

**Congregational
United Church of Christ**

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

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News and Views

Congregational United Church of Christ
July, 2019

MODERATOR'S MOMENT

"LOVE IS THE ONLY WAY"

Sometimes our hearts are touched by a meaningful prayer, by the beauty all around us, by the generosity of a friend, by the gift of music, or the touch of a friend's hand. This poem, on the need to be more loving, gave me a renewed belief in the power of love given to us by Jesus. I hope it touches you also!

I Need to be More Loving

*I know so little of what love in its fullness can be.
My love is marred by jealousy,
scarred by envy, limited by selfishness.
I withhold love at the slightest provocation
and withdraw myself from involvement with others
for fear of being hurt.*

*Still, I know something of what love can be like.
I can remember being forgiven generously and freely
by someone I had wronged.*

*I can remember being comforted and cared for
when, bruised and battered, I crept home.*

*I can remember being made strong
by the realization that someone cared.*

*I am grateful for such experiences,
for they tell me what love is about.*

*And if the Lord Jesus is right,
to know what love is like
is to know what you are like.*

*If we humans can manifest unselfishness and concern,
is it not because such experiences are of the very
nature of that which is most important?*

*For out of the heart of the Lord Jesus
came the evidence of his love for all kinds of people
and his refusal to give up on any of us.*

*I am grateful for that love and for that refusal,
for in him I have hope.*

*Give us steadiness and firmness
and true commitment to the life of faith. Amen*

From *A Book of Uncommon Prayer* by Kenneth Phifer

Tell someone you love how much they mean to you. **Enjoy your summer!**
~ Rev. Marge Erickson



PASTOR'S ARTICLE, July, 2019

Beloved Community,

Thank you so much for your warm welcome of me on June 16th! It is truly a gift to be with you this summer. My hope is that we will learn from each other and discover the possibilities God has in store for us! Just as Pastor Rebecca is learning and discerning during this sabbatical time, so are we! We are all on a spirit-led adventure, discerning what makes our heart sing, what should become compost for growing new things, and how we can live together in creative abundance. Who knows what miraculous things will come to pass when we put our learning together with Pastor Rebecca's? I expect it will be surprising - the work of the Holy Spirit often is!

As you travel this summer, remember to capture a little bit of the water from each of the locations you visit – bring it back with a tag that tells us where it is from and drop it off in the church office. There will be a box labeled “Gathering of the Waters.” We will combine them together as part of worship on September 8, so get them in before then!

Over the course of these next few months, I want to hear what makes your heart sing, individually and as a group. If you would like to get together for a chat over coffee, feel free to email me at mallorypeverhart@gmail.com or give me a call at 303-886-3149 and we can set a time.

In the Spirit of Delight,
Mallory, Interim Minister



Be included in our directory!

Lifetouch

WE'RE GETTING A NEW PICTURE DIRECTORY!

At no cost to the church—indeed, CUCC will actually receive \$2 per sitting—a professional photographer from Lifetouch will take pictures of all comers. We are opening this event up to the community, so bring yourself, your extended family, your friends! The church directory portrait and sitting are free; you only pay for any extra portraits you wish to purchase—just in time for Christmas cards and gifts! The only catch is that you need to schedule an appointment rather than simply turn up. Sittings will be here at the church.

Dates and Times: Thursday, August 15	2:00pm-9:00pm
Friday, August 16	2:00pm-9:00pm
Saturday, August 17	10:00am-5:00pm

Three ways to sign up: 1. Visit <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b0016y10/>
2. Call the church office.
3. Sign up during coffee hour with Ann Condra or Judy Hassell.

Please contact Nancy in the office with any questions. It's gonna be great!

RMCUCC BORDERLINKS DELEGATION September 23 – 27, 2019, Tucson, AZ

- Join a delegation from the Rocky Mountain Conference of the UCC in a BorderLinks experiential learning opportunity.
- Participate in educational programs to challenge and confront the policies and circumstances that lead to migration;
 - Walk desert trails to understand the strenuous journey that migrants experience while attempting to cross the US/Mexico border;
 - Meet with local advocates working to create economic and social opportunities in the borderlands.

Register at www.borderlinks.org. The name of this delegation is **Sixth Avenue UCC**. To complete your registration, please mail your check for \$680 (payable to Sixth Avenue UCC) to Sixth Avenue UCC, 3250 E 6th Ave, Denver, CO 80206. Registration is not complete until payment is received.

Questions? Contact Rev. Dr. Kari Collins of Sixth Avenue UCC at pastorkaricollins@gmail.com.

NC MISSION TRIP & PIX

During the first week of June, five CUCCers went to Burgaw, North Carolina, to help restore the home of a family who had three feet of standing water in their house for four days as the result of Hurricane Florence. The group was assigned to install the interior doors and ceiling drywall and insulation, as well as sanding some drywall mudding. Even though the temperature in the attic reached over 100 degrees, they had a wonderful experience, met some great people, ate some great food, and saw a beautiful part of our country, all while lending a hand. Thank you for all your prayers and support of this trip.



Bowie Duncan, Jared Brown, and Alice, Mark, and Cameron Wolters experienced new food, including boiled peanuts, and lots of southern heat while helping repair hurricane damage. They were hosted by the Burgaw Baptist Church.

