

*Congregational
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

September, 2018

MODERATOR'S MOMENT

“LOVE IS STILL THE WAY”

“Embracing Change”

“In nothing be anxious, but *in everything* by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

Fall is in the air and the harvest moon is blessing us with its radiance. The trees tell us by the changing colors of their leaves that something new is about to happen! The second chance to start over again comes from September's offer of *new beginnings*. As we step forward to meet this new season, our Church is caught up in planning and imagining for the future of our Congregation. We are stepping out to embrace some new organizational and structural changes that will help us be more effective in carrying out the important ministry and mission of the Congregational United Church of Christ of Buena Vista.

Soon the Stewardship Committee/Task Force and Church Council will bring to the Congregation some ideas to consider, and together the decision will be made whether to embrace/try these changes for a trial of one year. These are some of the changes to be considered: 1) New names for our Boards, 2) Smaller number of persons serving on the Boards, 3) Dividing the work of the Trustees, 4) Treasurer and Financial Secretary will be elected, not appointed, 5) More Congregational input. Exciting ideas to consider!

Another important happening will be planning for Pastor Rebecca's Sabbatical summer in 2019. The grant to CUCC was awarded by the Christian Theological Seminary of Indianapolis and is provided through the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program.

We have seen written in our “Identity Statement” that as a Congregation we are committed to 1) BEING GOD'S PEOPLE, 2) GROWING SPIRITUALLY, and this month we look at 3) REACHING OUT BY:

- * Being generous with our talents, time and financial resources (treasures) to make a difference in our community and the world
- * Providing support in difficult times by extending ourselves to those in need
- * Involving people of all ages in mission work
- * Modeling respect and care for all God's creation
- * Working for justice, healing and wholeness of life

The scripture from Sunday, August 26th's message on “Hope” guides us:

“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. And now faith, hope and love abide, these three, and the greatest of these is LOVE.” (1 Corinthians 13: 1-3 & 13)

May God lead us to be thankful for the opportunities that are before us!

Walking together in faith, hope and love!

Marjorie Erickson, Moderator

~ Starting September 12, Marge will be leading a Celtic Prayer Time in the Rainbow Room on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 9:00am-9:30am. Please join!



PASTOR’S ARTICLE, September, 2018

Our "Conversation about Covenant," Part 2, looks at the commitments of a Pastor to Christ’s Church, the triune God, the congregation she is called to serve, her family, and herself.

The Ordained Minister's Code

I believe that God calls the whole Church and every member to participate in and extend the ministry of Jesus Christ; that the privilege of witnessing to the gospel in Church and society belongs to every baptized Christian; that God empowers the ministry of the Church and its members by the Holy Spirit; that the Church nurtures faith, evokes gifts, and equips its members for service; and that God calls certain of the Church’s members to various forms of ministry in and on behalf of the church.

I have been called by God to be a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ and ordained by the United Church of Christ to preach and teach the gospel, to administer the sacraments and rites of the Church, and to exercise pastoral care and leadership.

I will seek to witness to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

I will preach and teach the gospel without fear or favor. I will speak the truth in love.

I will administer the sacraments and rites of the Church with integrity.

I will diligently perform the work of ministry which I have agreed to perform.

Partnership in Ministry

I will nurture and offer my gifts for ministry to the Church. I will seek to call forth and nurture the gifts of others in the Church and join their gifts with mine for the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ and the health of the Church.

I will seek to understand, support and interpret the diverse ministries of the Church and its members as carried out throughout the world. I will stand with those who risk personal well-being because of actions taken in response to their Christian convictions.

I will work cooperatively and collegially with those whom I serve in the particular ministry to which I have been called.

I will stand in a supportive relationship with my colleagues in ordained, commissioned, and licensed ministry, offering and receiving counsel and support in times of need.

I will be an advocate for fair standards of compensation for all ordained and lay employees of the church, particularly in the place where I serve.

I will be a responsible participant in the life and work of my Association, Conference, and the United Church of Christ.

I will be a responsible representative of the Church Universal and participate in those activities which strengthen its unity, witness and mission. I will seek the counsel of the Conference or Association Minister or the Association Committee on the Ministry should divisive tensions threaten my relationship with those with whom I minister.

The Ethics of Ministry

I will regard all persons with equal respect and concern and undertake to minister impartially.

I will honor all confidences shared with me.

I will not use my position, power, or authority to exploit any person.

I will not use my position for personal financial gain, nor will I misuse the finances of the institution which I serve.

I will not perform pastoral services within a parish or for a member of a parish without the consent of the pastor of that parish.

I will deal honorably with the record of my predecessor and successor.

I will not, upon my termination and departure from a ministry position, interfere with nor intrude upon the ministry of my successor.

Growth in Ministry

I will encourage and participate in the regular evaluation of my ministry.

I will seek to grow in faith, knowledge and the practice of ministry through intentional continuing education, study and devotion-al life.

I will cooperate with my Association in the periodic review of my ordained ministerial standing.

