

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.

Communicator

A monthly newsletter of

Community of Christ

Fort Collins, Colorado

A Welcoming Congregation

For everyone born, a place at the table



February 2017

Detachment

—Rich Kohlman, Co-pastor

“Detachment facilitates patience and trust. As we acknowledge and accept the wisdom--and indeed the necessity--of dependence on God alone in the dark night experience, we realize that we cannot control the many ways in which our spiritual life can unfold. However, we can determine our response to the graces that God makes available to us. And since we cannot set the pace at which God’s work is accomplished within us, we are challenged to choose the way of patience and trust, confident that ‘God will provide what is best. God watches over the affairs of those who truly love him without their worrying about them.’”

“Desire No Other Path”: Spiritual Direction for the Dark Night, Joel Giallanza, CSC. spiritual life, summer 2007, pg. 91.

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We who live, especially in the western world, find detachment so difficult because we are so attached to so many things. And, our



attachments are insatiable. I am constantly amazed by the number of storage facilities that continue to spring

up over the land to hold all our attachments. And, the darker the night of the soul, the more things we acquire and become attached to,



hoping to find a way out of the dark with “things.” However, as the author stated, “We cannot set the pace at which God’s work is accomplished

within us.” We need to develop a greater sense of patience and trust in the One who can truly



lead us out of the dark. We, however, just don’t think God really understands how dark it is, and we can’t wait for God

to grace us with God’s purpose in us.

Patience

Trust



May we be blessed with greater patience and trust as we learn to detach ourselves so that we can become attached to God, the true source of our life. May we loosen our grip and open our hands clearing the way to receive the direction prepared for us.



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Financial Report



November Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$2,655.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	339.69
Invite People to Christ	10.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	10.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	10.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	10.00
Total	\$3,034.69

Local

Local Offering	\$3,284.00
Building Fund	170.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	138.16
Family Assistance	560.00
Youth	0.00
Other	0.00
Total	\$4,152.16

Annual Operating Contributions					
Year	World Church		Total Operating	% of Total	
	World Church	Local		World	Local
2011	23,166.50	33,186.02	56,352.52	41%	59%
2012	24,324.85	33,668.00	57,992.85	42%	58%
2013	25,847.83	34,193.41	60,041.24	43%	57%
2014	24,904.00	36,584.85	61,488.85	41%	59%
2015	40,718.41	33,693.87	74,412.28	55%	45%
2016	36,934.17	39,390.03	76,324.20	48%	52%
TOTALS	\$ 138,961.59	\$ 171,326.15	\$ 310,287.74	45%	55%

December Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$2,566.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	338.00
Invite People to Christ	20.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	30.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	10.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	10.00
Total	\$2,974.00

Local

Local Offering	\$3,432.09
Building Fund	1,080.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	80.10
Family Assistance	100.00
Youth	0.00
Other	0.00
Total	\$4,692.19

—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	2,845.00	2,833.00	5,678.00
October	3,358.25	4,095.00	7,453.25
November	3,034.69	3,284.00	6,318.69
December	2,974.00	3,432.09	6,406.09
TOTALS	\$ 36,934.17	\$ 39,390.03	\$ 76,324.20
Balance	48%	52%	

February Calendar



Check the website:
<http://cofchristrm.org/FortCollins/>

- Feb. 1: Worship Coordinators, 3:00 p.m.
 Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 5: Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.
 Communion Service, 11:00 a.m.
 First-Sunday Giving
Potluck, 12:15
- Feb. 9: Take-Away Lunch volunteers at
 Murphy Center, 10:00–Noon
- Feb. 12: Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.
 Youth Classes, 11:00 a.m.
 Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering
- Feb, 17–18: RMMC Nuts and Bolts Retreat in
 Fort Collins.
- Feb. 19: Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.
 Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Communicator items due.
 Youth Protection Workshop, 12:00–
 3:00 p.m.
**NO THIRD-SUNDAY SOCIAL THIS
 MONTH**
- Feb. 23: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.
- Feb. 25: Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast
 (all are welcome to come by and help),
 8:00 a.m.–Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.
 Youth Classes, 11:00 a.m.
 Worship, 11:00 a.m.

**Youth Classes will be held the 2nd
 and 4th Sundays of each month at
 11:00 a.m.,**



February Book Club News

Book Club will meet on February 23 at 1:00 p.m.
 The book is *Outlander*, by Diana Gabaldon. The
 meeting will be at the Lillian Wallace home.



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

Speakers

- ❖ Feb. 5: Rich Kohlman
- ❖ Feb. 12: Deb Friesz
- ❖ Feb. 19: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Feb. 26: Jean Newman

Planners

- ❖ Feb. 5: Jean Newman
- ❖ Feb. 12: Mary Kohlman
- ❖ Feb. 19: Nancy Miller
- ❖ Feb. 26: Dave Simons

Keyboard

- ❖ Feb. 5: Jean Newman
- ❖ Feb. 12: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ Feb. 19: Kay Bunch
- ❖ Feb. 26: Deb Friesz

Greeters

- ❖ February: Rich and Mary Kohlman

Nursery

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

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
Jean Newman	2/19
Ruth Chatburn	2/20
Marcia Bridwell	2/22
Joyce Worthington	2/24