

**Congregational
United Church of Christ**

Sunday Schedule

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News and Views

Congregational United Church of Christ
April, 2020



MODERATOR'S MOMENT

Corona virus disease—2019. In less than two weeks it has changed our lives in ways we can't yet know. All reports in the media indicate that this previously unknown ailment is racing toward us like a freight train, or a tornado, or a tsunami. It makes me think of the story in Mark 4:35-41—you know, the one where Jesus and the disciples were in a boat on the Sea of Galilee when a violent storm came up and the disciples, who were fishermen themselves, were filled with fear for their lives and felt it necessary to wake the sleeping Jesus. He calmly stands up and commands the wind and water to “quiet down,” at which point the sea becomes as smooth as glass. Now that's Power! The story says the disciples were filled with awe.

Storms are part of all of our personal stories. Weather, illnesses, deaths of loved ones, anxiety over what will happen next—fill in the blank. When the calm was restored to the sea again, what did Jesus do? He admonished the disciples, saying “Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?” I prefer to believe that rather than condemning us for lack of faith, Jesus reminds us to respond with faith.

When storms in the form of crises, fear, or panic, to name a few, come into our lives, how do we respond? This story tells me that we are not in control, but a Higher Power—an awesome one. It tells me that we can ask that Power for help. It also asks the question whether or not we respond with faith. And it reminds us that Jesus can calm a storm, like the ones that life constantly throws at us. He gives refuge. When those storms come upon us, who do we trust? Do we respond with faith?

According to the scientists, the coming storm in the form of coronavirus is unpredictable as to the havoc it could wreak upon our physical, emotional, social, and economic lives. There are dire predictions out there. How will we face them? With patience? With calm? With faith? There are those who say “God helps those who help themselves.” Well, here's our chance. We are already not meeting in groups larger than 10, we are maintaining social distance (showing someone you love them by keeping your distance?).

But we can do more. Bob Stocker, our Stewardship/Visioning Team chair, feels that this crisis might well generate a new season of caring for each other, and indeed we are already finding those ways as I write. Together we are helping one another in ways they need to be helped—running an errand to the pharmacy or the grocery, preparing and delivering food (even toilet paper?), shoveling snow if able, checking in with daily telephone calls re: overall wellbeing or needs. We can all get involved! Betsy Neas (966-9894) has some great ideas for connecting with each other.

May God bless us all in this effort of demonstrating our covenant of love and caring.

Kathy Roman, Moderator

Need to get in touch with me?? I welcome your calls to 395-6812 or 395-5301 and emails to kroman@bresnan.net.

PASTOR CHATS—3:00pm-5:00pm Tuesdays
Pastor Rebecca will resume Pastor Chat/Drop-in Hours
when services resume.

During this extraordinary time, please reach out to Pastor Rebecca
in any “virtual” way possible.
call or text: 719-252-6890
email: revbecca@icloud.com

Stay up-to-date by following CUCC on Facebook: Congregational UCC Buena Vista.

PASTOR'S ARTICLE, April, 2020

What God Says When Society is Spinning Out of Control

by Jenny Albers

Society: What about my plans?!

God: My plans for you are always better than your own. Don't worry. I'm going to work this all out for your good.

Society: We're not going to get anything done!

God: That's the point. You know how you keep spinning your wheels—always working, moving, doing—but never feeling satisfied? I've given you permission to stop. I've cleared your calendars for you! Your worth isn't tied to busyness or accomplishment. All you have to do is take care of each other.

Society: What does this all mean?

God: It means I'm in control. It means you are human and I am God. It means I've given you a wonderful opportunity to be the light in a dark world. It means you are going to learn to rely on me.

Society: What are we supposed to do when we can't leave our homes?

God: Rest. You are always so busy and overwhelmed, crying out to me weary and exhausted. Can't you use a break from your fast-paced and over-scheduled lives? Go ahead and rest. Pray. Love your families. Be still and spend time with me.

Society: You mean we're supposed to stay home with our kids all day, every day?

God: Yes. And you're going to be just fine. This time together is a rare gift. The rush of daily life has come to a halt.

Play games. Bake cookies. Work on projects you've never had the time for. Teach them kindness and grace. Show them how to endure difficult circumstances and steer them toward me.

Society: We better start hoarding anything we can get our hands on!

God: Prevention, yes. Precaution, yes. Preparedness, yes. But after that, it's time to put the needs of others before your own. When you see someone in need, help them. Offer up what you have. Do not worry about tomorrow! Haven't I always taken care of you? Now, go take care of someone else.

Society: Why is this happening?

