

***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

June 2015

“Taking Risks along the Way”

—Dave Simons, Pastoral Ministries Pastor

While visiting with a close friend recently, he asked if I had sold my motorcycle yet. I replied that I had not and had no intentions in doing so anytime in the near future. He stated once again, “Don’t you know how dangerous that is? You shouldn’t be taking any risks at this point in your life.”

We’ve carried on this conversation numerous times, and I’ve assured him that riding the cycle



doesn’t involve much more risk than traveling in a car, walking downstairs, or hiking in the woods (with its falls, spills, snakes, and falling trees). I

have always been an adventuresome person, willing to take risks, but using caution and wisdom along the way. (Okay, so climbing Pike’s Peak a few years ago without water, adequate clothing, and during a lightning storm may not have been that wise!)

In my younger years, my parents instilled in me the need to develop a strong and enduring faith. The scriptures have embedded that in me also, and I have endeavored to step out in faith, knowing that the Holy Spirit is there to guide me on my journey of discipleship. The challenges, at times, seem to have been difficult and tiresome. However, my faith has been

expanded as I have been willing to take some risks and move forward with some degree of boldness.

Perhaps that’s where we are as a congregation. We are blessed with many willing workers anxious to discover new ways to live out our discipleship. We have tried to discern just what it is that God is calling us to do and will be with us in our faith community. Are we willing to take more risks and be more courageous in our witness? Are we being too cautious as we seek to envision our future?

We are given these words of counsel in Doctrine and Covenants 164:9: “The challenges and opportunities are momentous. Will you remain hesitant in the shadows of your fears, insecurities, and competing loyalties? Or will you move forward in the light of your divinely instilled call and vision? **The mission of Jesus Christ is what matters most for the journey ahead.**”

The mission prayer offers us a pathway for being risktakers and more courageous:

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. Amen

Please let us know how you feel we can move forward as a congregation in new and different expressions on our faith journey.

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	4,026.15	4,759.50	8,785.65
April	3,190.50	2,681.50	5,872.00
May			-
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 13,617.15	\$ 12,468.52	\$ 26,085.67
Balance	52%	48%	

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



April Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$2,730.50
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	395.00
Invite People to Christ	15.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	40.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	5.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	5.00
Total	\$3,190.50

Local

Local Offering	\$2,681.50
Building Fund	40.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	92.50
Family Assistance	35.00
Youth Fund	100.00
Total	\$2,949.00
—Betty Jones, CFO	

June Birthdays



Scott Watkins	6/2
Oceana Alcoser	6/4
Kate Ytell	6/9
Don Struble	6/9
Katie Watkins	6/12
Gary Jones	6/17
Les Cunningham	6/21
Wanda Florom	6/21
Marc McKenzie	6/26
Max Coopwood	6/29

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

June Calendar



Check the website

- June 3: Pastors Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Worship Coordinators, 3:00 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- June 7: Adult Class, 9:00 a.m.
Communion Service, 10:00 a.m.
First-Sunday Giving
Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering
- June 8: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- June 14: Adult Class, 9:00 a.m.
Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- June 21: Adult Class, 9:00 a.m.
Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Communicator items due.
- June 28: Adult Class, 9:00 a.m.
Worship, 10:00 a.m.

June Third-Sunday Social

No Third-Sunday Social in June.

Upcoming Socials

July	Karaoke
August	Annual Picnic
September	Game Night
October	Harvest Party
November	Holiday Dinner
December	Christmas Play

Book Club News

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

Grace and Generosity

- God's grace, especially as revealed in Jesus Christ, is generous and unconditional.
- Having received God's generous grace, we respond generously and graciously receive the generosity of others.
- We offer all we are and have to God's purposes as revealed in Jesus Christ.
- We generously share our witness, resources, ministries, and sacraments according to our true capacity.



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 have been involved 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, Marilyn Garner, and Kathy Graybill have volunteered to help. There is still room for more to make this a memorable occasion in the life of our congregation.



News Items

Keenan Fronapfel was a member of the five-person Battle of the Books fifth-grade team from Tavelli Elementary School. The group met weekly for the entire school year to discuss selected books they had read and took part in the PSD district competition in April. He also was one of three Tavelli students whose science fair projects were selected to compete in the district Science Fair. His project was awarded an "excellent" rating.

Alec Fronapfel sang with the Leshner Middle School Honor Choir this year and received the "Director's Choice" award at the last concert on May 19. He also participated in the spring track program. At the district meet he placed a close second in the 200-meter low hurdles and set a

school record in the 100-meter high hurdles. He also competed in the high jump and 4x100 meter relay throughout the season. He was also chosen as one of three most valuable players for the track team.



Bianca Clark getting ready for her race



Nikki Place baptism and confirmation



Shauna and Bianca Clark at the MS Walk



Shawnea Pagat serving on the way to the regional championship title



You've heard of church mice. Well, we have a church squirrel!

A Challenge

The Rocky Mountain Mission Center staff has been on a journey. It seems that the way we engage in sacred community, as a church, has to change. We are not simply to survive, but to be that renewing, relevant, relationship-nurturing body that appears so many people in the world are hungering for. In other words, we are to create Zion, the idea of the peaceable kingdom, and make it real, right here, right now.

The staff, as well as others not a part of the mission center staff, (but of the broader Community of Christ) have attempted to discern and understand this evolving, emerging transformation of the church. Section 163:1, 2 have gained our attention. In this journey, we have sought to understand the key to what God is calling us to be and to live into. Of course this is unfolding and ever changing as we begin to step out in faith—one step at a time. We will be sharing more specifically with you in the months ahead and invite you to consider Section 163:1, 2 and to prayerfully, meditatively read, listen, ponder, and dwell within its words. This scripture is calling us. God is calling us to something—not more of the same, not more work, but more living. May we dwell with the words of this scripture as we open ourselves to understand our unfolding call in this day and time.

1. *“Community of Christ,” your name, given as a divine blessing, is your identity and calling. If you will discern and embrace its full meaning, you will not only discover your future, you will become a blessing to the whole creation. Do not be afraid to go where it beckons you to go.*
2. *a. Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God’s shalom, invites all people to come and receive divine peace in the midst of the difficult questions and struggles of life. Follow Christ in the way that leads to God’s peace and discover the blessings of all of the dimensions of salvation.*

b. Generously share the invitation, ministries, and sacraments through which people can encounter the Living Christ who heals and reconciles through redemptive relationships in sacred community. The restoring of persons to healthy or righteous relationships with God, others, themselves, and the earth is at the heart of the purpose of your journey as a people of faith.”

—Doctrine and Covenants Section 163:1, 2

SPECTACULAR

at

Graceland University

Date: July 18–25

Cost: \$650 (**late fee charged after June 14th**).

Fort Collins campers pay \$65. Make sure you let me know, if for some reason you haven’t sent your registration papers in by June 7, and I can call your registration in to be able to take advantage of the early registration fee. You will still need to have the registration papers and your fee in before SPEC, however!

Camping Information

For all the most recent information about youth camps, etc., go to the Rocky Mountain Mission Center site and look for Campers Brochure and Registration forms. Thanks.—Shirley Remmenga

Overnight Women’s Shelter Report

The overnight women’s emergency shelter opened 12/8/14 and closed 3/31/15. There were 528 nights of shelter for women experiencing homelessness. “Thanks to the leadership and congregation at Community of Christ for being a shining example of God’s love in action.”

—Guy Mendt, regional director, Larimer County, Catholic Charities of Denver