



# Christ UMC Vision

A publication of Christ United Methodist Church of Fort Collins

## Thank You!

Thank you for your good wishes, prayers and lovely cards. Your thoughtfulness has been most helpful in my recovery! With gratitude, Linda Glover

Dear Friends in Mission, Recently, several Hurricanes have hit the United States and the Caribbean. As images have streamed across our screens, many of us have been moved to prayer, giving and action. We're grateful that you are partnering with us through The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Thank you for your gift received on 9/28/18, given 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 C. Pierce, General Board of Global Ministries.

## Bible Studies

**Mondays, 9:30 a.m.**

We are finishing the letters of Peter and beginning a study entitled: *Hope, Beyond your Tears* by Trevor Hudson. Christ can transform personal pain and sadness into channels of love. Please join us in the library for prayer, study, and fellowship. Study books are available.

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## We Are The Church

Our yearly Church Conference is **Saturday November 17, 2018 from 9 am to 12 pm** in our Fellowship Hall. A continental breakfast will be available. Our Conference is a Circuit Church Conference as part of Northern Front Range Clergy Circuit which encompasses Christ, First - Fort Collins, Trinity - Loveland, First - Loveland, First - Berthoud, and First - Windsor.

Our lay leadership report (aka Nominations), pastor compensation and membership report will be approved at a special CMT meeting on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. and then presented at the Circuit Conference for final approval. Thank you for all who have submitted reports for this important meeting. Everyone is invited to the Circuit Conference. Only church members can vote on items requiring a vote. This is a great opportunity to meet other Methodist's in our area.

Since the Circuit Church Conference is regional rather than solely our church, we will honor those who have died in the past year on Sunday, November 4, 2018, during worship. In January 2019 we will celebrate our church leadership and volunteers as well as make available the 2019 budget and 2018 leadership reports. Please watch the weekly

bulletin, newsletter, and Facebook page for details about the celebration.

Looking ahead, there are some tough issues that our denomination is struggling with around the issues of ordination and marriage of folks who are homosexual. A special General Conference will convene in February 2019 to vote on recommendations from A Way Forward Commission. In January we will have a four-week study after worship on the recommendations from the Commission. Currently, Laurel Kubin (Lay Leader), Nathalee Novy (FFH Co-Coordinator) and I are studying these plans and will be leading the sessions. Having conversations about difficult issues in our church requires compassion and courage. Information and listening are essential components of understanding and loving one another.

We are the church where ordinary people experience and demonstrate the wonder of God's love. We are not required to agree on all things and we are to love one another. See you in worship.

Grace & Peace,  
Rev. Nancy

## Quilt Group News

The church's quilt group is having a craft show: Sunday, November 18th, 2018 for 9 am to 11:00 am. at the church. Just in time to start your holiday shopping.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 1:00 is when this group meets in room (018) which is located in the lower level. Thanks to all who donate sewing supplies and materials for our many projects. Join us - any level of sewing skill is welcome.

## Bible Studies

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

The Tuesday evening Bible study will be continuing our Advent study throughout November. We'll be using the four-session study Behold! by Pamela C. Hawkins; exploring the themes of Faith, and Promise through daily Bible readings, reflective questions, prayers, hymns, and stories as we prepare once again for the birth of our Savior.

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### Seekers Bible Study

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.

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## Safe on the Internet

JOIN US FOR TECHNOLOGY AND SCAMS: STAYING SAFE ON THE INTERNET

Wednesday, December 12,  
1:30 - 3:00 pm Christ United  
Methodist Church, 301 East  
Drake | Fort Collins CO 80525

With increased use of the internet, email and smartphones, there are now more ways than ever for scammers to contact their victims. This presentation will equip you with information on recognizing scams on the internet, social media and email and provide you with ways of avoiding unwanted contact from scammers.

Presented by Mark Fetterhoff, AARP Foundation ElderWatch. Space is limited, please register by calling 1-888-926-8300.

## Church Women

**UMW Christmas Unit Meeting:** Sunday, December 9, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. Save the date!

**Friendship Circle's** November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. at the home of Ann Fenwick. There will be tasty refreshments following the fellowship and program. We welcome new ladies who wish to join in this good time! If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Chris Coats. Thank you. Hope to see you there!

**Explorers Circle Group** is scheduled to meet the first Tuesday of the month, November 6, at 6:45 p.m. in room 107 at the church. All women are invited to join us.

**Outreach Social Group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.** If you're wanting an afternoon of fun & fellowship, come and join us. This month we will meet November 6 in the church library. Contact Gen Maul if you are interested in finding out more about this group.

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## Warren William United Methodist Men

**UMMen's** next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. downstairs in room 015. Due to Thanksgiving, we are meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday this month. Each meeting we have a program, coffee and dessert.

The speaker for the November meeting is Maj. Diggs Brown talking about the Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado on West Horsetooth. All men are invited. Please watch for the sign-up sheet in the narthex. We will not meet in December.

