

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



February 2020

"The Field of Love"

—Richard Rohr
Thursday, November 7, 2019

The physical phenomenon of *quantum entanglement* is a wonderful illustration of the interconnected nature of reality, both spiritual and material. Allow me to try to explain in layperson's terms: In quantum physics, it appears that *one particle of any entangled pair "knows" what is happening to another paired particle—even though there is no known means for such information to be communicated between the particles, which are separated by sometimes very large distances.* Perhaps we could compare this to phenomena such as bilocation, mental telepathy, providence, or synchronicity.

Most people of faith, however, have credited such frequent happenings to angels, the intervention of saints, or God, which is honestly as good a way to talk about these things as any—except this makes them exceptional, supernatural, or one-time anomalies instead of the implanted norm. Non-believers might ignore or deny such things or call them mere "accidents" or chance. All we seem to know is that "we" did not do this by any of our contrivances. It just "happened" by seemingly unseen or chaotic forces.

The Christian tradition clearly points to this entanglement. In his letter to the Romans, Paul writes that "the life and death of each of us has its influence on others" (14:7, Jerusalem Bible). The Apostles' Creed affirms our belief in "the

communion of saints." There is apparently a positive inner connectedness that we can draw upon if we wish. It seems to me that quantum entanglement is a foundationally Christian concept, which is now finding voice in modern science.

I like to describe this phenomenon as the experiential "force field" of the Holy Spirit. One stays in this positive force field whenever one loves, cares, is in solidarity with, or serves with positive energy. In Trinitarian theology, the Holy Spirit is foundationally described as the



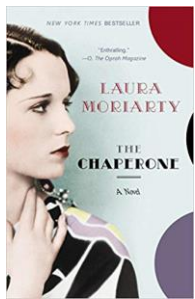
field of love between the Father and the Son. When people stand in this place and rest in love as their home base, they become quite usable by God,

and their lives are filled with quantum entanglements that may result in very real healings, forgiveness, answered prayers, and new freedom for those whom they include in the force field with them. (Is that what it means to pray for someone?) Conversely, there are people who carry death wherever they go; they can pull almost anyone into their negative force field. (Is this hell?)

I know that when I regress into any kind of intentional negativity toward anything or anybody, even in my mind, I am actually hurting and harming them and myself. Each of us moves things along in the direction of violence every time we fail to love. In one of my favorite books, *An Interrupted Life*, a young imprisoned Jew in Nazi Germany, Etty Hillesum, says straightforwardly, "Each of us

must turn inwards and destroy in [ourselves] all that [we think we] ought to destroy in others. And remember that every atom of hate we add to this world makes it still more inhospitable.” It surely follows that each of us moves things along in the direction of healing and wholeness each time we choose to love. It is always a choice and a decision.

We must deliberately choose to be instruments of peace—first of all in our minds and hearts. This is conscious *quantum entanglement*. God is not “in” heaven nearly as much as God is the force field that allows us to create heaven through our intentions and actions.



A Novel Bunch February Meeting

Date: February 20

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Host: Donna Clark

Book: *The Chaperone* by Laura Moriarty

Second-Sunday Social for February



Come to the Second Sunday Social on **February 9, at 5:00 p.m.** We will be having soup, condiments, and a chocolate fondue bar for dessert.

Watch your email for the signup sheet. The signup sheet has changed a little so please click the “Add Item” button to sign up for more than one thing: like bring table service AND decorate, or bring table service AND a pot of soup AND help clean up, if you wish.

We will have a recognition of Larry and Liz King, newly married—a good time to get better acquainted and appropriate for a Valentine's celebration.

Food Bank and Murphy Center Donations

It has been our practice for a number of years to receive food donations for the Food Bank and for the Murphy Center Lunch-Bag program. Generally, the Food Bank Donations are part of our First-Sunday Giving, and the Murphy Center donations are received at any time. Please remember these opportunities to share generously for the good of our community.

February Calendar



Check the website:

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

- Feb. 2: 9:30 a.m. Adult Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
Communion Sunday
First-Sunday Giving
- Feb. 5: 5:30 p.m. Worship Coordinators
6:00 p.m. Leadership Council
- Feb. 9: 9:30 a.m. Adult Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
Second-Sunday Offering
Youth and Children's Classes
5:00 p.m. **Second-Sunday Social**
- Feb. 13: 10:00–noon Take-Away Lunch
volunteers at Murphy
Center
- Feb. 14: Valentine's Day
- Feb. 16: 9:30 a.m. Adult Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
Communicator items due.
- Feb. 20: 2:00 p.m. A Novel Bunch meets
- Feb. 22: 8:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Homeless
Breakfast
- Feb. 23: 9:30 a.m. Adult Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
Youth and Children's Classes

Large-Print Hymns

This is a reminder that we have light-weight, large-print binders of the hymns for the current Sunday. They are available at the usher's stand in the foyer every Sunday.

February Birthdays



Susanna Garner	2/4
Marie Ytell	2/5
Hoss Davis	2/5
Jacee Davis	2/5
Donna Palmer	2/6
Don Worthington	2/10
Brett McKenzie	2/14
Janny Kay McKenzie	2/16
Gene Bridwell	2/17
Jean Newman	2/19
Teri Bridwell	2/20
Ruth Chatburn	2/20
Marcia Bridwell	2/22
Joyce Worthington	2/24
Elias Bencomo	2/28

- ❖ Feb. 9: Sharon Fulton
- ❖ Feb 16: Jean Newman
- ❖ Feb. 23: Tom Beck

Greeters

- ❖ February: Rich and Mary Kohlman

Nursery

- ❖ Feb. 2: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Feb. 9: Gary Chatburn
- ❖ Feb. 16: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ Feb. 23: Sharon Fulton

Seasonal Overflow Shelter

Our seasonal overflow shelter is now operating from November 1 through April 30. It is again operated by Catholic Charities and utilizes our Activity Center. It will serve only women again this year. It will operate seven days a week depending on need.



