

**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

December 2015

“Keiki (the Children) Wisdom”

—Gil Pagat, Vision and Mission Ministries Pastor

I have raised six children—Ross 35, Ryan 33, Raquel 31, Shawnea 17, Gabriel 17 and Adrian. They have brought much joy and happiness in my life as well as challenges and concerns from raising them. But with God in my life, more responsibility came to raise them to love and respect each other, and to help people no matter who they are. I’ve tried to live a good example—not always successful—of treating others like yourself. I’ve encouraged them to be courteous, friendly, kind, and to share. When they were *keikis*, they taught me so much about trust and love. And probably I learned much about caring and devotion from them. With their beaming little spirits and their spirit of aloha (love) they are gifts to me from God.



“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”

—Mark 10:14-15

“And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

—Ephesians 6:4

“Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?”

—Matthew 21:16

Here are some keiki wisdom from Genie Joseph (*Chicken Soup from the Soul of Hawaii*).

“Even though some people live in big fancy houses with a lot of toys, aloha makes us all the same.”—Rafelyn, age 6

“Aloha means we’re friends forever—especially if you’re invisible.”—Shai, age 6

“Aloha means I remember you even though I haven’t met you before.”—Tautalaasa, age 7

“Aloha is one of the words that means everything good, which is good because everything would need a lot of words otherwise.”—Devin, age 7

“Aloha means you treat everybody nice even if you don’t like the way they smell.”

—Tufaga, age 5

“Aloha is my favorite word because when you say it, it makes everyone smile.”—Makoa, age 5

You know you are a success if your children love you.

The enormous love parents have for their children can only be felt in their actions to them throughout their lives. Children’s love for their parents is God’s ultimate gift to parents, and it comes about because the precious heavenly gifts God gave them were highly-valued and well-cared for on earth.

—Linda A Wheeler, Ed.D

Aloha folks and have a blessed holidays and Christmas! May you find joy and love with your family and children.

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Financial Report



October Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$3,309.16
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	407.00
Invite People to Christ	7.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	15.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	5.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	5.00
Total	\$3,748.16

Local

Local Offering	\$2,244.50
Building Fund	30.00
Youth	36.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	47.75
Family Assistance	15.00
Other	25.00
Total	\$2,398.25

—Betty Jones, CFO



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.

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	2,834.00	1,883.00	4,717.00
August	3,343.60	2,955.35	6,298.95
September	2,260.50	2,653.50	4,914.00
October	3,748.16	2,244.50	5,992.66
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 32,576.41	\$ 27,453.37	\$ 60,029.78
Balance	54%	46%	

Christmas Bazaar Is Open

The Christmas Bazaar is open in the lower foyer. Please check out some great gifts. Proceeds raised will go to the Youth Fund.

December Birthdays



Marilyn Garner	12/2
Karla Bencomo	12/4
Pat Miner	12/16
Michael Davis	12/16
Gordon Woelfle	12/17
Juliette Garner	12/17
Kathy Bridwell	12/20
Bill Miner	12/22
Carrie Newman	12/23
Melanie Fronapfel	12/28
Goddy Chungag	12/28
Nona Woelfle	12/29

December Calendar



Check the website:

<http://cofchrstrm.org/FortCollins/>

- Dec. 2: Pastors Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Worship Coordinators, 3:00 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 6: Classes, 9:45 a.m.
Communion Service, 11:00 a.m.
First-Sunday Giving
Potluck, 12:15 p.m.
- Dec. 13: Classes, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering
- Dec. 19: Christmas play practice, 10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 14: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 17: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.
- Dec. 20: Classes, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Communicator items due.
Third-Sunday Social, Christmas Play,
5:00 p.m.
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service (maybe)
- Dec. 25: CHRISTMAS**
- Dec. 26: Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast
(all are welcome to come by and help),
8:00 a.m.–noon.
- Dec. 27: Classes, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.



Book Club News

The book club will meet on December 17, 1:00 p.m. *The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci is the book for December. We will also have a cookie batch (3 dozen) exchange and meet at the home of Ruth Chatburn.

Two books we are considering for 2016 are: *Columbine* by David Cullen and *A Lucky Life, Interrupted* by Tom Brokaw.

Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ Dec. 6: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ Dec. 13: Kurt Remmenga
- ❖ Dec. 20: Rich Kohlman
- ❖ Dec. 27: Hymn Sing (Tom Beck)

Planners

- ❖ Dec. 6: Shari Smith
- ❖ Dec. 13: Sharon and Bob Fulton
- ❖ Dec. 20: Kathy Graybill
- ❖ Dec. 27: Tom Beck

Keyboard

- ❖ Dec. 6: Jean Newman
- ❖ Dec. 13: Kay Bunch
- ❖ Dec. 20: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ Dec. 27: Tom Beck

Greeters

- ❖ December: Marilyn Garner and Shirley Remmenga

Nursery

- ❖ Dec. 6: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Dec. 13: Bettie Miller
- ❖ Dec. 20: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ Dec. 27: Mary Kohlman

Holiday Dinner Pictures



Sharon Troyer and Dave Bryant



Pie, pie, and pie!



Merly and Gabe Pagat



Pie and food



Gil and Merly Pagat



Wanda and Bill Florum



Brian Cole and Wanda Florum



Kay Bunch, Deb Friesz, and Marta Remmenga



Bonnie Simons and Marilyn Garner



Bonnie and Dave Simons



Jon Ytell and Joyce Jordeth



Gary and Debbie Jones

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

Pursuit of Peace (Shalom)

- God wants shalom (justice, reconciliation, well-being, wholeness, and peace) for all of creation.
- Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God's shalom (peace), reveals the meaning of God's peace in all aspects of life.
- The vision of Zion is to promote God's reign on earth, as proclaimed by Jesus Christ, through the leavening influence of just and peaceful communities.
- We courageously and generously share the peace of Jesus Christ with others.
- Led by the Holy Spirit, we work with God and others to restore peace (shalom) to creation.
- We celebrate God's peace wherever it appears or is being pursued by people of good will.