

***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*

**April 2019**

**For everyone born, a place at the table**

## Flowers and Weeds



*Observe how the lilies of the field grow.*

Matthew 6:28

I received this observation from a friend who has given me permission to share it here.

—Rich Kohlman

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Today I was working on the east side of the house in some very hard ground where a flower garden had been started last year. The weeds won out and the ground was covered with so many dead weeds that it looked like someone had scattered straw all over it. As I removed the dead weeds, flowers were beginning to peep through the hard ground. I realized the weeds that had choked the life out of the flowers before, had become a blanket over the winter to protect the bulbs that my daughter had planted for me last fall. The weeds had protected the flowers from the cold and from the shingles that were thrown off the roof when we redid it, and from the caulking and wood that was falling all over the place when we installed a

new window. I realized that while I thought the weeds had destroyed my lovingly tended garden, the weeds had in the end protected my flowers, which were now beginning their spring resurrection.

I realize that God tends to us ever more. God also sees the weeds among the flowers. Despite the fact that weeds keep coming up in my garden, I will keep tending them because I love them. So God keeps tending me. The flowers did not know that the weeds that had tried so desperately to kill them last year ended up protecting them from many things. I am assured that while forces are working to destroy us, God can find a way to use what appears to be failure to work for our good. As my tears at times watered the flowers, so I know that heaven's tears water the earth daily. My tears held love and pain and watered the flowers. God's tears water all the earth, and I know they too are filled with love and pain.

*I'm afraid that too often we leave the deeps of life untouched not because we remember they are sacred but because we forget they are there.*

—Percy Ainsworth



## A Novel Bunch

(formerly the Book Club)

### April Meeting



**Date:** Thursday, April 18  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Stephanie Gustave's Home  
**Book:** "Bettyville" by George Hodgman  
**Bring:** A snack to share

## April Calendar



Check the website:  
<http://cofchrstrm.org/FortCollins/>

- Apr. 3: Worship Coordinators, 5:30 p.m.  
Leadership Council, 6:00 p.m.
- Apr. 7: Worship, 10:30 a.m.  
Communion Sunday  
First-Sunday Giving
- Apr. 11: Take-Away Lunch volunteers at  
Murphy Center, 10:00–noon
- Apr. 14: Worship, 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Classes  
Second-Sunday Offering  
Second-Sunday Social, 1:00 p.m.
- Apr. 18: Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Apr. 21: Worship, 10:30 a.m.  
Communicator items due
- Apr. 27: Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast  
(All are welcome to come by and help.)
- Apr. 28: Worship, 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Classes  
Worship, 11:00 a.m.

## Youth News!

Alec Fronapfel has received both academic and soccer scholarships to Mesa State University in Grand Junction for the coming fall. He signed a national letter of intent on February 6.

## Notes from the CFO's Desk

**2019 First Quarter Contribution Receipts:**  
 Receipts for your 2019 first quarter contributions are scheduled to be distributed around the middle of April 2019. Once you have received your receipt, please review. If you have questions, please contact Ruth Chatburn, Co-Congregational Financial Officer.

## Financial Report



### February Income

#### World Church

Use where needed most	\$1,975.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	269.00
World Conference Offering	340.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,584.00</b>

#### Local

Local Operating	\$4,670.00
Building Fund	1,425.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	77.35
Family Assistance	30.00
Youth Fund	75.00
Herald Fund	70.67
Narcotics Anonymous Pledge	1,100.00
Other	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,448.02</b>

#### Activity Center Income

Rentals & Donations	\$1,730.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,730.00</b>

#### Activity Center Expenses

Operating & Maintenance	\$1,521.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,521.00</b>

—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			-
April			-
May			-
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 5,011.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,644.22</b>	<b>\$ 12,655.22</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>60%</b>	

### *From Your Facilities Management Team*

#### **HVAC Air Duct Cleaning:**

Just to give everyone a “heads up,” Doc’s Super Vac will be cleaning the HVAC air ducts in our facility May 20-24, 2019. This is the first step in trying to improve airflow throughout our building and to reduce odors that exist.

