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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

May 2013

“We Did It!”

—Kay Bunch, Outreach Ministries Pastor

Disciples' Generous Response has been a theme of stewardship in the church for several years now. As a result of the generosity of this congregation and friends, we are able to purchase 21 PETs, personal energy transportation vehicles, that are sent worldwide to assist “A Culture That Crawls.” For the three months of January, February, and March, we collected donations through offerings, a “change jar” in the foyer, donation dinners in homes, a Second Sunday Social donation dinner including entertaining magic tricks performed by our youth, and donations received in the mail from friends. Generous hearts far exceeded our expectations when we embarked upon this outreach project. Thanks so very much to this congregation's generosity. We did it!

Rick and I were in the Tulsa Community of Christ Congregation in March and we shared our PET project with some of the people. One man said, “That is the essence of the gospel—like Zion—everyone working together on a project to help the less fortunate. It is the message of Jesus. It is concrete, real, and rewarding. You tapped into a need that people have and gave them an opportunity to give.” It is the whole idea of hearing about a need, working out a plan to help with that need, then sharing the opportunity and inviting others to be part of the solution.

For the months of April, May, and June, I propose, as your Outreach Pastor, and in collaboration with Max Coopwood, that we extend the use of our hands to be of service to members of our congregation and our local communities. One of my favorite hymns says “Jesus' hands were kind hands doing good to all.” One area of need in our community is “bags of essentials” that Ken John hands out through Homeless Gear to people on the streets at night in Old Town. Nancy Mendenhall has made about 50 bags for us to fill. If you have personal hygiene samples or other items for these bags, please start to gather them together. As other needs arise that we become aware of, we will let you know. If you see a need and want to build your own team, go for it.

Let us use these next three months to expand our awareness of needs and be ready to “jump right in” to be of service to others. It is your choice where you choose to serve. Have a good time finding joy in service. We are on this adventure together in discovering new and exciting ways to express our stewardship of generosity. It is the foundation of Zionic enterprise.



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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 Tea Party

This event has been cancelled, due to a scheduling conflict with the mission center priesthood retreat.



Spiritual Growth Opportunities

As a team working on expanding our understanding of the Holy Spirit, we want to thank you for your consideration of and/or participation in the three sessions we have held so far. These were: "An Introduction to Our Present Understanding of the Holy Spirit," led by Brian Entwistle; "Centering Prayer," led by Sharon Troyer; and "An Introduction to Reike" led by Dick and Julie Foster.

As you know, the church is encouraged to "grow in spirituality." The three sessions offered were designed to help us expand our awareness of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We will continue to offer further exploration and discussion for personal and congregational spiritual growth. These offerings may be single events or continuing weekly sessions as, for example, the Upper Room study, which meets every Wednesday morning at the church and is open to everyone.

The next offering is *A Course in Miracles*. During the Christmas season, we distributed a booklet regarding this course. We have set the date as May 19, from 2-4:00 p.m. at the church. We will offer this two-hour session to introduce the course. This will allow you to ask questions to our two experienced facilitators.

Following this introduction, we will discuss with those interested in taking the course—where and when we will meet. Depending on the individual needs of the participants, we may be able to arrange two weekly group sessions: one to meet during the day and the other to meet in the evening. Brian will be the organizer, but an experienced guest facilitator will lead the course.

Several people have indicated that they will participate, but you may be one who can't decide if *A Course in Miracles* is appropriate for you. The introduction mentioned above will

help you understand what is involved, but we suggest that you go online and read what other people are saying about the course. Check the following Web site:

http://www.amazon.com/Course-Miracles-Foundation-Inner-Peace/product-reviews/1883360269/ref=dp_top_cm_cr_acr_txt?ie=UTF8&showViewpoints=1. Also, if you know anyone who has taken the course, ask them their opinions. Brian and Julie, who are presently attending separate group sessions, are willing to answer any questions. Keep an open mind. Be informed, but please be aware this is not a course for private study. It is best understood by participation in a group.

