

***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.*



Community of Christ

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A Welcoming Congregation

For everyone born, a place at the table

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Go Deep in One Place

by Richard Rohr

Franciscan philosopher-theologian John Duns Scotus' idea of "thisness" mirrors Jesus leaving the ninety-nine sheep and going after the one (Luke 15:4). And, just like Jesus, Duns Scotus holds that precious, irreplaceable "one" fully inside a "commonwealth" or community, the Body of Christ. Duns Scotus does not teach individualism but incarnation. The universal incarnation always shows itself in the specific, the concrete, and the particular—refusing to be



an abstraction. Poet Christian Wiman puts it this way: "If nature abhors a vacuum, Christ abhors a vagueness. If God is love, Christ

is love for this one person, this one place, this one time-bound and time-ravaged self."

The doctrine of haecceity is saying that we come to universal meaning deeply and rightly through the unique and ordinary, not the other way around, which is the great danger of all the ideologies (overarching and universal explanations) that have plagued our world in the last century. Everything in the universe is a holon and a fractal, where the part replicates the whole. Go deep in any one place and we will meet all places where the divine image is present.

When we start with big universal ideas, at the level of concepts and -isms, we too-often stay

there and argue about theory and generalizations. At that level, the mind is totally in charge. It is then easy to love humanity, but not any one person in particular. We defend principles of justice, but would not put ourselves out to live justly.

This takes different forms on the Left and on the Right, to put it in political terms. Liberals are often devoted to political correctness and get authoritarian about process and semantics. Conservatives can be overly loyal to their validating group for its own sake and become authoritarian about its symbols, defining and defending the rules and rights of membership in that group. Both sides risk becoming "word police" and "symbol protectors" instead of actually changing the world—or themselves—by offering the healing energy of love.

Sometimes neither group ever gets to concrete acts of charity, mercy, liberation, or service. We just argue about theory and proper definitions. I have done this myself. Duns Scotus offered us a meaningful and practical way to live compassionately by focusing on the now, the particular, the concrete, the individual. His entire philosophy makes love, and the will to love in a particular way, more important than intellect, understanding, or any theories about love or justice. As we say, the rubber must hit the road.

Start with loving one situation or one person all the way through. That is the best—and maybe the only—first school for universal love.

Easter Morning

There will be a 9:00 a.m. Easter Devotional followed by a breakfast potluck (please bring your own table service). After breakfast there is an Easter basket activity for children.

Tenebrae Service

The Fort Collins congregation is invited to a Tenebrae Service at the Loveland church on Friday (Good Friday), March 30, beginning at 7:30 p.m. This musical worship service is presented by a combined choir composed of Fort Collins and Loveland singers. Your participation in this Holy Week activity is encouraged.

April Calendar



Check the website:

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

- Apr. 1: Easter Devotional, 9:00 a.m.
Breakfast 9:30 a.m.
Easter Basket Activity for Children, 10:00 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Communion Sunday
First Sunday Giving
- Apr. 4: Worship Coordinators, 3:30 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Apr. 8: Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.
Children and Youth Classes, 11:00 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Second-Sunday Offering
Second-Sunday Social, 5:00 p.m.
- Apr. 12: Take-Away Lunch volunteers at
Murphy Center, 10:00–noon
- Apr. 15: Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Communicator items due.
- Apr. 22: Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.
Children and Youth Classes, 11:00 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
- Apr. 28: 8:00 a.m., Saturday Morning Homeless
Breakfast (All are welcome to come
by and help.)

Financial Report



January Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$2,337.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	247.95
Total	\$2,584.95

Local

Local Operating	\$2,650.39
Building Fund	990.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	72.96
Family Assistance	309.00
Youth Fund	256.00
Narcotics Anonymous Pledge	115.00
Other	65.00
Total	\$4,458.35

—Gary and Ruth Chatburn, CFO

Fort Collins Congregation

Operating Offerings Only

2018 Disciples' Generous Response

Month	Total World Operating	Local Operating	Total Operating Giving
January	2,574.04	3,033.55	5,607.59
February	2,584.95	2,650.39	5,235.34
March			-
April			-
May			-
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 5,158.99	\$ 5,683.94	\$ 10,842.93
Balance	48%	52%	

New West Fest Is Coming

The dates for New West Fest this year are August 10–12, 2018. Please plan to volunteer and help with this Old Town event. The coordinators for New West Fest this year are Gary and Ruth Chatburn. If you would like more information or would like to help plan the activities in support of this event, please contact Gary or Ruth.

From Your Facilities Management Team

Courtyard Building Inspection: The Courtyard Building was recently inspected by a Structural Engineer in order to determine the structural integrity of the building. There has been movement in some of the walls and foundations. It is thought that the structure can be stabilized so as to prevent any further movement or damage to the building. Additional work to the interior of the building will also be required. The cost to perform the “stabilizing work” and interior repairs has not yet been determined.

Capital Project Selection: The Facilities Management Team has tentatively selected four (4) capital projects to focus on first in 2018. After having conversations with several members of the congregation, the team has changed its project focus from being totally safety and security to one that also takes into consideration congregational environmental concerns. The four projects selected are: (1) Educational Building Entrance Project—2018 budgeted project, (2) Sanctuary Rostrum Exit Door Project—2018 budgeted project, (3) Sanctuary Lighting Project—non-budgeted project, and (4) Sanctuary Sound and Media Project—non-budgeted project. Non-budgeted projects will require congregational approval as well as revisions being made to the 2018 Approved Capital Budget once a project scope of work has been completed and construction costs are obtained. Additionally, all projects will

have to receive Mission Center and/or World Church approval based on current expenditure guidelines.

