

**Congregational
United Church of Christ**

Sunday Schedule
9:00am Adult Education
10:00am Worship Service
& Children's Church
11:00am Coffee Hour

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No matter who you are, no matter where you are
in life's journey, you are welcome here at the
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News and Views

Congregational United Church of Christ
March, 2019



MODERATOR'S MOMENT

"LOVE IS THE ONLY WAY"

**"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice!
We can do all things in Christ who strengthens us."
Philippians 4:4 & 13**

I felt a lot of "Leaning IN . . ." on Sunday the 17th of February when our CUCC All-Team Launch party began. Everyone gathering around to meet new friends, put a puzzle together of opportunities for the work of the team, a shared meal, and then the JOY of discovery. How will we organize? Who will be our leaders? What are our team's tasks in the year ahead? Everyone seemed both enthusiastic and eager - "Leaning IN . . ."—ready to make the team come together. Pretty remarkable!

The same thing happened at the Church Council meeting on Wednesday, February 20. A full table of church leaders, Officers and Team Representatives *eager* to begin the task of shaping the year of ministry and mission ahead. Everyone—"Leaning . . .IN."

This is not the normal, routine year of ongoing worship, service to our community and world, education, music, reaching out, and spiritual growth that we are embarking on! No, we have opened our hearts to a new encounter with God, with each other, and with the fast-paced world of CHANGE that is happening all around us... COMPLACENCY is NOT a choice we have!

To make a difference in the world and our community we have to "Lean IN . . .," put the force of who we are as Christian people and as a Church to work right here. The possibility exists that as we reach out in love and compassion, that God is opening a new chapter in the life of this faith community.

We're in this together—we need your energy, your input, your ideas. We're ready to break out of the comfort zones we have established in order to try new things:

- New Worship Styles, New Music, New Foods, New Bazaar Ideas,
- New Windows to Beautify our Sanctuary, New Meeting Times,
- New Groups Welcomed, New Creativity and Art Festivals,
- New Caring for one another and Caring for the Environment,
- New people worshiping with us and growing in their relationship with God,
- New Embracing of God's Word in the Natural World.

Only with God's help can we do these things!

Let's each one of us "Lean IN . . ." and be a part of the transformation already begun!

With optimism and love we can Imagine, Inspire, Ignite the Future.
Rev. Marjorie Erickson, Moderator



PASTOR'S ARTICLE, March, 2019

"We will choose to be a blessing for life...."

Ah.....winter! Still here and in great abundance! As I write this article, I am sitting by a warm fire, in a warm house, with my kitties and dogs snuggled nearby. I am looking out at a beautiful sight of snow on the patio, and a snow sky over the mountains, with more snow in the forecast! And I am grateful. I remember the pain last winter of wondering if we were *ever* going to get snow, of driving by Blue Mesa and other lakes and wondering if they'd ever return to their beautiful fullness. I remember the agony of wondering if there would be hay for our horses anywhere, for any price. And part of my gratitude is to the Miles for always looking out for us and Satin and Dolly— even if it means saving last year's hay for us, when they weren't sure they had enough for themselves.

I am grateful for this church and its inspired and forward-thinking leadership, in the past, present and future. We are so grateful for this woodstove that has literally changed our family's quality of life. (The cats say thanks, too—they love it and can't imagine how we ever got through the winter before!) Experiencing the Spirit's presence in the warmth of a fire, talking together about the day, unwinding to sleep after long meetings, even starting the day with coffee and writing articles and sermons and ministry emails—this truly is an experience of the Holy—not to be taken for granted!

My gratitude for our church's leadership extends *far* beyond the gift of this home and woodstove, of course! For last Sunday we gathered in a large, full room for our "Launch Party" and enjoyed getting acquainted, a delicious taco lunch, inspiring words and scriptures, a fun and thoughtful "puzzle game" and a very fruitful time in our teams around the table. We came together to learn of the tasks and responsibilities of each team, dream of new ideas for the future, and welcome a wider circle of participants than we ever have had before. Talk about an experience of the Holy!

Last week in worship, we explored "Blessings and Woes," and the choice that life presents us each day and in each situation to count our blessings or wallow in our woes. Many churches are wallowing these days. Many congregations are aging, shrinking, struggling to pay the bills for ministry staffing and maintaining old and declining facilities. That is not *us*!! True, we have seen some reduction in numbers in worship attendance and giving in the past few years, as people have passed away or needed to move away to different climes. But we have also welcomed a myriad of new folks into our church family, with all their gifts and spirit and talents. We have also embraced the changing times with changing imagination and vision, explored new organizational structures and brought divine creativity to our worship, music, administration, communication and leadership models.

