

**Congregational
United Church of Christ**

Sunday Schedule

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in life's journey, you are welcome here at the
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News and Views

Congregational United Church of Christ
July, 2020



MODERATOR'S MOMENT

O, give thanks to the God of heaven for his steadfast love endures forever.
Psalm 136:26 (New Reserved Standard Version)

In these days when it seems that our world has been turned up-side-down almost instantly and our habits and routines need constant evaluation and re-examination almost on a daily basis, it is so very easy to think of all the things we can't or shouldn't do in order to keep the spread of coronavirus in check—things like get a haircut or the luxury of a pedicure, travel out of the county, go out to dinner or lunch with family or friends, buy toilet paper, attend celebrations of Memorial Day and Independence Day, or go to church where we look forward to sitting beside our friends and/or family, having coffee with them, and most importantly worshipping together as One Body in prayer and song. Then there are the cancellations of traditional summer activities that bring us together around mutual interests such as parades, rodeos, concerts, FibArk, and others too numerous to mention or dwell upon.

On the other hand, I have been blessed enough to have had occasion to spend time with my family, after months of illness and restrictions, to celebrate my great-nephew's second birthday. What a joy to see them, and for that I am grateful and I hope that you have shared similar experiences since restrictions have eased somewhat, and, taking the proper precautions, we can get our hair cut, and share a meal, especially in an outdoor setting; there is great relief all around, and for that I am grateful. I hope that you have also enjoyed similar experiences.

In this county we have been blessed that the number of cases (around 70) has remained generally constant for the last couple of weeks and our hospital has not been overwhelmed, contrary to what we see in the national media, and for that I am grateful. I pray that this will remain the case, though we grieve for those lives lost, especially those at Columbine Care Center.

Looking at the bigger picture, I feel gratitude for the scientists that continue to study this virus and advise us on appropriate behaviors, and for the doctors, nurses and other caregivers who work tirelessly and at great risk to themselves to help relieve the suffering and grief. And I am grateful for those who faithfully work on a vaccine and treatment for those afflicted. We are blessed by them and grateful for their efforts.

As the Apostle Paul wrote to the Colossians, (3:17) "Whatever you do...do it all in the name of Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him." Let us be all be grateful and appreciate what we have.

Be kind, be good, be careful, and be well.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE - JOIN US TODAY!

9:00am

Please join us by going to YouTube channel and searching for CUCC Buena Vista CO.

We'd also love it if you'd SUBSCRIBE to our channel and help promote CUCC to a wider audience!

COFFEE HOUR ON ZOOM

9:30am

After the service, zoom on over to our Zoom meeting to connect with others on a personal basis!

During this time on Zoom you can see and be seen and hear and be heard!

If you haven't Zoomed with us before, please see the link in the Friday email blast to get connected.

We look forward to fellowshiping with you!

PASTOR'S ARTICLE, July, 2020

Let your words and actions be life-giving—what is useful for building up the Body, so that your words may give Grace to those who hear. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, and loving. (Ephesians 4:29-32)

What a season this has been! We have been “Being the Church” in more ways than we can count—even though not able to gather in the ways we have as Jesus’ followers for millennia! Ponder that for a moment. We’ve had to explore a whole new way of being the Body of Christ in this Covid time through a period in our history that most of us have never experienced before. And you know what?! We’ve done it, and are continuing to do it with much love, grace, gratitude, and generosity by many.

Our church has not “fallen apart” by any means, as some organizations have feared, but we have entered strong and vital into a new chapter, building up the Body every day and in every way. Here are just a few of the ways that we can count!

*Amazing Celebration of Life for an amazing lady named Verona Taggart. Many CUCC and BV folks came together, along with family from across the country, to honor her.

*Paul Dorfmeister, Karen Bowers, Rhonda Funston, and Janet Steiner staining the church building, swing set, parsonage deck and fence. It looks beautiful! (Karen Bowers even had a little miracle happen when she found a tree to hold onto when an enormous wind gust threatened to blow her away! Thanks be to God!)

*Speaking of beautiful, did you notice the purple and white lilies in the church flower bed? Barb Wilder planted those awhile back and surprised us all! Barb & Delmar do many “secret tasks” around the church grounds every year and it shows!

*Ron Hassell working tirelessly on the sprinklers at both the church building and the parsonage to get them working; Clarke Poos and Ron working on many aspects of cleaning and beautifying the grounds, along with Paul Dorfmeister. Nancy, Leonard, and Casey working tirelessly to keep the church clean and running smoothly.

*Garden Crew—Patti Ouellette, Karen Bowers, and Paul Dorfmeister—have you seen it?

*Folks helping others with their computers and phones and learning Zoom and YouTube, so all can connect to the larger community.

*Donuts delivered around town with love by the Wonderful Wolters! Carnation Flowers for Mother’s Day delivered all over the community to all the women the Worship Team could find! Father’s Day treats and visits to the men a month later. Heartwarming slideshows, sharing of pictures and memories on Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. Thank you Matthew Maloney and Nancy Best for the invaluable help putting that together with Pastor Rebecca!

*Matthew, Jacy, and Merilee working with Pastor Rebecca in the endless hours of worship preparation (and Donna helping too!), so our worship can not only be shared with our nearby CUCC family, but all around the world! Janet helping in the background with music ideas and planning and the sign and all the wonderful things she does. Drawing the Circle Wider!

*Teams meeting virtually and carrying on the work of the church in important ways—tending to the needs of the church and the greater community in life-giving ways. Masks being shared throughout the community, meals and groceries taken around. Phone calls and cards and articles and letters being sent throughout the congregation.

