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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

For everyone born, a place at the table

February 2014

“Out with the Old—In with the New”

—Dave Simons, Pastoral Ministries Pastor

Recently, while rummaging through overstuffed shelves in the basement storeroom, I came across a nice laptop computer. There, in a dust-proof case, it “invited” me to take it down, plug it in, recharge the battery, and get it going again. I remembered using it a lot—once upon a time—and figured it was still in tip-top shape, ready to go as a fine computer to have handy downstairs. With this I wouldn’t have to make the slow climb upstairs (still a bit challenging due to my rebuilt hip joint) to use my regular, dependable desktop computer.

I quickly began to realize that this nearly new looking laptop (barely touched for 10 years) wasn’t going to do me any good. It still works,



but it’s slow, has an outdated operating system, won’t run any of the current programs, and can’t easily network with other computers.

Basically, it is useless to me! Now, I’m looking for a new home for it. It’s not going back on the basement shelf!

As I reflected on this matter, I thought of my own life, its purposes, usefulness, perhaps an outdated “operating system,” the need for taking on new challenges, and cleaning up

worn-out ideas and notions. This brought to mind a passage of scripture: “That old way of life has to go. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you.” (Eph. 4:22-24 The Message adapted.) There are some changes for the good that I can make as I forge into this New Year!

So, what about you? Our congregation? How can we be renewed in and through the Spirit that draws us closer to Christ and his purposes in us? What element(s) do we need to mend, repair, remove, or change that would allow us to align ourselves, and our congregation, more closely to Christ’s mission? How will you contribute this year in our various activities and ministry opportunities?

Tim Ashburn, mission center president, offers this in a recent communication: “I suggest we, as individuals and congregations, engage in missional (spiritual) practices so that we might connect more with God and with each other. These practices open us up to hear what we might not otherwise hear. Secondly, I suggest we allow ourselves to be vulnerable to each other and God. While this statement is not mine, I like it: “Courage over comfort.” It’s simple, to the point, and, yes, if we live it, transforming, empowering, and life changing.

May we embark together on a new adventure to discover anew what God is calling us to do in this day and in our time.”

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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.

February Birthdays



Susanna Garner	2/4
Marie Ytell	2/5
Hoss Davis	2/5
Jacee Davis	2/5
Donna Palmer	2/6
Don Worthington	2/10
Brett McKenzie	2/14
Janny Kay McKenzie	2/16
Gene Bridwell	2/17
Jean Newman	2/19
Bill Norwood	2/19
Brooke Stanke	2/22
Marcia Bridwell	2/22
Joyce Worthington	2/24

Financial Report



December Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,820.50
Invite People to Christ	40.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	552.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	4000
Develop Disciples to Serve	5.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	30.00
Total	\$2,487.50

Local

Local Offering	\$3,697.50
Building Fund	135.05
Two-Cents-a-Meal	67.00
Family Assistance	90.00
Christmas Dinner	65.00
Total	\$4,054.55

—Betty Jones, CFO

February Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins>

Feb. 2: Communion Service
 First-Sunday Giving, Potluck
 Feb. 5: Worship Coordinators, 1:30 p.m.
 Pastors meeting, 2:30 p.m.
 Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
 Feb. 6: Afternoon Womens Group, 2:15 p.m.
 Feb. 9: Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering
 Feb. 10: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
 Feb. 16: *Communicator* items due
 Feb 27: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.



Directory Update

Nancy Simon

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Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ Feb. 2: Dave Nii
- ❖ Feb. 9: Gil Pagat
- ❖ Feb. 16:
- ❖ Feb. 23: Nancy Miller

Keyboard

- ❖ Feb. 2: Tom Beck
- ❖ Feb. 9: Jean Newman
- ❖ Feb. 16: Kay Bunch
- ❖ Feb. 23: Sharon Troyer

Greeters

- ❖ February: Max Coopwood and Tom Beck

Nursery

- ❖ Feb. 2: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Feb. 9: Bettie Miller
- ❖ Feb. 16: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ Feb. 23: Mary Kohlman

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	1,971.25	3,338.76	5,310.01
June	2,323.00	3,540.56	5,863.56
July	1,582.00	2,331.00	3,913.00
August	3,926.00	2,369.00	6,295.00
September	1,816.00	3,047.50	4,863.50
October	1,647.50	2,203.50	3,851.00
November	1,780.08	3,256.59	5,036.67
December	2,487.50	3,697.50	6,185.00
TOTALS	\$ 25,632.83	\$ 34,193.41	\$ 59,826.24



Superannuation

Bill Norwood receiving his superannuation certificate from Dave Simons on November 24, 2013. Thank you, Bill, for your many years of faithful service.



Shine, Tables, Shine

Take a minute to check out the white tables in the social room! With a lot of scrubbing from eight kids and their families (and a few others) these tables transitioned from dingy to fabulous in the space of one hour last Sunday morning, January 12. Thanks to all you scrubber-dubbers!



Humongous Thank You!

A “Humongous Thank You” to all of you who contributed your time and talents to our Christmas play and to those of you who came to support us. From the child and adult actors to the costume people to the lights and sound people to the reception coordinators and cookie-bakers to the Sunday school teachers and others who helped kids practice parts, and finally to the families who supported the participation of their kids—you are the best!

Happy New Year!
Sharon Fulton and Donna Clark