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News and Views

Congregational United Church of Christ

June, 2018

MODERATOR'S MOMENT

“LOVE IS STILL THE WAY”

“Love As Companionship”

It's been a tough week! Last Tuesday our pet dog Maggie, who has been limping for a few weeks, was diagnosed with bone cancer in her left leg. We thought she might be getting some arthritis, like many of us, but didn't suspect such a harsh life-threatening disease for her. I know many of you have also lost beloved pets and gone through this difficult journey of losing a dear pet. If you have any advice or prayers for us they would be much appreciated. Maggie is our granddog, as she was raised and trained by our son Paul, who has entrusted her to our care. This is a great loss for him too.

We want to express our appreciation for the support of the Thursday morning “Journey” discussion group that gathers in the Rainbow Room for sharing their stories of companionship with beloved animals, for their prayers and comfort in our grief. We are also grateful to Pastor Rebecca for her compassion and comfort through this time.

Why care about animals? God's grand plan of creation involved filling the earth with animals of all kinds and having Adam give them names (he probably had help from Eve, don't you think?). Creatures of every imaginable species were created to fill this earth with life. The adult “Seekers” class that meets on Sunday mornings is currently discussing the following: “The Book of Creation - An Introduction to Celtic Spirituality” by John Phillip Newell. In a chapter entitled “The Fifth Day: The Creatureliness of God,” the meaning of words found in Genesis 1:20 are explored. These are the words:

“And God said ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures.’

One vision of what this might have looked like is quoted by Newell from a book by Scottish pastor George MacDonald. He describes a vision of God that flashes forth from a cloud burst: “All kinds of creatures - horses and elephants, lions and dogs—oh, such beasts! And such birds! - great birds whose wings gleamed singly every color gathered in sunset or rainbow! little birds whose feathers sparkled as with all the precious stones of the hoarding earth! - silvery cranes, red flamingoes; opal pigeons; peacocks gorgeous in gold and green and blue; jewelry humming birds! great-winged butterflies; lithe-volumed creeping things - all in one heavenly flash! What is glimpsed fleetingly is a kaleidoscopic vision of the creaturely realm as a theophany of God.” (a manifestation of God.)

Newell continues, “The Irish monk Columbanus said, ‘If you wish to know the Creator, come to know his creatures.’ It is interesting to note that Columbanus' sixth century mission to the continent included the founding of the monastery of Bobbio in Italy, where St. Francis was trained. One of the common characteristics between Franciscan spirituality and the Celtic tradition is the emphasis placed on a relationship with the creatures. As we touch and stroke our pets, feed and care for them, somehow we become more in tune with God's harmony of all living things, surviving together on this earth. These animals teach us how to love unconditionally.”

New companions for the journey have joined us this month, Doug & Kim Seewoester, Steve and Adele Jackson, and Billie Branch. I would like to welcome them to a place at the table and to a companionship with fellow pilgrims on the journey of living our life in Christ.

Blessings to all, Marjorie Erickson

PASTOR'S ARTICLE, June, 2018

Last month we asked the question, *Is church (serving, worship, learning, participating) a HAFTA or a GETTA?* Why? Why for you? How would things need to change for you and your participation in the life of the church to move from “have-to’s” to life-giving, igniting “get-to’s”?

We’ve been looking at everything we do as church—all the acts of service, organizing details, various volunteering roles, worship, education, outreach, mission, fellowship, administration, communication, and asking what’s working well and what’s being a challenge. We are asking each other good questions and listening to ideas and feelings in every board, council, and committee meeting, as we look to the future and where God is calling us as church.

The Stewardship Committee has formed a Task Force to look at our organizational structure and whether it’s continuing to serve our mission and ministry or if we need to structure ourselves differently. We’re looking at our By-laws and places where they need updating to reflect the current life of our congregation. The By-laws were revised in 2007 and only minor modifications have been made since, so it’s definitely time to take a fresh look at things as we “Be the Church” together.

The Task Force *very much* wants to hear from as many voices as possible—young and old, new and longtime—about this important aspect of our life together. Please talk to Moderator Marge Erickson, Stewardship Chair Bill Waldorf, or Pastor Rebecca about coming to a meeting to share your thoughts, or send a note. This is an all-church endeavor and that means ALL!!

As your Pastor, I’ve been *listening* to what bubbles up around us. I hear recurring themes: folks are stretched thin and serving in many places. We are struggling a bit to find enough hours in the day, days in the week, or volunteers to help with various projects and tasks. So, I’ve been encouraging us all (yes, myself included!) to consider creatively how to “work smarter, not harder.” To ask ourselves, like the Vine Grower: “What is not *life-giving*, deadwood, and needs to be pruned or trimmed-back in order for our branches to be healthy, flowing with sap and fruit-bearing?”

Or, like the salmon, where are we swimming in circles, bumping up against blocked pathways instead of finding the flowing, energizing current that propels us forward? To that end, we have been cleaning cupboards and sorting through materials and taking a good, healthy look at what is needed, useful and promising, and what has passed its useful time and is just taking up space and collecting dust. (This is about material stuff, by the way, don’t a ONE of you say you’re just “taking up space” and think you’re not useful. *We need you!* Every one of you in this place, in this church family, in this ministry together in Spirit’s presence.)

