No matter who you are, no matter where you are in life’s journey, you are welcome here at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Buena Vista.

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9:00am Adult Education
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MODERATOR’S MOMENT

“LOVE IS STILL THE WAY”
“God's Messengers”

“In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.” Luke 2: 8-11

How will we prepare ourselves to embrace the mystery of Christmas this year? Will our hearts be opened to the voices of angels, to humble people leading us to find God’s chosen one, Jesus? Will the traditions of gift giving, cooking family favorite foods, singing carols and decorating with pine, bells and red bows bring us a feeling of hope and joy this year?

Listening to God’s messengers both from the past and the present can give us hope! The angels are the first to “bring the good news of great joy” that Jesus has been born in the town of Bethlehem: Jesus then, shows us the way through his life and ministry, “to love God, others, our neighbors and ourselves: the devoted followers of Christ, both men and women bring the radical good news of the resurrection of Jesus and many turn to follow “The Way.” The Apostle Paul takes the good news further and plants churches across the Roman Empire, creating a network of believers, who send support in the gift of funds back to the home congregation in Jerusalem. The church spreads throughout the known world and saints, martyrs, monks and ordinary people become the messengers telling the story again and again of the extraordinary love of God.

We as a church community are an important link in the continued telling of the story of God’s love for the world. We are the messengers in this time and in this place! In our efforts in the coming year we will be seeking to make a difference by asking many questions and experimenting with new ways to reach out and help others and include them in our fellowship.

My deep gratitude to all who have worked, prayed and given to the witness of our Congregation in this community during this year. You have been faithful messengers!

Hold those you love close during the precious family moments that you have this Christmas and tell them that they are loved.

May God’s Peace and Love surround you and yours.

Marjorie Erickson, Moderator
His coming will happen—of this there’s no doubt. The question is whether we’ll be in or out. “Behold, I stand at the door and knock.” Do you have the courage to peer through the lock? A basket on your porch, a child in your reach. A baby to love, to feed and to teach. He’ll grow in wisdom as God’s only Son. How far will we follow this radical one? He’ll lead us to challenge the way that things are. He’ll lead us to follow a single bright star. But that will come later if we’re still around. The question for now: Is the child to be found? Can we block out commercials, the hype and the malls? Can we find solitude in our holy halls? Can we keep alert, keep hope, stay awake? Can we receive the child for ours and God’s sake? From on high with the caroling host as he sees us. He yearns to read on our lips the prayer: Come Lord Jesus! As Advent begins all these questions make plea. The only true answer: We will see, we will see. (J. Todd Jenkins)

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

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Nan Bohe—Healing
Marcy Adams—Healing
Linda Baldwin—Healing
Kim Hughes (Doyle Nyberg’s cousin)—Healing
Jordan Conradson—Healing
Teri Holloway McNorton—Healing
Randy Wagner—Healing
Codi Miller—Healing
Maryanne Wells (Janet Jones’ sister-in-law)—Healing
Krista Ferguson (Jean & Steve Ferguson’s daughter-in-law)—Healing
Mark Russell (Marge Dorfmeister’s nephew)—Healing
Gary Bragg (Ruth Amster’s nephew)—Healing
Ruth Lambert—Healing
Linda Swanson—Healing
Ab Luftkin—Healing
Ed Simons (Rebecca K. Poos’ brother-in-law)—Healing
The Family of Pam Hanson (Robertia Merrill’s daughter)—Comfort
The Family of Kat Fleming’s mother (friend of Becky Mahon)—Comfort
Betty Neas—Healing
Dan McCall—Healing
The Family of John Lay—Comfort
The Family of Mildred Rasmussen (Rebecca Kemper Poos’ mother)—Comfort