See www.bvcucc.org for more photos!

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY NEWS

Women's Missionary Society will take their summer break, reuniting September 26, 1:00 PM. I am looking forward to our speaker, Eloisa Hanna, who is a survivor of the Holocaust. Everyone is invited to attend. Our hostesses will be Karen Bowers and Liz Anderson. Our 93rd Annual Bazaar is Saturday, November 2, 9 AM to 2 PM. Set up will be October 27 through November 1, starting at 9:30 AM. Watch for workshops leading up to this event.

Merilee Daugherty, President

FACILITIES TEAM NEWS

~**Trash service:** We were finally able to get Waste Management dumpster removed and that service terminated. Chaffee County Waste has their dumpster in place as well as the recycling tote. The dumpster is locked with a combo lock, but we have already had trouble with drive-by folks dumping their trash into the tote. It cannot be locked, so it is now placed inside the playground gate. It will be easy access there from the kitchen through the nursery. It will need to be wheeled out on Monday morning for scheduled pickup and then wheeled back behind the gate after pickup. Nancy has made signs for the tote and in the kitchen for what can be recycled and what cannot be recycled.

~**Windows project:** Windows are ordered, should be about a month until receipt. Paul and Darell still wish to install the window in the sanctuary. We will likely need to hire somebody to install the rest. Still looking into possible contractors.

~**Compost project:** Area behind the shed has been cleared for composting. We are currently waiting for a containment fence.

~**Manuals project:** In progress

~**West yard care:** We need to be sure the west yard is cared for and the spruce tree watered until drip system is expanded. Barb is caring for the east yard. Discussion on solutions to the weed problem, but no firm solution decided upon.

~**Contingency fund:** Status is still being discussed.

~**Sewing Room heat problem:** Darell and Rhonda are looking into a solution.

~**Front Door security:** Tabled for further research and discussion.

Prepared by Ron Hassell, Chair

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

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CUCC Special Dates



BIRTHDAYS

July 2—Loretta Cain
July 2—Emily Fagerburg
July 5—Rocky Kemper
July 5—Julie McMurry
July 10—Laurie Stevens
July 12—Liz Hansen
July 14—Keith Sovereign
July 22—Charles Blake
July 26—Tom Hoyt
July 27—Chuck Tidd
July 29—Janet Jones
July 31—Sarah Struthers

ANNIVERSARIES

July 3—Chuck & Lou Tidd
July 5—Jon & Teresa Roorda
July 6—Corey & Bridgett Tucker
July 9—Rebecca & Clarke Poos
July 10—Don & Bonnie Taylor
July 30—Bob & Laurie Stevens



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

Marcy Adams—Healing
Jordan Conradson—Healing
Maryanne Wells (Janet Jones' sister-in-law)—Healing
Mark Russell (Marge Dorfmeister's nephew)—Healing
The Family of Neil Johnson (brother of Kristine Johnson)—Comfort
Ali Lufkin—Healing
Molly Stuart—Healing
Laurie Riggs—Healing
Pam Hughes—Healing
Jeannie Kemper (Rocky Kemper's sister-in-law)—Healing
Randy Funston (VirJeanne Williams' son)—Healing
Zachary Bayhan (Donna Maloney's nephew)—Strength
Diana Lynn Hilt (Lucille Habeck's daughter)—Healing
The Family of Codi Miller—Comfort
Kenny Kimberlan (nephew of co-worker of Becky Mahon)—Healing
Jon Hurley (Helen & Bowie Duncan's nephew)—Healing
Kaylynne Pomfret and Blakely-Grace Pomfret—Strength
Janet Moore (Jill Buttermore's sister)—Healing
Linette Williams—Healing
Ronnie Clodfelter (VirJeanne Williams' brother)—Healing
The Family of Eddie Dewayne Prickett (Nybergs' cousin)—Comfort
Charlotte Smith (on the passing of her sister Ruth)—Comfort
Alan Roman (Kathy Roman's brother)—Healing

CONGREGATION'S ROLE - SABBATICAL CUCC, July, 2019

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
(Psalm 24:1-2)

Greetings from Sabbatical Land! We are learning so much about God's presence and revelation in the natural world and our need to care for our earth and all that dwell therein! If you're like me, you wonder constantly "what can I do?" My aunt, Jenny Holmes, works in the intersection of faith and ecology: Care for creation as an essential part of our faith and life in God. She shares these five things we *can* do! Right here and now.
Blessings, Rebecca

LOVE & CARE FOR THE EARTH AND GOD'S CREATURES

FIVE THINGS YOU CAN DO! By Jenny Holmes

Here are five things you can do at home to love your world. With a few simple habit changes and pro-active actions, you can reduce your adverse impact on the environment and encourage local biodiversity.

