

***Congregational
United Church of Christ***

Sunday Schedule
9:00am Adult Education
10:00am Worship Service
& Children's Church
11:00am Coffee Hour

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News and Views

Congregational United Church of Christ

October, 2018

MODERATOR'S MOMENT

“LOVE IS STILL THE WAY”

“Feasting on Creation and the Word”

“This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you.”

John 15:12

Our eyes are feasting on the new color palette of autumn as the change of the season from green to gold occurs all around us. Something so grand could only be planned by God— it is not our doing at all. Something grand is also happening to all of us who have chosen to bind ourselves together in love in order to step into the future. The trees are telling us to prepare for this year's winter. The times are telling us as a church that change is the way to new life!

In this “techno-age” we all struggle to have a face, to be known by a few others as “a caring human being.” We want to be seen as valuable, no matter if we are a tiny new baby or a nonagenarian! We as a faith community value each other even in our differences. We are all precious in GOD'S SIGHT!

The Church Council wishes to give you 30 days' notice as of this writing that we will convene a Congregational Meeting on November 11th following worship to consider structural changes that will affect our Boards and Committees. These changes will be on a trial basis for one year. It is our hope that the changes will conserve energy and creativity in carrying on the mission/ worship/outreach of the Church so that our effectiveness to reach out to others may grow. We want to extend helping hands to persons in this community and in the world.

Christ has set us free! (Galatians 5:1) to be messengers of love and forgiveness!
We want to share this *good news* in new ways.

The last part of the CUCC of Buena Vista 'Identity Statement' commits us as a congregation to inclusiveness in who we proclaim ourselves to be.

What do these words mean to you?

WELCOMING AND ACCEPTING BY:

- *Committing ourselves to be a church for all people
- *Integrating people of all ages into active congregational participation
- *Respecting and accepting diversity
- *Striving to overcome our prejudices
- *Loving and practicing kindness toward all
- *Laughing together and enjoying one another



The guiding scripture is Galatians 3:28-29: “There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

We may not know all the answers, but we do know who is leading us forward—God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Thankful, Grateful and Blessed by all of you.
Marjorie Erickson, Moderator



PASTOR’S ARTICLE, October, 2018

*Ministering is a way of **being**, I suppose. (Mallory Everhart)*
Vocation has no office, no time, no place, no circumscribed performance.
Vocation is in all times, in all places, in all relationships.
*It's not 'what you **do**; it's who you **are**.'* (Anonymous)

From time to time, someone mentions the idea of posting “Office Hours.” Not for the Office Staff, in this case, but for the Pastor. I listen to this advice, and then sit down to do it. And, I get stuck. And, I feel my whole being resisting, as well as the fingers that are typing the schedule. And, I ask myself why the resistance

For starters, as soon as I try to start with Monday, which is supposed to be my day off, I remember how I spent the last one working most of the day on church stuff. And the one before that.....and how next Monday will be as well.....Then, Tues, Weds, Thurs and Fri, I start work early and end late, usually about 7 am to 10 pm, but some of those hours are at the home office, some at community meetings and gatherings, some in meetings in the church but not *in* the office, some in people’s homes, nursing homes or hospital; out on a walk & talk, or coffee, or in a quiet place trying to focus on a sermon, and I realize as soon as I start to “lock down” something as concrete as Office Hours, I’m bumping into exceptions and setting up false expectations. The *last* thing I want to do is have someone come to the office thinking they can meet with me and be disappointed because that sign on the door isn’t true! Fake news!

You know what? The pastor’s office hours are *all* hours! Ministry now is very different from decades past. Sitting behind a desk, at the “Church Office” is simply *not* where ministry happens, in this technological age that also craves relationship. Remember: Jesus never sat at a desk! “Office Hours” are important to post for the Communication/ Reception Staff and for the world to know when they might stop by and find a person to talk to or call or might expect a response from a message. But as your pastor, I am available to you and on call 24/7, and ministry happens at all hours. If you have a pastoral emergency, you can always reach me. Other needs will be responded to in good time—I promise!

Perhaps, I should tell you about my understanding of ministry. The quotes above in italics are a good place to start. A song was taught to us in seminary from the United Church of Canada. It’s on my “hard drive”—by that, I mean deeply embedded in my heart and mind and being. A few of the lines:

WE HAVE THIS MINISTRY (by Jim Strathdee, 1979)
We have this ministry and we are not discouraged;
it is by God’s own power that we may live and serve.
Openly we share God’s word, speaking truth as we believe,
praying that the shadowed world may healing light receive.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.

