

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



May 2019

For everyone born, a place at the table

FERTILE, HEALING STILLNESS

“Sabbath implies a willingness to be surprised by unexpected grace, to partake of those potent moments when creation renews itself, when what is finished inevitably recedes, and the sacred forces of healing astonish us with the unending promise of love and life.”

SABBATH: Restoring the Sacred Rhythm of Rest. Wayne Muller, Pg. 37.

I was meditating in the Temple Chapel a few years ago, cogitating at times and just sitting in stillness at times, wondering about how we western-minded people can get hold of the power of healing stillness. Why do we (I) often feel that we must be doing something for healing to occur rather than just sitting still in God's presence. Don't we have **to do** something for our spirits to be transformed, to be healed?

It was then that grace surprised me and I saw what was always there. If I cut my finger, I clean it, put some antiseptic cream on it, cover it with a bandage, and do nothing else. If I break a bone, I get it set, if needed, and a cast is installed to hold the break still. And in this stillness the healing occurs **without me doing**

anything else. As it is with the body, so it is with our spirits that are often broken, bruised, cut, or damaged. If we respect the fertile healing stillness of Sabbath, we find ourselves being healed by the mystery of God's divine activity, which we are unaware of most of the time. Here in stillness sacred forces are released that astonish us over and over again. The body and the spirit need similar things. Nourishment, exercise, and rest. And it is the healing stillness of rest that we too often deny both the body and the spirit, but especially the spirit!

But still I exclaim in my humanity, “Isn't there something for me to do?” Yes, there is. In the words of Ruth Haley Barton, I can **“create the conditions in which spiritual transformation can take place, by developing and maintaining a rhythm of spiritual practices that keep me open and available to God.”** That happens most often when I am silent, present, and aware of God's counsel to **Be Still!**

Peace and Wholeness,

Rich Kohlman

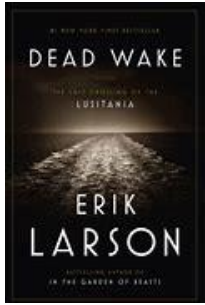
One of the major things God is up to is to lovingly help us see ourselves more clearly.

—Ruth Haley Barton





A Novel Bunch (formerly the Book Club) May Meeting



Date: Thursday, May 23
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Pat Miner's Home
Book: "Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania" by Erik Larson
Bring: A snack to share

May Calendar



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

- May 1: Worship Coordinators, 5:30 p.m.
Leadership Council, 6:00 p.m.
- May 5: Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Communion Sunday
First-Sunday Giving
- May 9: Take-Away Lunch volunteers at
Murphy Center, 10:00–noon
- May 12: Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Children's Classes
Second-Sunday Offering
MOTHER'S DAY
No Second-Sunday Social
- May 19: Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Communicator items due
- May 23: Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- May 25: Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast
(All are welcome to come by and help.)
- May 26: 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.

Financial Report



March Income

World Church

Use where needed most	\$2,780.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	202.00
Total	\$2,982.00

Local

Local Operating	\$3,562.00
Building Fund	1,100.00
Two-Cents-a-Meal	62.01
Family Assistance	115.00
Youth Fund	42.84
Herald Fund	0.00
Narcotics Anonymous Pledge	155.00
Other	0.00
Total	\$5,036.85

Summary of Local Expenses

Outreach Ministries	\$23.37
Worship Ministries	0.00
Youth Ministries	0.00
Mission, Vision, & Education	118.28
Pastoral Ministries	0.00
Fellowship Ministries	106.33
Administration/Communications	313.03
Stewardship	2,426.77
Total:	\$2,987.78

Activity Center Income

Rentals & Donations	\$395.00
Total:	\$395.00

Activity Center Expenses

Operating & Maintenance	\$1,233.12
Total:	\$1,233.12

—Gary and Ruth Chatburn, CFO

Notes from the CFO's Desk

2019 Narcotics Anonymous Pledge Support Fund: We are well on our way to meeting our pledge support goal of \$1,800.00 for 2019. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Narcotics Anonymous' mission in helping addicts to recover.

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			-
May			-
June			-
July			-
August			-
September			-
October			-
November			-
December			-
TOTALS	\$ 7,993.00	\$ 11,206.22	\$ 19,199.22
Balance	42%	58%	



New Addresses

Don and Joyce Worthington have moved to Rigden Farm. Their new address is:

2350 Limon Drive #219
Fort Collins, CO 80525

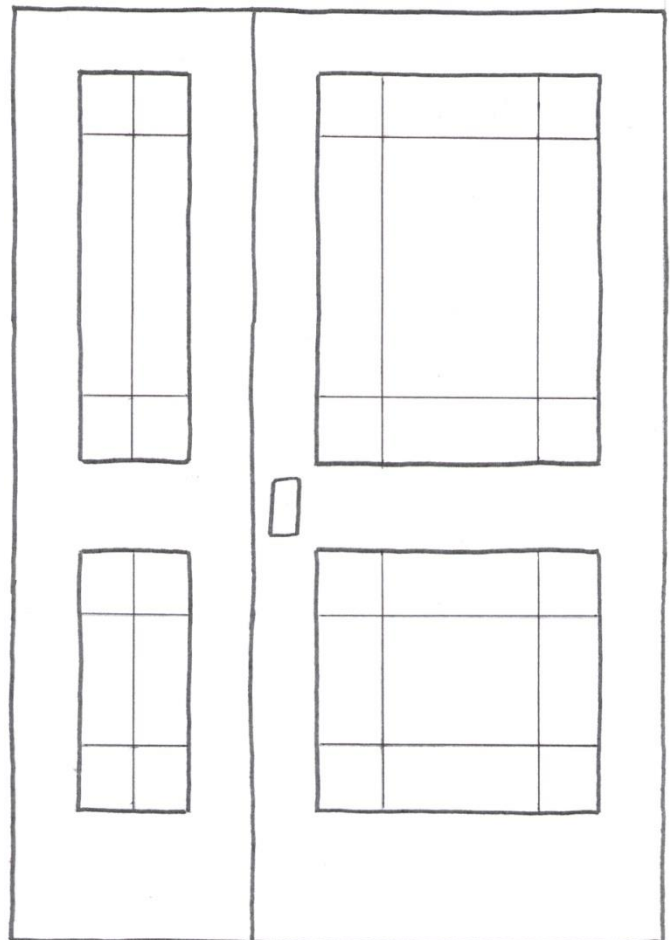
Phone remains the same: (970) 229-9565
Email remains the same:
worthington2@yahoo.com

Rich and Mary Kohlman
5457 Hallowell Park Drive
Timnath, Colorado 80547
Phones and emails are unchanged.

From Your Facilities Management Team

Foyer Entrance Doors:

The framework and glass design for the foyer entrance doors have been completed. Five people responded to the request for input on the glass and grid design for the door. The design selected, Glass Window Grid "B" Design, is shown below. We hope you like what the majority of respondents selected.



Basement Floor Maintenance:

A.R.C. Incorporated completed the cleaning, and recoating of the basement vinyl tile floors on Monday, April 8, 2019.

Exterior Building Lighting:

Fixture selection is complete. Electrical tie-in points for existing and new fixture locations have been evaluated and are being finalized with the electrical contractor.

Building Air-Conditioning:

A final list of questions has been sent to the two contractors that are finalists for this project. It is anticipated that a contractor will be selected in May to begin scheduling this work.

Organizations that Use Our Facilities: Do you know what organizations use our facilities? This is the second in a series of articles about organizations that use our facilities. This month, we will take a look at Narcotics Anonymous.

Narcotics Anonymous is one of the world's oldest and largest associations of recovering drug addicts. It is an international, community-based association of recovering drug addicts, providing peer support to other addicts who desire a drug-free outcome. Their mission as an organization is to communicate to addicts in the community that they may be able to help them learn to live drug-free, recover from the effects of drug addiction, and establish stable, productive lifestyles.

Approximately eight years ago, our facility became home to one of the local Narcotics Anonymous groups. That one group has now grown to five groups now meeting at our location. Each group has a group name. The group names are: Fun Addicts (meets Sunday and Wednesday evenings), Recovery Swag'd Out (meets Tuesday evenings), Miracle on Oak Street (meets Thursday evenings), and Addicts Book Club (meets Friday evenings). The combined weekly average attendance for these group meetings is 150 people.

Narcotics Anonymous does not claim to have all the answers for every drug addict in every community, nor do they believe that all other approaches to the problems associated with addiction are necessarily without merit. However, the members of 20,000 NA groups in 70 countries have been successfully applying the Twelve Step program to their own drug addiction since 1947 and are ready to offer their

experience to other addicts seeking a drug-free outcome.

May Birthdays



Porter Garner	05/03
Voni Simons	05/04
Awtumn Alcoser	05/10
Jamie Crawford	05/12
Jim Miller	05/15
Rose Julch	05/15
Lisa Garner	05/25
Toni Martinez	05/25



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

Speakers

- ❖ May 5: Gil Pagat
- ❖ May 12: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ May 19: Deb Friesz
- ❖ May 26: Stephanie Gustave

Planners

- ❖ May 5: Tom Beck
- ❖ May 12: Bob Fulton
- ❖ May 19: Shari Smith
- ❖ May 26: Stephanie Gustave
- ❖

Keyboard

- ❖ May 5: Tom Beck
- ❖ May 12: Jean Newman
- ❖ May 19: Stephanie Gustave
- ❖ May 26: Kay Bunch

Greeters

- ❖ May: Dave and Voni Simons

Nursery

- ❖ May 5: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ May 12: Gary Chatburn
- ❖ May 19: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ May 26: Sharon Fulton



Second-Sunday Social

Due to Mother's Day falling on the second Sunday, we will not have a social this month. Enjoy your day with a mother and or friends.

Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team is hoping to start an activity with our families: sharing meals, "breaking bread together."

The plan is to engage three families sharing together once a month—each family "hosting" the gathering for a three-month period. It would be up to the families to plan each gathering.

The hope is that at the end of the three-month cycle a new group of three families will be united in fun and fellowship.

There will be a sign-up poster in the narthex to sign up throughout May. Or, feel free to contact Stephanie Gustave at srgstave@gmail.com with comments, questions, or concerns.

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.