

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



November 2017

"THE HOUND OF HEAVEN"

—Rich Kohlman

I fled Him, down the nights and down the days;
I fled Him, down the arches of the years;
I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways
Of my own mind; and in the mist of tears . . .

From those strong Feet that followed, followed after.
But with unhurrying chase,
And unperturbed pace,

—The Hound of Heaven, Francis Thompson (1859–1907)

My Spirit will be with you now and forever more.

—Doctrine and Covenants 150:12b.

Craig saw him first. He had bolted from his resting place and plotted a course to intercept us about thirty yards down the road. However, having seen him before the critical point, we increased our speed to outpace him, since most would only go a short distance past their property line.

He was a golden retriever about one year of age.

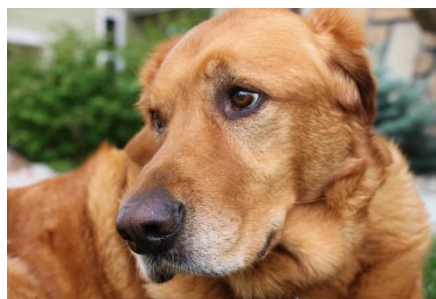


Only he did not stop as most dogs do. He kept running along with us, "but with unhurrying

chase, and unperturbed pace." We were about

six miles from home near the end of our morning bike ride. Going downhill we would pull away from him, but, as soon as we slowed, he would be alongside us again. Never threatening, staying on the side of the road, he ran and ran and ran. Six miles he ran, never leaving our side. I have never seen a dog run like that alongside two bikers. It was a strange and eerie experience.

He was like "the Hound of Heaven." I often see God coming, and I try to outrun God. However, those strong feet just follow along with "unhurrying chase and unperturbed pace." God fulfills the promise to always be with me. Why do I try to leave God in the dust? God's grace



and love are unthreatening and God seems so unperturbed by my behavior. I thank God for

a grace and love that is always there when I slow down long enough to experience the healing embrace of the Holy Mystery.



Toiletries for the FFH Day Center



The Mennonite Day Center for FFH families and families on the wait list continue to need shampoo, conditioner (any size bottles), and toothpaste. Please take donations to the Day Center or give them to Kay Bunch.



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

- Nov. 3-5: RMMC Conference
- Nov. 5: Adult Class, 9:45 p.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Communion Sunday
First Sunday Giving
- Nov. 8: Worship Coordinators, 3:00 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Nov. 9: Take-Away Lunch volunteers at Murphy Center, 10:00-noon
- Nov. 12: Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.
Children and Youth Classes, 11:00 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Second-Sunday Offering
- Nov. 19: Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Communicator items due.
5:00 p.m. Third-Sunday Holiday Dinner.
- Nov. 23: Thanksgiving**
- Nov. 25: Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast (All are welcome to come by and help.)
- Nov. 26: Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.
Children and Youth Classes, 11:00 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.



One of the most needed items when families obtain housing is lamps. If you have lamps that need a new home, please get them to

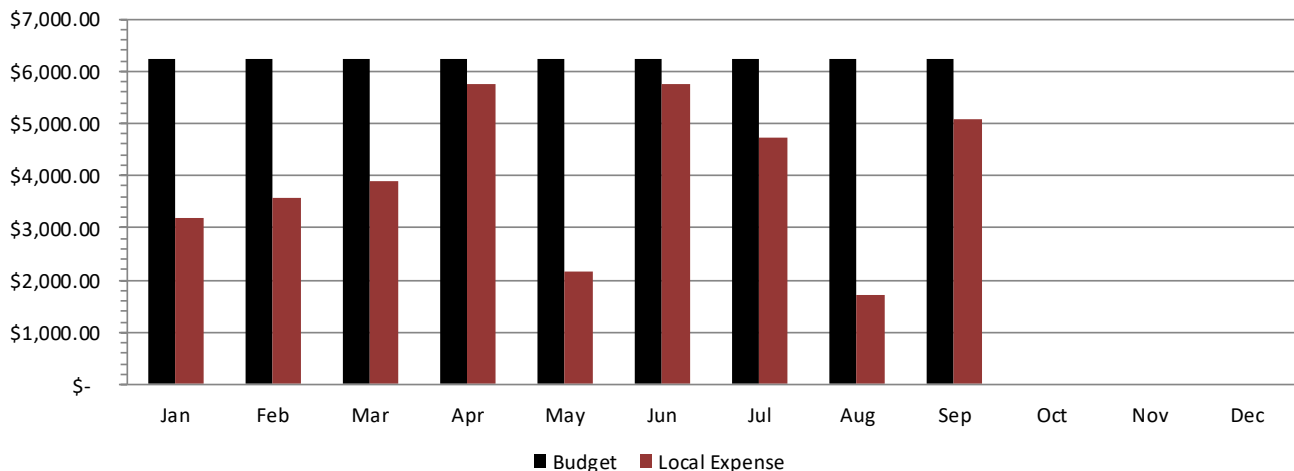
Kay Bunch. Thanks.

Third-Sunday Social Holiday Dinner, November 19, 5:00 p.m.



