



Christ UMC Vision

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Thank You!

We want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls during Keith's hospital stays and continued recovery. Keith Peters and Jeanette Peters

Thank you so much for allowing us to use your choir room and classroom for our rehearsal last month. They suited our needs perfectly and we appreciate all your support. Yours in song, The Blend Chorus

Thank you very much for allowing the Planning Department to hold a neighborhood information meeting at the church this summer. The Fellowship Hall is perfect. There seems to be a lot of potential development activity in the area and the church is right in the thick of it. Thanks again for taking care of us. Ted, City of Fort Collins

Dear Friends in Mission, Thank you for your gift received through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church. We are pleased to share that 100 percent of your contribution will support UMCOR's U.S. disaster training and response. Roland Fernandes and Rev. Russell Pierce, General Board of Global Ministries

A Future With Hope

Twelve months ago we were opening Morning Glory Preschool (MGP). This fall, the preschool's second year, we are starting 28 or more kids enrolled. Wow! Molly Rench, our MGP Director, has been hard at work this summer giving tours, preparing the classrooms and lessons. She has hired another teacher and an assistant plus substitute teachers. There are still openings in our program as our capacity is forty children per day. Many of our students live in this neighborhood.

Twelve months ago we had completed most of the facility maintenance and upgrades of our capital campaign, *A Future with Hope*. New windows in the east and west wings, new window coverings throughout the building, new roofing on the part of the south addition and a new west parking lot were either completed or under way.

The final phase of *A Future with Hope* is now under way with the installation of new flooring in the sanctuary. By December, all the pledges for this capital campaign will be paid.

In the past twelve months you all as a congregation have made *A Future with Hope* possible. By your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service our building continues to be a place where we invite the community in for worship, fellowship, singing, support groups, mission, and learning. By committing to the vision of experiencing and demonstrating the wonder of God's love, our future is hopeful.

As we enter the fall of 2018, let us continue to demonstrate the wonder of God's love by inviting those in need of Christ's grace to worship, to fellowship, to sing, to a support group, to a mission outreach, and to learn.

Grace & Peace,
Rev. Nancy

Condolences

Rev. Nancy is in Denver with her family. Her mother, Peggy Boswell, passed away Wednesday, August 29. There will be a memorial service Saturday, September 8, at 10:30 a.m. with a reception following. It will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1820 Broadway St. Denver, CO. All are invited. We suggest arranging your own carpooling. We extend our sympathy and prayers to Rev. Nancy and her family.

Bible Studies

Mondays, 9:30 a.m.

We are beginning the study of the Apostle Peter's letters. Please join us for prayer, fellowship, and study Monday mornings at 9:30.

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

The Tuesday evening Bible Study is finishing up its study of 1 Corinthians. One of Paul's longest and best-known letters, it contains instructions to a young church troubled by immaturity, instability, divisions, jealousy and envy, lawsuits, marital difficulties, sexual immorality and misuse of spiritual gifts—rather like ours today. Come join us on September 11th and 25th as we continue to learn these timeless lessons

SEEKERS BIBLE STUDY

The Seekers Bible Study group will begin meeting for the fall on Tuesday, September 18, (members, please note the change from the 11th to the 18th). We will be studying the book of John. We welcome any women who would like to join us for this study. We meet at the church from 9:30 a.m. to about 11 a.m. There are light refreshments followed by the study time. You may contact Dorothy Bondurant or Dee Williams for additional information.

The Church Directories are here. If you haven't received a copy yet, please call or email the church office to arrange to pick up a copy.

Church Women's Communiqué

Please join the United Methodist Women on Wednesday, September 19, for a **Salad Supper** at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Please bring a salad to share. Drinks will be provided.

A brief meeting to nominate our new officers for 2019 will be held.

A speaker from FFH will be there to give a presentation.

We will be collecting toiletries for FFH to use at the Day Center Showers. The Day Center is needing shampoo, conditioner, body wash, wash cloths, and razors.