*CUCC is involved in important ways in the community to love our neighbors and stand alongside those in need of companionship in the struggle for equality, justice, and peace. Anti-racism discussions happening all around—in the church groups and church/community gatherings. We are faithfully examining our own prejudices and lenses so that we might help all God’s children to have a place at the Table—this is needed now more than ever!

Surely we’ve missed some, so please drop a note to let us know of other wonderful things that are happening! As we imagine the future together, countless opportunities abound for each one of us to “build up the Body” with our time, talent, and treasure. We are a Beloved Community in Covenant, devoted to one another now and far into God’s newly-imagined future. What would you offer this week and this month in time, talent, and treasure to keep inspiring and building-up the congregation and community as the Spirit moves in our midst?

Pastor Rebecca



Kudos Column

We are grateful to Butch Butler for the donation of a sturdy table for the office!

Thanks, too, to Janet Steiner and Linda Rak for delivering a Father’s Day treat to the men of CUCC!

And many, many thanks to Paul Dorfmeister for staining the exterior of the church, with help from Rhonda Funston, Janet Steiner, and Karen Bowers! It looks great! Even the swing sets got done!



Pastor Rebecca would love to connect with you!



Make an appointment or request a virtual 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.

2020 CENSUS

Be a part of history and help shape Chaffee County’s future!

Complete the 2020 Census:
online: my2020census.gov
phone: 844-330-2020



PRAYER MEDITATION FOR THESE TIMES

Listen to Your Children Praying

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. (Psalm 61:1; read Psalm 61 in its entirety.)

The Psalmist prays about everything. He prays when he’s happy. She prays when she succeeds against odds. He prays for strength. She prays for persistence. All of us are somewhat monastic during this time of pandemic and one thing that monks are known for is praying—morning, noon, and night, and in between. Every encounter is a call to prayer, to focus on God, to seek the highest good, to confront conflict evil and injustice without losing our cool and succumbing to insult and violence whether in words or action.

Prayer is soul force (satyagraha, as Gandhi says) that takes us beyond our bruised and fragile selves, our impatient and self-interested selves, to dwell on a higher plane where we face struggle with an awareness of God’s vision for us at this time and place. Prayer doesn’t preclude confrontation with personal and political injustice; but it helps us challenge wrong without behavior like those we oppose. Prayer recognizes our fallibility and need for grace, especially in times of stress. Prayer invites us to trust God’s love regardless of how we are currently feeling.

The Psalmist reminds us that we can pray our pain and lament, our anger and anguish, as well as our gratitude and joy. The Psalmist wants us, as the hymn says, “to take everything to God in prayer.”

These days we have to ask ourselves what would happen if millions of Christians—and persons of other faiths—took several minutes a day to pray for national healing, for guidance about how to respond to issues of pandemic, health care, racism, leadership, and earth care. We need to pray for our church’s mission, members, and our own lives. You can pray your way through the church directory focusing on several members each day. So let us pray through day, our gratitude and concern, our fear and love, and let us pray for the healing of our nation and the earth, knowing that we may be the answer to our prayers by our commitment to be God’s hands and feet.

Holy God, we take everything to you in prayer. We bring to you our joys and sorrows, successes and failures. Let us see your presence in every season of life and let us bless the world. Amen.

(Epperly, Bruce G., Faith in a Time of Pandemic)

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) 542-1750
Life Care Center of Westminster, Durango Hall, Rm. 101
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) 581-0243 (C)
Life Care Center of Colorado Springs, Room 306
2490 International Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Elvin Frantz (719) 395-6982
c/o Kathy Garrett
PO Box 1106, Buena Vista, CO 81211-1106
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318 Pinon Street, Buena Vista, CO 81211

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Millie & Tom Meardon (719) 221-2067 -M
531 McAfee Avenue, Las Animas, CO 81054

Gail Moffat (719) 221-1131
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129 Windwalker, Buena Vista, CO 81211

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17100 CR 363, Buena Vista, CO 81211

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3377 Mill Vista Road, Unit #3205
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

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

Glen & Joan Wilder (719) 395-8722
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Wilma and Angie Williams (719) 395-2702
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1920 Frontage Rd., Apt. 1714
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CUCC Special Dates

BIRTHDAYS
 July 2—Loretta Cain
 July 2—Emily Fagerberg
 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 29—Janet Jones
 July 31—Sarah Struthers

ANNIVERSARIES
 July 5—Jon & Teresa Roorda
 July 6—Corey & Bridgett Tucker
 July 9—Clarke & Rebecca 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

The Family of Katy Taylor (Jean Brody's daughter)—Comfort
 Leonard Nyberg—Healing
 Janet Jones—Healing
 Roger Cason—Healing
 Nan Bohe—Healing
 Sarah Struthers—Healing
 Marcille Drake—Healing
 Pam Hughes—Healing
 Shirl Holloway—Healing
 Marcy Adams—Healing
 Dwight Griggs—Healing
 Al & Phyllis McCall—Healing
 Norma Hughes (Doyle & Leonard Nyberg's aunt)—Healing
 Brooke Davis (Doyle & Leonard Nyberg's cousin)—Healing
 The Family of Mardy Cason (Roger Cason's brother)—Comfort
 Diana Lynn Hilt (Lucille Habeck's daughter)—Healing
 Jarron Davis (Doyle & Leonard Nyberg's cousin)—Healing
 Nancy Russell (Marge Dorfmeister's sister-in-law)—Healing
 Sally Corman (Betsy Neas' sister)—Healing
 Corey Johns (Roberta Merrill's son)—Healing
 David Sprain (Marge Dorfmeister's nephew)—Healing
 Ed Simons (Rebecca Poos' brother-in-law)—Healing
 Lew Lowe—Healing

