Change and Gratitude

Our yearly church conference is changing. Instead of having a meeting with just CUMC, we will have a church conference with our “circuit.” We are part of the Northern Front Range Clergy Circuit which encompasses Christ, First-Fort Collins, Trinity-Loveland, First-Loveland, First-Berthoud, and First-Windsor. Those who have participated in these types of church conferences say they are different and it takes some getting used to.

Our budget, lay leadership report, pastor compensation and membership report will be approved at the CMT meeting on October 31st. Traditionally we have honored those who have passed away at our church conference. With the change in the way we are having our yearly conference, we will honor those who have died on Sunday, November 5, 2017, during worship. At the circuit conference, we will present our reports and approved items in booklet form. The circuit conference will be Monday, December 4, 2017, at First United Methodist Church in Loveland; the address is 533 Grant Ave. Loveland, CO 80537. At 6 pm there will be a pot luck followed by the meeting at 7 pm. I encourage you to attend and get to know other Methodists in our geographic region.

November will bring the Thanksgiving holiday. For several years we have had a joint worship service with First UMC on the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving. However, this year we will not be joining with our brothers and sisters on Stover Street due to some scheduling conflicts. Although Thanksgiving is a secular holiday, it is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on gratitude. Ultimately, all we have and all we are, come from God through Jesus Christ.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on an Early Response Team from the Rocky Mountain Conference which traveled to Corpus Christi, Texas to assist with hurricane recovery. Early Response Teams are specially trained to properly muck out water damaged homes and tarp roof’s during the response phase of a disaster. Most of all, Early Response Teams provide the love of Christ to those experiencing the devastation of a disaster.

Our team, including Larry Glover, helped five homeowners muck out their houses and tarp roof’s. We worked for four days as the work is difficult and emotionally taxing. Sue Ptacek recently completed the ERT training and will be going to Texas soon. I am grateful for the team, First United Methodist Church of Corpus Christi and the Rio Grande Conference for the opportunity to serve. I appreciate all that the staff and members of Christ UMC did which allowed me to participate in this worthwhile mission outreach.

Although we are experiencing change, God will guide our way. For the Spirit of Christ which works through us, I am grateful.

Grace & Peace,
Nancy

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New Study, Sundays
The first short term group study led by Rev. Nancy will begin November 5, 2017, at 11 a.m. and meet each Sunday in November. Our topic will be a current event related to faith. We will meet in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome and please bring your Bible.

Mondays, 6:30 a.m.
Who is really in control when the world looks so topsy-turvy? For a scriptural answer, we have begun the study of Ecclesiastes on the author’s process and discovery. Study books are available, consider joining us for prayer, study, and coffee.

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Using the video A Clash of Kingdoms with Ray Vander Laan, we will explore the historical context of Paul’s Second Missionary journey. New participants are always welcome so feel free to drop in.

Seekers Bible Study
Seekers are starting a new study book: “New Testament Characters” by Carolyn Nystrom. New persons are welcome. We meet every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Light refreshments are served followed by the Bible study, Come meet this delightful group of women for an enjoyable learning experience.
Faith Family Hospitality

Our next rotation for housing Faith Family Hospitality (FFH) guests will be November 12-19, 2017. If you are interested in volunteering and not sure what to do or how to do it, contact the church office or see Carol Strong, Ken Gage, or Luisa & Inez Silva.

Do You Know?

As many of you are aware, we have been doing some organizing, cleaning, painting, etc. in many areas of the church over the last several months.

Included in this newsletter are some paintings that we would like to know a little more about the donors and their families if anyone remembers.

Two paintings seem to be by the same person. There is a signature on one of them We can’t make out the name but perhaps one of you might know the name. We took a photo of the signature and it is included by the pictures.

The other two paintings were painted by Elsie Nice. We know that her husband Wayne taught a chair caning class here at the church. They moved here from New Jersey, joined CUMC in 1980, and passed away in the 90’s.

Please contact Debbie in the office if you know anymore about the painters and if their families might still be in the Fort Collins area.

UMW NEWS -- Are you a Reader?? Then you need to look at the new reading list for upcoming year!! It has just been revealed to UMW for the upcoming year! Knowledge is Power - and when all UMW women “are on the same page” it is powerful indeed. Look for the new titles in the Library or talk to Val Cornetet! These are amazing books highlighting current topics that make us smarter and better equipped to help our ever changing world. We are lucky to be able to “check out” these books from our amazing library.

Calling all members: With cold weather signaling the change of seasons, please consider donating any used (gently or not so gently) COATS, GLOVES, Sleeping Bags, blankets and any other cold season clothing. Catholic Charities will receive the donations - the only requirement is zippers and buttons must work. (XL sizes are definitely in need). Please participate in an act of Bold Servanthood to our City.

UPCOMING DATES
QUARTERMANIA - if you love a fun fast paced "auction" style night - QuarterMania is for you! Friday, Nov 10 th in Fellowship Hall - doors open at 6:30 - bidding starts at 7:30. Come bid the night away - with proceeds benefitting local group AJ Black Foundation and 3Hopeful Hearts. We will be promoting OUR Jan 13 QuarterMania event that will benefit CUMC Alms Fund. Please attend both in Nov and Jan!!