The yoke of Christ is ours, **the whole world is our parish...**
We have this ministry, O God, receive our loving.

That. That one line. “**The whole world is our parish!**” That is where I live and breathe from. One guideline we were taught in seminary is helpful here and in all aspects of our ministry. “Make *explicit* what is *implicit*.” I find time and again that what I think is obvious and apparent is only known to a few. Or what I *assume* is a shared approach is not necessarily shared by everyone.

A good example of that is community involvement. I and most pastors are heavily involved in our local and wider community *as a part* of our ministry. It’s who we are and how we do what we do. It comes out of a core belief of the purpose of church: To be *with* and *for* the community, inside and out. To “Be the Church” in the world—inside our doors and out. I am *continually* looking for ways to connect our congregation with the wider community in collaboration, communication, service and to the benefit of all. (And yes, to *invite* everyone to Worship and minister with us!) To stay focused inside our own building, physically or spiritually, is anathema to what the church is called to be, as I see it, and would surely make Jesus weep!

The Collegiate Peaks Chorale, Collegiate Peaks Forum Series, Communities that Care Coalition are the current organizations where I am leading and representing our faith community. I also seek to support and volunteer with Sustainable BV, A Little Help, Midland Hikers, Spectrum Alliance of Chaffee County, and others, as I see their intentions and focus as going hand-in-hand with ours as a Christian church. Loving the Sacred, our neighbors, and the earth are foundational principles we all agree on, for us as Christians and others on their faith journey. In past years, I worked as a Chaplain for Hospice, connecting those resources to the needs of our church folks, friends and family, as well as nurturing the spiritual life beyond our doors, in all stages of life.

Neighbors in Need

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering that supports works of justice and compassion in the United States and abroad. Two-thirds of the Neighbors In Need receipts support program initiatives and direct grants offered through the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries. BV CUCC will collect this special offering on October 7 (Worldwide Communion Sunday) and October 14. The pew envelopes will be available through October 21.



Here is one story of how NIN changes lives.

San Francisco Night Ministry

Taking a stand against poverty and injustice, the ***San Francisco Night Ministry*** (SFNM) strives to be living crucibles of Christ’s care, compassion, and concern for those who find themselves on the streets, or in bars or coffee shops, alone, afraid, and hopeless. As a Neighbors in Need 2010 grant recipient, the SFNM mission states that they will provide middle-of-the-night compassionate non-judgmental pastoral care, counseling, referral and crisis intervention to anyone in any kind of distress every night of the year.

Associate Night Minister, the Rev. Thom Longino reports, “Many nights I start my nightly walk by going to a Burger King near our home base of operations. I have gotten to know several of the guys who panhandle there. There is one in particular, “Mason,” with whom I have had extensive conversations – sometimes over coffee and donuts, but mostly standing there while he panhandles at the drive-thru.”

Rev. Thom further adds, “Mason panhandles for money to pay bills, and to have money for food. Since I have known Mason, he has gone from sleeping on the streets and sometimes on friends’ floors, to having his own room in a residential hotel. Mason has also started to think about what he wants to do for money by not panhandling. Mason is thinking of gardening or working as an in-home health aide. I do not claim responsibility for this. However, Mason has said that our on-going conversations have often been the impetus for his thinking about his future. I am just being faithful to the call God has put on my life to love, talk and walk with our sisters and brothers.”

The San Francisco Night Ministry staff endeavor to witness and example the teachings of Christ Jesus. This crucial witness is akin to the core values of United Church of Christ: *changing lives, continuing testament and extravagant welcome*. To learn more about SFNM visit www.sfnightministry.org.

Current Adult Education Opportunities

Sunday Morning Faith Education begins at 9:00am in the AE room. Now studying N. T. Wright’s “Paul: A Biography.”

Tuesday Evening Ladies’ Literary Society (TELLS), 7:00pm, held at members’ homes. Now studying “Banished: A Memoir, Surviving My Years in the Westboro Baptist Church, by Lauren Drain.

Monday Morning Mens’ Study, 8:00am, Grace Church, 203 W Main. Now studying “Original Goodness: A Commentary on the Beatitudes,” by Eknath Easwaran.

