

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



Community of Christ

A monthly newsletter of

Fort Collins, Colorado

A Welcoming Congregation

For everyone born, a place at the table

November 2014

“Thanks Be to God”

—Debbie Jones, Worship Ministries Pastor

November is here, and that means Christmas is not far away. Often we put so much of our focus on Christmas; we practically skip Thanksgiving altogether. Don't get me wrong, I love Christmas, but I like the fact that Thanksgiving is not about buying presents or decorating trees, but more about getting together with family and friends. It is about gratitude and giving thanks.

Reflect on these words of David:

Psalms 100:4–5 “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.”

Psalms 106:1 “Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! For his mercy endures forever.”



These are words for every day, not just once a year. They do not say, “Give thanks unto the Lord only one day a year or when you feel good,” but give thanks every day because “he is good!” We are urged to continually live a life of thanksgiving, being grateful each day to God for all of his blessings.

In addition, from *Community of Christ Sings* #132:

“For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

“In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

“For the harvests of the spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.”

—Fred Pratt Green

“Gratitude is a constant attitude of thankfulness and appreciation for life as it unfolds. Living in the moment, we are open to the abundance around us and within us. We express appreciation freely. We contemplate the richness of our life. In life's trials, we seek to understand, to accept, and to learn. Gratitude is a continual celebration of life.” —Unknown

May God bless you, and I hope that you have a wonderful month of Thanksgiving filled with family and friends.

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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.

November Birthdays



Makenna Jackson	11/1
Shauna Clark	11/2
Joyce Jordeth	11/2
Sharon Troyer	11/2
Shirley Remmenga	11/4
Emmaline Garner	11/7
Jon Ytell	11/7
David Birks	11/11
Brett Bridwell	11/11
Zachary Fronapfel	11/15
Alec Fronapfel	11/15
Debbie Jones	11/17
Jake Davis	11/19
Gary Alton	11/19
Vergean Wood	11/20
Dawn Gaffield	11/21
Wendell Wallace	11/28

Financial Report



September Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,402.50
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	280.00
Invite People to Christ	30.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	5.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	35.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	10.00
Total	\$1,762.50

Local

Local Offering	\$3,047.50
Building Fund	100.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	45.00
Family Assistance	42.00
Youth Fund	115.00
Other	25.00
Total	\$3,374.50

—Betty Jones, CFO

November Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins>

Nov. 2: 11:00 a.m., Communion Service
 First-Sunday Giving
 12:00 p.m., Potluck-lunch

Nov. 5: Pastors Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
 Worship Coordinators, 3:00 p.m.
 Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.

Nov. 7-9: RMMC Conference, Estes Park YMCA

Nov. 9: Classes, 9:45 a.m.
 Worship, 11:00 a.m.
 Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering

Nov. 10: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 16: Classes, 9:45 a.m.
 Worship, 11:00 a.m.
 Communicator items due.
 Third-Sunday Social, 5:00 p.m.

Nov. 20: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.

Nov. 27: **THANKSGIVING**

Nov. 30: Fifth-Sunday Forum and Breakfast,
 9:30 a.m.

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ November 2: Deb Friesz
- ❖ November 9: TBA
- ❖ November 16: Shandra Newcom
- ❖ November 23: Gil Pagat
- ❖ November 30: Rich Kohlman

Keyboard

- ❖ November 2: Kay Bunch
- ❖ November 9: Tom Beck
- ❖ November 16: Deb Friesz
- ❖ November 23: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ November 30: David Birks

Greeters

- ❖ November: Pat and Bill Miner

Nursery

- ❖ November 2: Debbie Jones
- ❖ November 9: Bettie Miller
- ❖ November 16: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ November 23: Mary Kohlman
- ❖ November 30: 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	1,981.50	2,606.50	4,588.00
July	1,819.50	2,254.50	4,074.00
August	1,873.50	3,081.00	4,954.50
September	1,765.50	3,047.50	4,813.00
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 16,982.50	\$ 26,547.85	\$ 43,530.35

November Third-Sunday Social



The Third-Sunday Social this month will be a Holiday Dinner on November 16 at 5:00 p.m. Come and bring a friend.

More Pictures from "Talent Night"



Rick Bunch saw something he liked so he made one for himself.

He also shared his "talent" for song by leading the group.



Tim Sundell displayed samples of his woodworking, his very own spinning wheel, and knitting needles from various types of wood (he uses them to knit hats).



Dave Simons's piggy banks, which were used for stewardship lessons



Voni Simons's needlework



Shuri and Nanga Chungag's summer sewing projects



Marie Ytell's award-winning photos and Jay Ytell's senior pictures



One of Rich Kohlman's photos



Debbie's 4H project and bronze sculptures

Gary's copy of a favorite picture. His talents are listed as "Jack of All Trades"



Tom Beck's pastels



Joyce Worthington's photo albums from some of her and Don's travels



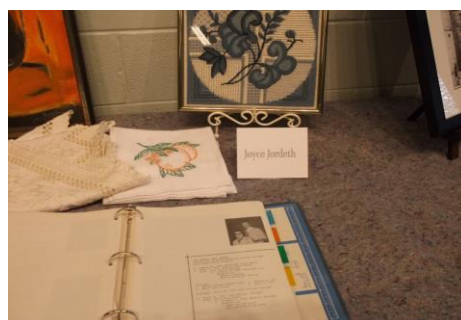
Joan Green's fused glass



Shari Smith's quilt



Max Coopwood's photographs



Joyce Jordeth's scrapbooks and needlework

2014 Historical Tour



Max Coopwood, Shari Smith, and Tom Beck on the 2014 World Church Historical Tour. Ask them about the adventure.

2014 Harvest Party



Great costumes at our 2014 Harvest Party.