

**Congregational
United Church of Christ**

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

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in life's journey, you are welcome here at the
Congregational United Church of Christ in
Buena Vista.



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News and Views

Congregational United Church of Christ
June, 2019

MODERATOR'S MOMENT

"LOVE IS THE ONLY WAY"

Encounter With The Holy Spirit

**"God's love has been poured into our hearts through
the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." Romans 5:5**

When I think of sabbatical, the image of Sabbath comes to my mind. The picture of God resting on the seventh day of creation. It's described this way in Genesis 1:31:

"God saw everything that he had made, and said "It was good, so very good."

God rested from all his work, blessed the seventh day, and made it a Holy Day."

As Pastor Rebecca embarks on a time of "Sabbath" rest, renewal and refreshment, we will surround her with our prayers of support and care. We will imagine her being led by the paraclete, the protector and comforter to new experiences of learning and life. As a congregation we will also seek to be led by the Spirit to an openness to new opportunities of service in our community and world, to continued improvements to our building with our new windows being installed, to new inspiration from Mallory Everhart, and a deeper appreciation for the beauty of creation in this extraordinary place in which we live.

The disciples experienced the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost—the new season of the church year that we are just entering. It is a time to know the inner working of the Holy Spirit which is to bring us "the Peace that passeth all understanding" and the exterior function of the Spirit's work is to reveal to each of us 'What our life is to be about.' The Spirit can help us to embrace with love the whole of who we are and who we can become.

A favorite author of mine, Parker Palmer, has written a recent book entitled, "On the Brink of Everything - Grace, Gravity and Getting Old," in which he shares his wisdom and also his struggles with aging. He speaks about having the grace of compassionate self-acceptance in order to have compassion toward others. Compassion seems to be in short supply and an increase in compassion could make a needed impact on our world.

Here are three things he believes are important to do:

- 1) Reach out to the younger generation - not to advise, but to learn from them, gain energy from them, and support them on their way.
- 2) Move toward whatever it is you fear, not away from it. If for example you fear "the other," get into his or her story face to face and watch fear shrink as your empathy expands.
- 3) Spend time in the natural world, as much time as you can. Be refreshed by God's creation. Nature constantly reminds me that everything has a place, that nothing need be excluded. "Wholeness is the goal, but wholeness does not mean perfection. It means embracing brokenness as an integral part of life." It's a truth that can set us free to live well, to love well, and in the end, to die well.

Come Holy Spirit, lead us and guide us!

Rev. Marjorie Erickson, Moderator



PASTOR'S ARTICLE, June, 2019

Greetings, CUCC family!

It was such a pleasure to be with you in the early part of May. Pastor Rebecca and the Sabbatical Team have been working hard to make sure we have smooth sailing in the weeks ahead and I am so looking forward to joining your beautiful community, beginning June 15th. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share in your journey this summer.

If I haven't gotten the chance to meet you yet, allow me to introduce myself. We can get to know each other better over coffee on the weekends I'm in town! My name is Mallory Everhart. I am a Member in Discernment in the Southeastern Association and graduating with my MDiv from Iliff School of Theology on June 6th. My area of expertise is grief, loss, and funerals – I wrote my thesis, called *Joy Comes in the Mo(u)rning*, on the spiritual practice of lament and its place in the funeral. I have worked in elder care for almost a decade, mostly in skilled nursing facilities, but also for hospice as a grief counselor. I have three dogs and a cat and I have been married to a wonderful man, Ethan, for five years.

I am so looking forward to discovering the ways God will work in and among us together this summer! In the spirit of Rebecca's sabbatical theme of Natural World as Word, I have a challenge and a practice to offer you, which I learned from your sister church and my home church, First Congregational in Colorado Springs. Every September, we do a ritual called The Gathering of the Waters. Everyone who travels over the summer months is invited to gather a small amount of water from the place you journeyed to and bring it back with you. This water is gathered together and kept to be used for baptisms the following year. Please join me in collecting water this summer!

If you have questions for me, please don't hesitate to ask! I can be reached at mallorypeverhart@gmail.com or on my cell phone at 303-886-3149.

