

***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

November 2018

Mission Center Leadership

—Shandra Newcom

Dear Members and Friends of the Rocky Mountain USA Mission Center,

Greetings,

I'm writing to you to share the news that I will be, as of April 13, 2019, stepping down from my position as Mission Center President. I have decided to move full-time into running my business, so I will need to close one chapter to move into the next. I say that, knowing that there is no closing the chapter that is my relationship with you all, with the mission center, and with the church. I remain as dedicated as ever to serving Christ in your midst. It will just look different.

I've worked for the mission center for 12 years and have found deep relationships and joy in the experience. I've worked with your congregations, answered your calls, heard your concerns, felt your hope. I've tried to love and support you as best I could, and it is this regular communication that I will miss the most.

The RMMC Team: Steve Holloway, Travis Savage, and Bob Walker will continue to work and provide support to the mission center. We are working with Ron Harmon to find the best possible option for mission center leadership in the future. At this time, we are having conversations with people who may be a fit. In addition, we will be posting the position the week after MC Conference.

I have no doubt that in this time of transition, our team (which includes Apostle Harmon, Larry McGuire, Bill McFarlin, Rebecca Russell, Phyllis Modica, and Melanie Grimes) will continue to provide helpful and meaningful support. We will do our very best to make sure your needs are taken care of. As I said, I will still be serving in the role of MCP through mid-April, so please continue to count on my support as well.

This has been a difficult decision. I love you and the people of the mission center very much. But I also know that it is time. As I leave this position, I will look forward to our next chapter and the ways I can be in relationship with you. I will continue, for example, to take the lead for Discover and Live Your Future in the RMMC. We will still be in community. That will always be true.

Please let me know what questions you have. This decision has been mine to make, and I appreciate the support I'm receiving from Ron Harmon and the staff as I make these changes. Please know I'm well and happy. This will be a journey for our mission center but, as we all know, the journey is what we are called to.

I invite you to continue to keep mission center leadership in prayer as we discover what is next for us all.

Thank you for your love these past 12 years. It has been my honor to serve Christ through you all.

With deep love, Shandra

12-Cents-a-Meal



To the loving and generous members of our congregation:

The focus of our worship on October 14

was to bring the congregation's attention to an outreach opportunity to help feed orphaned African children. Some years ago Dr. Sheri Kirkpatrick introduced the work of HealthEdConnect, a nonprofit which she and her husband Jac created to address the plight of children in Zambia and Malawi who had been orphaned as a result of both parents having succumbed to HIV. HEC has now built three schools, which daily provide a noon meal to the 1,200 school children at a cost of 12 cents per individual meal.

We are inviting members of our congregation to consider gathering funds to feed the 1,200 children for one week. Our goal is \$720 for those 6,000 meals. To date, we have received funds to provide for 2,200 meals. It would be especially significant if our children here would reach out to those children as a show of love.

A jar is provided in which to put these funds. We will continue this campaign through the Christmas season. Please note this is not in competition with our 2-Cents-a-Meal offerings that stay here locally with Faith Family Hospitality. The 12-Cents-a-Meal offering would be for World Outreach Ministries.

Thanks for your show of interest and concern.
Rick and Kay Bunch

Second-Sunday Social



Holiday Dinner, Sunday, November 11, 4:30 p.m. Marilyn Garner will be contacting you on what to sign up for. Please remember to bring your own table service.