God: To remind you that I'm in control. To bring your attention back to me. I'm bringing you together as families and neighbors. I'm showing you patience and perseverance. I'm reminding you of your purpose and priorities. Now is the time to learn and teach your children what this life is really about.

Society: We don't know who to believe.

God: Believe in me. Trust me. Ask me for wisdom and I will surely give it.

Society: We're scared!

God: I've got this and I'm with you.

~Blessings, Rebecca

SDSC—SOCIALY DISTANCED BUT SPIRITUALLY CONNECTED—E-LIST

Pastor Rebecca is inviting everyone to join an Email List called SDSC—Socially Distanced But Spiritually Connected.

The SDSC emails will go out twice a week with Inspirational Moments, Spiritual Reflections, and Ponderings on Community.

This will be in addition to the "CUCC E-blast" that Nancy sends from the Office—those are general information.

PLEASE drop an email SOON, to be added to Pastor Rebecca's Spiritual E-List: Revbecca@icloud.com or call or text Pastor Rebecca at 719-252-6890 anytime!

Invite your friends near and far to join this list too. We'll be a global spiritually connected community!



CUCC CARES FOR CREATION

Please don't put cardboard boxes in the trash/dumpster. Instead, put them in the office or give them to Rebecca.



COMPOSTING AT CUCC - SIGN UP TODAY!

YES, THE CHURCH MAY USE THE COMPOSTING!

Compost generated directly by the church may be added for free, but individuals must sign up in order to be able to add their own personal composting.

For those adding CUCC's compost, the lock code is available in the office. Please see the information sheet in the kitchen and on the composting bins for what is and is not allowed.

Sign up at <https://garna.org/chaffee-green-composting/for-your-own-personal-composting>.



Kudos Kolumn

Many thanks to Paul Dorfmeister for diligently guiding the process of selling the CUCC van and trailer, thereby helping both the CUCC budget and a local business (rafting company). It's a win-win!

Pastor Rebecca would love to connect with you!



Make an appointment or request a visit to assure her undivided attention.

Leave a message at the office at 719-395-2544, call her cell at 719-252-6890, or email to revbecca@icloud.com.

Pastor's Week At a Glance:

Sunday — Church Family Day

Monday — Sabbath & Singing

Tuesday — Meetings, Appointments, Worship & Education Prep, TELLS 3:00pm-5:00pm "Drop-In Hours" at the Office

Wednesday — Writing Morning; Office Work, Visiting, Meetings, Choir

Thursday — Inreach & Outreach Day

Friday — Catch-All & Catch-Up Day

Saturday — Final Prep for Sunday & Family Day

CHURCH SOUND TECH #4 NEEDED!

would you like to drink coffee and eat cookies during the service?

We currently have three sound board operators who take turns running the system one Sunday a month, but need a 4th for that 4th Sunday! You just have to push a few buttons and put batteries in the mics so we can all hear what's going on. Written, illustrated instructions and free lesson are provided. See one of us at a Sunday service.

If we can do it, anyone can!

- Matthew, Jeff, Ron

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 (720) 542-1560
Life Care Center of Westminster, Aspen Hall, Rm. 112
7751 Zenobia Court, Westminster, CO 80030

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

Roger Cason (719) 539-6112 (C)
Columbine Manor
530 W. 16th Street, Salida, CO 81201

Elvin Frantz (719) 395-6982
30535 CR 371, Buena Vista
c/o Kathy Garrett
PO Box 1106, Buena Vista, CO 81211-1106

Bonnie Guenther (719) 395-2261
PO Box 12
318 Pinon Street, Buena Vista, CO 81211

Betty Gwynn (719) 395-2966
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Lew Lowe (717) 490-8288
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Willow Street, PA 17584

Al & Phyllis McCall (719)966-9552-A (719)659-9597-P
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3377 Mill Vista Road, Unit #3205
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Doris Westerlund
c/o Sue Stanek, 15075 Dutchman Ct.
Apple Valley, MN 55124

Glen & Joan Wilder (719) 395-8722
29531 CR 372A, Buena Vista, CO 81211

Wilma and Angie Williams (719) 395-2702
PO Box 1808
208 S. Colorado, Buena Vista, CO 81211

Lyndsey Fagerberg Close
1920 Frontage Rd., Apt. 1714
Cherry Hill, NJ 0803

CUCC Special Dates



BIRTHDAYS

April 2—Zach Dylan
April 2—Sam Dylan
April 2—Shirley Montgomery
April 4—Marcille Drake
April 4—Mark Wolters
April 8—David Long
April 9—Helen Duncan
April 11—Lesley Fagerberg
April 18—Bob Frykholm
April 24—Sylas Westendorf