- 1. Help Native Pollinators.** Pollinators are the key to reproduction for most flowering plants, which are foundational to the survival of many species on our planet. This is why the criteria of Biodiversity Hotspots gives so much weight to the number of plants in an area. Give pollinators an extra boost in your backyard by: reducing or eliminating the use of pesticides, providing nectar sources by planting a variety of wildflowers and native plants that will bloom throughout the season, leaving logs and rocks in your yard or build bee boxes for native bees to make their home in, encouraging your city to stop weed-whacking median strips and sidewalk edges and let native wildflowers grow to create pollinator corridors. Visit the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation to learn more.
- 2. Reduce or eliminate pesticides and fertilizer.** Consider getting rid of your lawn, especially if you live in an arid region. Instead, plant native plants that are well adapted to your area. This will reduce the need to use pesticides and fertilizers. Don't buy plants from nurseries that use systemic pesticides such as neonicotinoids. When applied, they persist in all parts of the plant from the seed to the stem to the blossom and wreak havoc on already stressed pollinators. Use organic compost and soil additives instead. Soil health is the best prevention for pest infestations, but if you do get visited by unwanted guests, learn how to care for your plants with organic pest control.
- 3. Restore habitat in your yard.** If you have a yard, consider turning it into a mini-wildlife sanctuary. The National Wildlife Federation has a program to help you attract wildlife whether you have a balcony or a 20-acre farm. In a world where habitat loss is the number one cause of biodiversity loss, providing wildlife with water, food, cover, and a place to raise their young can go a long way.
- 4. Restore habitat in your community.** If you don't have a yard, consider volunteering on an ecological restoration project in your area. Good places to look for volunteer opportunities are land trusts, wildlife foundations, Native Plant Societies, government agencies (e.g. Forest Service, Fish & Wildlife), and environmental organizations. You'll spend time outdoors and learn about the native plants and animals.
- 5. Reduce your consumption.** This is arguably the action that will have the biggest positive impact on the environment. The more we reduce our demand for new resources, the less habitat will be destroyed to get those resources or the energy to make those products, and the less waste goes into the landfill. Become a minimalist. Most minimalists choose to live a simple life to free up their time to do the things they love rather than spending time shopping and repairing stuff. The idea is "Own Less, Live More." But it's undeniable that the minimalist lifestyle also greatly benefits the environment.

Reaching the Pastor

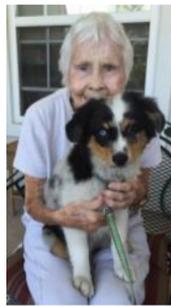
Mallory Everhart, CUCC's interim minister during Rev. Rebecca's summer sabbatical, can be reached at 303-886-3149 or mallorypeverhart@gmail.com.





view from the Mountain

“THE BLINDFOLD TEST”



There is a doctor in the New York area whose practice consists of marriage counseling. She has a new and creative approach to test what she considers the most important ingredient for a successful marriage—trust. Without trust between the two, marriage can never work. Let me tell you her way of testing.

On a Saturday morning, she places a solid mask over the eyes of one of the couple. The mask cannot be removed for anything until Sunday noon.

This means that the other partner must do everything for the masked partner during that time, including dressing, bathing, eating, bathroom duties, and errands.

At the end of this test, they go back to the doctor who removes the mask, and then a long session follows about feelings and trust.

The following weekend the other person does the very same thing, wearing the mask and seeing how trust must be there one hundred percent. It is a creative and honest way to test the extent to which the couple can function in many different ways. When I heard about this, I did not quite buy it. I have never been without any sight in my life and had no idea to the extent that we depend upon our eyes as we live every day.

But then came the day someone here at Brookdale asked me what was wrong with my right eye. “It looks funny!” After a look in the bathroom mirror, I realized that my eyelid in the right eye was closing, blocking out light necessary to see.

I already had macular degeneration in both eyes, but my right eye was the better of the two. Therefore, within a short time, the left eye was essentially blind and the good right eye couldn’t help much due to the shade closing rapidly.

Surgery was the only answer. By raising the eyelid surgically and making an incision all the way across the top of the lid and raising the muscle no longer working, hopefully I will be able to bring enough light back into my right eye and then use a strong magnifier.

Meanwhile, I’m a mess. The surgery is done and I can’t bend or exert. I put icepacks on my eye to reduce the swelling and add antibiotics to the eyelid and rest. No walking laps or exercising.

Let me tell you that I’ve been just sitting in my little apartment—I can’t see to do one thing. I drop everything I reach for; I lose stuff because I can’t see where I put them. When they bring my room tray for meals, I spill something on that tray every time. I can’t read my computer, my mail, or answer incoming mail.

My two cats are sticking to me like duct tape and tussling with each other for my attention. Worst of all, I ask for help for almost everything from raising and closing my windows to putting my clothes on right side out.

The doctors said in another week I’ll be able to see better and the fuzziness will clear. I sure do pray so.

I never knew how necessary eyesight was for the rest of my body to function. I actually feel sort of nuts, off the path, unable to follow my normal routine, and you should see what this written column looks like on this paper. The lines go up and down with no regard to being straight. I can’t even tell when I’m at the end of a line.

It goes on and on and I’m an emotional wreck. This column, my friends, is a pure act of love from me to you. I hope next week to be back to myself with one eye that gets enough light for me to put pen to paper and write to you in a normal way. Now, I understand the importance of trust in a relationship. First of all, one must trust yourself to follow your life routine and recall where everything is. Trust truly is the answer.

The view from the mountain is wondrous.

~ Jean Brody



My, how they've grown! (l-r) Pastor Rebecca, Lindsey Fagerberg, Rocky Kemper, and Cori Scott at Confirmation eight years ago. Lindsey just got married on June 1 (officiated by Pastor Rebecca), Cori graduated with amazing honors, and Rocky is full-on launched into adulthood!



