

***We proclaim Jesus Christ  
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*

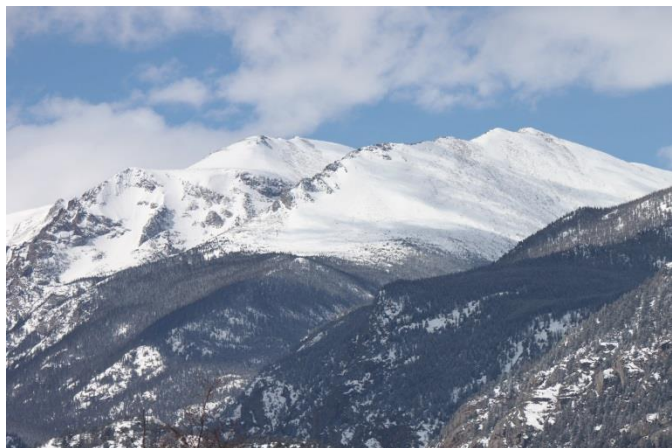
**July/August 2014**

**This is a combined July/August Communicator. There will not be a Communicator published in August.**

## ***“Intentionality to be Inclusive”***

—Kay Bunch, Outreach Ministries Pastor

Beautiful, dazzling, striking! My attention went right to the mountain west of Walden with the sun shining brightly on it. There were snow-covered mountains on both sides of this particular mountain, but my eyes did not settle on those.



Then I began to think about the bigger picture. How many times do I only see the focal point in a painting, the girl with the most beautiful hair getting all the attention.

I challenged myself to look beyond the biggest, prettiest, brightest, and to see the larger picture. If the sun had moved to the left or to the right, those mountains would have gotten my attention, and also have been dazzling.



As I practice this new challenge, I noticed a child left out of a group and I

passed along a wink and a smile; I noticed a woman left out of a conversation and brought her into the group by speaking with her. No doubt, everyone of us have been that person left out of the picture. Perhaps many of us have failed to recognize the less than obvious. It is a matter of *intentionality to be inclusive*.



Are you also up for the challenge? Let's practice seeing “more”; let's practice seeing as God sees and treasuring every moment, every view, and every person as special. Specialness is in the eye of the beholder—everything and everyone is special and to be treasured.

“Jesus reaches out to all the *wrong people*—the tribal discards!—slaves, foreigners, women, and children, society's most vulnerable. And we?”

“...as many souls as possible need to be awake, inwardly engaged, and, when clearly called, outwardly active.”

—*Weavings*: May, June, July 2014

## Communicator

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## Glenn and Shari Smith's Dog, McDuff



We apologize to the Smiths for inadvertently leaving *handsome* McDuff out of the article, "Getting to Know You," last month.

## July/August Birthdays



James Miller	7/1
Joan Green	7/4
Jay Ytell	7/4
Merly Pagat	7/5
Josh Birks	7/6
Rich Kohlman	7/10
Christy Harms	7/11
Larry Slocum	7/12
Thelma Slocum	7/17
Betty Jones	7/17
Evie Birks	7/17
Logan Miller	7/20
Madison Clark	7/22

Man Oberoi	8/4
Mary Jane Heinrichs	8/9
Madie Birks	8/15
Keenan Fronapfel	8/19
John Garner	8/20
Ken Jones	8/26
Sierra Bridwell-Deshner	8/26
Allister Garner	8/26
Erin Alton	8/29



## 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

## Financial Report



### April Income World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,567.50
Invite People to Christ	10.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	263.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	25.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	5.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,875.50</b>

### Local

Local Offering	\$2,741.35
Building Fund	30.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	64.00
Family Assistance	86.00
Youth Fund	6.00
Other	160.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,087.35</b>

—Betty Jones, CFO

## July and August Calendars



Check the website

<http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins>

- July 6: 10:00 a.m., Communion Service  
11:00 a.m., Hymn singing from the new hymnal  
11:30 a.m., Brunch  
First-Sunday Giving
- July 1: Worship Coordinators, 2:30 p.m.  
Pastors Meeting 3:30 p.m.
- July 2: Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- July 13: Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering
- July 14: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- June 15–26: IYF and Spectacular
- July 20: Worship at LaPaz,, 11:00 a.m.  
Congregation Picnic at City Park, 6:00 p.m.
- July 27: Worship, 10:00 a.m.



- Aug. 3: 10:00 a.m., Communion Service  
11:00 a.m., Hymn singing from the new hymnal  
11:30 a.m., Brunch  
First-Sunday Giving
- Aug. 6: Worship Coordinators, 1:30 p.m.  
Pastors, 2:30 p.m.  
No Leadership Council meeting
- Aug. 10: Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering
- Aug. 11: PFLAG
- Aug. 15-17: NewWestFest
- Aug. 17: No church due to NewWestFest  
*Communicator* items due.
- Aug. 24: Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- Aug. 31: Fifth-Sunday Forum? Watch for announcements.  
Worship, 10:00 a.m.

“Jesus was a master of teaching skillful means, especially in his Sermon on the Mount, and in many of his parables and one-liners. He was constantly teaching us and showing us how to be fully human, which somehow is to be divine! To follow him is to imitate him in his combining of humanity and divinity.”