ANNIVERSARIES

April 24—Gerry & Jean Venard



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



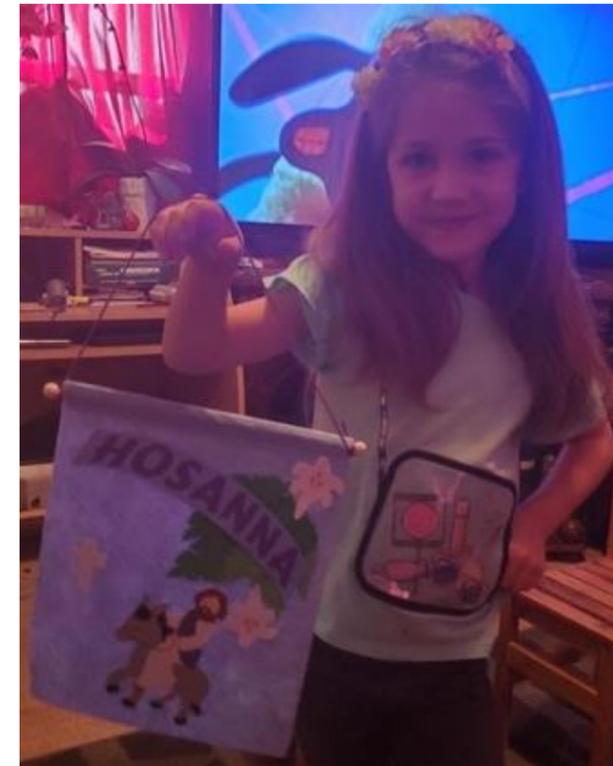
Please Remember in Your Prayers

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| Del Jones—Healing | Ruby Hamilton—Healing |
| Sarah Struthers—Healing | Doris Westerlund—Healing |
| Pam Hughes—Healing | Roger Cason—Healing |
| Shirl Holloway—Healing | Leonard Nyberg—Healing |
| Mary Messamer—Healing | Ruth Amster—Healing |
| Linette Williams—Healing | Marcy Adams—Healing |
| Dwight Griggs—Healing | Al & Phyllis McCall—Healing |
| Warren Montgomery—Healing | Nan Bohe—Healing |
| Marcille Drake—Healing | Jim Amster—Healing |
| Maryanne Wells (Janet Jones' sister-in-law)—Healing | |
| Norma Hughes (aunt of Doyle & Leonard Nyberg)—Healing | |
| Brooke Davis (cousin of Doyle & Leonard Nyberg)—Healing | |
| Mardy Cason (brother of Roger Cason)—Healing | |
| Brendan Stuart (niece of Molly Stuart)—Healing | |
| Diana Lynn Hilt (Lucille Habeck's daughter)—Healing | |
| Kayleigh & Family (friends of Barb Wilder)—Healing | |
| Jarron Davis (cousin of Doyle & Leonard Nyberg)—Healing | |
| Juanita Womack (friend of Linette Williams)—Healing | |
| Wisdom and Transformation for the People of Earth | |
| Frank Russell (Marge Dorfmeister's nephew)—Healing | |
| Nancy Russell (Marge Dorfmeister's sister-in-law)—Healing | |
| The Family of Betty Stevens (Bob Stevens' mother)—Comfort | |
| Carolyn and Barry Hayes (friends of VirJeanne Williams and Rhonda Funston)—Healing | |
| The Family of Tim Wasmer (Carolyn & Barry Hayes' son-in-law)—Comfort | |
| Lohn Owens (VirJeanne Williams' nephew)—Healing | |
| Judy Edmands (friend of VirJeanne and Rhonda)—Healing | |
| John Adams (friend of Edie Padgett)—Healing | |
| Marlene Summers (Janet Steiner's sister)—Healing | |
| Scarlett Rae Promfret and baby Blakely-Grace Pomfret—Healing | |

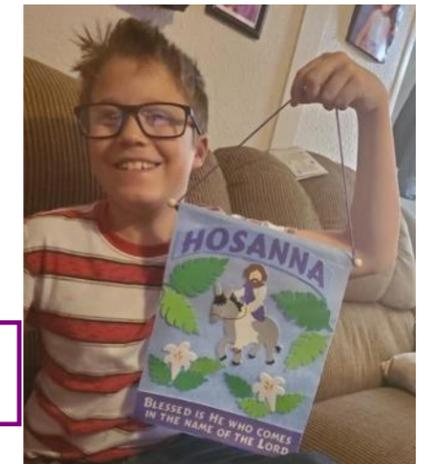
JOIN COS PEOPLE OF FAITH
APRIL 5TH
FOR A DAY OF PRAYER

FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH COVID-19 - FOR RESTORATION AND RECOVERY FOR ALL THOSE STRUGGLING DUE TO SHUT-DOWNS.