Please Remember in Your Prayers

CUCC Special Dates

BIRTHDAYS
December 1—Teresa Roorda
December 2—Doyle Nyberg
December 7—Jean Brody
December 9—Corey Tucker
December 16—Shirri Blake
December 10—Christopher Colvin
December 12—Daniel Daugherty
December 15—Dennis Daugherty
December 21—Bob H. Smith
December 24—Norm Holloway
December 24—Jean Buster
December 25—Noel Ekin
December 26—Betty Gwynn
December 28—Verona Taggart
December 29—Marge Erickson
December 30—Paula Dylan
December 30—Mary Ann Hoyt

ANNUVERSARIES
December 10—Carl & Liz Hansen
December 12—Bob & Glynnette
December 20—Les & Mary Messamer
December 21—Frank & Linda Carpenter
December 31—Elvin & Pat Benton

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

PURPOSE AND IDENTITY STATEMENT
WE, THE CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OF BUENA VISTA, COMMIT OURSELVES TO:

BEING GOD’S PEOPLE BY:
- Loving and serving God
- Living lives of integrity
- Living with thanksgiving and gratitude
- Supporting one another through loving words and actions
- Using God’s written and living Word to guide our lives
- Proclaiming the Good News of Christ
- Promoting the unity of Christ’s church
- Celebrating our life together

GROWING SPIRITUALLY BY:
- Committing ourselves to life-long learning
- Deepening our relationship with God through prayer, worship and study of scripture and other sources
- Opening ourselves to teachings and insights from many sources
- Cherishing and teaching our church community’s children and youth
- Strengthening family relationships
- Openly discussing important issues
- Honoring tradition while embracing new ideas

REACHING OUT BY:
- Being generous with our talents, time and financial resources to make a difference in our community and the world
- Providing support in difficult times by extending ourselves to those in need
- Involving people of all ages in mission work
- Modeling respect and care for all God’s creation
- Working for justice, healing and wholeness of life

WELCOMING AND ACCEPTING BY:
- Committing ourselves to be a church for all people
- Integrating people of all ages into active congregational participation
- Respecting and accepting diversity
- Striving to overcome our prejudices
- Loving and practicing kindness toward all
- Laughing together and enjoying one another

As we enter Advent, I wanted to share stories about the season. Next time you admire the greens which fill the sanctuary, you won’t have to wonder how we got them. In the mid-90’s, Steve and Cindy Helm donated them, working with Beth Nicks, the owner of the flower shop. Beth was the granddaughter of Floy Kugh, a long-time active CUCC member. The three of them had to make the greens fit the space and created the special look that we so appreciate.

Chrismons— They were first made by Frances Kipps Spencer in 1957 at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia. She also thought of the word Chrismon, which is a combination of Christ and monogram. The idea quickly spread to other churches. It is traditional that Christian groups make their own Chrismons with their favorite symbols. Chrismons are traditionally colored white and gold. White is the liturgical color for Christmas and symbolizes purity; gold symbolizes His majesty.

Chrismons were first made and used at CUCC in December 1975. They were made of white Styrofoam. Shapes were cut with an electric knife, pearls, gold mesh, sequins, and beads were used for decoration. After the season, women met to repair them, as they were quite fragile. In the 90’s, they were remade of white plastic canvas and white yarn, making them more durable. Take a moment and get a close-up look.

~Janet Steiner
I have a life-long friendship with a Native American man who is famously known as “Coyote.” He is a man like no other I have ever known. He is internationally known for his work in wildlife research, particularly with wild wolves. He changed my life. After meeting him, I stopped teaching to go back to Washington University to study animal behavior, and in that process Coyote became my friend and mentor.

One day he suggested that I and a few others in the field accompany him back to his reservation to meet his people and, in particular, his mother. We went by car from Missouri to northern California high in the mountains.

His mother was old, weathered, lined deeply, was oh-so-wise. Not wise about movies, plays, or high finance, but about life things. She knew about people—loving people, caring for their elderly, always fighting for the rights of her people. I was shocked with how little she possessed. Her home was a rundown trailer. She slept on a mattress on the floor and cooked on a wood stove that also served as her source of heat. Her clothing was not fashionable or new, but it kept her warm and dry, as she would tell you. I felt blessed to follow her around the reservation.

