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United Church of Christ*

*Sunday Schedule  
10:00am Worship Service  
& Children's Church  
11:00am Coffee Hour*

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# News and Views

Congregational United Church of Christ  
July, 2018

## MODERATOR'S MOMENT

### “LOVE IS STILL THE WAY”

“The Power of Love”  
‘God is love and those who live in God, live in LOVE’

As we began our “Summer Song Series” on June 3rd, Pastor Rebecca talked about the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Megan Markel which took place on May 19th and turned the eyes of the world on a love story and the beauty of commitment for a brief few days. Our hearts were warmed and tears of joy for them crept into our eyes as they gazed at each other as the words from John Lennon’s “Stand by Me” were sung by a Gospel choir:  
“No I won’t be afraid, just as along as you stand, stand by me!”

The good things they as a couple want to do for the world was backed up by a guest list of individuals from many of the charities, veterans’ organizations, hospitals, youth programs, and peace organizations they both have supported and believe in. They intend to make a difference for good by helping others in this world.

The couple was reminded by Rev. Michael Curry of the meaning of love by these words: “We were made by a Power of Love. And our lives are meant to be lived in that love. That’s why we are here. Ultimately the source of love is God, the source of all of our lives. There’s power in love to help and heal when nothing else can. There’s power in love to lift up and liberate when nothing else will. There’s *power in love* to show us the way to live.”

I have been reading through many of the documents, bylaws, guidelines and Statements of Faith of our local congregation and denomination, and I was drawn to one document simply entitled “Identity Statement.” It has four parts: BEING GOD’S PEOPLE  
GROWING SPIRITUALLY  
REACHING OUT  
WELCOMING AND ACCEPTING

This month I would like to lift up the first part of the Statement—  
We, the Congregational United Church of Christ of Buena Vista, commit ourselves to BEING GOD’S PEOPLE by:  
\*Loving and serving God  
\*Living lives of integrity  
\*Living with thanksgiving and gratitude  
\*Supporting one another through loving words and actions  
\*Using God’s written and living Word to guide our lives  
\*Proclaiming the Good News of Christ  
\*Promoting the unity of Christ’s Church  
\*Celebrating our life together

I have seen many occasions this past month that show action on the part of this congregation to “Be God’s People,” loving and caring for each other and reaching out to new families and the community. Is this who we would like to be?

Blessing as you walk in service to God, and live in the Power of Love!

Marjorie Erickson, Moderator

PASTOR’S ARTICLE, July, 2018

Happy Summer! Isn’t the Jim Close Memorial Community Garden looking awesome? And the CUCC grounds and building? Many, many folks have put in many, many hours around here: cleaning, sorting, pruning, purging, watering, planting, consulting, re-purposing and recycling. Thank you all!! We are taking Jesus’ words seriously about “remaining in the Vine” by pruning out what is deadwood so that life-giving sap can flow and flourish. And flowing it is! Tonight we begin a whole new adventure as we bear new fruit and creativity with Family Evening Camp.

One of my favorite summer inspirational events is the Rocky Mountain Conference Annual Celebration, held in early June each year, in various places in the RMC. Delegates Ron & Marjorie Erickson attended with me, and we had a wonderful time at La Foret Conference & Retreat Center. Here is a nice recap from our RMC staff. Hope you’ll think about joining us next year! All are welcome—not just delegates, but *anyone* who wants to connect and commune, celebrate and cavort with our sister churches in Christ.

“Annual Celebration 2018 is officially in the books—and what a time we had!

We managed business of course, but even the discussions around Clergy Compensation, UCC Polity, and Budget were sacred and powerful, a true testament to how we work together as Conference.

And there was so much more. Bruce Reyes-Chow offered two large-group sessions on Saturday, including a difficult conversation about racism. He also offered a small-group workshop on Conversational Preaching, and left the entire delegation with a lot to unpack.

Other incredible workshop topics included Children's Sermons (Steve Monhollon and Rob Carlson); UCC Mental Health Ministries (Amy Petré Hill); and Immigrant-Welcoming Congregations (Linda Mahan).

And, of course, we had a *lot* of fun. Thursday night featured appetizers from La Foret (bacon-wrapped pineapple was a favorite), beverages, and a photo-booth—a major hit with the Conference! On Friday night, we sang karaoke in Ponderosa Lodge, and even Conference Minister Rev. Sue Artt sang a tune for us (with eight of her closest friends backing her up).

The meeting concluded on Saturday morning with a powerful worship in the Chapel. We served one another communion, and were reminded that it's very, very hard to care deeply about the world—and that despite its challenge, caring and taking action is our calling as people of the Church. Keep an eye out for AC 2019 dates, to be hosted by Western Association in Grand Junction!”

This year's theme, ***Tipping Toward the Enduring Good***, was inspired by an excerpt from a letter\* by Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estés, “We Were Made For These Times.”

Dr. Estés writes:  
"Ours is not the task of fixing the entire world all at once, but of stretching out to mend the part of the world that is within our reach. Any small, calm thing that one soul can do to help another soul, to assist some portion of this poor suffering world, will help immensely. It is not given to us to know which acts or by whom, will cause the critical mass to tip toward an enduring good."