Blessings!
Mallory



A WORLD FULL OF NEIGHBORS

Friday-Sunday, June 28-30

**La Foret Conference &
Retreat Center
Colorado Springs**

- ◆ Experience a simple yet powerful method of conversation that values relationship over issue in three discussion sessions.
- ◆ Connect and network with others who want to heal the partisan divide.
- ◆ Become a champion for understanding in your own life and communities with simple, actionable skills and tools.
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- ◆ Led by Mary Gaylord and Rev. Linda Taylor of Living Room Conversations, an organization with a simple concept that is surprisingly powerful—respectful conversations that build relationships across divides.

From \$95. For pricing options, email logan@laforet.org.



CELTIC CHRISTIAN WORSHIP SERVICE

APRIL 28

**LED BY MARGE ERICKSON, CUCC CONGREGANTS
PARTICIPATED IN WORSHIP WITH A
CELTIC CHRISTIAN THEME.**



WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY NEWS

WMS held their annual spring Salad Luncheon on April 25 with 42 members and guests. Our outstanding hostesses were Karen Bowers, Linda Rak, Ruth Amster, and Billie Branch. Janet Steiner presented our program and Rhonda Funston played a big part in the clean-up. Thank you to everyone that helped make this a success.

Prior to eating, we voted to support the Church Family Windows Project by purchasing one full window.

Our next meeting is our Celebrate Summer Picnic on June 27 at noon in the Casa del Rio Clubhouse (27665 CR 313). We welcome everyone to come join us and hear Jean Moltz give an update on the HRRMC addition. The main dish will be supplied; please bring a side dish to share. This will be our last meeting until September 26.

Merilee Daugherty, President

FACILITIES TEAM NEWS

The men's front bathroom has officially been designated a uni-sex restroom. The sign is posted on the rack adjacent the restroom. A new office sign will be purchased to replace the old worn out sign currently on the door. We're still working out issues with changing waste companies. We should be switched over to Chaffee County Waste June 1st, thereby reducing what we pay for trash pick up. The sewing room seems to overheat. Rhonda and Darell are going to investigate the zone valves to see if they can determine the problem. Mark will follow up with Keith Boyd to complete repairs to the parsonage pump house. Bowie will look at tuning up the lawn mowers and getting rid of the black padded chairs in the janitor's closet. Habitat will take the chairs. Thank you, Bowie! The Team is still working on suitable set up for the compost bin.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Wolters, Vice Chair

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

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CUCC Special Dates

BIRTHDAYS



June 3—Kathy Roman
June 3—Rod Schofield
June 4—Al McCall
June 5—Janet Steiner
June 10—Lisa Blake
June 10—Scarlett-Rae Pomfret
June 11—Frank Carpenter
June 15—Jeff Keidel
June 17—Joan Sovereign
June 19—Debby Cason
June 19—Kay Patton
June 30—Gabby Tucker



ANNIVERSARIES

June 5—Jeff & Kathy Keidel
June 8—Bill & Susan Helms
June 11—Reggie & Judy Nelson
June 16—Norm & Shirl Holloway
June 18—Dan & Marsha Robirds
June 18—Bob & Lyntha Nelson
June 19—Ron & Linda Rak
June 23—Ron & Marge Erickson
June 25—Scott & Mary Fons Colvin
June 26—Roger & Debby Cason
June 30—Rod & Sarah Struthers

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

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Marcy Adams—Healing
Jordan Conradson—Healing
Maryanne Wells (Janet Jones' sister-in-law)—Healing
Mark Russell (Marge Dorfmeister's nephew)—Healing
Gary Bragg (Ruth Amster's nephew)—Healing
Ali Lufkin—Healing
Molly Stuart—Healing
Laurie Riggs—Healing
Gail Moffat—Healing
Pam Hughes—Healing
Jeannie Kemper (Rocky Kemper's sister-in-law)—Healing
Randy Funston (VirJeanne Williams' son)—Healing
Zachary Bayhan (Donna Maloney's nephew)—Strength
Diana Lynn Hilt (Lucille Habeck's daughter)—Healing
Codi Miller—Healing
Kenny Kimberlan (nephew of co-worker of Becky Mahon)—Healing
Jon Hurley (Helen & Bowie Duncan's nephew)—Healing
Kaylynne Pomfret and Baby Pom—Healing
Janet Moore (Jill Buttermore's sister)—Healing
Linette Williams—Healing
Ronnie Clodfelter (VirJeanne Williams' brother)—Healing

CONGREGATION'S ROLE - SABBATICAL CUCC, June, 2019

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof"

Our Sabbatical Journey is a journey, all year long, for *all* of us – pastor *and* congregation. As we explore the presence and revelation of the Divine in the Natural World, we respond in faith to God's call to care for creation—*all* of creation – for loving God and our neighbor means loving the planet too! The two are inseparable.