Commitments to Self and Family

I will live a life which honors my commitments to my family.

I will honor my need for time for physical and spiritual renewal, recreation and vacation.

I will honor my family’s need for privacy and time together.

I will be a responsible steward of my personal and family finances. I will honor and accept responsibility for all debts which I incur.

I will attend to my physical well-being and avoid abusive behaviors and abusive use of substances.

Relying on the grace of God, I will lead a life worthy of the calling to which I have been called.



Diaconate Notes

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!! Thanks to all who have participated and those who have signed up for future dates. The clipboard will be passed through the Congregation at various times to help fill in the holes.

The Diaconate has concluded the initial review of the church rolls after several work sessions. The next step will be for other “eyes” to review our results and provide input and suggestions. The results will then be shared with the Church Council. The Diaconate is also in process of developing a Policy and Procedure to help guide future roll reviews.

Upcoming events and activities for September 2018 include the following:

- ~Communion Sunday will be held on September 02, 2018.
- ~Round-Up Sunday, September 09, 2018-Chicken meal and dessert provided by the Social Sunday team following worship service. Please join us for this intergenerational event. All you have to bring is yourself!!
- ~Diaconate meeting at CUCC on September 12, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.
- ~Church Council meeting at CUCC on September 19, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.
- ~Warren Montgomery Day-celebration of his 90th birthday, September 23, 2018

God bless.
~Doyle Nyberg, Diaconate Chair



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

Your M&M board met on August 14th and discussed several ways that we’re reaching out to the greater community.

-- Your Backpack program, which many of you support with food and cash donations, received a \$1,500 gift from Sangre de Cristo Electric Company! As you know, we partner with the Optimist Club of Buena Vista, use volunteers from Chaffee County HS and welcome support from many groups in town. Our own Ken Rehborn is the manager of this vital program. Thank you, Ken, and thank you, Sangre de Cristo, for your generosity. Starting this school year we will be using reusable bags rather than plastic ones. Better for our beautiful environment!

-- Looking ahead, we decided to pursue a different Christmas mission this year. The International Heifer Project seems to top the list of possibilities. CUCC members and friends have participated previously, so let’s make this a “hands-on” outreach, giving gifts that keep giving year after year. We’ll keep you posted.

-- Chaffee County Annual School Drive/Family and Youth Initiatives. M&M has made a current donation of \$319 from our Lenten Free Will budget item. Local families sign up to shop for back-to-school supplies provided by donations such as ours.

-- Our Church’s Wider Mission—one of the 5 for 5 collections of the United Church of Christ. Collections were taken in August and a short video explaining how our contributions are used was shown. Thanks so much for your participation!

-- Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. Psalm 143:10

Lo! I come with joy to do the Father’s blessed will; Him in outward works pursue, and serve His pleasure still. Faithful to my Lord’s commands, I still would choose the better part; Serve with Martha’s careful hands, and loving Mary’s heart.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Duncan, M&M Chair

Part of our church family who would enjoy Prayers, Cards, or perhaps a Visit

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CUCC Special Dates

BIRTHDAYS

September 4—Judy Hassell
September 7—Farrell Coy
September 13—Fred McMurry
September 15—Gerry Venard
September 16—Carla Hansford
September 17—Norma Smith
September 17—Rod Struthers
September 18—Susan Helms
September 18—Mary Messamer
September 18—Ryan Tucker
September 24—Warren Montgomery
September 30—Wilma Williams

ANNIVERSARIES

September 4—John & Barb Groy
September 4—Ric & Char Houseman
September 4—Bob & Norma Smith
September 7—Rod & Sharie Schofield
September 20—Tom & Millie Meardon
September 22—Jim & Ruth Amster



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



Please Remember in Your Prayers

Nan Bohe—Healing
Mary Lou Bouman—Healing
Marcy Adams—Healing
Linda Baldwin—Healing
Kim Hughes (Doyle Nyberg's cousin)—Healing
Bryce Kelly—Healing
Sarah Struthers—Healing
Jordan Conradson—Healing
Terri Holloway McNorton—Healing
Randy Wagner—Healing
Codi Miller—Healing
Maryanne Wells (Janet Jones' sister-in-law)—Healing
Marlene Summers (Janet Steiner's sister)—Healing
Krissa Ferguson (Jean & Steve Ferguson's daughter-in-law)—Healing
Mark Russell (Marge Dorfmeister's nephew)—Healing
The Family of Courtney Shucker—Comfort
Gary Bragg (Ruth Amster's nephew)—Healing
The Family of Pete Gibbens—Comfort
Bill Waldorf—Healing
Del Jones—Healing
Mildred Rasmussen (Rebecca Poo's mom)—Healing
Kay Allinger—Healing
Ruth Lambert—Healing
Steve Wheeler—Comfort in the loss of his dad

Dear Reverend Rebecca,

As Kairos Donor Coordinator at Buena Vista Correctional Complex, and on behalf of the entire Kairos team, I wish to thank you for the support you and your congregation provide to our ministry. The availability of your facility throughout our Kairos weekend, as well as some of our formation meetings, are a true blessing. Your facilities are perfect for our needs.