My favorite new book for morning devotionals is called *The Book of Awakening* by Mark Nepo. I highly recommend it! The salmon metaphor came from there. Here’s another profound image:

I watched a robin carrying a twig too big for its nest. It tried once, then twice, to use it, and somehow, with its very small bird brain, it knew it was no good.

It simply flew off and picked another.

I thought of all the times I’ve labored, trying to make things too big fit.

So often what we want is like that twig, too big to be of use, and we stay lodged in an unhappiness created by holding on to something that can’t complete our nest.

It was humbling to watch a small bird work, singing as it went, leaving what it couldn’t use as it found it.

If we could only treat each other with such simple kindness.

****Meditate on your life as a nest that needs to be put together.***

****Consider what you are carrying—like a stubborn bird—that is too big to be of use.***

****Can you put your life together (or our community life) in ways that fit better?***

I believe we do this by staying connected to our Vine, looking for what brings energy and excitement and fills us with joy. Look for the Haftas and Gettas—in our souls and endeavors, and honor that discovery in each other. As an example: I retired from Hospice last week, after serving for nine years. It was a life-changing experience, and I enjoyed caring for many people and families. The work has become highly regimented and administrative (too big of a twig!), so I was spending more time and energy filling out computer screens than I was talking with people about finding meaning in every phase of their lives. I feel Spirit calling me to put my gifts in more fruit-bearing branches.

Here’s to a summer of abiding, pruning, discerning, and nest-building in life-giving, joyful ways together!
Blessings, Rebecca

Mission and Ministry News

June greetings from the M&M team!

We’re revising our “Outreach” section of the www.bvcucc.org website. Check it out!

Other items on our May/June schedule:

*** Don’t forget to bring in peanut butter and jelly on the 1st Sundays for our regular donation to the Ark Valley Christian Mission. *There’s always a need!!*

*** Thank you, thank you to all who participated and gave so generously to the Restore Innocence Restoration Bag project for those rescued from human trafficking! You are so appreciated!

*** Our own backpack program that we facilitate with the local Optimist Club and others continues through the summer months at the Boys and Girls Club. *They always need cash donations on a regular basis.* Thank you to Ken Rehborn and team!

*** Don’t forget to meet all your coffee needs by purchasing free-trade coffee every Sunday. Thank you goes especially to Ron Rak for keeping us supplied!

There is no meeting scheduled for June. See you on July 10. All are welcome.!



Diaconate Notes

Diaconate members are continuing the process of reviewing the church rolls to categorize congregants according to existing categories. This process is mandated under bylaw responsibilities.

Upcoming events and activities in June 2018 include the following:

Communion Sunday will be held on June 03, 2018.

Diaconate meeting at CUCC on June 13, 2018 @ 4:00pm

All church clean-up day, June 16, 2018; 9:00am-Noon [lunch provided].

Father’s Day Sunday recognition on June 17, 2018.

God bless.

~Doyle Nyberg, Diaconate Chair

CUCC Board of Trustees Newsletter Article for June, 2018

As the trustees didn’t meet in May, there is no article to include in this newsletter. However, the trustees have not been idle, but have been getting the water system up and running. Yay! Green!

Part of our church family who would enjoy Prayers, Cards, or perhaps a Visit

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CUCC Special Dates

BIRTHDAYS

- June 3—Kathy Roman
- June 3—Rod Schofield
- June 4—Al McCall
- June 5—Janet Steiner
- June 10—Lisa Blake
- June 10—Scarlett-Rae Pomfret
- June 15—Jeff Keidel
- June 17—Joan Sovereign
- June 19—Debby Cason
- June 19—Kay Patton
- June 11—Frank Carpenter
- June 30—Gabby Tucker

ANNIVERSARIES

- June 5—Jeff & Kathy Keidel
- June 8—Bill & Susan Helms
- June 11—Reggie & Judy Nelson
- June 16—Norm & Shirl Holloway
- June 18—Bob & Lyntha Nelson
- June 19—Ron & Linda Rak
- June 23—Ron & Marge Erickson
- June 25—Scott & Mary Fons Colvin
- June 26—Roger & Debby Cason
- June 30—Rod & Sarah Struthers



Don't see your special day listed? Please contact the office at 395-2544 or office.bvcucc@gmail.com.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

- Nan Bohe—Healing
- Joni Soule—Healing
- Jade Porter—Healing
- Mary Lou Bouman—Healing
- Marcy Adams—Healing
- Linda Baldwin—Healing
- Kim Hughes (Doyle Nyberg's cousin)—Healing
- Clyde Downer (Kimla Robinson's brother)—Healing
- The Family of Dean Williams—Comfort
- Janice Fletcher (Jeff Keidel's sister)—Healing
- Bryce Kelly—Healing
- Mikki Goss—Healing
- Carrie (daughter of Bob & Laurie Stevens)—Healing

CE News

As you are reading this newsletter, garden plots in the form of numbered boxes have been assigned to those who have registered for them thus far. Contact Nancy in the church office to inquire about availability. We should be seeing some planting going on very soon—in fact, green things are sprouting right now!