I cannot urge you strongly enough to read the entire letter from Dr. Estes. It will inspire you to keep the faith, take heart, and sail strong out of the safe harbor with courage. These are challenging times, indeed, to live out our faith in this world, when so many opinions exist about what our faith really means, and how religion can actually be a force for good – to tip the world *toward* the good.

Blessings on our sailing into summer, Rebecca

\*For the full letter, see “**Do not lose heart. We were made for these times.**” elsewhere in this newsletter.

Mission and Ministry News  
July greetings from the M&M team!

The M&M Board did not meet in June due to travel plans and surgeries.

However, we’d like very much to –

\*\* Remind you of the well-being of our sponsored young person in the Philippines – Angelo Jesus Abellana. He just recently wrote us after many months to say that he’s doing well and was so appreciative of our support. CUCC sends quarterly financial support through the Bob Dwyer Children’s Fund, plus the donations from our special offerings collected at the table in the narthex. THANK YOU! His letter will be copied and posted on a FH bulletin board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Duncan, M&M Chair



Diaconate Notes

Diaconate members are continuing the process of reviewing the church rolls to categorize congregants according to existing categories. This process is mandated under bylaw responsibilities. We have held two work sessions to date and a third work session is being scheduled.

Sign-ups for worship service opportunities [Coffee hour hosts, Flower providers, Greeters, and Lectors] may be filled in on the clipboard on the bulletin board leading to the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Diaconate Board members [Barb Groy, Betsy Neas, Doyle Nyberg, Ruthann Schoeffield, or Elizabeth Shelby]. We continue to offer free training for all opportunities. Please sign-up for these worship opportunities!!

Upcoming events and activities in July 2018 include the following:

- \* Communion Sunday will be held on July 01, 2018.
- \* Diaconate meeting at CUCC on July 11, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.
- \* Roll review work session #3 [TBD].

God bless.  
~Doyle Nyberg, Diaconate Chair



Board of Trustees Report for July, 2018

Financials: we are continuing the trend of being under budget with total expenses in May exceeding income by \$3,277.63 and year-to-date by \$7,531.99.

Marge is making a list for day of jobs that need to be done.

Rebecca’s report: The well is working adequately and Mark is checking into the pump saver.

The Diaconate has come up with a plan to address the newsletter and its costs.

Rebecca is in contact with Leo Accaira about upgrading the sound system. She is also in contact with Knight Electronics because the WIFI continues to be inadequate.

The organ was taken care of by Mark Wolters.

Bowie was appointed Vice Chair in case Ron misses a meeting.

—Submitted by Bowie Duncan

Reaching the Pastor



If I'm not at the church, I might be out visiting, at a meeting or writing a sermon.

Leave a message at the office at 719-395-2544 or call my cell at 719-252-6890.

Feel free to set up an appointment by phone or email: RevBecca@icloud.com.

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 (719) 207-4850  
Columbine Manor  
530 W. 16th Street, Salida, CO 81201

Jean Brody (303) 720-9595  
Sterling House #505  
8271 South Continental Divide Road  
Littleton, CO 80127

Lindsey Fagerberg  
550 Wabash Avenue, CM 235, Terre Haute, IN 47803

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Bonnie Guenther (719) 395-2261  
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925 Willow Valley Lakes Drive, Apt. 326  
Willow Street, PA 17584

Albert & Phyllis McCall (719) 966-9552 -A; (719) 659-9597-P  
7950 W. Byers Ave. #102, Lakewood, CO 80226

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Charlie Terrill (719) 395-8586  
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Gerry and Jean Venard (719) 966-9524  
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Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Wilma and Angie Williams (719) 395-2702  
PO Box 1808  
208 S. Colorado,  
Buena Vista, CO 81211



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 26—Tom Hoyt  
July 27—Chuck Tidd  
July 29—Janet Jones  
July 31—Sarah Struthers

ANNIVERSARIES

July 1—Lewis & Jean Lowe  
July 3—Chuck & Lou Tidd  
July 5—Jon & Teresa Roorda  
July 6—Cory & Bridgett Tucker  
July 9—Clarke & Rebecca Poos  
July 10—Don & Bonnie Taylor  
July 28—Jim & Raedell Wingert  
July 30—Bob & Laurie Stevens



Don't see your special day listed? Please contact the office at 395-2544 or office.bvcucc@gmail.com.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Nan Bohe—Healing  
Joni Soule—Healing  
Jade Porter—Healing  
Mary Lou Bouman—Healing  
Marcy Adams—Healing  
Linda Baldwin—Healing  
Kim Hughes (Doyle Nyberg's cousin)—Healing  
Clyde Downer (Kimla Robinson's brother)—Healing  
Janice Fletcher (Jeff Keidel's sister)—Healing  
Bryce Kelly—Healing  
Mikki Goss—Healing  
Carrie (daughter of Bob & Laurie Stevens)—Healing  
Liz Carpenter (Kay Allinger's sister-in-law)—Healing  
Sarah Struthers—Healing  
The Family of Travis Brown (friend of Steve & Adele Jackson)—Comfort  
Karen Funston (VirJeanne Williams' daughter-in-law)—Healing  
Jordan Conradson—Healing  
Mark Green—Healing  
Family of Gretchen Berry (friend of Rebecca's)—Comfort  
Terri Holloway McNorton—Healing

CE News

I am writing this after two frolicking evenings of the first ever CUCC Family Evening Camp. Participants have come from numerous backgrounds and family units. We have fed approximately 40 campers and helpers each evening, in-between group time, crafts and games. The family time and fellowship has been quite meaningful. Thanks to everyone who has made this event possible!