For a week I was her shadow. I slept next to her in a sleeping bag on the floor. I helped her tend a vegetable garden out of which she ate. Also, I went with her as she checked on other friends who lived on the reservation. It never ceased to amaze me how someone with so little could reach out and help others with even less.

When the day came for us to leave, I felt sad and I told her so. She smiled her toothless smile and took my hand. “Come with me,” she said softly. Hand in hand we walked a well-worn path deep into woods. It wasn’t long before she dropped my hand and stopped.

With no small talk, she dropped to her knees and with bare hands she began to dig into the earth. She let out a sigh and, out of the hole she had dug, she lifted out a very old paperback book. She blew on it and scraped off all the dirt and then, holding it with both hands, she held it out for me to take. “We bury the things precious to us to keep them safe,” she said. I saw that the book said, “Commodity Cook Book,” and below that, “Penny Power Recipes.” I had absolutely no clue what she was giving me, but I did know one thing. I distinctly knew I had just been graced with something quite dear to my new friend. She stooped to cover the empty hole and together, without words, we walked back to her trailer. Once there, we sat as she told me about what she had given me.

Apparently, for many years, the US Government gave the basic food groups to Native Americans and with that the “Commodity Cookbook.” As she talked, I thumbed through the old book. It seemed to me it was written for children or at least the uneducated, and it offended me. But she quickly explained how thankful she felt to have them as she raised and fed her family and lonely friends. Then she said she no longer cooked big meals for anyone and that’s when she buried the book. Then she continued, “For years this was my prized possession and now I give it to you.”

I just sat there holding this precious gift and looked at her beautiful face and pulled her close and thanked her for showing me what a real gift should be. As we left, I held it tightly knowing its value to her and for the still bigger gift I just sat there holding this precious gift and looked at her beautiful face and pulled her close and thanked her for showing me what a real gift should be. As we left, I held it tightly knowing its value to her and for the still bigger gift—spending time with a truly great human being.

You know, in the recalling of this memory, it makes me realize something important. It really doesn’t matter what we give someone. Of course, we buy toys for children and those toys don’t have to mean anything to us. The key is to wrap each gift in love. My Native American friend wanted me to know what I meant to her, so she gave it thought and she knew her gift to me lay beneath the earth under a tree. To me, the walk, hand in hand, and the digging with her bare hands were part of the gift and I’ll never forget it.

To my readers over the last twenty-eight years I wish nothing but good health and joy for the coming year.

The view from the mountain is wondrous.

Jean Brody

Southeastern Association (SEA) Annual Fall Gathering

October 21, 2018
First Congregational UCC, Colorado Springs

Report by Ron and Linda Rak, Church Delegates

Member Churches: Christ Congregational, Pueblo; First Congregational, Pueblo; Community Congregational Church, Manitou Springs; Creede Community Church UCC; New Jerusalem; Church in the Wildwood, Green Mountain Falls; Vista Grande Community Church; UCC Parker Hilltop; Broadmoor Community Church; First Congregational, Colorado Springs; Black Forest Community Church; Buena Vista Congregational UCC.

The main event of the meeting involved round-robin discussions between the member church delegates talking about ongoing UCC Three Great Loves programs in their respective churches. For example, we talked about our new Community Garden and the Equal Exchange Coffee Program as being “Love of Neighbor” and “Love of Creation.” Others offered examples of “Love of Children,” such as a summer children’s camp including Buddhist and Jewish children; involving children more in the worship service, including the sermon; and placing the children’s service in an enclosed area adjacent to the sanctuary so they can see and hear what is going on. For “Love of Neighbor,” one church sponsors a community dinner/food pantry three Tuesdays a month; another conducts regular neighborhood watch/street BBQ’s; and yet another provides a Thrift Store once a month. Some of the “Love of Creation” programs shared were recycling improvements for the church and the community, programmable thermostats, weatherproofing/winterizing, LED lighting, and window replacements. Adding interesting guidance to the discussions were the questions: 1. What have you done? 2. What have you released to the stars? 3. What are you currently dreaming? The tricky one was number 2, which we interpreted as meaning: What did you give up on or discard?

