

***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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A Welcoming Congregation

For everyone born, a place at the table

“Relationships—Love Endures”

by Gil Pagat

CAC core faculty member, Cynthia Bourgeault, beautifully describes growth in “conscious love” in her sermon, given at her daughter’s wedding. I hope you will find it quite profound, as I did.

“It’s easy to look at marriage as the culmination of love—the end point of the journey that begins with ‘falling in love.’ . . . [But] marriage is not the culmination of love, but only the beginning.

“Love remains and deepens, but its form changes. Or, more accurately, it renews itself in a different way. Less and less does it draw its waters from the old springs of romance, and you should not worry if over time these dimensions fade or are seen less frequently. More and more, love draws its replenishment from love itself: from the practice of conscious love, expressed in your mutual servanthood to one another. . . .

“It will transform your lives and through its power in your own lives will reach out to touch the world. . . . But how to stay in touch with that power? At those times when stress mounts and romance seems far away, how do you practice that conscious love that will renew itself and renew your relationship? . . .

“Here is the one [practice] that works for me :

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Corinthians 13:7)

“Love bears all things.” This does not mean a dreary sort of putting-up-with or victimization. There are two meanings of the word bear, and they both apply. The first means “to hold up, to sustain”—like a bearing wall, which carries the weight of the house. . . . To bear [also] means “to give birth, to be fruitful.” So, love is that which in any situation is the most life-giving and fruitful.

“Love believes all things.” . . . [This] does not mean to be gullible, to refuse to face up to the truth. Rather, it means that in every possible circumstance of life, there is . . . a way of perceiving that leads to cynicism and divisiveness, a closing off of possibility; and there is a way that leads to higher faith and love, to a higher and more fruitful outcome. To “believe all things” means always to orient yourselves toward the highest possible outcome in any situation and strive for its actualization.

“Love hopes all things.” . . . In the practice of conscious love, you begin to discover . . . a hope that is related not to outcome but to a wellspring . . . a source of strength that wells up from deep within you independent of all outcomes. . . . It is a hope that can never be taken away from you because it is love itself working in you, conferring the strength to stay present to that “highest possible outcome” that can be believed and aspired to.

“Finally, “love endures all things.” . . . Everything that is tough and brittle shatters; everything that is cynical rots. The only way to

endure is to forgive, over and over, to give back that openness and possibility for new beginning which is the very essence of love itself. And in such a way love comes full circle and can fully “sustain and make fruitful,” and the cycle begins again, at a deeper place. And conscious love deepens and becomes more and more rooted.”

Note:

I want to take this time to thank you, the Community of Christ congregation of Fort Collins, for your love and compassion for my family and I. For your acceptance, support, and ministry to my family, and for your fellowship and prayers throughout our move and living here in Fort Collins. Your love continues to sustain us with God’s love. Mahalo and Aloha.

June Calendar



Check the website:

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

- June 3: Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Baby Blessing
Communion Sunday
First Sunday Giving
Pastor’s Class, 11:15 a.m.
- June 6: Worship Coordinators, 3:30 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- June 10: Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Second-Sunday Offering
Second-Sunday Social, Picnic at the Bettie and Jim Millers.
- June 14: Take-Away Lunch volunteers at
Murphy Center, 10:00–noon
- June 17: Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Communicator items due.
Father’s Day
- June 23: 8:00 a.m., Saturday Morning Homeless
Breakfast (All are welcome to come by and help.)
- June 24: Worship, 10:00 a.m.

Financial Report



March Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$2,459.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	208.00
Total	\$2,667.00

Local

Local Operating	\$3,309.30
Building Fund	690.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	51.59
Family Assistance	75.00
Youth Fund	0.00
Narcotics Anonymous Pledge	105.00
Other	100.00
Total	\$4,330.89

—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	2,667.00	3,309.30	5,976.30
April			-
May			-
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 7,825.99	\$ 8,993.24	\$ 16,819.23
Balance	47%	53%	



June Birthdays

Oceana Alcoser	6/4
Bret Remmenga	6/5
Kate Ytell	6/9
Don Struble	6/9
Gary Jones	6/17
Les Cunningham	6/21
Marc McKenzie	6/26
Max Coopwood	6/29



2018 Graduates!

Zachary Fronapfel graduated cum laude from Colorado Mesa University on May 12 with a BA in Criminal Justice. During his college years he represented the soccer program on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and he was inducted into the Criminal Justice Honors Society. Zachary will be entering law school this fall at the University of Wyoming having earned two scholarships.

Logan Miller graduates from Fort Collins High School Saturday May 26. He played tennis for four years and was JV team captain for two seasons. He ran hurdles in track all four years as well. Logan received the “most improved male track athlete” award for cutting five seconds off his 110 meter hurdles and seventeen seconds off his 300 hurdles in his 4-year track career. Academically, Logan will graduate with honors, was a member of the National Honor Society, and was awarded Senior Honor Athlete for four years of academic success while participating in athletics. During his senior year he was presented with the Academic All State First Team, for his cumulative GPA and sports participation.

