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Fort Collins, Colorado

A Welcoming Congregation

For everyone born, a place at the table

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Looking Forward—Checking Backwards

—Dave Simons, Pastoral Ministries Pastor



As I ride my nifty orange, 27-speed, dual disk-brakes, low-to-the-ground, comfortable recumbent trike (that's *three* wheels!), I am constantly aware of the road conditions in front of me. Watching out for traffic, bumps and obstacles on the road or trails, other riders or joggers, and narrow bike lanes is imperative. I enjoy the rides tremendously. The ability to get out and view the scenery while exercising the body is a real sense of accomplishment. Being alert to what's in front of me is always on my mind.

A vital part of the equipment on my trike is the rear-view mirror. I glance frequently to see what's behind, where I've been, faster bikers preparing to pass me, cars approaching at a high rate of speed, and things that I may have missed on the ride. But looking backwards isn't nearly as important as the view forward. I *can't* change what I may have missed—other than to learn from the experience. I *can* make some adjustment on my ride to allow for others coming from behind. But the important thing for me is to stay focused on what's up ahead, to be ever alert, to observe the beauty of creation

around me, and to know how I can best prepare for "that which is to come."

I reflected on this recently as I was glancing in my mirror (no pun intended!). When I pause to consider my past life's experiences, there's not a lot that I can do about any of that now, other than to learn valuable lessons from mistakes, errors in judgment, missed opportunities, and to realize the multitude of gifts and blessings that I've received. I prefer to spend quality time in looking ahead, anticipating the future, discovering new beginnings, and responding more actively and graciously to that which is before me.

The needs and opportunities of our church community also play a part in this. I am grateful for the many ways that God is continuing to bless us as we reach out and respond to others. I desire that we align our programs and mission to the five initiatives that the World Church leadership has identified as we move ahead. I care deeply that we can truly become the Community of Christ with a clear vision of the future.

Please join our pastoral team and the many other leaders and workers as we pray for insights and understanding of the way ahead. It is good to look back and *reflect on* where we have been in the past. But let's strive together to envision the exciting and wonderful future ahead—filled with great possibilities! We invite you to speak to one of the congregational leaders or attend a leadership council meeting and express your thoughts and ideas.

I'll see you down the road.
Dave Simons

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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

Polka and Back to School Party

September 8: "Kick up your heels"—Learn to do the Polka and Back to School Party! Sharon Fulton has a contact that plays polka on the accordion!



Updated Addresses

Pagat, Gil, Merly, Shawnea, Gabriel
 5855 Calgary
 Timnath, CO 80547

Entwistle, Brian and Vera
 1418-D Front Nine Drive
 Fort Collins, CO 80525

September Birthdays



| | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Joy Jones | 9/2 |
| Art Dirlam | 9/4 |
| Felicia Bridwell-Deshner | 9/9 |
| Taylor Thomas | 9/11 |
| Donna Clark | 9/11 |
| Caren Alton | 9/13 |
| Vera Entwistle | 9/14 |
| Gabriel Pagat | 9/15 |
| Shawnea Pagat | 9/15 |
| Deb Friesz | 9/19 |
| Mike Davis | 9/21 |
| Kathy Graybill | 9/22 |
| Tom Beck | 9/23 |
| Jan Newman | 9/25 |
| Ets Cunningham | 9/30 |

Financial Report



July Income

World Church

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Use where needed most | \$1,202.00 |
| Invite People to Christ | 5.00 |
| Abolish Poverty/End Suffering | 280.00 |
| Pursue Peace on Earth | 35.00 |
| Develop Disciples to Serve | 30.00 |
| Experience Congregations in Mission | 30.00 |
| Total | \$1,582.00 |

Local

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| Local Offering | \$2,331.00 |
| Building Fund | 40.00 |
| 2 Cents a Meal | 0.00 |
| Family Assistance | 55.00 |
| Camp Paradise | 10.00 |
| Total | \$2,436.00 |

—Betty Jones, CFO

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ Sept. 1: Nancy Miller
- ❖ Sept. 8: Rich Kohlman
- ❖ Sept. 15: Brian Entwistle
- ❖ Sept. 22: Dave Simons
- ❖ Sept. 29: Vera Entwistle

Keyboard

- ❖ Sept. 1: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ Sept. 8: TBD
- ❖ Sept. 15: Jean Newman
- ❖ Sept. 22: Kay Bunch
- ❖ Sept. 29: David Birks

Greeters

- ❖ September: Nancy Simon and Jean Newman

Nursery

- ❖ Sept. 1: Debbie Jones
- ❖ Sept. 8: Bettie Miller
- ❖ Sept. 15: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ Sept. 22: TBD
- ❖ Sept. 29: Rose Julch



Getting to Know You!