Friendship Circle Group meets the first Thursday evening of each month, and we will be resuming after having had the summer off. Our meetings are a wonderful time to get together and share our joys, concerns, and fellowship. **Our September meeting will be held on Thursday, September 6th at 7 p.m. at the home of Sue Ptacek.** There will be tasty refreshments following 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. Thank you. Hope to see you there!

Outreach Social Group meets the first Tuesday of the month. Our September meeting will be on Tuesday the 4th at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Gen Maul. If you're wanting an afternoon of fun & fellowship, come and join us. Call Gen if you think you might be interested.

For the Kids

We are offering a Sunday school class for ages 11-13 every Sunday! If you have any questions about this addition, or our classes for ages 3-6 and ages 7-10, please contact Cori Rice.

All children will meet as a group in the lower level south wing, room 013 for the beginning of class and will split up for age-based lessons. Look for Ms. Cori by the west door before worship where she greets the children.

United Methodist Men

Note UMMen meeting new time and day!

Thursday September 27th at 7 p.m. downstairs in room 015 for coffee and dessert. Program TBD. All men are invited. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.





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

THANKS from the FFH Coordinators to all those that volunteered during our last FFH rotation!! It took at least 63 volunteers and 315 hours from CUMC and our support churches. We couldn't do it without your gifts of time and presence.

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FFH News: Tours of Sherwood House are still available!! After two years, Faith Family Hospitality is in the final stages of the development process and is ready to show you the property and share their excitement. **Every Tuesday from 2 to 4 pm**, they will be hosting tours of the property at **321 S. Sherwood** and sharing their vision for the future.

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More Quilts to Families: This summer, quilts made by our Quilt Group were delivered to 3 more FFH families that have recently transitioned into their own housing—quilts were provided for 3 sets of parents and 5 children, ages 3-11. We are always pleased to provide these families with quilts and will continue making quilts in anticipation of the next families moving on.

From the Office

Have you been to the church facebook page? If you are on facebook, like us, follow us, and make comments. Upcoming events and items of interest are posted weekly. **It's a good way for your Facebook friends to learn a little bit about us.**

We also have a website, <http://cumc-fc.org/>. Our church calendar is there - take a minute to look at it. If you notice an update needs to be made, please call Debbie in the office at 226-2341. Thanks!



Happy August! I hope you've all had a summer full of a proper mixture of relaxation and adventures. My family and I definitely did! The middle of August brings one thing—back to school time. Morning Glory Preschool starts September 4th. I'm so excited to have our little ones in the building again so I can see their smiles and hear their laughter.

A big thank you to those of you who donated to our preschool via our Hopping into Preschool board in the Narthex. Our children will have a blast with the new toys and supplies!

Miss Molly



Morning Glory Preschool is hopping into its 2nd year! The preschool is so blessed with the generosity of the congregation and we're constantly asked what we can use or need. We've posted our wish list on a display in the Narthex - look for the frogs! Anyone who's able can pick an item from the display.

Make a donation by placing cash or check in an envelope with the wish list tag. Return the envelope to the church office or in the offering plate. The items will then be purchased by Molly on Amazon in partnership with CUMC's new Amazon Smiles fundraising system.

You can also look at our wish list on Amazon by searching Molly Rench in the list area under Your Friends on the smile.amazon.com site. Keep an eye out for our wishes!

If you check out preschool room 122, look for Noah's Ark and the brown floor mats. Those are 2 of the frog wish list items already purchased.

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 112 cards, made 15 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, 635-9696.

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.

October Vision Deadline- Monday, September 17, 9 a.m. Please submit articles written and ready for proofing.

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This and That

This popular poem is addressed to nurses but perhaps when we sometimes feel inconvenienced or frustrated by an elderly person moving too slowly in front of us we should recall these words. Also, when we are with a friend or relative whose speech and actions aren't as quick as they used to be.

What do you see, nurses, what do you see,
what are you thinking when you're looking at me?
A crabby old woman, not very wise,
uncertain of habit, with faraway eyes.

