

***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

April 2015



—Debbie Jones, Worship Ministries Pastor

It's April! Our thoughts are with gardens, flowers, baby animals, and Easter. We think about new beginnings and renewal. The crocus and daffodils seem to bloom overnight. We can see baby calves and lambs frolicking in the fields. However, what we observe in the spring doesn't just happen overnight. This newness began months earlier. The seeds of growth were planted and nourished in the cool days of fall and left to gain strength in the cold and dark days of winter. Without this time of preparation, the rebirth we see in the spring would not be able to happen.

Everything has a time of preparation, seen or unseen.

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection, his rebirth. Like in nature, this miracle happened only with lots of preparation. In the beginning he was with God. Then there were the months in Mary's womb, followed by years of listening and learning, and then the years of teaching and praying. All this was necessary preparation for his resurrection.

If we are to bloom as disciples, we should also prepare—study, meditate, and pray.

German writer Johann Wolfgang von Goethe wrote, "We must always change, renew, rejuvenate ourselves; otherwise we harden."

Spring is the right time for renewal and rejuvenation: an opportunity to soften. The season lends us moments to shed our skin and blossom. We are reignited with an energy that sat still within our sleepy souls during the wintertime.

Today—whether you are inspired by the sentiments of Easter or simply by the light-hearted song of a bird—take a moment to meditate on the processes by which you will renew.

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.

—Helen Keller



Fort Collins Congregation Offerings 2015 Disciples' Generous Response

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Month	Total World Initiatives	Total Local Operating	Total Operating Giving
January	3,168.50	2,289.52	5,458.02
February	3,232.00	2,738.00	5,970.00
March			-
April			-
May			-
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 6,400.50	\$ 5,027.52	\$ 11,428.02
Balance	56%	44%	

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



February Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$2,383.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	779.00
Invite People to Christ	55.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	5.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	5.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	5.00
Total	\$3,232.00

Local

Local Offering	\$2,738.00
Building Fund	20.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	52.00
Family Assistance	15.00
Youth Fund	158.00
Total	\$2,983.00

—Betty Jones, CFO

April Birthdays



Tonia Watts	4/1
Ryder Jackson	4/6
Dee Cable	4/9
Dave Simons	4/19
Cinnamon Garner	4/23
Avery Dicke	4/25
Kay Bunch	4/25
Bettie Miller	4/30

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.

April Calendar



Check the website

- Apr. 1: Pastors Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Worship Coordinators, 3:00 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Apr. 5: EASTER
Brunch, 9:00 a.m.
Easter egg hunt, 9:30 a.m.
Classes, 9:45 a.m.
Communion Service, 11:00 a.m.
First-Sunday Giving
- Apr. 12: Classes, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering
President Veazey addresses the church, 5:00 p.m.
- Apr. 13: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 19: Classes, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Third-Sunday Fellowship, "Old-Fashioned Campfire," 5:00 p.m.
Communicator items due.
- Apr. 23: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.
- Apr. 26: Classes, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.

April Third-Sunday Social



Come and enjoy an Old-Fashioned Campfire, 5:00 p.m. Planned by Shauna Clark, Joan Green, Bill Norwood, Shirley Remmenga, Paul Urioste, and Tim Sundell. Stay tuned for perhaps an additional activity!

Upcoming Socials

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| May | Annual Artisan Show |
| June | Open |
| July | Karaoke |
| August | Annual Picnic |
| September | Game Night |

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| October | Harvest Party |
| November | Holiday Dinner |
| December | Open |



Book Club News

Book Club meets on Thursday, April 23, at 1:00 p.m. Place and book to be determined.

President Veazey to Address the Church

President Stephen M. Veazey looks forward to interacting with you on April 12. Join the worldwide church in an interactive, webcast-only event April 12, at 6:00 p.m. (CDT). The focus will be on oneness and equality in Christ (paragraphs 10–14 of the words of counsel presented to the 2013 World Conference). An update on giving trends, budget numbers, and steps being taken to balance the budget also will be shared.



Following the address, President Veazey will answer your e-mail, Twitter, and Facebook questions live.

In preparation:

Plan a gathering at your congregation or home using the Gathering Suggestions enclosed or online at www.CofChrist.org/presidents-address.

Prayerfully reflect on paragraphs 10–14 of the words of counsel (available, along with videos of past presidents' addresses, at www.CofChrist.org/presidents-address).

Send questions before or during the live event.
E-mail: AskSteveVeazey@CofChrist.org
Social media: [#AskSteveVeazey](https://twitter.com/AskSteveVeazey)

Mark your calendar for last two presidents' addresses on the words of counsel: October 4, 2015, and April 3, 2016.

All addresses will be webcast live in English, French, and Spanish.



The Health and Wholeness Team

This team was appointed by the First Presidency in response to World Conference Resolution 1305 that states in part, “...to actively encourage members to engage this quest for well-being and wholeness of body, mind, and spirit, making responsible, healthy choices as their circumstances permit, with priority attention given to children and youth.” The first major action of the team is to survey our membership about their primary health and wholeness concerns and beliefs.

You are invited to take a few minutes and complete this simple survey.

WHAT: Health and Wholeness Member Survey
WHO: Community of Christ adults and teens (members and friends)

WHEN: February through June 2015

WHERE: Health and Wholeness Team Page
www.CofChrist.org/health-and-wholeness-team

Two survey options are available. (Links to online and paper surveys are available at the Health and Wholeness Team page listed above.)

1. Online:
www.surveymethods.com/EndUser.aspx?D8FC9089D0928B89DA
2. Paper:
www.CofChrist.org/Common/Cms/documents/Health-and-Wholeness-Survey.pdf

Please mail paper copies back to the following address:

Community of Christ—Health and Wholeness Survey

ATTN: Lisa Soignier
1001 W. Walnut St.
Independence, MO 64050 USA



100th Anniversary of the Fort Collins Congregation

2016 will mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Fort Collins Congregation. Joyce Jordeth and Max Coopwood are already involved in gathering information about the church over these 100 years. If you have an interest in history and the church, and would like to share on a committee as we plan to celebrate this milestone, let Rich Kohlman know. (rkohlman@comcast.net; (970) 484-1239) Dave Simons and Marilyn Garner have volunteered to help. There is still room for more to make this a memorable occasion in the life of our congregation.



Names in the News!

John Garner is smiling after opening night of a Fossil Ridge High School Theatre presentation



of “Honk! A Musical Tale of The Ugly Duckling.” A number of our congregation were present to enjoy this wonderful production and a night out. John was the technical and vocal director for the production.

Thanks, John, for a wonderful evening.

One Village One Family Training

Our One Village One Family team and support people met for a training session with Chris Maslin-Cole and staff of Homeless Gear to get ready to receive our first family. We then met our family about 3 weeks later in the first week of March and are now hard at work helping them to find housing.



Another Birthday

Bill Norwood celebrated his 89th birthday with a few friends at Sharon Troyer and Ann Leviton's home.



The Call to Community

God is calling for a prophetic community to emerge, drawn from the nations of the world, that is characterized by uncommon devotion to the compassion and peace of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Through divine grace and wisdom, this faith community has been given abundant gifts, resources, and opportunities to equip it to become such a people.

—Doctrine and Covenants 163:11a