From the Grant Proposal—Congregation Portion:

Care for Creation – Celebrating our "Green Steps"

Our connection with creation will enhance our continued exploring of ways to better care for creation in our midst. We will celebrate our progress in these areas: Feasibility study of solar panels for the church and parsonage roofs; implementing earth-friendly gardening practices—no toxic chemicals; mug racks with reusable mugs and eco-friendly paper goods and reduction of plastic; a consistent recycling program; earth-friendly efficient lighting.

Many "eco-explorations in community" are already happening and will continue as we learn together how to better care for creation and each other.

Here are just a few that you can be a part of:

*WMS programs on the Solar Farm in Buena Vista, along with exploring with other churches who have installed solar panels, past and present.

*Congregational United Community Clean up! Sunday, July 21st. Watch for info!

*Sister churches and community organizations working collaboratively together.

*Chaffee Green/Garna and CUCC launching a composting site.

*Exploring xeriscaping, biodiversity, and pollinator plants for church and parsonage grounds.

*Central Colorado Conservancy helping us discover, educate about, and protect the habitat for rare species living in our midst! The Lewis' woodpecker population has declined 67% across the west, and we have the perfect habitat for them in old-growth cottonwood right in our own backyard! CUCC is a sought-out nature education site.

*CPFS and CUCC co-sponsoring educational events on important and timely topics related to climate and caring for our neighbor by caring for the earth.

*Exploring becoming a "Cool Congregation"—see www.coolcongregations.org

*Our Backpack program thriving and demonstrating how religious and secular groups can work together in life-giving ways to feed the hungry.

*Jim Close Memorial Garden at CUCC is thriving and providing food.

*Bridge-building conversations are being explored.

Blessings, Rebecca



The Congregational
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Buena Vista, Colorado

**YOUR
Name**

Looking for a way to welcome Mallory
Everhart? The greatest way would be to
wear your nametag!

She thanks you!!!!





view from the Mountain

“ESSENTIAL SLEEP”



Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary told me that, “Sleep is the natural periodic suspension of consciousness during which the powers of the body are restored.”

If a human being goes without this restorative time regularly, all kinds of physical and emotional problems may arise. Thinking gets distorted and regular problem solving becomes harder. The longer we go without restoring, the harder it is to think and function normally.

Therefore, it is essential that we get an adequate number of hours of good sleep daily. This number of hours, however, can vary. A lot depends on age, the lifestyle, and simply the way a person is wired.

I have always struggled with sleep. I would go night after night unable to reach that point in bed when I could let go and sleep, and the harder I tried, the worse it got. I knew that my fifty-year-old body needed all the restoring it could get, but there would be no restoration going on at night. It would affect my daytime life, but still I did not devise a set routine, which I now know is necessary.

That was some thirty years ago. Since then I have suffered sleeplessness many times, but finally I know now that I’m older and a little wiser that the set routine is absolutely the answer to this universal problem so many have.

So, I got interested in this and decided to do a survey. I wanted to know one thing. The question I asked thirty people was, “When you get into bed, what do you do to go to sleep?”

About seventy-five percent of the people I asked were assisted living residents; the rest I asked were total strangers when I’d go out. Strangers were happy to answer me and almost everyone had a set routine. Only a few did not, and they admitted to struggling with getting their body and mind to close down.

Maybe we have to age some to realize that good sleep is absolutely essential. It clears your mind, renews the body, and even dreams can sometimes clarify your problems. It also sets you up for another day of productive living. Without it, it affects your life the next day. You just can’t explain it, but “I just don’t feel right.”

