via Madrid, the travelers got an extra “memory” for their trip. In Lisbon the plane developed trouble that delayed their departure making them miss flights in the USA. So when they got to Denver, there was no one

there to meet them (neither was their luggage there!).

Usually you will find Joyce in the back pew, because it gives her the best view of the proceedings—Don't miss her!

—Beverly Doig, reporter



## Listening to the Spirit

March 2, 2013

Saturday, 9:00–11:30 a.m.

Fort Collins Community of Christ

As we approach Easter next month, this Lenten season invites us to reflect personally on how we can more fully respond to God's transforming love! Matthew records Jesus telling his followers, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." What do you treasure most? Finding honest answers to that question requires intentional listening to our interior life. This experiential workshop will invite participants to trust the Inner Counselor or Holy Spirit to guide us to a deeper relationship with God.

We will begin by meeting Jesus in the desert, to learn how he responded to temptations of everyday life. This will help us consider the difference between ordinary awareness, spiritual awareness, and the life transforming changes that happen, in St. Paul's words, when we "put on the mind of Christ."

We will look briefly at how we repeat habitual behaviors, see how "praying the scriptures" can offer personal encounters with the living Christ, and, finally, be introduced to "centering prayer," a prayer of the heart that invites us to "rest in God."

Put this on your calendar now and plan to join us for a refreshing morning of learning, prayer, and fellowship!

Sharon P. Troyer, facilitator  
Spiritual Formation coordinator  
Fort Collins Community of Christ



## PET(Personal Energy Transport)

Our project for the first quarter of 2013 is 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. To date, over \$300 has been raised.

We are holding a Change for Change drive between now and March 31st. Please set aside your loose change during this time to be donated towards our goal. The jar will be next to the model PET in the foyer each week. And, also, donations can be left in the offertory plate each week. Please identify these as going towards PETs so they can be easily counted. The funds from each of these activities will be totaled at the end of March, and they will be forwarded on to the group in Columbia, Missouri.

Questions can be directed to Kay Bunch or Max Coopwood. Thank you all for reaching out and spreading Christ's love throughout the community.

—Kay Bunch



**FYI**

Last year we donated space in our Activity Center for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, due to the renovations being done at the Old Town Library on Peterson. Renovations are now complete and the library will once again be the site for the tax program.

## March Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchrstrm.org/FortCollins>

- Mar. 1: Hosting Church Women United, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
- Mar. 2: Listening to the Spirit workshop, 9:00–11:30 a.m.
- Mar. 3: Communion  
First-Sunday giving  
Potluck
- Mar. 6: *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.
- Mar. 10: Two-Cents-a-Meal offering  
Second-Sunday Social, 5:00 p.m.
- Mar. 11: WEAVERS, 4:00 p.m.  
PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 13: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.  
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Mar. 14: Women's group, 1:00 p.m.
- Mar. 16: USA National Conference Training, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Fort Collins
- Mar. 17: *Communicator* items due
- Mar. 20: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.  
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Mar. 23: Reike training. TBD
- Mar. 24: Palm Sunday
- Mar. 27: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.  
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Mar. 28: Maundy Thursday  
Bookclub, 1:00 p.m.
- Mar. 29: Good Friday
- Mar. 30: DVD class, *Role of Scripture in Discovering God's Will*, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Mar. 31: Easter  
Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt, 9:00 a.m.

“Where there is great love there is always miracles.” —Willia Cather

## 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			-
March			-
April			-
May			-
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 1,583.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,697.87</b>	<b>\$ 4,280.87</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 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.

## 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

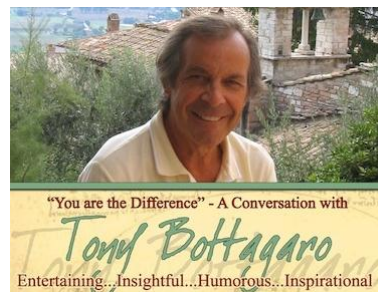


## Volunteers of America

Dear Community of Christ,  
Thank you for helping with the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester  
school supplies drive over the last few weeks.  
We are so grateful for the public support on the  
effort—we've had a great deal of donations and  
the kids will really benefit!

Thank you for your generosity and willingness  
to help.

With warm regards,  
The "SOS" Team (Supply Our Students)



## "You Are the Difference"

A Conversation with Tony Bottagaro, a  
fundraiser to benefit the Geller Center, Friday,  
March 1, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Whole Life Center for Spiritual Living,  
2020 S. College Ave.

Moderator: Rev. Cheri Jensen

Complimentary refreshments served after the  
performance.

Tickets: \$20.00—visit [www.GellerCenter.org](http://www.GellerCenter.org) or  
call (970) 482-8487.

Tony tells of his 30-year epic journey with  
stories that touch the heart. He speaks from his  
own experiences that address real-life  
issues...justice, love, and peace...self-  
worth...responsibility...and more...much more.

*"Love is what carries you,  
for it is always there, even  
in the dark, or most in  
the dark, but shining out  
at times like gold stitches  
in a piece of embroidery."*

*—Wendell Berry, from Hannah Coulter*