If you have comments on the three offerings made so far, or want to offer suggestions for future offerings, please send them to us: Vera Entwistle, Sharon Troyer, Dave Simons (protem), Dick Foster, Julie Foster, and Brian Entwistle.

May Birthdays



Porter Garner	05/03
Voni Simons	05/04
Awtumn Alcoser	05/10
Rose Julch	05/15
Jim Miller	05/15
Lisa Garner	05/25

Membership Transfer

Let us welcome to our congregation:

Mary Jane Heinrichs

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(303) 449-4942

Mary Jane has been meeting with us and has now transferred her membership here.

Welcome, Mary Jane!

Financial Report



March Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,810.00
Invite People to Christ	20.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	382.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	15.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	15.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	10.00
World Conference	180.00
Total	\$2,432.00

Local

Local Offering	\$3,752.50
Building Fund	22.50
2 Cents a Meal	55.00
Family Assistance	40.00
Herald in Every Home	54.50
PET Project	4,518.34
Camp Paradise	4.50
Total	\$8,447.34

—Betty Jones, CFO

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ May 5: Jean Newman
- ❖ May 12: Vera Entwistle
- ❖ May 19: Ordination Service
- ❖ May 26: TBA

Keyboard

- ❖ May 5: Kay Bunch
- ❖ May 12: Jean Newman
- ❖ May 19: David Birks
- ❖ May 26: Sharon Troyer

Greeters

- ❖ May: Rich and Mary Kohlman

Nursery

- ❖ May 5: Debbie Jones
- ❖ May 12: Bettie Miller
- ❖ May 19: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ May 26: Mary Kohlman



Getting to Know You!

What drew Nancy Simon to the Fort Collins Congregation?

Was it the stories about camps and reunions that Nancy and Dick Zmyslony told? Or was it the kindness shown to her by the Gordier family when she stayed with them after she injured her shoulder in a car accident? Or was it simply the first invitations extended to her to attend and the urgings to share Sunday lunches with several of the members (you know who you are)? Was it the welcome that she felt from several of the families in the congregation, or was it the visits from Dave Simons and Brian Entwistle? Was it the helping hand that Max and Tom continue to lend since her shoulder is not as useable as she might like? Was it the football watching Sundays at the Kohlman's? Or was it Gary Gordier's administration that helped her in her survival and recovery from injuries in a car accident? All of these and many more influences were there before Nancy decided to be baptized in June of 2012.

What is Nancy's background?

She claims to be a farm girl from Wisconsin who "ran away from home in 2000." A friend lured her to Loveland where she worked in care of the elderly—first at Good Samaritan then at McKee before she branched out on her own. Nursing is her primary talent, but she has done many different jobs, including factory work and housekeeping. When Peggy Gordier was struggling to provide a comfortable solution for her parents in her home, Nancy came to their rescue, and she was exactly what was most needed. Most recently, her disabled shoulder has limited her in the type of work she can do. So she is driving for Good Day Pharmacy, which means that she is on call at all hours.

In high school, Nancy worked for Pinecrest as a housekeeper. The administrator there

suggested that she work with the dietary unit. Thus, when she graduated from high school, Nancy began working as a nurse's aide on the floors—even though the idea of death was difficult for her to handle. She has also lived and worked in Appleton and Madison, Wisconsin. She has followed the nursing line of work for over 30 years.

Where has Nancy volunteered?

Since Nancy's specialty is elder care, she naturally finds that hospice work is where she can best serve. However, she also has made it a point to keep up with individuals with whom she has shared home care. When she was living in Appleton, she volunteered for AIDS projects. She has been exploring CDVR for vocational rehab to determine how else she might return to the medical workforce.

What draws Nancy back to Wisconsin?