In May, some BV-ites got together in Oregon. (back row, l-r) Dylan Luebke, friend of Hannah, Rocky Kemper (front row, l-r) friend of Dylan, Hannah Foreman, Lindsey Fagerberg Close, Koby Close



UCC LA FORET CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER OUT OF DEBT

When Ron and Marge Erickson attended the Rocky Mountain Conference Annual Meeting in Grand Junction June 6-8, 2019, they learned that La Foret camp is now out of debt. Ron and Linda Rak, as delegates, also celebrated the good news.

Two of our Buena Vista church members were part of the reason that this debt was paid off. Arlene and Bill Waldorf served at the conference level of the Rocky Mountain Conference – Arlene was President of the La Foret Board and Bill on the Conference Finance Committee. Arlene obtained a list of people who supported La Foret through financial giving, volunteer work on the cabins, and general maintenance. This group of workers began to meet and share their desire to get out of debt and to focus the center on the training of leaders. When Bill joined the Conference Finance Committee, he reminded the Conference that La Foret was the largest piece of real property that it owned.

As a result of these efforts, many more Conference members began to see how La Foret could enhance our level of leadership and, if freed from debt, could offer new opportunities to Conference members, such as they are now able to do with the Association Leaders Meeting, Contemplative Camp, and Clergy Retreat (see below).

UCC CAMPS & EVENTS

In the RMC, we believe that nurturing faith is of the utmost importance. Our Conference Camps & Events serve the Conference mission to ‘Be Radically Connected.’ Our weekend retreats and summer camps are typically hosted at La Foret Conference & Retreat Center in Colorado Springs. This holy place fosters faith exploration, character development, self-confidence, creativity, and friendships. Qualities cultivated at camp help persons of faith change lives, build bridges, and transform the world. We hope to see you soon at an RMC Camp or Event!

To learn more about camps, scholarships, and to register, visit www.rmucc.org.

Youth Camps

- Pioneer Camp: July 7-13; grades 2-4; cost: \$490
- Explorer Camp: July 7-13; grades 4-6; cost: \$490
- Voyager Camp: July 7-13; grades 6-8; cost: \$490
- Madd Camp: July 14-20; grades 9-12; cost: \$490

Adult Camps

- Contemplative Camp: July 14-20; cost: \$490
- Association Leaders Meeting: August 22-24; cost: \$150
- Clergy Retreat: September 15-18; cost: \$150

JULY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:15am-12pm Strong Women -AE 3:30-5:30pm Chaffee Green-#7 5:30-8pm Nurturing Fathers Class-AE, FH, K, N	2 8:30am TOPS-CH 6:30-8pm Scouts -FH 6:30pm AI-Anon-#7 7pm TELLS	3 9am-12pm Group Pie Bake-K 12pm AA-AE 1-4pm Optimist Pancake Prep-K 6pm MSG-CH 7pm OA-#7	4 4TH OF JULY OFFICE CLOSED 9am CUCC Pie Sale-McPhelemy Park  7pm AA-AE	5 8:15am-12pm Strong Women -AE	6 9am AA-AE 9am AI-Anon-#7
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Worship Team Notes

The Worship Team continues to support the spiritual life of the church. One of our latest priorities is supporting Mallory Everhart, interim sabbatical pastor, as she guides our congregation through worship services until September. Please don't be shy about signing up for ushers, greeters, fellowship hosts, altar flowers or lector. All assignments are essential and appreciated. In addition to our regular list of duties, we are also looking forward to celebrating July birthdays on July 28th. Happy Birthday, All!

SHORT-TERM HOUSING NEEDED

Nancy Best is looking for affordable short-term housing somewhere in the BV area from August until December. She has no pets, lives quietly, is a non-smoker, and has an excellent credit history. House-sitting is an option. She would love to discuss it with you!

Contact her at 719-395-9458 or bestpagefam@gmail.com.

She can also be reached at the CUCC office T-F 9-2. Call 719-395-9458 or drop in! **Thank you!**



THE COFFEE PROJECT



Your Outreach Team wondered: What's so special about Equal Exchange Coffee? Why are we doing this?

First, Equal Exchange coffee is organic. So what? Conventionally grown coffee is among the most heavily chemically-treated foods in the world. Synthetic pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, and insecticides are used, and the farmers themselves are exposed to a high level of these toxic chemicals while spraying the crops and harvesting. Conventional coffee farming requires cleared land for efficient high yields, which sacrifices trees to increase production. But the natural ecosystem is severely damaged. Birds and lizards who feed on coffee-damaging insects are left without a habitat, which means that more pesticides are needed to protect the crop. The lack of tree cover also means that when it rains, soil washes away with all the fertilizers and pesticides, and this runoff can end up in local water supplies.

Of course, organically grown coffee is more environmentally friendly, and coffee naturally prefers growing in the shade. So, the organic coffee varieties are naturally different! And Equal Exchange Coffee is Fair Trade coffee, which means that it is traded between companies and producers in developing countries in which fair prices are paid to the farmers.

Now that you know the societal and environmental benefits of this coffee, we hope you will purchase more of your coffee through our program. We vary the varieties nearly every order, so there is always something new to try. And don't rate coffee hastily at first taste! A good brew depends on the water, amount of coffee, grind fineness, brewing temperature, and how soon you taste it after your morning mouthwash!