This fall Logan is headed to CSU to study mechanical engineering. He will enter with

almost a semester of credit from two years of AP exams. Mom is happy he is staying close and moving forward toward independence. We are both very thankful for the Fort Collins congregation and all the love and support that has enveloped and upheld our family for the past eighteen years.

Hats off to **Madison Clark** who will be walking across the stage during her commencement exercises on Saturday, May 26, 2018, to anxiously receive her graduation diploma from Poudre High School. The event will be at CSU Moby Arena at 1:00 p.m. Congratulations, Madi, and we all wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

New West Fest – August 10-12, 2018

It may seem too early to consider volunteering for New West Fest, but we do need to plan ahead. We will be putting out an electronic signup sheet soon similar to what you have seen posted in the church foyer for previous New West Fest events. So, 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

Have you noticed the church foyer front double glass doors recently? As some of you were aware, the push/pull bars on the south side of the entrance double glass door has had a problem for a while. The bolt that held the bars in place on one end became stripped and bent. Scotch tape was the temporary solution for keeping things in place for awhile. That has all changed now. The next time you see Jon Ytell, say “thank you” to him for a job well done. Jon was able to find some new hardware to correct the problem, and the push/pull bars on the south glass double door are now secure.

Courtyard Building Update:

To add to our Courtyard Building issues, we now have a roof leak over the apartment area. Paul Urioste and Jon Ytell performed some temporary repair work to areas where it appeared that water could be entering the structure. However, that did not completely solve the issue, so we are talking to several roofing contractors in order to get their opinion on where the leak(s) might be and what the cost would be to make the repairs.

Jon Ytell and Bob Fulton also responded recently to an issue with a window in the Real Estate Office area of the building. On a day where it was forecasted that there would be rain in Fort Collins during the evening hours, the top glass section of one of the windows fell out. Jon and Bob were able to get a sheet of wood to put over the window opening in order to keep any rain water out. We give an appreciative “thank you” to all for their help.

Facility Maintenance: The tile floors were recently stripped and waxed and the carpets were cleaned throughout the main church building as well as the Activity Center. Thank you to everyone who rearranged their schedules for access to the building in order to avoid the floor cleaning that was in progress.

Locking Dumpsters: We now have locking dumpsters for our trash and recycling items. It became necessary to go in this direction due to situations that were and are occurring in our neighborhood. If you should ever need to empty the trash or take out recycling items, the key to the dumpsters is attached to a red key tab and is hanging on the side of the cabinet in the kitchen near the refrigerator. When you walk in the kitchen door from the lounge area, just look up and you will see it hanging there. Please remember to return the key to the nail hook when you are done.

Notes from the CFO's Desk

April 2018 Offerings: Information for April 2018 is not available at this time. April 2018 and May 2018 information will be published in the July 2018 *Communicator*.

2018 Disciples' Generous Response Report: It was discussed at the last Leadership Council meeting that maybe there was “information overload” with the column report of income and expenses. So, if there is not a great desire from a majority of the congregation to see this information on a monthly basis, we will just publish an income and expense summary each month and then give a more detailed analysis every three to four months in the *Communicator*. If you ever have a question about the congregation's finances, you can always contact us, Ruth or Gary Chatburn, for assistance.



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 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.

May Second-Sunday Social

June 10 at 5:00 p.m.

Picnic at the Millers!

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



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

Speakers

- ❖ June 3: Baby Blessing and Communion
- ❖ June 10: Shandra Newcom
- ❖ June 17: Rich Kohlman
- ❖ June 24: Kurt Remmenga

Planners

- ❖ June 3: Bob Fulton
- ❖ June 10: Deb Friesz
- ❖ June 17: Tom Beck
- ❖ June 24: Shari Smith

Keyboard

- ❖ June 3: Kay Bunch
- ❖ June 10: Stephanie Gustave
- ❖ June 17: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ June 24: Jean Newman

Greeters

- ❖ June: Ruth and Gary Chatburn

Nursery

- ❖ June 3: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ June 10: Gary Chatburn
- ❖ June 17: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ June 24: Sharon Fulton



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.

Pastor's Class and Forum

The Pastor's Class will have an initial meeting on Sunday, June 3 right after church in the Upper Room. That will be about 11:15 a.m. with the new summer hours. We will plan to meet approximately one hour for this initial session in order to distribute materials and get organized. We can also pursue meeting times. It looks like the materials will cost about \$5.00 per copy. Hopefully, that will not be a problem for anyone.

This class is for everyone to learn what a pastor does and how we can support the pastor role in our congregation.