It was with regret, and also with appreciation for all she has contributed, that the CE Board accepted Marge Dorfmiester's resignation. We will miss her expertise and knowledge, as well as her sense of humor.

The next major activity for the CE board is "Family Evening Camp," with drama, music, crafts, games and FOOD! See the fliers to see how you can participate or help. Talk to Arlene Waldorf or Kathy Kiedel if you need more information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Stevens, CE Chair



Stuff is sproutin' in the garden!



It's pronounced sim-neck or sim-nick or some such and it stands for Stuff You May Not Know



This new newsletter article is brought to you by Janet Steiner, but she's not the only one that will be contributing 'stuff.' You are invited to share your tidbits with her and she will pass them on to Nancy for inclusion.

Points to remember:

- 1. Make sure the info is accurate. We'll leave fake news to the larger media outlets.**
- 2. Write your 'stuff' down. Don't just tell Janet. You know, her brain!!! (Janet's note—not Nancy's)**
- 3. There will only be two to three 'stuff' items per article.**

And we're off....

Do you know the origin of the title of the newsletter? Did you know there *is* a title to the newsletter? I'll give you a moment to check. Okay, you're back. When the newsletter idea first came about, there was a naming contest. Kay Allinger was the winner. What did she win besides bragging rights? Nothing. Just bragging rights.

Whether you're a Rockies fan or not, you will enjoy knowing this. Jon Roorda was the surveyor who set home plate at the ground-breaking ceremonies for Coors Field. His name is listed on a wall in the northeast corner of the complex. Check it out the next time you're there!



View from the Mountain

“Willie T for Trouble and the Hedge”

I had three Nubian goats as pets for years when we lived and managed a thoroughbred horse farm in Winchester, Kentucky. I loved them all, but Willie T was my favorite.

During my time with them, I learned why goats have such small heads. It's because their brain is the size of a small pea, so they don't need big heads. I never removed and measured Willie's brain; although, on occasion I came dangerously close. After living with him for a while, I knew his IQ was somewhere around five—on a good day.

One day, as I sat quietly after showering and treating multiple cuts on my arms, legs and torso, I tried to recall exactly why Willie T goat *did* live with us. The memory has dimmed, but let me tell you this story.

In a rare moment, I decided to trim the hedge around the front veranda. I didn't do this too often because of all the snakes that have decided to inhabit the veranda and under the hedge. But the hedges were awfully high and out of shape, the day was perfect, and I felt great, so I let Willie T out of the barn to munch and play in the yard while I trimmed.

Well, he did his thing and I did mine with no problem. Until it happened. One minute my goat was on the veranda at a dead stand still and the next moment he was airborne. He landed deep into the five-foot-high hedge and sank amid the gnarled roots and Lord knows what else—only the very top of his black little head showed. Then he started to moan and I bent down to help him out. It was no longer funny. Willie T was completely hung up and could not move up or down and certainly not out!

Being the intelligent, animal-loving person I am, I started pulling his front legs and hissing, “Willie T, you get your behind out of there this instant.” He bleated pitifully.

Now what? I went around to the front of the hedge and tried to separate the thick branches to make a path for him. Something was pinning him down. This goat weighed over two hundred pounds and didn't have the smarts to get out himself. I knew what that meant. I had to lower my own self down into that dark territory where snakes lived. The very thought of this made me numb with fear. I was going to have to put my money where my mouth was, because often I talked about faith. I told God I was trusting Him to reroute the snakes away from me, and down I went, my heart thumping wildly.

I pulled, tugged, trying desperately to unscramble his legs from the roots. After about five minutes I slipped my arms under his body and lifted him up and out of the hedge—how I will never know. Once free, he bounded out of my arms with only a few cuts and scratches while I looked like Peter Rabbit after a night in the briar patch.

Heaving myself back up to the veranda, I thanked God for protecting me. As I put Willie T back in the barn with the other goats, you should have heard him tell them about his harrowing near-death escape from the clutches of the front hedge. (I swear I heard him say that). Right then and there I decided to leave the hedge trimming to someone else. By the way, I still ask myself why I adopted three baby Nubian goats as pets.

The view from the mountain is wondrous.

Jean Brody

Join the Prayer Team and make a difference right from you own home!

Please surround in love, light and your continual prayers:

- ◆ Persons and families on the Joys and Concerns list—healing and comfort
- ◆ CUCC stretching and connecting in new, life-giving and inspiring avenues in the coming year
- ◆ Leaders of staff, boards, classes and committees, as they serve faithfully
- ◆ Music and Worship—growth in participation and experiencing God in our midst and feeding our souls together
- ◆ Welcoming efforts—grounds, programs, outreach to make CUCC accessible for all , spiritually, emotionally and physically



As the Backpack Program is transitioning to cloth bags and the recycling center no longer accepts plastic shopping bags, we don't need any more plastic bags donations. We thank you for what you have contributed and any left over will not go to waste (they're still great for cat litter cleaning and picking up dog poo during walks—beats buying specialty plastic bags just for that!



Avast Ye! All Hands on Deck!



(no, not that deck)

It's Summer Church Clean-up Time!

Saturday, June 16, 9:00am-12:00pm, CUCC

Let's get our church home ship-shape and Bristol fashion both inside and out!

Lunch is provided! Yay!