Building Elevator Maintenance Service: The two platform style elevators that we have installed in our buildings were recently serviced. There were a few items found during this service work which will require additional maintenance and repair in the near future once parts are received. The elevators, however, can still be safely operated while we are awaiting the arrival of the new replacement parts.

Winter Furnace Maintenance Service: All of our building furnaces have been serviced and inspected for proper operation. Maintenance was performed where necessary. All furnaces were found to be in good condition with the exception of the furnace flue installed on the furnace located in the Peace Classroom area. A split was discovered in the flue when the unit was inspected. A temporary patch was installed on the flue so that heating operations could continue until the flue can be scheduled for replacement.

Notes from the CFO's Desk

February 2018 Offerings: Our income for February 2018 was \$7,043.30 while our expenses and transfers for the same period were \$7,349.41. As a result, our world and local expenses exceeded our world and local income by \$306.11. Please see the 2018 Disciples' Generous Response Table below for additional financial information. If you have questions regarding the finances of the congregation, please contact Ruth or Gary Chatburn.

Quarterly Contribution Receipts: Quarterly receipts for offering contributions made during the first quarter of 2018 will begin to be distributed toward the latter part of April 2018. If you have any questions about your receipt, please contact Ruth or Gary Chatburn.

2018 Disciples' Generous Response

WORLD & LOCAL	February 2018	Year to Date
INCOME	\$	\$
World Mission Tithes	2,337.00	4,697.00
Abolish Poverty, End Suffering	247.95	461.99
Local Operating Income	2,650.39	5,683.94
Building Fund	990.00	2,080.00
Family Assistance	309.00	434.00
2 Cents A Meal Offerings	72.96	182.67
Youth Fund	256.00	268.00
Narcotics Anonymous Pledge	115.00	1,225.00
Other Inc./Donations	0.00	8,750.00
Rental Inc./Donations	65.00	155.00
Income Total:	7,043.30	23,937.60
EXPENSES / TRANSFERS		
World Mission Tithes Transfer to World IHQ	4,267.00	7,576.00
Abolish Poverty Funds Transfer to World IHQ	439.04	673.17
Outreach Ministries	0.00	0.00
Worship Ministries	0.00	186.71
Youth Ministries	0.00	0.00
Mission, Vision, Educ. & Training	28.00	28.00
Pastoral Ministries	0.00	0.00
Fellowship Ministries	0.00	0.00
Administration & Communications	275.02	766.88
Stewardship		
- Utilities	979.56	1,747.42
- Insurance	0.00	0.00
- Mission Center Support	0.00	0.00
- Custodial Services	762.23	1,062.23
- Facilities Supplies	32.25	138.23
- Facilities Maint.	34.93	395.62
- Equipment Maint.	531.38	531.38
- Other	0.00	25.65
Expense/Transfer Total:	7,349.41	13,131.29
Net Income:	-306.11	10,806.31

ACTIVITY CENTER	February 2018	Year to Date
INCOME	\$	\$
Facility Rental Income	1,450.00	1,800.00
Income Total:	1,450.00	1,800.00
EXPENSES		
Operational Expense	8.54	8.54
Promotional Expense	0.00	0.00
Building Maint.	181.65	370.06
Equipment Maint.	0.00	0.00
Expense Total:	190.19	378.60
Net Income:	1,259.81	1,421.40

COURTYARD BUILDING	February 2018	Year to Date
INCOME	\$	\$
Facility Rental Income	1,625.00	3,250.00
Income Total:	1,625.00	3,250.00
EXPENSES		
Utilities	72.65	143.32
Insurance	0.00	0.00
Operational Exp - Other	0.00	0.00
Building Maint.	0.00	0.00
Equipment Maint.	0.00	0.00
Expense Total:	72.65	143.32
Net Income:	1,552.35	3,106.68

CAPITAL EXPENSE	February 2018	Year to Date
EXPENSE	\$	\$
Expense Total:	0.00	0.00



April Birthdays

Tonia Watts	4/1
Ryder Jackson	4/6
Dave Simons	4/19
Cinnamon Garner	4/23
Kay Bunch	4/25
Avery Dicke	4/25
Bettie Miller	4/30



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



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.

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.

April Second-Sunday Social April 8 at 5:00 p.m.

Watch for announcements in the Sunday bulletins and Church Updates for information.



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

Speakers

- ❖ Apr. 1: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ Apr. 8: Kurt Remmenga
- ❖ Apr. 15: Deb Friesz
- ❖ Apr. 22: Nancy Miller
- ❖ Apr. 29: Gil Pagat

Planners

- ❖ Apr. 1: Clark Worship Team
- ❖ Apr. 8: Ruth Chatburn
- ❖ Apr. 15: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Apr. 22: Kay Bunch
- ❖ Apr. 29: Donna Clark

Keyboard

- ❖ Apr. 1: Tom Beck
- ❖ Apr. 8: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ Apr. 22: Nancy Miller
- ❖ Apr. 29: Deb Friesz

Greeters

- ❖ April: Marta Remmenga and Jon Ytell

Nursery

- ❖ Apr. 1:
- ❖ Apr. 8:
- ❖ Apr. 15:
- ❖ Apr. 22:
- ❖ Apr. 29:



Book Club

DATE: Thursday, April 19

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Home of Lillian Wallace

BOOK: *The Tortilla Curtain* by T. C. Boyle

REFRESHMENTS: Everyone bring a snack to share.