



# Christ UMC Vision

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## Thank You!

**Thank you everyone** for the cards, prayers, and kind words on the death of my brother Bill. John and Leona Brubacher

**Thanks** for the cards and calls while I was sick. Linda Heil

**Thanks to the church friends and my husband** who helped me celebrate my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in June and for the many cards I received. Virginia Sandborn

**We at Centennial Children's Chorus** would like to thank you for once again for allowing us to use your facilities for our rehearsals during our 2016-2017 season. Thanks to your generosity we were able to share beautiful music with many people this year. Thank you! CCC Board

**Thank you for allowing us to use room 015** for our Thursday evening AA Concepts/Service Manual Study. Thank you again!

**Thank you so much** for your financial donations to Buckhorn Camp. Your support will allow us to provide scholarships to Camp Hope campers as well as student campers. Without your donations, these individuals would not be able to attend camp. Thank you so much for your support of camp. The Buckhorn Staff

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## Change and Challenges

Change is never easy or intuitive. Adjusting to change brings challenges. Some challenges are very task oriented and practical: remodeling the west wing for the opening of Morning Glory Preschool, repaving the west parking lot, finding folks to serve in various capacities at the church. Some challenges are more transcendent: how do we honor the saints that have gone before us? How do we say goodbye to friends who are moving on? How can we continue to be generous? How can we grow in our hospitality? Some challenges occur and we are not prepared: a sudden death, an acute illness, a new job, the reality of retirement, downsizing and finding a new home. Change, be it task oriented or transcendent, is never stress-free.

Changes can focus our energy and we rise to the challenge of whatever we are facing. Changes can sap our strength and we can feel overwhelmed. God through Jesus Christ is the constant in the midst of change. When we stay connected to our source of love and grace, we can navigate the tests and trails we face. Through intentional listening, prayer, worship, and study we are putting our hearts and minds in a place where we can encounter Christ.

I am grateful for the staff and congregation of Christ UMC as we navigate changes to our building and mission as we near the opening of Morning Glory Preschool.

Grace & Peace,  
Rev. Nancy



**faith family hospitality**  
· supporting families from homelessness to self-sufficiency

Faith Family Hospitality is coming around again, August 20<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>.

For those of you not familiar with this mission, Christ UMC opens its doors to four families in need of temporary housing for one week on a rotation basis with many other churches in Fort Collins. St Paul's Episcopal and Mary of Magdala

Ecumenical Catholic Community join us in filling over 60 slots for our week commitment. For those of you that volunteer every time our rotation comes around, we are most grateful! You are amazing.

Sign up on line if you are registered. If you would like to register, please contact the church office. Otherwise, look for the sign-up sheets in the narthex every Sunday. Thanks again for your commitment to this mission. Carol Strong

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**Thank you all so very much** for hosting our dinner on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. American Legion Post 1879

**Thank you for partnering** with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). 100 percent of your contribution will go to supporting UMCOR's response to disasters in United States. Grace and Peace, Roland Fernandes and Mary Andreolli General Board of Global Ministries

**The Conference Board of Global Ministries (Compassion Ministries)** is pleased to award you a Certificate of Recognition for your church's support of our United Methodist Missionaries through the Covenant Relationship program. Your church was honored at the Global Missions Dinner during Annual Conference in June. Thank you for your commitment to the mission ministry of The United Methodist Church by your prayers and your gifts. God bless you. Sincerely, Joanie Calhoun for the Conference Board

## How Can You Keep From Singing

The Chancel Choir is starting up again this Fall and we welcome anyone who loves to fellowship and sing! If you would like to join us, we practice every Wednesday evening from 7:00 - 8:00. We will be starting rehearsals on August 30th and our first Sunday back will be September 10th. Please feel free to contact Donna Solverud with any questions. We'd love to have you!!

## Church Women's Communiqué

United Methodist Women are celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> Year!

We continue to support International mission work in our district. Six members of CUMC joined other UMW units from across our district in Fort Morgan for a day of mission work and prayer.

Saturday, July 15, we supported our district by assembling supplies for young women and teachers in developing countries. This allows all working women to continue working, and school aged girls the ability to attend school without interruption every month. We appreciate all that participated and our unit will continue to support "Days for Girls". We will continue to gather small hotel sized soap and washcloths, and sew drawstring bags for this project. If you are interested in donating supplies (especially flannel and cotton fabrics with darker colors), your time, or your talent please contact Ann Fenwick. Look at <https://www.daysforgirls.org/whats-in-a-kit> for more information.



We want to extend a gracious thank you to Valerie Utter, Brenda Gutsche, and Betty Aragon for participating as panelists in our June Unit Meeting – regarding our personal reflections on challenging subjects such as *Perspectives on Privilege*, and also understanding the dynamics of *Ability and Disability*. This begins a conversation about how to honor each person's perspective and realize how our experi-

ence can be broadened in Fort Collins. Of course the Ice Cream Sundaes were wonderful – thank you for all who donated dessert. Look forward for future presentations around this topic.