## Volunteers Needed

**FFH Volunteers Needed:** Our next rotation is **November 11 – 18**. You should have received an e-mail invite from SignUp Genius in October. If you missed the invite **OR** prefer not to use SignUp Genius, visit the designated table in the Narthex for available volunteer opportunities. If you have questions or need help with the electronic sign up, please contact Nathalee Novy.

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## QuarterMania News

This month, November 10, the bi-monthly quarter auction fundraiser which is held in our Fellowship Hall will feature the charity; The AJ Black Memorial Foundation For Suicide Awareness.

AJ Black, a gifted, talented, funny and loving young man was 17 years old when he died of suicide, April 1, 2016. His parents formed this non-profit organization dedicated to suicide awareness and prevention through improving mental health awareness and education in our schools and throughout our community, as well as support of families immediately after a suicide.

All are welcome to attend QuarterMania, Sat. Nov. 10, in support of this foundation. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the auction starts at 7 p.m. It is \$5 to buy 1 paddle at the door or \$10 to buy 3 paddles. Each person must purchase their own paddle(s) You use the paddles and quarters to bid on items. So bring a roll or more of quarters.

There is an opportunity to sponsor a table for only \$70. To find out how to sponsor a table or If you haven't been to a quarter auction, contact Debbie in the church office for details.

Christ United Methodist Church's Alms Fund will be the featured charity at the **annual January QuarterMania**. All are invited to that one as well. It will be **Saturday, January 12. Mark it on your calendars!**

## Holiday Events

### Angel Tree Sunday (11/25)

Since 2001, our church has been involved in the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree ministry which is supported by Prison Fellowship. As a participant in the program, we purchase gifts for children on the behalf of and at the request of incarcerated parents. We have provided almost 570 gifts on the behalf of about 120 prisoners. 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 12/9**. 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 Sunday, November 25, at about 11 a.m. after taking some time for Sunday coffee fellowship.** Join us for a fun time of decorating

the church for the Christmas Season! 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!

Watch for a flyer in the worship bulletins about ordering poinsettias for this year. Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary mid-December, and will remain there until Christmas Eve.



**Thanksgiving Food Drive:** November 4-22.

**Angel Tree Sunday:** November 25 in the church narthex.

**No Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service**

**Hanging of the Greens:** Saturday, November 24, at 10 a.m.

**Poinsettia Orders:** Watch the bulletin for order forms.

**UMW Christmas Unit Meeting:** Sunday, December 2, 2:30 p.m.

**Heifer International:** Christmas giving - Sundays in December,

**Angel Tree Party:** Time and Date to be announced.

**Chancel Choir Cantata:** Sunday, Dec. 16 during worship, 9:30 a.m.

**Christmas Eve Worship Services:** Monday, Dec. 24, 5 & 7 p.m.

## Morning Glory Preschool

October's spirit word was self-control. We told the kids that it means REALLY wanting to do something and then NOT doing it. This is a tough one even for adults! I really like to explain these concepts in concrete ways.

With self-control I used small pieces of candy. While we don't do candy at school as reinforcement, I think this activity is worth it. Each child received a small cup with M & Ms in it (Pre-K will use candy corn). The bags of treats were kept all month in a place in the middle of the room where they're seen frequently. Then, each day, everyone ate ONE piece of candy from the bag! We talked about how we really want to eat ALL the candy, but we used self-control and ate one piece a day. I'm super excited because I think the kids really got it!

## 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 32 cards, made 2 calls and 3 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.

**December Vision Deadline-** Monday, November 17, 9 a.m. Please submit articles written and ready for proofing.

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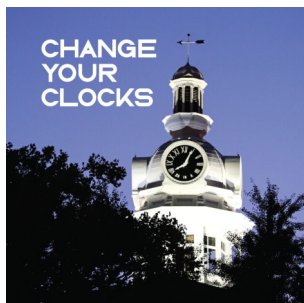
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***Return Service Requested***



Fall Back  
Daylight Saving Time ends  
Sunday, November 4  
at 2 a.m.

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### **Trustee News**

#### **Increasing Security & Safety at CUMC**

Early in 2018, Church Mutual Insurance met with the trustees to discuss security and safety. He emphasized exterior and interior security. CUMC has nightly security service, cameras, lighted parking lot, maintained and removed shrubbery on perimeter of our facility. One area of major concern was our key system and safety of staff during certain hours of the day.

Upgrading to a keycard or fob for the narthex doors would allow the following:

- \*manage a person's access
- \*identify who used specific doors (recordkeeping)
- \*deactivate a keycard or fob immediately
- \*door intercom with camera with door release

Debbie Eiten, Gary Turner, Roger Cornett and Steve Merriam met with hardwired vendor and wireless vendor for a keyless system. The wireless proposal was the recommendation to the trustees and to CMT. CMT approved the wireless proposal from High Side Security. High Side Security installed the wireless system for the Morning Glory Preschool.

Also, the SE door of the east wing and the south doors

of Fellowship Hall will have door monitoring through alarm system when left open. The installation will take approximately 10 days and expected to begin this month.

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### **Shop and Donate**

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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