

**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*



**March 2017**

## A Scene from My Memory

—Shared with love, Shirley Remmenga

Follow me as we take an imaginary walk together. I want you to see and experience in your mind's eye something spectacular!

We walk along on huge boulders that have been smoothed for many centuries by the sea, the wind, and the sand. We look out over the southern ocean and watch the high waves crash against the cliffs and seashore and then watch the sea recede, a repeating pattern that never ceases. Our ears are full of loud sounds caused by this in-



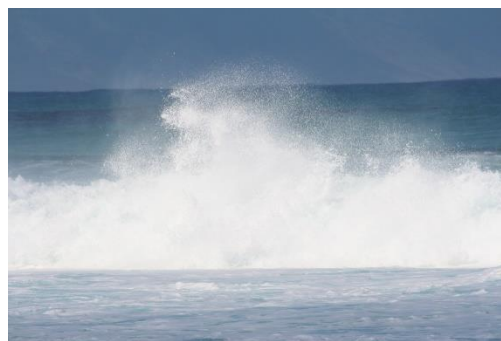
and-out action. The sea breeze, perhaps it might be called a strong wind, penetrates our jackets and tears at our hair. We come to an area where man has built a set of descending and ascending steps along the cliff that allows us to descend to a flat area where



we see before us a handiwork of nature and a scene of utter delight—a huge window in a solid rock wall that has been carved out by the unrelenting action of water,



wind, and sand. We look through this window out toward the rolling, majestic, constant moving sea that spreads out before us. The color of the water is deep turquoise near the wall and gradually appears lighter and then blue and bluer the farther out it goes. This rolling, roaring sea hammers the wall and crashes against the cliffs and rocks along the shore, sending a little spray and mist through



the window and filling the air outside with mighty bursts of white water as it

hits the rocks. We take in the beauty and realize how blessed we are to have had such a splendid, awe-inspiring display of nature in a place that has never been altered by man. It is something I will always remember and perhaps you will too!



## Communicator

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## Financial Report



### January Income

#### World Church

Use where needed most \$2,450.00  
 Abolish Poverty/End Suffering 338.65  
**Total \$2,788.65**

#### Local

Local Offering \$3,149.00  
 Building Fund 520.00  
 Two-Cents-a-Meal 103.44  
 Family Assistance 75.00  
 Youth 205.00  
 Other 0.00  
**Total \$4,052.44**

—Gary and Ruth Chatburn, CFO

Annual Operating Contributions					
Year	World		Total	%	
	Church	Local		Operating	World
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%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 138,961.59</b>	<b>\$ 171,326.15</b>	<b>\$ 310,287.74</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>55%</b>

## Fort Collins Congregation

### Operating Offerings

### 2017 Disciples' Generous Response

Month	Total World Initiatives	Total Local Operating	Total Operating Giving
January	2,788.65	3,149.00	5,937.65
February			-
March			-
April			-
May			-
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 2,788.65</b>	<b>\$ 3,149.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,937.65</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>53%</b>	

## FFH Hard Hat Fundraising Dinner

Pictures by Max Coopwood



## March Calendar



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

- Mar. 1: Ash Wednesday, Lent begins  
 Worship Coordinators, 3:00 p.m.  
 Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Mar. 5: Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.  
 Communion Service, 11:00 a.m.  
 First-Sunday Giving  
**NO Potluck**
- Mar. 9: Take-Away Lunch volunteers at  
 Murphy Center, 10:00–noon
- Mar. 10–11: RMMC Leadership Retreat
- Mar. 12: Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.  
 Youth Classes, 11:00 a.m.  
 Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
**Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering**
- Mar. 19: Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
*Communicator* items due.  
 Third-Sunday Social: Game Night, 5:00  
 p.m.
- Mar. 23: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.
- Mar. 25: Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast  
 (All are welcome to come by and help.)
- Mar. 26: Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.  
 Youth Classes, 11:00 a.m.  
 Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Youth Classes will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month at  
 11:00 a.m.



### March Book Club News

Book Club will meet on Thursday, March 23 at  
 1:00 p.m. Place and book to be determined.



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

### Speakers

- ❖ Mar. 5: Dave Simons
- ❖ Mar. 12: Nancy Miller
- ❖ Mar. 19: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ Mar. 26: Deb Friesz

### Planners

- ❖ Mar. 5: Tom Beck
- ❖ Mar. 12: Shari Smith
- ❖ Mar. 19: Kathy Graybill
- ❖ Mar. 26: Bob Fulton

### Keyboard

- ❖ Mar. 5: Tom Beck
- ❖ Mar. 12: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ Mar. 19: Deb Friesz
- ❖ Mar. 26: Jean Newman

### Greeters

- ❖ March: Donna Clark and Jean Newman

### Nursery

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

## March Birthdays



Bianca Clark	03/01
Carol Birks	03/05
Tim Sundell	03/12
Taylor Bridwell	03/15
Sara Rolfe	03/15
Marta Remmenga	03/16
Shari Smith	03/17
Kelly Jackson	03/22
Lee Cook	03/24
Bill Florom	03/25
Ashley McKenzie	03/27
Jared Clark	03/31