

Our mission is to faithfully witness of Jesus Christ so that:

- Our relationship with God can be nurtured,
- Our discipleship can be strengthened,
- The dignity and worth of persons can be valued,
- The recognition and contribution of others is accepted,
- We become aware of and respond to the needs of the community, and
- We will respect and care for God's earth.



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Communicator

A monthly newsletter of



Community of Christ



Fort Collins, Colorado

A Welcoming Congregation

For everyone born, a place at the table

“A Gift from God”

—Gil Pagat, Vision and Mission Pastor

Summer is just around the corner. Longer Colorado mountain days. Time again to reflect, to appreciate, to ponder, to pray, and to be grateful. Life is good if we allow God into our lives. I want to share a letter by Diane David (which I rewrote, revised, and adapted to my situation) called “A Gift from God.”

I’m reading more, walking my dog, taking care of the yard—just watching the grass grow and admiring the view of the Colorado mountains.

I’m spending more time with my family, watching television shows with my son—pointing out the good and the bad, talking with my daughter about life and just telling her I love her. “Talk story” with my wife over what’s important and sharing the moments together. Whenever possible, life should be a pattern of experiences to savor, not to endure. I’m trying to recognize these moments now and cherish them.

I’m not “saving” anything. I wear my good jewelry anytime. Donate clothes, books, small appliances that are still like new to help others. I even donate watches from my watch collections. All you need is one to tell the time.

“Someday” and “one of these days” are losing their grip on my vocabulary; if it’s worth seeing or hearing or doing, I want to see and hear and do it now. Like visiting Redlands University in

California with my daughter and attending The National Technical Honor Society with my son.

I’m not sure what others would’ve done had they known they wouldn’t be here for the tomorrow that we all take for granted.

I think they would have called family members and a few close friends. They might have called a few former friends to apologize and mend fences for past squabbles.

I like to think they would have gone out for a Hawaiian or American dinner or for whatever their favorite food was.

I’m guessing; I’ll never know.

It’s those little things left undone that would make me upset if I knew my hours were limited. Upset because I hadn’t written certain letters that I intended to write one of these days. Upset and sorry that I didn’t tell my wife and children often enough how much I truly love them. I’m trying very hard not to put off, hold back, or save anything that would add laughter and luster to our lives.

And every morning when I open my eyes, I tell myself that it is special. Every day, every minute, every breath truly is a gift from God.

—A seventy-two- year old

PS: Here is a list of suggestions arising from our recent congregation leadership retreat you might try doing to add love and purpose into your life and others’ lives:

- ✚ Have one-on-one contact with a homeless person.
- ✚ Invite a friend or neighbor to church.
- ✚ Go to the food bank site and do hands on support.
- ✚ Help with the Saturday homeless breakfast.
- ✚ Find seniors in your neighborhood to visit with, read too, or listen to their story.
- ✚ Provide transportation as needed.
- ✚ Have a scripture study group.
- ✚ Join others for an “out-of-doors” experience and seek a relationship with the natural world.
- ✚ Share your talent with the Fort Collins leadership team.

Have a wonderful and fulfilling summer with family and friends. Peace and God’s blessings be with you.

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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
Wanda Florom	6/21
Marc McKenzie	6/26
Max Coopwood	6/29

Financial Report



April Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$3,225.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	695.00
Invite People to Christ	5.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	30.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	5.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	5.00
World Conference	149.00
Total	\$4,114.00

Local

Local Offering	\$3,892.03
Building Fund	105.00
Youth	45.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	74.00
Family Assistance	325.00
Memorial Dinner	153.97
Total	\$4,595.00

—Betty Jones, CFO

Fort Collins Congregation Offerings 2015 Disciples' Generous Response

Month	Total World Initiatives	Total Local Operating	Total Operating Giving
January	3,355.00	3,602.00	6,957.00
February	2,589.00	2,731.50	5,320.50
March	3,677.00	3,344.00	7,021.00
April	3,965.00	3,892.03	7,857.03
May			-
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 13,586.00	\$ 13,569.53	\$ 27,155.53
Balance	50%	50%	



Save the Date!

100-Year-Anniversary
Celebration of the Fort Collins
Congregation
October 15-16, 2016

The committee wants to notify former members. If you have current contact information (check your Christmas-card list), please notify Marilyn Garner. We plan to have "postcards" to pass out at World Conference and for our local members to send to anyone they think might be interested in coming. They will be available the end of May.

June Calendar



Check the website:

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

- June 1: Pastors Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Worship Coordinators, 3:00 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- June 4-11: World Conference
- June 5: Fellowship time, 9:30 a.m.
Communion Service, 10:00 a.m.
First-Sunday Giving
No Potluck
- June 12: Fellowship time, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering
- June 13: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- June 15-18: Jr./Jr. High Camp at Paradise
- June 17: Women's Retreat at Big Spruce
- June 19: Fellowship time, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- June 22-26: Paradise Reunion
- June 25: Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast
(all are welcome to come by and help),
8:00 a.m.-noon
- June 26: Fellowship time, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- June 27: Jr./Jr. High Camp at Big Spruce

Third-Sunday Social

No Third-Sunday Social scheduled for June.