The SEA has started a new Facebook page, which will of course allow interactive discussions of programs, celebrations, ordinations, events, SEA happenings, etc.

Other Events:

In mid-October there was a combined SEA, RMC, and UCC national workshop given by Rev. Dr. Velda Love, Minister of Racial Justice. This was an introduction and invitation to the new Sacred Conversation to End Racism curriculum offered by National. There were over 40 folks from all over the RMC participating that provided an amazing, challenging, and humbling experience for all.

Installation of Rev. Marta Fiorito, November 11, 2018, Black Forest UCC, 3:00pm.

SEA “Active Shooter” workshop, January 12, 2019, Vista Grande UCC, 11:00am-1:00pm (this is an attempt to tackle some of the difficult issues that come up in our time with care and support of one another).

Congregations Alive 4, February 7-9, 2019, First Plymouth, Englewood.

RMC Annual Celebration, June 6-8, 2019, Grand Junction. The keynote Speaker will be John Dominic Crossan.

UCC General Synod, June 21-25, 2019, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Next SEA Annual Meeting is October 19, 2019.

SEA Business Meeting. A quick review of some events and the usual committee reports: Included were acknowledgments of 2018 installations (Sarah Linn — Creede UCC, and Heather Haginduff — FCUCC); ordination anniversaries (many!); church anniversaries (UCC Parker Hilltop 2013 – 5 years, and First Congregational Pueblo 1878 – 140 years!); review of the Congregations Alive program; a refresher on the UCC Endowment Program and the benefit of endowments for church functioning; committee reports; 2019 budget review; nominations and election of new officers for 2019.

We’re hoping that detailed minutes of this SEA meeting will be available for reading and reviewing soon! Interestingly, from the 2017 meeting minutes, we noticed that six of the SEA churches are UBC (Open and Affirming) Association churches, but BVUCC was not listed as an ONA church in 2017. I thought we were ONA?

Is anyone interested in seeing Dom Crossan speak in Grand Junction next June? Talk to Linda or Ron Rak!

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, call my cell at 719-252-6890, or email me at revbecka@icloud.com.

Feel free to set up an appointment by phone or email.
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!

Did You Know?

Copies of Sunday messages can be found in the file box outside the office door. They’re also on the church website at www.bvcucc.org under the Home tab. A link to the latest message is included in the weekly email blast.
Messages are also available in large print before the service—ask a greeter.

Did you also 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.

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.

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.

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
As always, cash donations are appreciated, too!

December Scriptures

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WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 28

28
PRE-HANGING OF THE GREENS AND LIGHT SUPPER 4:00PM

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 30

30
COLLEGIATE PEAKS CHORALE WINTER CONCERT 7:00PM-9:00PM
MT. HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH CR 337, RUEA VISTA

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 2

2
COLLEGIATE PEAKS CHORALE WINTER CONCERT 6:00PM-8:00PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 7 PONCHA BLVD., SALIDA

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 9

9
"ADVENT TWO” COMMUNION WORSHIP 10:00AM
LIVING HEIFER MARKET AND FUND-RAISING LUNCHEON 11:00AM-1:00PM

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 16

16
INTERGENERATIONAL ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 11:00AM

MONDAY

DECEMBER 24

24
CANDLEDIGHT/COMMUNION CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7:00PM

Celebration Calendar
The review of the church roll has been completed and will now be forwarded to the Church Council.

There will be an opportunity to purchase poinsettias in honor or in memory of individuals. Please see the church worship bulletins for the order form or contact Elizabeth Shelby for details.