ALL PEOPLE OF FAITH WILL GATHER VIRTUALLY AT NOON TO PRAY TOGETHER.



Skyler, Gabby, and Ryan Tucker used their extra time at home to make Palm Sunday banners.





View from the Mountain

“MUSH”

There are some things that can just turn me to mush no matter what else is going on all around me.

Years ago during my wildlife work, the St. Louis Zoo called to tell me that a resident coyote died having an usually large litter. All nine pups lived and needed a momma. At the time, we had four wolves with us (see picture) and

their care and the copious notes to record all were a full time job, but after only a few minutes thought, I said I would be their momma, so send them on over.

I arranged nine unlidged shoe boxes side by side on a large side table, and when they arrived each pup occupied one box. That was the beginning of a roller coaster ride. They had to be fed warm bottles of a mother milk substitute every three hours. After each feeding they had to be burped . I held them feet down, head up as they nursed, but they were so frantic for the milk they still gulped air, thus the burping. By the time we reached the end of the row it was almost time to begin all over again. But do you know what? I loved it all. It's the mush thing. They all lived and thrived and all went back to the zoo when they no longer needed warm bottles and mommas. They returned with a little part of me.

Then there was the time one of our Siamese females delivered five kittens. All were fine and healthy but one. The last one born was much smaller and weak and it seemed pretty clear that she wouldn't make it. Even the momma cat thought this and totally rejected her.

At that time we had a house guest, a wondrous lady named Joy Adamson, the same lady who wrote “Elsa,” “Pippa,” and other books. She championed the cause of the threatened lions of Africa. She traveled around the world to attend the yearly board of director meetings of Tyson Research Center, a board on which I also served. Joy saw this scrawny kitten, picked her up, slipped her into her smock pocket, and named her Elsa. When I looked surprised, she said, “The movement of my body and the closeness and warmth of my pocket will all feel like back in the womb. She will live. We will give her lots of warm milk and keep her rocking gently. You'll see.”

I turned to mush. Here was this world-famous lady who loved a tiny kitten and gave her life. It touched my heart so much, and every day of Elsa's long life in our home I remembered that a great human being believed a kitten's life to be that important. I still believe this today and kept my cat “P's” life going by using my pocket with him.

Now once again I was mush. We had friends who had sheep that produced baby lambs every spring. Came spring one year and there were lots of precious, soft-furred, doe-eyed lambs, and they each had a momma ewe to feed and nurture them. All except one. When a ewe has triplets, she usually rejects one, mainly because she's only equipped to nurse two. There is usually one little lamb that suffers rejection. He runs from ewe to ewe, but none want him. In this business, human beings have to substitute. Five times a day someone warms a bottle, picks up the baby, and feeds him. I am the eleven a.m. feeding every day. Automatic mush time for me.

Each day I walked into the field full of mommas and babies and, as I walked among them, they scattered everywhere. Only one didn't run away. He looked at me, the light must have gone on, and he would break out into a dead run right into my arms. I am mush and his forever. I would pick him up and carry him to a place where I could lean against the fence and hold him while he drinks his warm bottle. First though, he usually found my earlobe and he nursed it vigorously. But when I gave him the real thing he settled right down and hunched inside the crook of my arm. He made soft sucking noises as he filled his little tummy and usually fell asleep when he had finished because he felt contented and loved.

I held him long after I needed to, not so much for him, but for me. I loved the mushy feeling, but finally I had to take him back. I felt bad because I know his momma didn't want him. I struggle with a strong impulse to just gather that wonderful little being up and take him home with me where he would never feel rejection again. But I walked away knowing not to interfere. I looked forward everyday to my eleven o'clock time with the little lamb. I knew he would run as fast as his little legs would take him straight to me. He knew I had the warm milk that made his tummy feel good. It did not take me long to recognize that he gave me a sense of joy and peace that I called mush.

Mush is the feeling animals so easily give to me. It is the feeling that made me dedicate my whole life to being their voice and their advocate. The view from the mountain is wondrous!

~ Jean Brody



Marge & Ron Erickson enjoy Lenten Service/ Soup Supper fellowship on March 11 before they relocate to Wisconsin. We wish them all the best!!

We'll miss you, Ron & Marge! Thank you for all you've done for and meant to CUCC!



Ellen Kely and Bob Stocker brought baby goats to the Living Gift Market/Heifer International event on March 11. How does one say no to such cuteness? (Now is that of the goats or Ellen & Bob?)