The CE board needs for anyone willing to lead a Children's Church lesson to step forward and provide this mission for our youngsters who add so much delight and color to our worship. Talk to any board member with your ideas and availability.

There are many vegetables growing and new signage in the community garden. There are still a few spaces available. Ask in the church office.

Now for the next exciting opportunity! Fourth of July PIE SALE! Please plan to contribute a fruit or nut pie or two. Put them in the big refrigerator in the kitchen —already baked!—and your CE Board volunteers will set up and man the booth at McPhelmy Park until we run out. The favorite kinds seem to be strawberry-rhubarb, plain rhubarb, peach, cherry, pecan, any type of berry, and, of course, apple.

Respectfully Submitted, Laurie Stevens, CE Chair

FYI

As Council meeting was pushed back a week, there are no minutes to share yet.

Hello Everyone!

I just wanted to say how grateful I am for all of the graduation cards and gifts you all gave me. I know I haven't been home very much, and it means a lot to me that you all took time out of your busy lives to celebrate my graduation with me.

Thanks again, -Rocky Kemper

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Some people have trouble with all those 'shalls' and 'shall nots' in the Ten Commandments. Folks just aren't used to talking in those terms. So, in middle Tennessee they translated the 'King James' into 'Jackson County' language....no joke (posted on the wall at Cross Trails Church in Gainesboro, TN).

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| (1) Just one God                   | (6) No killin'                                  |
| (2) Put nothin' before God         | (7) No foolin' around with another fellow's gal |
| (3) Watch yer mouth                | (8) Don't take what ain't yers                  |
| (4) Git yourself to Sunday meetin' | (9) No tellin' tales or gossipin'               |
| (5) Honor yer ma and pa            | (10) Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff   |

(Thanks to Jean Buster's brother for sending this to her, to Jean for sending it on to the CUCC office, and to Nancy for including it in the newsletter. So you only have three people to blame!)



Stuff You May Not Know  
(sim-neck? sim-nick?)

Art Williams, VirJeanne's husband, started the train display in the top of the Courthouse. If you haven't seen it, put it on your "to-do" list. It's quite a study! He had another large display that was "supposed to be in the garage" running around in their house. How these things do grow!

And chugging right along here - Bob Frykholm has an HO (1:87) scale display of St. Elmo in a special spot in their house. It took 30 years! to finish. He would love to show it to you, but a phone call first would be in order.





## View from the Mountain

### “Joy and Happiness”

Leo Buscaglia, philosopher, professor, counselor, and my mentor, tells us, “Nothing but life itself is necessary for humans to know joy and happiness.” It is something most all of us want to achieve in our lives. Yet, so often we miss it. And why? I think we miss it because we forget that we make our own happiness. We define it for ourselves and experience it in our own unique way. We never stop to think that nothing in this world can be given or denied us that will bring us joy unless we decide it.

The natural result of happiness and joy is laughter. When we laugh with others, we bypass reason and logic. Clowns do this. Laughter, I believe, is a universal language much like music.

Mother Theresa of Calcutta, one of my lifetime heros, required that her hospital ward be filled with laughter. She says that laughter is the strongest force toward health.

When I found out our Joy Ride would take us to the Butterfly Pavilion, some thirty minutes from here, I felt a jolt of joy inside. All my life I have loved the exquisitely beautiful butterfly and I knew I would be surrounded by them at the Pavilion. Of course, I not only signed up to go, but did so, already feeling a sense of joy.

The minute I stepped inside that huge enclosure, I almost laughed out loud. Being from the deep south, it was like stepping back into home and the feel of air I’m used to. It was very warm and just next to raining it was so humid. I loved it! I could almost feel my hair start to curl and skin start to heal.

It is like a forest maze. Certain kinds of trees and ferns and bushes were everywhere, with a single pathway through it all. It was a butterfly heaven. As hundreds of them flew high and low, I could almost feel their joy, born of freedom and safety.

More than anything, I wanted one to rest on my arm or shoulder and tell me how they felt in their paradise. Alas, not one did this. Thinking if I sat down and was still, I might be blessed with a visit. So, I sat away from any other people and waited.