Plastic Bins! Who wants their bins back?

Thank you to whoever donated individual Oreo packages awhile back. They were delivered in three plastic bins and we want to make sure you get them back. Please contact Ken Rehborn or Merilee Daugherty. Many thanks!

Reaching the Pastor



If I'm not at the church, I might be out visiting, at a meeting or writing a sermon.

Leave a message at the office at 719-395-2544 or call my cell at 719-252-6890.

Feel free to set up an appointment by phone or email: RevBecca@icloud.com.

Educational Tour of the Holy Land December 29, 2018-January 10, 2019

Former CUCC members, Rod and Sharie Schofield, are leading a post Christmas trip to the Holy Land. They will be visiting holy sites throughout Israel and Palestine, as well as worshipping at Redeemer in Jerusalem.

If you are interested, please contact Rod and Sharie at rodschofield93@gmail.com to receive an email brochure and video of a trip Rod led this past January.

CUCC Leadership Visioning, Sunday, April 15, 2018

ideas that were generated from the prompts:

Identify a demographic in BV with whom we can engage. Then think of ways to engage.

ARTISTS:

All types of artists: fabric, music, painters, graphic designers, dancers, poets, storytellers, writers, performers
Offer space; Organize by art specialty; Time to share ideas across various creative methods
Personal invitation and community advertisement
Engaging the art community through workshops, festivals, shows; Not summer; Use outside and inside of church
Meet the artist and their work/talent
Remember the high country folk-life festival

UNCHURCHED:

Invite some new people to your home for a meal; Offer to be a friend to person you do not know well
Value one-on-one conversation and give authentic friendship
Ask a question: "are you wanting to figure out what life is about?"
Place an ad in the newspaper about creative events in the church
Adopt a project – put flowers in the PO flower box
Affirm Pastor Rebecca as high profile in the community

TOURISTS:

Presence at events, parks, welcome wagon
Signs – bulletin board says welcome
Advertise in paper – special events
Offer cooking lessons
At the Chamber hold a potluck or ice-cream social
Invite newcomers considering moving here to "come meet and talk and ask questions"
CUCC "A home for your heart, a place to belong."

GRANDPARENT CONNECTION:

Provide a safe place to be where other grandparents care for you
Intergenerational interaction: invite and include in worship, kids as part of it.
Grandparent (biological and adoptive) and kids get together
Transportation to church; Adopt a grandparent; Prayer partners

SENIORS:

Neighborhood dinners ; Adult Day Care
Open the movie theatre and show old classics – have coffee and discussion afterwards
Wise Ones Lunch expanded
Bring lunch; Have an afternoon tea in their home or yours
Match helpers with people who no longer can do certain things; Sitting services for spouse relief
Do crafts, share skills together

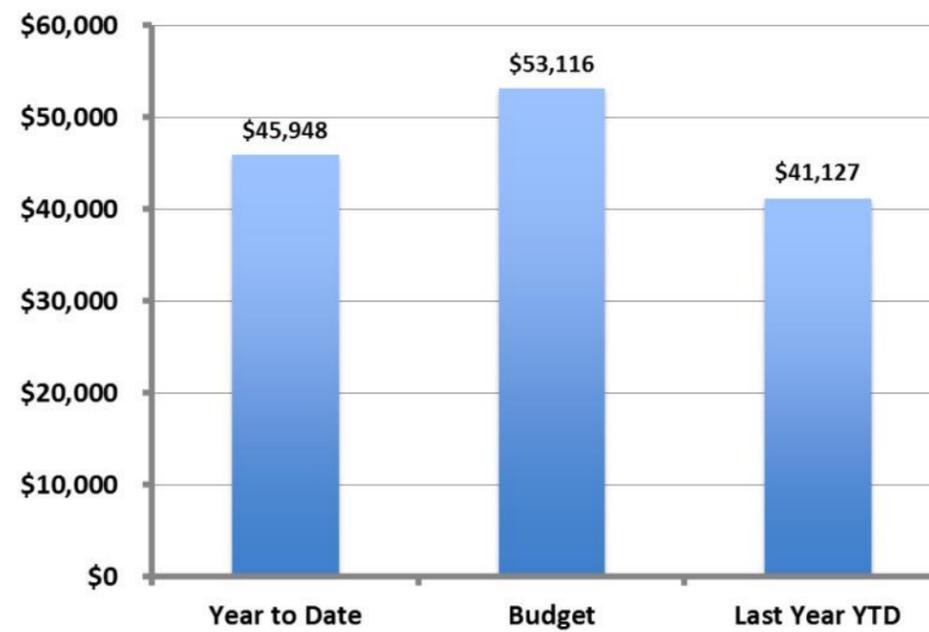
SPIRITUAL BUT NOT RELIGIOUS, BUT SEEKING COMMUNITY

Partner with CPFS to hold lectures at CUCC on spiritual & theological topics
Use all types of media to connect
Concerts with a message and/or for a cause – hold here or sponsor
Community-wide Bible Study/Discussion Groups, open, progressive – invite other groups
Building users – connection with, invite them
Church members participate in community groups – build relationships; Invite, welcome every chance we get

YOUNG ADULTS – SINGLES & COUPLES WITHOUT CHILDREN – NO INTEREST IN TRADITIONAL CHURCH:

Serve refreshments for them at the ballpark during games
Match younger with older who need help with technology
Monthly opportunities to talk about Taboo Topics, maybe at a neutral place
Share cooking skills (cook for them or have them participate) – have dinner together "Good Ol' Home-Cooked Meal" "Mom's Kitchen"
Old/Young Athletic Challenge, pickle ball/volleyball challenge, hiking, etc.
Bar talks – meet one another – "Ask Grandpa for advice corner", etc. Table talk.
Free ice cream sundaes and/or interesting non-alcoholic drinks and/or monster cookies, etc. at the Beach during concerts

General Contributions through April, 2018



To the CUCC,
We appreciated so very much the use of your church sanctuary for a space to rehearse.
With a sincere "Thank You."
The Collegiate Peaks Chorale



**Rocky Mountain Conference
Annual Celebration
"Tipping Toward the Enduring Good"
June 7-9, La Foret, Black Forest, CO**

As we discern, engage, and build the Church of the Future, we will also enjoy meals, informal discussions, laughter, singing, worship, and joy.

All are invited—not just delegates and clergy!

See Rebecca or www.rmucc.org/camps for more information.

"Ours is not the task of fixing the entire world all at once, but of stretching out to mend the part of the world that is within our reach. Any small, calm thing that one soul can do to help another soul, to assist some portion of this poor suffering world, will help immensely. It is not given to us to know which acts or by whom, will cause the critical mass to tip toward an enduring good." (Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estés)

CUCC,

Thank you so much for the use of your space! The Fellowship Hall, with the adjoining drama room and nursery, was the perfect set-up for our show. The drama room made a great off-stage area where we could set up our props and costumes and do our quick-changes. Being able to then go through to the nursery unseen and enter the stage by coming up through the audience was a definite bonus. As we like to have a lot of audience participation in our shows, that added touch was a welcome benefit that your facility provides. You also made rehearsing at the church easy, and being able to store our (what turned out to be a rapidly-growing pile of) sets and props was *huge* for us! If you can stand having us back, we would very much like to use the church again for future shows. You were great!

With sincere gratitude, The Claim Jumpers amateur theatrical troupe

With the right music, you either forget everything or you remember everything.



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PLUG INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

WE ARE FAMILY & WATCH OUT FOR EACH OTHER.

If you or someone you know from CUCC has been missing, been ill, or just not around, please let Pastor Rebecca know. Also, let them know we miss them and are concerned about how they're doing.

If you're going to be away traveling, please let us know as well!



SUMMER SONG AND PSALM SERIES!

| May | Scriptures |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Sunday, June 3 | — Psalm 81:1-10 |
| Sunday, June 10 | — Psalm 138 |
| Sunday, June 17 | — Psalm 20 |
| Sunday, June 24 | — Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 |

DID YOU KNOW?

Sermons can be received via email each week or found in the file box outside the office door, sorted by date. Email office.bvcucc@gmail.com or call 395-2544 to receive a copy. Also available in large print before the service —ask an usher

AFFAIRS IN ORDER?

Don't forget your church!

CUCC has a form for "Memorial Instructions." This is a helpful tool for you, your family, and your pastor to know your wishes for your memorial service and memorials. See Pastor Rebecca or the office for a form, email for a copy to office.bvcucc@gmail.com, or pick one up in the kiosk at church.

Backpack Program



Food items always in demand:

*Shelf-stable milk (Horizon milk in cartons on shelf at Walmart, white or chocolate)

- *Fruit cups (individual)
- *Chef Boyardee, pasta, etc.
- *Pudding Cups
- *Granola or Cereal Bars

Plastic bags are no longer needed—
Thank you!

As always, cash donations are appreciated, too!

Did you know that CUCC has an All-Church Email blast each week?

Be sure you're on the list! Call Nancy at 395-2544 or email to office.bvcucc@gmail.com.

SUMMER SONG SERIES!!



What's your favorite hymn? Worship song? Secular song? Why? What is meaningful to you about that song?

This summer we will explore hymns, songs, history, theology, and why songs touch our souls.

Please send your song titles and comments to Pastor Rebecca—either notes in the office or Revbecca@icloud.com.



And come, let us worship, learn and sing together this summer!



And

If you have special music or a drama idea to share this summer, please let Pastor Rebecca know! Let's sing, and dance, and play in worship!



LET'S BE GREEN!!!

Please recycle everything possible at CUCC. We have bins in the office and Fellowship Hall to make it easy. Please do not put cardboard boxes in the dumpster. Flatten and put next to the recycle bin in the FH or give to Pastor Rebecca.



CHURCH-COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



Family Evening Camp!

June 19, 20, 21, 4:30pm-7:30pm, CUCC

Volunteers needed for Family Evening Camp
Come and join in the fun and fellowship!

Job Descriptions and Sign-up Boards are in the narthex and the fellowship hall.

It's going to be great!!

Bazaar Workshop

Friday, June 8

10:00am-12:00pm, CUCC

Whether you're crafty or not, come and participate! Bring any ideas, projects, materials or just visit.



If anyone has an abundance of items that they think others might use, we're going to start a list which people can check to spark ideas and share before they make a purchase.