Outreach/Community & World Team News **April greetings!**

Your Outreach, Community and World Team would like to thank all members and friends, and Grace Church visitors, for their enthusiastic support of the Living Gift Market/Heifer International held on March 11th after the Lenten service. We will be sending over \$1,000 worth of goats, rabbits, heifers, honey bees and other “living gifts” to families in poverty who will then gain new income and training. Whole communities will benefit. THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

We thank Janet Steiner for her music leadership and Ellen Kely and Bob Stocker for bringing in their twin goats as special guests. We are always most grateful for the soup makers and bread bakers. BTW, contributions are accepted all year, cash and checks written to CUCC, Heifer Intl. in the memo.

Every April the Outreach Team has organized the Easter SonRise breakfast. Stay tuned as to whether/when it will be held this year.

One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes will be placed in the church pews during April. Please give generously. The Lenten Free Will Offering taken on February 26th will be donated as well.



STEWARDSHIP/VISIONING TEAM NEWS

The CUCC/RMC Listening Sessions and March 29 Congregational Gathering have been postponed.

Stewardship/Visioning Team

Bob Stocker, Judy Hassell, Bowie Duncan, Bill Waldorf, Ann Condra

Worship Team Notes

NOTE: This was submitted prior to the virus outbreak and service cancellations.

We met March 8th after church. Maundy Thursday is April 9th at 7 pm with altar communion. We continued discussing plans for Palm Sunday and Easter. We will have the children hand out palms when everyone comes in on Palm Sunday. The wire Cross will be in place on Easter and we ask everyone to bring flowers to decorate the Cross. SonRise Service will be at 7 am, then the Easter brunch, and then the 10 am Service.

We will cancel our next meeting for April and meet on May 10th after church. We will order carnations for Mother's Day.

Submitted by Linda Rak, chairperson

The Faith Education Team Faith Education for Everyone

We've been having good discussion concerning Vacation Bible School—different themes, the term itself, possible dates, volunteers needed.

We've also been discussing ways to reach out to community families to increase numbers within our congregation. Adult education ideas are doing the "Living the Question" series and an evening TED talk series.

CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER Sundays, 9:00-9:45, Adult Ed Room (when services resume)

When we're back in action, we be talking about the book, "The Jesus Path." It's an interesting and challenging book. There is always a lively discussion, so come join us!

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY NEWS

NOTE: This was submitted prior to the virus outbreak and meeting cancellations.

Our annual Salad Luncheon is April 23 at 11:30am here at CUCC. Our program will be provided by Suzy Kelly, speaking about Historic Buena Vista Women. Janet Steiner will provide focus on the 100th anniversary of a woman's right to vote. Please bring either a salad or dessert to share.

~Merilee Daugherty

Finance and Budget Team April News

The congregation will vote on the revised budget draft at such time that the next Congregational Gathering can be held.

SALIDA HOMELESS SHELTER UPDATE

We have currently run out of money for motels, so no longer shelter women. We hope keep the men's shelter open until mid or late April if funds last. If anyone would like to make a donation so we can once again house women, please write a check to Caring and Sharing (designate "Winter Shelter") and mail to Caring and Sharing, 220 West 4th Street, Salida, CO 81201.

Mike Orrill - Special Projects Coordinator, Chaffee County Public Health
719-221-5418



Coronavirus Consequences: Emergency Appeal!

Dear La Foret Friends:

These are very serious times.

We are asking all of our La Foret friends and donors to make an urgent financial gift to La Foret today.

Coronavirus has affected all of us. The effects of the public response to coronavirus on La Foret have been swift and economically severe. In two days last week, we lost all of our booked business through the end of April. We anticipate these losses will continue through May, and possibly into summer. As you are all aware, almost all of our income comes from these bookings.

Here's what La Foret is doing. We have taken steps to reduce expenses while caring for our staff who have served you and LF so well over many years. We have cut pay by 25% to 50% for all staff with the hope of retaining all of them, and we have eliminated all discretionary spending. Even with this, our monthly expenses are about \$60,000 per month for utilities, communications, insurance, and reduced salaries. We can't last long at this rate. We are still planning for summer camps and programs to continue, yet we don't have control.

Your gift today, will help LF handle an uncertain financial future and minimize what we will have to borrow to remain solvent and viable and able to serve you.

We thank you for your gift and support,

Larry McCulloch
Executive Director

Brad Carroll
Asst Executive Director

Terri Schulz
Chair of the Board

CUCC COFFEE STILL AVAILABLE!