You should expect to receive a check within the next couple of weeks.

Once again, thank you and your congregation for the support that you have shown to the Kairos Prison Ministry.

God Bless You

Patrick Dolan
Kairos Donor Coordinator



Thank you for your card & your concerns. Jean is having some problems & my Parkinson's is causing me a few problems. This old age can be tuff at times.

We miss you all,
Lew Lowe

SO WHEN IS THIS
"OLD ENOUGH TO
KNOW BETTER"
SUPPOSED TO KICK IN?

Board of Trustees Report for September, 2018

~ Congratulations! Congregational response in July was phenomenal: a congregant donated \$10,000 and the July response was over by \$12,416.00 and year to date under by \$1,765. Expenses for July were under by \$1,055. Total incoming year to date exceeded total expenses by \$5,456.00

~ Energy consumption in the Parsonage is being tracked, so that the savings on the heating bill due to the wood-burning stove can be followed.

~ Trustees voted that Lesley be added as signatory on checking, savings, and accounts.

~ The garden is working well.

~ Personnel matters are working well.

~ Ron has repaired lighting issues at the parsonage. The Parsonage window is repaired.

~ Sound system upgrade is approved by the Memorial Committee. To commence soon by Leo Accaira.

~ Flooring repair in the hall is approved. ~ Men's bathroom repair quote will be forthcoming.

~ Trustees are researching replacing seven windows in the sanctuary and five more at the cost of \$1,250. An offer of a \$1,000 contribution has been received. Please write a note to the Trustees concerning such improvement.

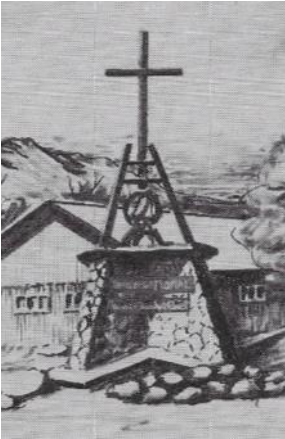


1. The bell tower was dedicated to the memory of Constance Downs, an RN/missionary. She served as RN at School of the Ozarks and moved to BV in 1954, passing away in 1975. Some said she was the glue which held the church together during the struggles of the '50's and '60's. (Thank you, VirJeanne!)

2. A Talent Show was held for many years in support of Habitat for Humanity. The show always got off to a flying start with "Chariots of Fire," a tradition performed by our talented pianists, VirJeanne Williams, Bev Werner and Marge Dorfmeister. During one of these shows, Jerry Venard surprised us all by reciting an original poem, and several times Don Taylor turned into a stand-up comic!



POETRY





View from the Mountain

“There’s No Turning Back”



“Gene, why is that cow crying so much?”
“Jean, I don’t know. Why is that cow crying so much?”
“Well,” I huffed, “you obviously don’t care that some cow around here is very sad.”

Some poor creature had been bawling all day long like its heart would break, and it was tearing me up.

“How can you ignore it?” I sputtered, because by dinnertime I had had it. “Gene, listen to me! Some cow is in big trouble. How do you know it’s not one of ours?”

“Because Jean, it’s coming from across the road,” he tossed at me. But giving up, he finally put his nursing book down and said, “Oh, all right, Jean sweetie, I’ll go see.”

He was gone maybe ten minutes and when he came back in, he said evenly, “It’s not one of ours and I couldn’t even find her. She’s probably just lonesome.”

“Just lonesome!” I cried. Being a writer and sensitive and with a big imagination and all, I got to thinking about this poor cow somewhere huddled against a fence, lonely and bawling. Sighing deeply, I got up, put my coat on, and went out to find her. I could not.

Night fell and I was glad. Darkness seems to blanket things somehow to hush us for a while and, sure enough, the crying stopped. We ate dinner and settled down to watch a movie, when all of the sudden this truck zoomed up our driveway and headed straight to our upper field. Before we could get out there, though, the truck turned around and zoomed out to the road again.

“What in the world was that?” I asked Gene, as if he knew anything more than I did.

“I don’t know, but they’re coming back,” Gene said. while heading for the back door again.

The driver of the truck was our neighbor. He stopped to say, “Listen, there’s a black heifer running up and down Flanagan Station Road bawling and we don’t know who she belongs to.”

We both took off running down our driveway behind the truck, though for the life of me, I don’t have the slightest idea what we thought we could do on foot.

Gene must have realized the same thing and ran back to get our green truck. But I, caught up in the drama, continued to run behind the truck. I got out on Flanagan Station Road and here came this very large young black heifer, barreling as fast as she could, with eyes wild, nose snorting, and tail flying. I braked to a full halt thinking, “And what if she turns right, right where I’m standing at the base of our driveway?”

And she would have done exactly that except that here came Gene, flying down our driveway in our truck, headlights freezing that poor girl in her tracks. She took one look at the bright headlight, lit out through our right field which runs parallel to our driveway, and ran straight up to our barn.

