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and promote
communities of joy,
hope, love, and peace.***



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Communicator

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Fort Collins, Colorado

A Welcoming Congregation

For everyone born, a place at the table

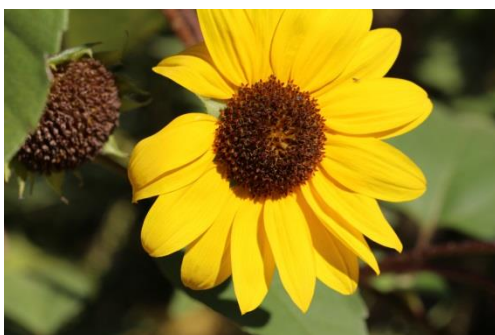
“Going Deeper”

—Rich Kohlman, Communications Ministries Pastor

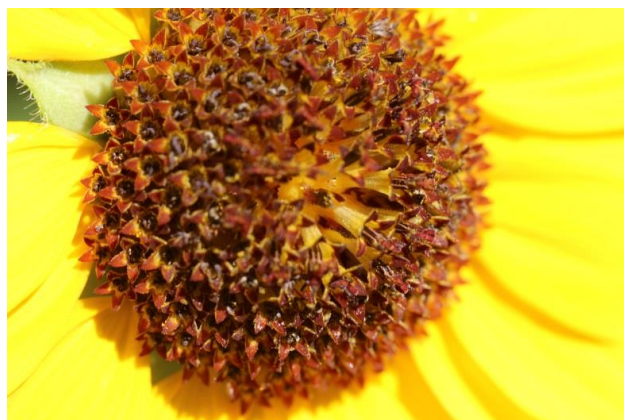
When I went to the Silent Retreat in September, I had some things on my mind that I wanted to accomplish, but that didn't happen for some unexpected reasons. However, I came away from the retreat with a new door opening that was quite unanticipated and only really opened wide after I got home and read an article in the June/July 2014 *Weavings* magazine. The article is titled, “*Cultivating the Eyes of the Heart: The Contemplative Practice of Photography.*”

I had no more thought of photography being a contemplative practice than I had of bike riding, until in both cases, Carolyn Brock, my long-time spiritual friend and guide, pointed that out to me, or at least in that direction.

Prior to reading the article, I had shown her some pictures I had taken during the retreat. I pointed out how with a macro lens you can see deeper into a flower than with the naked eye, seeing things that were always there but not easily noticed.



Here you see the flower as we normally see it with a brown center.



In this picture, you can see that the brown center is really a huge grouping of even smaller flowers.

This is what the contemplative life is about for the Christian seeking a deeper relationship with the Divine. It means taking the time through various spiritual practices so that they can see deeper into their own life, into the lives of others, and into the life that the Divine calls us into.

We cannot “go deeper” without taking the time and changing our “lenses” to see what is there but unseen in the normal activities of our daily lives.

The writer of the aforementioned article has also written a book, *Eyes of the Heart: Photography as a Christian Contemplative Practice*. I ordered it immediately and now look forward to learning how my interest in photography, can lead me into a deeper spiritual life.

What lens do you need to change, or what spiritual practice do you need to start to go deeper?

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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.

October Birthdays



Eric Fronapfel	10/2
Mary Kohlman	10/7
Irene Chungag	10/14
Jon Mendenhall	10/14
Gilbert Pagat	10/21
Ben Miller	10/21
Beverly Doig	10/21
Nancy Simon	10/21
Nancy Miller	10/23
Rick Bunch	10/28
Aidan Dicke	10/30

Financial Report



August Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,582.50
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	271.00
Invite People to Christ	5.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	5.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	5.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	5.00
Total	\$1,873.50

Local

Local Offering	\$3,081.00
Building Fund	50.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	67.00
Family Assistance	82.00
Youth Fund	120.00
Other	25.00
Total	\$3,425.00

—Betty Jones, CFO

October Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins>

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

Oct. 5: 11:00 a.m., Communion Service
 First-Sunday Giving
 12:00 p.m., Brunch
 President's Address, 5:00 p.m.

Oct. 12: Class, 9:45 a.m.
 Worship, 1:00 a.m.
 Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering

Oct. 13: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 19: Class, 9:45 a.m.
 Worship, 11:00 a.m.
 Communicator items due.
 Third-Sunday Social, 5:00 p.m.

Oct. 30: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ October 5: Tim Ashburn
- ❖ October 12: Debbie Jones
- ❖ October 19: Carrie Newman
- ❖ October 26: Shirley Remmenga

Keyboard

- ❖ October 5: Deb Friesz
- ❖ October 12: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ October 19: Jean Newman
- ❖ October 26: Sharon Troyer

Greeters

- ❖ October: Nancy Simon and Jean Newman

Nursery

- ❖ October 5: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ October 12: Bettie Miller
- ❖ October 19: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ October 26: Pat and Bill Miner

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			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 15,217.00	\$ 23,500.35	\$ 38,717.35

October Third-Sunday Social



The Third-Sunday Social this month will be a Harvest Party on October 19th at 5:00 p.m. Bring a pot of chili for the cook off, if you like, or bring a relish tray or dessert. We encourage you to wear costumes, and there will be prizes. We'll carve pumpkins and hand out treats. Come and bring a friend.

Pictures from "Talent Night"

We had a great turnout for Talent Night with many people showing their crafts, hobbies, and skills. Below are Tim Sundell, Marta Remmenga, Rick Bunch, and Shuri Chungag.