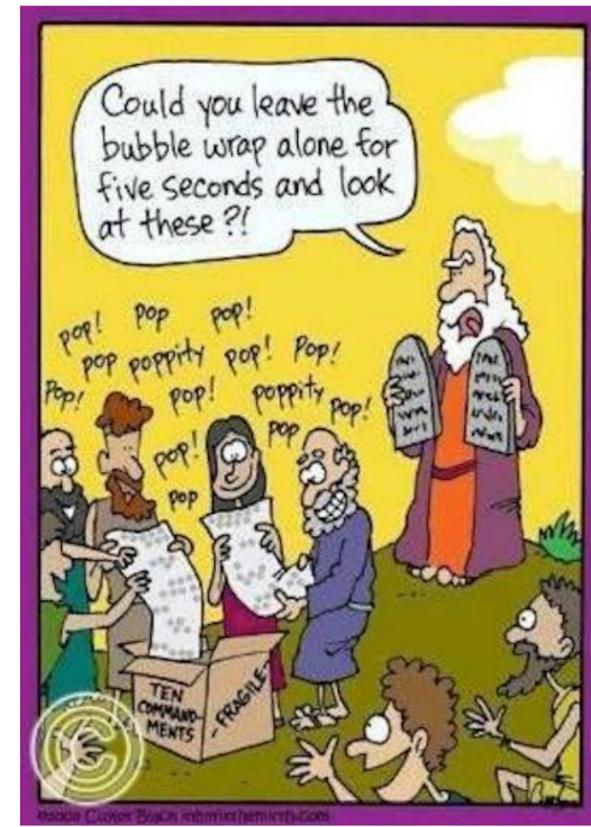
CUCC CIRCLE GROWS WIDER!

Re: June 21 Cowboy Church: "Very meaningful and very thought provoking for the days of this week...It is truly amazing, what our animals can teach us, Satin, for instance left a message for her, that of the INFINITE always carrying us in the Divine's arms through life's ups and downs... and there is so much more in her homily...It was so beautifully developed and presented, with much meaning and much heart...Thank you all for this beautiful Service... I was singing along with you two." ~JP" (via comment on CUCC's YouTube channel from a friend of Matthew Maloney in Colorado Springs)

"Hi Rebecca, We wanted you to know that we have enjoyed viewing some of your services including this past Sunday's. We love the music, the outdoor setting, with the creek in the background, the prayers and yes, definitely the sermon. You and Jana are on the same page with your message of justice for all. We do appreciate the way you challenge our unjust systems and warn us of lumping people together and making false choices. We've been reading "White Fragility" and other books that have heightened our awareness of what needs to be done—by us! Also, thank you for your nice birthday card & note along with the CUCC coaster—most thoughtful! In going through our files recently we ran across our certificate of membership at CUCC & have enclosed a copy. It is a neat reminder of a special place with special people and a special pastor. We're enclosing a small token of our appreciation for your continued ministry. It's wonderful to join with your Sundays. See you in church!! In peace & love, Rod and Sharie Schofield"

"Rebecca, Thanks so much for the note. We enjoyed hearing from you and have been enjoying the YouTube sermons. We look forward to seeing you soon!" ~Jan & Jim Schulz

"Both Carl and I attended today's service. It was wonderful. Thanks for being there!" ~Liz Hansen (former members now residing in Arizona)



BE THE CHURCH
 Protect the environment. Care for the poor.
 Forgive often. **Reject Racism.**
Fight for the powerless.
 Share earthly and spiritual resources.
 Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.

CUCC CARES FOR CREATION

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



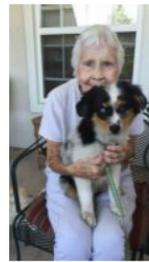
COMPOSTING AT CUCC—SIGN UP TODAY!
 Sign up at <https://garna.org/chaffee-green-composting/> for your own personal composting.





View from the Mountain

“PATIENCE”



Patience, what is it anyway? I've come to believe that it is a trait that almost all of us want to develop. If we are not patient, our life decision will be hasty and impetuous. Also the way one bears pain and life trials is based on whether or not we have developed this trait we call patience.

So, how do we develop it? After much time looking into the answer to that, I believe I have found the path. The first thing we have to learn is how to be quiet, to shut the door so we can get in touch with our inner voice.

Then I believe the next step is discovering your expectation. Whatever the situation, you should try to understand what you want to happen, and then quietly figure how best to reach that goal.

The third trait is mindset. Once you think through the issue at hand, then you set your resolve to stick to your decision. Also, mindset suggests that you have a positive attitude in the first place.

You know, I think the hardest part of being a patient person is this business of expectation. I can speak for myself when I confess that I expect way too much of myself. When I was a teacher, my students had to teach me that each one learned differently. Each one comes with personal challenges. Plus, not all the parents gave a hoot if their kids did well in school. Many only stayed in school until they could legally get out of school and get a job. When I really learned this, my expectations were different for each child and my mindset was one of being safe and loving. The only way to achieve this was to get to know each student, and it meant I needed a lot of patience. I gladly gave it.