It all happened so fast, but I swear this is true. As she flew by me, I could hear her saying, “Here I come big boy. Wait for meeeee!” I recognized her voice, hoarse from bawling all day long. Why, she had been pining away for the love and attention of our handsome new black bull up behind our barn. It all became crystal clear to me. The thing is, she did live across the road, too far away to ever see our bull. But, baby, let me tell you, she knew he was up there and exactly where to find him. How, I do not know.

And let me tell you something else. It was love at first sight. All of us ran behind her fleeing rear end up the field to the barn. We flung open the gate for her, because it was absolutely clear that she had jumped one fence to get to this handsome guy and she would have no hesitation about jumping another one if necessary.

It was embarrassingly clear that they planned to make a night of it, so we decided to give them their privacy. “Tomorrow,” we said, “We will take her home again.” Ain’t love grand!

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



Ever see folks pointing big lenses up into the trees in the CUCC parking lot?

They’re shooting pictures of the Lewis's Woodpecker. CUCC’s trees provide a unique and somewhat rare habitat for this beautiful bird!

Here to the left is a leader from the Conservancy educating an interested community member. At other times you might see a whole van load of people from Vail or Aspen or other places quite intrigued with our “church birds."



Lewis’s Woodpeckers: Head, back, wings, and tail are metallic greenish-black. The collar and breast are gray and the belly is pinkish-red. The face is dark red framed in greenish-black. Male and females look alike. Juveniles are more brownish-black on back, lacking extensive gray, red, and pink coloration of adults (but can be highly variable).

These birds nest in abandoned tree cavities in dead trees and don’t excavate their own nest holes as do other woodpeckers, unless it can be excavated in a soft snag. The mated pair may return to the same nest location in consecutive years. Both sexes participate in incubation. Unlike most woodpeckers, Lewis’s do not peck at wood for food, but catch flying insects in the air or glean insects from leaves, branches, trunks, or from the ground. This woodpecker also eats berries and caches nuts for use in the winter. Lewis’s woodpeckers can be found in Colorado year-round.

What is the Bazaar?

As we start to mention info about the bazaar, it's possible that we just think everyone knows what we're talking about, but we’re learning that maybe we need to do a little more explaining.

The bazaar date has had many places on the calendar. Some years it was more than one day. Currently, it is on the first Saturday of November. This year is our 91st year! and falls on November 3. Although it is listed as a Women's Missionary Society activity, it requires "all hands on deck." Everyone may be asked to help.

Departments are:

Crafts—new, homemade items, covering all interests

Baked goods—yum!

Candy—also yum!

Books—yes, people do still read turn-the-page editions

Collectibles—people collect everything, so this is a broad category

Treasures—what’s been in your attic/spare room that you’re finally ready to part with?

Lunch—and yet again yum!

The money is collected and used by WMS for its many worthwhile programs.

Please, if you still aren't sure, don't be afraid to ask!!



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 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.

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, or pick one up in the kiosk at church.

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.



Backpack Program

Food items always in demand:

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

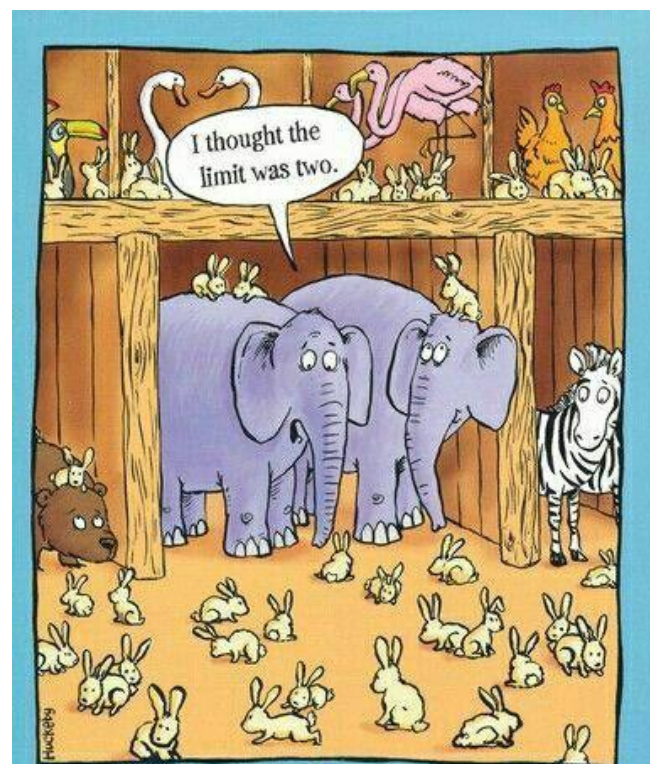
*Fruit cups (individual)

*Chef Boyardee, pasta, etc.

*Pudding Cups *Granola or Cereal Bars

As always, cash donations are appreciated, too!