This is what I’ve found. I asked thirty people what they do in order to get to sleep. Here’s what I got back from everybody. I found almost to the person that people had a set routine they followed closely to end their day for a restorative restful sleep.

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|---|--|
| Pray prayers – five people | Take a stiff drink – one person |
| Go through in my mind all I have to do before going to bed – two people | |
| Hold my cat – three people | Play soft music – four people |
| Review today’s ball game – one person | Take sleeping pills – two people |
| Think about the past, not the present – one person | |
| Lie on the floor (bad back) – one person | If I can’t sleep, I get up and walk the halls – one person |
| Read a book until it falls out of my hand and I’m asleep – one person | |

Almost everyone said they turned their bodies on one side or the other to sleep.

I also got a few interesting ways to fall asleep. One man said that when he placed both hands on the “center of his being” he could go right to sleep.

Another much older man told me he had to put each part of his body to sleep starting with the top of his head. A funny thing he said was that he always had trouble getting his left ear to go to sleep.

Many said, “I simply go to my happy place.”

One that really interested me was a young woman who said that she envisioned a curio cabinet with drawers. She would open each drawer which held a day’s event. If she was OK with it, she closed the drawer. She did that until every drawer was open and she was satisfied with it. When she finally closed every drawer, she was at peace with the day and she could sleep.

I hope this has helped you set a regular routine that works for you when your day comes to a close and you need and want that restoration power of your body to heal itself. Close your eyes, let your heart smile, and drift away for a peaceful good night sleep.

The view from the mountain is wondrous.
~ Jean Brody

NOTES ON ‘WITH LOVE’
by Marge Dorfmeister

We Children of the Great Depression learned early the lesson “Waste not–want not.” Most of us are unable to shake the vestiges of that admonition despite the prosperity of the intervening years.

Grandmother taught me the rhymed version:

Fix it up
Wear it out
Make it do
Or do without

Whatever its origin, the verse embodies a philosophy whose time has come around again. More than likely, it never went away. But blinded by the excesses of the recent past, we simply forgot it...forgot the concept of thrift, the benefits of recycling (more than a few aluminum cans per week), and the discipline of deferred gratification. Even the basic idea of personal commitment has suffered as human relationships become throw-away commodities.

What we overlook is that most recyclable resource of them all –Love. In its plentiful forms, Love is certainly the most abundant resource on earth. We’re apt to forget it is also the most renewable. We only have to take our old, beat-up Love down from the shelf, dust it off, glue it back together one more time, and shove it out into circulation–where it can do some good. If we can’t do that we don’t deserve the unconditional Love God has lavished on us through His Spirit and the example of His Beloved Son.

‘WITH LOVE’ – A Re-Cycling Song by Marge Dorfmeister, Feb. 1992

Verse

There is a shortage of water,
and a dearth of clean air.
The forests are vanishing...
How much do we care?
We know waste is the enemy.
don’t throw your Love away
for Love is the energy
to build a brighter day.


Refrain

With Love–with Love–
We can more than just “make do.”
With Love–with Love,
Jesus’ spirit shines through you.
Life, they say, is like a
one-night stay in a second-rate hotel.
...makes you wonder sometimes...
What if your life is not always great?
What if you can’t keep your priorities straight?
Remember Love is the energy–
Don’t waste another day:
Just fix Love up, Wear Love out,
Make Love do, or one day
May wake up in a world...
Without Love

Reprise of Refrain

Without Love
this old earth would soon grow cold.
Without Love–without Love
would the center even hold?
Life, they say, is like a
one-night stay in a second-rate hotel.
...makes you wonder sometimes...
What if my life is not always grand?
What if my plan didn’t go as I planned?
We are promised no guarantee...
except for eternity.
So fix Love up, Wear Love out
and you’ll never live without.
We can more than just make do
With Love–With Love.

Kudos Kolumn



~All-Church Clean-Up Crew! Thank you!
It looks great!!!

~Janet Steiner and the Chancel Choir for a wonderful year! We can’t thank you enough!

~Facilities Team! We thank you for keeping the grounds cleaned-up—past, present, and future!

YARD SALE—HUGE!!!

Books! Baked Goods! More!

