

***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.*



January 2019

Communicator

A monthly newsletter of



Community of Christ

Fort Collins, Colorado

A Welcoming Congregation

For everyone born, a place at the table

The Mood of Christmas

by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

Second-Sunday Social



The social for January will be an old-fashioned campfire with skits and songs. We will provide hot dogs and buns. Please bring a side dish, vegetables, or dessert. Please come at 4:30 p.m., and we will plan to start eating at 5:00 p.m. followed by the campfire.

January Calendar



Check the website:

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

- Jan. 1: **NEW YEARS DAY**
 Jan. 6: Worship, 10:30 a.m.
 Communion Sunday
 First-Sunday Giving
 Jan 9: Worship Coordinators, 5:30 p.m.
 Leadership Council, 6:00 p.m.
 Jan. 10: Take-Away Lunch volunteers at
 Murphy Center, 10:00-noon
 Jan. 13: Worship, 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Classes
 Second-Sunday Offering
Second-Sunday Social, 4:30 p.m.
 Jan. 17: Book Club,
 Jan. 20: Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Communicator items due
 Jan. 26: Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast
 (All are welcome to come by and help.)
 Jan. 27: Worship, 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Classes

*The path will not always be easy,
 the choices will not always be
 clear, but the cause is sure and the
 Spirit will bear witness to the
 truth, and those who live the truth
 will know the hope and the joy of
 discipleship in the community of
 Christ. Amen.*

—Doctrine and Covenants 161:7

January Birthdays



Allan Anderson	1/1
Glenn Smith	1/4
Lillian Wallace	1/8
Greyson Garner	1/11
Stephanie Gustave	1/15
David Garner	1/18
Sharon Fulton	1/19
Nancy Mendenhall	1/19
Nanga Chungag	1/20
Paul Urioste	1/25
Jessica Julch	1/29
Bob Fulton	1/29

Financial Report



November Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$2,050.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	227.00
Total	\$2,277.00

Local

Local Operating	\$2,994.00
Building Fund	830.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	56.95
Family Assistance	50.00
Youth Fund	192.65
Narcotics Anonymous Pledge	40.00
Total	\$4,163.60

Summary of Local Expenses

Outreach Ministries	\$792.68
Worship Ministries	17.99
Youth Ministries	0.00
Mission, Vision and Education	0.00
Pastoral Ministries	12.26
Administration/Communications	376.59
Stewardship (Operational)	2,432.48
Total:	\$3,632.00

—Gary and Ruth Chatburn, CFO

From Your Facilities Management Team

Change in Operating Hours for the City of Fort Collins Seasonal Overflow Shelter: In case you are not aware, the City of Fort Collins Seasonal Overflow Shelter for persons without homes operates seven nights a week now at our facility. The hours of operation have been expanded by an hour in the evenings (starting at 9:00 p.m., 9:30 p.m. on Monday nights) in order to improve transportation logistics for handicapped women using the shelter as well as to better match up with the evening hours that warming shelters and other facilities in other parts of the city are in operation. The overnight shelter is still housing 18–22 women each night.

Projects for Your Consideration: The Facilities Management Team has selected six facilities projects that they are recommending for implementation the first part of 2019. The selected projects will be presented to the congregation for consideration at the January 2019 business meeting. The projects selected for your consideration are: (1) Exterior Building LED Lighting, (2) Interior Building Exit Signs with Emergency Lighting, (3) Sanctuary LED Lighting, (4) Replacement of Two Existing Air Conditioners, (5) Addition of a Heat Pump Unit (for heating and cooling of the foyer), and (6) Replacement of Exterior Foyer Building Doors. These first six projects were selected to address building safety and security, sanctuary lighting issues, and environmental comfort. As projects are completed, additional projects will be reviewed and presented to the congregation based on need and available funding for the projects.

Organizations that Use Our Facilities: Do you know what organizations use our facilities? It has been brought to our attention that many do not know. So, in an effort to keep the congregation better informed on this matter, we will try to give you an update on what organizations are using our facilities from time to time.