And now, we launch! Into a new chapter, a new season in our life together in beloved community, with vision, excitement, a full cadre of teams and officers. We are full of new ideas and passion for mission—both inside our doors and out in God's world. With great gratitude, as your pastor, I says, let's launch with abundance! Abundant moisture, warmth, energy, and support for one another. Let's sail into March like a lion, but a lion of *blessing*—looking for the blessings rather than the woes. Choosing to BE a blessing wherever we find ourselves, in whatever way we can ask or imagine! We have listened to the leading of the Spirit and have found God to be faithful in every way. Let it be said of us, that we listened, led with courage and loved all along the way!

*Let it be said of us, while we walked among the living,
 Let it be said of us, by the ones we leave behind,
 Let it be said of us, that we lived to be a blessing for life.
 And let it be said of us, that we gave to reach the dying,
 Let it be said of us, by the fruit we leave behind,
 Let it be said of us, that our legacy is blessing for life.
 This day, you set life, you set death right before us,
 This day, every blessing and curse is a choice now,
 And we will choose to be a blessing for life.
 Let it be said of us, that our hearts belonged to Jesus,
 Let it be said of us, that we spoke the words of life,
 Let it be said of us, that our heritage is blessing for life.*

Blessings be upon us!
 ~Rebecca



Thank you! Thank you!
 Thank you!

I love my job here! The people are great, my boss is wonderful, and the work is fun. :) And I so appreciate the fact that you show me in both small and large ways that my work is valued.

Specifically, I want to express my deep gratitude for the raise this year. As we all know, living in BV is not as cheap as it could be, so every bit really helps. It will be used wisely!

Very sincerely,
 Nancy Best in the office
 officially your friendly, neighborhood Office Communications Administrator

MONTESSORI 6-SESSION PARENTING WORKSHOP

March 5, 12, April 2, 9, 16, 23

4:00pm-6:00pm, Watershed, 410 E Main

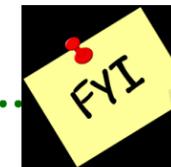
Sonnie McFarland, 40+ year Montessorian, teaches topics such as "Discovering the Authentic Child," "Creating Nurturing Home Environments," and "Centering Skills for Adults."

Email sonnie4peace@gmail.com or call 719-207-2227 to register.
 \$200 for all six sessions.

Rev. Rebecca Poos, Nancy, & Teresa,

Thank you all so very much for making Mother's Celebration of Life a wonderful time, at the church and the Hall. We appreciate everything you all did to make it a celebration! May God bless you all!

Love,
 Carol & Floyd Fauser and the Lambert Families



Old Board Name

- Diaconate
- Christian Education
- M&M
- Trustees
- Trustees
- Stewardship Committee

New Team Name

- Worship/Congregational Life
- Faith Education
- Outreach/Community and World
- Facilities/Caring for the Church Home
- Finance and Budget
- Stewardship/Visioning

Abbreviation

- Worship
- FE
- Outreach
- Facilities
- Finance
- Stew/Vis

From Rebecca and Family: THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for the generous donations from CUCC and individuals to our memorial for Mom & Dad!

"Memorial Legacy for Pastor Rebecca's Mother & Dad: Rasmussen's Retreat"

Funds will go to renovating a lodge room at Camp Arrah Wanna, a location dear to Mildred and her late husband George's hearts, as well as Pastor Rebecca's entire family. In 1941 the camp opened, and Mildred served as one of the camp's first volunteers and then counselors. It was also at this mountain retreat where the pair, who enjoyed an almost 50-year marriage, first got engaged."



Memorial Donations can be sent to:

Camp Arrah Wanna, 24075 E Arrah Wanna Blvd, Welches, OR; 97067.

Or donate online: "In Dedication to: Mildred Rasmussen" at www.camparrahwanna.org.