Last year Nancy took the time to drive back to Wisconsin taking the scenic route and finding interesting "hole-in-the-wall" kind of eating places as she went. On her return trip she detoured via Minnesota and South Dakota where she visited Mount Rushmore and Wall's Drug.

She spent the time in Wisconsin visiting family and friends. She is the oldest of eight children, including a twin brother and a brother and a sister who are twins, as well as two other younger sisters, a brother, and another favorite baby brother, Bill. Her mom also still lives there. Although the family moved off the farm in 1964, Nancy has fond memories of milking and mucking as well as raising a baby calf named Corky that became a playmate even after he was grown to be a white-faced bull. She remembers that a lot of family that lived nearby and one Uncle's family would come from Milwaukee to stay in the summer time. Her grandmother would take her berry picking, and her homemade bread is still remembered. Her mom's mom made a special sausage when they butchered; it had quite a unique flavor that Nancy was surprised to find similar when served sausage made from elk meat.

Nancy lived for some time in Arkansas, and she also got a chance to attend the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque. She felt a special affinity to Gettysburg when she visited Pennsylvania. She felt like she had been there before.

What are some things that you might not know about Nancy Simon?

She has a wicked sense of humor and she very much enjoys a good laugh. Her infectious laughter has attracted us all, at one time or another. She has an extensive collection of baseball caps from which she selects the appropriate one for any occasion. She really enjoys a “good burger” at either Five Guys or



Smashburger.

There are two cats that live at Nancy’s house—Tyson, on the right, who likes to be in charge; and Sam, who is

the thinker and a bit shy. The “boys” allow her to share the apartment with them (they are in charge).

Nancy is a recovered alcoholic; 28 years sober. Her cousin urged her to take a look at herself and join an outpatient treatment program in Appleton, which she did.

What does Nancy do for fun?

Watching football is quite important—especially if the game is with the University of



Wisconsin, the Green Bay Packers, Notre Dame, or the Colorado Buffalos. She has been known to watch golf or the food channel with Guy Fieri when he restaurant hops. She says that she enjoys seeing what HDTV has to offer. She likes to cook and will make up a big pot of soup or a roast to last through the week. She also likes chili, the hotter the better. Nancy has adapted well to the Colorado outdoor lifestyle; she likes to be outdoors and to walk. Nancy finds that Rocky Mountain National Park is a place of solace and visits when time allows. She enjoys viewing the park’s wildlife—particularly the elk.

—Beverly Doig, reporter

May Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchstrm.org/FortCollins>

- May 1: *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.
- May 5: Communion
First-Sunday giving
Potluck
- May 8: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- May 9: Women’s group, 1:00 p.m.
- May 11–12: RMMC Priesthood Retreat, Fort Collins
- May 12: Two-Cents-a-Meal offering
- May 13: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- May 15: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- May 19: *Communicator* items due
- May 22: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- May 26: Church School and Worship
- May 29: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- May 30: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.



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Names in the News!

- **Ben Miller** was mentioned as one of the key athletes in track and field for Windsor High School.
- **Shawnea Pagat** was named the number one singles player on the Fossil Ridge High School tennis team. This marks the first time for a freshman in the history of the school's program.
- **Shawnea Pagat** continued to rack up wins for the Fossil Ridge High School girls tennis team. Her picture appeared in the High School Roundup section of the Fort Collins *Coloradoan*.
- The Larimer Chorale presented the Rocky Mountain regional premiere of Karl Jenkins's "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace." **Kathy Graybill, Sharon Fulton, and Rick Bunch** all sang in the concert.
- **Carrie Newman** was interviewed for the *Coloradoan* about the Beethoven 5K race held for the first time this year.



Up With Youth

Logan Miller was one of 40 out of 70 applicants to be chosen for the Where Everyone Belongs (WEB) program at Boltz Middle School. As a WEB Leader next year in 8th grade, he will be providing assistance to incoming 6th and new 7th graders and their families as they become part of the Boltz community. He will also attend weekly Advisory classes throughout the year.

