

***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.*



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Community of Christ

Fort Collins, Colorado

A Welcoming Congregation

For everyone born, a place at the table

“Statements on Immigration”

Dear Friends,

As a Mission Center Ministry team we felt it important and valuable to share with each of you the recent statements put out by President Veazey as well as the USA Apostles. These statements voice the Community of Christ concern on current events that are separating children from their refugee immigrant families.

The Rocky Mountain Mission Center joins the World Church and USA Apostles in upholding the Enduring Principle, Worth of All Persons. We ask that each person prayerfully consider these statements and consider what can be done, both individually and as congregations; to join voices and efforts with others to help ensure human worth for all, especially children, and work together to help resolve this matter and get families reunited.

Below you will find the statements as well as the link to the World Church website to see the statements online.

Blessings,

Ministry Team
Rocky Mountain Mission Center

Statement from President Veazey Regarding Immigrant Families

6/18/2018

On Friday, June 15, I contacted the United States Attorney General by email and voicemail to express my grave concern about the policy of separating children from their refugee immigrant parents.

I stated that such a practice is ungodly, unchristian, and contrary to scriptural teachings about how to treat the most vulnerable in our midst, especially children.

I called on the attorney general to immediately end the current policy because it is unjust and unacceptable. I urge other members and friends of the church who share this concern to communicate your views to governmental officials.

We must join our voices and efforts with others who are working daily to liberate the children and reunite them with their families.

—President Stephen M. Veazey

USA Apostles Affirm Veazey Statement on Refugee Families

6/19/2018

The USA Apostles of Community of Christ join President Stephen Veazey (announcement above) in contacting United States government officials to end the current policy of separating children from their refugee immigrant parents.

One of our Enduring Principles, Worth of All Persons, calls us to “challenge unjust systems that diminish human worth.”

We also urge members and friends of the church who share this concern to communicate their views to government officials and legislators.

In Christ's peace, Linda Booth, Barbara Carter, Janné Grover, Ron Harmon, Robin Linkhart, Lachlan Mackay

<http://www.cofchrist.org/announcements>

July Calendar



Check the website:

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

- July 1: Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Communion Sunday
First Sunday Giving
- July 4: **Independence Day in the USA**
- July 7-14: Big Spruce Reunion
- July 8: Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Second-Sunday Offering
Second-Sunday Social, 5:00 p.m.
- July 11: Worship Coordinators, 3:30 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- July 12: Take-Away Lunch volunteers at
Murphy Center, 10:00-noon
- July 15: Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Communicator items due.
- July 19-20: IYF
- July 21-28: Spectacular
- July 22: Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- July 28: 8:00 a.m., Saturday Morning Homeless
Breakfast (All are welcome to come
by and help.)
- July 29: Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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	2,667.00	3,309.30	5,976.30
April	3,030.74	3,364.31	6,395.05
May	2,618.00	4,093.00	6,711.00
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 13,474.73	\$ 16,450.55	\$ 29,925.28
Balance	45%	55%	

Financial Report



April Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$2,735.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	295.74
Total	\$3,030.74

Local

Local Operating	\$3,364.31
Building Fund	980.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	65.70
Family Assistance	115.00
Youth Fund	0.00
Narcotics Anonymous Pledge	90.00
Total	\$4,615.01

May Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$2,361.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	257.00
Total	\$2,618.00

Local

Local Operating	\$4,093.00
Building Fund	715.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	69.20
Family Assistance	95.00
Youth Fund	15.00
Narcotics Anonymous Pledge	80.00
Total	\$5,067.20

—Gary and Ruth Chatburn, CFO

Baby Blessing of Logan Randal Holstrom on
June 3, 2018





July Birthdays

James Miller	7/1
Joan Green	7/4
Jay Ytell	7/4
Merly Pagat	7/5
Josh Birks	7/6
Rich Kohlman	7/10
Larry Slocum	7/12
Don Wallis	7/13
Shuri Chungag	7/13
Evie Birks	7/17
Thelma Slocum	7/17
Betty Jones	7/17
Logan Miller	7/20
Madison Clark	7/22
Gary Chatburn	7/22

New West Fest – August 10-12, 2018

Signup information will be available after the July 4th holiday. Please check your calendar and be ready to volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact this year's New West Fest coordinators, Gary and Ruth Chatburn.

From Your Facilities Management Team

Building Ventilation:

Discussions at the recent Leadership Council meeting indicated that the air quality in the church building has deteriorated and is not what it should be on a consistent basis. Our building is used by many different groups as well as the congregation at various times during the week. Our current HVAC systems do not have fresh air ventilation systems to assist with air quality improvement. Poudre Valley Air has been contacted and asked to look into what it would take to install fresh air ventilation systems on all of our air handling systems. We will present more information to you as it becomes available.

Courtyard Building:

There is really not any change in the status of this structure since the last *Communicator*. We are still working diligently to locate qualified contractors to give us cost estimates for the needed repairs and restoration work. This has been a slow process due to the Fort Collins and Northern Colorado areas being very busy with numerous construction projects. We will keep you updated as we receive additional information.

