

***We proclaim Jesus Christ
and promote
communities of joy,
hope, love, and peace.***



A monthly newsletter of
Community of Christ



Fort Collins, Colorado

A Welcoming Congregation

For everyone born, a place at the table

June 2014

“Wind”

—Debbie Jones, Worship Ministries Pastor

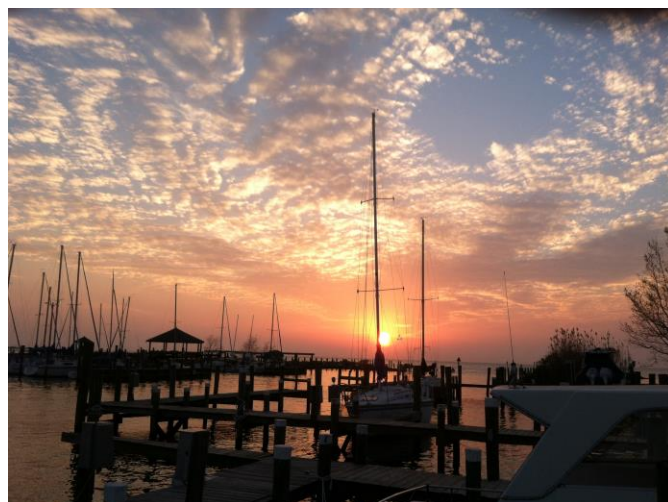
There is a print at my doctor’s reception desk with words that state, “I can’t change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to reach my destination.” As individuals, we make lists and set goals. As a congregation, we have discussed vision and mission. We can all agree it is important to have a destination or goal for each day, month, or year and to steer towards our goals. But what happens when there is no wind?

Gary and I, along with his sister and brother-in-law, Gail and Tom Sundell, were sailing from Panama City, Florida, to Tampa Bay, Florida, cutting across the Gulf of Mexico. We had studied wind and weather reports and found a suitable travel window for our trip. We departed April 11th and planned to arrive early on the 13th. However, somewhere out in the middle of the Gulf, the winds died to nothing. But that doesn’t mean the seas were calm. We were uncomfortable rolling about on the waves, while the currents pushed us further from our destination. The winds finally returned and we were able to sail on, but ended up north of Tampa at Tarpon Springs on the 14th. A sailboat relies on the wind to power it towards its next port.

As individuals, we rely on God for our energy. With him we are powered and able to aim towards our destination. Without God, his love and our faith in him, we end up adrift, at the

mercy of the waves and current. We are tossed about and get pushed off course.

Choose your destination, study the scriptures, set your goals, and let the Spirit of God power you.



*Breathe on me,
Breath of God, fill
me with life anew,*

*that I may love
what thou dost love,
and do what thou
wouldst do.*

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June Birthdays



Scott Watkins	6/2
Oceana Alcoser	6/4
Kate Ytell	6/9
Don Struble	6/9
Katie Watkins	6/12
Gary Jones	6/17
Les Cunningham	6/21
Wanda Florom	6/21
Marc McKenzie	6/26
Max Coopwood	6/29



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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.

Financial Report



April Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,577.50
Invite People to Christ	5.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	320.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	15.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	5.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	5.00
Total	\$1,927.50

Local

Local Offering	\$2,663.00
Building Fund	70.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	71.35
Family Assistance	161.00
Youth Fund	3.00
Other	26.00
Total	\$2,994.35

—Betty Jones, CFO

June Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins>

June 1: **Service Time Change.** Worship starts at 10:00 a.m., Adult class at 9:00 a.m.
 Communion Service
 First-Sunday Giving, Potluck

June 3: Pastors Meeting 2:00 p.m.

June 4: Worship Coordinators, 1:30 p.m.
 Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.

June 8: Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering
 Business meeting immediately following the morning worship

June 9: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.

June 15: Father's Day
Communicator items due

June 22: Adult Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
 Worship, 10:00 a.m.

June 29: Fifth-Sunday Forum. Discussion on Congregational life, direction, activities, etc. 8:30 a.m.

June 26: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ June 1: Susan Oxley, DVD
- ❖ June 8: Gil Pagat
- ❖ June 15: Josh Birks
- ❖ June 22: Rich Kohlman
- ❖ June 29: Shirley Remmenga

Keyboard

- ❖ June 1: Tom Beck
- ❖ June 8: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ June 15: Kay Bunch
- ❖ June 22: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ June 29: Deb Friesz

Greeters

- ❖ June: TBA

Nursery

- ❖ June 1: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ June 8: Bettie Miller
- ❖ June 15: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ June 22: Vonni Simons
- ❖ June 29: 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	-	-	-
June	-	-	-
July	-	-	-
August	-	-	-
September	-	-	-
October	-	-	-
November	-	-	-
December	-	-	-
TOTALS	\$ 7,667.00	\$ 12,817.00	\$ 20,484.00

Fun, Food, and Fellowship on the Second Sunday (this month)

Potluck picnic at the Miller's Lake at 5:00 p.m.
Watch for more information in the Sunday Bulletin.