Book Club News

No June, July, or August meetings. We will resume again in September.



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

Speakers

- ❖ June 5: Deb Friesz
- ❖ June 12: Nancy Miler
- ❖ June 19: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ June 26: Debbie Jones

Planners

- ❖ June 5: Donna Clark
- ❖ June 12: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ June 19: Kay Bunch
- ❖ June 26: Ruth Chatburn

Keyboard

- ❖ June 5: Jean Newman
- ❖ June 12: Deb Friesz
- ❖ June 19: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ June 26: Sharon Troyer

Greeters

- ❖ June: Gary and Ruth Chatburn

Nursery

- ❖ June 5: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ June 12: Bettie Miller
- ❖ June 19: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ June 26: Mary Kohlman

Mother's-Day Photos



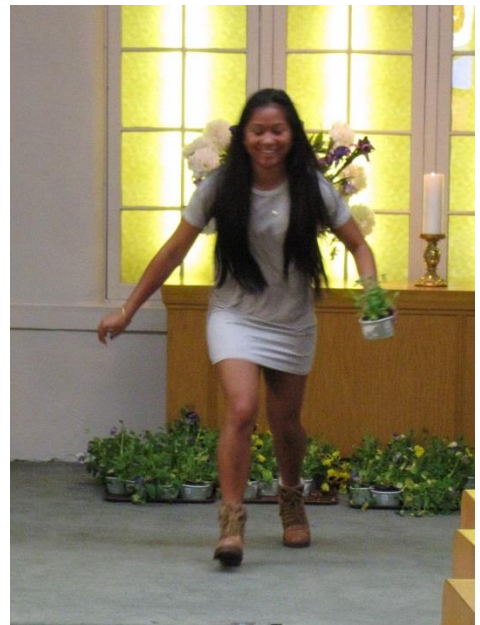
Hawkins Garner gets a flower for her mother,
Lisa Garner.



Gabe Pagat gets a flower for his mother,
Merly Pagat.



Ken Jones gets a flower for his mother,
Debbie Jones.



Shawnea Pagat dances her way with a
flower for a mother.



Carrie Newman gets a flower for her mother, Jean Newman.



Kurt Remmenga got a flower for his mother, Shirley Remmenga.



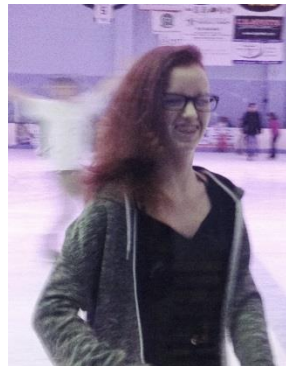
David Garner delivers a flower to his mother, Marilyn Garner.

Graduating Seniors



Shawnea and Gabe Pagat graduated from Fossil Ridge High School on Saturday, May 21. Congratulations!

8th Grade Graduation



Awtumn Alcoser graduated from 8th grade on Thursday, May 26.



Directory Update

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What do we believe?

Jesus Christ is at the center of our faith and beliefs. These Basic Beliefs are not the last word, but an invitation to further explore your discipleship. To read the complete content go to: <http://www.cofchrist.org/basic-beliefs>

God

Jesus Christ

The Holy Spirit

Creation

Humanity

Sin

Salvation

The Church

Revelation

Scripture

Scripture is writing inspired by God's Spirit and accepted by the church as the normative expression of its identity, message, and mission. We affirm the Bible as the foundational scripture for the church. In addition, Community of Christ uses the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants—not to replace the witness of the Bible or improve on it, but because they confirm its message that Jesus Christ is the Living Word of God. When responsibly interpreted and faithfully applied, scripture provides divine guidance and inspired insight for our discipleship.

Sacraments

Sacraments are special ministries given to the church to convey the grace of Jesus Christ to his followers and all those he yearns to touch with his compassion. Sacraments are baptism, confirmation, the Lord's Supper, marriage, blessing of children, laying on of hands for the sick, ordination to the priesthood, and the evangelist blessing. In these ministries, God sanctifies common elements of creation to bless human life and to renew and form the church to seek the peaceful kingdom of God.

Discipleship

Being a Christian is more than holding a list of right ideas; it is about radical obedience to Jesus in every part of life. God's boundless love sets us free for lives of responsible stewardship in which we generously offer our lives in service to God's reign. Discipleship is both an inward and outward journey. Jesus calls us to follow him and to invite others to experience the transforming power of his grace.

Ministry

The Reign of God

Peace

Resurrection and Eternal Life

Judgment

End Time