Upcoming events and activities for December 2018 include the following:

- **December 02, 2018** — Hanging of the Greens part 2, an intergenerational worship activity during the church worship service. The fellowship hall Christmas tree will be decorated during fellowship hour.
- **December 09, 2018** — Communion Sunday during the worship service.
- **December 12, 2018** — Diaconate meeting; 4:00 p.m.
- **December 16, 2018** — Intergenerational Christmas program during the worship service.
- **December 16, 2018** — Christmas Caroling [Intergenerational activity] - 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- **December 21, 2018** — Christmas Prayer Vigil in the sanctuary, Noon-Midnight.
- **December 24, 2018** — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with table communion; 7:00 p.m.

God bless. ~Doyle Nyberg, Diaconate Chair

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**Mission and Ministry News**—December greetings from the M&M Team!

M&M would like all members and friends to participate in three special projects for December:

*** Please sign the Christmas cards for Angelo Abellana, our child we sponsor through Global Ministries. Check for the special cards after services in the fellowship hall.

*** Living Gift Market/Heifer International. Please join us for this fundraiser on December 9, 11:30am. There will be a special catered lunch, games, and music—for all ages! (See the colorful announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.) This is your chance to purchase livestock, trees, or bees to help families lift themselves out of poverty. CUCC has a long history of successful giving through Heifer International.

*** The Christmas Fund UCC Special Collection. This fund to used to care for the active and retired clergy and lay employees of the UCC who may be suffering from financial difficulties.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Duncan

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**The Notable Stars On Snow**

Directed by: Linda Taylor
Featuring: Oso Blanco - Drums & Percussion
Quarter - Naked Voices

**Friday, December 7, 7:30 PM**
Clearview Community Church, Buena Vista

**Saturday, December 8, 7:30 PM**
Grace Church, 1120 D Street, Salida

**Sunday, December 9, 3:00 PM**
SteamPlant Event Center, Salida

Suggested Donation: $10.00
Information: 539-2428
salidastings.org

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**Kudos Column**

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVED TO MAKE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON SO SPECIAL. MAY YOU RECEIVE BLESSINGS SNOCHED DOWN UPON YOU DURING THIS FESTIVE AND HOLY CHRISTMAS SEASON!

Janet says THANK YOU to all who helped with the Bazaar!

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**Diaconate Notes**

Thank you SO MUCH for the fantastic birthday card you sent to Rog. He received 77 in total and he enjoyed them all SO MUCH — you have no idea what they have meant to him.

Fortunately a nearby neighbor of ours was married this past Saturday on Roger’s birthday. Another couple in our neighborhood also attended the wedding and Holly Householder graciously took several photos of Rog and me right after the wedding ceremony. So the photo below was actually taken of the birthday boy on his birthday!!!! So far, he’s holding his own. Because of some physical limitations, he doesn’t like being 80, but he sure enjoys all the attention, warm wishes and fond memories you have sent his way.

Thanks for helping to make his day so special.

Lots of LOVE,
Debby
Join the Prayer Team and make a difference right from your 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, teams, 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

CE News for December

November has flown by, much like the blowing leaves and snow. As we begin the Advent Season, we all hope for time to contemplate God’s gifts and a more peaceful world.

Consider attending the “Journey Study” led by Molly Stuart on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 10:00am and the Celtic Prayer Group led by Marge Erickson on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 9:00am.

Be sure to be in attendance for worship on December 2. We will be decorating the sanctuary together and deepening our knowledge of this Christmas tradition.

Then on Sunday, December 16, we will enjoy intergenerational worship with a program centered around the 200th anniversary of the Christmas carol “Silent Night.” Please let Laurie, Judy, or Janet know what you would like to share. Also, as part of this program, everyone is requested to bring a non-perishable food item into the sanctuary with them.

The CE Board wishes everyone a blessed and joyous Advent Season!
Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Stevens, Chair

Thank you so much in helping gather coats for the many in Buena Vista in need. With winter coming on, it is such a blessing to our clients.

How blessed we are by your generosity and we give thanks for your taking part in this ministry.

