

***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

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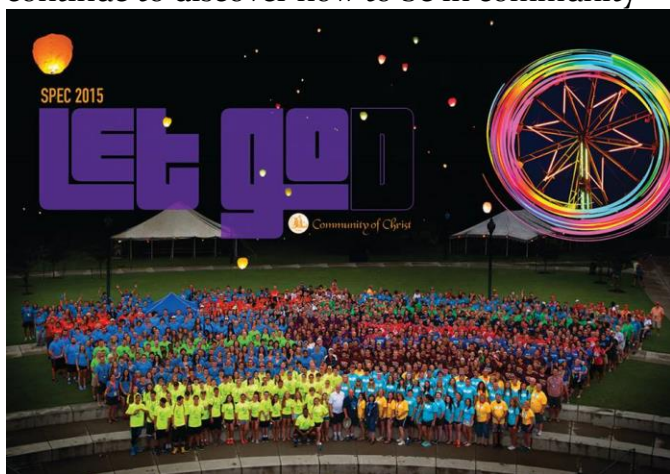
I spent the last week of July at SPECTACULAR with approximately 725 youth and 300 staff. Tim Ashburn, in the weekly mission center update, wrote a beautiful article on the meaning of the theme for the week, "Let Go." Sometimes this was also written as "Let Go(d)." I share it with you now for its pertinence and so you can experience some of what our youth are challenged with while at SPEC.

—Rich Kohlman, Communications Pastor

"Let Go"

—Tim Ashburn, Mission Center President

As I am at Spectacular this week, I can't help but be impacted by the theme: "Let Go." We are exploring various aspects of letting thoughts, views, and actions go as we continue to discover how to be in community



with each other. Today we are focusing on how to let go of judgment. Judgments of those that are different from us, who may look, act, or hold opinions that are not the same as our own. How are we able to live with the diversity of our

uniquely created selves, be true to who we are, be open to the awareness of others and live in harmony with each other? Love continues to dwell at the heart of the gospel of Jesus. It is that love, the acknowledgment that you and I are loved by a God of love that makes it impossible for differences to define us.

Transformation, a changed perspective, seeing with new eyes, is grounded in this love that defies common and natural tendencies toward separation, mistrust, and suffering.

In Letting Go, we allow room for newness of life, a new direction, a new sense of purpose to emerge. Letting go doesn't have to mean loss, rather it is the positive steps of creating space for what is emerging, both personally and as community. The journey of Letting Go is constant, fluid, and a reminder that we are ever growing and renewing our path of life. As we center on what God is calling us to, it will most certainly require letting go of some things, some old habits, some old paradigms and making space for God's presence to emerge in our relationships and in the lives of others.

As Community of Christ we have always held in high esteem the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Now is the time to immerse ourselves in the presence of the Spirit and allow the touch of the Divine to guide our journey as individuals and as community. Become aware of the obstacles that are unseen in our path as well as the light that shows the way. May we embrace Letting Go, so that we might be filled with the love of God.

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Financial Report



June Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$2,822.50
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	363.00
Invite People to Christ	15.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	10.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	5.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	10.00
Total	\$3,225.50

Local

Local Offering	\$2,433.00
Building Fund	30.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	63.00
Family Assistance	60.00
Youth Fund	278.00
Total	\$2,864.00
—Betty Jones, CFO	

Financial Response

For the first time in four years our giving, based on a goal of 50 percent to local operating and 50 percent to World Church offering, is more balanced than ever. Usually it has leaned toward local by 14–18 percent. This year (see following chart) we are leaning 8 percent toward World Church operating while being 7% ahead of our local budget needs through June. This will help tremendously at a time when

deep cuts have been made to the World Church budget. Thank you.

Fort Collins Congregation Offerings 2015 Disciples' Generous Response

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	4,026.15	4,759.50	8,785.65
April	3,190.50	2,681.50	5,872.00
May	3,547.50	2,815.50	6,363.00
June	3,225.50	2,433.00	5,658.50
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 20,390.15	\$ 17,717.02	\$ 38,107.17
Balance	54%	46%	

August Birthdays



Mary Heinrichs	8/9
Madie Birks	8/15
Kurt Remmenga	8/16
Keenan Fronapfel	8/19
John Garner	8/20
Ken Jones	8/26
Sierra Bridwell	8/26
Allister Garner	8/26

August Calendar



Check the website

- Aug. 2: Adult Class, 9:00 a.m.
Communion Service, 10:00 a.m.
First-Sunday Giving
Potluck, 11:15 a.m.
- Aug. 6: Pastors Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Worship Coordinators, 3:00 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 9: Adult Class, 9:00 a.m.
Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering
- Aug. 10: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 14-16: NewWestFest
- Aug. 16: No Worship service today.
Communicator items due.
Third-Sunday Fellowship, Annual Picnic, 6:00 p.m.
- Aug. 22: Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast
(all are welcome to come by and help),
8:00 a.m.-Noon.
- Aug. 23: Adult Class, 9:00 a.m.
Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- Aug. 30: Adult Class, 9:00 a.m.
Worship, 10:00 a.m.



August Third-Sunday Social

Annual Picnic at City Park Shelter #7 on August 16 at 6:00 p.m. Planners are Donna Clark, Bob and Sharon Fulton, Kathy Graybill and Bill Johnson, and Vergean Wood.

Upcoming Socials

September 20	Game Night
October 18	Harvest Party
November 15	Holiday Dinner
December 20	Christmas Play

Picnic in the Park

Sunday, August 16, 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 suspicioned that a lot of chatting will take place. Feel free to invite your family and friends to join us at this annual congregation 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).

RSVP by Tuesday, August 11, to Sharon Fulton (970) 484-6943 or Donna Clark (970) 484-8009.

Don't forget BUG SPRAY and SUNSCREEN.





Book Club News

Book Club will not meet during the summer. It will resume in the fall on the fourth Thursday of September.



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.

Pictures from Spectacular

We had seven youth attend Spectacular this year representing Fort Collins in the Rocky Mountain delegation. Our always youthful Shirley Remmenga attended with them.



The Rocky Mountain delegation



At morning Celebration



Other delegations at Celebration



Storm rolling in Sunday morning



Nanga Chungag at lunch



Delegation meeting to plan the day



Aidan Dicke at stone carving



Enduring Principles



Our Enduring Principles define the essence, heart, and soul of our faith community. They describe the personality of our church as expressed throughout the world.

Enduring Principles

- Grace and Generosity
- Sacredness of Creation
- **Continuing Revelation**
- Worth of All Persons
- All Are Called
- Responsible Choices
- Pursuit of Peace (Shalom)
- Unity in Diversity
- Blessings of Community

Continuing Revelation

- Scripture is an inspired and indispensable witness of human response to God's revelation of divine nature.
- God graciously reveals divine will today as in the past.
- The Holy Spirit inspires and provides witness to divine truth.
- In humility, individually and in community, we prayerfully listen to understand God's will for our lives, the church, and creation more completely.