Who dribbles her food and makes no reply
when you say in a loud voice, "I do wish you'd try!"
Who seems not to notice the things that you do,
and forever is losing a stocking or shoe.

Who, resisting or not, lets you do as you will
with bathing and feeding, the long day to fill.
Is that what you're thinking? Is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, nurse; you're not looking at me.

I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still,
as I do at your bidding, as I eat at your will.
I'm a small child of ten with a father and mother,
brothers and sisters, who love one another.

A young girl of sixteen, with wings on her feet,
dreaming that soon now a lover she'll meet.

A bride soon at twenty - my heart gives a leap,
remembering the vows that I promised to keep.

At twenty-five now, I have young of my own
who need me to guide and a secure happy home.
A woman of thirty, my young now grown fast,
bound to each other with ties that should last.

At forty my young sons have grown and are gone,
but my man's beside me to see I don't mourn.
At fifty once more babies play round my knee,
again we know children, my loved one and me.

Dark days are upon me, my husband is dead;
I look at the future, I shudder with dread.
For my young are all rearing young of their own,
and I think of the years and the love that I've known.

I'm now an old woman and nature is cruel;
'tis jest to make old age look like a fool.
The body, it crumbles, grace and vigor depart,
there is now a stone where I once had a heart.

But inside this old carcass a young girl still dwells,
and now and again my battered heart swells.
I remember the joys, I remember the pain,
and I'm loving and living life over again.

I think of the years - all too few, gone too fast
and accept the stark fact that nothing can last.
So open your eyes, nurses, open and see,
not a crabby old woman; look closer - see ME!

Used Stamps, Box Tops and Labels: Have you been saving your stamps from the mail you have received? Please trim the stamps with at least 1/4 inch paper all the way around them. You may put your stamps in the container on the bulletin board in the east wing hallway.

We have been saving Campbell's Labels and Box Tops for Education for McCurdy Ministries for many years. We continue to collect Box Tops however the Campbell's Labels program has been discontinued. In place of the Campbell's Program, McCurdy is now collecting Tyson Project A+ labels. Each Tyson label is worth 24 cents!

The local 2-1-1 line is a non-emergency resource that is managed by the United Way of Larimer County. People frequently turn to this number for a variety of non-emergency questions. Are you looking for different kinds of training? Are you no longer able to keep your pet and wonder what facilities could take it? Do

you have a neighbor who needs help paying utility bills? Are you looking for programs for your grandchildren? Are you looking for a support group? Do you have items or services to donate? 2-1-1 was also widely used during our recent fires and floods. Every hour of every day people need essential services or have other questions and do not know where to turn for answers. The trained staff and volunteers at 2-1-1 deal with a variety of questions and will try to refer you to agencies or organizations that can help solve your problems or lead you to answers.

The Blend's Open House Night

All women who like to sing are invited to The Blend Chorus's Girl's Night Out on September 10. Come learn about our art form and have some fun singing Barber-shop yourself! Visit our website, www.theblendchorus.org for more information.

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All Church Potluck

As we kick off the fall months, the administrative council will host an all-church potluck following worship on Sunday, September 9. Bring your favorite salad, meat, vegetable, bread or dessert to share. If you're unable to bring food, don't worry - there's always enough. Remember how the loaves and fishes grew to feed all?

Since September 9 is also Grandparents Day, bring your favorite stories and/or photos of your grandparents or grandchildren to share with others at your table. What are the lessons you learned from them? How have they shown God's love to you?

Look forward to rejoicing in fellowship over a good old fashioned United Methodist potluck meal!



Earn Donations for CUMC

Would you like to support our church at no cost to yourself? If you shop at Amazon, it is easy to do so by electing to participate in the Amazon Smile program.

This program donates 0.5% of any eligible Amazon purchase you make to a charity of your choice, which in our case would be Christ United Methodist Church, Fort Collins. Please note Amazon pays for this donation to CUMC and it does not affect the cost of your purchase.

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