

**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

For everyone born, a place at the table



Sept./October 2019

## "Simplicity"

—Rich Kohlman

*Heart Whispers*, Elizabeth J. Canham, Pg. 67.

*The desire for simplicity leads some of us to value skills nearly lost and to search out natural expressions of creativity. When the rediscovery of these skills emerges not only from a wistful or nostalgic longing for the past but also from a yearning to express the Divine within ourselves, then we learn to live more simply and to pray in a more integrated fashion. Our creativity will become our prayer, born of simple attention to what is around us. We enhance the world through its expression.*

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As I grow older, I become more aware of a desire to live more simply, to have fewer things to "care for," and therefore more time to care more deeply. I wonder how creatively that will ultimately find expression in my life and service. May each of us be blessed with a more simple life that will also be a more profound one.

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I originally wrote these words in August 2007. It has taken about 12 years, but Mary and I are finally trying to live more simply by reducing the number of "things" we have accumulated through 51 years of marriage. We have slowly been getting rid of things and still have a basement half full of items that need to be sorted and most probably discarded one way or another. Some of those belongings have served us well over the years, and some have mainly been stored waiting for a time we "might" use

them. Now is the time to rid ourselves of the excess so that we might truly live more simply and give more wholesome attention to human relationships and be more integrated in and with life.

I am still looking for that creativity to find expression in my life.

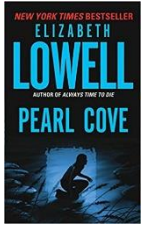


Perhaps some of that creativity might be expressed through my renewed interest in photography and the sharing of those images with friends.



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## A Novel Bunch October Meeting



**Date:** October 17  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Lillian Wallace's home  
**Book:** *Pearl Cove* by Elizabeth Lowell

## October Calendar



Check the website:

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

- Oct. 2: Worship Coordinators, 5:30 p.m.  
Leadership Council, 6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 6: 9:30 a.m. Adult Class,  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Communion Sunday  
First-Sunday Giving
- Oct. 10: Take-Away Lunch volunteers at  
Murphy Center, 10:00–noon
- Oct. 13: 9:30 a.m. Adult Class,  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Youth and Children's Classes  
Second-Sunday Offering  
**Second-Sunday Social, Harvest  
Party (Watch announcements for  
further information.)**
- Oct. 20: 9:30 a.m. Adult Class,  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
*Communicator* items due.
- Oct. 26: Saturday Morning Homeless Breakfast  
(All are welcome to come by and help.)
- Oct. 27: 9:30 a.m. Adult Class,  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Youth and Children's Classes

## From Your Facilities Management Team

**Building Air-Conditioning Project:** The air-conditioning project has been completed. Since the installation was completed late in the summer, we were only able to notice its benefit for a few weeks before the weather temperatures began to moderate. When cool

weather begins to settle in, however, we should notice better temperature conditions in the foyer and nursery areas due to the installation of a new heat and air system in this area. There are a few remaining cleanup items associated with the outside installation (e.g. moving and reconstructing the Peace Garden, installing a fence barrier around the air-conditioning compressor area, additional rock-chip pad work, etc.) that will be taken care of as soon as we are able.

**Environmental Air Quality Project:** This project has been completed also and was done in conjunction with the air-conditioning project. We were able to install new iWave Air Purifier units in all of our HVAC units located in the main building as well as the Activity Center.

**Building Hot Water Tank Project:** A new tankless hot water tank has been installed and has been in operation since the latter part of August 2019.

**Exterior Building Lighting Project:** This project, while not yet complete, is moving forward. The exterior LED lighting fixtures have been ordered with an expected arrival date around the end of September 2019. Installation is scheduled to begin shortly after all of the fixtures have been received.

**Foyer Entrance Doors Project:** Remaining design questions have been resolved and final design/build documents have been received. Our contractor will be placing an order with the door vendor shortly. Delivery is expected by the end of November 2019.

**Landscape Team:** Our facility is in need of having its surrounding landscape upgraded. We are looking for 4–5 individuals to staff this team and begin working on a plan to begin beautifying our property landscaping at the start of spring in 2020. If you would like to participate on the Landscape Team, please contact Gary or Ruth Chatburn.