This month, we will focus on The Blend Chorus of Sweet Adelines International. This musical group meets in the Community of Christ Activity Center on Monday evenings to rehearse and practice. The Blend Chorus is a membership organization that has been a part of the Northern Colorado region for over 35 years. They are a group of female singers who gather together in celebration of the art form known as barbershop music. A small but growing chorus, they have singers of all ages that come from all walks of life, from various parts of Northern Colorado and Southern Wyoming. One of the primary goals of the chorus is to share their music with the community. They also have a great passion for learning more about the art of *a cappella* singing. Personal vocal instruction is provided to each member throughout the year, and vocal improvement techniques are a regular part of chorus rehearsals.

So, now you know more about one of the organizations that uses our facilities.

Notes from the CFO's Desk

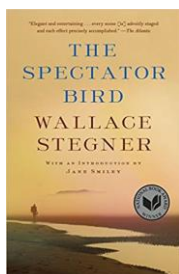
2019 Congregational Budget: The Leadership Council has met and made its second review of the 2019 proposed budget. There were no additional budget reductions submitted at this meeting. Therefore, the 2019 budget will have to be balanced by the withdrawing of funds from the congregation's reserve accounts. This is not a pattern that we want to continue in the future. Throughout the year, we will continue to try to find ways that we can be more efficient in the operating expenses of our congregation as well as looking for ways to reduce those expenses.

2019 Narcotics Anonymous Pledge Support Fund: We will once again need to receive pledge funding in support of Narcotics Anonymous meeting in our facility. The pledge support for 2019 will be the same as 2018, \$1,800.00. Your generosity during 2018 in support of Narcotics Anonymous' mission has been, and continues to be, greatly appreciated.

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	2,261.00	3,204.97	5,465.97
November	2,277.00	2,994.00	5,271.00
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 29,816.28	\$ 34,069.63	\$ 63,885.91
Balance	47%	53%	

BOOK CLUB For January



DATE: Thursday, January 17
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Lillian Wallace's home
BOOK: *The Spectator Bird*
 by Wallace Stegner
BRING: A snack to share



Fronapfel's Complete Another Soccer Season

Alec (varsity) and Keenan (jr. varsity) Fronapfel finished their

2018 soccer season for Fort Collins High School on November 3. Alec, a graduating senior, received several awards for his play and leadership throughout the year including First Team All-State (second year), First Team Academic All-State, First Team All-Conference, Captain, and 4-year letter winner.



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

Speakers

- ❖ Jan. 6: Kurt Remmenga
- ❖ Jan. 13: Rick Bunch and Youth
- ❖ Jan. 20: Gil Carbajal
- ❖ Jan. 27: Stephanie Gustave and Kurt Remmenga

Planners

- ❖ Jan. 6: Tom Beck
- ❖ Jan. 13: Shari Smith
- ❖ Jan. 20: Bob Fulton
- ❖ Jan. 27: Stephanie Gustave

Keyboard

- ❖ Jan. 6: Deb Friesz
- ❖ Jan. 13: Jan Newman
- ❖ Jan. 20: Tom Beck
- ❖ Jan. 27: Sharon Fulton

Greeters

- ❖ January: Nancy and Logan Miller

Nursery

- ❖ Jan. 6: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Jan. 13: Gary Chatburn
- ❖ Jan. 20: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ Jan. 27: Sharon Fulton

Community of Christ, a divine vision is set before you. Presented over the years through various inspired phrases and symbols, it is expressed now through initiatives in harmony with Jesus Christ's mission.

As a spiritual venture, boldly follow the initiatives into the heart of God's vision for the church and creation. Then, in response to growing insight about God's nature and will, continue to shape communities that live Christ's love and mission.

Lovingly invite others to experience the good news of new life in community with Christ. Opportunities abound in your daily lives if you choose to see them.

—Doctrine and Covenants 165:1a-c

Quick Pics from the Christmas Party!



Angels from the realms of glory!



We licked the platters almost clean!



Hearty carolers!



Good conversation with good friends!