CUCC Coffee Exchange – Ron Rak

Outreach/Community & World Team Happenings July greetings!

The BV Hope Restore Innocence 'backpacks for victims of human trafficking' packing event on June 3rd was well attended by both our church and community members. About 15 packs were assembled, and Helen Duncan noted that as many as 10 from our congregation participated – a great showing! This event was continued support of the initial 2018 project at our church.

A speaker from Habitat for Humanity, Angela Wallace, will provide an informative 'mission moment' at our July 14 Sunday service, talking about current Habitat housing efforts in Chaffee county and how you may volunteer to help the cause. She will also linger at the fellowship hour to answer your specific questions and have literature available.

A new shipment of Equal Exchange coffee is in! New varieties! Buy your coffee from us and at the same time support military coffee houses around the world served by compassionate chaplains helping our service men and women with their personal and spiritual needs.

~ Ron Rak

CHURCH-COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



“HOT, DRY, AND SMOKY: What is the Future of Colorado’s Forests in a Changing Climate?”
with **DR. WILLIAM ANDEREGG**
Thursday, August 1, 7:00pm
Salida SteamPlant



Having grown up in Cortez, Colorado and still spending time hiking backpacking, hunting, and fishing across the Colorado Rockies, Dr. Anderegg has a vested interest in the forests of the Rockies. His research centers on the intersection of ecosystems and climate change, especially the future of Earth’s forests. He aims to develop predictive tools to help forecast and manage the fate of western forests in this century. Please join us for this FREE lecture.



OPTIMIST CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Thursday, July 4, 7:30am-9:30
Columbine Park

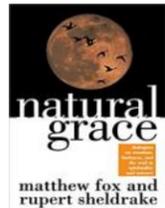
\$7 all you can eat! Pancakes, sausage, OJ & coffee. \$3 for kids 5-11, under 5 free!
Proceeds benefit BV youth projects.



NURTURING NATURE GALA
Sunday, July 7
VIP Event, 5:00pm-6:00pm
Main Event, 6:00pm-8:00pm
The Barn at Sunset Ranch

Featuring Florence Williams, Award-winning author of The Nature Fix: Why Nature Makes Us Happier, Healthier and More Creative

Presented by GARNA
(The Greater Arkansas River Nature Association)
For details and to stay informed, visit garna.org/join.



MONDAY MORNING MEN’S GROUP
Mondays at 8:00-9:00am
Grace Church Annex

Men of CUCC are invited to join men of Grace Church to this class. They are currently studying “Natural Grace” by Michael Fox and Rupert Sheldrake. Fox represents the theological tenet of Original Blessing and Sheldrake is a biologist. They discuss science and religion each from his own background.

The sessions last one to one and one-half hours and is open to men of CUCC and the community.



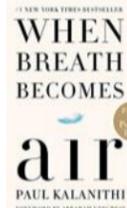
TELLS
Tuesday Evening Ladies Literary Society
Tuesdays, 7:00pm, at various members’ homes

All women are invited!

We read and discuss books, share life, joys, and concerns, and enjoy snacks!

We’ll study
“When Breath Becomes Air,”
by Paul Kalanithi
through the summer.

See Laurie Stevens or Judy Hassell to get on the email list.



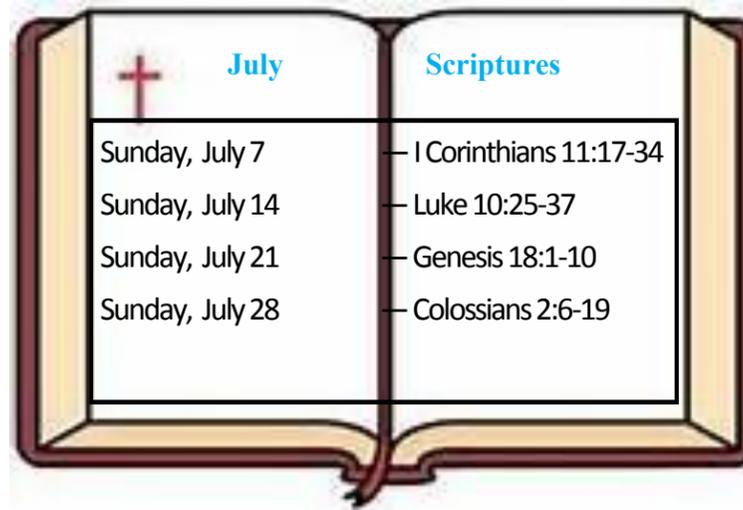
CUCC PIE SALE
Thursday, July 4
9:00am until gone
McPhelemy Park

Bless your church and your taste buds by purchasing pies either whole or by the slice! Get there early while supplies last and choices are bountiful!

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP
Saturday, July 20, 9:30am-12:30pm
Meet at the church—stay tuned for more information via bulletin and weekly email blast.

Bring a picnic to enjoy while relaxing with your fellow cleaner-uppers at noon—drinks and ice cream provided!

PLUG INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



WOMEN’S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (WMS)

The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 26.

Enjoy your summer!

SUNDY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education is on summer hiatus and will resume September 15, Roundup Sunday.

BE IN THE KNOW!