Saturday, June 1, 9:00am-2:00pm

Grace Church Annex (across from BV library)

On behalf of PEO Chapter 1A to fund the Scholarship Program for local women!

Electric bike demos!

Book signing by CO author Dorothy Yoder!

June 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| AE=Adult Education Room CH=Choir Room D=Drama Room FH= Fellowship Hall K=Kitchen PO=Pastor's Office RR=Rainbow Room S=Sanctuary #7=Room 7 PL-Parking Lot | | | | | | |
| 2 10am Communion Worship & Children's Church Sabbathical Sendoff w/Light Lunch | 3 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE | 4 8:30am TOPS-CH 4:30-6:30pm Outreach Team -AE 6-7:30pm Webelos -FH, D 6:30-8pm Scouts -FH 6:30pm AI-Anon -#7 7pm TELLS | 5 10am-12pm Finance & Stew/Vis Teams-AE 12pm AA-AE 6pm MSG-CH 7pm OA-#7 | 6 7pm AA-AE | 7 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE 4-5pm Bellinger Wedding Rehearsal -S | 8 9am AA-AE 9am AI-Anon-#7 4-5pm Bellinger Wedding-S |
| 9 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Coffee Hr. 11:30am-12:30pm Worship Team-#7 | 10 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE 9am-4:30pm Monarch Quilters-FH | 11 8:30am TOPS-CH 10am-12pm Stew/Vis Team-PO 6-7:30pm Webelos -FH, D 6:30-8pm Scouts -FH 6:30pm AI-Anon -#7 7pm TELLS | 12 12pm AA-AE 7pm OA-#7 | 13 6-8pm Facilities Team-#7 6:30-8pm Finance Team- 7pm AA-AE | 14 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE | 15 9am AA-AE 9am AI-Anon-#7 9:45am AI-Anon Bus. Mtg-#7 |
| 16 FATHER'S DAY 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Coffee Hr. | 17 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE 5:30pm-8pm Nurturing Fathers Class-AE, K, FH, N | 18 8:30am TOPS-CH 6:30-8pm Scouts -FH 6:30pm AI-Anon -#7 7pm TELLS | 19 12pm AA-AE 7pm Council -AE 7pm OA-#7 | 20 11am 3rd Thursday Meet & Eat 7pm AA-AE | 21 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE | 22 9am AA-AE 9am AI-Anon-#7 |
| 23 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Coffee Hr. & Birthday Celebration | 24 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE 5:30pm-8pm Nurturing Fathers Class-AE, K, FH, N | 25 8:30am TOPS-CH 6-7:30pm Webelos -FH, D 6:30-8pm Scouts -FH 6:30pm AI-Anon -#7 7pm TELLS | 26 12pm AA-AE 7pm OA-#7 | 27 12-2pm WMS Picnic-Casa del Rio Clubhouse 7pm AA-AE | 28 8:15am-12pm Strong Women-AE | 29 9am AA-AE 9am AI-Anon-#7 |
| 30 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Congregational Gathering w/Light Lunch | | |  | | | |

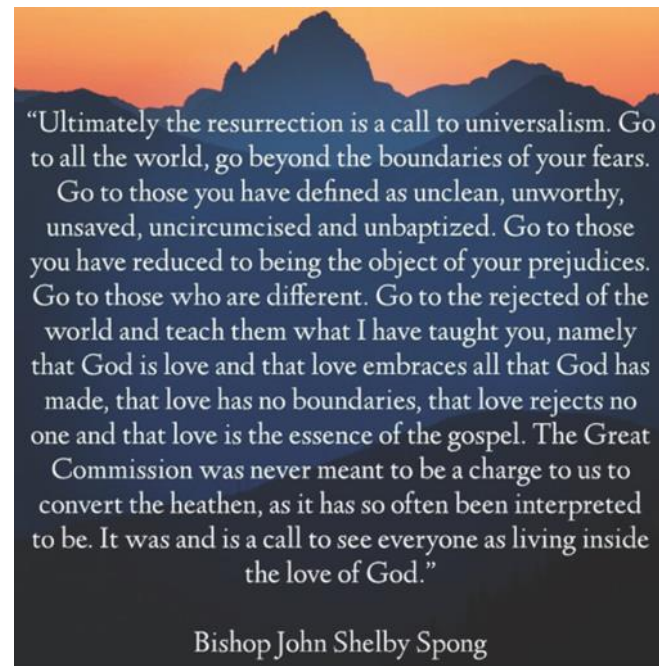
Worship Team Notes

As the Worship Team did not meet in May, there is nothing to report.

