

***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*



**January 2017**

## A WARMING CENTER

—Rich Kohlman, Co- Pastor

We were asked recently by the city and David Rout from Homeless Gear if we would be willing to open up our Activity Center for a place for the homeless to stay warm from 6:00–



10:00 p.m. before the shelters opened at 10:00 p.m. We took a poll of the leadership council and they said yes! About 50 guests came to stay warm on

a night when the temperature was expected to drop to -7 degrees.

What an amazing evening! LaMar's Donuts donated about five dozen donuts, and Gary and Ruth Chatburn worked tirelessly making coffee and tea. Some of the guests expressed that they were still hungry after all the donuts were gone, so Gary went and retrieved some of the peanut butter crackers we were collecting for homeless lunches at the Murphy Center. Soon after, a young couple arrived from Westminster Presbyterian church to help volunteer.

When it became obvious that some of the guests thought we would be open all night and wondered where they would sleep, I called David Rout and learned that Serve 6.8 would be arriving with guests they picked up on the street and bring them to us. They would then return at 10:00 p.m. to take everyone to Catholic Charities; they would be responsible

for providing a warm place to stay for all of them.

And then, the most remarkable thing happened! The Matthews Street door burst open, and in came a lady and her two sons carrying boxes of food—individual bags with a sandwich and piece of fruit, a cookie, and a hand warmer packet. There were enough for all the guests there. I asked her if someone had asked her to do this and if it was part of an organization effort. She said,



“No, I pray for a project each

month to do and this is my project for this month. We were told to take it to the Murphy Center, but they were closed. Then to Peak Community church, but they were closed. Then we saw your lights on and the guests inside—so here we are.”

She then told us she had also been collecting coats, sweaters, etc. from neighbors and unsold items from a second-hand clothing outlet. She brought them in, and we told her that what wasn't taken we would deliver to the Murphy Center for their gear closet. She said she was a member of Resurrection Fellowship.



It was an amazing evening to see so many groups, businesses, and churches working together to provide warmth on a cold night. It was indeed a Christmas miracle!

## Communicator

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Can You Believe It? It is already time to celebrate FIVE years of providing shelter to families experiencing homelessness through Faith Family Hospitality (FFH) AND time to kick off our next program, Transitional Housing!

This event is our major fundraiser and is a Hard Hat dinner, auction, and dessert party on January 29, 2017, at Faith Evangelical Free Church from 5-7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each, and there are only 350 tickets available. There are 31 churches that participate in this program, so please let Kay know how many tickets you would like to purchase. Faith Family Hospitality is a terrific program under new vibrant leadership—let's support it! As a congregation we can purchase a table for 8-10 people—that would be exciting!



## Financial Report



### October Income

#### World Church

Use where needed most	\$3,000.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	318.25
Invite People to Christ	10.00
Pursue Peace on Earth	10.00
Develop Disciples to Serve	10.00
Experience Congregations in Mission	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,358.25</b>

#### Local

Local Offering	\$4,095.00
Building Fund	135.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	107.71
Family Assistance	65.00
Youth	0.00
Other	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,422.71</b>

—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			-
December			-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 30,925.48</b>	<b>\$ 32,673.94</b>	<b>\$ 63,599.42</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>51%</b>	

# January Calendar



Check the website:

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

- Jan. 1: Church School, 9:45 a.m.  
Communion Service, 11:00 a.m.  
First-Sunday Giving  
**Potluck, 12:15**
- Jan. 2: SELAH Group, 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 4: Worship Coordinators, 3:00 p.m.  
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Jan. 8: Church School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
**Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering**
- Jan. 9: SELAH Group, 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 12: Take-Away Lunch volunteers at  
Murphy Center, 10:00–Noon
- Jan. 15: Church School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
*Communicator* items due.
- Jan. 16: SELAH Group, 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 22: Church School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
- Jan. 23: SELAH Group, 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 26: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.
- Jan. 28: Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast  
(all are welcome to come by and help),  
8:00 a.m.–noon.
- Jan. 29: **Fifth-Sunday Pancake Breakfast  
and Community Forum, 9:00 a.m.**  
Sergeant Kent Robinson, Patrol  
Division of the Fort Collins Police  
Department, will be speaking to us  
about issues, including homelessness  
in and around the Old Town area.  
Worship, 11:00 a.m.



## January Book Club News

Book Club will meet on January 26 at 1:00 p.m.  
**The place to meet and the book to be read  
to be announced later.**



## Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

### Speakers

- ❖ Jan. 1: Gil Pagat
- ❖ Jan. 8: Debbie Jones
- ❖ Jan. 15: Annette Zacharias
- ❖ Jan. 22: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ Jan. 29: Rick Bunch

### Planners

- ❖ Jan. 1: Donna Clark
- ❖ Jan. 8: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Jan. 15: Kay Bunch
- ❖ Jan. 22: Ruth Chatburn
- ❖ Jan. 29: Rick Bunch

### Keyboard

- ❖ Jan. 1: Tom Beck
- ❖ Jan. 8: Kay Bunch
- ❖ Jan. 15: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ Jan. 22: Tom Beck
- ❖ Jan. 29: Sharon Troyer

### Greeters

- ❖ January: Nancy and Logan Miller

### Nursery

- ❖ Jan. 1: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Jan. 8: Bettie Miller
- ❖ Jan. 15: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ Jan. 22: Mary Kohlman
- ❖ Jan. 29: Pat Miner

## January Birthdays



Glenn Smith	1/4
Lillian Wallace	1/8
Brian Cole	1/9
Greyson Garner	1/11
David Garner	1/18
Nancy Mendenhall	1/19
Sharon Fulton	1/19
Nanga Chungag	1/20
Paul Urioste	1/25
Jessica Julch	1/29
Bob Fulton	1/29

## The Book Nook



It's here! It's for you! The Book Nook is located in the lounge room in the lower level of the church. Often I have a book that I have read and enjoyed, but no longer want to keep. Perhaps you have books like this. Now there's a place where one can bring their books to share with others. You are invited to bring a book to share, take a book to read, return a book, or keep a book. Happy reading! Happy sharing!  
—Shirley Remmenga



**Alec Fronapfel**, who played soccer for Fort Collins High school this fall, was selected for the All Conference Second Team.



**Zachary Fronapfel** earned a 3.8 in his studies at Mesa State University this fall.

## Fifth-Sunday Forum



Fifth-Sunday Pancake Breakfast and Community Forum, 9:00 a.m. January 29. **Sergeant Kent Robinson**, Patrol Division of the Fort Collins Police Department, will be speaking to us about issues, including homelessness in and around the Old Town area.

## Christmas Party Pics



# Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast



For everyone born, a place at the table,  
For everyone born, clean water and bread,  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
For everyone born, a star overhead.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice  
and joy, compassion and peace.

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