I know a wonderfully dedicated teacher and I discussed this business of patience in teaching. She teaches fourth grade where many of the students are Native American and come from very poor homes. My friend teaches math and any one who has ever taught math knows it is the teachers job to explain the concepts one by one. She knows that many won't understand, no matter how many times she goes back again. And because most of the parents don't make school attendance a priority, many are absent often. As she told me, "You can't teach math starting with the simplest concept if you have to go over it time after time after time."

And then she has some kids who want to learn in spite of the problems, so she must supply them with as much math knowledge as possible. When I asked her how she did it, her answer was, "I value education for them and they know that I know their life situation and I love them dearly." In other words, this teacher adjusted her expectations and held to her mindset to having patience so she could help them.

Where I live in assisted living, I have seen examples of unbelievable patience, such as a husband who took full care of his wife he called Sweetie. The problem was that she had dementia that worsened regularly. Never did he come close to anywhere near losing his desire to care for and love her. Everyone here was in awe of his patience.

I also talked with a therapist who worked mostly with wounded children of all ages and their troubled parents. She said that never once has she lost patience with a child acting out or even displaying serious behavior problems. After we talked she said, "That is because my expectations are appropriate for each client and my mindset is one of safety and healing." And there it is.

I hope that we all can find our path to patience. I know I'm going to work on wanting things on my to-do list done right now. Waiting is hard for me, so I have to start with being quiet, checking my expectations, and accepting my mindset. How about you?

The view from the mountain is wondrous!

~ Jean Brody



Choir uniforms for the fall!

THANKS FROM LEONARD

Leonard Nyberg wishes to let everyone know how grateful he is for your prayers and well-wishes as he recovers from kidney stone surgery. "Thank you all so much!"

NEW CONTACT FOR FERGUSONS

Please note the new home phone number and email address for Jean and SW (Steve) Ferguson:

719-395-8083

hylanderjs@gmail.com

ZIP CODE CORRECTION

Jim & Jan Schulz—80449

THANK YOU FOR TAGGART SERVICE

Rebecca,

Thanks so much for the beautiful service for Mom. I think we made her proud; thanks to you for making the service so personal.

Sharon Couch, Ron & Greg Taggart

MARY KELLY REMEMBERS THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

—submitted by Suzy Kelly

My first introduction to the Women's Home Missionary Society [as it was then called] was in September 1952 [shortly after moving to BV]. The meeting was at the home of Clara Esgar. There were about 25 women there. Mrs. Marion Wallace was President, and I soon discovered that they were a dedicated and hard working group. It was their work and devotion that had kept the church alive. As the church was in the little red brick one-room building on Tabor street, there was no room for meetings. The women met in their homes. There were three other one-room churches in town—The Catholic, Episcopal, and Baptist.

One of the ways the missionary society made money was with the Food Basket. Several items of baked goods were put in a sturdy basket with a lid (like a picnic basket). This was then passed around to church members who picked what they liked, put money in the basket and then passed it on. By the time the basket got back, there was a good amount of money in it and families could enjoy something besides their own cooking.

Because of the lack of space in the church, it was difficult to have a bazaar or sale, so after the new post office was built on the east end of Main Street (now Remax Realty), the old post office was vacant. This building is now Rustic Woods. The missionary ladies got permission to use the building for their bazaar. The partitions were still up in the post office and the bronze post boxes were still there. The lobby was used for the baked goods, and behind the boxes we put the rummage items, used clothing, and gifts.

I expect the reason I remember so well was because Carrie Wright made a huge batch of cake doughnuts and I made a batch of yeast doughnuts, and they were soon gone, along with the hot coffee. There was no place to sit down, so people just stood around and ate, drank coffee, and visited.

10 COMMANDMENTS OF ZOOM

(a moment of fun by Rev. Joanna Harader, Zoom host for Peace Mennonite Church in Lawrence, Kansas)

I am the Reverend, your pastor, who invited you into this land of Zoom, out of the building where Coronavirus can spread.

1. Thou shalt keep track of the Zoom links I send you.
2. Thou shalt mute yourself when you are not speaking, even if you think you are the magical exception to this rule and don't need to mute. Because your dog will bark or your cat will knock a jar of marbles onto the tile floor or your phone will ring and you will answer it and have an entire conversation not remembering that WE CAN ALL HEAR YOU. Thou shalt remember that to mute you just click on the little microphone picture at the bottom left of your screen and there shalt be a line through the picture when you are muted.
3. Thou shalt unmute while you are talking. Most of us do not read lips that well.
4. Remember the Zoom time and keep it focused. All day you shall email and Facebook and watch YouTube videos and read news articles. But during the Zoom time you shall rest from your other internet labors—and close your other browser windows.
5. Honor your computer hardware and internet connection so that your signal may be strong during the meeting to which I am inviting you.
6. Thou shalt not sit so close to the computer camera that we can only see an awkward portion of your face/body.
7. Thou shalt not send a chat to everyone that is only relevant for one person.
8. Thou shalt not accidentally share your screen, thus showing all that you are violating commandment number four.
9. Thou shalt notice that the red "record" light is blinking and speak accordingly.
10. Thou shalt leave the meeting when it is over so that I, your pastor, am not awkwardly sitting on Zoom, afraid I will hurt your feelings if I leave first or kick you out.

My social distance service animal



HYGIENE BAGS TO LA PUENTE

The Women's Missionary Society will deliver 25 hygiene bags to La Puente in Alamosa on **Saturday, July 18**. The cut-off date for your donations is **Sunday, July 12**.

A few items still needed are **razors, washcloths, bar soap, combs, lotion, conditioner, nail files, toothpaste, and socks for both men and women.**

Please leave the items in the WMS section (center compartment) of the wooden donation box in the narthex.