Then I realized my joy was dependent upon a butterfly landing on me. I knew better, but still quietly waited. Then it happened. Absently, I looked up. Right above me was a rafter and on that rafter sat a small silver-colored dove. She was just hanging out and exuded a sense of peace about her. As I watched, you’ll never guess what happened. A magnificent bright blue Monarch butterfly flew to the dove and landed atop her head. I was spellbound. The dove seemed happy to have the company on her head. Just like a candle light sparkles, my own joy filled me up. It was far better than having one land on me. I had shared in the happiness of the moment. In fact, it’s been over a week since we were at the Butterfly Pavilion and the vision of that little silver-feathered dove with the deep blue Monarch on her head remains in my mind still. As Leo Buscaglia said, “Nothing but life itself is necessary for humans to know joy and happiness.” I believe it.

The view from the mountain is wondrous.

*Jean Brody*

**Join the Prayer Team and make a difference right from you own home!**

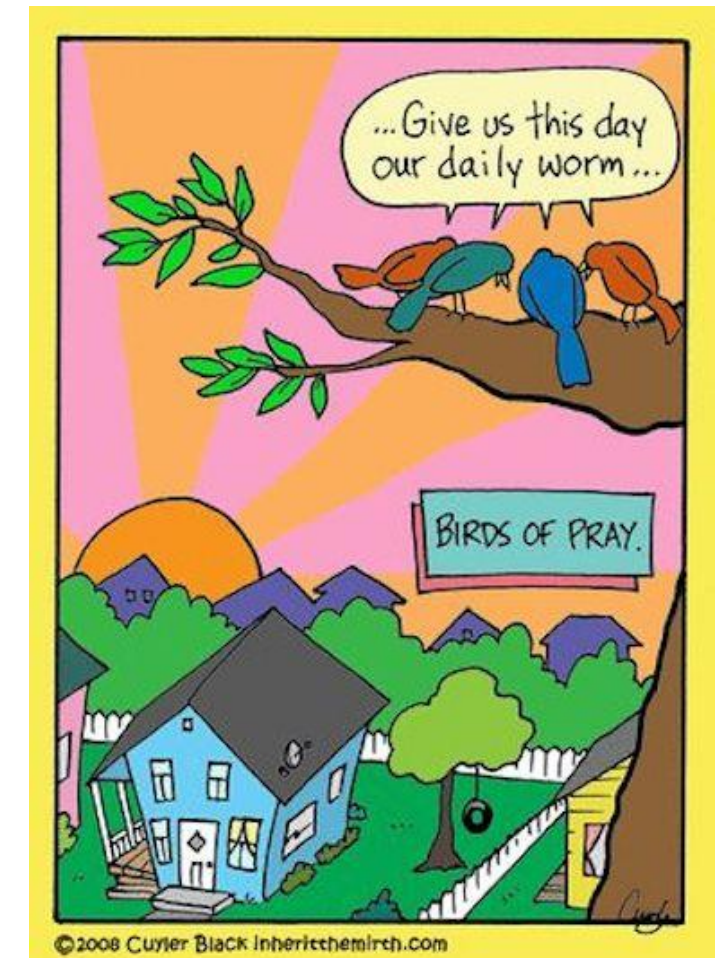
**Please surround in love, light and your continual prayers:**

- ◆ Persons and families on the Joys and Concerns list—healing and comfort
- ◆ CUCC stretching and connecting in new, life-giving and inspiring avenues in the coming year
- ◆ Leaders of staff, boards, classes and committees, as they serve faithfully
- ◆ Music and Worship—growth in participation and experiencing God in our midst and feeding our souls together
- ◆ Welcoming efforts—grounds, programs, outreach to make CUCC accessible for all , spiritually, emotionally and physically



## Fourth of July Pie Sale!

Don’t forget to sign up to contribute a fruit or nut pie to the CUCC pie booth in McPhelemy Park. And then don’t forget to buy and eat a pie from the CUCC pie booth in McPhelemy Park on the 4th of July!



# PLUG INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## WE ARE FAMILY & WATCH OUT FOR EACH OTHER.

If you or someone you know from CUCC has been missing, been ill, or just not around, please let Pastor Rebecca know. Also, let them know we miss them and are concerned about how they're doing.



If you're going to be away traveling, please let us know as well!

## DID YOU KNOW?

Sermons can be received via email each week or found in the file box outside the office door, sorted by date. Email [office.bvcucc@gmail.com](mailto:office.bvcucc@gmail.com) or call 395-2544 to receive a copy. Also available in large print before the service —ask a greeter

## AFFAIRS IN ORDER?

*Don't forget your church!*

CUCC has a form for "Memorial Instructions." This is a helpful tool for you, your family, and your pastor to know your wishes for your memorial service and memorials. See Pastor Rebecca or the office for a form, email for a copy to [office.bvcucc@gmail.com](mailto:office.bvcucc@gmail.com), or pick one up in the kiosk at church.



## Backpack Program

Food items always in demand:

\*Shelf-stable milk (Horizon milk in cartons on shelf at Walmart, white or chocolate)

- \*Fruit cups (individual)
- \*Chef Boyardee, pasta, etc.
- \*Pudding Cups
- \*Granola or Cereal Bars

As always, cash donations are appreciated, too!