Getting to Know You!

What do you know about Glenn and Shari Smith?

Did you know that Glenn and Shari met at a church picnic in the summer of 1960. Shari was a Methodist and she was visiting. Glenn had come from Kalamazoo and Shari from Iowa to attend summer sessions at UNC in Greeley. The following school year their long distance courtship between their respective teaching jobs in Marengo, Iowa, and Lexington, Nebraska, kept the phone lines buzzing.

After they married they were drawn back to Greeley to be near the Colorado mountains. Glenn who has a history of church affiliation in the Coldwater, Michigan, group took over the leadership in the small Greeley mission. Shari supported his ministry. They tell of Sunday meetings in a beer hall with Glenn holding their baby while Shari played the piano, then Shari holding the baby while Glenn preached.

They lived in Lexington, Freemont, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Conway, Arkansas, during their teaching years. Upon retirement in 2001, they decided to settle in Loveland where Glenn attended the Loveland congregation while Shari sought out the Methodist church. However, they had friends, including Sharon Troyer then pastor of the Fort Collins congregation who invited them to attend in Fort Collins. Shari found that she was most welcome in this group and she began attending with Glenn. Glenn had spent 40 years in the teaching profession, including 10 years in public schools and 30 years as chairman of the Department of Communications at University of Central

Arkansas. Shari taught in the elementary grades.

Since moving to Loveland, Shari has been working with the Friends of the Loveland Public Library where she assists with book clubs, book sales, and a reading program with school children. They both volunteer serving and doing clean up at the Loveland Community Kitchen.

Glenn used to be quite active in Lion's Club, selling brooms and light bulbs to support the blind. While out selling light bulbs one day, he came across an old Model A, which he decided to restore. He worked on this project diligently, aided (hindered) by his very young son. Their kids rode in the rumble seat on fun excursions.

The Smiths were RV people for many years seeing much of the USA that way. They have also enjoyed travel in Europe (on a tour not to be repeated!) and the British Isles. While their daughter, Tristen, was living in Germany, Glenn and their daughter, Kendra, visited her there. Glenn has been to China and Russia; together they visited Alaska as well as going through the Panama Canal.

Since selling the RV, they now travel on cruises. This past summer they took one of American Cruise Line's more intimate boats to tour the Columbia and Snake Rivers areas. This coming June/July they plan to take a new Pearl Seas ship up the New England coast to Halifax with 10 ports of call along the way at such places as Martha's Vineyard and Portland, Maine.

In October they plan to join Tom Beck and Max Coopwood on the church historical tour.

They try to see their children (and grandchildren) at least twice a year, flying now instead of driving the RV. Their daughter, Tristen, lives in Minneapolis with two children, Braeden who is serving in South Korea and Mara. Their daughter, Kendra, lives in Teague, Texas, and has a daughter, Lauren. Their son, Matthew, who was adopted from South Korea,

lives in Springdale, Arkansas, with three daughters, Tia, Mya, and Mariah.

When asked, "what they are doing for fun," Glenn says he fishes with a neighbor at Red Feather Lakes and he is learning to play the piano. Shari who already plays the piano says that she is an avid quilter with closets full of examples. She also does stained glass and, of course, she is a reader. She takes much joy in walking their Scottie dog, McDuff.

They have been canoers, but found it quite a challenge recently to go on a canoeing trip with Senior Citizens who had no experience with the boats; someone managed to ram their boat and swamp them!

Look for Shari's name in the bulletin as the planner and both Smiths as participants in the local services. Glenn and Shari enjoy coming for the Third-Sunday Socials as well.

—Beverly Doig, reporter

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.

Bazaar News



We have been pleased that monies keep coming in for our bazaar items. Folks from our various building renters have bought items, and the tea towels have especially been a popular item. Current year proceeds going to the Youth Fund total \$94.00

—Betty Jones, reporting

Youth Fund

At the March 5, 2014, Leadership Council meeting, the council approved the following resolution which will be brought to the congregation at our business meeting on June 8.

Resolution for Youth Support

Whereas, our youth are highly valued and are an important part of our congregational life; and

Whereas, the youth are encouraged to attend the Community of Christ sponsored youth activities such as congregational special activities, Rocky Mountain Mission Center activities: spring and fall retreats, summer camps; and World Church scheduled activities: International Youth Forum (IYF), SPECTACULAR, and Peace Colloquy, and

Whereas, the transportation costs are often more than normal family budgets can handle thus preventing participations in these activities for many of our youth; and

Whereas, these activities are extremely important in the spiritual and social development of our youth; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Fort Collins Congregation continue to subsidize 90 percent of the registration fees for all Community of Christ sponsored youth activities plus 50 percent of

the transportation costs for any and all of these church sponsored activities, and be it further

Resolved, that a *Youth Activity Fund* be established with sufficient funds designated in the congregational budget to cover these costs, and where donations for youth activities can be made to support our youth.

Youth Activities

On Sunday, April 27, our youth provided approximately two hours each of service to Homeless Gear helping to pack food bags. Thanks for your contribution to our community.



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.