Your contribution is greatly appreciated!

NEW RESOURCES ON CUCC WEBSITE

Looking for resources on race relations and/or Covid-19?

The CUCC website—www.bvcucc.org/resources/—now features a Resources section with information on:

- ~COVID-19—Being the Church in New Times
- ~Talking About Race/Seeing in Color
- ~Chaffee County Community Resources



MEDICAL TERMS YOU NEED TO KNOW!

Dr. H. Winfield Tuttle's Glossary of Common Medical Terms

(additional research by Mary Darden)

from July/Aug. 1989 The Door magazine—but some things never get old

ATROPHY—First prize at annual physician's dance contest

BARIUM—What you do with a choking victim after CPR fails

COMA—Punctuation mark

CONGENITAL—Friendly relations between prisoner and spouse

DILATE—To live a long, long time

EPIDURAL—A golfing virus (if anyone gets this one, please let me know, cuz I don't! - Nancy)

EUTHANASIA—Boys and Girl Scouts in Asia

G.I. SERIES—Baseball playoffs on army bases

MINOR OPERATION—Coal digging

MORBID—Highest offer

NEUROMA—An unfamiliar hospital ward odor

NITRATE—Hospital surgery payment (lower than the day rate)

NODE—Past tense of the verb "to know"

ORGANIC—Of or pertaining to the musical instrument

PERITONEAL—The claws of a certain South American bird

POST-OPERATIVE—Person who delivers the doctor's bills

PROTEIN—Supporting young people

SEROLOGY—Study of English knighthood

TABLET—Small table where doctor puts his tools

TUMOR—An extra pair

URINALYSIS—Archaic expression used by Freudian psychotherapists (opposite of "My analysis")

VARICOSE VEINS—Closely arranged arteries

COLLEGIATE
PEAKS FORUM SERIES™



COLLEGIATE PEAKS FORUM SERIES Presents:

CRAIG CHILDS

"The Animals Around Us: A Spoken Word Evening"

Thursday, July 30

7:00pm (Mtn. Time), via Zoom

brought to you in collaboration with GARNA

The world beyond us is made of tracks and scents on the wind. Skittering, burrowing, and flying things are everywhere. How often do we see them? This evening will be an exploration of the animal world, from bears to mountain lions to ravens. An Arizona native, Craig Childs has published more than a dozen books of adventure, wilderness, and science, including *House of Rain*, *Animal Dialogue*, and *The Secret Knowledge of Water*. His most recent book is *Virga & Bone: Essays from Dry Places*. He is a contributing editor at *Adventure Journal Quarterly* and his writing has appeared in *The Atlantic*, *Outside*, and *The New York Times*, the latter calling him, "a modern-day desert father." Childs lives off the grid just outside Norwood, Colorado, at the foot of the San Juan Mountains.

Go to CPFS website—www.collegiatepeaksforum.org—to register for the Zoom meeting prior to the lecture (even just 10 minutes before!).

Get on the CPFS email List so you never miss a lecture! Send your email address to Butch Butler: treasurer@collegiatepeaksforum.org

CHURCH-COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

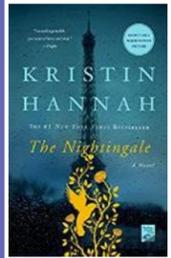
TELLS
Tuesday Evening Ladies
Literary Society
Tuesdays, 7:00pm-9:00pm
NOW ON ZOOM!



Contact Rebecca for Zoom information.

All women are welcome!

The group is reading "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah, but book homework is not a requirement!



We share life, faith, family stories, support, fun and humor—and we'd love to have more of you join us! This is a PERFECT time to expand and enlighten our faith and life with our sisters in Christ!

Contact Pastor Rebecca to get on the email list & receive Zoom information.
revbecca@icloud.com

CHRISTIAN MISSION STILL IN NEED OF FOOD

The Arkansas Valley Christian Mission continues to help those in need in our local community. Your donation of peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce in jars, boxed dinners like Hamburger or Tuna Helper and mac and cheese, canned tuna, canned fruit and veggies, boxed potatoes, and other supplies is greatly appreciated!!! You all rock!



DID YOU KNOW?

CUCC continues with its outreach and projects, social distancing simply adding an extra element to the work we do.

Contributions can be mailed to CUCC at **PO Box 610** or dropped off in the office where there is a basket and envelopes.

STEWARDSHIP/VISIONING TEAM NEWS

Good News!

The Listening/Visioning sessions are coming soon! The March sessions obviously were postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but are now being rescheduled.

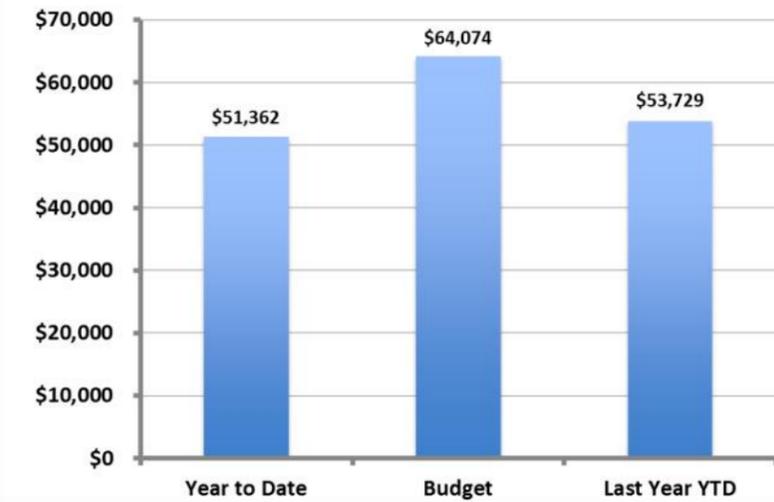
The probable timeframe for the event is for interviews to begin the week after the 4th of July weekend and to proceed for two weeks. The interviews will be conducted by phone, Zoom, e-mail, or snail mail—whatever your preference is. The team from the conference is made up of five volunteers of both lay and clergy members and they are anxious to listen to us as a congregation.