**What Do You See?** When you come to church for services, meetings, and events, what do you see when you approach our building? When you enter the church foyer, sanctuary, classrooms, Fellowship Hall, Activity Center, etc., what do you see? What do other people think when they see our facility from the outside and then come inside for the first time? Is it something that would cause them to feel at home and want to come back again? Is it something that exemplifies our mission and our stewardship of what God has entrusted to us? Sometimes we see things for a long time and they eventually become the norm, when maybe they should not be. So, when you come to church for services, meetings, events, etc., ask yourself if what you are seeing is really what you want to see. Does it cause you to want to enter the church and find out what is taking place within its walls? Once you have entered, does the facility make you feel welcomed and cause you to want to engage in conversations with the people and join with them in worship? We realize that you cannot necessarily tell a “book by its cover,” but a lot of people start with the cover. If you have observations and/or suggestions for improving our facilities, big or small, please pass them on to Gary Chatburn.

### Notes from the CFO's Desk

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Contribution Receipts:** Receipts for your 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (July-September) contributions will be distributed by the end of October 2019. Once you have received your receipt, please look it over for correctness. If you have questions about your receipt, please contact Ruth Chatburn, Fort Collins Co-Financial Officer.

**2020 Budget Planning:** Congregational team leaders will be receiving instructions and budget forms in October 2019 for their input into the 2020 budget. Please give advance thought to the needs of your respective areas and be prepared to complete the requested information when you have received your informational packet.

### Financial Income & Expense Report

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**Financial Summaries:** Financial Income and Expense summaries will return with the publishing of the November 2019 *Communicator*. If you have any questions before then, please contact Gary or Ruth Chatburn, Congregation Co-Financial Officers.

## Financial Report



### June Income

#### World Church

World Mission Tithes	\$2,595.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	227.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,822.50</b>

#### Local

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
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,722.67</b>

#### Summary of Local Expenses

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
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,353.58</b>

#### Activity Center Income

Rentals & Donations	\$3,407.79
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,407.79</b>

#### Activity Center Expenses

Operating & Maintenance	\$546.33
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$546.33</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	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			-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 15,464.50</b>	<b>\$ 21,715.99</b>	<b>\$ 37,180.49</b>
Balance	42%	58%	

## Special Request for October 20



Please bring new children's socks to be collected during the service.

## October Second-Sunday Social



Watch announcements for further information.

## Sunday, October 6 Service Preparation

The service for Sunday, October 6 will be a time for sharing and celebration to enhance our Communion. In the early days of the Christian movement, known as The Way, the disciples were really tuned in to Jesus' words, "I will return to you."

Each day they were constantly looking for evidence that Jesus return might be today or tomorrow, maybe next week. They were looking for signs of love and community: evidence that the Spirit was within them and among them.

During the week ahead we are asking that you be looking for those signs of the Spirit moving among us as a people—a helping hand, a friendly gesture, a smile, a timely phone call, an encouraging word,

etc., etc. Be prepared to share those "signs" when we come together on October 6. May the Spirit be with you!



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

### Speakers

- ❖ Oct. 6: Rick and Kay Bunch
- ❖ Oct. 13:
- ❖ Oct. 20: Travis Savage
- ❖ Oct. 27:

### Planners

- ❖ Oct. 6: Rich and Kay Bunch
- ❖ Oct. 13: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Oct. 20: Team Planning
- ❖ Oct. 27: Donna Clark

### Keyboard

- ❖ Oct. 6: Kay Bunch
- ❖ Oct. 13: Stephanie Gustave
- ❖ Oct. 20: Sharon Troyer
- ❖ Oct. 27: Deb Friesz

### Greeters

- ❖ October: Tom Beck and Max Coopwood

### Nursery

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

## Interfaith Council Annual Dinner and 40th Anniversary Celebration

October 3, 2019, 4:30 p.m.  
Community of Christ

Thursday, October 3, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the Interfaith Council is holding their annual dinner at *Community of Christ* in the Activity Center. It would be excellent for our members to have a presence and also for our

members to be there to help set up and cleanup, as well as help with whatever is needed during the dinner. We are providing drinks: coffee, water, etc. It is a potluck. Please let us know if you are able to come and/or contribute to the potluck, and what you will bring so I can pass that information along to the IFC planners.

Thank you very much,  
Rick and Kay Bunch

## September/October Birthdays



Felicia Bridwell-Deshner	9/9
Donna Clark	9/11
Gabriel Pagat	9/15
Shawnea Pagat	9/15
Deb Friesz	9/19
Kathy Graybill	9/22
Tom Beck	9/23
Jan Newman	9/25
Joy Cunningham	9/30
Eric Fronapfel	10/2
Mary Kohlman	10/7
Jon Mendenhall	10/14
Irene Chungag	10/14
Sydney Dorrance	10/15
Ben Miller	10/21
Gilbert Pagat	10/21
Nancy Simon	10/21
Nancy Miller	10/23
Danise Remmenga	10/26
Rick Bunch	10/28
Aidan Dicke	10/30



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

Go to the Murphy Center website [www.MurphyCenterForHope](http://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!