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

Diane Bails (720) 505-6540
21833 Saddlebrook Court, Parker, CO 80138

Nan Bohe (719) 207-4850
Columbine Manor
530 W. 16th Street, Salida, CO 81201

Jean Brody (303) 720-9595
Sterling House #505
8271 South Continental Divide Road
Littleton, CO 80127

Lindsey Fagerberg
6380 NE Cherry Dr., Apt. 515
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Bonnie Guenther (719) 395-2261
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Rocky Kemper
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CUCC Special Dates



BIRTHDAYS

March 1—Lindsey Dietrich
March 3—Matthew Maloney
March 6—Barb Groy
March 6—Lucille Habeck
March 6—Ron Rak
March 8—Rick Fagerberg
March 13—Joe Holub
March 13—Pat Kobe
March 15—Tyler Keidel
March 16—Skyler Tucker
March 17—Millie Meardon
March 20—Bob E. Smith
March 20—Arlene Waldorf
March 22—Lyntha Nelson
March 22—Ruthann Schoffield
March 26—Nancy Best
March 27—Barb Wilder
March 30—Dave Kobe



ANNIVERSARIES

March 1—Rick & Lesley Fagerberg
March 8—Mike Bullock & Ruthann Schoeffield
March 14—Farrell & Dorothy Coy
March 20—Dave & Pat Kobe
March 22—Bill & Arlene Waldorf
March 24—Bill & Elizabeth Shelby
March 27—Del & Janet Jones

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

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Nan Bohe—Healing
Marcy Adams—Healing
Jordan Conradson—Healing
Maryanne Wells (Janet Jones' sister-in-law)—Healing
Krisa Ferguson (Jean & Steve Ferguson' daughter-in-law)—Healing
Mark Russell (Marge Dorfmeister's nephew)—Healing
Gary Bragg (Ruth Amster's nephew)—Healing
Ali Lufkin—Healing
Ed Simons (Rebecca K. Poos' brother-in-law)—Healing
Vida Davis (Nybergs' aunt)—Healing
The Family of Leon Hughes, Sr. (Nybergs' uncle)—Comfort
Rick Fagerberg—Healing
Elvin Frantz—Healing
Laurie Riggs—Healing
Gail Moffat—Healing
Pam Hughes—Healing
Craig Weisser (Jean & Steve Ferguson's son-in-law)—Healing
Rob & Katie Ferris—Healing
Ronald Clodfelter (VirJeanne William's brother)—Healing
Jenny Blea-Sandoval (friend of Becky Mahon)—Healing
The Family of David Brainard (Merilee Daugherty's father)—Comfort
Jeannie Kemper (Rocky Kemper's sister-in-law)—Healing

SAILING INTO SABBATICAL CUCC, March, 2019

A "sabbatical journey" is a shared journey by Pastor and Congregation. We have received a "Clergy Renewal Grant" for this journey, and information will be shared throughout the year so that we can all engage in sabbatical renewal and refreshment and learning together. See the Bulletin Board for the full description of the Sabbatical—both the pastor's and congregation's parts and focus.

The theme for the sabbatical is "Natural World as Word" from a particular theme of Celtic Christianity referred to as "Two Books." John Scotus Eriugena (9th c) expressed it: *God speaks to us through two books: the 'little book' of Scripture and the 'big book' of creation.* Our sabbatical will explore Celtic Christianity, already begun at CUCC, with a specific focus on this "Two Books" stream, which also has parallels in Native American spirituality. This will encompass study of nature, music, ancient stories, sites and experiences.

Christian Theological Seminary Announces 148 Congregations Awarded Lilly Endowment 2018 National Clergy Renewal Program Grants

Christian Theological Seminary and the Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program has awarded grants to **148 congregations located in 33 states** and DC. The grants provide congregations support to enable their pastors to take time away from ministerial responsibilities for reflection and renewal. Pastors use the respite to engage in renewal experiences that often include travel, scholarly research and immersive experiences with different cultures and traditions.

"Pastors play an important role in nourishing the spiritual lives of individuals and in guiding the work of the Christian congregations they serve. Through these grants we seek to honor pastors for their extraordinary service and enable them to engage in a brief period of rest and renewal. We have learned that such experiences invigorate the leadership of pastors and bring new vitality to their congregations as well."

Congregations in the 2018 program represent diverse Christian traditions. The congregations and their pastors worked together to determine how the pastors will use the grants to replenish, restore and renew their ministries. Travel to domestic and international destinations and journeys into nature are popular activities for grant recipients. One pastor will travel with family to Rome and Florence to explore iconography and the ways that art can inspire understandings of God. Another pastor will journey to different parts of the United States experiencing sacred stories, family stories, and the stories that connect her with others as she encounters storytellers from many settings.