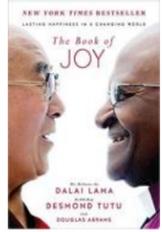
We sure don't want to run out of coffee in these unsettled times! And we don't want the inventory to go stale! Coffee will be self-serve.

Find your favorite coffee in the coffee cabinet in the Adult Ed Room (5th cabinet door from the left?). \$9 a bag, \$6 for cocoa. Leave either cash or a check made out to CUCC in the basket on the bottom shelf.

Ron Rak will collect the payments on the 10th, 20th, and 30th of each month, and transfer them to the Office for the Financial Secretary to process. He will also manage inventory and restock as necessary.

Coffee - the "Think Drink!" - stay sharp!

CHURCH-COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



MONDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP
Mondays at 8:00am
Grace Church Annex
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOICE

Men of CUCC are invited to join men of Grace Church for this class. They have now begun studying "The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World" by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama.

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

All men are invited to learn, discuss, and grow!

TELLS
Tuesday Evening Ladies
Literary Society
Tuesdays, 7:00pm
held at members' homes
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOICE



All women are invited!

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

The group is reading
 "The Rock That Is Higher Than I"
 by Madeline L'Engle.



Contact Pastor Rebecca to get on the email list.
 revbecca@icloud.com

FOOD 4 KIDS
Backpack Program



Food items always in demand:

- *Chef Boyardee, pasta, etc.—ready-to-eat meals are the best!
- *Pudding Cups
- *Fruit cups (individual)
- *Granola or Cereal Bars

Cash donations are always appreciated, too!

EASTER LILIES

STAY TUNED FOR WHEN THESE WILL HAPPEN

The church will have Easter lilies on Easter Sunday (whatever date it ends up being). If you would like to pay for one in honor of someone, please let Nancy in the office know. Payment can be collected when church next meets or even after Easter. The list of contributors and honorees will run whenever the list is compiled. The cost is \$12 each.

Thank you!

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

STAY TUNED FOR WHEN THESE WILL HAPPEN

Please bring cut flowers to whichever Easter Sunday service you will be attending (7:00am SonRise or 10:00 Easter Celebration) (whatever date it ends up being). Flowers can be purchased from City Market or a neighborhood florist.

This lovely tradition is always a special time.

MIDLAND HIKER ART SHOW

—POSTPONED

The new date will be announced when it is known.

COLLEGIATE PEAKS FORUM SERIES

Rev. Dr. Bruce Epperly
 "Walk the Earth Lightly: Guideposts for Interspiritual Pilgrims"
 Friday, April 17
 7:00pm, BV Community Center

CANCELLED



DID YOU KNOW? CONTRIBUTIONS STILL ACCEPTED

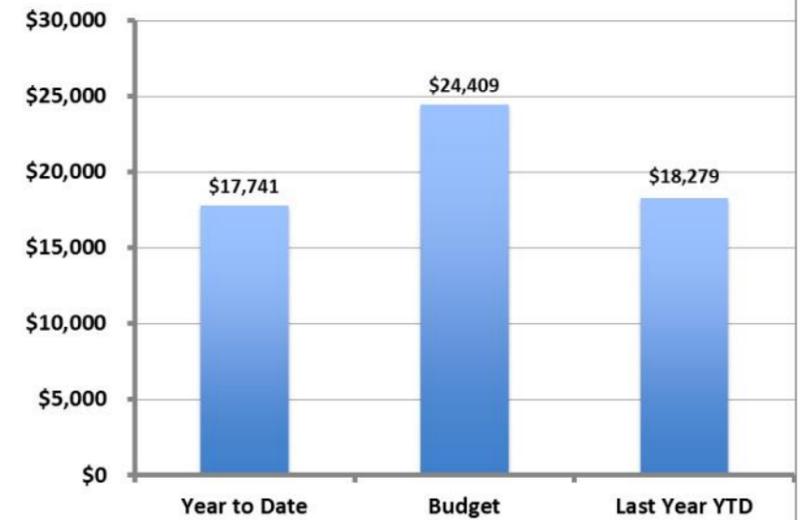
Yes, the bills are still coming in and CUCC employees are still employed (which is a huge relief to them!)

You can either mail your contributions to CUCC at **PO Box 610** or directly to Financial Secretary **Kay Allinger**, who will make deposits each week.

Her address is **PO Box 3006, Buena Vista, CO 81211-3006**.

There is also a basket and envelopes in the church office if you wish to drop off your contribution.