September	Scriptures
Sunday, September 2	— James 1:17-27
Sunday, September 9	— Mark 7:24-37
Sunday, September 16	— Mark 8:27-38
Sunday, September 23	— Mark 9:30-37
Sunday, September 30	— Mark 9:38-50



DAY 39 ON THE ARK.

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 or call 395-2544 to receive a copy.

Also available in large print before the service —ask a greeter.

CHURCH-COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



IT'S WARREN MONTGOMERY DAY!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

IN HONOR OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY!

JOIN CUCC IN CELEBRATING WARREN'S BIRTHDAY
—THERE WILL BE CAKE!



IT'S A PARTY IN HONOR OF MARY MESSAMER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

12:00PM-4:00PM

JOIN LES IN CELEBRATING MARY'S BIRTHDAY WITH A POTLUCK LUNCH AND MORE AT THE CHURCH. JOIN IN THE FUN EVEN IF YOU DON'T BRING A DISH!

Git yer cowboy on for Roundup Sunday!! and a Social Sunday Feast!

(otherwise known as Winner-Winner Chicken-Dinner-Not-a-Potluck)
September 9

Roundup Sunday begins with Adult Education at 9:00am, continues with the 10:00 worship service and Children's Church and concludes with a delicious lunch (it's gonna be sooo good) after the service!

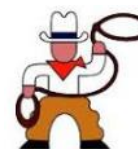
Now it's back to our "regular" schedule:

~ Choir begins Wednesday, September 5, at 6:00pm

~ Adult Education, 9:00am, beginning September 9

~ WMS resumes its monthly programs

~ the Backpack Program returns weekly on Thursdays at 9:45am



Collegiate Peaks Forum Series presents
Avalanche Science—The Cold Facts
Thursday, September 13, 7:00pm
BV Community Center

Dr. Ethan Greene, Director of the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC), gives the scoop on all things avalanche—good information for us living here in the mountains!

A Little Help needs you!

Please consider volunteering for this program to benefit your neighbor. Who knows—you may ask to receive a little help in the future yourself!

Information and sign-up forms for both volunteers and recipients are available in the narthex—



A LITTLE HELP

Kairos Event—Closing Ceremony
Sunday, Sept. 30, 1:00pm-3:30pm
BV Correctional Complex Prison Chapel



You are invited to the Closing Ceremony of a Kairos 4-day Prison Ministry Retreat. Participating offenders will share their testimony and community members can demonstrate their prayer support and see how some of our faith-based programs work from the inside.

If you are interested, please have them contact Rebecca Volz at rebecca.volz@state.co.us for a Consent to Search form and return it to her by Monday, September 17th.

Thank you for your support of Prison Ministry.

Rebecca Volz is the Regional Volunteer Coordinator
Faith and Citizen Programs

The church office will be **CLOSED** on Wednesday, September 5, but **OPEN** on Thursday, September 6. Sorry for any inconvenience!

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!

Rebecca,
Thank you for hosting our “A Little Help” meeting.
I also appreciate all your help & guidance.
You are a real gem.
Love,
Sara Ward
Director of A Little Help




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, call my cell at 719-252-6890, or email me at revbecca@icloud.com.



ARCHWAY HOUSING
& SERVICES PRESENTS

CARRIE NEWCOMER

& Pianist Gary Walters

Please join us for a benefit concert featuring Quaker / singer-songwriter / activist Carrie Newcomer.

Carrie's music lends a voice that resonates with rich traditions of supporting issues of peace, social justice and progressive spirituality in our communities.


Archway Housing & Services is a UCC Rocky Mountain Conference ministry providing rental housing for over 350 low-income families in the Denver Metro area. All proceeds from this concert will benefit the Family Services Program.

Don't miss out on this special event and the opportunity to support this ministry!

SATURDAY, OCT 27TH 2018
DOORS OPEN: 7 PM
PERFORMANCE: 8 PM

First Plymouth Congregational Church
3501 S. Colorado Blvd
Englewood, CO 80113

Support this cause by purchasing tickets at:
www.archwayhousingandservices.com





Community Awareness Event on the National Opioid Crisis
Written Off: The Journals Will Explain Everything
Tuesday, September 11, 6:30pm-8:00pm
Salida SteamPlant

A video documentary and expert panel discussion on the science and struggle of addiction. FREE.

Rebecca,
We are sending this to you, but we know there were *so many people* who jumped in to provide desserts for the Firefighters Benefit on Saturday, July 28th. You contacted us to offer help, and then ran full speed to get so many others involved; your effort—and all your friends—made an extraordinary contribution to the event. To get such an amazing selection of truly pretty and *really* delicious desserts—and such variety!! We couldn't have imagined or paid for what we received.

We really cannot express how much we as a group appreciate your effort, and all of the work put in—on short notice—by all the other people you put the word out to. Even though the weather took a turn for the worse, there was outstanding turnout from the community, everyone loved the food (couldn't believe the dessert!!), and people were happy to make a donation. Had the weather not wreaked the havoc that it did, we think this event would have set a precedent for years to come.

