

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

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Fort Collins, Colorado

A Welcoming Congregation

For everyone born, a place at the table

“Wasteful Distractions”

—Dave Simons, Pastoral Ministries Pastor

The other morning I went downstairs to get something out of the pantry. Seeing some items on the steps, I took them to the storeroom in the “save till later” section. I soon noticed some things needed rearranging, so I tended to that. Then while down there, I decided to do a few stretching exercises in the “work-out” area. After a few minutes, I was getting tired, so went back upstairs to rest.

Yep, you guessed it! I realized I never got the item that I originally went downstairs for several minutes earlier—then had to remember just what it was. Forgetfulness? Another “senior moment”? Lack of focus? Just another time of distractions getting the best of me? (All of the above?)

We all have good intentions in setting out to do something, then losing sight of our purpose, often wasting time in unnecessary tasks. The computer age of e-mails, Facebook, games, etc. often robs us of time that could be better spent on more meaningful and important activities. This is certainly true of how frequently I find myself easily distracted and caught up in activities that take me away from important tasks.

As you well know, I enjoy riding my recumbent trike. The peacefulness and enjoyment of the rides is often, and easily, diminished due to the noise of fast-moving traffic on the roads. I feel safe riding in the “bikes only lane,” but it still is



annoying and disturbing. All of the movement and noise can be very distracting to my thoughts and the meditating that I do.

So I am learning to maintain a focus and blot out the noises that easily interfere with the joy and peace that I’m searching for. This has not been easy, but I am working at it.

A few months ago, the congregation approved a Mission Statement to help guide our activities and provide a focus and direction for our future as a community of faithful disciples. I believe we endeavor to uphold these various components, especially in our awareness of and response to the needs of the community. However, it is easy to become distracted if we allow ourselves to stray from our stated mission and purpose.

While riding the other day I recalled a scripture passage on this theme. I knew it was somewhere in the Doctrine and Covenants, so I searched for it when I returned home. These words of revelation came through President Joseph Smith in 1894, recorded in Section 122:17: “Continue in steadfastness and faith. Let nothing separate you from each other and the work whereunto you have been called; and I will be with you by my Spirit and presence of power unto the end.”

I hope we will not become distracted from the mission and tasks that we have before us as a

congregation. These are vital for our future! I believe we will be blessed as we strive together and work in a spirit of harmony and unity. Now I need to check some messages on my cell phone that came earlier. I earnestly tried not to be distracted while I worked on this writing. I nearly succeeded!

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October Third-Sunday Social



The Third-Sunday Social for October is our annual Harvest Party. Due to our 100th Anniversary Celebration on the third-Sunday, it will be held on the **4th Sunday in October, on the 23rd**. The Planners are: Betty and Jim Miller, Nancy and Logan Miller, Mary Jane Heinrichs, Gil and Merly Pagat, John and Cinnamon Garner.

Upcoming Socials

November 20 Holiday Dinner

Financial Report



August Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$2,405.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	304.00
Invite People to Christ	20.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	0.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	0.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	0.00
Total	\$2,729.00

Local

Local Offering	\$2,469.00
Building Fund	65.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	130.85
Family Assistance	115.00
Youth	0.00
Other	5.00
Total	\$2,784.85

—Gary and Ruth Chatburn, CFO

Fort Collins Congregation

Operating Offerings

2016 Disciples' Generous Response

Month	Total World Initiatives	Total Local Operating	Total Operating Giving
January	3,375.50	4,032.00	7,407.50
February	2,589.00	2,731.50	5,320.50
March	3,677.00	3,344.00	7,021.00
April	4,114.00	3,876.00	7,990.00
May	2,673.00	3,892.90	6,565.90
June	2,432.00	2,489.04	4,921.04
July	3,132.73	2,911.50	6,044.23
August	2,729.00	2,469.00	5,198.00
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 24,722.23	\$ 25,745.94	\$ 50,468.17
Balance	49%	51%	

October Calendar



Check the website:

