

***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*

**February 2015**

## ***“Aspire to Inspire”***

—Gil Pagat Vision/Mission Ministries Pastor

On my recent trip to the Big Island of Hawaii, I saw a church signpost which said, “Aspire to Inspire before You Expire.” The word expire caught my attention. I didn’t want to expire before I did something to make a meaningful difference for my family (*ohana*), my friends, my community, and even for strangers. What good could I do? How would I aspire to inspire others?

A bumper sticker “Live Aloha” was created in Hawaii in 1993. It suggested that we make a commitment to live in a manner which expresses aloha to all around us, and, as a part of building our community of aloha, undertake a set of visible actions that demonstrate the spirit of aloha. —Robbie Alm

You have probably heard about Hawaii’s “Aloha Spirit.” What is it exactly? In the Hawaiian language, aloha may mean love, affection, compassion, mercy, sympathy, pity, kindness, or grace. These sentiments make it a lovely common greeting and an expression of farewell.

Living aloha requires the coordination of mind and body within each person. It brings each person to the self. Each person think, and expresses good feelings to others.

### **Aloha (Love) in Action**

Respect all elders and children.

Leave places better than you find them.

Hold the door. Hold the elevator.

Plant something.  
Drive with courtesy. Never drive impaired.  
Attend an event of another culture.  
Return your shopping cart.  
Get out and enjoy nature.  
Pick up litter.  
Share with your neighbors.  
Create smiles.  
Create a list and share it.

### **What Aloha Stands For**

A stands for AKAHAI, kindness to be expressed with tenderness;

L stands for LOKAHI, meaning unity, to be expressed with harmony;

O stands for OLU’OLU, meaning politeness to be expressed with pleasantness

H stands for HA’AHA’A, meaning humbleness to be expressed with modesty.

A stands for AHONUI, meaning enduring patience to be expressed with perseverance.

“Aloha” means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return.

“Aloha” is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence.

In I Corinthians Chapter 13—often called “The Love Chapter”—it reads: “If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,

and if I have all faith, so to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I gave away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends...And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

I hope you will embrace the spirit of aloha—Love—in your everyday lives; for it is not a gift only for those who visit Hawaii, or live in Hawaii, it is a gift from GOD which can be shared throughout the world or wherever we live (even in Colorado). Aspire to Inspire—live love, live aloha, and pass it on.

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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.

## Financial Report



### November Income

#### World Church

Use where needed most	\$2,357.50
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	359.00
Invite People to Christ	5.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	5.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	30.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,761.50</b>

#### Local

Local Offering	\$3,557.00
Building Fund	50.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	74.50
Family Assistance	80.00
Youth Fund	240.00
Other	227.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,228.50</b>

—Betty Jones, CFO

### 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	1,762.50	3,047.50	4,810.00
October	2,031.50	2,901.50	4,933.00
November	2,761.50	3,557.00	6,318.50
December	3,131.50	3,578.50	6,710.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 24,904.00</b>	<b>\$ 36,584.85</b>	<b>\$ 61,488.85</b>

## February Birthdays



Susanna Garner	2/4
Marie Ytell	2/5
Hoss Davis	2/5
Jacee Davis	2/5
Donna Palmer	2/6
Don Worthington	2/10
Brett McKenzie	2/14
Janny Kay McKenzie	2/16
Gene Bridwell	2/17
Bill Norwood	2/19
Jean Newman	2/19
Ruth Chatburn	2/20
Marcia Bridwel	2/22
Joyce Worthington	2/24

## February Calendar



Check the website

- Feb. 1: 11:00 a.m., Communion Service  
First-Sunday Giving  
12:15 p.m., Potluck-lunch
- Feb. 4: Pastors Meeting, 1:30 p.m.  
Worship Coordinators, 3:00 p.m.  
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 8: Church School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering
- Feb. 9: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 15: Church School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
Third-Sunday Fellowship, "Red Heart  
Desserts," 5:00 p.m.  
*Communicator* items due.
- Feb. 18: Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 22: Classes, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
- Feb. 26: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.

## February Third-Sunday Social



Red Heart Desserts, 5:00 p.m. Led by Deb Friesz, Marilyn Garner, Bill and Pat Miner, and Jon and Marta Ytell.

## Upcoming Socials

March	St. Patrick's Theme
April	Old-Fashioned Campfire
May	Annual Artisan Show
June	Open
July	Karaoke
August	Annual Picnic
September	Game Night
October	Harvest Party
November	Holiday Dinner
December	Open



## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM THANK YOU

We would like to sincerely thank all of you who helped with and attended the Christmas play in December. The children took the lead joyfully and put their hearts into presenting a wonderful gift to all. Many adults jumped in with technical assistance for the play and a great reception afterwards, which also included a warm farewell to the Chungag family.

—Sharon Fulton and Marta Remmenga



## Book Club News

Book Club meets on Thursday, February 26, at 1:00 p.m. at Voni Simons's home.