

**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
August, 2019

MODERATOR'S MOMENT

"LOVE IS THE ONLY WAY"

In keeping with the sabbatical theme *what makes my heart sing?*, the first thing that comes to mind is my great-nephew Jack, now 13 months old. Though I was traveling on the Lewis and Clark trail when he was born, I kept in touch with my niece through the hours previous to his arrival. Tears rolled down my cheeks when I received word of a safe and normal delivery: "mom and baby doing well", and later the first photos of mother and child through the miracle of cell phone cameras brought the same reaction.

Throughout the past year I didn't get as many chances to see him as I would have liked. In May I traveled with my family to Florida for a beach vacation and to celebrate Jack's first birthday. Spending a week with all of us under the same roof helped Jack to recognize and accept me as part of his tribe. Spending two days together over the Independence Day weekend helped to reinforce that. Now, when I enter the room where he is, he looks up and smiles his beautiful, innocent, and trusting smile (even though he sometimes resumes fussing because he is cutting teeth). These are priceless moments that I will cherish to my dying day, not unlike those of you who are parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and great-grandparents. Oh—the love, the pride, and the urge to protect those precious innocent little lives that are truly gifts from God.

As I think about baby Jack and the feelings he engenders in my heart, the news media brings constant reminders of the estimated 2,000 children being held in cages on our southern border, forcefully separated from those who love and want to protect them, deprived of baths, fresh diapers, clean clothes, soap, and toothbrushes, warm food and clean water, as well as opportunities for medical care, for schooling and for play. This is, to my heart and mind, cold and cruel child neglect and abuse, illegal and immoral, not the least bit Christian—a violation of a sacred trust from God.

What a contrast! A welcomed and much loved child that has everything he needs and more, compared to kids deprived of basic human rights, not by their parents, but by the government of the greatest and richest country in the world—the one to which their parents turned seeking asylum and a more secure life for their offspring. What's happening is counter to our Christian values of compassion and of loving our neighbor as ourselves. If we continue to allow the situation to persist, we become complicit. Meanwhile, we do almost irreparable psychological damage to these young and innocent victims.

This is far from a political statement on my part, but a call for compassion and humanitarian treatment for the children and young people, most of whom are imprisoned through no fault of their own. We can bring pressure on our elected congresspersons to use their voices and votes to end these abuses as well as set standards of care and the reunification of families. We can contribute to humanitarian organizations that are attempting to ameliorate conditions and use their legal talent to that end. We can speak up and speak out to family and friends, write letters to the editor and to our leaders expressing our dissatisfaction with the current situation and demanding compassionate change. **And we can pray:** "For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones." (Isaiah 49:13) and ask God to protect, defend and comfort those afflicted and to forgive those who do the inflicting.

Peace,
Kathy Roman, Vice-Moderator



PASTOR'S ARTICLE, August, 2019

Dear friends,

This month, I have been thinking a lot about this quotation by a preacher from the 1890s named John Watson: "Be kind; everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle." In the last few months, you have all welcomed me in to your community and your lives. It is an honor to be a part of your story, if only for a little while. I am struck, though, by how much pain there is in all our stories. As a faith community, we are each experiencing a good many challenges, from serious illness and injury to uncertain financial futures to mental health challenges to the aftermath of natural disasters and more. In our own ways, we are all fighting our individual hard battles.

A common criticism of churches is that the people there are fake. I was recently talking with someone and she felt that most of her friendships were just surface level and that she couldn't share what was really on her heart for fear of being "tiresome." She felt she had to paste on a smile and make light conversation, while her heart was breaking beneath the surface. I hope you find that, at CUCC, your whole self is welcome, especially when you are going through a difficult time. We want to celebrate with you when the big wins come, and we will travel with you through your dark days, too. This is what we mean when we say "no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

In the face of all the challenges we are each facing individually, I am grateful for the helpers. I am grateful for you. The ways that you show up, give a word of kindness and care, deliver flowers or a meal or a thoughtful note—in all these ways, you are embodying the love of Christ to each other and to those you meet. In my estimation, there is no truer way to be the church. We come together every week to learn how to both give and receive love, from God and from each other.

Thank you so much for allowing me to walk with you through this season. It is my honor to be on this journey with each of you. You all remain in my prayers. If there is anything specific that I can do to support you, please don't hesitate to reach out. I can be contacted via cell phone at 303-886-3149 or email at mallorypeverhart@gmail.com.