—Richard Rohr

## Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



### Speakers

- ❖ July 6: TBA
- ❖ July 13: Kurt Remmenga
- ❖ July 20: Church at LaPaz
- ❖ July 27: Dave Simons
- ❖ August 3: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ August 10: Nancy Miller
- ❖ August 17: No Church—NewWestFest
- ❖ August 24: Rick Bunch
- ❖ August 31: Deb Friesz

### Keyboard

- ❖ July 6: Tom Beck
- ❖ July 13: Jean Newman
- ❖ July 20: No Church—NewWestFest
- ❖ July 27: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ August 3: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ August 10: Kay Bunch
- ❖ August 17: No Church—NewWestFest
- ❖ August 24: Deb Friesz
- ❖ August 31: Dave Birks

### Greeters

- ❖ July 6, 13: Betty Jones and Kathy Bridwell
- ❖ July 20: Church at LaPaz
- ❖ July 27: TBA
- ❖ August: Joyce Jordeth, Dave and Voni Simons

### Nursery

- ❖ July 6: Debbie Jones
- ❖ July 13: Bettie Miller
- ❖ July 20: Church at LaPaz
- ❖ July 27: Pat and Bill Miner
- ❖ August 3: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ August 10: Bettie Miller
- ❖ August 17: No Church—NewWestFest
- ❖ August 24: Mary Kohlman
- ❖ August 31: Rose Julch

## Fort Collins Congregation Offerings 2014 Disciples' Generous Response

Month	Total World Initiatives	Total Local Operating	Total Operating Giving
January	1,522.50	2,405.00	3,927.50
February	2,344.50	3,437.50	5,782.00
March	1,872.50	4,311.50	6,184.00
April	1,927.50	2,663.00	4,590.50
May	1,875.50	2,741.35	4,616.85
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 9,542.50</b>	<b>\$ 15,558.35</b>	<b>\$ 25,100.85</b>

## Second/Third-Sundays for July and August

Second-Sunday for July is the congregation picnic on July 20.

Because of the NewWestFest conflict, we will not have Third-Sunday Social in August. Please find some friends and enjoy some of the festival together. But start planning for September. Bev Doig pointed out that we have so many talented artists and crafters in our congregation and she, for one, (me, for two) would love to see just what these gifted people are doing. So, for September, gather up your artwork, craftwork, poetry, writing, cooking, WHATEVER! and we will get together on Sunday, September 21 to share. Soup will be provided, so bring something to go with that if you would like.

## Youth Fund

The June 8, 2014, business meeting approved the Youth Fund resolution.

## Youth Activities

Logan Miller graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Boltz Middle School this spring and earned numerous awards:



Well  
done,  
Logan!

- ✚ Presidential Award for Educational Excellence
- ✚ Classroom Excellence in Algebra
- ✚ Classroom Excellence in German
- ✚ Outstanding Reader
- ✚ Outstanding Writer
- ✚ Phoenix Award Nominee (only 26 students were nominated)
- ✚ Recognition for Participation in the W.E.B. (Where Everyone Belongs) Program this year.



## IYF and Spectacular

We have seven of our youth going to IYF and/or Spectacular. Let's remember them in our prayers and look forward to their stories when they return.

Nanga and Shuri Chungag  
Aidan Dicke  
Gabe and Shawnea Pagat  
Jay and Marie Ytell



## Mission Prayer

“What if we all prayed the mission prayer daily? If we did, and were willing to respond to the opportunities that emerged, the number of active member-disciples serving Christ’s mission would increase significantly!

To this end, the words of counsel call us to:

*Lovingly invite others to experience the good news of new life in community with Christ. Opportunities bound in your daily lives if you choose to see them.”*

—from President Veazey’s April 6, 2014 address to the church

## Mission Prayer

*“God, where will your Spirit lead today? Help me be fully awake and ready to respond. Grant me courage to risk something new and become a blessing of your love and peace.” Amen.*



## Support for Faith Family Hospitality

The Leadership Council had previously announced that Second-Sunday Offerings would go to support the Faith Family Hospitality program. We have since learned that one of the sponsoring churches had paid for FFH families to spend two nights in a motel at Christmas along with a food voucher and gifts for the children. Since Christmas will fall during the week we will help the FFH families at the Mennonite church, the council voted to use the funds we raise through the Second-Sunday Offerings to support a similar activity at Christmas for the families.

## Congregation Picnic

### Picnic in the Park

Sunday, July 20, 6:00–8:00 p.m.  
at City Park Shelter #7

#### Included:



Hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments, chips, drink, table service, and homemade ice cream will be provided.

#### Please bring:

A SALAD OR SIDE-DISH TO SHARE.

**Entertainment** this year will include FUN for one and all! A number of games and activities will be set up outside of the shelter house such as ladder ball, wet sponge races, croquet, etc. It is also suspected that a lot of chatting will take place. Feel free to invite your family and friends to join us at this annual congregational event.

The City Park outdoor pool, Sheldon lake, City Park Railway, and the trolley are very close in proximity to the shelter house. Your family might want to include taking advantage of swimming, fishing, or train/trolley riding during the afternoon before the picnic.

**Directions:** From the intersection of Mulberry and College Ave. drive west on W. Mulberry St., past Shields, and right onto S. Bryan Ave. Continue straight on City Park Dr. and turn left by the miniature train to find the shelter house (**same place as last year**).

**R.S.V.P. by Tuesday July 15 to Sharon Fulton (484-6943) or Pat Miner (674-1848)**

**Don't forget BUG SPRAY and SUNSCREEN.**