Y'all come see us when ya can, ya hear!

The members of the Fort Collins congregation are known to be “welcoming,” and this past summer has been no exception with many households playing the role of gracious hosts for visitors. For instance:

Rich and Mary Kohlman

The Kohlmans’ oldest son, Simeon—along with his wife, Emilia, and their children, Jasmin and Eduardo—has been visiting from Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil. Emilia is participating in an exchange program with some professors in the Engineering Department at CSU, so this was a sharing visit for her. The children much

enjoyed the ice skating and swimming lessons offered by recreational programs of Fort Collins as well as the freedom of being able to bike ride on the sidewalk. Simeon tackled both Long’s Peak and Mt. Evans. The Kohlmans’ youngest son, Jeremy, and his wife, Talisha, also came to be a part of the family gathering so that at one point there were as many as eight people in residence, presenting quite a challenge to keep the house in pristine condition for “open house” showings of the property that is up for sale. Finally, Mary’s sister, Nancy, and her husband Larry, also came to see Simeon and his family.

Don and Joyce Worthington

The guest room at Don and Joyce’s new house at 415 San Juan Drive has “welcomed” its share of visitors this summer. Don’s son, Bruce, and his wife, Janet, from Redmond, Washington, came in time to help celebrate Joan Green’s birthday along with her sisters, Beverly and Marilyn Doig, as well as spend some quality time with their old friends the Paul Davis family. Don’s grandchildren, Katie and Sam McFarlin, stopped through enroute from Vancouver, Washington, to Kansas City long enough to have Don do some optimized packing of Katie’s little Subaru with the “necessities” for their apartment living contributed by the “Aunties” (i.e., Marilyn Doig, Beverly Doig, and Joan Green). Shirley Remmenga offered to transport the couple of stray items that just couldn’t fit when she made her trips to the Midwest.

Joyce’s oldest granddaughter, Riley Jacobs, always feels free to drop in from Denver Metro State, too.

Don and Joyce made a special trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, to meet up with her son, Dennis, and 15-year-old grandson, Matthew Rausch, from Indiana. Matthew tried surfing for the first time and enjoyed an exciting evening of star watching with an avid astronomer. They flew on to Kaanapali Beach for parasailing and a scenic helicopter ride over a volcano. Joyce, of course, had her camera along and has a lot of exciting photos to prove it.

The bed now awaits a visit from Don's daughter, Beth, and her husband, Bill McFarlin, later in August after they get Sam settled at Graceland U. There are plans for a couple of restful days in a cabin in Estes Park.

Dave and Voni Simons

June 8th a very large crowd was "welcomed" to the Simons' home for a 50th wedding anniversary celebration. Many stories were swapped and old friendships renewed. Some of the out-of-town guests included, Dave and Voni's children—Shannon, Darton, and Cassie; Voni's nieces, Robin and Diane; Voni's sister, Marlene, and her husband, Dwayne, from Yuma; Dave's sister Jan, and her husband, Dave, from Lamoni Iowa.

Shirley Remmenga and Paul Urioste

Shirley's sister's daughters, Delores from Omaha and DeAnna from the Twin Cities area, have just been "welcomed." They "did the scene" during their visit—the river walk at Estes Park coming back by Glen Haven for a coffee break; the CSU campus, including the equestrian barns (have you ever been there?); the Budweiser plant but missed the Clydesdale horses; a family dinner at "the homestead"; Old Town to the flea market. As they were preparing to pack up, Paul thoughtfully checked out their vehicle to make sure that it was ready to hit the freeways.

Lillian and Wendell Wallace

Fort Collins is almost on the way to and from World Conference, so it was good that Terry Connell (old-time resident) decided to stop by the Wallaces' coming from Conference. Lillian also was pleased to have her high school friend, Sondra Ruffs, and her son and her three grandchildren from Olathe, Kansas, come for a visit. The Steamboat Springs arm of the family, i.e., their daughter, Lynn, and her husband, Rick, and their two children, Riley and Ellery, spent some time with the Fort Collins arm of the family.