WMS Program

Thursday, June 28

12:00pm

Casa Del Rio Clubhouse

Celebrate the Summer Picnic!

Main dish is furnished!

Bring a side dish to share.

Arkansas Valley Christian Mission

The first Sunday of each month CUCC collects cash and food donations for the Mission. They are always in need of peanut butter & jelly and canned fruit. Thank you!



Collegiate Peaks Forum Series presents

Ute Land Religion—Remembering

She-towitch and Chipeta

Thursday, June 21, 7:00pm

BV Community Center



Dr. Brandi Denison, Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Florida, grew up in Western Colorado, the ethnic cleansing of the Utes from Western Colorado a thing of the distant past, or so she thought. As a graduate student at the University of Colorado, she chose Josephine Meeker's captivity narrative as a focus of a research paper. The facts of history woke her up to just how recent this ethnic cleansing actually was.

In her talk, Dr. Denison explores the intersection of land, race, and religion, as well as gender, violence, memory, and theories of religion. She will also share her research on two Ute women who became the center of white Coloradan's romantic ideals of Indian.

WALDEN

— Composers —

JOSEPH HAYDN LOUIS GRUENBERG
DUKE ELLINGTON ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK

SUNDAY **JUNE 3, 2018** 3PM

INFORMANCE AT 2:00PM • STEAMPLANT THEATER • SALIDA, COLORADO

— Performers —

ALEXANDRA ADKINS, VIOLIN CLARE ADKINS CASON, VIOLA
ELISABETH ADKINS, VIOLIN CHRIS ADKINS, CELLO
JO BOATRIGHT, PIANO

June 2018

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| AE=Adult Education Rm. CH=Choir Rm. D=Drama Rm. Hall F=Fellowship Hall | K=Kitchen N=Nursery PO= Pastor's Office RR= Rainbow Room S=Sanc. | #7-Room #8=room 8 PL= Parking Lot | | | 1 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE 3pm-9pm Rotary Bike Fest-PL | 2 6am-6pm Rotary Bike Fest-PL 9am AA -AE 9am Al-Anon -#7 |
| 3 10am Communion Worship & Children's Church 11am Coffee Hour | 4 8:15am-12pm Strong Women -AE | 5 8:30am TOPS -CH 9:30-10:45am Str. People-AE 6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 6:30pm Al-Anon-#7 7pm TELLS | 6 12pm AA-AE 6pm MSG-CH 7pm OA-#7 | 7 9:30-10:45am Strong People -AE 10am-12pm Journey Group-RR 7pm AA-AE | 8 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE | 9 9am AA -AE 9am Al-Anon -#7 |
| 10 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Coffee Hour | 11 8am-12pm Monarch Quilters 8:15am-12pm Strong Women -AE | 12 8:30am TOPS -CH 9am-4pm Monarch Quilters-FH 6:30pm Al-Anon-#7 7pm TELLS | 13 12pm AA-AE 4pm Diaconate -AE 7pm OA-#7 | 14 4pm CE-PO 7-8:30pm Trustees-#7 7pm AA-AE | 15 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE | 16 9am AA -AE 9am Al-Anon -#7 9:45am Al-Anon Bus. Mtg. -#7 |
| 17 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Coffee Hour | 18 8:15am-12pm Strong Women -AE | 19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 8:30am TOPS-CH 4:30pm-7:30pm Family Evening Camp 6:30-8pm Scouts -outside | 20 12pm AA-#8 4:30pm-7:30pm Family Evening Camp 8pm OA-#7 | 21 10am-12pm Rainbow Place-RR 4:30pm-7:30pm Family Evening Camp | 22 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE | 23 9am AA -AE 9am Al-Anon -#7 |
| 24 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Coffee Hour | 25 8:15am-12pm Strong Women -AE | 26 8:30am TOPS-CH 6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 6:30pm Al-Anon-#7 7pm TELLS | 27 12pm AA-AE 7pm Council-AE 7pm OA-#7 | 28 12pm-2pm WMS Picnic at Casa del Rio 7pm AA-AE | 29 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE | 30 9am AA -AE 9am Al-Anon -#7 |

Fourth of July Pie Sale!

Come visit the CUCC booth during BV's July 4th celebration! But first we need pies to sell—please sign up to contribute!



Please share with the wider community!



Coffee Sales NOTE!

The Coffee Man is out of town until Sunday, June 17. Jean Ferguson will offer coffee for sale on a hit or miss basis during this time, so plan ahead and get your coffee when you see it!

Supplies of French Roast and Breakfast Blend are low, but Ron will re-order in late June. Other current varieties are Ethiopian, African, Cozy Cup decaf, Midnight Sun, Toffee Caramel, Hazelnut, French Vanilla, and three types of single serve.

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Kudos to those who have been and will continue working on the Family Evening Camp, Jim Close Memorial Garden, and the Backpack Program. Way to go!

And Kudos to those who generously donated to and helped with Restoration Bags and the La Puente Hygiene Bags. Thank you so much!

You all are fantastic!!!!

JOIN US AT FAMILY EVENING CAMP!

