

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.



March-April 2016

Communicator

A monthly newsletter of



Community of Christ



Fort Collins, Colorado

A Welcoming Congregation

For everyone born, a place at the table

“Take Time to Look?”

—Kay Bunch, Outreach Ministries Pastor

For Rick’s birthday last fall, we took a road trip to New Mexico and Arizona. While in Santa Fe, New Mexico, we went through the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum. For many years, her paintings of flowers have been my favorites. While touring her museum we noticed she had many items labeled with these words on them: “Take Time to Look.” This impressed me because I am not very observant, and it made me want to try to “see” the beautiful world around me and take time to “look” more carefully at everything.

As I said, being observant is challenging for me. For example, soon after our road trip, Rick, Dave Simons, and I were driving to the Mission Conference in Estes Park. Rick and Dave were in the front seat and I was looking out the front window between the front seats from the back seat. For some reason I became mesmerized by the exhaust from the car we were following. We arrived at the place where the Rocky Mountains clearly come into view. At that moment Dave



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said, “Oh, look at the gorgeous mountains and the bluebird sky.”

Hmmm,

what was I looking at? Exhaust smoke! I did not say a word, but I was really embarrassed and felt foolish. Beauty all around me and I was looking down at smoke?

I am continually working on slowing down and “taking time to look”—looking inward and nurturing myself and my relationship with God; looking outward at strengthening relationships, opportunities to serve in our congregation and community, and new observations in nature everywhere. Will you “take time to look” individually and as a congregation as we endeavor to discover newness, freshness, and the beauty of individuals and the world in which we live?

Scott Murphy, member of the First Presidency, said, “There is a need for all of us to engage in the spiritual practice of slowing. When we do, it is not surprising when we can see and hear in ways that awaken us to the divine nature of Christ’s presence right in front of us.”



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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			-
March			-
April			-
May			-
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 3,355.00	\$ 3,602.00	\$ 6,957.00
Balance	48%	52%	

Financial Report



January Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$3,063.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	272.00
Invite People to Christ	5.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	5.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	5.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	5.00
Total	\$3,355.00

Local

Local Offering	\$3,602.00
Building Fund	70.00
Youth	288.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	132.25
Family Assistance	165.00
Total	\$4,257.25
—Betty Jones, CFO	

February Birthdays



Susanna Garner	02/04
Marie Ytell	02/05
Hoss Davis	02/05
Jacee Davis	02/05
Donna Palmer	02/06
Don Worthington	02/10
Brett McKenzie	02/14
Janny Kay McKenzie	02/16
Gene Bridwell	02/17
Jean Newman	02/19
Teri Bridwell	02/20
Ruth Chatburn	02/20
Marcia Bridwell	02/22
Joyce Worthington	02/24
Elias Bencomo	02/28

March Birthdays

Bianca Clark-Bennett	3/1
Carol Birks	3/5
Tim Sundell	3/12
Sara Rolfe	3/15
Taylor Bridwell	3/15
Marta Remmenga	3/16
Shari Smith	3/17
Kelly Jackson	3/22
Lee Cook	3/24
Bill Florom	3/25
Ashley McKenzie	3/27
Jared Clark	3/31



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.

March/April Calendar



Check the website:

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

- Mar. 2: Pastors Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Worship Coordinators, 3:00 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Mar. 3: Choir rehearsal
- Mar. 4-5: Mission Center Leadership Retreat
- Mar. 6: Classes, 9:45 a.m.
Communion Service, 11:00 a.m.
First-Sunday Giving
Potluck, 12:15 p.m.
- Mar. 10: Choir rehearsal
- Mar. 13: Classes, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering

- Mar. 14: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 17: Choir rehearsal
- Mar. 20: Classes, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Third-Sunday Social, 5:00 p.m.
- Mar. 24: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.
- Mar. 26: Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast
(all are welcome to come by and help),
8:00 a.m.-noon
- Mar. 27: Early morning worship, 9:00 a.m.
Brunch, 9:30 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.

- Apr. 3: Classes, 9:45 a.m.
Communion Service, 11:00 a.m.
First-Sunday Giving
Potluck, 12:15 p.m.
- Apr. 6: Pastors Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Worship Coordinators, 3:00 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Apr. 10: Classes, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering
- Apr. 11: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 17: Classes, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Third-Sunday Social, 5:00 p.m.
- Apr. 23: Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast
(all are welcome to come by and help),
8:00 a.m.-noon
- Apr. 23: Congregation Leadership Retreat,
9:00-4:00 p.m.
- Apr. 24: Classes, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
- Apr. 28: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.