*Did you know that CUCC has an All-Church Email blast each week?*

Be sure you're on the list! Call Nancy at 395-2544 or email to [office.bvcucc@gmail.com](mailto:office.bvcucc@gmail.com).

## SUMMER SONG AND PSALM SERIES!

July Scriptures

Sunday, July 1	— TBA
Sunday, July 8	— TBA
Sunday, July 15	— TBA
Sunday, July 22	— TBA
Sunday, July 29	— TBA

## SUMMER SONG SERIES is underway!!



This summer we are exploring hymns, songs, history, theology, and why songs touch our souls.



Send song titles that are meaningful to you and comments about why to Pastor Rebecca—either notes in the office or [Revbecca@icloud.com](mailto:Revbecca@icloud.com).



## And Don't Forget—

If you have special music or a drama idea to share this summer, please let Pastor Rebecca know!

*Let's sing, and dance and play in worship!*

## LET'S BE GREEN!!!

Please recycle everything possible at CUCC. We have bins in the office and Fellowship Hall to make it easy. Please do not put cardboard boxes in the dumpster. Flatten and put next to the recycle bin in the FH or give to Pastor Rebecca.



# CHURCH-COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



Collegiate Peaks Forum Series presents  
A Brief History of Climate Science  
Thursday, July 26, 7:00pm, Salida SteamPlant

Dr. Christian Shorey, Assistant Department head of Geology and Geologic Engineering at the Colorado School of Mines, focuses his research on paleoclimatology, the study of ancient climates. While climate science has been a politically controversial topic recently, its origins are divorced from such politics, going back several centuries. By exploring the story of the scientists and science involved in climate science, a clearer picture of what we know and how we know it is revealed.



Patty Oullette enjoys not only the raised bed, but the high deer fence as well. That is, I'm sure that's what she would say if I asked her!



## WMS Program

The next one will be  
Thursday, September 27  
at 1:00pm.

Enjoy your summer!

## Arkansas Valley Christian Mission

The first Sunday of each month CUCC collects cash and food donations for the Mission. They are always in need of peanut butter & jelly and canned fruit. Thank you!



## HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

**ON YE OLDE 4TH OF JULY, THE CUCC OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED. IF YOU NEED TO SEE NANCY, SHE WILL BE MARCHING IN THE TOWN PARADE. FEEL FREE TO WAVE AS SHE PASSES BY. IF YOU NEED TO ACTUALLY SPEAK TO HER ABOUT CHURCH BUSINESS, SHE WILL BE IN THE OFFICE ON THURSDAY, JULY 5, FROM 9:00AM-2:00PM. THANK YOU!**

