

**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

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Fort Collins, Colorado

A Welcoming Congregation

For everyone born, a place at the table

July 2019

Conscious Love

The Heart of the Universe

Richard Rohr

John Welwood (1943–2019) was an American clinical psychologist known for integrating Eastern and Western psychology and spirituality. In his books, Love and Awakening and Journey of the Heart, he wrote about the lifelong challenge and gift of conscious, committed love, drawing insights from Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881–1955):

If the bad news is that we can know another, and be known, only as deeply as we know ourselves—and coming to know ourselves can be a long and arduous journey—the good news is that love helps and inspires us to develop this deeper self-knowledge. . . . For this reason, relationships can help us face and understand ourselves more rapidly and profoundly than any other aspect of worldly life. Seen in this light, love becomes a path of *awakening*—rousing us from the sleep of old, unconscious patterns into the freshness and immediacy of living more fully in the present, in accord with who we really are. *This* is the source of a deeper kind of happiness, which goes far beyond pleasure and comfort, and the only real basis for healthy and satisfying relationships.

In its final outreach, conscious love leads two lovers beyond themselves toward a greater connectedness with the whole of life. Indeed, two people's love will have no room to grow unless it develops this larger focus beyond

themselves. The larger arc of a couple's love reaches out toward a feeling of kinship with all of life, what Teilhard de Chardin calls "a love of the universe." Only in this way can love, as he puts it, "develop in boundless light and power."

So the path of love expands in ever-widening circles. It begins at home—by first finding our seat, making friends with ourselves, and discovering the intrinsic richness of our being, underneath all our ego-centered confusion and delusion. As we come to appreciate this basic wholesomeness within us, we find that we have more to give to an intimate partner.

Further, as a [couple] become[s] devoted to the growth of awareness and spirit in each other, they will naturally want to share their love with others. The new qualities they give birth to—generosity, courage, compassion, wisdom—can extend beyond the circle of their own relationship. These qualities are a couple's "spiritual child"—what their coming together gives to the world. . . .

From there, a couple's love can expand still further, as Teilhard suggests. The more deeply and passionately two people love each other, the more concern they will feel for the state of the world in which they live. They will feel their connection with the earth and a dedication to care for this world. . . . Radiating out to the whole of creation is the farthest reach of love and its fullest expression, which grounds and enriches the life of the couple. This is the great love and the great way, which leads to the heart of the universe.



A Novel Bunch (formerly the Book Club) **No Meetings in June, July, and August**

July Calendar



Check the website:

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

- July 3: Worship Coordinators, 5:30 p.m.
 Leadership Council, 6:00 p.m.
- July 7: Adult Class, 9:30 a.m.
 Worship, 10:30 a.m.
 Communion Sunday
 First-Sunday Giving
- July 11: Take-Away Lunch volunteers at
 Murphy Center, 10:00–noon
- July 14: Adult Class, 9:30 a.m.
 Worship, 10:30 a.m.
 Second-Sunday Offering
- July 21: Adult Class, 9:30 a.m.
 Worship, 10:30 a.m.
 Communicator items due.
 Second-Sunday Social, 5:00 p.m. Picnic
 at City Park. Watch for more
 information in announcements.
- July 27: Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast
 (All are welcome to come by and help.)
- July 28: Adult Class, 9:30 a.m.
 Worship, 10:30 a.m.

From Your Facilities Management Team

Exterior Building Lighting Project:

The lighting foot-candle distribution map has been received and approved. A purchase order will be placed soon for the lighting fixtures.

Foyer Entrance Doors Project:

Final door dimensions have been taken and the door designs confirmed. A purchase order will be placed in the near future for the foyer doors.

Building Air-Conditioning Project:

Balance Point Heating and Air is scheduled to begin installation of the new air-conditioning units the week of July 7, 2019. The exact timing for the project to start will depend on the delivery of the various air-conditioning units to the contractor. Installation of the equipment will require approximately two weeks to complete.

Building Hot Water Tank Project:

A new Navien “on demand” tankless hot water heater will be installed during the week of July 7, 2019. This hot water heater replaces an existing leaky hot heater tank that supplies hot water to the main part of our building.

Notes from the CFO's Desk

2nd-Quarter Contribution Receipts:

Contribution receipts for your 2nd quarter offerings will be distributed around mid-July. If you have not received your receipt by the end of July, or you have any questions about your receipt, please contact Ruth Chatburn, Fort Collins Co-Financial Officer.

6-Month YTD Financial Summary:

A financial summary showing income and expenditures year to date through June 2019 will be made available as an insert into the worship bulletin on Sunday, July 21, 2019 and Sunday, July 28, 2019. If you should have any questions regarding the presented information, please contact Gary Chatburn, Fort Collins Co-Financial Officer.