In addition to travel as a form of renewal, some pastors will use their time away from their congregations to engage in new spiritual disciplines, focus on time with loved ones and study topics that renew their excitement for preaching and leadership. The Renewal Program leverages the reciprocal dynamics of support, trust and encouragement reflective of healthy congregations. The program is designed to respect the innate human need for times of service and replenishment. It provides a means for congregations to express appreciation for their leaders' service and respect for his or her health and energy for continued ministry. The grants recognize the tremendous amount of energy, time and leadership that pastors invest in their congregations.

Congregations were invited to apply for grants of up to \$50,000. The application process was participatory in nature, involving congregations and their pastors in the design and development of the renewal experience. Up to \$15,000 of the grant could be allocated to fund interim pastoral leadership, as well as renewal activities within the congregation. Pastors were encouraged to include their families in the renewal activities.

Award Recipients: Colorado

Boulder, CO – Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Mary Kate Rejouis
Buena Vista, CO – Congregational United Church of Christ of Buena Vista, the Rev. Rebecca Sue Kemper Poos
Denver, CO – Christ Episcopal Church, the Rev. Terry McGugan
Denver, CO – New Beginnings Worshipping Community, the Rev. Theresa Annette Schjang
Littleton, CO – Littleton United Methodist Church, the Rev. Trudy Denise Robinson
Strasburg, CO – Saron Lutheran Church, Julie Brooks

(For more recipients, see: <http://www.cpx.cts.edu/renewal/news/2018/09/24/christian-theological-seminary-announces-148-congregations-awarded-lilly-endowment-2018-national-clergy-renewal-program-grants>)



Worship Team Notes

Betsy Neas and Barb Groy are the new Co-Chairs. There is no Vice Chair. They will run the meetings together and Barb will attend Council Meetings. Ruthann Schoeffield is the new Secretary.

The Worship Team will serve as ushers and greeters on Communion Sunday. Linda Rak will train people to ready the Communion trays and will also be in charge of communion.

Janet trained the team on the correct way to install the banners and paraments.

The meeting time for the team will be at 11:30 am on the second Sunday of each month to last one hour.

Instead of Social Sunday, there will now be Birthday Sunday each month on the fourth Sunday to celebrate all birthdays in that month. The Worship Team will provide the food for Fellowship Time and a cake or something special. The funds for the cake will come from the Worship Team's budget. Linda and Janet agreed to be in charge, with Linda ordering and picking up the cake.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Neas, Secretary

Stewardship/Visioning Team

February started with the newly formed team on equal footing with the other teams. The six members are Ann Condra (Chair), Bob Stocker (Vice Chair), Judy Hassell (Secretary), Merilee Daugherty, Judy Hassell, Bowie Duncan, and Bill Waldorf.

A discussion about the goals of the team included education of the congregation about intentional giving, legacy planning, and the history of giving. It was discussed that a pledge program would not be a goal of this group, but that helping the congregation understand the changing and ongoing needs of the church could be done in a number of ways. Time, talent, and treasures vary in different stages of life, and members will be encouraged to consider where they are in their own life and plan their giving accordingly.

The team will meet once a month on the second Tuesday at 2:00pm in the pastor's office. The next meeting is March 12. Anyone who is interested in sharing ideas with or asking questions of this team are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Hassell, Secretary



CUCC Lent & Easter Season

 Ash Wednesday, March 6, 6:00pm, Grace Church

Lenten Services/Soup Suppers, 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 13, CUCC

Wednesday, March 20, Grace Church

Wednesday, March 27, CUCC

Wednesday, April 3, Grace Church

Wednesday, April 10, CUCC

Palm Sunday Service, April 14, 10:00am

Maundy Thursday Service, April 18, 7:00pm

Good Friday Service, April 19, 12:00pm (noon)

 Easter Prayer Vigil, Friday, April 19, 1:00pm – 12:00am (midnight)

Easter SonRise Service, Sunday, April 21, 7:00am

Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 21, 8:00am

 HE IS RISEN
Easter Celebration Service, Sunday, April 21, 10:00am



Outreach/Community & World Team News March greetings!

Our very first meeting as OUTREACH/COMMUNITY & WORLD was held after the Launch Party at CUCC on Feb. 17, 2019. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

** ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Chair: Helen Duncan; vice Chair: Laurie Stevens; Secretary: Ron Rak

** BACKPACK PROGRAM: Paper bags are now used. Hurrah for the "green movement!"

Ken Rehborn (director) announces a new initiative to change the BP program to a (501)c3 so that more donations from non-church related groups can be accepted. DONATIONS OF BOTH FOOD AND MONEY ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED.