Our unit is also gathering momentum for another wonderful year of local and international mission work. We are always interested in new ideas and new people who are interested in our mission. The celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of this organization is amazing when you read the history of this organization. We are eager to continue to support ministries both locally and internationally in the upcoming year. For more information and to see the breadth of that which UMW supports look at their website: <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org>

We invite all women of the church to our Annual Salad Supper, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a smile and a salad to share. We will discuss a few items of business, and then we will get a jump start on the holidays by making a Christmas craft to take home as a complimentary gift for all who attend. Please come join our group and share some fellowship with our amazing women of the church.

Mark your calendars for our Fall All-Church Potluck September 10<sup>th</sup> following our church service. Watch for posters in the Narthex and the next newsletter with more information!

### *Not Just a Pretty Face (The Ugly side of the Beauty Industry)*

By Stacy Malkan (Social Action)

This book exposes the fact that the products we are using to make us beautiful on the outside may be making us ill on the inside.

The beauty industry is unregulated, and many people are becoming rightly

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concerned about what toxic products are going into their bodies.

Since activists and environmentalists have begun speaking out, cosmetics companies are being forced to disclose ingredients, and reformulate their products to eliminate harmful toxins.

The information presented makes a strong case that "green chemistry and green politics" should be the face of the future!

Val Cornetet,  
UMW Program Resources



United States who have supported the Campbell's program. Because of your faithfulness, we were able to acquire many items for our ministries including vans, TV/VCR combos, physical education and playground equipment, classroom math kits, books, computers, cameras and more items. Thank you!

Please consider saving, cutting and submitting those Tyson Project A+ labels. Each label is worth 24 cents. Thank you for your support of McCurdy Charter School by collecting Box Tops for Education. Since we began these efforts in 2012, because of your generosity, we have helped the school earn over \$75,000.

Please continue to send in your Box Tops and Tyson Project A+ labels to McCurdy Ministries, 362A S. McCurdy Road, Española, NM 87532. Thank you! For more information on our labels programs please email Vickie Luviano at [vickie@mccurdy.org](mailto:vickie@mccurdy.org)

## Morning Glory Preschool

Hello from Morning Glory Preschool! We're gearing up for what is sure to be a great fall. Our first day of class is September 5. If you know any friends, neighbors or relatives whose children need a fabulous preschool experience, please have them give us a call so we can schedule a time to show them what we have to offer. MGP is also looking for volunteers who have experience with children. You can volunteer any way you're comfortable--reading a story, cooking playdoh or pushing swings at playground time. If you've got an Elementary Education background, I'd love to talk to you about subbing opportunities. Give me a call or stop by to chat. Thank you for all your support!  
Molly Rench,  
Director Morning Glory Preschool

## McCurdy Ministries

We have begun collecting Tyson Project A+ labels as a way to raise funds at McCurdy Ministries. We also continue to collect Box Tops for Education. The Campbells UPCs and V8 lids program has come to a close. McCurdy Ministries wants to thank ALL of you from across the

## Bible Studies

### Mondays, 6:30 a.m.

We will begin the study of Ecclesiastes this August 7. Study books are available. Join us for prayer and scripture study. We welcome you with coffee and fellowship.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Using *What's So Amazing About Grace?* by Yancey as our text with an accompanying video, we will explore the depth of this word and how to make it part of our lives. New participants are always welcome so feel free to drop in.

### Seekers Bible Study

Starting September 12, Seekers group will meet every Tuesday morning, 9:30 to about 10:45 at the church. There are light refreshments followed by the study. We welcome new members. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Dorothy Bondurant.

## Congregational Care Team

The Congregational Care Team could use some additional members and invites you to join us. It is a very rewarding experience!

The goal of the Congregational Care Team (CCT) is to reach out to those in our community of faith who have special needs and to help make our church a friendly, nurturing faith community.

When the Care Team is made aware of someone who needs a little extra encouragement, they do their best to be there with cards, phone calls and visits. During the past two months CCT members sent 111 cards, made 5 phone calls and 12 visits.

CCT meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:15 a.m. to update, review and to assure that the known needs of those in our community of faith are being met.

For more information, please call Linda Glover.

## Office Notes

**Sunday Bulletin** - If you have information you would like on the announcement page or for a bulletin insert you must request it by Noon TUESDAY of the week you want it included.

**September Vision Deadline**- Monday, August 21, 9 a.m. Please submit articles written and ready for proofing.

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## A FUTURE WITH HOPE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT

We are thankful for the continued progress made possible through our A Future With Hope Capital Campaign. The renovation of the West/Morning Glory Preschool wing has been completed. The new bathrooms are completed and available for use, except the one in the preschool area during preschool hours. Molly Rench, preschool director, has beautifully decorated the classrooms and equipment is being readied. A portion of our A Future With Hope funds will support Morning Glory Preschool until we have a full enrollment. We look forward to the opening in September.