The listening team will have an outline of a few questions for each of us to think about, but the interview is open to any and all comments that you wish to express about our church. All comments and concerns you have are welcome, and the team especially wants to hear why you attend CUCC, what attracted you to the church, and what your vision for the future of the Church might be.

The Stew/Vis Team will begin calling soon to set up your session times. Please take this opportunity to chart the future of our Church family.

Bob Stocker, Chair

General Contributions through May, 2020



Finance and Budget Team July News

General Contributions through May 31 are significantly behind budget, but only \$2,400 less than the amount received for the same period in 2019. Considering the fact that worship services have not been in the sanctuary since early March, this is actually pretty good news.

Contributions to the UCC "Five for Five" special mission offerings have been minimal. The envelopes for these are normally put in the backs of the chairs in the sanctuary and are now available in the church office. The Outreach Team calls attention to these opportunities to contribute during worship, but with services over YouTube this has not been the case. Please consider getting your gift to the church office for both the One Great Hour of Sharing and Strengthen the Church special offerings.

A revised proposed budget for 2020 to replace the one presented at the Annual Meeting continues to be worked upon in draft form. Once the date for a congregational meeting is set, final revisions will be made and presented for approval. In the meantime, the 2019 budget is the operative one.

YOU'RE INVITED!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE ANNUAL CELEBRATION Monday, July 20—Saturday, August 1



EVERYONE can participate this year in the RMC Annual Celebration! Delegates, guests, anyone who wants to be inspired! And it's 100% free!

The Rocky Mountain Conference Annual Celebration for 2020 will offer a variety of both live and pre-recorded events over the ten-day timeframe. For example, on Monday, July 20, we will post a pre-recorded keynote by world-class theologian Susan Thistlethwaite. You may watch it on your own time or join one of two watch-parties during that week, and then join in a live talk-back with Susan on Saturday morning, July 25. We will also offer some workshops and other talk-back sessions with key leaders. A precise schedule of events will be announced.

Conference-Wide Worship on Sunday, July 26—This will be CUCC worship that Sunday on CUCC's YouTube channel.

The entire Conference is invited to participate in a Conference-wide Worship Service on Sunday, July 26.

Conference Business

The week of July 27 will feature the business aspects of the meeting, with business item discussion sessions weekday evenings and the **official business meeting the morning of Saturday, August 1** via Zoom. Business items will be posted for review on the RMC website at www.rmccucc.org.

Registration is Required

Registration details will be shared via CUCC's weekly email blasts as they become available. For more information, feel free to contact the RMC at 303-984-9118 or connect@rmccucc.org (email).

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY NEWS

I can not believe that we have not met since February! I have missed each one of you and pray you are doing well in both health and emotion. I was particularly sorry to miss out on our salad luncheon and picnic, as I enjoy the social time.

I have attended the monthly Church Council meetings and you can read the Council's report in the newsletters. As of the end of May WMS had \$4165.17 in checking, \$7172.59 in savings, \$1522.35 in building fund, and \$419.09 in the raffle account.

I am looking forward to resuming our meetings on September 24 to hear Glenna Loyd speak about her mission trip to Viet Nam and we continue to plan for the Annual Bazaar, scheduled for November 7. Obviously, for both events, our ability to meet will be determined by this virus.

Love to all,
 ~Merilee Daugherty

The Faith Education Team
Faith Education for Everyone

VBS is off and running with "Church in a Box," filled with new activities every two weeks.

Adult Education Opportunities

Please see the email blasts for summer offerings!

Outreach/Community & World Team News
July greetings!

We would like to remind all members and friends that opportunities for giving are ever-present and we thank you for your continued support!

--Arkansas Valley Christian Mission packs grocery bags three days a week for pick-up. No meals are served at present. Please donate peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, one-dish canned meals, canned fruit or other items by dropping them off at CUCC in the bin provided. We deliver them to the Mission once a week.

-- Strengthen the Church, one of the 5-for-5 offerings of the United Church of Christ, is still in need of your generosity. Envelopes are available at the church office or checks can be dropped off anytime for our treasurer.

-- Angelo Abellana, the young boy we sponsor in the Philippines, still needs our contributions towards his education. Drop off your change or even a check at the church, marked for Global Ministries.

--Please continue to support your local community by ordering from local restaurants, donating to the Sangre de Cristo utility fund, or supporting the Chaffee County Community Foundation.

Worship Team Notes

Janet Steiner and Linda Rak delivered paper shirts with bow ties (the ties being made from bags of M&Ms) to our CUCC men in honor of Father's Day. The note attached to the shirt with a button said:

Greetings gentlemen,
Whether you are a father, brother, grandfather, uncle or great uncle, CUCC wishes to honor you on this special Sunday in June.

Enjoy the treat. It may melt in your mouth and not in your hand, but wearing it may bring on problems beyond your control.