The Congregational United Church of Christ and Grace Church are delighted to offer families, couples, children and single adults the opportunity to spend three evenings fellowshiping and enjoying a variety of fun activities. Families and others will be combined into mixed-age "family groups" and enjoy the activities together. All children aged five and over will be with their parents throughout the entire evening. Nursery care and a preschool program are provided. This program is FREE of charge, including dinner to those who fully participate in all the activities!

Come enjoy art projects, a mystery room, outdoor recreation, songs, drama, storytelling and skits focused on the story of Joseph and his brothers (or sisters, as the case may be). Learn how the story of Joseph teaches us to love ourselves, one another (including our family, neighbors, strangers and those different than us) and God.

Registration is limited to 60 people, so register early! Registration forms are available at the CUCC church office and on the church website BVCUCC.org. They can be mailed to the Registrar, Arlene Waldorf, at 30191 Mountain Top Drive, Buena Vista, CO 81211, or downloaded, completed, scanned and emailed to Arlene at aawaldorf@aol.com. Your registration must also include a signed Waiver and Release of Liability that names each family member. When emailing, please put "Family Evening Camp" in the subject line.

CUCC Council Minutes for May 16, 2018

Call to Order: Called to order by Moderator Marge Erickson at 7:08pm. Also present: Kathy Keidel, Ron Hassell, Doyle Nyberg, Cindy Helm, Helen Duncan, Kay Allinger, Arlene Waldorf, Ron Erickson, and Barb Groy.

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Moderator Erickson read a devotional entitled “Courageous Gospel,” then led the opening prayer.

Upcoming Events: The calendar of upcoming events was reviewed. All-church cleaning day set for June 16, 9:00am-Noon; lunch provided.

General Business Item & Reports:

Approval of Previous Minutes April 18, 2018: Copies of the minutes had been distributed via email and copies were available for review. Ron Erickson moved to accept the minutes as presented; Helen Duncan seconded. The motion carried and the minutes were placed on file.

Clerk’s Report: Due to Clerk Ron Rak’s absence, there was not an official report presented. It was noted that five individuals covenanted with the church on May 13, 2018, and were received into membership. Billie Branch joined by reaffirmation of faith; Steve & Adele Jackson and Doug & Kim Seewoester joined by letter of transfer.

Treasurer’s Report: Copies of the April financial report had been distributed via email. Copies were also available for review along with a newly formatted condensed report. General fund contributions for the month of April were under budget by \$2,781.92 and expenses for the month were \$1,772.13 under budget. The General Fund contributions remain in a deficit position year-to-date. Funds have been transferred from the savings account to the checking account to maintain a positive balance. The building fund has a balance of \$1,783.88 and the Community Garden Grant has a balance of \$659.01 to date. Council members expressed concern about the budget deficit and need to keep the Congregation informed. Helen Duncan moved to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented; Arlene Waldorf seconded. The motion carried.

Moderator’s Report: Moderator Erickson spoke of the successful Newcomer’s Gathering held at the parsonage on April 24. Vice-Moderator Kathy Keidel spoke regarding the clutter issue and subsequent and ongoing cleaning and organizing efforts. A spirited discussion ensued.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor Rebecca Kemper Poos submitted a written report due to her absence from the meeting [traveling to Rocky’s college graduation], which follows:

Please include this Pastor’s Report with the May 16 Council Minutes.

Some highlights of work and areas of exploration since the last Council meeting:

*Earth Day, 4/22, we welcomed special musicians and prepared music for all ages and gave Janet a much-deserved day off!

*Collegiate Peaks Chorale concerts 4/27 and 4/29 included many singers and a pianist from CUCC. CUCC has done a wonderful job of hosting CPC for practices and support.

*Newcomers Gathering, 4/24 at the Parsonage, involved a full house. Eleven newcomers at the house and three at the Nursery with Alicia, and six church leaders enjoyed conversation, refreshments and getting acquainted. Regrets were received from 10+ others. Invitations were sent to 30+.

*Five newcomers joined the church in a Renewal of Covenant Ceremony on 5/13.

*Many newcomers have come to the church recently, and I follow up with them over coffee or with cards and phone calls and emails. We also work to assure contact info., receipt of emails and newsletters and nametags.

*Participated in the WMS Spring Luncheon April 24 and encouraged collecting of our history and interviewing our human treasures.

*April - May I have worked on a transition at Hospice, both from paper to computer, and from myself as Chaplain to Lisa Hoy. My last day with Hospice was today, May 16.

*May 3 renewed CPR and Basic Life Support Certification. Exploring with local EMS and church members for CPR training and AED on-site training.

*Working on CUCC Database (PowerChurch) with Diaconate and Office to clean up church rolls and make the technology work for us better.

*Exploring all communications and procedures in the Office and evaluating efficiency, eco-friendly alternatives and energy output.

*Attended the Claim Jumpers show to support our CUCC folks and evaluate building use for plays and shows. Positive response from many!

*Work with Office to assure user groups not bumping into each other and co-habiting smoothly.

*Ongoing meetings with Stew. Task Force, research across the country on church org. structures, Bylaws and Membership/Covenant.

*Ongoing research with church tax and financial consultants around best practices in church financial administration, legal challenges to clergy housing allowing, data retention policies and techniques (historical and financial), expense reporting policies, and clergy compensation matters.