Submitted by Ron Erickson, Adult Education coordinator



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
6380 NE Cherry Dr., Apt. 515
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Bonnie Guenther (719) 395-2261
PO Box 12
318 Pinon Street, Buena Vista, CO 81211

Lew and Jean Lowe (719) 490-8288
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

Millie & Tom Meardon (719) 221-2067 -M
531 McAfee Avenue, Las Animas, CO 81054

Gail Moffat (719) 221-1131
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Ada Morrison (970) 481-2287
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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
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Buena Vista, CO 81211



CUCC Special Dates

BIRTHDAYS

October 6—Roger Cason
October 9—Jon Roorda
October 10—Tom Rawlins
October 11—Herb Daugherty
October 13—VirJeanne Williams
October 13—Alice Wolters
October 15—Reggie Nelson
October 16—Don Taylor
October 16—Brady Wolters
October 19—Shirl Holloway
October 21—Dick Scar
October 22—Larry Howell
October 24—Ruth Amster
October 31—Karen Bowers

ANNIVERSARIES

October 25—Steve & Adele Jackson
October 30—Tom & Mary Ann Hoyt



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

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Bill Waldorf—Healing
Nan Bohe—Healing
Mary Lou Bouman—Healing
Marcy Adams—Healing
Linda Baldwin—Healing
Kim Hughes (Doyle Nyberg's cousin)—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
Gary Bragg (Ruth Amster's nephew)—Healing
Bill Waldorf—Healing
Kay Allinger—Healing
Ruth Lambert—Healing
Linda Swanson—Healing
Ali Lufkin—Healing
Ada Morrison—Healing
Oliver Sterzing—Healing

That community involvement by myself and other CUCCers has brought many people to and alongside our church—singing in worship and concerts, gathering for meetings, educating ourselves, joining in mission (and gardening and hiking!) together. It's also "taking the church to the world" in essential ways—can't tell you how many times I've been out in the community and someone says, "Tell me about your church! You seem to be involved in so many things." We won't grow our church from the office anymore than you can grow a garden from inside the house!

All that said, I still want to give a general idea of my week (remember—there are *always* exceptions!). I am present at the church or nearby and findable: Suns: 6am-2pm; Mons 6pm-10pm; Tues, Weds, Thurs 8am-10 pm; Fridays & Saturdays in and out throughout—working on worship and sermon prep and finishing up loose ends.

If I'm not in the Church Office, I might be...

- Connecting people with each other and resources: about their aging parents' needs or anything at all!
- Communicating broadly who we are as CUCC: what CUCC is up to and how we understand the love of God for all.
- Pastoral visiting and care in homes and hospitals, on walks and rides; cards, emails and texts.
- Exploring collaborative endeavors: music, education, mission projects that we can do with others.
- Reaching out to a guest to BV who ended up in the midst of a tragedy and searching for a lost dog.
- Exploring ways for us to be more green and to walk more gently on the earth (e.g. no Styrofoam!).
- Meeting with families to plan memorial services and weddings.
- Encouraging music (along with Janet and Teresa) by bringing in special guests, especially young people.
- Consulting with colleagues for advice on: organizational structure, ministry evaluations, children's and adult education, pastoral relations, legal issues, and what *they* do about office hours!
- Learning how others are creatively and bravely facing the same challenges we are: shrinking budgets, smaller membership, fewer participants overall, rising costs of building maintenance.
- Talking to potential donors about their interest in our projects and programs (at times on my horse!).
- Writing grant requests of various kinds to fund our ongoing and future missions.
- Writing references for young and old alike and testifying in court as one who knows people's gifts.
- Updating church leaders on pastoral care concerns and team-working responses.
- Meeting with church leaders in all areas of administration, communication, and movement forward.
- Working with technicians to upgrade the sound/video system and wifi throughout the church.
- Scouting on ahead in countless arenas—where is the Church universal going, and how can we, as CUCC, be part of the vital, strong, exciting future that God intends?
- Consulting with other churches and communities on how to start and run a lecture series.
- Exploring speakers on faith issues that we might bring here with the help (and funding) of the CPFS.
- Reading my "homework" for TELLS each week, in order to help lead the discussion. Ordering next books.
- Prepping a sermon and creative worship—whether for the coming Sunday or weeks later. (I do my most creative thinking and planning mucking the corral, walking the dogs, or riding my horse—really!)
- Baking things for the Bazaar while listening to podcasts and music for worship and sermon ideas.
- Praying for CUCC members, friends, loved ones, and the church itself!