** HOLY JOE'S COFFEE PROJECT is on firm financial footing and continues to supply the fellowship hour coffee. Purchases by church-goers are much appreciated. Keep up the good work!

** LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS WITH GRACE CHURCH. The Lenten Service is at 6pm with a light meal following. Our dates: Wednesday, March 13, Wednesday, March 27, and Wednesday, April 10. PLEASE sign-up—see the poster in the narthex or call Helen (395-5768)—to prepare soup for our Wednesday nights at CUCC. AND, try to support the service & suppers at Grace Church, beginning on ASH WEDNESDAY, March 6.

** Here are several important community events we, as your Outreach Team, are supporting:

February 28: Community Awareness Event on Addiction and the Opioid Crisis, 7:00pm-9:00pm, CUCC.

March 14: Community forum on a proposed "red flag" (ERPO/extreme risk protection order) gun law in Colorado. Can the 'left' and 'right' speak about sensible gun regulations? Venue will be announced in early March.

** ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING collection on **March 17**. Where does your donation go? READ "REFLECTIONS FROM GHANA" by visiting the UCC website:

http://www.ucc.org/news_reflections_from_ghana_lift_up_mission_and_ministry_of_one_great_hour_of_sharing_offering_02142019

Respectfully submitted, Helen Duncan, Chair



CHURCH-COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



**“ON A SILKEN THREAD:
SPIDER FACT AND FANCY”**
presented by the Collegiate Peaks Forum Series
Thursday, March 28, 7:00pm
Salida SteamPlant

Love them or leave them, but at least learn to respect these top predators of the world of creepy crawlies. Dr. Paula Cushing, Curator of Invertebrate Zoology at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, answers all your spider-related questions and give you plenty of new knowledge about these fascinating creatures.

“GREEN EVENING”
Tuesday, March 5, 6:30pm

Karen Milligan’s house—29822 Teal Run, Buena Vista

Hear a presentation about environmentally friendly cleaning products which reduce waste, and catch up on the latest happenings with Chaffee Green, a local group pursuing comprehensive sustainable practices in our community

Please RSVP to Karen Milligan at 847-624-6866

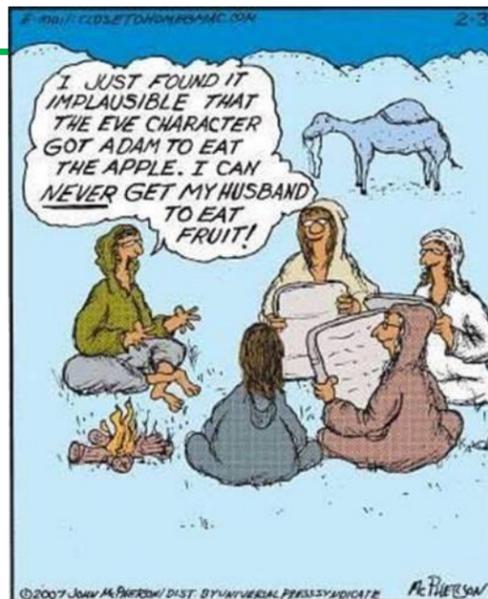
Appetizers and beverages will be served.

BV RED FLAG LAW FORUM

Thursday, March 14, 6:00pm-8:00pm, location TBA

BV residents Tiffany Campbell and Jim Hight facilitate a forum on the Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO), also known as the Red Flag Law, for people willing to share their views in a civil manner and listen respectfully to those who disagree on this issue and on gun control in general.

Email Jim at jimhightwrites@gmail.com or call 707-407-9455 to learn more and register.



The world's first book club.

CUCC Finance and Budget Team News

The organizational meeting for the Finance and Budget Team took place during the February 17 All-Team Launch Party. The day of our regular meetings was set for the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm, making the next meeting March 14. Bill Waldorf was chosen to be Chair; Lesley Fagerburg, Vice-Chair; and Cindy Helm, Secretary.

The Team will focus on the following items this year:

- *Establish a signing off procedure each month after books are reconciled
- *Establish a Manual for Internal Controls
- *Write a Policy and Procedures Update
- *Compile a detailed list of the monthly activities of Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Erickson, Acting Secretary

PLUG INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

BE IN THE KNOW!

