

***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 2018**

## **The Call to Make a Difference**

**by Gil Pagat**

As we look to the New Year with hope and expectations, with joy and anticipations, with love and inspirations, and with peace and togetherness, we seek Jesus Christ's guidance and Holy Spirit to be with us when we face the challenges and opportunities of the New Year. Hear the call of Jesus Christ and make a difference in the world.

John 4:19—This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only son into the world that we might live through him.

### **“The Call?” by Kent Keith**

Jesus is calling you to a paradoxical life.

He is not calling you to worldly success. He is calling you to serve God.

He is calling you to be in the world, not of the world.

He is calling you to love and help people, no matter what.

He is calling you to reach out to those in need and make a difference now.

You may have worldly riches, or you may not. But you can always enjoy the richness of a life with God.

You may have worldly fame, or you may not. But you can always be known to the Holy Spirit. You may lose your way, or you may not. But you can always walk with God.

You may suffer, or you may not. But you can always find deep happiness in Christ.

You may know fear, or you may not. But you can always find encouragement in the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is calling you to a paradoxical life.

Will you answer his call? Jesus did it anyway.

Will you?

James 2:14-17: *What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, “Go, I wish you well; Keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.*

The difference we are called to make may be right there in front of us. We can make a difference by simply taking action. We may need to take action immediately. We may not know where all the pieces fit, and why everything happens the way it does. Only God knows what it all means. Only God knows the impact of each of our actions and each of our prayers.

Doctrine and Covenants 162:7a-b: *There are many lives waiting to hear the redeeming words of the gospel, or to be lifted from hopelessness by the hands of loving servants. But they will be lost to you without the generous response of disciples who share from their own bounty that others may know the joys of the*

kingdom.

Many are fearful and believe their security is to be found in the accumulation of possessions. The answers you seek are not inherent in the things of this world but in a faith that places its trust in the promises given to all who would follow Jesus Christ.

Have a Blessed New Year!  
—Gil

## Fort Collins Congregation Directory for 2018



It's that time again. Last year's directory was published January 28, 2017. If you know of any changes since then, please let Jon Mendenhall know.

To be included in the Directory, the following information is needed:

1. Names and DOB of each member of the household
2. Address including zip code
3. Phone numbers (cells and landline if applicable)
4. Email addresses

Thanks for helping make our directory as accurate as possible.

Reminder: Known updates since the last directory are shown in green on the website Directory. Contact Jon if you need the password for the website Directory.

## Youth Report!



Alec Fronapfel, junior at Fort Collins High School, was named to the CHSAA (Colorado High School Activities Association)

First Team for high school soccer as well as Second Team All Academic. He was also named First Team All-Conference.

## January Calendar



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

- Jan. 1: New Year's Day
- Jan. 7: Adult Class, 9:45 p.m.  
Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
Communion Sunday  
First Sunday Giving
- Jan. 10: Worship Coordinators, 3:00 p.m.  
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Jan. 11: Take-Away Lunch volunteers at  
Murphy Center, 10:00–noon
- Jan. 14: Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.  
Children and Youth Classes, 11:00 a.m.  
Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
Second-Sunday Offering  
**Business Meeting following  
Worship Service**  
**Second-Sunday Social, 5:00 p.m.,  
Game Night**
- Jan. 21: Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
**Communicator** items due.
- Jan. 27: 8:00 a.m., Saturday Morning Homeless  
Breakfast (All are welcome to come  
by and help.)
- Jan. 28: Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.  
Children and Youth Classes, 11:00 a.m.  
Worship, 11:00 a.m.

## 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.

## Financial Report



### October and November Income

#### World Church

Use where needed most	\$5,786.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	491.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,277.59</b>

#### Local

Local Operating	\$6,798.66
Building Fund	820.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	169.29
Family Assistance	175.00
Youth Fund	22.00
Other (Memorial Fund Donations)	7,775.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,759.95</b>

—Gary and Ruth Chatburn, CFO



## January Birthdays

Allan Anderson	1/1
Glenn Smith	1/4
Lillian Wallace	1/8
Greyson Garner	1/11
Stephanie Gustave	1/15
David Garner	1/18
Sharon Fulton	1/19
Nancy Mendenhall	1/19
Nanga Chungag	1/20
Paul Urioste	1/25
Jessica Julch	1/29
Bob Fulton	1/29



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

#### Speakers

- ❖ Jan. 7: Dave Simons
- ❖ Jan. 14: TBD
- ❖ Jan 21: Deb Friesz
- ❖ Jan 28: Nancy Miller

#### Planners

- ❖ Jan. 7: Nancy Miller
- ❖ Jan. 14: Dave Simons
- ❖ Jan 21: Jean Newman
- ❖ Jan 28: Mary Kohlman

#### Keyboard

- ❖ Jan. 7: Jean Newman
- ❖ Jan. 14: Tom Beck
- ❖ Jan 21: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ Jan 28: Kay Bunch

#### Greeters

- ❖ January: Nancy and Logan Miller

#### Nursery

- ❖ Jan. 7:
- ❖ Jan. 14:
- ❖ Jan 21:
- ❖ Jan 28:

## 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	2,872.82	3,404.66	6,277.48
November	3,424.77	3,394.00	6,818.77
December			-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 32,428.59</b>	<b>\$ 35,269.71</b>	<b>\$ 67,698.30</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>52%</b>	

# JANUARY SECOND-SUNDAY SOCIAL

## Game Night

This year we will have our Fellowship nights on the Second Sunday. In January, the Second-Sunday Social will be on January 14 at 5:00 p.m. This will be a game night. We'll play BUNCO so that every age can participate and interact. There will be prizes! We'll eat Italian food at 5:00 p.m. Watch for a chance to sign up online as we did for the Christmas Party. When you see the button that says, "sign up," that's the opportunity to RSVP and choose some way to help.



Starting in January, I thought we could try re-instituting "Bring Your Own Table Service." That means bring some plates and silverware and cups from home for your own family and then take the dirty dishes of your own back home to wash. It saves on cleanup time at the church and is very ecological! We did this in the "old days." Call it "RETRO." —Marilyn Garner

## Christmas Party Photos



The Goodie Table



David spins a tale to the ladies.



Don shares his wisdom.



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.

## 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.



Shawnea returns with her winning smile.



Gary and Debbie grab a moment to relax.



Shawnea fights off a smile at Gil's Hawaiian Christmas tale.



Hawkins, Aspen, and Gavin ham it up.



Wendell is caught hogging the gifts.



Aspen, Hawkins, Porter, and Gavin lead the song movements.



Hannah trades for the shark puppet.



Shirley shares a story.



Ann trying to figure out which way to pass the gifts.