I could list a bunch more things, but that would bore you and Nancy says we need to get this newsletter out! So, instead, I will invite you to join in this ministry of our church with me. Want to know what I'm about as your pastor, where I am, what I'm working on, thinking about and exploring, and what my vision (God-given, I trust!) is for CUCC?

Come, join me *on* this journey, *in* this ministry, *with* this vision. Make a date to get together and talk—when you know you'll have my complete attention and we can be fully present to one another.

Blessings on us all, as we serve our God in faith together, following the Way of Jesus, Rebecca

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View from the Mountain

“Animals Know”

Mother Theresa, one of my life heroes, said in essence that any human who has not loved an animal has an incomplete soul. That’s a pretty powerful statement and I believe it. In fact, I find I can’t get close or even trust any person who does not like animals.

I was very young when I knew that animals would be a big part of my life, and they sure have been. Do you know that way back during my dating years, if I found a boy I particularly liked, I would invite him home for dinner. It wasn’t necessarily to meet my mother and daddy or my brothers. It was to see how our dogs and cats liked him. Let me tell you, if the dogs barked or growled or the cats hissed and fled, that was the end of that relationship. To me, it just proved the saying, “Animals know.”

Why do I feel so strongly about this? It is because I have learned that trust is the key ingredient and that is on both sides. I learned while working for Tyson Research Center for Wild Animals that even if the animal is feral or unsocialized, they usually instinctively know whether a human can be trusted.

A good bit of my life has been spent loving and caring for animals, including wild and unsocialized wolves. I learned early on that animals trust me instinctively. I, first of all, respect them, but I don’t fear them. Only then am I fit for loving and they know it.

Case in point. Not too long ago I received an email from my friend Martha, a fellow animal lover and worker. It told a simple story of a woman who lived on the migration route of hummingbirds as they fly south in the fall.

One day she saw about twenty hummingbirds in her back yard resting from their journey in progress. If you ever observed these little birds, you know they are highly nervous, high-strung physically, and they dart about so fast you cannot see their wings move. They scatter if you come even close to them or their feeder.

But this lady wanted to help them, so she filled a little red dish with sugar water and sat down on a chair in her back yard. She silently held the dish in the palm of her hand and waited.

She waited quite a while, and then five of the weary travelers hovered behind her, and feeling confident that they could trust her, they landed on her hand and started drinking the sweet water. The rest followed and drank, landing all over her. When interviewed on a local radio station, she was asked how the skittish birds felt safe to land and drink. She answered simply, “Birds know about trust.”

Accompanying this story were pictures. I was very touched to see such defenseless little creatures know it was safe to land on this lady’s hand and drink. To me, this story needs no other words. It is simply one of God’s creatures caring for another of God’s creatures, and isn’t that just exactly what we are supposed to do in this life?

My prayer: Humble us Lord and remind us we are all “of God,” and He loves us, everyone.

The view from the mountain is wondrous.

Jean Brody



CE News

As you are reading this, Roundup Sunday has provided us with some fresh hay for fodder and inspiration, the women have had a wonderful retreat, and we will have had a formal dedication of the “Jim Close Memorial Garden,” as well as having the final harvest of most of the garden’s bounty.

Moving into October, we want to provide meaningful worship experiences for young and old, so of course we are looking at our budget and available funds. Please let board members know of your ideas and spiritual needs to have planning included in our agenda.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 11 from 4:00pm-7:00pm for a presentation of a documentary, “Traces of the Trade,” followed by discussion of the residual repercussions of slavery in this country.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Stevens, Chair

The M&M report this month is the article on
Neighbors in Need.

Board of Trustees Report

**As the trustees did not meet in September,
there is no report this month.**



Thanks to those who inquire from time to time about Paisley, my great-niece. Paisley is now 3 1/2 years old. She is no longer wearing glasses or oxygen, which makes life much easier. She can stand next to things and has braces on her legs at times, but isn't taking steps yet. She sat on the bleachers at a football game and looked pretty secure—with some helpful knees at back. She still requires a feeding tube and doesn't have an appetite for real food other than crackers. Half-day pre-school, four days a week, is now part of her growth. That includes paper, crayons—and I heard the word "scissors." She shares lots of joy with plenty of smiles and high fives.