Our Third-Sunday Social for November will be our annual Holiday Dinner. Please bring your favorite dessert to share.

Local Expenses (Actual) vs. Local Expense Budget





August Income

World Church

Use where needed most \$2,110.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering 295.29

Total \$2,405.29

Local

Local Operating \$2,430.90
Building Fund 1,360.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal 46.18
Family Assistance 45.00
Youth 200.00
Other 180.00

Total \$4,262.08

September Income

World Church

Use where needed most \$4,447.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering 285.70
Other 340.00

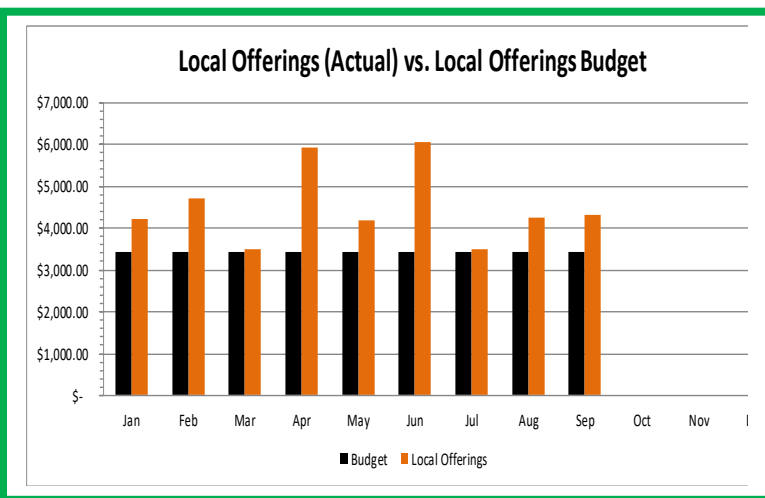
Total \$5,072.70

Local

Local Operating \$3,221.62
Building Fund 840.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal 75.22
Family Assistance 90.00
Other 80.00

Total \$4,306.84

—Gary and Ruth Chatburn, CFO



Fort Collins Congregation

Operating Offerings

2017 Disciples' Generous Response

Month	Total World Operating	Local Operating	Total Operating Giving
January	2,788.65	3,149.00	5,937.65
February	2,706.86	3,082.69	5,789.55
March	2,785.00	2,866.00	5,651.00
April	2,776.00	5,015.36	7,791.36
May	2,076.50	2,878.50	4,955.00
June	2,733.00	3,395.87	6,128.87
July	2,787.00	2,431.11	5,218.11
August	2,405.29	2,430.90	4,836.19
September	5,072.70	3,221.62	8,294.32
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 26,131.00	\$ 28,471.05	\$ 54,602.05
Balance	48%	52%	

November Birthdays



Makenna Jackson	11/1
Joyce Jordeth	11/2
Sharon Troyer	11/2
Shauna Clark	11/2
Shirley Remmenga	11/4
Jon Ytell	11/7
Emmaline Garner	11/7
Dean Miller	11/8
David Birks	11/11
Brett Bridwell	11/11
Zachary Fronapfel	11/15
Alec Fronapfel	11/15
Debbie Jones	11/17
Dawn Gaffield	11/21
Wendell Wallace	11/28
Peter Postma	11/29

JUST A REMINDER

Anyone is welcome to come and participate in any of the monthly meetings of the leadership council. If you would like to be on the email reminder list, please notify Rich Kohlman



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

Speakers

- ❖ Nov. 5: TBD
- ❖ Nov. 12: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ Nov. 19: Dave Simons
- ❖ Nov. 26: Debbie Jones

Planners

- ❖ Nov. 5: Debbie Jones
- ❖ Nov. 12: Deb Friesz
- ❖ Nov. 19: Danise Remmenga
- ❖ Nov. 26: Bettie Miller

Keyboard

- ❖ Nov. 5: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ Nov. 12: Kay Bunch
- ❖ Nov. 19: Stephanie Gustave
- ❖ Nov. 26: Tom Beck

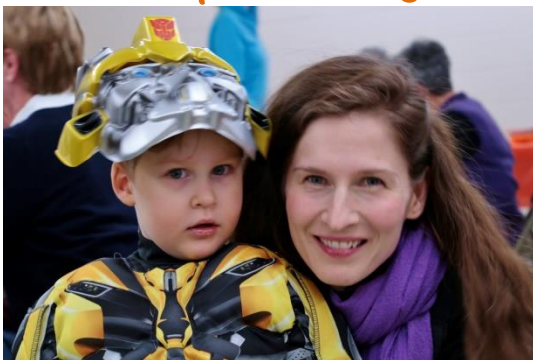
Greeters

- ❖ November: Pat and Bill Miner

Nursery

- ❖ Nov. 5: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Nov. 12: Bettie Miller
- ❖ Nov. 19: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ Nov. 26: TBD

Harvest Dinner and Pumpkin Carving



Walter and mom Laura



Gavin



Aspen



David, Hawkins, Porter, Grayson, and Lisa



The Whole Gang!



Walter



Aspen



Bianca



Sharon T.



Will the real Gary Chatburn please stand up. W/Ann



Darth Ken



Lillian