- ◆ Copies of Sunday messages can be found in the file box outside the pastor’s office door.
- ◆ Sunday messages are also posted on the church website at www.bvcucc.org/home/Sunday-messages.
- ◆ Sunday bulletins are available in large print before the service—ask a greeter.
- ◆ To receive the CUCC weekly email blast, contact the office at 719-395-2544 or email to office.bvcucc@gmail.com.
- ◆ Nancy is in the front office T, W, F from 9-2, but feel free to leave a message at any time.
- ◆ Contact Nancy in the office to get on the birthday/anniversary list. Please include the year of said birthday/anniversary (only because the computer software program we store our congregational data in requires it—not because Nancy’s nosy).

March	Scriptures
Sunday, March 3	— Luke 9:28-43a
Sunday, March 10	— Psalm 46:10; Luke 6:12
Sunday, March 17	— Luke 13:31-35
Sunday, March 24	— Luke 13:1-9
Sunday, March 31	— Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

LET’S BE GREEN!!!

Please recycle everything possible at CUCC. We have bins in the office and Fellowship Hall to make it easy.



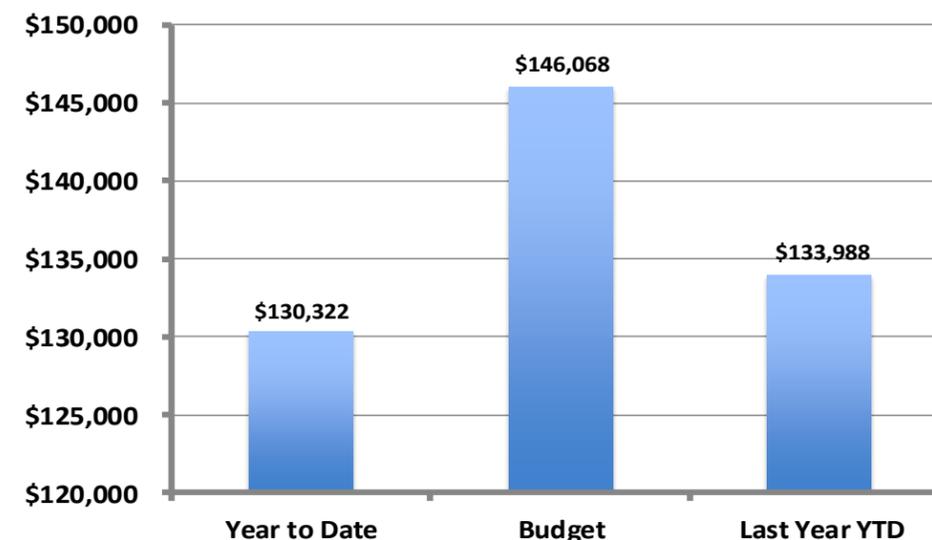
HEAR YE! HEAR YE!
Congregational Gathering
Sunday, March 31
right after the worship service
11:00am-12:30pm



Be: Informed!
Involved!
Fed!

Lunch is provided!

General Contributions through January, 2019



March 2019

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The Faith Education Team

Develop a passion for learning.
If you do, you never cease to grow.
Anthony J. D'Angelo

Starting a new year is exciting for the team. The first kick-off meeting was a success. Getting to know each other and appointing new Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary was accomplished.

With that done, we went over some goals for this year:

1. Lifelong learning
2. Children's Church (find an Educational Teacher, NEED Volunteers to sign up for Sundays)
3. Summer activities
 - a. Jim Close Memorial Garden (composting)
 - b. Family Camp (AKA find new name, assemble a task force.)
 - c. 4th of July pie sale

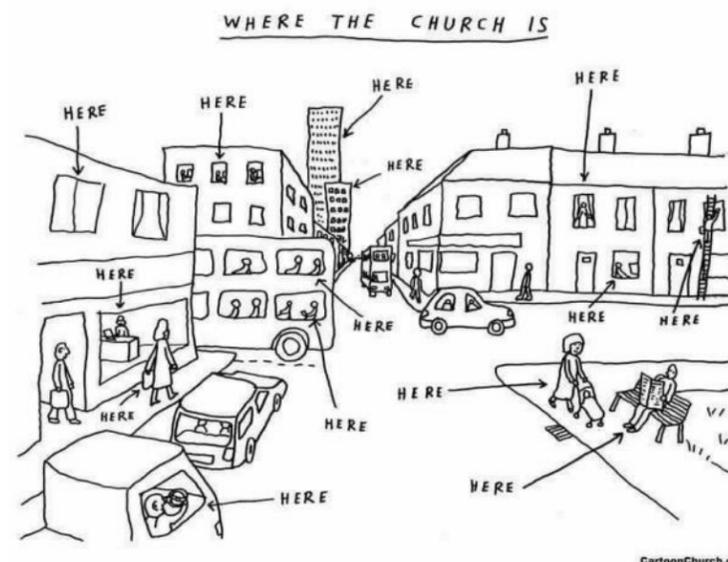
And this, folks, is a beginning of great things.

