

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.*



May 2018

Communicator

A monthly newsletter of



Community of Christ

Fort Collins, Colorado

A Welcoming Congregation

For everyone born, a place at the table

"What Do I Love"

by Richard Kohlman

"The love of our heart is the elephant in the stone [yet to be uncovered by the sculptor]. Sadly, we populate our lives with too many things that are 'not elephant.' When we grab things on the run, we may not choose carefully or



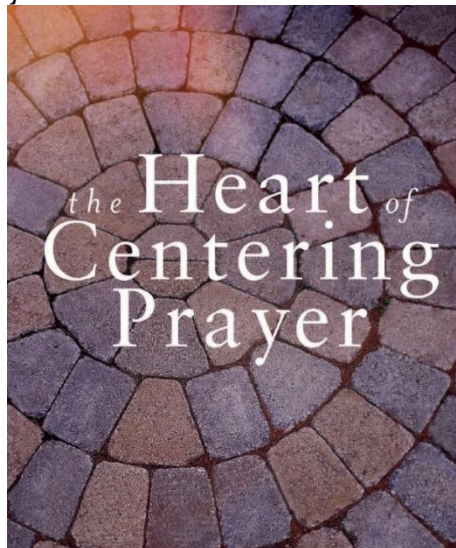
accurately. Then, somehow, we find ourselves suffocated in a whirlwind of things that do not belong in our life. Perhaps we may begin to uncover what we lose by first noticing, and then gently eliminating, those things that do not spring from the center of our heart.

"What we love galvanizes our attention. It frames our life. It forms the soil in which we grow; it is the seed in the ground. We give our heart to what we love." —*How Then Shall We Live*, Wayne Muller, Pg. 101

Do you feel suffocated by too many things in your life? Sabbath time gives us place to notice the Spirit calling forth from our heart the important loves that God has placed there and have been nurtured, sometimes, almost without noticing. Sabbath helps us to identify what things need to be gently and steadily eliminated



until what really matters comes forth to bless all of God's creation. May you be blessed in your meditations and heart-centering prayer so



that God's true love, incarnate in your flesh, may burst forth from the center of your heart. May your life be framed anew.

May Calendar



Check the website:

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

- May 6: Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Communion Sunday
First Sunday Giving
- May 9: Worship Coordinators, 3:30 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- May 10: Take-Away Lunch volunteers at
Murphy Center, 10:00–noon
- May 13: Mother's Day
Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.
No Children and Youth Classes today
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Second-Sunday Offering
- May 17: Book Club, 1:00 p.m.
- May 20: Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Communicator items due.
**Second-Sunday Social, 5:00 p.m. on
the third-Sunday this month. Stone
Soup!**
- May 26: 8:00 a.m., Saturday Morning Homeless
Breakfast (All are welcome to come
by and help.)
- May 27: Adult Class, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
No Children and Youth Classes
- May 28: **Memorial Day**

Financial Report



Marh 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

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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%	



May Birthdays

Porter Garner	5/3
Voni Simons	5/4
Awtumn Alcoser	5/10
Jamie Crawford	5/12
Jim Miller	5/15
Rose Julch	5/15
Lisa Garner	5/25
Toni Martinez	5/25

New West Fest Is Getting Closer

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

From Your Facilities Management Team

Courtyard Building Maintenance:

Maintenance was performed on the Courtyard Building toward the end of April 2018. Repairs had to be made to the apartment toilet, and the garbage disposal and kitchen sink drain were restored to full operational capacity. We are also trying to locate and fix a roof leak.

Courtyard Building Structural Integrity:

As previously stated in the last *Communicator*, the Courtyard Building was inspected at the end of February 2018 by a Structural Engineer in order to determine the structural integrity of the building. We have now received a report with an analysis of the building structure as well as recommendations for possibly correcting the current structural issues. Once the report data has been analyzed, cost estimates for the recommended work will be obtained. After the cost estimates have been obtained and reviewed by the Facilities Management Team and the Rocky Mountain Mission Center Team, information and recommendations will be brought to the congregation for discussion and consideration.

Facility Improvements: When you enter the men's and women's restrooms that are located near the entrance of the Educational Wing of our facilities, you will notice something different. The sink faucets in both restrooms have been totally replaced with new Delta sink hardware. The previous existing faucets were found sometimes to be leaking and hard to turn

off. The sink drains were also replaced with new sink drains since new drains came packaged with the new faucets. New faucet internals were also installed in some of the kitchen sink faucets, but some additional work still remains to be completed.

Supplies Transition: We are in the process of changing suppliers for some of the products that we use. Women will notice that the women's basement restroom has had new paper towel, soap, and toilet paper dispensers installed. New soap dispensers have also been installed in the kitchen, Activity Center kitchenette, and the Activity Center restrooms. The Activity Center kitchenette has had a new paper towel dispenser installed too. More changes will be occurring over the next 1-2 months as our current product inventory is depleted.

Notes from the CFO's Desk

March 2018 Offerings: Our income for March 2018 was \$6,997.89, while our expenses and transfers for the same period were \$5,690.59. Additional financial information is shown below in the Fund Accounts 2018 First Quarter Report and the 2018 Disciples' Generous Response Report.

Fund Accounts

2018 First Quarter Report

FUND ACCOUNTS	2018 Inc. Jan - Mar	Fund Balance
INCOME	\$	\$
Main Bldg Maintenance & Capital Fund	2,770.00	42,980.00
Family Assistance	509.00	2,050.55
2 Cents A Meal / FFH	234.26	974.33
Youth Fund	268.00	1,439.30
N.A. Support Fund	1,330.00	1,430.00

Note: Fund balances may show an increase or decrease over a period of time depending upon when disbursements are made from the fund.