Gods richest blessings and deepest comfort in this month ahead.

Peace,
Mallory, Interim Minister

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.

The Faith Education Team

As the Faith Education Team did not meet in July, there is no news to report.

CUCC Finance and Budget Team News

The Team has no news to report at this time.

Worship Team Notes

The WT met with Mallory for her input as to how to better support her as interim sabbatical pastor. She feels she's getting into the rhythm of church life, is working with Janet to select MSG music, and is providing pastoral care to those in need. The individuals on the Team are also making sure to sign up to get their pictures taken for the new church directory.

~Ruthann Schoeffield, Secretary



Be included in our directory!

Lifetouch

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. This event is open 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. Pets are welcome!

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

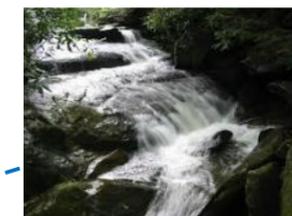
Three ways to sign up: 1. Visit <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b0016y10/>
2. Call the church office at 719-395-2544, email to office.bvcucc@gmail.com, or just stop in!
3. Sign up during coffee hour.

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

GATHERING OF THE WATERS

Something new! On Mallory's last Sunday with us, September 8, we will be having a Gathering of the Waters ceremony. She asks that wherever you roam this summer, please gather a small amount of water in a bottle labeled with your name and the location it's from to bring back to the church by Sunday, September 1. The water will be used for baptisms, etc. over the coming year.

Thank you for participating!



STEWARDSHIP/VISIONING TEAM NEWS

During our July meeting we decided to postpone the community-wide call to help with the Congregational United Clean-up Campaign. Judy and Ann surveyed the town and could not find enough trash in concentrated areas to warrant holding the event at this time. We decided instead to ask congregants to help the morning of July 20 and work on the post office and church grounds. Any others wishing to take part are certainly welcome. Participants are asked to bring their own sack lunch and the team will provide water and ice cream for a picnic following our completed work.

Bill reviewed the church's financial standing and outlook. Presently, we are \$7,000 under budget in giving. An excellent discussion followed by brainstorming ways to increase interest in our church and involvement of more community members. One possibility is having a "Bigger Table" campaign to stimulate thinking about sharing our church family with others in the community.

We also discussed offering to help the Outreach Team with education about UCC's 5 for 5 drives. It seems quite a few people are not familiar with the purpose and importance of these drives (Our Church's Wider Mission, One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors In Need, Strengthen the Church, and Christmas Fund) and perhaps we could join the Outreach Team in an education effort.

The desire to have a uniquely designed church t-shirt will continue to be investigated. We hope to have the design completed by August 15th to enable us to take orders when pictures are taken for the new directory. We closed the meeting by taking a tour of the post office grounds and determining the equipment needed on July 20.

Ann Condra, Chair



OPTIMIST CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Gold Rush Days, Saturday, August 10
8:00am-10:30am
Columbine Park next to the Chamber

All you can eat! Pancakes, sausages, OJ, coffee, milk available
\$7 for 12 & older, \$3 for 5-11, under 5 FREE!

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY NEWS

As the WMS did not meet in July,
there is no report to share.

CONGRATULATIONS, RUTH!

CONGRATULATIONS TO RUTH AMSTER FOR WINNING BEST DRESS AT THE 25TH ANNUAL VICTORIAN TEA AT THE BONNEY HOUSE ON JULY 16!

FACILITIES TEAM NEWS

- ~The new windows have arrived, so installation will be starting soon, though no date has yet been determined.
- ~A solar motion sensor light unit that will help with the dark front door situation has been located. The Team is still looking into video surveillance options.
- ~A containment fence for the new composting site has been installed, but we're still awaiting bins. CUCC will have access at no charge for adding church compostables.