Notes from the CFO's Desk

Youth Camps and IYF/Spectacular: As a congregation, we have committed to financially assisting our youth so they can have every opportunity to attend youth camps and IYF/Spectacular events because of the positive impact that these events have on a youth's personal growth and future. This year, IYF and Spectacular have been combined into a single (inseparable) registration. Our approved 2018 Budget did not take this into account, because we did not know at the time that the registration for Spectacular was going to be combined with the IYF registration. Therefore, we are a little short from a budget perspective in meeting the registration fees for those youth attending youth camps and IYF/Spectacular this year. If you would like to contribute to the Youth Fund, you can do so by using your offering envelope and writing on it "camp" or "youth," or you can give your contribution to Ruth Chatburn to be processed.

July Second-Sunday Social



The Second-Sunday Social for July will be a Movie Night in the Activity Center, July 8 at 5:00 p.m.. We will have a hot dog and nacho bar and popcorn.





Lamps are still needed in setting up a home. 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 waiting list continue to need shampoo, conditioner (any size bottles), and toothpaste. Please take donations to the Day Center or give them to Kay Bunch.



Need Work Done?

Call Bianca Clark!

I will do a list of chores for you for \$50 a list. My transportation will be my parents or a bike. My goal is to get at least one customer a week. Thank you, and please text me at (970) 231-9158. Leave your name and an idea of what you need to have done.

Doctrine and Covenants 163:7c

"It is not pleasing to God when any passage of scripture is used to diminish or oppress races, genders, or classes of human beings. Much physical and emotional violence has been done to some of God's beloved children through the misuse of scripture. The church is called to confess and repent of such attitudes and practices."

Doctrine and Covenants 161:3a-b

"Open your hearts and feel the yearnings of your brothers and sisters who are lonely, despised, fearful, neglected, unloved. Reach out in understanding, clasp their hands, and invite all to share in the blessings of community created in the name of the One who suffered on behalf of all. Do not be fearful of one another. Respect each life journey, even in its brokenness and uncertainty, for each person has walked alone at times. Be ready to listen and slow to criticize, lest judgments be unrighteous and unredemptive."



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

Speakers

- ❖ July 1: Debbie Jones
- ❖ July 8: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ July 15: Service of Music
- ❖ July 22: Nancy Miller
- ❖ July 29: Prayers and Testimonies

Planners

- ❖ July 1: Deb Friesz
- ❖ July 8: Danise Remmenga
- ❖ July 15: Bettie Miller
- ❖ July 22: Deb Jones
- ❖ July 29: Bettie Miller

Keyboard

- ❖ July 1: Stephanie Gustave
- ❖ July 8: Tom Beck
- ❖ July 15: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ July 22: Deb Friesz
- ❖ July 29: Jean Newman

Greeters

- ❖ July: Kathy Bridwell

Nursery

- ❖ July 1: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ July 8: Gary Chatburn
- ❖ July 15: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ July 22: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ July 29: TBD



The Book Club will not meet the rest of the summer. It will resume in September.

Summary of Leadership Council Meeting on June 6

1. We heard a presentation from Karen McWilliams in regards to historical preservation as it might pertain to our courtyard building, the financial incentives that are available, and the process to go through should we choose to move that way.
2. Ken John from the Murphy Center shared information about the revenue streams and how they are used in helping meet the goal of homelessness as being rare, short-lived, and non-recurring.
3. Jamie Crawford shared information about some of the ideas she has in helping the congregation continue to be self-sufficient and grow so that we continue to maintain a healthy presence in the community. She also shared resources that might become available to help us in that mission. She would like to also offer her services in helping our website be responsive to searchers who are looking for a church that can be their spiritual home as it has been for her.
4. We will offer services if Fort Collins on July 8, when we usually share at LaPaz with Greeley and Loveland. We will suggest people choose that day where to worship.
5. There was discussion on how much help the congregation will offer to those youth attending IYF and SPECTACULAR this year. We agreed on a minimum of 80 percent.

Paradise Reunion, June 29–July 1, 2018: *Colossians 13:15* “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.” Join us at Camp Paradise for an all-ages reunion weekend! The theme will be “*Kindness Matters*,” and we will be talking about how the love of Christ calls us to be kind to ourselves, one another, and the planet. Registration costs are \$75 for adults and a meaningful donation for kids 17 and under. Contact Josh and Stacy Clark for more info or to register: clarksjs4@yahoo.com.

Big Spruce Reunion, July 7–14, 2018: Come one, come all, and join in what is sure to be an amazing experience at our annual Big Spruce Reunion! Join Jack Ergo and Andrew Murphy as they lead us in song, worship, and community building. The cost to attend is \$135 (ages 13+) and \$105 (under age 13). Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m. on the 7th, and the event will conclude at noon on the 14th. If you have questions, please contact Melanie Grimes at melgrimes@gmail.com, or send registrations to Bill Grimes at 8 Garden Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80904. We hope to see you and your family there!