General Contributions through February, 2020



FACILITIES TEAM NEWS

Doors project: Awaiting pricing estimates for crash (panic) hardware for the double exit doors. Researching fire inspections to verify if we should be installing crash hardware on the main entrance as well. Estimates for this project are at least \$2300 at this point. This project will upgrade the doors to energy efficient doors. No donor has requested a refund of their remaining windows donations, so that money is available to fund this project now. If any funds remain after this project is complete, the balance will be put in the building fund to help fund the staining project of the exterior this year and the LED lighting project.

Heating: Ron Rak is going to install louvers above the doors in the sewing room and old Sunday School office. Also going to ID each of the heating zones and label them so we can better isolate problems when they occur.

Church van and trailer: Both have sold for a total of \$8000. The line item in the budget was \$3091.25 which has been transferred to Reserves. The Team is requesting the \$8000 be put in the building fund so we can start to fund the church exterior staining project this year and continue with the LED lighting upgrades.

LED lighting: Priority for LED upgrades will be kitchen, halls, pulpit area, and fellowship hall. Will be completed in stages as money is available. Will also consider LED upgrades at parsonage if it can be funded.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Hassell, Chair

Sunday morning? Why, yes, I'm free.

from February 2020 Reader's Digest

Thom S. Rainer, the founder of Church Answers, an online community for church leaders, asked ministers and churchgoers alike to share the best excuses they've heard for skipping church:

- ~I couldn't get the lid off the peanut butter.
- ~The church is too close to drive and too far to walk.
- ~Both of my girlfriends attend church there.
- ~The pastor stays in the Bible too much.
- ~The pastor is too attractive. When I see him preaching, I have impure thoughts and I'm distracted.
- ~My wife cooked bacon for breakfast, and our entire family smelled like bacon.
- ~The worship leader pulls up his pants too often. It's distracting.
- ~I always get hemorrhoids on Sundays.
- ~Someone called me 'brother' instead of using my name.



PLUG INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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| + | April | Scriptures |
| Theme: | | "Easter" |
| Sunday, April 5 | | — Matthew 21:1-11 |
| Sunday, April 12 | | — John 20:1-18 |
| Sunday, April 19 | | — John 20:19-31 |
| Sunday, April 26 | | — Luke 24:13-35 |

ALL CHILDREN PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE ARE INVITED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Will resume when services do.

Come meet the characters in *Deep Blue*, learn new songs and have fun with craft projects!

Come to worship at 10 am, join in the Children's Message in church, and then follow your teacher to the Art Room.

DELEGATES SOUGHT

Ron & Linda Rak are going on year three as Co- and Primary Delegates for CUCC. We don't want to monopolize the position! If you would like to expand your horizons, share ideas with other churches, see what other churches are doing, meet other really smart people in other congregations, and leaders of the Rocky Mountain Conference and Southeastern Association, talk to us, Pastor Rebecca, or Kathy Roman.

This is a great opportunity to share what our church is doing with the other 72 churches in the Conference. There are generally two "must meetings" a year, and there are always more educational and spiritual development programs throughout Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming if you are so inclined!

We are currently planning on attending the RMC Annual Celebration (Meeting) at La Foret in Colorado Springs June 4 to 6, approximately noon to noon. Last year it was in Grand Junction. CUCC will cover the registration expenses. Talk to us!

Linda & Ron Rak

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.
- ◆ 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 M, 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.*

**WORSHIP PLANNING
COVID19 PANDEMIC EDITION**

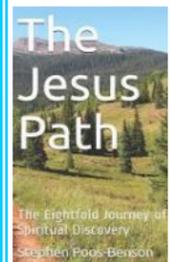
- Breathe on Me, Breath of God.....NOPE
- Precious Lord, Take my Hand.....NOPE
- Just a Closer Walk with Thee.....NOPE
- Gather Us In.....NOPE
- Close to Thee.....NOPE

COULD WORK

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley
I Come to the Garden Alone
Trust and Obey

@STEPHSCHLIMM

"And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently. And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal. And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed."
- Kitty O'Meara



"CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER"
Sundays, 9:00am, AE Room
Will resume when services do.

The group is studying "The Jesus Path: The Eightfold Journey of Spiritual Discovery" by Stephen Poos-Benson.

Contact Arlene Waldorf if you need a book.

CUCC Council Minutes

March 18, 2020

Meeting held via email

In lieu of official minutes, I, Moderator Kathy Roman, submit this summary of the e-mail vote taken on the action items and a summary of comments regarding the closing of the building.