Submitted by Ron Hassell, Chair

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

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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

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c/o Kathy Garrett
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Bonnie Guenther (719) 395-2261
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Willow Street, PA 17584

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7950 W. Byers Ave. #102, Lakewood, CO 80226

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Buena Vista, CO 81211



CUCC Special Dates



BIRTHDAYS

- August 2—Jim Amster
- August 4—Betsy Neas
- August 6—Liz Anderson
- August 6—Bev Liddle
- August 10—Tom Meardon
- August 11—Ellen Kely
- August 12—Les Messamer
- August 14—Linda Carpenter
- August 15—Glynette Smith
- August 17—Elvin Frantz
- August 17—Elizabeth Shelby
- August 20—Lew Lowe
- August 25—Marge Dormeister
- August 29—Jenna McMurphy Wilton
- August 30—Rhonda Funston
- August 31—Bill Shelby

ANNIVERSARIES

- August 5—Charles & Tricia Blake
- August 9—Bart & Loretta Cain
- August 15—Butch & Noel Ekin
- August 18—Mark & Alice Wolters
- August 26—Bowie & Helen Duncan
- August 26—Keith & Joan Sovereign



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
- Ali Lufkin—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
- 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
- Del and Janet Jones—Healing
- Nan Bohe—Healing
- Sarah Struthers—Healing
- Jean Ferguson—Healing
- Jo Besan (friend of Rhonda Funston)—Healing
- Gary Dennis (friend of Rhonda Funston)—Healing
- Kacie Wheeler—Healing
- Ashley McGowan—Healing
- The Family of Chuck Tidd—Comfort
- The Family of Codi Miller—Comfort



view from the Mountain

“Be Their Voice”



Do you remember those places along the road called road side zoos? I sincerely hope they have been outlawed by now because they were inhumane and terrible. They would have maybe a bobcat, a deer or two, often a black bear cub, most of the time a couple of coyotes, plus a few exotic birds. They all lived in little cages stacked on top of each other.

People would stop their cars on the road and gawk at those poor animals. During the many trips my family would make between Atlanta and St. Simons Island, we always passed one of these road side zoos and I always wanted to stop. My mother refused because she said it would make me sad. One day, however, she finally gave in to my pleas. We stopped and walked over to the stacked cages.

I don't know how I remember this so vividly from the age of five, but I do. I thought my heart would break. Pulling my hand from my mother, I ran to the cages. A little bear cub immediately pushed her nose against the cage and I instinctively put my small hand through the chain link to touch her. Mother tired to pull my hand out, but I had connected to that pathetic, soft, wet nose and, believe it or not, at that moment I knew that somehow my life purpose would be to protect and be the voice for all animals. I even recall saying to my mother, “She won't hurt me. She trusts me.” Today I still believe that trust is the connection between animals and humans and that trust must go both ways.

My life purpose has never changed. After graduating from Washington University with a double degree in journalism and psychology and after teaching for many years, I went back to graduate school to study animal behavior.

Remember Joy Adamson who wrote all the Elsa books? They were her true experiences of living with Elsa the lioness and her cubs in Africa. I became friends with her while serving on an environmental board of directors.

One day while staying in my home during a conference, Joy asked to visit the St. Louis Zoo. I knew it was risky because many of the animals were in cages. Also the TV reporters and newspaper photographers were accompanying us on our zoo visit. I vowed to keep her away at least from the big cat cages, but alas, she slipped away from me. When I found her, she was standing in front of the lion cages, tears coursing down her face. She grabbed my arm and passionately declared, “This shall never be again. I will write a new book and all of the proceeds will go to create what we'll call Big Cat Country in Elsa's honor. There will never be a caged big cat in this zoo again.”

She, indeed, did just that. I organized youth groups across the state of Missouri to raise money to contribute to Big Cat Country projects. It is famous today for giving acres, not cages, to zoo animals, and both Joy Adamson and I are very proud of this.

You know, that little five-year-old girl who found her passion for animal welfare was correct when she said that trust was the first step based on equality between the human and the animal. How did we ever get the idea that we are better than animals? Different, surely, but better? I believe they are here for a Godly purpose and are supposed to teach us basic rules of living with one another by demonstration.

Did you know that the number of people in this country who have pets has changed a lot? Why? When I did research on this subject I found that the primary reason for the sharp increase is the evidence of what pets do for you and your life. Service dogs, therapy dogs, and other specially trained animals can be and are life saving, but the regular little canine or feline in your life can make the difference between a person or family having more love and play and feeling of responsibility. They become part of the family.

Many people do treat their pets just like another family member and cannot love them more, but there are others who still feel superior to them. They can't possibly learn lessons of love and trust and loyalty and forgiveness from their pet if they feel they are better than him or her. To me, all children, if possible, should grow up with a family pet. It's the best way to learn these life lessons.