*Represented Hospice, CUCC, and CPFS at the Business Expo, May 13.

*Hosted TELLS Tues. night book group May 15.

*Work with all boards and groups on their projects, future goals, and challenges—encouraging thinking in new ways to avoid energy drain, “smarter not harder.”

*Assist persons in need with counseling and support of many kinds.

Things in the works:

*Organizing guest preachers for May 20 (Rocky’s graduation) and July 29 (vacation)

*RMC Annual Celebration, June 7-9 at La Foret; attending with Ericksons as delegates from CUCC (I will be back for Sun. due to schedule change by RMC)

*Working with boards and outside groups on deep-cleaning and organizing materials throughout the church. Giving away or selling items no longer wanted. Communicating!!

*Evaluating Pastoral Care Team: future, effectiveness, and leadership.

*Continued pastoral care of all in need—visits by myself and coordinating needs and visits with others throughout the church.

*Exploring community resources more fully—for our members, as well as outreach opportunities for us and collaborative endeavors:

--A Little Help, Caring Community, Collegiate Peaks Forum Series, Hospice & Home Health, Area Agency on Aging, Chamber of Commerce, Association scholarships, other resources.

*Lectures for 2019 CPFS series that are of interest to CUCC folks, and possible new endeavors of collaboration.

*Creative worship with more variety of music, drama, intergenerational participation.

*Summer Song Series—gathering favorite songs, background and personal connection to explore songs in depth in summer worship. Rehearsing some suggested songs to sing.

*Coordinating a donation of cloth bags to Backpack Program to eliminate the need for plastic.

*Exploring stewardship of resources and the earth on many fronts within the church and outside.

*Working with a proposal from Leo Accaira to upgrade and simplify our sound system for a very inexpensive cost, due to donation of labor and trade.

*Assessing remaining AV needs: consistent Wifi in sanctuary, ability to show slides from the front and advance.

*Support and promotion of Family Evening Camp and organizing TELLS group for Tues. night dinner.

*Listening to the Spirit around CUCC and discerning how best to be “The Church On the Move.”

Continuing Business:

Launch of Community Garden: Ron Erickson distributed copies of the “Jim Close Memorial Garden Rules and Regulations.” Garden participants will be required to complete a building use form before any work in the garden can begin.

Review of building use policy: Ron Hassell distributed copies of the updated facility use policy. A lengthy discussion ensued. Following discussion, Arlene Waldorf moved to approve the building use policy with proposed changes [church name, no storage provided] as discussed; seconded by Helen Duncan. The motion carried. Ron Hassell will update the final version of the policy and provide a copy to the church office for future use. Current building users will receive an updated policy accompanied by a cover letter.

New Business:

June and July Council Meetings: It was proposed that due to the Family Evening Camp schedule the June meeting be moved to the fourth Wednesday. It was further proposed that the July Church Council meeting be canceled unless business warrants a gathering. Doyle Nyberg moved to reschedule the June Church Council meeting to June 27, 2018, at 7:00pm and that the July meeting be canceled unless called by action of the Moderator; Kathy Keidel seconded. The motion carried.

Board/AO/Committee Reports:

Christian Education: Arlene Waldorf presented a verbal report. [Minutes pending.] Marge Dorfmeister has indicated she will resign her position on the board. It was noted that a note to that effect is needed for the file. Board members are covering Children’s Church and are scheduled to do so through June. The search for a Children’s Church Coordinator remains ongoing. The board is focused on the upcoming Family Evening Camp and has released posters and ads. Members will be meeting to clean and organize rooms for the event.

Diaconate: Met on May 13. Minutes have been distributed. There is a Social Sunday potluck and choir recognition event scheduled for May 20. Molly Stuart will be guest speaker that day. The board is revamping the greeter duties effective June 10. Only two greeters will be scheduled. The head usher will assist the greeters with duties. A second church roll review work session has been scheduled for May 30. The next meeting is June 13 at 4:00pm.

Mission and Ministry: Met on May 7. The minutes have been posted. Financial reports were reviewed including the Backpack Program and sustaining costs concerns. The board is addressing storage needs for their programs and has cleaned and organized storage cabinets. The board will not hold a June meeting.

Trustees: No meeting was held due to schedule conflicts. Ron Hassell is working to resolve watering issues at the church and the parsonage.

WMS: The group will meet on May 24. The spring luncheon held in April was a success. Many thanks to Janet Steiner for the entertainment. The group has provided financial assistance to BV HOPE and participated in the gathering on May 10.

Stewardship: The committee will meet on May 22. They are continuing to seek input on the church structure and bylaws review.

Other:

Moderator Erickson discussed the possibility of providing a dose of hospitality to visitors coming to Buena Vista for the Labor Day weekend concert. Would it be possible to serve an outside BBQ-style meal as a way to welcome folks and also to bolster the church coffers? Discussion ensued. Rules and regulations for outside meals will be researched and the Congregation will be queried as to interest and willingness to participate.

July 4th pie sale in the park: Will we be participating this year? Who will lead the effort? TBD.

Closing Prayer: The closing prayer was offered by Moderator Marge Erickson.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Moderator Marge Erickson at 9:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doyle A. Nyberg
Church Clerk Pro-Tempore