Leadership and Learning are indispensable to each other.

John F. Kennedy

Next meeting March 15th, at 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ruby Hamilton, Vice Chair



Cloth hand towels are now in the restrooms - please feel free to use them instead of the paper towels. They are washed every week.



SILVER SNEAKERS

The Silver Sneakers program is a health insurance benefit that allows you to use fitness places all over the country a certain number of times per month for free, though each one will have its own process and not all insurance plans make it available. Locally, Peak Fitness in BV, Mt. Princeton Hot Springs, and the Salida recreation department are partners with the program.

You don't have to be 65 or older to join, but check with your health insurance plan to see if you are eligible. The easiest way to do so is to go to the following webpage and plug in your name and birthdate. You'll be in the system if your plan has this benefit. You can either print out your paper card instantly or ask for a laminated card at a later time.

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CUCC Council Minutes

February 20, 2019

Present: Kay Allinger, Ann Condra, Helen Duncan, Marge Erickson, Ron Erickson, Ron Hassell, Cindy Helm, Rebecca Kemper Poos, Betsy Neas, Janet Steiner, Kathy Roman, Ron Rak.

Marge Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:09pm, opening with a prayer of encouragement. A review of upcoming events on the church calendar was noted on the Meeting Agenda. Changes included the March 10 Outreach Team meeting changed to 11:45am, and the Faith Education Team meeting time is 4:00pm.

Continuing Business

Memorial Window Replacement Project. Janet opened the discussion with a request to rename the project something other than Memorial Windows. Suggested were 140th Anniversary Windows, Honoring Families, Family Celebration Windows, Celebration Windows. Ron Hassell noted that the maximum number of windows will be 15, starting in the Sanctuary, then the Office, then the Fellowship Hall. Work is expected to be done in phases depending on costs, budget and availability of windows. No stained glass windows. Local suppliers will be researched, and it was decided that the windows will be professionally installed. It's expected to all be done by next winter.

Pastor's Report. The first priority is working on filling out the March calendar. Lenten preparations are under way, to include creative ideas such as Celtic traditions in the worship and praising God's beauty and creation. Jim Hight is planning to conduct a dialogue on March 14 (location TBD) on the recent Red Flag law being considered by the state legislature, gun violence and related topics. Rebecca has offered to assist with the Sunday evening March 14 service at the Episcopalian church in Leadville, since the pastor is dealing with cancer-related health issues. Planning for Rebecca's sabbatical is ongoing; updates for the congregation will be posted on a bulletin board and in the monthly newsletter. A sabbatical planning team is being assembled to assist. The sabbatical is scheduled June 10 - September 15.

General Business and Reports

Minutes from the January 16 Council meeting were reviewed. Ron Erickson/Ann Condra moved to accept the minutes as written; motion passed. {NOTE: Minutes from the January 27 Congregational Meeting are in process, and should be approved at the next Council Meeting. Bylaws will need to be changed to clarify when minutes from the newly planned quarterly congregational meetings are approved.}

Clerk's Report: Ron Rak noted no reported changes in the congregation since the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Helm highlighted the January Financial Statement, noting from the end-of-report summary page that general contributions for January were under budget by \$3,572, and there were no concerns expressed by the Finance Team this early in the year. A major change in procedure will be initiated next month to reduce paperwork and get the financial reports to each team more quickly by emailing reports to each team chair, instead of distributing five copies to each team in the mailboxes.

Moderator's Report: Based on a request from the UCC, Marge requested prayers for the United Methodist Church in their deliberations this weekend on sexual gender issues in the Methodist church which have been plaguing the denomination for many years. The next quarterly Congregational Meeting will be on March 31 immediately after the Sunday worship service and will include evaluation of how the church team structure is working and an update on the sabbatical preparations.