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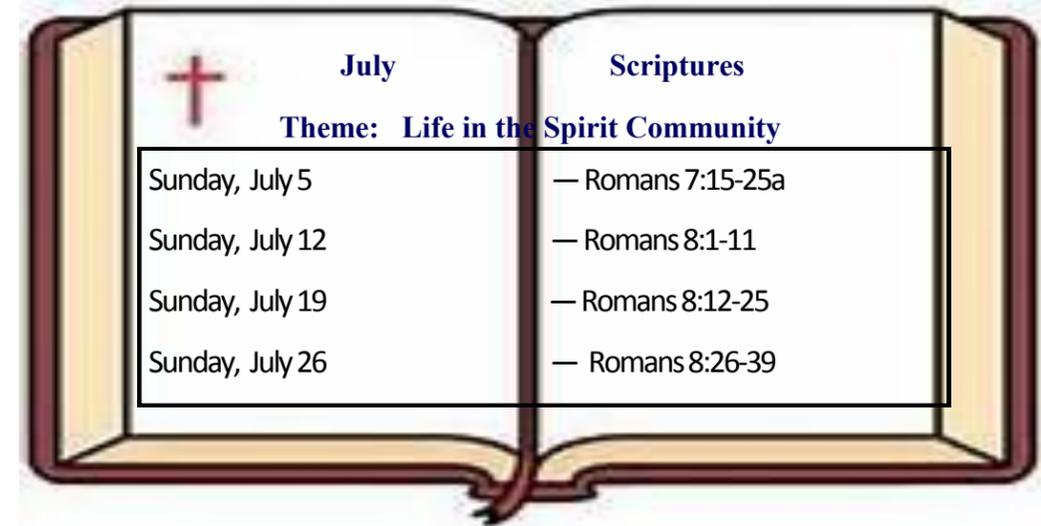
Take care,
CUCC Worship Team

FACILITIES TEAM NEWS

- The lighting and door upgrade projects are underway, while the exterior staining is complete!
- Paul Dorfmeister has also been working on projects at the parsonage.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Hassell, Chair

PLUG INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING YOUR CHURCH!

Church is not cancelled!

CUCC continues to operate and support its outreach programs. Please send your essential support to PO Box 610 or drop in to the office anytime. You and your contributions are greatly appreciated!

**WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY
& ANYTIME!**
CUCC SERVICES ON YOUTUBE

Go to **youtube.com** and search for **CUCC Buena Vista CO.**

To watch services "live," tune in at **9:00am** Sunday mornings.

We'd love for you to **SUBSCRIBE** to our channel!

1. Go to CUCC's YouTube channel or go to YouTube.com and search for CUCC Buena Vista CO.
2. Click on the red SUBSCRIBE button on the right.
3. Sign in with your google/gmail account (or create a google/gmail account in two easy steps if you don't have one already – be sure to write down your password some where so you don't forget it!)

COFFEE HOUR VIA ZOOM!
Right after the service, come Zoom with us!

Please see *any* weekly eblast for the Zoom sign-in information. It never changes, but is always the same from week to week.

BE IN THE KNOW!

- ◆ Copies of Sunday messages can be found in the file box outside the pastor's office door and on the bench in the narthex.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Contact Nancy in the office to get on the birthday/ anniversary list. *Please include the year of said birthday/anniversary.*

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

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.
YouTube Sunday worship channel:
CUCC Buena Vista CO
Zoom Coffee Hour: see the link in any email blast

CUCC Council Minutes - June 17, 2020

7:12pm. Clerk's Note: Meeting conducted via Zoom due to the Colorado Stay-at-Home Order started on March 26 due to the nationwide Corona Virus Pandemic.

Present: Moderator Kathy Roman, Vice Moderator Mark Wolters, Pastor Rebecca Poos, Kay Allinger, Merilee Daugherty, Helen Duncan, Lesley Fagerberg, Ron Hassell, Kathy Keidel, Linda Rak, Ron Rak, Bob Stocker, Bill Waldorf. RMC Guests: Rev. Erin Gilmore (Associate Conference Minister), Moderator Mark Long (RMC Funding Coordinator & Treasurer of the Western Association), Rev. Karen Caton (Western Association Member at Large), and Rev. Sara B. Linn (Pastor – Creede Community Church).

Sign On and Greet, Welcoming and Opening Prayer: Moderator Kathy Roman began the meeting with a prayer.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Reschedule Listening/Visioning Event: Council opened the meeting with a discussion with four of the five planned RMC team members regarding the postponed March 29-31 Listening/Visioning event with our congregation. Erin Gilmore noted that the session will have to be done virtually online or by phone call, letter, or email due to the current Covid19 situation, and this has never been done before. Leading questions were: What are we imagining? How to make this work? How does this sound to all of us? What is currently happening? Where do we want to go? The initial plan is to have two RMC team members listen to each participant in our congregation for a half hour time slot and take notes. Then the team would meet and share comments, looking for commonalities, what are we hearing, and what is important. Then the team will write a report, discuss this with the CUCC leadership, and decide how to get back to the congregation. How do we heal what needs to be healed?

Mark Long emphasized that the team should basically be viewed as consultants, not as decision makers. The decisions are up to our church.

Bill Waldorf said the schedule should be a priority. It was agreed to conduct the sessions the end of June to July 3, and July 6 to 10. Kathy Roman asked how the sessions would be conducted and expressly if some "prompting questions" had been prepared. The team affirmed that a format was prepared to ensure fair coverage of all issues with each individual. Rebecca noted that the process needs to consider current societal changes with the Covid crisis, such that some of the original concerns will not apply—"we are different now." She suggested that we put some of the prompting questions in the July newsletter and inform the congregation that each of us will be contacted by the Stewardship/Visioning Team to schedule feedback to the RMC team.