Let me tell you a true story. Way back in the sixties, I had an emergency surgery to remove my gall bladder. I came through the surgery fine, but trouble started when it was way past time for me to wake up. Nothing worked, so finally, the surgeon who did the work and knew me and my passionate work with animals, asked a mutual friend to immediately bring my dog to the hospital and into the recovery room. My dog stood in the doorway and when she saw me in the bed, every fiber of her body quivered. She wanted more than anything to run to me, but our deep connection told her exactly what to do. Slowly, carefully, she crossed the room and gently leapt on to my bed with amazing gentleness. She positioned her little body as close to mine as possible, and then she licked my face. Within a few minutes I apparently reached for her, took a deep breath, and opened my eyes. I was back. Smart doctor.

Yes, God made the animals just like He made us, and I believe they too come to us with a life purpose. To quote my life hero Mother Theresa, “Anyone who has not loved an animal has an incomplete soul.” You could be missing something wonderful.

The view from the mountain is wondrous. ~ Jean Brody

Outreach/Community & World Team Happenings

August greetings!

Our main event this past month was the presentation during worship service on July 14th by Angela Wallace, Project Director, Chaffee County Habitat for Humanity. Angela reminded us of the involvement of CUCC in the establishment of this county chapter in 2002. She noted the number of families over the years who been able to afford decent housing because of Habitat's help. She also pointed out the many ways in which volunteers can assist apart from working on construction sites: office work, publicity, preparing meals, and/or financial donations.

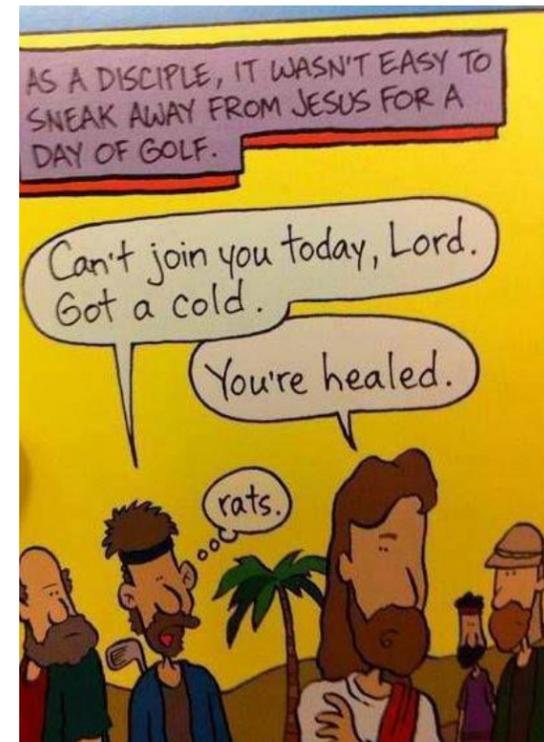
The OT thanks worship attendees for their generous donations to our most recent UCC offering, Strengthen the Church, taken in late May/early June. Your next opportunity to 'fill an envelope' will be to support the offering for Our Church's Wider Mission. Your worship contributions are combined with our regular budgeted amounts.

Please continue to support our PB&J collections to the Christian Mission. Summer is a busy month for them.

~ Helen Duncan, Chair

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.



GET FIXED OF WHAT AILS YA! MEDICINE MAN SHOW Friday, August 9, 7:00pm BV Heritage Museum



Achy? Colicky? Neurologically? Women's problems? Men's problems? Problems in general? Then step right up an' git yourself some of that famous old-time elixir from world-infamous Professor Everett (is that her name?) at the Heritage Museum on Friday of Gold Rush Days, August 9, at 7:00pm. That's p.m. She won't be there in the a.m. So you'd waste yer time draggin' off in the mornin' to see her when she won't be there. Nancy from the office just might be there. In the p.m. Not the a.m. She's not a big believer in miracle cures you can git out of a bottle, but who knows? Anything could happen!

Presented by the Claim Jumpers.

WILLIAMS THANK YOU

Thank you so much to all you dear ladies of Women's Missionary Society. Your presence, kind words, prayers, and food so much appreciated. I know Linette appreciates the thoughtfulness too.

God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Wilma and Angela

As Wilma and Angie are still in need of meals, place contact Nancy in the office at 719-395-2544 to schedule a time to bring food to them.

ALLINGER THANKS

Thank you to everyone for the prayers and cards sent Linett's way. Also thank you for the meals that were taken to Wilma and Angie Williams. Your love and prayers help so much and are truly appreciated!