#### **Basement Floor Maintenance:**

A.R.C. Incorporated, our cleaning service company, will be cleaning, recoating, and buffing the basement vinyl tile floors on Monday, April 8, 2019. The basement area will be “closed” when this work is being done.

#### **Exterior Building Lighting:**

Fixture selection is almost complete. Electrical tie-in points for existing and new fixture locations are being evaluated.

#### **Interior Building Hallway Lighting:**

A fixture design has been determined, but the manufacturer remains to be selected.

#### **Building Air-Conditioning Replacement/Additions:**

Two vendor proposals are being evaluated. Since the proposals are somewhat different in nature, questions are being asked of each vendor in order to get the proposals to be as near equal as possible in content. Once a vendor has been selected, this project will need to be presented to the Mission Center and the World Church for approval to proceed.

#### **Sanctuary Lighting:**

Although this project has not yet been submitted to the Mission Center and World Church for approval, we have been evaluating various lighting fixtures to see how they might enhance the sanctuary. In order to minimize construction costs, the current thought is to look at installing “flat panel” LED fixtures with the same approximate footprint as the existing fluorescent lighting fixtures. It is said that this will give a “skylight effect” to our sanctuary.

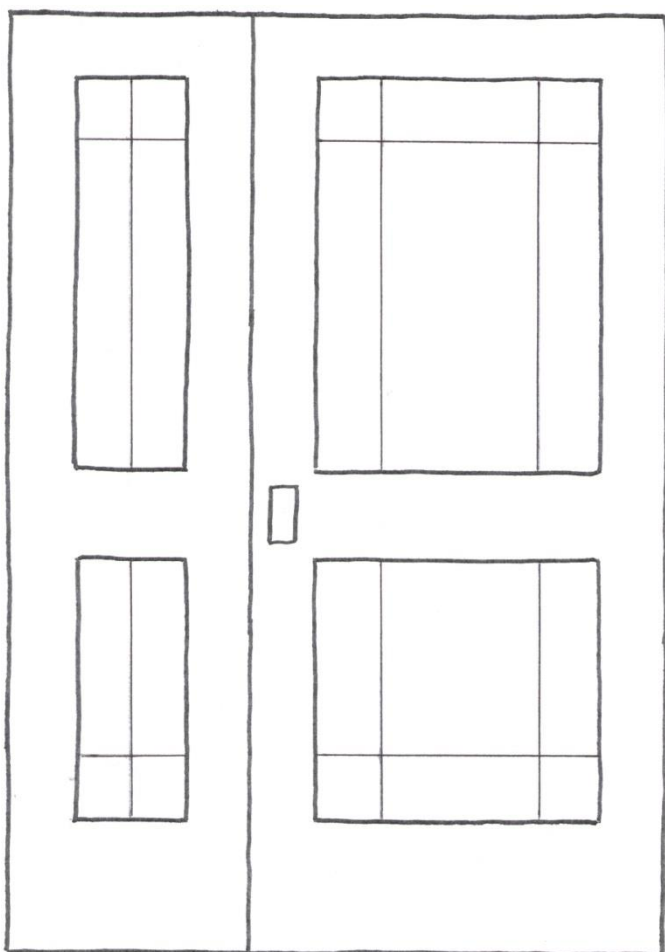
#### **Foyer Entrance Doors:**

The basic framework for the foyer entrance doors has been completed with input from the door vendor and the Facilities Management Team. Two glass window designs have been selected for consideration. Please submit your preference (Grid “A” Design or Grid “B” Design) with the reason for your selection to Gary Chatburn at [gary.chatburn@comcast.net](mailto:gary.chatburn@comcast.net) no later than May 1, 2019. You may also contact Gary if you have any questions about the doors and design during your evaluation process.