November Calendar



Check the website:

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

- Nov. 4: Adult Class, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Communion Sunday
First-Sunday Giving
- Nov. 7: Worship Coordinators, 3:30 p.m.
Leadership Council, 4:00 p.m.
- Nov. 8: Take-Away Lunch volunteers at
Murphy Center, 10:00–noon
- Nov. 11: Adult Class, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Children's Classes
Second-Sunday Offering
Second-Sunday Social, 4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 15: Book Club, 2:00 p.m., at Shirley
Remmenga's home
- Nov. 18: Adult Class, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Communicator items due
- Nov. 22 THANKSGIVING**
- Nov. 24: Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast
(All are welcome to come by and help.)
- Nov. 25: Adult Class, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Children's Classes

November Birthdays



Makenna Jackson	11/1
Joyce Jordeth	11/2
Sharon Troyer	11/2
Shauna Clark	11/2
Shirley Remmenga	11/4
Jon Ytell	11/7
Emmaline Garner	11/7
David Birks	11/11
Brett Bridwell	11/11
Zachary Fronapfel	11/15
Alec Fronapfel	11/15
Debbie Jones	11/17
Peter Postma	11/19
Dawn Gaffield	11/21
Wendell Wallace	11/28

Financial Report



August Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$2,425.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	165.55
Total	\$2,590.55

Local

Local Operating	\$2,772.00
Building Fund	570.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	107.59
Family Assistance	70.00
Youth Fund	20.00
Narcotics Anonymous Pledge	80.00
Mission Center Related Funds	15.00
Total	\$3,634.59

September Income

Use Where Needed Most	\$2,700.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	256.00
Total:	\$2,956.00

Local

Local Operating	\$2,726.00
Building Fund	1,170.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	107.90
Family Assistance	85.00
Youth Fund	800.00
Narcotics Anonymous Pledge	80.00
Mission Center Related Funds	20.00
Total:	\$4,988.90

—Gary and Ruth Chatburn, CFO

Fort Collins Congregation Operating Offerings 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	3,523.00	2,920.00	6,443.00
July	2,734.00	3,002.11	5,736.11
August	2,590.55	2,772.00	5,362.55
September	2,956.00	2,726.00	5,682.00
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 25,278.28	\$ 27,870.66	\$ 53,148.94
Balance	48%	52%	

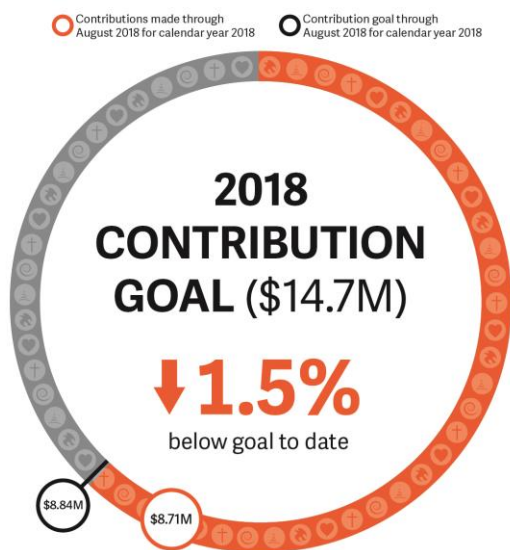
Tithing Update

Contributions to Worldwide Mission Tithes for August were \$840,000. We are only about \$130,000 below this year's annual tithing budget. There is still time to meet or exceed the \$14.7M goal!

Church members and friends are invited to participate in the fun and excitement of Giving Tuesday, 27 November, a global day of giving. Last year's Giving Tuesday total contributions, including matching funds, were almost \$400,000.

This year's Giving Tuesday effort will again have matching funds. Let's exceed last year's total, and help meet our goals. More information will follow in November.

To give online now, visit www.CofChrist.org/give.



From Your Facilities Management Team

City of Fort Collins Seasonal Overflow Shelter:

The City of Fort Collins Seasonal Overflow Shelter for persons without homes will begin operation Thursday, November 1, 2018, and continue operating thru the end of April 2019. This will be the third consecutive year that we have participated with the City of Fort Collins and Catholic Charities to provide winter shelter for those who do not have a home to go to at

night. The shelter will be in operation seven nights a week from 10:00 p.m. in the evenings to 6:00 a.m. the following mornings. Catholic Charities will staff and operate the shelter. Shelter operations will be somewhat different this year in that our facilities will be used exclusively to provide shelter for women only. Men requiring assistance will be sheltered at Catholic Charities' facilities and at the Fort Collins Rescue Mission. Families needing assistance will be taken care of by Catholic Charities at other facilities.