We didn't plan on the kind of support received from you and your circle. As you know, all of the remaining desserts from the event (because it was cut short) were packed up and word was put out that these homemade sweets were available on Sunday. In two short hours, everything was sold that day for an additional \$344. Perhaps you have heard, the BV Ambassadors—on behalf of the community—were able to make cash donations totaling \$2,250 to the firefighters from the County, Salida, and Buena Vista.

We thank you so, so much for participating with us, serving the community, and setting an example of local philanthropy. Please let everyone that baked and iced and dipped know that it was impressive to everyone!

Sincerely yours,
Wendy Hall
for the Board of the BV Ambassadors



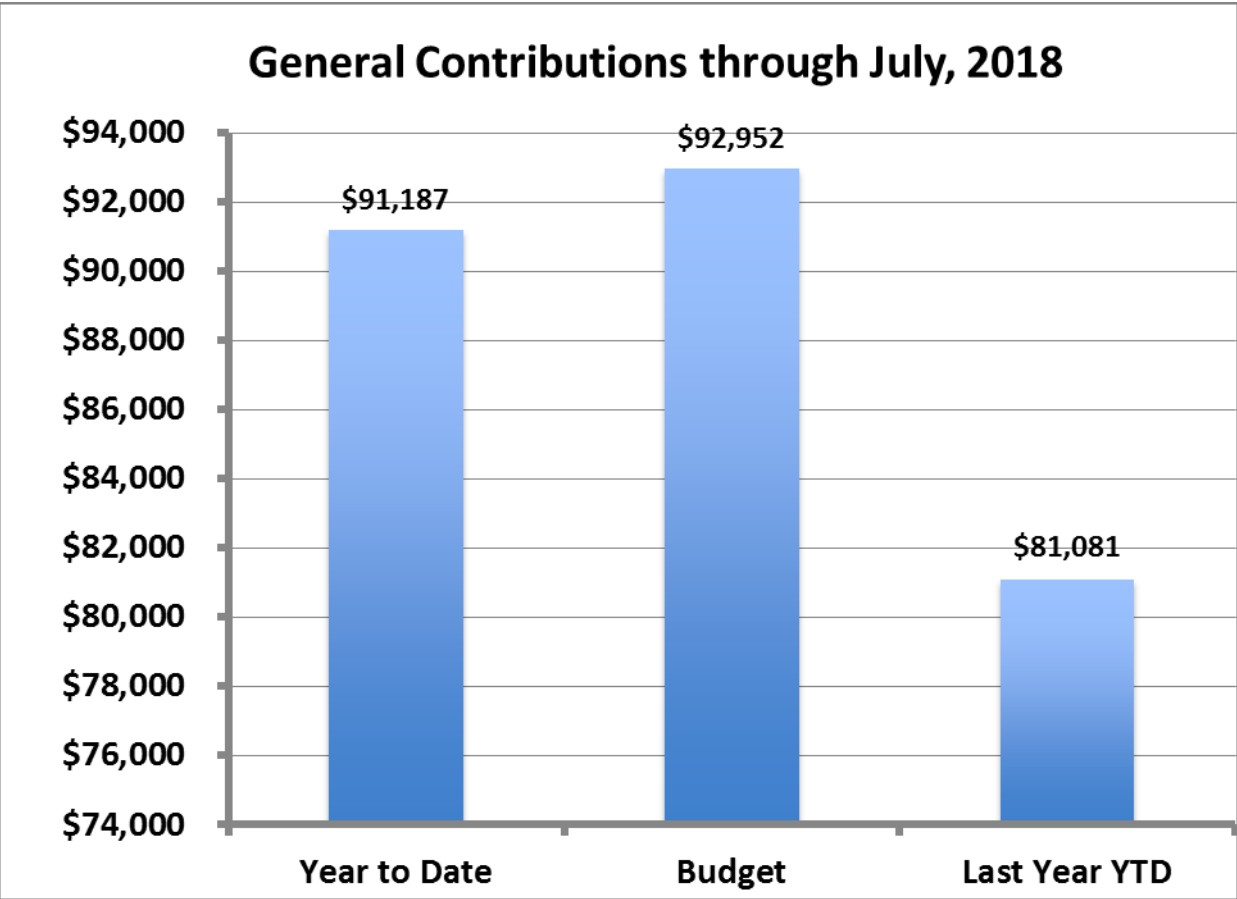
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Educational Tour of the Holy Land
December 29, 2018-January 10, 2019

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 Church in Jerusalem.

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





Kudos Kolumn

Trustees do many things behind the scenes to keep our grounds beautiful and safe. Thanks so much for the new chains for the swings!! (and for everything else you do!)



Thank you Rhonda Funston and Kathy Roman for taking all those clothes to La Puente for the victims of the recent fires. That was a labor of love! And thank you to all those who contributed!



Wow! That's a lot of clothing! Kathy Roman and VirJeanne Williams load them up ready to go.



