

*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

August 2019

For everyone born, a place at the table

"Pastoral Reflection"

—Nancy Miller

August in our house is a reminder summer is winding down, the garden is producing, school is just around the corner, and the Broncos are back. My sister, Deena, and I share excitement around the football season. In Sunday school, Deena compared being a pastor with being a sports official. Explaining that she makes a lot of decisions that are questioned, challenged, applauded, and criticized.

It's easy to put pressure on the head coach and quarterback, but it takes an entire team, both on and off the field, to successfully function. The running back crossing a ten-yard line for a first down is visible and celebrated. The field crew that marked the lines will not hear cheers for their work.

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As our congregation welcomes fall, we are all being recruited. It takes an entire team working together in mission. Some roles like pastor, Sunday school teacher, organist, and administrative assistant are visibly apparent and their contributions, gifts, and talents have a strong positive impact within the congregation.

Some roles like interfaith council representatives, Murphy center sack lunch volunteers, and faith family hospitality meal providers share mission initiatives beyond our walls into our community. Some roles like financial officers and facility coordinators work behind the scenes providing vital services to keep bills paid so our doors remain open and perform maintenance, repairs, and open the building to dozens of community partners. All contributing to countless hours without recognition.

Some may not feel called to specific positions, but everyone has a role to fulfill: providing a ride, a phone call, a prayer; taking interest in the events of our children's lives or another's hobby; sitting by someone new in the pew, expressing gratitude and encouragement; letting someone know you are thinking about and supporting them when challenges arise; sharing coffee and conversation; capitalizing on opportunities to build relationships and strengthen our congregation.

It will take working together, supporting and upholding each other, everyone fulfilling their role, to move our congregation forward. Deeply consider your interests, talents, and intention in supporting the mission of our Fort Collins congregation.





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

August Calendar



Check the website:

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

- Aug. 4: Adult Class, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Communion Sunday
First-Sunday Giving
- Aug. 7: Worship Coordinators, 5:30 p.m.
Leadership Council, 6:00 p.m.
- Aug. 8: Take-Away Lunch volunteers at
Murphy Center, 10:00–noon
- Aug. 11: Adult Class, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Second-Sunday Offering
- Aug. 18: **Second-Sunday Social, Breakfast
Potluck, 9:00 a.m.**
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Communicator items due.
- Aug. 24: Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast
(All are welcome to come by and help.)
- Aug. 25: Adult Class, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

From Your Facilities Management Team

Status Report on Projects:

All projects are moving forward, albeit slowly. The **exterior building lighting project** is delayed due to the contractor waiting on final pricing information from the lighting manufacturer. The **foyer entrance doors project** documents have been finalized. However, a couple of decisions on door hardware requirements still need to be decided. The **building air-conditioning project** has been delayed until August 12, 2019. Equipment

deliveries and the availability of skilled personnel have contributed to this delay. The **building hot water tank project** work will be done at the same time as the air-conditioning project work.

Building Fire Extinguishers:

Our building fire extinguishers were inspected and serviced during the month of July. This is a requirement that we have to meet each year.

Building Backflow Preventers:

The City of Fort Collins requires our facility to have its backflow preventers inspected and tested yearly. We have two backflow preventers in our building. One unit serves the irrigation sprinkler system, and the second unit serves the main building water supply. The required inspections and tests were completed on Tuesday, July 9, 2019. Both units met the City of Fort Collins requirements and passed their respective tests.

Notes from the CFO's Desk

2nd Quarter Contribution Receipts:

Contribution receipts for your 2nd quarter have been distributed. If you did not receive your receipt, or you have 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 thru June 2019 was made available as an insert in the worship bulletin on Sunday, July 28, 2019. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Gary Chatburn, Fort Collins Co-Financial Officer.

Financial Report



June Income

World Church

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| World Mission Tithes | \$2,595.00 |
| Abolish Poverty/End Suffering | 227.50 |
| Total: | \$2,822.50 |

Local

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|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Local Operating | \$3,274.25 |
| Building Fund | 1,160.00 |
| Two Cents a Meal | 113.42 |
| Family Assistance | 65.00 |
| Youth Fund | 15.00 |
| Narcotics Anonymous Pledge | 95.00 |
| Total: | \$4,722.67 |

Summary of Local Expenses

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Outreach Ministries | \$0.00 |
| Worship Ministries | 0.00 |
| Youth Ministries | 0.00 |
| Mission, Vision, & Education | 0.00 |
| Pastoral Ministries | 222.21 |
| Fellowship Ministries | 0.00 |
| Administration/Communications | 1,004.40 |
| Stewardship | 2,126.97 |
| Total: | \$3,353.58 |

Activity Center Income

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Rentals & Donations | \$3,407.79 |
| Total: | \$3,407.79 |

Activity Center Expenses

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Operating & Maintenance | \$546.33 |
| Total: | \$546.33 |

—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 | 2,822.50 | 3,274.25 | 6,096.75 |
| July | | | - |
| August | | | - |
| September | | | - |
| October | | | - |
| November | | | - |
| December | | | - |
| TOTALS | \$ 15,464.50 | \$ 21,715.99 | \$ 37,180.49 |
| Balance | 42% | 58% | |

New West Fest is coming soon— August 9–11.