Notes from the CFO's Desk

Contribution Receipts: Contribution receipts for offerings received during the third quarter of this year will be distributed starting Sunday, October 28, 2018. If you have any questions after receiving your receipt, please contact Ruth Chatburn.

2019 Congregational Budget Preparation: Input from the various worship, program, and administrative teams has been received and is being integrated into a proposed 2019 congregational budget. The Leadership Council will have a chance to review and comment on the proposed budget at the next Leadership Council meeting. It is anticipated that a congregation business meeting will be scheduled in December 2018 to review, discuss, and approve/disapprove the proposed 2019 budget. If you have any questions regarding the 2019 budget, please contact Gary Chatburn.

BOOK CLUB For November



DATE: Thursday, November 15
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Shirley Remmenga's home
BOOK: *Stella Bain* by Anita Shreve
BRING: Snacks to share



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

Speakers

- ❖ Nov. 4: Debbie Jones
- ❖ Nov. 11: Dave Simons
- ❖ Nov. 18: Rich Kohlman
- ❖ Nov. 25: Shirley Remmenga

Planners

- ❖ Nov. 4: Donna Clark
- ❖ Nov. 11: Bettie Miller
- ❖ Nov. 18: Danise Remmenga
- ❖ Nov. 25: Debbie Jones

Keyboard

- ❖ Nov. 4: Jean Newman
- ❖ Nov. 11: Kay Bunch
- ❖ Nov. 18: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ Nov. 25: Tom Beck

Greeters

- ❖ November: Kathy Bridwell and Bettie Miller

Nursery

- ❖ Nov. 4: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Nov. 11: Gary Chatburn
- ❖ Nov. 18: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ Nov. 25: Sharon Fulton



October Social Photos!





2019 World Conference Website

The 2019 World Conference will be held 5-13 April at the Community of Christ International Headquarters in Independence, Missouri, USA. You can find information about the conference including an overview of the week, draft schedule, resolutions that will be discussed, and preparation materials online at the World Conference website. As planning and preparation continues, more information will be added. Learn more at www.CofChrist.org/2019-world-conference and make plans to attend this worldwide event!

Download Community of Christ App

Download the Community of Christ app for Android and iOS devices from *Google Play* and the *App Store on iTunes*. With the Community of Christ app, you can read daily spiritual devotions, watch inspiring videos, stay in touch with mission happening around the world, and much more!

New Sacrament Videos Available Online

The simple beauty of Community of Christ's sacraments is featured in a series of videos now available for viewing on www.CofChrist.org.

The series was designed for training priesthood members, but the brief, inspirational videos will appeal to anyone with an interest in the church. We thank all involved in producing these videos. They are available in English, French, and Spanish.

The sacraments portrayed are baptism, confirmation, The Lord's Supper (Communion), marriage, blessing of children, laying on of hands for the sick, and ordination. The sacrament of evangelist blessing has a series of five videos that continue to be available from the Order of Evangelists.

Community of Christ affirms the common elements of creation — reflected in the sacraments — to bless human life and to renew and form the church to seek the peaceful kingdom of God. The videos:

- Baptism
- Confirmation
- The Lord's Supper (Communion)
- Ordination
- Blessing of Children
- Laying on of Hands for the Sick
- Marriage
- Evangelist Blessing video series

Discernment Guide, Videos Free on CofChrist.org

A new resource is available for individuals and communities seeking to engage in discernment, the practice of seeking and following the movement of the Spirit.

Personal and Communal Discernment Guide includes four videos and an accompanying PDF file with tools, practices, and reflections.

This resource is intended for individuals and communities discerning Christ's mission as they ask questions about vocation, identity, leadership, and the future. The guide and videos are available in English.