Re: Approval of agreement with Judy Phelps to work through May of 2020.....unanimous

Re: Approval of paying Judy Phelps for 3/15 and 3/22.....unanimous

Comments re: closing (lockdown) of building:

Close bldg. to non-essential meetings; for AA/Al-Anon, post signs on doors for anyone that enters the building:

Don't enter if you are sick or have any symptoms of illness

Sanitize your hands before entering and after leaving

Cover up if you need to cough or sneeze

Maintain 5-6 ft distancing from each other

Close immediately; close in 2 week increments

[comment: As much as I hate to make unilateral decisions, I agreed with AA/Al-Anon's request to meet this week inasmuch as they would seem to need it the most. Rebecca will steer them to online resources.]

[comment: As of 3/23, the building has been closed to all group meetings]

On Easter Activities: comments ranged from probably not to wait until it gets closer

[comment: Looks like the Chaffee County Public Health Department and the RMConference have pretty much taken those decisions out of our hands.]

Rebecca raised the question of keeping Lenny on payroll; he could be doing things on his "backburner" list. I will be seeking your input on that. There is also the question of allowing Judy to continue teaching piano in the building. [comment: As of 3/25 Judy has suspended her piano lessons at the church until further notice.]

Submitted by Kathy Roman, Moderator

Bingo Card #1

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| Send 3 notes to isolated individuals | Contact Pastor Rebecca or Office Nancy w/ideas for future cards | Read a devotional | Wash your hands | Call someone you haven't spoken to in a long time |
| Call someone from church to see how they're doing | List ten things you're thankful for | Write a thank you note to someone special | Read a Psalm | Take a walk |
| Collect an item for the Backpack Program | Write a prayer for this time in your life | Free Faith Space | Pray for peace | Put a smile on someone's face |
| Be extra nice to a postal worker | Find 5 things in your closet to donate to NewBees | Thank a grocery worker | Make a paper airplane and see how you far it flies | List 3 blessings you've gained from social distancing |
| Ask a friend how many bingo squares they've completed | Do something that makes your heart happy | Sing out loud - that means LOUD | Listen to music | Pray for medical personnel & support staff |

Bingo Card #2

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| Laugh at a joke | Smile at a stranger | Read a book that inspires you | Pray for small businesses & hourly wage earners | Be thankful you live in rural Colorado |
| Talk to your plants (or someone else's) | Say the Serenity Prayer | Sing a hymn | Wash your hands | Eat leftovers |
| Collect two items for La Puente hygiene bags (not towels) | Read a humorous book | Free Peace Space | Share a favorite memory | Disinfect your phone |
| Say a prayer of thanks for saving money on gasoline | Make a snowman (doesn't have to be with snow) | Wave at an animal or bird | Collect an item for the Backpack Program or NewBees | Dance (like no one is watching) |
| Let a CUCC friend without internet know about this Bingo game | Go with the flow (whatever that means to you) | Read the Bible for 15 minutes - 3 separate times | Enjoy a walk along the Arkansas River | Be able to say, "I only bought what I needed." (didn't hoard) |

Bingo Card #3

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| Eat a treat | Collect 3 items for La Puente hygiene bags (not towels) | Take an extra long walk with your (pretend?) dog | Sing Happy Birthday to someone (hint: Office Nancy's is March 26) | Read a daily devotional |
| Laugh at yourself (but don't be mean) | Write a (short?) memoir | Send a greeting card to anyone for any reason (or no reason) | Collect an item for the Backpack Program or NewBees | Sing the Doxology |
| Wash your hands | Play a game | Free Not Panicking Space | Tell a joke | Fill in the blank: Keep Calm and _____ |
| Learn something new (no matter how small) | Drink a glass of water | Guess Office Nancy's age (Is she having fun with this or what?) | Make up a game | Continue to pray for medical staff/custodial staff/etc. |
| Make up a word - with definition! | Send a virtual hug | Continue to pray for small businesses/hourly wage earners | Sit quietly for a moment & breathe deep | Send in a suggestion to Office Nancy for this Bingo game |

NEED TRANSPORT? SUPPLIES?

If anybody needs transportation to a medical appointment or anything delivered from City Market, please call Betsy Neas at 719-966-9894.

If you bought 30 rolls of toilet paper, you owe 3 to the church. Tithing is not cancelled.



PRESCRIPTIONS CAN BE DELIVERED

Lucas Smith, owner of the Buena Vista Pharmacy and the Salida Pharmacy and Fountain, will deliver medications to customers' homes. Please contact these pharmacies for more information.

Buena Vista Drug: 719-395-2481

Salida Pharmacy and Fountain: 719-530-4790



Bingo Cards #1-3 are available on the bench in the narthex.

For a fourth card, make up your own!

For the middle free space, we've had Free Faith and Free Peace. Should we also have Free Love?