- ◆ 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 Tuesday—Friday 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.

LET’S BE GREEN!!!

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



COASTERS!

Did you know the church has their own coasters that are free to give out to anyone and everyone? Please take some to whatever gathering or event you’re attending, either here at the church or elsewhere, and spread the news of CUCC!

They are available in the narthex, the church office, and various rooms throughout the building.



MARKS TO KNOW WHERE FELLOWSHIP HALL TABLES GO

Wondering how to realign the fellowship hall tables after they’ve been moved? Wonder know more! You can now look at the heating registers at the bottom of the side walls, see markings of tape, and line up the table legs with those markings (two marks per table). Yay!



CUCC Finance and Budget Team June News

A LETTER FROM THE STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE TEAMS

Dear Church Friends -

Scripture says that all those who love are of God. What are some of the times you have felt most loved? Maybe it is Christmas with your family, or a quiet moment alone with your spouse, or a time you felt especially cared for by your church friends. The common theme between those moments give us some clues as to what love looks like in action – giving and sharing of ourselves.

In fact, God demonstrated love for us by sharing with us the greatest gift possible, Jesus, all because God “so loved the world!” Giving is at the center of who God is and how God works in the world, and we are continuously learning how to love each other better through God’s example.

This summer, we as a congregation have an opportunity to practice being part of the abundant love of a generous, sharing God. Our offering dollars help the CUCC to continue to do God’s creative work in the world. Consider making, continuing, or increasing your financial commitment to this faith community, so we can continue to do the work we are called to in Buena Vista and elsewhere!

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Waldorf, Chair



"TO ENCOURAGE OUR CONGREGATION TO SIT IN THE FRONT PEWS, I'VE INSTALLED CELL PHONE CHARGING STATIONS IN THE FIRST THREE ROWS."

NOTE FROM REGGIE & JUDY NELSON

Dear, dear Pastor Rebecca and all your good members of your church,

As this card says, “Love” and “Thanks” we send you. Your card with the lovely flowers and the good wishes for our anniversary was very special. It was God-sent for sure. This is our 64th anniversary and we are so thankful. We still miss you and always will.

A very big Texas hug and our love,
Reggie & Judy

We still attend our cowboy church here and like it.
God Bless

**BV WOMEN’S CONNECTION
25TH ANNUAL VICTORIAN TEA**

Last one ever! Don’t miss it!

**Tuesday, July 16, 10:00am-12:0pm
the Bonney House—408 Princeton Avenue**

Program: Carol Noble Grunden telling “The Rest of the Rest of the Story”
Delightful Garden Brunch Served
\$12 per person

Requesting Reservations by July 12: Vickie Melton at 719-395-8638
or Judy Pankow at 719-395-8230

COMPOSTING SITE!

For more information, please call Donna Maloney at 719-338-4380.



**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
MAC & CHEESE BAKE OFF
Wednesday, July 31
Mt. Princeton Hot Springs
5:30pm-7:30pm**

- Silent Auction!
- Incredible mac & cheese!
- Salad! Dessert! Music!
- \$15 pre-order
- \$20 at the door
- \$5 kids 12 and under



• For tickets, more information, and especially if you want to enter your own amazing version of this classic dish, please call 719-395-0482.

The Faith Education Team

Special Announcement from the FE Team—PIES! PIES! PIES!



For every 4th of July many of our church members and friends bake pies to sell at the CUCC booth in McPhelemy Park from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Money received from pie sales goes into the education fund for mission trips and mission efforts. Those who went on this year’s trip to North Carolina helped flood victims.

We also need helpers to slice and serve pie at the booth on the 4th of July. Check scheduled times on the easel in Fellowship Hall and sign up to help.

All pies prepared at home must be delivered to the church by Wednesday, July 3, 7:00 pm. Church is open during Office Hours: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Tuesday and Wednesday. Someone will be there until 7:00 pm on Wednesday. If you bring them before Tuesday, please place them in the refrigerator to preserve them. Pies must be fresh, baked and ready to serve (not sliced). Pies are best when made within two days of serving. We do not have refrigeration at the park so please do not bring any custard pies.

*We are holding a **GROUP PIE BAKE** here at church on Wednesday morning, July 3 from 9:00 am – noon. A salad lunch will be provided at noon.*

*If you plan to join us, **PLEASE SIGN UP** so we know what quantity of crust ingredients to buy and how much salad to make.*

We will provide butter, sugar, flour, Crisco, cinnamon, nutmeg, almond extract, disposable pie plates, plastic wrap, and aluminum foil.