~Janet Steiner



Invitation to Book Study with Stephanie Frykholm

Stephanie Frykholm invites interested women to join her in a study of *Dance of the Dissident Daughter: A Woman's Journey from Christian Tradition to the Sacred Feminine*, by Sue Monk Kidd (author of *The Secret Life of Bees*.)

This articulate, insightful book is about the wound of being a woman in patriarchal society and “the quest for the female soul, the missing sacred feminine, and the wholeness women have lost within patriarchy.”

Gather with other women on the same journey ~ read, ponder, listen closely to one another’s stories, share your own. Meet yourself in a new and deepened way.

Please contact Stephanie at 395-4166 or sfrykholm@gmail.com. She hopes to begin in October and meet every two weeks.

CUCC's Mission & Ministry Board recently donated \$319.00 from the Lenten Soup Suppers to FYI for school supplies for students in BV. Here, Pastor Rebecca presents the check to the youth coalition.



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.

We are Family

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

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.



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.

October	Scriptures
Sunday, October 7	— Mark 10:2-16
Sunday, October 14	— Mark 10:17-31
Sunday, October 21	— Mark 10:35-45
Sunday, October 28	— Mark 10:46-52

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.

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?

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



**Saturday, November 3
9:00am-3:00pm**

Bazaar notes

1. This is our 92nd year, not 91st (as a certain someone may have previously announced).
2. Anyone donating homemade projects, other than food, needs to let us know their price for selling the items.
3. Items donated by guests need to be added to a donation list so they can be thanked.
4. BIG DAY-- (before the big day)-----Sun. Oct. 28, right after the service, all chairs and tables magically move. Without a magic wand, many hands are needed. Please put that date on your calendar.

If you're making a pot of soup, could you please make a big pot of soup to share? The WMS needs some new soups for their soup ministry.

Thank you very much!



Traces of the Trade A Story From the Deep North

**Sunday, November 11
4:00pm-7:00pm
CUCC**

CPFS and CUCC bring this very important film and discussion to BV. Please join us.

Walk for Freedom Saturday, October 20 11:00am

**Forest Square Park
next to the Chamber
10:00am registration**

Join BV HOPE as we walk for the millions of human trafficking victims across the globe.

INTER-CHURCH COAT DRIVE!



Coats, mittens, gloves, caps, hats, earmuffs, scarves, sweaters, and hoodies for both children and adults may be dropped off anytime at CUCC and will be collected periodically.

The last collection day is Friday, October 19.

Please contact Wayne Urbine for more information at 719-395-2223 or 719-207-3878.

Please—no shoes or other types of clothing.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Volunteers (children and groups welcome) spend the morning helping our aging population with home and yard tasks like weeding, raking, window washing, and high dusting.

**Saturday, October 27, 2018
9 a.m. to noon**

Volunteer Today

Volunteers meet at Brown Dog Coffee
713 US-24, Buena Vista

Call 719-966-7366 or sign up at www.alittlehelp.org/ServiceSaturdays



connecting neighbors to help seniors thrive

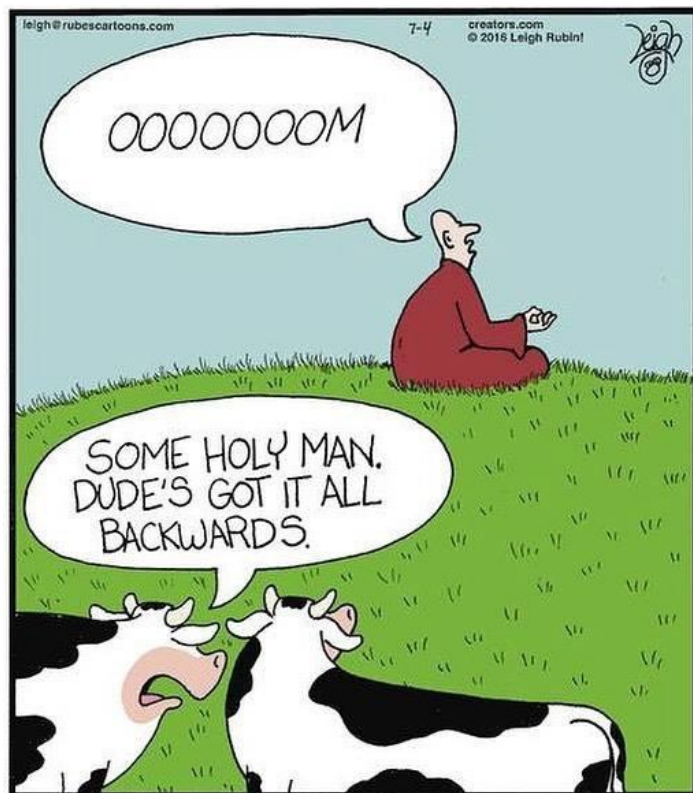
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Arkansas Valley Christian Mission

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!