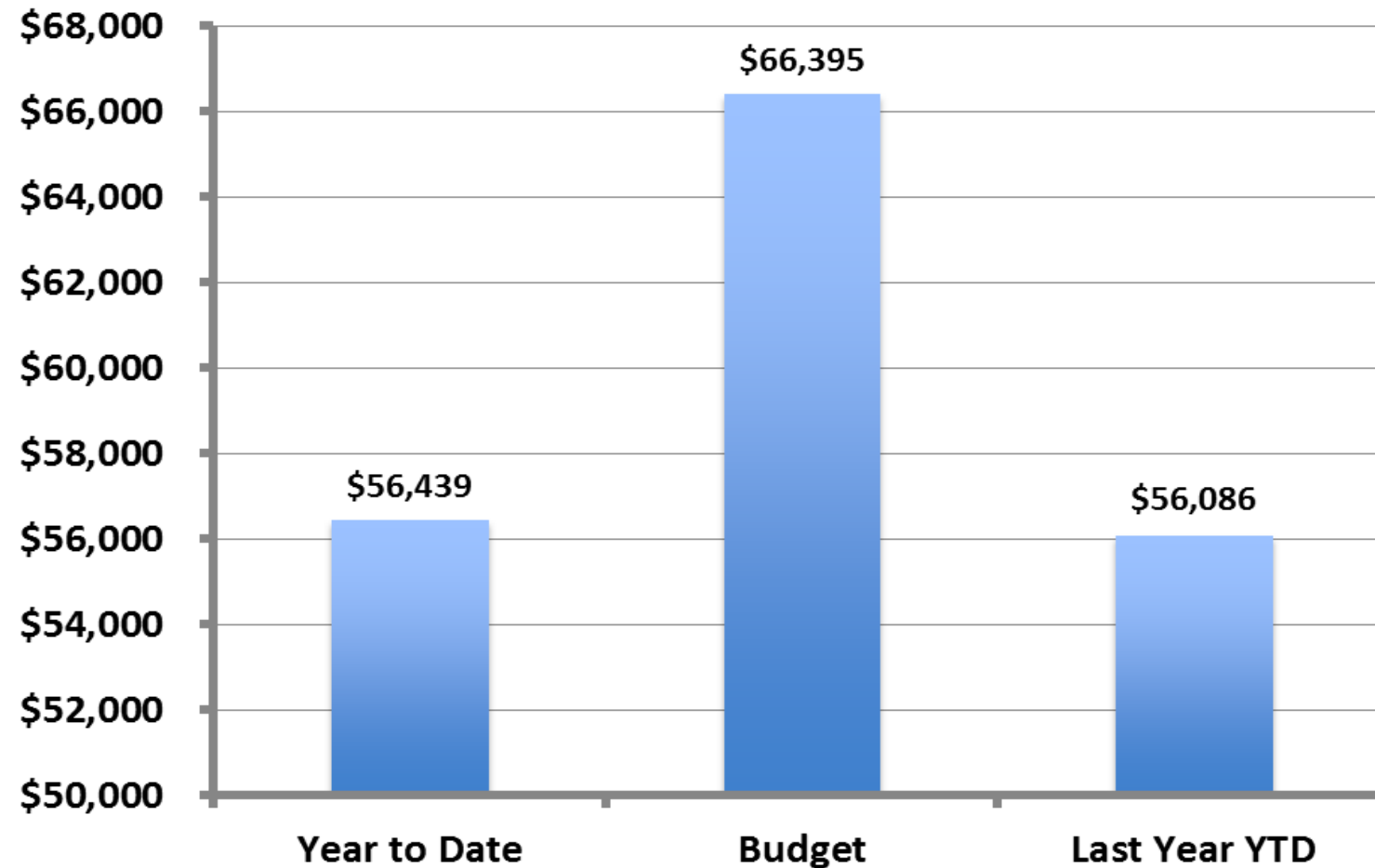


## 2nd Bazaar Workshop!

Friday, July 20, 10:00am-12:00pm, CUCC

Please join us! Unfinished projects and ideas are always welcome. A list of "Bazaar Loaners" is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. These are items that can be borrowed so they don't need to be purchased especially for the bazaar. If anyone has additional items to lend, add it to the list and include your name. Please look the list over and see if any items suggest new ideas. You never know!

## General Contributions through May, 2018



**Dear Members of the Women's Missionary Society,**

**Thank you so much for your generous check and full support of the restoration bag event. It was so successful and will truly change lives for good.**

**Sincerely,  
Beth Ritchie, BV HOPE**



**Dear CUCC,**

**Thank you so much for your huge support of the Restoration bag, blanket and bracelet event. The work done that day will make a difference in many survivors lives.**

**Sincerely,  
Beth Ritchie, BV HOPE**



### **Educational Tour of the Holy Land December 29, 2018-January 10, 2019**

Former CUCC members, Rod and Sharie Schofield, are leading a post Christmas trip to the Holy Land. They will be visiting holy sites throughout Israel and Palestine, as well as worshipping at Redeemer in Jerusalem.

If you are interested, please contact Rod and Sharie at [rodschofield93@gmail.com](mailto:rodschofield93@gmail.com) to receive an email brochure and video of a trip Rod led this past January.

### **The Legendary Blue Danube River Cruise**

**11-Day River Cruise Holiday  
Hungary • Slovakia • Austria • Germany •  
Czech Republic  
Departs September 5, 2019**

For reservations or information  
contact Barb Rudolf  
with E-Travel Unlimited at 303-792-9225 or  
[barb@etravelunlimited.com](mailto:barb@etravelunlimited.com).

### **CUCC Newsletter — New and Improved!! It's Going Green!**

Costs of mailing the paper newsletter from CUCC have not only become prohibitive, but we want to save the trees, too (not to mention toner).

Beginning in September, paper newsletters will be available in the Narthex and at Coffee Hour. A link to the online version can be found on the website at [www.bvcucc.org](http://www.bvcucc.org) and will be sent each week in the email blast.

Please call Nancy at the office (719-395-2544) to:

- Be sure you're on the Weekly Blast email list and
- Request a paper copy by mail if picking one up or reading it online is not an option.

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10am Communion Worship & Children's Church 11am Coffee Hour	<b>2</b> 8:15am-12pm Strong Women -AE	<b>3</b> 8:30am TOPS-CH 12:30-3:30 Optimists-K 6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 6:30pm Al-Anon-#7 7pm TELLS	<b>4</b>  12pm AA-AE   7pm OA-#7	<b>5</b> 10am-12pm Journey Group-RR  7pm AA-AE	<b>6</b> 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE	<b>7</b> 9am AA -AE 9am Al-Anon - #7
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Dear Pastor Rebecca and All the dear Members of your Church,

We still think of you and you are still in our hearts here in our new home in Vernon, Texas.

We joined a very special, a very happy and Jesus-loving Cowboy Church. It teaches us something new every Sunday. It's like a song of long ago, a bit of Celtic, of Puritan, of the Pioneers of this Nation and of our Cowboys trying to give birth to this Lone Star State of Texas.

I never dreamed my Virginia-born, Air Force Veteran husband Reggie would become a Cowboy Church Member and a You'all-talking Texan, but that is what God is doing to him.

I hear God speaking quietly in my mind and heart "even though you think of yourselves as 'old folks' I still have some jobs for you to do."