March Third-Sunday Social



March 20, St. Patrick's Theme, 5:00 p.m.
Planners: Rick and Kay Bunch, Donna Clark,
Rose Julch, Shauna and Bianca Clark.



Book Club News

The **March** book will be *The Shoemaker's Wife*, by Adriana Trigiani. We will meet at Shirley Remmenga's at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 24.

Our **April** book is *Life Without Summer*, by Lynne Griffin. We will meet at Pat Miner's on Thursday, April 28, at 1:00 p.m. We always welcome anyone who would like to come, even if they haven't read the book!



Looking for Work

David Bryant is looking for work. Odd jobs (cleaning, painting), or part-time, full-time work. If you have some jobs you need help with or know of any possible full or part-time work, please let David know.



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

Speakers

- ❖ Mar. 6: Deb Friesz
- ❖ Mar. 13: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ Mar. 20: Shari Smith
- ❖ Mar. 27: Gil Pagat
- ❖ Apr. 3: TBD
- ❖ Apr. 10: TBD
- ❖ Apr. 17: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ Apr. 24: Deb Friesz

Planners

- ❖ Mar. 6: Nancy Miller
- ❖ Mar. 13: Jean Newman
- ❖ Mar. 20: Mary Kohlman
- ❖ Mar. 27: Dave Simons
- ❖ Apr. 3: TBD

- ❖ Apr. 10: TBD
- ❖ Apr. 17: TBD
- ❖ Apr. 24: TBD
- ❖

Keyboard

- ❖ Mar. 6: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ Mar. 13: Tom Beck
- ❖ Mar. 20: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ Mar. 27: Deb Friesz
- ❖ Apr. 3: TBD
- ❖ Apr. 10: TBD
- ❖ Apr. 17: TBD
- ❖ Apr. 24: TBD
- ❖

Greeters

- ❖ March: Jean Newman and Donna Clark

Nursery

- ❖ Mar. 6: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Mar. 13: Bettie Miller
- ❖ Mar. 20: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ Mar. 27:
- ❖ Apr. 3: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Apr. 10: Bettie Miller
- ❖ Apr. 17: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ Apr. 24: Mary Kohlman



Awtumn Alcoser, eighth-grader at Lincoln Middle School, represented her school at the Poudre School District Spelling Bee on February 10. The competition was for grades 4-10 in all elementary and middle schools. Awtumn finished 13th, just short of the ten finalists who will go on to the state competition. Awtumn has always loved to read which has probably contributed to her familiarity with a wide number of words. Way to go, Awtumn!

A Note from David and Shirley Judd To Beverly Doig

(A number of you are acquainted with the Judds)

Hi, Bev. Your gorgeous card just arrived a few minutes ago.

Just loved your quote about the goal in life not being to arrive at the grave with a well-preserved body. David's has sure taken a beating in the last about 15 months or so in particular, but at long last we got a diagnosis which unfortunately was not good—motor neurone disease as it's called here or Lou Gehrig's disease as it's called there. It's not nice, but we've got to learn to live with it. Fortunately, we are getting lots of help and support.

Attached (to Bev's letter but not here) is something that will probably appear in the *Australia Herald* next month. It's a re-write of two articles I wrote about a week ago, one of which traced the long search to identify the MND and another which picked up on Lou Gehrig's idea of a lucky life. The attached skips the detail of diagnosing the disease but concentrates more on the fortunate life I've had.

Our youngest son Ross was up from Sydney last week urging us to move into a retirement village near them, so they can keep an eye on us and help us out. It appears more than likely that before too long I will need full-time care. At present Shirley is managing to look after me, but it's a massive load which unfortunately will only become heavier and heavier.

David and Shirley Judd

Red-Heart Dinner Pictures







of creation and of self and turn them against God's purposes with tragic results. Sin is the universal condition of separation and alienation from God and one another. We are in need of divine grace that alone reconciles us with God and one another.

(We will expand on three more next month.)

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

As an expression of divine love, God created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, and called them "good." Everything belongs to God and should be cherished and used justly according to divine purposes. God sees creation as a whole without separation of spirit and element. God calls people of every generation to join with God as stewards in the loving care of creation.

Humanity

Every human being is created in the image of God. In Jesus Christ, God took on the limits of human flesh and culture, and is known through them. We therefore affirm without exception the worth of every human being. We also affirm that God has blessed humankind with the gift of agency: the ability to choose whom or what we will serve within the circumstances of our lives.

Sin

God created us to be agents of love and goodness. Yet we misuse our agency individually and collectively. We take the gifts

Salvation

The Church

Revelation

Scripture

Sacraments

Discipleship

Ministry

The Reign of God

Peace

Resurrection and Eternal Life

Judgment

End Time