*You bring/provide the filling ingredients that you choose: apples, blueberries, cherries, pie filling of various flavors, nuts, and store-bought crust (if that is what you prefer to use), plus anything you need that is not listed above. **Bring enough to make as many pies as you desire.***

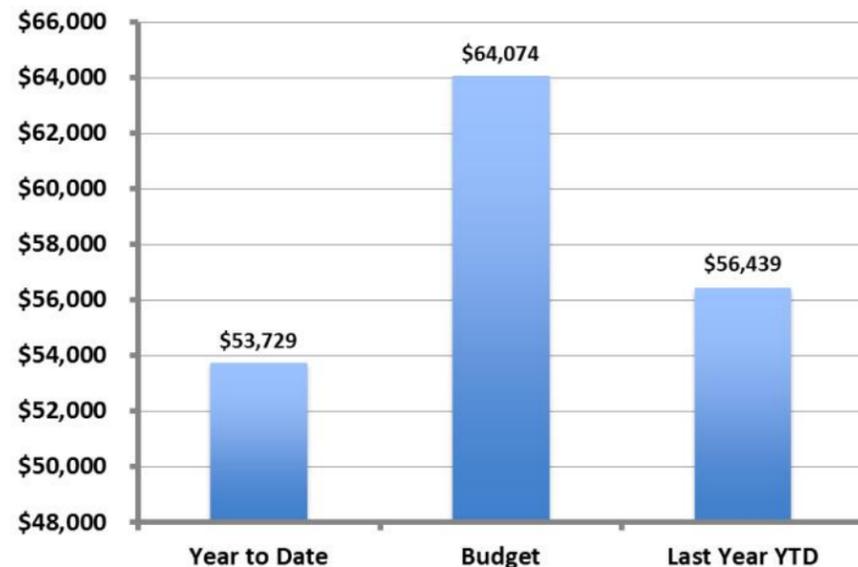
Also, please bring your rolling pin, mat, or other tools that you use.

If you’re the special person who still makes his/her own crust, maybe you can teach some others interested in learning your technique.

We have been informed that we must comply with Health Department food preparation requirements. Here is some information that will help us comply with these requirements particularly if you are making and baking your pies at home. We will also follow these at our Group Bake.

1. Wear rubber/plastic gloves and wash hands frequently.
2. Make sure your work surface is clean.
3. Use and wash fresh ingredients.
4. Do not let pies sit at room temperature more than 1 extra day.
5. Cover pies with plastic wrap or aluminum foil, refrigerate as needed.
6. If you have a cold, wear a face mask.

General Contributions through May, 2019



CUCC Council Minutes, June 19, 2019

Present: Ann Condra, Merilee Daugherty, Marge Erickson, Ron Erickson, Barb Groy, Cindy Helm, Ellen Kely, Ron Rak, Kathy Roman
Moderator Marge Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:16pm, opening with a welcoming prayer.

General Business and Reports

Minutes from the May 15 Council meeting as prepared by Ron Rak were reviewed for accuracy and comments. Hearing none, Ron E./Ann C. moved to accept the minutes as written; motion passed.

Clerk's Report: Ron Rak reported no changes in the congregation since the May 15 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Helm presented summary data from the May Financial Report. She noted that May was a better month for finances than April, but that general contributions were under budget by \$10,345. Window Project receipts to date were \$24,125, and the windows have been ordered.

Moderator's Report: Marge asked for comments on how the Sunday June 9 "Sabbatical Sendoff" for Pastor Rebecca and Clarke went. Attendees reported that it was an uplifting luncheon gathering, with great food and presentation of goodwill gifts and hand-written messages for the couple to accompany them. Comments on interim minister Mallory Everhart's first Sunday Service at CUCC were shared; all favorable comments. Marge noted that she and Ron will be out of town in Montana most of July, and there will be no July Council meeting.

Continuing Business

Congregational Gathering – June 30: A Congregational Gathering will be held on June 30 as a part of the worship service. The Finance and Stewardship Teams will together present information and lead a discussion on our philosophy of giving and why we support the church and its mission outreach. A sandwich/salad/baked beans/dessert luncheon will follow the service. No further business will be discussed at the luncheon. A general request for cleanup help after the fellowship hour would be helpful. Setup is scheduled for Saturday.

Rocky Mountain Conference Gathering June 6-8: Ron & Marge E., Ron & Linda Rak, and Pastor Rebecca attended the meeting. Ron, Ron, and Marge shared personal highlights of the meeting. Mallory Everhart also attended right after her graduation from Iliff Seminary. Pastor Rebecca participated by playing piano and singing during the musical interludes.

New Business

Life Touch Church Directory: It has been five years since the last directory publication. There have been many changes in the congregation, as well as phone and email contact information. In preliminary discussions with the publisher, August 15-17 has been scheduled for photo shoots. An included new directory feature is a phone app that will allow access to an online directory. Marge asked for approval to contract with the publisher to prepare a new directory. Discussion comments were favorable to proceed, but to allow more flexibility in the photo poses and dress requirements. Office Communications Administrator Nancy Best is excited to coordinate the project, and Ann offered to assist. Ann/Cindy moved to approve the project. Motion passed.

Facilities Team Contingency Fund: The Team requested a separate contingency fund be established for emergency church repairs to allow faster response time. Marge presented a description of the problem and a motion for Council action from Ron Hassell of the Team. "Ron Hassell move(s) the Facilities Team be allowed to use up to \$5,000 of the contingency fund for any urgent repair or maintenance item that comes up without prior approval of the Council regarding the specific issue." In discussion, Treasurer Cindy suggested that a separate Contingency Fund line item be established in Restricted Funds, under control of Facilities and Budget for this purpose, and the \$5,000 will be transferred from the existing Reserve Fund. In response to Ron's suggestion requiring two to three Team members to sign off on any request to use the fund, Ann suggested that a majority of the Team be required. Council decided to vote on the original motion as written, since Ron H. was not present to approve any changes and attach a corollary motion with the suggested changes.

Original Motion: Ron Hassell/Merilee, motion as written. Approved unanimously.