WMS Program

Thursday, September 27
1:00pm, CUCC

"Strengthening Ourselves"
with Lacey Trusty

Hostesses
Linda Rak & Jan Scar

BV Strong Community Dinner Monday, September 24, 5:30pm

If you would like to host a table,
please visit www.bvstrong.com.

Even if you haven't arranged to join a
table, please come—there will be
open seats!



VirJeanne, Rhonda, and Kathy—thank you,
ladies, for your wonderful efforts on behalf of the
La Puente clothing drive!

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am AA-AE 9am Al-Anon- #7
2 10am Communion Worship & Children's Church 11am Coffee Hour	3 8:15am- 12pm Strong Women -AE	4 8:30am TOPS-CH 11:30am-1pm Rep. Women -FH, K 6pm-7:30pm Webelos -FH, D 6:30pm-8pm Scouts-FH 6:30pm Al-Anon-#7 7pm TELLS	5 OFFICE CLOSED 12pm AA -AE 6pm Choir/ MSG-CH 7pm OA-#7	6 OFFICE OPEN 9:15-9:45am Backpacks -FH 10am-12pm Journey Group-RR 7pm AA-AE	7 8:15am -12pm Strong Women-AE	8 9am AA-AE 9am Al-Anon -#7 11:00am-1:00pm Celebration of Life for Pete Gibbens-S, K, FH
9 ROUNDUP SUNDAY 9am Adult Ed-AE 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Coffee Hour	10 8:15am- 12pm Strong Women -AE 6:30pm- 8:30pm CPC-S-CH	11 8:30am TOPS-CH 4:30pm-6pm M&M-AE 6pm-7:30pm Webelos -FH, D 6:30pm-8pm Scouts-FH 6:30pm Al-Anon-#7	12 9-9:30am Celtic Prayer Circle-RR 12pm AA -AE 4pm Diaconate-AE 6pm Choir -CH 7pm OA-#7	13 9:15-9:45am Backpacks -FH 3:30-4:30 HCFAA-FH 4pm CE-PO 7-8:30pm Trustees -#7 7pm AA-AE	14 8:15am -12pm Strong Women-AE 9am-12pm Fiber Guild -FH 7:30pm- 9:30pm Comm. Dance-FH	15 9am AA-AE 9am Al-Anon-#7 9:45am Al-Anon Bus. Mtg.-#7 12pm-4pm Mary Messamer Birthday Party -K, FH, N, D
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30 9am Adult Ed.-AE 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Cof. Hr.			AE=Adult Education Room CH=Choir Room D=Drama Room	FH= Fellowship Hall K=Kitchen N= Nursery	PO= Pastor's Office RR= Rainbow Room	S= Sanctuary #7= Room 7 #8= Room 8

CUCC Council Minutes
August 15 , 2018

Present: Kathy Roman, Marge Erickson, Ron Erickson, Doyle Nyberg, Rebecca Kemper Poos, Kay Allinger, Betsy Neas, Helen Duncan, Bowie Duncan, Judy Hassel, Merilee Dougherty, Ron Rak

Marge Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:04pm, opening with an inspiring prayer. A review of upcoming events on the church calendar was noted on the Meeting Agenda.

General Business and Reports

Minutes from the June 27 Council Meeting were approved as written– Motion by Betsy N./Ron R.

Clerk’s Report: Ron R. reported that Pete Gibbens passed away August 14. He was an inactive member of CUCC. Nancy Best from the church office noted a Buena Vista address on record, and requested family addresses from any church acquaintances.

Treasurer’s Report: Marge E., speaking for Treasurer Cindy Helm, highlighted the July 31 Financial Statement. Doyle noted that July was a good month for church income, and that the church was \$1700 under budget YTD.

Moderator’s Report: Marge announced a commitment to start a Celtic prayer session on Wednesdays in the Rainbow Room.

Pastor’s Report: Rebecca announced that CUCC received a grant from the Lilly Foundation of CTS for \$35,217 for a clergy renewal program. There are some requirements to be processed by CUCC in August, and CUCC cannot announce the grant in public media until October.

A Pastoral Relations Committee should be established for the church – it’s in the bylaws. Council members were asked whether there was a committee in the past, how were the members selected, what was the term of office, and how do other churches do it? Doyle and Rebecca will research the details. Marge offered to work with Rebecca to select candidates, and a list will be discussed at the September Council meeting. If a list is available before the next meeting, a special Council meeting may be called. Helen made a motion/Judy 2nd that Rebecca will determine the names of possible candidates to establish a Pastoral Relations Committee of up to 5 members, following the bylaws. The motion passed unanimously.

Rebecca is planning a vacation August 20th to the 25th. A substitute minister is scheduled.

Continuing Business

Rebecca reported an offer from Leo Acaira to upgrade the sanctuary sound system for \$430. This type of upgrade would normally cost about \$2000. The Memorial Committee approved this project to be funded by Memorial Funds and reported such to Council.

New Business

Formally appoint Lesley Fagerberg as a signatory on the CUCC bank accounts. Judy H. made a motion that Lesley Fagerberg be appointed as signatory on the church bank accounts. Council approved unanimously. Doyle noted that earlier this summer two signatures have been made on all church checks, those of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary, and a third person was now needed as back-up.