Financial Report



May Income

World Church

World Mission Tithes	\$2,540.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	300.00
Total:	\$2,840.00

Local

Local Operating	\$3,670.52
Building Fund	900.00
Two Cents a Meal	20.00
Family Assistance	115.00
Youth Fund	0.00
Narcotics Anonymous Pledge	75.00
Total:	\$4,780.52

Summary of Local Expenses

Outreach Ministries	\$21.40
Worship Ministries	0.00
Youth Ministries	0.00
Mission, Vision & Education	47.30
Pastoral Ministries	4.13
Fellowship Ministries	0.00
Administration/Communications	196.85
Stewardship	6,792.20
Total:	\$7,061.88

Activity Center Income

Rentals & Donations	\$300.00
Total:	\$300.00

Activity Center Expenses

Operating & Maintenance	\$1,664.65
Total:	\$1,664.65

—Gary and Ruth Chatburn, CFO

Fort Collins Congregation Operating Offerings 2019 Disciples' Generous Response

Month	Total World Operating	Local Operating	Total Operating Giving
January	2,427.00	2,974.22	5,401.22
February	2,584.00	4,670.00	7,254.00
March	2,982.00	3,562.00	6,544.00
April	1,809.00	3,565.00	5,374.00
May	2,840.00	3,670.52	6,510.52
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 12,642.00	\$ 18,441.74	\$ 31,083.74
Balance	41%	59%	



New Addresses

Welcome Robin Sylvester (From Knoxville, Tennessee.)

1117 North Park Avenue
Johnstown, CO 80534
(970) 832-2171
sylvester.robinl71@gmail.com

Welcome Sydney Dorrance (Just graduated from Graceland!)

407 Flagler Road
Fort Collins, CO 80525
(816) 521-8661
sldorrance@gmail.com

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



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

Speakers

- ❖ July 7: Congregation Activity
- ❖ July 14: Congregation Activity
- ❖ July 21:
- ❖ July 28:

Planners

- ❖ July 7: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ July 14: Kay Bunch
- ❖ July 21: Ruth Chatburn
- ❖ July 28: Donna Clark
- ❖

Keyboard

- ❖ July 7: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ July 14: Kay Bunch
- ❖ July 21: Jean Newman
- ❖ July 28: Tom Beck

Greeters

❖ July: Ken Jones and Kathy Bridwell
Nursery

- ❖ July 7: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ July 14: Gary Chatburn
- ❖ July 21: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ July 28: Sharon Fulton

Picnic in the Park

Sunday, July 21, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
at City Park Shelter #7



Included:

Hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments, chips, drink, table service, and homemade ice cream will be provided.

Please bring a salad or side dish to share.

Entertainment this year will include FUN for one and all! A number of games and activities will be set up outside of the shelter. It is also suspected that a lot of chatting will take place. Feel free to invite your family and friends to join us at this annual congregation event.

The City Park outdoor pool, Sheldon Lake, and the trolley are very close in proximity to the shelter house. Your family might want to include taking advantage of swimming, fishing, or trolley riding during the afternoon before the picnic.

Directions: From the intersection of Mulberry and College Ave., drive west on W. Mulberry St., past Shields, and turn right onto Sheldon Dr. Continue straight as far as the stop sign, and then turn left onto City Park Dr. Find shelter house #7 on the right just past the pool area.

RSVP by Tuesday, July 16, to Sharon Fulton (970) 484-6943 or Donna Clark (970) 484-8009

Don't forget BUG SPRAY and SUNSCREEN.





to the volunteers who served delicious meals to our Faith Family Hospitality guests at the Mennonite Fellowship on Monday, May 27 (Shirley and Paul, Tom and Max, Lillian and Wendell) and on Wednesday, May 29 (Mary and Rich, Gil, Donna, and James and Jennifer Speer).

Communicator Survey

The *Communicator* is a monthly publication by the Fort Collins Community of Christ congregation. It is provided free of charge by email and by print, mailed to those who have not picked up their copy at church. If you would like to change from mail to email, stop receiving your copy, or change from email to mail, please contact Rich Kohlman, rkohlman@comcast.net or (970) 980-4356. If you know of someone who is not receiving the *Communicator* and would like to, please forward that information also. We want to make sure you want to continue to receive the *Communicator* and are not just filling up your email or snail mailbox with information you are no longer interested in. Thanks for your response as appropriate.

- ☐ Yes, please keep mailing me the *Communicator*
- ☐ No, please remove me from the mailing list.

Name: _____

So far only ONE person has responded to the survey.