Corollary Motion: Cindy/Merilee moved to "create a new line item in the Facilities Team Budget called the Facilities Team Contingency Fund with a \$5,000 cap, with initial funding transferred from the current Reserve Fund. A majority vote of the Team is required for any request." Council passed the motion.

Team Reports and Updates

Worship Team: Barb Groy noted that worship services have been going well. The Team will assist interim Mallory as needed. The Team also offered to assist with the June 30 Congregational Gathering.

Outreach Team: Ellen Kely spoke for the Outreach Team, noting that the UCC's Strengthen the Church offering in May was completed. The June 3 BV HOPE's Restore Innocence project at the church was well supported by the congregation, as well as others from the community. At the July 14 Sunday service a speaker from Habitat for Humanity has been scheduled to update the congregation on what Habitat is doing in the community.

Stewardship/Visioning Team: Ann Condra noted that the Team is coordinating a community cleanup project on Saturday, July 20, 9:30am—12:30pm. A brown bag lunch at the church will follow, with drinks and ice cream provided by the Team. The Team will provide water and trash bags. Just prior to the event, the Team will inspect the parks and Post Office property of Buena Vista to pinpoint areas needing cleanup. Coordination efforts include asking for participation from some of the local churches, as well as all of the groups using our church.

Finance and Budget Team: Cindy: The focus of the Team for June is: 1. What is going to be said from a financial standpoint at the June 30 Congregational Gathering, and Bill Waldorf will be presenting helpful mid-year financial information; 2. Positive reinforcement in a series of upcoming Church Newsletter articles to occasionally encourage giving.

Facilities Team: Speaking for the Team, Kathy Roman noted that the change in the church trash service has been completed this month, reducing expenses from \$160 a month to \$80. An added perk is that a recycling bin has been added to the service. The recycle bin will be located in the fenced children's playground area to prevent errant community trash from contaminating the recycles. The Window Project is underway. Paul Dorfmeister and Darrell Hamilton have volunteered to do the replacement of the sanctuary windows. The Team is working with the supplier, Alpine Lumber, to find a contractor to do the windows in the Fellowship Hall and the offices. Front door security is being studied to determine a system for locking the front door while community or church groups are using the back rooms – a door bell notification, intercom? – several systems to be reviewed.

Faith Education Team: Ron E. offered that the team is studying a way to address seniors' feelings of "meaningless in life" issues. A Yale University Press article discovered by Arlene may be a solution. The North Carolina mission trip was successfully completed. The Mission Team plans to provide a speaking moment at an upcoming church service to summarize their efforts in North Carolina.

Affiliated Organizations and Committees

Women's Missionary Society: Merilee reported that they presented a speaker at their last meeting from the Trout Creek Solar Farm project in Buena Vista. Also, their continued support of the La Puente mission provided and delivered 25 clothing/personal items bags last month. A summer picnic is planned for the June 27 meeting at Casa del Rio Clubhouse at 11:30 a.m.; fried chicken will be provided and a program will follow the luncheon.

Sabbatical Planning Team: Marge noted additionally that the planning is going smoothly, with the final coordination of church members' vacations and schedules to ensure coverage for all eventualities.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

A review of upcoming events on the church calendar was noted on the Meeting Agenda.

Prayer Concerns/Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 21 at 7:00pm. No Council Meeting in July.

Prepared by Ron Rak, Clerk

Kudos Column



Windows! Windows! Windows! Thank you to the committee members who put in so much time and effort and all who financially supported this project—without each and every one of you, the new Church Family Windows would not be an imminent reality!!! And kudos in advance to those who will be involved in the installation—we eagerly await your handiwork!

PAISLEY UPDATE

Janet Steiner's great niece Paisley's is progressing! Here she is with her cousin Hailee.

In Janet's words: "I hadn't seen Paisley since September. She is now four and has come a long way! Her mother thinks that her school time has been part of the improvement. She goes four days a week.

"She has a walker and goes like lightning with braces on her ankles. She can walk holding to both hands of someone behind her. She also scoots very quickly. Her food is still through a feeding tube, but she sits at the table and uses a fork and looks like she is going to eat. Then she just touches her lip. There were a few times that little pieces would go in her mouth. It was so good to see her progress!"



STEWARDSHIP/VISIONING TEAM NEWS

The Stewardship and Finance Teams held a joint meeting to plan a presentation to be given during the June 30 Congregational Gathering. Afterward, Stewardship members met to discuss helping Marge with food and set up the day before and clean up after the Gathering. Additionally, we decided to change the date of the CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP to SATURDAY, JUNE 20.

Stewardship is planning for the Congregational Community Clean-Up. We decided to ask each group that regularly uses the church if a Stewardship Team member could attend a meeting to encourage their participation. Plans for the Clean-Up include meeting at the church at 9:30am, dividing into groups for designated areas, and returning with trash at 12:00pm for a brown bag picnic. Each person will provide his/her own lunch and we will supply drinks and ice cream. Bob Stocker will take all collected trash to the dump.

We are really anxious to help spruce up our community and hope you will make every effort to participate in this event. Not only will it improve our surroundings, but offer the opportunity to see and/or meet others in our town. Please encourage your neighbors and friends outside the church to join in this activity.

Ann Condra, Chair