Marie Ytell

has a new address:
822 N Garden, Unit 201
Bellingham, WA 98225



Speakers, Planners, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery

Speakers

- ❖ Feb 2: Stephanie Gustave
- ❖ Feb. 9:
- ❖ Feb 16: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ Feb. 23:

Planners

- ❖ Feb 2: Ruth Chatburn
- ❖ Feb. 9: Marilyn Garner
- ❖ Feb 16: Donna Clark
- ❖ Feb. 23: Kay Bunch

Keyboard

- ❖ Feb 2: Deb Friesz

Fort Collins Congregation Operating Offerings 2019 Disciples' Generous Response

Month	Total		Total Operating Giving
	World Operating	Local Operating	
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	2,186.50	2,255.74	4,442.24
August	2,186.50	3,813.05	5,999.55
September	3,111.00	2,757.35	5,868.35
October	2,583.00	2,163.75	4,746.75
November	1,972.05	2,818.00	4,790.05
December	2,601.00	3,751.75	6,352.75
TOTALS	\$ 30,104.55	\$ 39,275.63	\$ 69,380.18
Balance	43%	57%	

From Your Facilities Management Team

Foyer Entrance Doors Project: This project is still moving forward ... albeit slowly. Since the sanctuary part of the building is more than 50 years old, per city requirements, we are now having to submit documents to the city showing the existing foyer doors and how they are going to be replaced.

Exterior Building Lighting Project: The exterior lighting project has been completed.



Notes from the CFO's Desk

4th Quarter / Annual Contribution Receipts: Receipts for your 4th quarter and annual contributions are in the process of being distributed. If you have questions about your receipt, please contact Ruth Chatburn, Fort Collins Co-Financial Officer.

Financial Income & Expense Report

Financial summaries for the 4th quarter of 2019 are shown below. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Gary Chatburn, Fort Collins Co-Financial Officer.



October 2019

World Church Income

World Mission Tithes	\$2,320.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	263.00
Total:	\$2,583.00

Summary of Local Income

Local Operating	\$2,163.75
Building Fund	1,380.00
Two Cents a Meal	107.05
Family Assistance	35.00
Youth Fund	20.00
Narcotics Anonymous Pledge	70.00
Other	110.00
Total:	\$3,885.80

Summary of Local Expenses

Outreach Ministries	\$167.11
Worship Ministries	78.20
Youth Ministries	0.00
Mission, Vision, & Education	30.43
Pastoral Ministries	0.00
Fellowship Ministries	45.12
Administration/Communications	477.97
Stewardship	7,480.62
Total:	\$8,279.45

Activity Center Income

Rentals & Donations	\$600.00
Total:	\$600.00

Activity Center Expenses

Operating, Maint. & Insurance	\$213.42
Total:	\$213.42

Courtyard Building Income

Rentals & Donations	\$850.00
Total:	\$850.00

Courtyard Building Expenses

Operating, Maint. & Insurance	\$188.71
Total:	\$188.71

November 2019

World Church Income

World Mission Tithes	\$1,650.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	322.05
Total:	\$1,972.05

Summary of Local Income

Local Operating	\$2,818.00
Building Fund	1,425.00
Two Cents a Meal	108.95
Family Assistance	485.00
Youth Fund	59.50
Narcotics Anonymous Pledge	110.00
Other	102.50
Total:	\$5,108.95

Summary of Local Expenses

Outreach Ministries	\$102.50
Worship Ministries	549.13
Youth Ministries	0.00
Mission, Vision, & Education	0.00
Pastoral Ministries	7.57
Fellowship Ministries	0.00
Administration/Communications	612.59
Stewardship	2,383.77
Total:	\$3,655.56

Activity Center Income

Rentals & Donations	\$350.00
Total:	\$350.00

Activity Center Expenses

Operating, Maint. & Insurance	\$1,179.13
Total:	\$1,179.13

Courtyard Building Income

Rentals & Donations	\$850.00
Total:	\$850.00

Courtyard Building Expenses

Operating, Maint. & Insurance	\$191.95
Total:	\$191.95

Service Project Photos

December 2019

World Church Income

World Mission Tithes	\$2,295.00
Abolish Poverty/End Suffering	306.00
Total:	\$2,601.00

Summary of Local Income

Local Operating	\$3,751.75
Building Fund	1,465.00
Two Cents a Meal	82.40
Family Assistance	130.00
Youth Fund	333.00
Narcotics Anonymous Pledge	110.00
Other	125.00
Total:	\$5,997.15

Summary of Local Expenses

Outreach Ministries	\$0.00
Worship Ministries	0.00
Youth Ministries	0.00
Mission, Vision, & Education	0.00
Pastoral Ministries	21.53
Fellowship Ministries	102.93
Administration/Communications	821.64
Stewardship	2,557.32
Total:	\$3,503.42

Activity Center Income

Rentals & Donations	\$930.00
Total:	\$930.00

Activity Center Expenses

Operating, Maint. & Insurance	\$1,125.26
Total:	\$1,125.26

Courtyard Building Income

Rentals & Donations	\$850.00
Total:	\$850.00

Courtyard Building Expenses

Operating, Maint. & Insurance	\$213.82
Total:	\$213.82





Thanks to all who participated in making the bags!