RMC Annual Celebration (Meeting): The RMC team noted that the Annual Meeting was now scheduled for July 6 to 17, with the keynote speaker being world-class theologian Susan Thistlethwaite. The meeting will be virtual and will stretch over several days; the schedule will be announced July 1. Rebecca noted that because of this format, not only our official delegates, but everyone in our congregation wanting to attend could view the meeting.

This ended the RMC portion of the meeting and the RMC team was excused from the remainder of the meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Minutes from the May Council Meeting were presented for corrections. Hearing none, the minutes stand approved as previously published in the June church newsletter.

Clerk's Report: Ron noted that there were no changes in the CUCC congregation since the May meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Lloyd Martinez was not present for the meeting. Bill Waldorf referred to the prepared Treasurer Report for May 31. There were no serious concerns mentioned. A revised 2020 Budget has been prepared, but it cannot be approved until a full congregational meeting is called and scheduled. Rebecca reported that the UCC is offering a grant for audio/visual equipment (that doesn't need to be paid back) to upgrade equipment for current and anticipated virtual uses. Bill offered to take on the project and confer with our current A/V specialist Matthew Maloney as to equipment needs. Regarding online giving, Rebecca reported that a system has been selected, but that there are a few little kinks that need to be resolved. When completed, test runs will be made by selected individuals to prove the system.

Moderator's Report: Kathy Roman opened the floor for kudos and thanks for recent activities. She thanked: 1. The Facilities Team and volunteers Paul Dorfmeister, Rhonda Funston, Karen Bowers, and Janet Steiner for re-staining the church exterior; 2. Merilee Daugherty for her resilience in having to cancel WMS meetings, but trying to stick to the adopted schedule, only to have to cancel again; 3. Janet Steiner and Linda Rak for the thoughtful Mother's Day flowers that were delivered to all women of the church.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Resumption of Services and Activities: Kathy Roman announced that, following the RMC recommendation, a Strategic Planning Team will be formed to address reopening of the church, and she has a list of possible members. Ron Hassell agreed to assist in assembling the team. Kathy Keidel suggested that the emphasis should be on an outside church, since statistically there is too much risk inside, and it will be difficult to enforce mask wearing. Several members agreed that they liked the idea of meeting outdoors.

Kathy also announced that an Executive Council (Moderators and Team Chairs) Meeting is scheduled for July 2. Agenda will be forthcoming.

TEAM REPORTS AND UPDATES

Stewardship/Visioning Team: Bob Stocker reported that the team did not meet in May. They will meet as soon as the RMC "Listening Team" sends them the "prompting questions" for the upcoming end-of-June Listening Sessions.

Finance and Budget Team: Bill and Lesley added that a big obstacle is how to engage those of the congregation who were dissatisfied with the 2020 Budget presented at the January Meeting.

Faith Education: Kathy Keidel reported that the teaching of the three children in the congregation has continued very successfully, even with the current community restrictions. The "church-in-a-box" which was given to each child was well received and going well with home-schooling style teaching.

Worship Team: Linda Rak reported that she is partnering again with Janet Steiner to distribute a Father's Day gift to every man in the congregation on Thursday, June 18. The team itself has not met to discuss anticipated reopening.

Facilities Team: Ron Hassell also reported that the team has not officially met for a couple of months, but that they stay in close communication by email regarding repair and improvement projects. Projects are getting done. The next priority is replacing the south doors in the sanctuary with some that are more energy-efficient.

Outreach Team: Helen reported that the team has developed a partnership with Jimmy Sellars of Salida with a group called "Partners for Community Action in Chaffee County." Their key project is "Adopt-a-Family" during the Covid crisis. However, all of the needy families in Salida and Buena Vista are being served, so the emphasis has shifted to Leadville, where the need is in the Latino community. A problem has surfaced with anonymity of the applicants using the current online application, which is being worked on. If the issue can't be resolved, Helen said the Team plan is to donate \$600 to Habitat, plus the budgeted \$600, for a total of \$1200 this year. Kathy Keidel suggested that another more family-oriented need might be Family Youth Initiatives (FYI). She will research the group and get back to Outreach.

The UCC "Strengthen the Church" annual appeal is scheduled for later this June, and there is an issue of getting the word out and trying to prioritize the program during this current crisis. The best we can do is to put an article in the July newsletter and accept what is contributed, and dutifully send our budgeted funds to the program.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

Women's Missionary Society: Merilee reiterated that the group has not met and has no plans to meet in the near future.

Boy Scouts: The BV Scout ninth-graders and another group of six-graders have developed plans for trips this year and are working towards their goals.

OPEN FLOOR: Bill commented on what he has learned about the importance of wearing masks in public. The bottom line is that it reduces the amount of virus particles that get into the air. Outside meetings are better than inside ones because of better ventilation. Inside, the vapors can stay concentrated around a person for up to ten minutes.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for July 17, 7 pm.

Prepared by Ron Rak, Clerk

CUCC KIDS SELL FARM FRESH EGGS!



Skyler, Gabby, and Ryan Tucker are helping out their grandparents, Ruby & Darell Hamilton, by tending chickens and selling eggs. They also have a little lending library. You can donate books as well as borrow. Check it out!

FYI—the name of the sheep in the photo with Gabby is Merle Haggard! :)

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