We are glad to help wherever we are and be thankful.

We say,  
God bless you, Pastor Rebecca & family and All the loving and caring and sharing Members of CUCC. Let your Holy Light shine across this troubled world.

We love you,  
Reggie & Judy Nelson

P.S. Congratulation to dear Rocky...you are awesome.

And...I thank you for the good words in your letter and card and I was so touched that you were going to read the "Cowboy Church" prayer at the Cowboy Church service. I told our cowboy church members about it and they "Thank you," too. I feel the Lord was right there with you. He truly is with you at all times and with us, too, wherever we are. We miss you in person, but you are always in our heats.

Much love always,  
Judy & Reggie Nelson

Kudos Kolumn



There are a lot of people to thank this month, so hang onto your hats and here we go!

Thank you, ALL you wonderful people who planned, promoted, produced and participated in CUCC's first ever Family Evening Camp! What a fun time was had by all! Even Joseph(s)!

And many thanks to all who helped during the All-Church Cleanup day! Now doesn't it feel good?

Thank you, too, to those who helped give the church a good clean-out. Ever hear of a "Hundred-Year Clean?" We may have just done one! Special shout-out to Kathy Keidel and Bill and Arlene Waldorf!

Doyle, the new rug in the front entryway is awesome! Thank you! Thank you! Nancy even noticed it right away! She even noticed there's one at the back door, too!

And last, but definitely not least, many thanks to the amazing garden team! Paul Dorfmeister, Judy Hassell, and Patty Oullette—you are appreciated!



Benefits of a Good Vocabulary!

I recently called an old engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days.

He replied that he was working on "aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment."

I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision .

Do not lose heart. We were made for these times.

I have heard from so many recently who are deeply and properly bewildered. They are concerned about the state of affairs in our world right now. It is true, one has to have strong cojones and ovarios to withstand much of what passes for "good" in our culture today. Abject disregard of what the soul finds most precious and irreplaceable and the corruption of principled ideals have become, in some large societal arenas, "the new normal," the grotesquerie of the week. It is hard to say which one of the current egregious matters has rocked people's worlds and beliefs more. Ours is a time of almost daily jaw-dropping astonishment and often righteous rage over the latest degradations of what matters most to civilized, visionary people.

You are right in your assessments. The lustre and hubris some have aspired to while endorsing acts so heinous against children, elders, everyday people, the poor, the unguarded, the helpless, is breathtaking. Yet ... I urge you, ask you, gentle you, to please not spend your spirit dry by bewailing these difficult times. Especially do not lose hope. Most particularly because, the fact is — we were made for these times. Yes. For years, we have been learning, practicing, been in training for and just waiting to meet on this exact plain of engagement. I cannot tell you often enough that we are definitely the leaders we have been waiting for, and that we have been raised since childhood for this time precisely.

I grew up on the Great Lakes and recognize a seaworthy vessel when I see one. Regarding awakened souls, there have never been more able crafts in the waters than there are right now across the world. And they are fully provisioned and able to signal one another as never before in the history of humankind. I would like to take your hands for a moment and assure you that you are built well for these times. Despite your stints of doubt, your frustrations in arighting all that needs change right now, or even feeling you have lost the map entirely, you are not without resource, you are not alone. Look out over the prow; there are millions of boats of righteous souls on the waters with you. In your deepest bones, you have always known this is so. Even though your veneers may shiver from every wave in this stormy roil, I assure you that the long timbers composing your prow and rudder come from a greater forest. That long-grained lumber is known to withstand storms, to hold together, to hold its own, and to advance, regardless.

We have been in training for a dark time such as this, since the day we assented to come to Earth. For many decades, worldwide, souls just like us have been felled and left for dead in so many ways over and over — brought down by naiveté, by lack of love, by suddenly realizing one deadly thing or another, by not realizing something else soon enough, by being ambushed and assaulted by various cultural and personal shocks in the extreme. We have a history of being gutted, and yet remember this especially ... we have also, of necessity, perfected the knack of resurrection. Over and over again we have been the living proof that that which has been exiled, lost, or foundered — can be restored to life again. This is as true and sturdy a prognosis for the destroyed worlds around us as it was for our own once mortally wounded selves.

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Though we are not invulnerable, our risibility supports us to laugh in the face of cynics who say "fat chance," and "management before mercy," and other evidences of complete absence of soul sense. This, and our having been to Hell and back on at least one momentous occasion, makes us seasoned vessels for certain. Even if you do not feel that you are, you are. Even if your puny little ego wants to contest the enormity of your soul, that smaller self can never for long subordinate the larger Self. In matters of death and rebirth, you have surpassed the benchmarks many times. Believe the evidence of any one of your past testings and trials. Here it is: Are you still standing? The answer is, Yes! (And no adverbs like "barely" are allowed here). If you are still standing, ragged flags or no, you are able. Thus, you have passed the bar. And even raised it. You are seaworthy.