Gil and Marly Pagat

The Pagats had two sets of "invited visitors" as they moved to their new home at 5855 Calgary in Timnath. First came the "light stuff" evening with the help of the Minors, Fultons, Bunches, Max Coopwood, the Simons, and some tennis friends. The next afternoon came "more light stuff" with the Simons and the Fosters (Nancy and Logan Miller volunteered but were not needed). The two sessions were reported to be a success. They are still unpacking, but life is getting better.

Brian and Vera Entwistle

A similar "moving" invitation was issued by Brian and Vera and brought out the Wallaces with a truck, the Kohlmans, Tom Beck and Max Coopwood, the Simons, Debbi and Gary Jones, Don Wallis from Loveland, and the Fosters. They are now settled in their new home at 1418D Front Nine Dr. phone # 310-0665; e-mail entwistlebrian@gmail.com entwistlevera@gmail.com

Betty, Jim, and Ben Miller

The second Sunday social became a barbecue at the Millers' home which also was a graduation celebration for Ben. Members of the Fort Collins congregation enjoyed the evening.

Rick and Kay Bunch

The Bunch home once again "welcomed" a couple who will be moving here. Their influence must have helped and now Ruth and Gary Chatburn are in the process of building a new house and will be moving here soon. During the festivities at Dave and Voni Simons, David and Jan DeBarthe stayed at the Bunchs' while they visited their relatives. A very brave Arthur, age five, spent three days with his grandparents; later his mom, Amy, and his sister, Sophia, came for a day. The guest room is ready (even though the house has sold) to welcome the Kirkpatricks, Jac and Sherri.

Jan and Jean Newman

Their cabin has “welcomed” many types of guests. Jean had an unexpected close encounter with a very impressive bull moose and later as she and Jan sat enjoying the firelight, a mama moose looked on with envy through the big windows. There were also reports of a bear making itself feel welcome on the property. Paul Shupe and his friends—Bill, Bob, and Bill who were staying at Jean’s brother’s cabin—also came in time for breakfast one morning. However, Avery Dicke has the most alarming story to tell of his cabin adventure. He had invited his girl friend, Toni Martinez, her mother, Lindy Lacavalla, and another friend up to do some photographing. However, when they set out to go exploring on motorcycles, there was an accident and Lindy’s leg ended up broken. Luckily a nearby neighbor, Jane Binckley Higgins, dropped by; she is a trained medic and could offer help until Lindy could be transported to the hospital. But the trip was not a loss, because when Avery went back up to pick up their things from the cabin, the “friendly” neighboring bull moose let them get some great photos of him and his massive horns.

Other cabin visitors have been Greg Remmenga and a friend, Jack, who passed through.

The Newman household has also “welcomed” a “cousin reunion” this summer when eight of them met together and swapped family tales—Jerry Goddard and his wife, Carol; Darrel Fitzwater and his wife, Eva, from Glenwood Springs; Dixie and Larry Kilborn from Evergreen. Their son, Rusty, is due in soon on his way to California and he is looking forward to his visit and a trip to the cabin.

Sharon Troyer

Sharon was pleased to share a reunion week with her grandson, Tristan. She has also been enjoying a visit from her brother, Larry.

Etc. Etc. Etc.

There are most likely many more guests who have been “welcomed” in our homes. Marilyn, Joan, and I are looking forward to a visit from our cousins, Mike and Margaret Andes, when they come at the end of August to do some serious hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park, including hopefully a try at Long’s Peak.

—Beverly Doig, reporter

September Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchstrm.org/FortCollins>

- Sep. 1: **Resume Worship Services at 11:00 a.m.**
Communion Service
First-Sunday Giving
Potluck
- Sep. 4: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
Pastors, 1:30 p.m.
Worship Coordinators, 2:30 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Sep. 6–8: Camp Paradise Women’s Retreat
- Sep. 8: **Children’s classes resume at 9:45 a.m.**
Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering
Second-Sunday Social, Kick Up Your Heals, 5:00 p.m.
- Sep. 9: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- Sep. 11: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Sep. 12: Women’s Group
- Sep. 13–15: Men’s Retreat
- Sep. 15: Classes, 9:45 a.m., Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Communicator items due
- Sep. 18: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Sep. 22: Classes, 9:45 a.m., Worship, 11:00 a.m.
- Sep. 25: Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Sep. 26: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.
- Sep. 29: Classes, 9:45 a.m., Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Up-Coming Second-Sunday Socials

October 13: Annual Harvest Party



November 10: “Games”—Tom and Max chairmen.
Anyone for Mahjong?