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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.

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.



WMS Program

Thursday, October 25
1:00pm, CUCC

Not Usual Crafts—Spinning & Weaving
with Sheryl Campbell

Hostesses
Kathy Roman & Liz Anderson



Celtic Prayer Circle

2nd and 4th Wednesdays
9:00am-9:30am, Rainbow Room

Led by Marge Erickson, this meaningful prayer time is open to all.

As it is not a class that progresses from session to session, feel free to attend whenever you can.

Kudos Kolumn

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED MAKE THE 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR MARY MESSAMER AND WARREN MONTGOMERY SO SPECIAL. I KNOW THEY APPRECIATED IT.



AND THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED DEVELOP AND PARTICIPATED AS A GARDENER THIS INAUGURAL YEAR OF THE JIM CLOSE MEMORIAL GARDEN. MMMMM MMMMM! NEXT YEAR'S GARDEN WILL BE EVEN BETTER!



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 service 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 church roll review and development of a Policy and Procedure document for future roll reviews remain in progress. The review and update of the church roll will be completed by end of year.

The Diaconate reviewed a proposed budget for 2019 at its regular meeting on September 12th. The overall budget requested remains the same, although line items were adjusted to better reflect actual expenditures. The budget was approved as presented and per guidelines submitted to the Trustees for their budget planning process prior to the October 1st deadline.

Upcoming events and activities for October 2018 include the following:

World Communion Sunday will be held on October 07, 2018.

October 10, 2018-Diaconate meeting; 4:00pm.

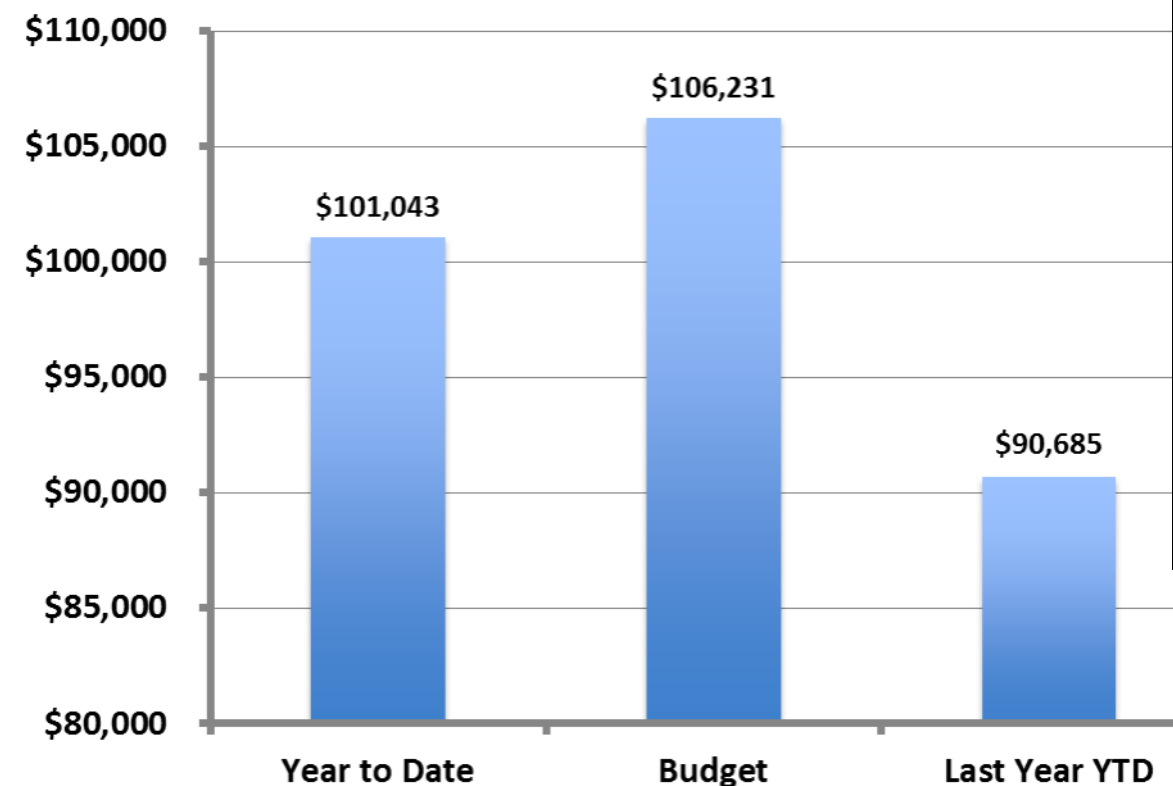
October 21, 2018-Guest speaker; Rev. Rebecca on study leave.