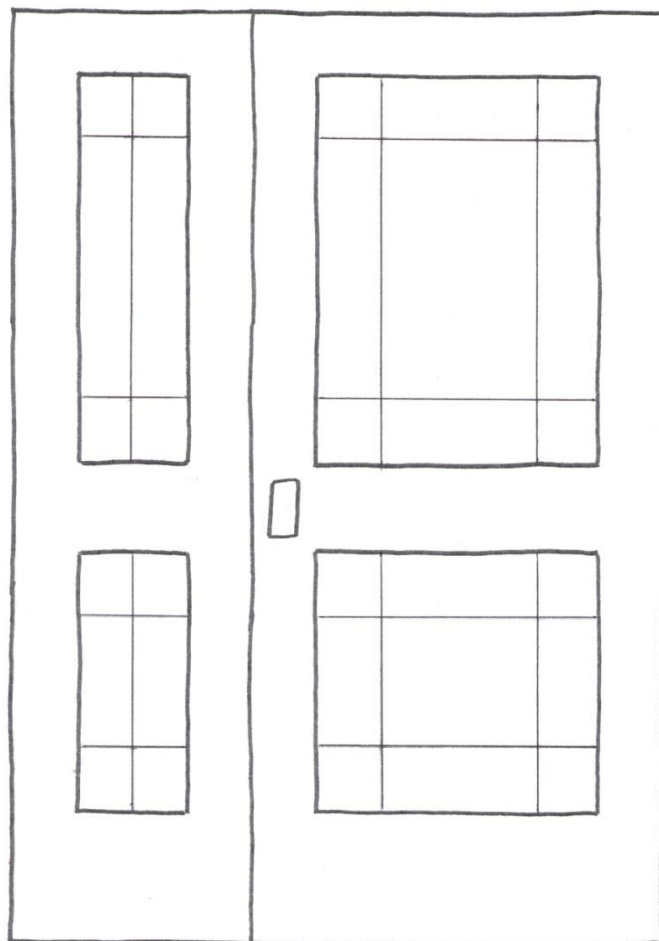
The two sketches shown are for the west foyer entrance. The larger door (right side) is a swing outward door and is the main door for entering and exiting the building. The smaller “door panel” is a swing out style door, but it will generally be locked in place and used only as needed.

The east foyer door will be a single-entry door like it is now with the framework looking like the large door in the sketches shown here.

### West Door – Glass Window Grid “A” Design



### West Door – Glass Window Grid “B” Design



When you are thinking about which door-glass design you would prefer, also think about the sanctuary windows. There is a project planned for the future to replace the windows in the sanctuary. It is anticipated that the replacement sanctuary windows will most likely be the same, or similar in design, as the foyer entrance-doors, glass windows.

Once a door window-glass design has been decided upon, a contract purchase order for the doors can then be issued. It will take approximately eight to ten weeks for the doors to be delivered after the vendor receives the purchase order. After the doors have been received, installation of the east and west entrance doors will take approximately two to three days.

## April Birthdays



Tonia Watts	04/01
Ryder Jackson	04/06
Dave Simons	04/19
Cinnamon Garner	04/23
Kay Bunch	04/25
Avery Dicke	04/25
Bettie Miller	04/30



## Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

### Speakers

- ❖ Apr. 7: Nancy Miller
- ❖ Apr. 14: Kurt Remmenga
- ❖ Apr. 21: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ Apr. 28: Dave Simons

### Planners

- ❖ Apr. 7: Nancy Miller
- ❖ Apr. 14: Jean Newman
- ❖ Apr. 21: Worship Team
- ❖ Apr. 28: Dave Simons

### Keyboard

- ❖ Apr. 7: Kay Bunch
- ❖ Apr. 14: Deb Friesz
- ❖ Apr. 21: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ Apr. 28: Sharon Troyer

### Greeters

- ❖ April: Marta Remmenga and Jon Ytell

### Nursery

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



## Second-Sunday Social

Instead of our Second-Sunday Social this month, we will socialize together at our traditional Easter morning activities, Sunday, April 21,

starting at 9:00 a.m. with the Easter devotional, 9:30 a.m. Potluck Breakfast, and 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt.

## January Contribution Update

3/14/2019

Estimated contributions to Worldwide Mission Tithes in January were \$875,000, approximately \$155,000 behind projections.

The Worldwide Mission Tithes goal for 2019 is \$14.7 million. May we each continue to explore our true capacity to support mission and sustain the church into the future.

Bad weather? Vacation? Illness? eTithing allows you to give to support mission even when you can't be there in person. Sign up today!

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