December 3 rd at 2 pm in Fellowship Hall will be the next Unit Meeting of UMW -- this will be our Unit Christmas Meeting. Get it marked down on your calendars now! We will be doing several activities to share as a local service project. Please join us as we continue to Serve God, the Church and our City.

We will be announcing our yearly total of money collected for local missions and designated recipients! (It will be more than $5000) If you love to give back to your community, have an idea for a fundraiser or local mission work that needs attention - bring it to UMW’s Leadership Team! We love serving Boldly in Jesus’ name!

Friendship Circle Group meets the first Thursday evening of each month at 7:00pm. Our November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2 at the home of Ann Fenwick. There are tasty light refreshments that follow the gathering. We welcome new members, so any ladies who wish to join, we would love to have you come!

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Chris Coats.

TIMELY BOOK IN UMW LIBRARY

"America and its Guns" by James E. Atwood
Category--Social Action (Bonus Book)

The Rev. Atwood, an avid hunter, contends that one cannot understand the 30,000 American gun deaths per year apart from our national obsession with and absolute trust in guns and violence, which morphs easily into idolatry. Having spent 36 years fighting against easy access to firearms, he uses his experience and theological understanding to document how Americans have been deceived into believing that the tools of violence, whether in war or in the bedside stand, will provide security.

As he quotes from William Faulkner: “We had all better grieve for a people beneath a culture which holds any machine superior to any man”.

Val Cornetet,
UMW Program Resources
United Methodist Men
Join us for the United Methodist Men’s next meeting, Tuesday, November 28 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Cost at the door is $6. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Holiday Events
Angel Tree Sunday (11/19) – Angel Tree is another ministry of our church that serves people on the margins of our community. As a church participating in the Angel Tree program, we purchase gifts for children on the behalf of and at the request of incarcerated parents. In addition to the physical gifts, the Greatest Gift of All, the Gospel story, is shared with the children. We plan to serve about 25 children and hope that you will continue to make a difference in the lives of these families. The gifts should be new and cost in the $15-25 price range. The gifts should be returned to the church by the date specified on the Angel Tree tag or no later than 12/3. If you have any questions regarding the gift requests or are interested in other ways that you might be involved with this ministry, contact Nathalee Novy.

Hanging of the Greens will be Saturday, November 25, at 10 a.m. Join us for a fun morning of decorating the church for the Christmas Season! Bring your friends, all are invited! Watch for a sign up poster in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Jessie Butler.

Poinsettia Orders
Can it be possible that Christmas is just around the corner?? Yes! And we have some planning to do!

Three Sundays in November - the 12th, 19th, and 26th - you will find a flyer in the worship bulletins about ordering poinsettias for this year. Your order must be turned in no later than NOVEMBER 28, so if you are interested, please watch for the flyer. (The price has not been determined yet.) We will be collecting order forms in the Narthex after church on those three Sundays, along with checks/cash for your purchases. The flowers will be placed in the Sanctuary mid-December, and will remain there until Christmas Eve. You may take yours home after the Christmas Eve service you attend.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: November 1-30.
Angel Tree Sunday: November 19 in the church narthex.
No Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
Hanging of the Greens: Sunday, November 26, at 2 p.m.
Poinsettia Orders: Watch the bulletin for order forms.
Be an Angel, Come Make an Angel! (UMW Party): Sunday, December 3, 1 p.m.
Angel Tree Party: Time and Date to be announced.
Chancel Choir Cantata, Let There Be Christmas: Sunday, Dec. 17 during worship, 9:30 a.m.
December 24 - Christmas Worship Services: Sunday Morning Service, 9:30 a.m. Candlelight & Holy Communion Services with Chancel Choir and Joyful Noise Belles at 5 & 7 p.m.

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 month CCT members sent 37 cards and made 1 visit.

CCT meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11 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.

December Vision Deadline - Monday, November 20, 9 a.m. Please submit articles written and ready for proofing.

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Do you know the artists of these paintings and/or their families? See page 2 for the article “Do You Know?”
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Return Service Requested

UMW Christmas Gathering

DATE: December 3, 2017 (Sunday)
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Fellowship Hall

Be an Angel, Come Make an Angel! Plan to join us to fill fruit baskets and make Angels for others in our congregation. If possible, please bring a basket that will hold some fruit — like a couple apples, a couple oranges and a pear. All Ladies are welcome. This will be a great way to start out the Christmas Season.

Quilt Group News

The Quilt Group of CUMC participated in a craft show at Trinity United Methodist Church in Loveland in September. Lap quilts, table runners, Christmas items, baby quilts and many other items were sold to delighted customers. All the profits from this sale will be given to the mission funds of CUMC United Methodist Women.

Morning Glory Preschool

The core of our program at Morning Glory Preschool is Galatians 5:22-23, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” Our program focuses on one of these “fruits” per month and we talk about them all throughout the year. If we can send our little ones into the world with these qualities in their hearts, then we've given them a foundation take on the world!