The latest development is the completion of the work on the West parking lot to provide better drainage and a better surface. We are sure we will appreciate these improvements.

The next phase of the planned renovations and upgrades will be in the sanctuary. There is a need to replace the tile flooring and the carpeting. You will hear more about this phase in the coming months. This phase will begin when the funds are available, probably in 2018.

We want to again thank those of you who have pledged toward A Future With Hope. Thank you to those of you who have completed your pledges, those of you making faithful gifts toward your pledge, and those of you who will be giving toward your pledges in the coming months. Our congregation and church can indeed look forward to A Future With Hope!

The Capital Campaign Committee

**The CSU American Legion Post 1879** uses our building for monthly meetings. Out of gratitude for our hospitality, they are painting the south room downstairs and building shelves to store meeting supplies. We have purchased matching tubs in 3 sizes for the groups to use. The goal is to have a clean, organized, and welcoming area down there. We hope to have the room “put back together” by the end of August.



**LOOK OUT!** Mark your calendars and plan ahead! A celebration for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pastor Nancy Boswell's appointment to CUMC will held be on Sept 10. Watch the September newsletter for details. YIPPY!

**Another Date** to mark on your calendars: There will be a reception for Missionary Ken Cruz Wednesday, September 20, 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## School Supplies

School supplies are beginning to invade the aisles of area stores. While you — or more likely your student and area classroom teachers — might not be ready to think about school, now is the time to support efforts to help students who cannot afford school supplies this year.

The following supply drives this and next month accept public donations to help area students:

**Poudre School District Partnership Center, 1630 Stover St.:** New, unused supplies will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays July 24 through Aug. 11. Most requested supplied include: Wide- and college-ruled composition notebooks, folders (2-pocket, 3-prong), No. 2 pencils, erasers, blue or black Bic pens, crayons, colored pencils, Crayola washable markers, rulers, glue sticks and glue bottles, scissors, pencil sharpeners, dry erase markers, pencil boxes, highlighters, wide- and college-ruled loose leaf paper.

**Realities for Children:** Realities for Children is collecting supplies for backpacks for children who have faced abuse and neglect and those who are at risk and are working with a Realities for Children partner agency. Supplies can be dropped off at 308 E. County Road 30 in Fort Collins or at a variety of Larimer County business partners during business hours. Visit [realitiesforchildren.com/home/back-to-school](http://realitiesforchildren.com/home/back-to-school) for a complete list of drop-off sites. Make your donation by Aug. 1 for this year's distribution. Requested items include: backpacks (particularly those suited for teenagers), paper, folders, notebooks, binders, pens, pencils, markers, crayons, glue, scissors, rulers, erasers, pencil sharpeners, calculators, protractors and compasses.

**Stuff the Bus for Kids, Front Range Village:** Put your donation in a parked school bus at Front Range Village in Fort Collins during between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. July 29 and Aug. 5 during the Sounds of Summer Concert Series behind Doug's Day Diner. The bus will be parked in the lot behind the concert area. The Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra will play July 29; Equally Challenged will play Aug. 5. Requested items include backpacks of all sizes, wide- and college-ruled paper, erasers, glue sticks and glue bottles, 24-pack Crayola crayons, highlighters, wide- and college-ruled composition notebooks, regular No. 2 pencils (not mechanical), Bic pins (black, blue and red ink), wide-tip Crayola markers, rulers and pencil pouches.

**School is Cool, Colorado State University:** Don't have time to go shopping? Sponsor a backpack (stuffed with supplies) through School is Cool for \$25. You can give online at [schooliscool.colostate.edu](http://schooliscool.colostate.edu), call 970-491-7135 or mail a check written to CSU Foundation with the memo line "School is Cool" to Colorado State University Foundation, P.O. Box 1870, Fort Collins, CO 80522-1870. Money must be donated by Aug. 4 to help students for the 2017-18 school year. Interested in shopping for and filling your own backpack? Visit [schooliscool.colostate.edu](http://schooliscool.colostate.edu) for a supply list, buy the supplies and bring your filled backpack to 222 Johnson Hall between 9 a.m. and noon Aug. 10.

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### Calling all Good Timers!

**Who are the “Good Timers”?** Adult couples and singles who get together in small groups to have fun and get to know each other better. These small groups meet several times during a six-month period.

The semi-annual potluck get-together will be **Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall.

**Current members and anyone who would like to join this group, please let us know by Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, if you will be continuing with or joining Good Timers.** Your names will then be included on the list for the small groups. Also, at this time, let us know if you will be attending the potluck. Current members, please let others know how much you enjoy this group and invite them to join us.

**Potluck:** Please bring your own table service, a dish of your choosing—meat, veggie, salad, or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. After fellowship time, there will be an opportunity to meet with your new group.

Larry and Linda Glover

Kevin and Valerie Utter