Kay Allinger & Family

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.

Pleas join us for this FREE lecture.



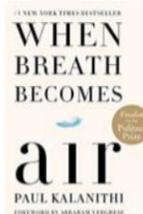
TELLS
Tuesday Evening Ladies
Literary Society
Tuesdays, 7:00pm
held at members’ homes

All women are invited!

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

The group is studying “When Breath Becomes Air,” by Paul Kalanithi through the summer.

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



COMPOSTING SITE!

The fence is up!
Now we’re just waiting on the bins!

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

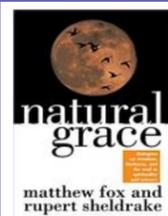


BV OPTIMIST CLUB CHARITY
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Thursday, August 22
8:30am shotgun start
BV Collegiate Peaks Golf Course
Registration Deadline August 15

Two-person scramble. \$75 per-person registration fee includes greens fees, breakfast, and lunch. Golf cart not included.

Funds help support youth projects in the Buena Vista area, including college scholarships, the Boys and Girls Clubs, the Backpack Program, Odyssey of the Mind, high school trips, youth appreciation awards, and more.

For registration or sponsorships, contact Todd Allen at 720-626-1884 or Eric Gibb at 719-207-0296.



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

The group is currently on summer break and will meet again on September 9.

They will be continuing their study of “Natural Grace,” picking up with chapters 6 & 7. The book is 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.

AUGUST 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		AE=Adult Education Room CH=Choir Room D=Drama Room FH= Fellowship Hall K=Kitchen PO=Pastor's Office RR=Rainbow Room S=Sanctuary #7=Room 7 Outside Group		1 7pm CPFS -SteamPlant 7pm AA-AE	2 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE	3 9am AA-AE 9am Al-Anon-#7 10:15-11:15am Al-Anon Planning Mtg. -#7
4 10am Communion Worship & Children's Church 11am Coffee Hour	5 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE 5:30-8pm Nurturing Fathers Class-AE, FH, K, N	6 8:30am TOPS-CH 6-7:30pm Webelos -FH, D 6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 6:30pm Al-Anon-#7 7pm TELLs	7 5pm MSG-CH 7pm OA-#7	8 6-8pm Facilities Team-#7 6:30-8pm Finance Team-7pm AA-AE	9 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE	10 9am AA-AE 9am Al-Anon-#7
11 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Coffee Hour 11:30am-12:30pm Worship Team-#7 11:30am-1pm Faith Ed. Team-D	12 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE	13 8:30am TOPS-CH 9am-4:30pm Monarch Quilters-FH 10am-12pm Stew/Vis Team-PO	14 7pm OA-#7	15 2pm-9pm Lifetouch Photography Sittings	16 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE	17 9am AA-AE 9am Al-Anon-#7 9:45am Al-Anon Bus. Mtg.-#7 10am-5pm Lifetouch Photography Sittings
18 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Coffee Hour	19 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE 5:30-8pm Nurturing Fathers Class-AE, FH, K, 6:30-8:30 CPC Rehearsal-S, CH	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 8:30am TOPS-CH 6-7:30pm Webelos -FH, D 6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 6:30pm Al-Anon-#7 7pm TELLs	21 7pm Council -AE 7pm OA-#7	22 7pm AA-AE	23 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE	24 9am AA-AE 9am Al-Anon-#7
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CUCC Congregational Gathering Minutes, June 30, 2019
(the Council did not meet in July)

Call to Order/Introduction: Moderator Marjorie Erickson called the meeting to order after the Sunday church service. She opened with confidence noting that we are half way through this first year of church organizational changes and has heard mostly favorable comments on the process and very few negative comments. The modified system appears to be working and the work of the church is getting done. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the congregation of the current status and determine if there are any significant problems developing that Council and church leaders are not aware of.

Presentations:

Facilities Team: Ron Hassell.

1. Windows Project. Ron reported that the windows have been ordered. \$24,125 has been received of the estimated \$25,000 project.
2. The Waste Management dumpster service has been replaced by Chaffee County Waste for half the expense: \$80 versus \$160 a month, plus a recycling service is included in the cost.
3. Front door security is being studied where the front door can be locked while activities are ongoing in the back of the church. Systems being considered are video/intercom, intercom, or doorbell.