Our congregation opens our gymnasium to the public during this event as a service and welcoming hospitality outreach to our community. We provide restrooms, baby-changing stations, cold water, a cool building, activities and treats for children, and chairs for resting. We need many volunteers to welcome guests on Saturday the 10th and Sunday the 11th. Please keep these dates in mind and get ready to sign up as a friendly, welcoming volunteer. Sign-up opportunities will be available soon. Contact Kay Bunch.



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

Speakers

- ❖ Aug. 4: Kurt Remmenga
- ❖ Aug. 11: New West Fest. No Church
- ❖ Aug. 18: Deb Friesz
- ❖ Aug. 25: Shari Smith

Planners

- ❖ Aug. 4: Bob Fulton
- ❖ Aug. 11: New West Fest. No Church
- ❖ Aug. 18: Stephanie Gustave
- ❖ Aug. 25: Shari Smith
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Keyboard

- ❖ Aug. 4: Stephanie Gustave
- ❖ Aug. 11: New West Fest. No Church
- ❖ Aug. 18: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ Aug. 25: Sharon Troyer

Greeters

- ❖ August: Gil and Merly Pagat

Nursery

- ❖ Aug. 4: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Aug. 11: New West Fest. No Church
- ❖ Aug. 18: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ Aug. 25: Sharon Fulton

August Birthdays



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| Madie Birks | 08/15 |
| Kurt Remmenga | 08/16 |
| Keenan Fronapfel | 08/19 |
| John Garner | 08/20 |
| Sierra Bridwell-Deshner | 08/26 |
| Ken Jones | 08/26 |
| Allister Garner | 08/26 |

Church Picnic



Welcome Robin Sylvester
(from Knoxville, Tennessee).
1117 North Park Avenue
Johnstown, CO 80534
(970) 832-2171
sylvester.robintl71@gmail.com

Second-Sunday Social for August

Our Second-Sunday Social for August will be held on the third Sunday, August 18. It will be a breakfast potluck at 9:00 a.m. Come and eat, socialize, tell-stories, and bond together.

Hoss Davis

Hoss is the 10-year-old grandson of Kathy Bridwell and was featured in the July 1 publication of the *North Forty News*, a community newspaper for northern Colorado. He is the son of Marcia Bridwell Davis and is a professional miniature bull rider. He has won many buckles and prize money in competitions all over the United States. In 2018 Hoss was the



only Colorado kid who qualified to go to world finals in Las Vegas where he placed eighth. This

summer he qualified to ride at Cheyenne Frontier Days, and Grandma Kathy watched him compete last Saturday, July 20. Hoss is looking forward to another local competition when he rides steers at the Larimer County Fair starting with the parade Saturday, July 27. He is the 4th generation in his family to live in the area north of Wellington. His grandmother, Kathy Holtzinger Bridwell, grew up on a ranch near Wellington where her family raised cattle. She attended the Buckeye school and was part of the first class at Poudre High School. Hoss's parents, Marcia and Mick Davis, moved to the ranch in 2007.

The full article with a great picture is placed on the bulletin board in the church foyer.



You are invited to join the community collaborative for the Murphy Center.

Go to the Murphy Center website www.MurphyCenterForHope and along the left side you will see four buttons:

1. **Get Help**—give this information to anyone that you know that is homeless or near homeless, and it will help them to understand all the services that are available at the MC as well as other important information about accessing those services.
2. **Give Now**—there are many ways you can support the Murphy Center mission (financially, volunteering, product donations, and more). For every \$10 donation received, the Murphy Center is able to provide one guest a day's access to a wide array of integrated services and programs, which on any given visit could be the breakthrough moment for securing employment, housing or assistance with any of the other obstacles blocking their path back to self-sufficiency.
3. **Follow Us On Facebook**—Click on this button and it will take you to the MC Facebook page where you can “like” the MC and keep up with what’s happening at the center!
4. **Newsletter Sign Up**—Enter your email address, first name and last name and you will receive no more than one e-newsletter a month with MC news, guest stories, updates on new services, and more.

While on the website you can also learn more about our new food pantry, see a list of volunteer opportunities, check out our “wish list,” see a list of all our programs, services, collaborative partners, and much more!