Special Report from the Stewardship Task Force – Merilee Dougherty. Merilee read the Task Force Notes of July 24th, prepared by Bill Waldorf (copy attached to these minutes), and requested comments from Council. Bowie mentioned that the Trustees Board is in favor of the suggested changes, and that a one-year trial period to determine the effects of the changes is a good idea. Betsy questioned the size of the Finance and Budget Team, and the fact that those team members have dual duty on other Teams. However, it was felt that this Team would only have to meet probably four times a year. It was also suggested that a couple of members at-large might be a good addition to this Team to offer differing viewpoints on expenditures. Rebecca suggested that the Task Force revisit the makeup of this Team.

Reports of Boards, Affiliated Organizations, Committees

Diaconate – Doyle. He reported that the main work of the Board in the last several months has been reviewing and re-classifying the church membership roles. Defining active membership (described in the bylaws), and inactive membership (by T, T,&T [time, talent, and treasure]) is taking a lot of time. Accurate roles are necessary to determine per capita payments to the Rocky Mountain Conference and Southeastern Association. Doyle indicated that another month will be needed to finalize the membership status Policies & Procedures.

Mission and Ministry – Helen. The focus of the Board in August will be promoting OCWM to the congregation, and audio-visual information from the UCC is being researched. Offerings will be taken on August 12, 19, and 26.

A large contribution of \$1500 to the Backpack program was received from Sangre de Cristo Electric Association. This was due to social interaction between the Optimist Club president and the CEO of Sangre de Cristo. Additionally, changes to the Backpack program for the fall include use of reusable grocery bags as the “backpacks,” which come as a donation from Re/Max real estate and other community donors through Jacy Doumas.

Since school is starting soon, M&M decided to contribute to an organization providing school supplies to local children. A contribution of \$319 will be made to FYI from the Lenten Free Will Offering Fund. Also for the fall, it was felt that supporting sustainable outreach was an important goal, and taking a fresh look at the worldwide scope of the Heifer Project will be researched.

Trustees – Bowie noted that lighting upgrades to the parsonage have been completed. Smoke detector replacements will be the next priority. Energy consumption of the parsonage is being studied to assess the positive effects of the woodstove on the heating bill.

Window replacements in the sanctuary and fellowship hall are being studied due to a \$1000 offer by a member to start a fund for new windows.

Christian Education – Judy H. reported no progress on finding a Children’s Church Coordinator. However, work on determining a new curriculum for the fall/winter/spring season is progressing. The program will emphasize more family-interactive take-home projects.

Bowie suggested some ideas for a youth/adult mission trip for 2019. He mentioned recent discussions with Mark Wolters and son Cameron and others, and getting names & contact info from Kacie Wheeler as possibilities for a collaborative venture.

Women’s Missionary Society - Kay A. announced that the group decided to make a significant contribution to the church in August of \$3000 to assist the church budget. The next focus of WMS will be supporting the upcoming fall Bazaar. They have offered a quilt and another craft item for the Bazaar raffle.

Memorial Windows - Regarding the Trustee-consideration of replacement windows, it was suggested that a “Memorial Window” capital project may be considered. Rebecca asked for comments from Council on the idea. What do we think? How do we sell it? There was a detailed discussion of whether funds raised for the project should be placed in the existing Memorial Fund or a new “window fund.” Details of the windows such as including stained glass, commemorative plaques, and different types of windows for different locations were aired. Marge moved/Kathy 2nd to establish a Window Task Force to research the project. Council affirmed the motion.

Announcements/Final Comments

Marge Erickson adjourned the meeting with a unison reading of a portion of the Buena Vista United Church of Christ Identity Statement, “Growing Spiritually By:”, and the included passage from Hebrews.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 19 at 7:00p.m.

Prepared by Ron Rak, Clerk

CE News for September 2018



Round up Sunday is almost HERE! Dude yourselves up and head for the corral – Oh! I mean the Adult Education Room for a 9:00am expedition and adventure into Paul—one of the more intriguing personalities in the New Testament. Then gallop on into the sanctuary for more great activities and worship. The CE Board plans to gift each of the children present with an age-appropriate Bible.

Along those lines, the CE board needs 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. We are still looking for a Children’s Church Coordinator. Spread the word or consider your own calling to this position.

Respectfully Submitted, Laurie Stevens, Chair

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SEA UCC NEWS

Sunday, October 21, The Southeastern Association Annual Meeting
First Congregational UCC in Colorado Springs, 20 E St Vrain St.
3:00pm-5:00pm

Please come prepared to share with those gathered how your church has participated in the national campaign of Three Great Loves. Feel free to bring stories, pictures, songs etc. to share with the group. There will be an opportunity to brainstorm ways to collaborate with other UCC communities.



The Songs of Hope concert fundraiser held at CUCC last spring contributed to the new recycling bin at the Splash Park. Yay! And it’s quite attractive, too.