In any dark time, there is a tendency to veer toward fainting over how much is wrong or unattended in the world. Do not focus on that. Do not make yourself ill with overwhelm. There is a tendency too to fall into being weakened by perseverating on what is outside your reach, by what cannot yet be. Do not focus there. That is spending the wind without raising the sails. We are needed, that is all we can know. And though we meet resistance, we more so will meet great souls who will hail us, love us and guide us, and we will know them when they appear. Didn't you say you were a believer? Didn't you say you pledged to listen to a voice greater? Didn't you ask for grace? Don't you remember that to be in grace means to submit to the voice greater? You have all the resource you need to ride any wave, to surface from any trough.

In the language of aviators and sailors, ours is to sail forward now, all balls out. Understand the paradox: If you study the physics of a waterspout, you will see that the outer vortex whirls far more quickly than the inner one. To calm the storm means to quiet the outer layer, to cause it, by whatever countervailing means, to swirl much less, to more evenly match the velocity of the inner, far less volatile core — till whatever has been lifted into such a vicious funnel falls back to Earth, lays down, is peaceable again. One of the most important steps you can take to help calm the storm is to not allow yourself to be taken in a flurry of overwrought emotion or despair — thereby accidentally contributing to the swale and the swirl. Ours is not the task of fixing the entire world all at once, but of stretching out to mend the part of the world that is within our reach. Any small, calm thing that one soul can do to help another soul, to assist some portion of this poor suffering world, will help immensely. It is not given to us to know which acts or by whom, will cause the critical mass to tip toward an enduring good. What is needed for dramatic change is an accumulation of acts — adding, adding to, adding more, continuing. We know that it does not take "everyone on Earth" to bring justice and peace, but only a small, determined group who will not give up during the first, second, or hundredth gale.

One of the most calming and powerful actions you can do to intervene in a stormy world is to stand up and show your soul. Soul on deck shines like gold in dark times. The light of the soul throws sparks, can send up flares, builds signal fires ... causes proper matters to catch fire. To display the lantern of soul in shadowy times like these — to be fierce and to show mercy toward others, both — are acts of immense bravery and greatest necessity. Struggling souls catch light from other souls who are fully lit and willing to show it. If you would help to calm the tumult, this is one of the strongest things you can do.

There will always be times in the midst of "success right around the corner, but as yet still unseen" when you feel discouraged. I too have felt despair many times in my life, but I do not keep a chair for it; I will not entertain it. It is not allowed to eat from my plate. The reason is this: In my uttermost bones I know something, as do you. It is that there can be no despair when you remember why you came to Earth, who you serve, and who sent you here. The good words we say and the good deeds we do are not ours: They are the words and deeds of the One who brought us here. In that spirit, I hope you will write this on your wall: When a great ship is in harbor and moored, it is safe, there can be no doubt. But ... that is not what great ships are built for.

This comes with much love and prayer that you remember who you came from, and why you came to this beautiful, needful Earth, - Clarissa Pinkola Estés

New Member Round-up!

Kim & Doug Seewoester

Kim and I met in our church youth group, Kirkwood United Christ of Christ in St Louis, while on a summer mission trip. That church was our church until we moved to Buena Vista full time in April 2017. We went to college together and then were married in the same church where we met. That church was our church until we moved to Buena Vista full time in April 2017.

We have been coming to Buena Vista on vacation for many years and since 2004, after we built a house, we would attend C.U.C.C. when we were here in Buena Vista. This church felt so much like the church we grew up in and made us feel comfortable when we attended service. When we became full time residents of Buena Vista we felt it was time to transfer our membership to our new church home.



Doug & Kim



Billie with new friend and neighbor Charlotte Smith

Billie Branch

I moved to BV in December of 2017 from Ulysses, Kansas. My daughter and son-in-law live in Fairplay, or as they call it, “northern Buena Vista.” They live up the hill from Rebecca & Clarke’s cabin. I thought of retiring to Fairplay, but since I love to garden, I wanted to be in the lower elevation. And because I already knew Clarke and Rebecca, I decided to come to their church and I love it! It’s funny, though, how since moving here I’ve had more visitor’s than I ever had in Kansas. I wonder why!



Adele and Steve

Steve & Adele Jackson

Steve has been a resident of Colorado most of his life. Adele spent time in London, England and Charleston, South Carolina during her childhood. She moved to Colorado for college and has been here ever since. Adele and Steve have been married for 31 years and have four children. Three of them are married and live in the front range. One daughter lives in Perth, Australia. They have four grandchildren ranging in age from 1 to 13. Steve is a retired CPA. The CPA business was located in Estes Park, where Steve and Adele lived most of their married life. They both enjoy the outdoors, including hiking and camping.



***Marge Dorfmeister is on a podcast!*** Laurel McHargue, of the podcast “Alligator Preserves,” interviewed Marge for episode 24. You can listen to it and see photos by going to [www.leadvillelaurel.com](http://www.leadvillelaurel.com) and scrolling down a hair. It’s also on [www.soundcloud.com](http://www.soundcloud.com) (search for Marge Dorfmeister). *Way to go, Marge!*