Finance and Budget Team: Bill Waldorf. Bill reported that church budgeted expenses to date exceeded contributions by \$7,000. There was some concern, but historically the budget breaks even by December as contributions catch up.

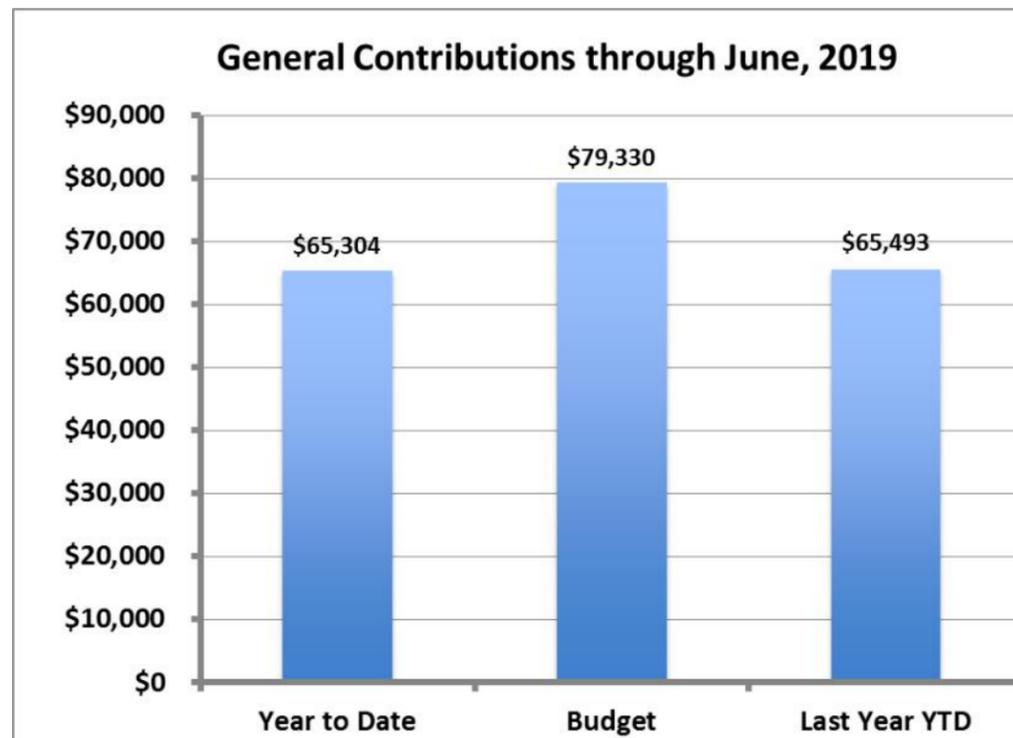
To additionally address the concern, a letter was distributed from the Stewardship and Finance Teams suggesting “we as a congregation have an opportunity to practice being a part of the abundant love of a generous, sharing God. Our offering dollars help the CUCC to continue to do God’s works in the world. 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!” (The full letter is published in the July CUCC Newsletter).

Jean Ferguson asked how contributions were to the UCC “5 for 5” programs. Without financial data at hand, Bill replied that the church-budgeted amounts for those programs were being faithfully paid to the UCC, and that our church had generously given to all of the scheduled offerings this year.

Change in August Meetings: Marge requested that all Team meetings in August be scheduled for 6:00pm on August 21, prior to the 7:00pm Council Meeting. This was suggested in an attempt to reduce meeting time commitments on several Team members, the Moderators, and Pastor.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned with an invitation for everyone to retire to the Fellowship Hall for a provided lunch.

Prepared by Ron Rak, Clerk



PLUG INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

August	Scriptures
Sunday, August 4	— TBD
Sunday, August 11	— Isaiah 1:10-20
Sunday, August 18	— Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Sunday, August 25	— Psalm 71:1-6

SUNDY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

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



Kudos Kolumn

Major thanks to all of you who participated in the clean-up on July 20. The church grounds look inestimably better!

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (WMS)

The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 26.

Enjoy your summer!

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.



SAVE THE DATE! CUCC RETREAT & SUNDAY WORSHIP November 8-10, CUCC

Rev. Brad Berglund will lead CUCC in exploring Celtic creation spirituality in congregational life through education, worship, music, and outreach.

Stay tuned for more!

Roundup Sunday, September 15

Please mark your calendar for September 15, when we will officially begin our winter schedule.