God bless you,
Connie Robb, Arkansas Valley Christian Mission

In 2017, gifts to the Christmas Fund enabled:

- Small pension supplementation for 424 retired clergy, lay employees, and surviving spouses/partners, totaling $1,513,602
- Health benefits supplementation for 210 retired clergy, lay employees, and surviving spouses/partners, totaling $492,863
- Emergency grants for 384 servants of the church, totaling $136,012
- Christmas “Thank You” gift checks to 477 retired clergy, lay employees, and their surviving spouses/partners, totaling $228,300.

This special offering will be collected throughout December.
CUCC Council Minutes
As Council did not meet in November, there are no minutes to share.

Announcing the ANNUAL MEETING!
The Annual Meeting will be
Sunday, January 27, right after the worship service.
Submission deadline for annual reports is Wednesday, January 2. The completed Annual Report will be available in the sanctuary by Sunday, January 13.

Dear Congregational Church,

Thank you so much for your recent gift and continued support. Without you we could not fulfill our mission to provide decent, affordable housing to deserving families in Chaffee County. We, and those we serve, sincerely appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely,
Chaffee County Habitat For Humanity Board and Staff
Jill Smola, Executive Director

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will pour into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. —Luke 6:38

Event: CUCC Living Gift Market/Heifer International
Date: Sunday, December 9
Place: CUCC Fellowship Hall
Time: after worship in lieu of coffee hour, 11:00am-1:00pm
Fellowship Luncheon Provided (not a potluck)
Featuring a video presentation and fun games!

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LUCKY LAMBS: $100, SHARE: $50

Chicks and Ducks
Chicks and ducks boost family income and nutrition, providing a steady supply of protein, rich eggs and meat.
CHICKS: $20;
DUCKS: $20

Sheep
Pasturization has been fundamental to many civilizations, due in part to the flock behavior of sheep. Their tendency to follow and congregate closely with other members of the herd make keeping large groups together in well planned pastures possible.
SHEEP: $120, SHARE: $10

Goat
A goat is one tough animal. Goats can survive in almost any climate, due in part to their open-minded approach to eating almost anything you'll feed them. Legend has it that a goat herder in Ethiopia discovered coffee after eating the fruit. The goat refused to be bothered after eating berries from certain plants.
GOAT: $120, SHARE: $10

Llama
Few animals can thrive in the harsh conditions of the Andean highlands, but llamas and their alpaca cousins are uniquely suited to the task. Their dense, soft wool keeps them warm, and they like to eat scrub vegetation that other grazers wouldn’t touch.
LLAMA: $150, SHARE: $20

Honey Bees
The practice of collecting honey dates back to the Stone Age. Archaeologists have found jars of honey in ancient Egyptian tombs and were startled to find the honey unspilled and perfectly preserved, proving honey’s indestructible shelf life.
BEEHIVE: $20

Water Buffalo
Water buffalo are sturdy draft animals that help farmers plow fields and carry heavy loads to market. Unlike mechanical plows, they don’t need fuel to run or mechanisms to file bedding parts.
WATER BUFFALO: $250, SHARE: $25

Cow
Some cows are big animals, but they’re quiet in other ways. Too. They only urinate in the history of learning and the first animals that we gave were these cows named Bath, Hope and Charity.
COW: $500, SHARE: $50

Rabbit
Often appearing in folktales as a mischievous trickster, rabbits actually live in groups. They make their homes in underground holes called burrows, and the group of burrows that forms a rabbit community is called a warren.
RABBITS: $50, SHARE: $10

Pig
Pigs are useful for more than just making bacon. Because of their digging abilities and excellent access of stock, they are used to find truffles in many European countries. Sometimes their heavy hair is used to make brushes.
PIG: $120, SHARE: $30

Fish
What do you think fish have in common with teens? You can count their age by the number of growth rings they have on their scales. The age of farming fish and other aquatic animals is known as an aquaculture.
FISH (TUNA): $100, SHARE: $30

Tree Seedlings
These are some of the largest and oldest organisms in existence. The kapok tree, a member that has been named Regrettia, is 999 years old. The rubber tree, a rubber tree from the family called Hymenaea, is over 3,000 years old.
SEEDLINGS: $10

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