2018 Disciples' Generous Response

WORLD & LOCAL	March 2018	Year to Date
INCOME	\$	\$
World Mission Tithes	2,459.00	7,156.00
Abolish Poverty, End Suffering	208.00	669.99
Local Operating Income	3,309.30	8,993.24
Building Fund	690.00	2,770.00
Family Assistance	75.00	509.00
2-Cents-A-Meal Offerings	51.59	234.26
Youth Fund	0.00	268.00
Narcotics Anonymous Support Fund	105.00	1,330.00
Other Inc./Donations	0.00	8,750.00
Rental Inc./Donations	100.00	255.00
Income Total:	6,997.89	30,935.49
EXPENSES / TRANSFERS		
World Mission Tithes Transfer to World IHQ	2,744.00	10,320.00
Abolish Poverty Funds Transfer to World IHQ	208.00	881.17
Outreach Ministries	225.00	225.00
Worship Ministries	18.50	312.18
Youth Ministries	0.00	0.00
Mission, Vision, Educ. & Training	8.53	36.53
Pastoral Ministries	24.74	24.74
Fellowship Ministries	0.00	0.00
Administration & Communications	324.74	3,597.85
Stewardship	//////////	//////////
- Utilities	1,017.69	2,765.11
- Insurance	362.04	362.04
- Mission Center Support	0.00	1,080.00
- Custodial Services	462.23	1,524.46
- Facilities Supplies	25.12	163.35
- Facilities Maint.	270.00	665.62
- Equipment Maint.	0.00	531.38
- Other	0.00	25.65
Expense/Transfer Total:	5,690.59	22,515.08
Net Income:	1,307.30	8,420.41

ACTIVITY CENTER	March 2018	Year to Date
INCOME	\$	\$
Facility Rental Income	200.00	2,000.00
Income Total:	200.00	2,000.00
EXPENSES		
Operational Expense	0.00	8.54
Promotional Expense	0.00	0.00
Insurance	323.53	323.53
Building Maintenance	0.00	370.06
Equipment Maintenance	0.00	0.00
Custodial Services	189.36	189.36
Expense Total:	512.89	891.49
Net Income:	-312.89	1,108.51

COURTYARD BUILDING	March 2018	Year to Date
INCOME	\$	\$
Facility Rental Income	1,625.00	4,875.00
Income Total:	1,625.00	4,875.00
EXPENSES		
Utilities	72.92	216.24
Insurance	84.73	84.73
Operational Exp - Other	0.00	0.00
Building Maint.	0.00	0.00
Equipment Maint.	290.42	290.42
Expense Total:	448.07	591.39
Net Income:	1,176.93	4,283.61

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



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

May 20 at 5:00 p.m.

Stone Soup!

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

Due to Mother's Day on the second-Sunday the social for May is moving to the third-Sunday, May 20.



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

Speakers

- ❖ May 6: Kurt Remmenga
- ❖ May 13: Deb Friesz
- ❖ May 20: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ May 27: Dave Simons

Planners

- ❖ May 6: Dave Simons
- ❖ May 13: Nancy Miller
- ❖ May 20: Jean Newman
- ❖ May 27: Mary Kohlman

Keyboard

- ❖ May 6: Stephanie Gustave
- ❖ May 13: Tom Beck
- ❖ May 20: Jean Newman
- ❖ May 27: Deb Friesz
- ❖

Greeters

- ❖ May: Voni and Dave Simons

Nursery

- ❖ May 6:
- ❖ May 13:
- ❖ May 20:
- ❖ May 27:

May Book Club



DATE: Thursday, May 17

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Pat Miner's home

BOOK: *Britt-Marie Was Here: A Novel* by Fredrik Backman

REFRESHMENTS: Everyone bring a snack to share.

Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements



Beginning May 5, Fort Collins Utilities will begin construction to replace old and undersized water and sewer infrastructure in the Old Town Library Park neighborhood. Community of Christ is located just to the northwest of the construction area.

Oak Street is projected to be closed from May 15 through June 1, from Whedbee to Matthews. Oak should remain open in front of the church, but you will need to plan a different route to church if you normally come down Oak Street from the east.

Dates are approximate and could change due to weather or construction issues.

For more information, visit fcgov.com/OTLP, or call (970) 416-2558.

Interfaith Coalition Meeting Schedule

5/3/2018	City of Fort Collins building - 215 N. Mason in the Community Room	City of Fort Collins Sustainability Services - Climate Action & Fort Collins	
6/7/2018	Still seeking a Host	Faith & Belief spotlight on Baha'i	
7/12/2018	1st United Methodist	Business Meeting	Team meetings
9/6/2018	Heart of the Rockies	Suicide Prevention and Awareness & SummitStone Health Partners	
10/4/2018	Restorative Justice Location TBA	Restorative Justice	Team Meetings
11/1/2018	Trinity Lutheran Church	Program TBA & Blood Bonds	
12/6/2018	LDS - Institute building (North of CSU campus)	Program TBA	

Closed for Cleaning!



Access to the church building will be very limited all day Friday, May 4, 2018; all day

Saturday, May 5, 2018; all day

Tuesday, May 8, 2018; and all day

Wednesday, May 9, 2018, due to tile-floor stripping/waxing and carpet cleaning. Your cooperation in not entering the building during these times would be greatly appreciated.

Furniture Drive for FFH May 4 in Johnstown

FFH is hosting a furniture drive on Friday, May 4 @ Roosevelt High School athletic parking lot in Johnstown. We will be accepting lightly used couches, twin and full beds/mattresses, kitchen tables with chairs, lamps, linens, dressers, bookshelves, nightstands, coffee tables, and microwaves. Your donation will make a big difference. For any questions, text or email Will Loecke at (970) 388-9950 or William.loecke@weldresj.org