Aidan Dicke (8th grade at Blevins), **Logan Miller** (7th grade at Boltz), and **Alec Fronapfel** (6th grade at Leshar) are all participating in

middle school track programs this spring. **Aidan** will compete in the shotput, long jump, 100-meter run, and 4x100 meter relay. **Logan** will do the 1600-meter run, 800-meter run, low hurdles, and triple jump. **Alec** will do the discus, 100-meter run, 200-meter run, and discus. All the boys will compete at the district track meet on Wednesday, May 22, 2:00 p.m., at Rocky Mountain High School. **Logan's** meets are all at 3:30 p.m. at the following locations: 4/29 FCHS, 5/8 FCHS, 5/13 FRHS. Parents can be contacted for other schedules. The boys would love to have you drop by!

Shawnea Pagat has one tennis meet left before district and state meets. She will play Denver East at Denver City Park on April 29 at 3:30 p.m.



Our Wall-Climbing Youth

Spiderman isn't the only one who can climb walls! A group of 10 young people met at the Miramont North climbing wall on Sun., April 14, under the leadership of Bob Fulton. They had a chance to try different heights and angles of the walls. Some of the children had never tried this activity before, but turned out to be natural climbers. A nice surprise was that Jay Ytell has a lot of climbing experience and is himself a certified instructor. The kids really enjoyed his instruction, and he also introduced some of them to the challenging bouldering walls. There was a nice contingent of adults there to cheer the kids on, and Bob's vote for the best climber of the day was Wendell Wallace who really seems to have a future in climbing!

**They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.**

—Isaiah 40:31

Second Sunday Socials 2013

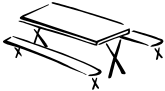
May 11 (Sat.): Cancelled due to a conflict.



June 9: Meet at the Miller's lake for games and a picnic.



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.

Beloved children of the Restoration, your continuing faith adventure with God has been divinely led, eventful, challenging, and sometimes surprising to you. By the grace of God, you are poised to fulfill God's ultimate vision for the church

—Doctrine and Covenants 164:9a

Fort Collins Congregation Offerings 2013 Disciples' Generous Response

Month	Total World Initiatives	Total Local Operating	Total 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			-
May			-
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 5,752.50	\$ 8,027.00	\$ 13,779.50

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

USA National Conference Recommends Policy Changes

First Presidency and Council of Twelve Will Have to Approve before Implementation

The Community of Christ USA National Conference was held April 19–21. After a three-year consent-building process of study, dialogue, and prayer, members from across the nation gathered at Community of Christ Auditorium in Independence, Missouri, to address two issues: same-sex/gender marriage where legal, and covenant commitment services where marriage is not legal; and ordination of people regardless of sexual orientation.

After hearing multiple perspectives, the USA National Conference, by more than the required 67-percent majority, made the following recommendations to the Community of Christ First Presidency and Council of Twelve Apostles:

- The 2013 USA National Conference recommends the sacrament of marriage be extended, where legal in the USA, to persons of the same sex/gender. Thus the 2013 USA National Conference recommends a change to the current policy for the USA on the sacrament of marriage; and
- The 2013 USA National Conference recommends that a church-recognized way for two persons of the same sex/gender to publicly express their covenant to each other be made available in places in the USA where marriage is not legal. Thus, the 2013 USA National Conference recommends a change to the current policy for the USA regarding same-sex/gender covenant commitment services where marriage is not legal; and
- The 2013 USA National Conference recommends allowing a priesthood call to be processed according to established procedures regardless of sexual orientation, including a person in a monogamous, committed, same-sex/gender relationship (e.g., legal marriage, civil partnership, covenant relationship) in the USA. Thus, the 2013 USA National Conference

recommends a change to the current policy on ordination for the USA.

The First Presidency and the Council of Twelve will need to approve policy revisions recommended by the USA National Conference. To develop, approve, and implement interim policies can take up to one year. Any policy changes will pertain only to the United States of America. Other nations will continue to abide by existing church policies.