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

- Oct. 2: Church School, 9:45 a.m.
Communion Service, 11:00 a.m.
First-Sunday Giving
Potluck, 12:15
- Oct. 5: Pastors Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Worship Coordinators, 3:00 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 9: Adult and youth classes, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering
- Oct. 10: PFLAG, 7:00 p.m.
- 100th Anniversary Celebration Activities**
- Oct. 15: 2:00–4:00 p.m. Historical presentation
in Activity Center.
6:00 p.m. Banquet
- Oct. 16: Conversation with Steve Veazey, 9:45
a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Communicator items due.
- Oct. 20: Priesthood meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 22: Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast
(all are welcome to come by and help),
8:00 a.m.–noon.
- Oct. 23: Adult and youth classes, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Third-Sunday Social moved to 4th
Sunday, Harvest Party, 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 27: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.
- Oct. 30: Fifth-Sunday Pancake Breakfast, 9:00–
9:45 a.m.
Adult and youth classes, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.



October Book Club News

Book Club will meet in October at 1:00 p.m. The book is, *After You* by Jo Jo Moyes. Pat Miner will host the club in her home.



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

Speakers

- ❖ Oct 2: Debbie Jones
- ❖ Oct 9: Tim Ashburn
- ❖ Oct 16: Steve Veazey
- ❖ Oct 23: Bettie Miller
- ❖ Oct 30: Deb Friesz

Planners

- ❖ Oct 2: Nancy Miller
- ❖ Oct 9: Jean Newman
- ❖ Oct 16: Dave Simons
- ❖ Oct 23: Mary Kohlman
- ❖ Oct 30: Debbie Jones

Keyboard

- ❖ Oct 2: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ Oct 9: Kay Bunch
- ❖ Oct 16: Tom Beck
- ❖ Oct 23: Jean Newman
- ❖ Oct 30: Sharon Troyer

Greeters

- ❖ October: Tom Beck and Max Coopwood

Nursery

- ❖ Oct 2: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Oct 9: Bettie Miller
- ❖ Oct 16: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ Oct 23: Voni Simons
- ❖ Oct 30: Rose Julch

October Birthdays



Eric Fronapfel	10/2
Mary Kohlman	10/7
Jon Mendenhall	10/14
Gilbert Pagat	10/21
Ben Miller	10/21
Beverly Doig	10/21
Nancy Miller	10/23
Danise Remmenga	10/26
Rick Bunch	10/28
Aidan Dicke	10/30



The Date Is Here!

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

Saturday afternoon 2:00-4:00 p.m., meet in the Activity Center to view historical items, and share memories, and pictures. The dedication of the peace pole and remarks by President Veazey will follow.

6:00 p.m. Banquet and hymn sing. President Veazey will speak. *Please sign up with Marilyn Garner by October 10.*

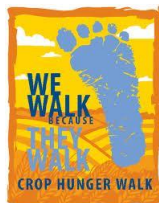
Sunday, 9:45 a.m. Conversation with Brother Veazey in the sanctuary.

11:00 a.m. Worship service in the Activity Center with President Veazey speaking.



Thanks to my church family for all the prayers, calls, visit, and cards that I received following the loss of my daughter, Janet Graves. Please remember her husband Gary and her daughter and two grandchildren as they adjust to life without her.

—Vergean Wood



CROP Hunger Walk 2016

The CROP Hunger Walk for this year will be held on Sunday, October 2 at 1:00 p.m. If you would like to walk, or to give funds, please contact Logan Miller or any of the walkers. Since 1988 the Fort Collins CROP Walk has donated over \$280,000.

2016 Picnic Pictures



Don't tell him the score of the game, Sharon!



We're going to Graceland (the Memphis one in September).



When I grow up I want to be just like you two.



Nancy Miller ordered a hot dog with NO mustard.



Just waiting for the fun to start.



I said I didn't want mustard!!!



Don't look now, Voni, but Max is aiming his camera this way.



Great food. Great fellowship.