God bless.

~Doyle Nyberg, Diaconate Chair



General Contributions through August, 2018



Warren's Verse

He can sing a song
and use a voice so sweet.
Tenor is his range;
his sound is hard to beat.
He can find a note
that adds such harmony,
but still climbs the roof
to clean the chimney.
He can find the time
to share a joke or two.
When the vultures come,
the music gets him through.
When you put his age
into the family grid,
he'll always be
just a kid.



CHAFFEE COUNTY

Women Who Care

Together we can make a difference -
please join us!

October 9
5:30pm-6:30pm (meet & greet at 5:00)
Salida Scout Hut

Hear presentations, ask questions, vote, give.
Our combined gifts will give a boost to charitable
organizations working hard to meet needs in our
communities.

Need more information?
Visit us on Facebook or contact beverlyvankampen@sbcglobal.net

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:15am-12pm Strong Women -AE 6:30pm-8:30pm CPC-S-CH	2 8:30am TOPS-CH 9:30am-10:45am Strong People-AE 11:30am-1pm Rep. Women-FH, K 3:30pm-5:45pm HCFAA-FH 6pm-7:30pm Webelos-FH, D 6:30pm-8pm Scouts-FH 6:30pm AI-Anon-#7 7pm TELLS	3 12pm AA-AE 6pm Choir/MSG-CH 7pm OA-#7	4 9-9:30am Backpacks-FH 9:30am-10:45am Str. People-AE 10am-12pm Journey Group-RR 3:30pm-5:30pm HCFAA-FH 7pm AA-AE	5 8:15am-12pm Strong Women -AE 7:30pm-9:30pm Community Dance-FH	6 9am AA-AE 9am AI-Anon-#7
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Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 11 right after the service.

We will discuss proposed structural changes at CUCC (seen here at the right). Your participation is very important.

Please add your voice!



Join the Prayer Team and make a difference right from your 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



2018 CUCC Bylaw Review Undertaken by Stewardship Committee Task Force

Present Bylaws	Recommended Changes
Terminology	
Board	Team
Diaconate	Worship/Congregational Life
Christian Education	Faith Education
Mission and Ministry	Outreach/Community and World
Trustees	Facilities/Caring for Church Home
Trustees (part)	Finance and Budget
(New)	Stewardship/Visioning

Working Groups	
Board size is 6	Team size is 5, minimum of 3 allowing Nominating Committee some flexibility
All persons on Boards must be members of CUCC	Only Chair of Teams must be member of CUCC, individual can serve on up to 2 Teams
Two representatives of each Board attend Council meetings	Only the Chair of each Team attends Council, and can appoint alternate with vote just for that meeting

Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Financial Secretary Positions

Appointed by Trustees, ratified by vote at Annual Meeting	Recruited by Nominating Committee and approved by vote at Annual Meeting, all must be members, no term limits
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Other Recommendations

Finance and Budget Team

Made up of Moderator, Vice Moderator, Treasurer and two at-large persons
The at-large persons must have considerable financial experience
One of at-large persons to be Chair and must be CUCC member

Congregational Meetings

Increase number of Congregational meetings to include 3 additional ones, roughly at the end of March, June and September to inform congregation and receive input

Transitional Period

February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020 will be a transitional year
Changes recommended by the Task Force and approved by Council in 2018 will be tried out to determine workability in the transitional year
Council to determine recommended changes in late 2019 for vote of congregation
Changes to Bylaws will not become final until voted upon in January, 2020

Task Force members: Merilee Daugherty, Bowie Duncan, Marge Erickson, Rebecca Kemper Poos, Linda Rak, Ron Rak, Kathy Roman, Doug Seewoester, Elizabeth Shelby and Bill Waldorf. All recommendations to Council have been made by consensus among Task Force members at each meeting.