Listen

*Listen,
Listen,
Can you hear them?
Their voices in unison are carried on
the wind.
The ones that came before us.
Those “sinners”
Who were oppressed
And hiding in shame
Who felt no worth
And only pain.
Listen,
Listen,
Can you hear them?
An echo of gratitude throughout the
land
Can softly be heard on every breeze.
A joyous chorus of self-worth.
Listen,
Listen,
Can you hear them?
“Thank you, thank you”
They say...*

— Heather Moor, daughter of Danny and
Penelope Belrose



Faithful Disagreement Definition and Principles

World Church Leadership Council,
March 2013

Definition

Faithful disagreement is defined as actions and/or responses by a person holding a different view about a specific policy, belief, principle, or other position of Community of Christ. This disagreement with a Community of Christ position or direction is helpful, responsible, faithful, and bounded by loyalty and commitment to the identity, mission, message, and beliefs of Community of Christ. A person who faithfully disagrees is welcome to share about the church position with which she or he disagrees. The intent of the sharing is to improve the overall faithful response of the church to God's intended direction without classifying others as unfaithful.

Principles

1. Community of Christ's Enduring Principles—Blessings of Community, Worth of All Persons, Responsible Choices, and Unity in Diversity—allow for faithful disagreement.
2. The commitment, in general, to the overall identity, mission, message, and beliefs of Community of Christ may serve to keep a person in the faith community even when that person strongly disagrees with a particular position. One's love for the faith community is stronger than any particular disagreement.
3. Holding a differing view from the Community of Christ position on a specific matter does not lessen in any way a person's participation as a faithful, generous, committed, and responsible disciple. Nor does having a differing view impact a person's eligibility to hold a priesthood office or partake in the sacraments.
4. A person with a differing viewpoint on a particular position is to be respected by the body. She or he may share a viewpoint as a personal opinion during discussions, meetings, training, and other conversations where it is suitable to share personal opinions.
5. A person is not to be excluded by a congregation or mission center because of holding a differing viewpoint on a specific Community of Christ position.
6. A member or a priesthood member with a differing

viewpoint is not to use public-ministry opportunities to speak against the identity, mission, message, or beliefs of Community of Christ. Nor should a member or priesthood member publicly criticize the Community of Christ stance on the particular position with which the person disagrees. Public ministry must focus on proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ in ways that align with Community of Christ identity, mission, message, and beliefs.

7. Agreeing with Community of Christ positions, official and unofficial, is not a test of faith for priesthood, members, and friends.
8. A person cannot ignore policies because he or she disagrees with a particular policy. Ethically, administrators must consistently apply the official policies and procedures of the church.
9. At no time is any action that harms the body of the church considered in harmony with the principles in this document.
10. In seeking to create genuine signal communities, we listen respectfully to one another's viewpoints. In addition, we try to see from each other's perspective. We trust in each person's commitment to Christ and motivation to see the mission of Community of Christ flourish. We seek to celebrate our unity while learning from our diversity.
11. As a community that embraces Continuing Revelation, we strive always to remain open to the Holy Spirit. We understand that sometimes both individually and collectively we respond wisely to the Holy Spirit's guidance, and sometimes we do not fully understand. Through our vulnerability to the Holy Spirit, we trust God will continue to guide us in refining positions held by Community of Christ.
12. Various legislative conferences and consent-building methods used by Community of Christ, allow a person holding a differing viewpoint to continue to seek change to the position with which she or he disagrees.

Background Information

Doctrine and Covenants 131:4 a–b; 164:5–6
1988 Standing High Council Statement on Ethical Dissent
National Conferences: General Questions and Answers,
June 2012

For additional information on the World Conference and the USA National Conference go to the church's Website:

World Conference: www.cofchrist.org/wc2013/

USA National Conference:
www.cofchrist.org/usaConf/