New Business

Confirm Delegates to the Rocky Mountain Conference. Marge noted that our nominated church delegates for this year are Ron & Linda Rak, with Ron & Marge Erickson as alternate delegates, and asked Council to confirm the delegate appointments. Helen/Ann moved to confirm the 2019 delegate appointments; motion carried. There was brief mention of highlights of the June 6 - 8 RMC Annual Celebration meeting in Grand Junction. {NOTE: Ron & Linda plan to attend}.

Reports of Teams, Affiliated Organizations, and Committees

Facilities Team. Ron Hassell is Chair, Mark Wolters is Vice Chair, Bowie Duncan is Secretary. Meeting time is 6:00pm on the 2nd Thursday. At the first meeting they reviewed projects and members skills to make assignments for the various projects. Current emphasis is on finishing details to the three restrooms and converting the front entry restroom to unisex.

Faith Education Team. Ron E. reported that Arlene Waldorf is Chair and Ruby Hamilton is Vice Chair. Donna Maloney sat in the meeting to determine if she wants to serve on the team or teach Sunday school.

Worship Team. Co-chairs are Betsy Neas and Barb Groy and Ruthann Schoeffield is Secretary. A new plan idea from the first meeting is to celebrate birthdays on a monthly basis on the 4th Sunday to provide equal recognition for everyone. Perhaps the team will provide cake and even lunch.

Outreach Team. Helen Duncan is Chair, Ron Rak is Secretary, and Ken Rehborn will continue to coordinate the Backpack Program. Significant changes to the Backpack Program were noted. Doug Brady of Rotary offered to set up a new organization called "BV Backpack Program" as a 501(c)3 entity to more easily solicit and accept community donations to the program, especially from those who don't want to contribute to a church-related program. CUCC will continue in the program by providing facilities and volunteer support as needed.

Stewardship/Visioning Team. Ann Condra is Chair, Bob Stocker is Vice Chair, and Judy Hassell is Secretary.

Finance and Budget Team. Bill Waldorf is Chair, Lesley Fagerberg is Vice Chair, and Cindy Helm is Secretary. Initial work will be determining policies and procedures and reviewing checks and balances within the team. Kay Allinger, CUCC's Financial Secretary, attended the meeting to inform the team as to what her duties have routinely been.

Women's Missionary Society. Kay Allinger reported that the program for the March meeting is a presentation about the AirMedCare Network (REACH) helicopter medical evacuation program at the Buena Vista airport.

Prayer Concerns/Adjournment

Next meeting is scheduled for March 20 at 7:15 p.m. (Lenten Soup Supper Night at Grace Church).

Prepared by Ron Rak, Clerk

FACILITIES TEAM NEWS

The new Facilities Team met for the first time February 17 with Darrel Hamilton, Bowie Duncan, Paul Dorfmeister and Ron Hassell in attendance. Mark Wolters and Rhonda Funston were unable to attend. Ron Hassell served as facilitator.

—Conducted a brief roundtable with everyone sharing a bit about their background and experience, then presented a brief review of what the Facilities Team is likely to be responsible for.

—Bowie offered and was elected Secretary.

—Ron Hassell was elected Chair.

—Mark was suggested as Vice Chair. As of this date, have not heard from Mark if he would accept the position. [It was learned at a later date that he did accept.]

—It was decided that the Team's meeting will be held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00pm.

—We spent some time reviewing recent and current projects and discussing the windows project and some other possible needs. Windows project will proceed with Mark and Ron helping with the windows committee.

—Discussed the committees and who might be interested in which committee. No final decision was made; will wait for a full team to finalize the committees.

—All received a copy of contact information and no corrections were noted. Most correspondence will occur via email unless urgent—then the phone is appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Hassell, Chair



Reaching the Pastor

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



Leave a non-urgent message at the office at
719-395-2544,
call my cell at 719-252-6890,
or email me at revbecca@icloud.com.

*Dear, dear Rev. Rebecca and All your dear Members of
Congregational United Church of Christ,*

*"Wishing you everything that makes a
Valentine's Day happy...family, friends,
and lots of love."*

*You will always be Valentines of our
hearts and we love you and miss you.*

*A very special Hug from
Reggie & Judy Nelson*



*Live
Laugh
Love*

Ruby Hamilton thanks her friends
at CUCC for the meals and prayers
after her surgery.

They meant the world to her!

"New England and Canada Autumn Cruising!"
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