Dear CUCC,

Thank you for the use of your church for our Chorale practice.

Sincerely,
Collegiate Peaks Chorale



RMCUCC BORDERLINKS DELEGATION

September 23 – 27, 2019, Tucson, AZ

- You are invited to join a delegation from around the Rocky Mountain Conference of the UCC to participate in a BorderLinks experiential learning opportunity.
- Participate in educational programs to challenge and confront the policies and circumstances that lead to migration;
- Walk desert trails to understand the strenuous journey that migrants experience while attempting to cross the US/Mexico border;
- Meet with local advocates working to create economic and social opportunities in the borderlands.

To register, go to www.borderlinks.org. The name of this delegation is **Sixth Avenue UCC**. To complete your registration, please mail your check for \$680 (payable to Sixth Avenue UCC) to Sixth Avenue UCC, 3250 E 6th Ave, Denver, CO 80206. Your registration is not complete until payment is received. Questions? Contact Rev. Dr. Kari Collins of Sixth Avenue UCC at pastorkaricollins@gmail.com.

CUCC LISTED AS LOCAL RESOURCE

Have you heard of the website Chaffee Resources at chaffeeresources.com? Well, now you have! And what's more, CUCC is listed as a welcoming place to worship, receive counseling, host your meeting or event, and more.

Please check it out and spread the word!
Thank you!

Outreach/Community & World Team News June greetings!

Your Outreach Team has several events coming up in the next month, plus we would like you to know the following:

- ** One of the UCC offerings—Strengthen the Church—will be taken May 26th and June 2nd. Please note the informative flyer in the pews. Your donations are always needed.
- ** The OT has given \$100 scholarships to each of the young adults participating in the 2019 mission trip to North Carolina. The group leaves on May28 and returns June 4. We send our best prayers with them. We're proud of you all!
- ** TAKE NOTE! BV Hope/Restore Innocence packing party will be held at CUCC on Monday, June 3 from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Backpacks are prepared for those individuals rescued from human trafficking. Please join in!
- ** Please continue to support our coffee project. By purchasing free trade coffee, tea, and chocolate you are not only helping farmers, but your donations supply coffee for coffee houses run by military chaplains who aid our service men and women in their spiritual and personal needs. THANK YOU
- ** The local Backpack Program always needs your contributions. See the list of needs in the narthex.

CHURCH-COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



“UNDERSTANDING YOUR DNA:

The Past, Present, and Future of Human Genetic Research”
with **DR. MICHAEL EDWARDS**

Thursday, June 20, 7:00pm
Ivy Ballroom at the Surf Hotel

- Founder of a bioinformatics consulting company, Dr. Michael Edwards will summarize the current state of genetic research and explain how the new flood of genetic information will completely change the way we do science and medicine in the future.

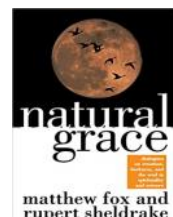
Please join us. FREE!

GRANDPERSON & ME CAMP

Friday-Sunday, June 28-30
La Foret Camp

- Don't miss this amazing opportunity for intergenerational connection and bonding!
- Open to grandpersons and grandchildren ages 5 to 11 years old, Grandperson & Me camp is designed to strengthen the special relationship between grandparents/grandparent surrogates and their grandchildren. Fun and discovery are around each corner as we explore nature, encounter God, and work on craft projects together. Worship, playtime, swimming, and campfires round out the camp.

Register here:
<https://laforet.venue360.me/public/events/homepage>



MONDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

Mondays at 8:00-9:00am
Grace Church Annex

Men of CUCC are invited to join men of Grace Church to this class. They are currently studying “Natural Grace” by Michael Fox and Rupert Sheldrake. Fox represents the theological tenant of Original Blessing and Sheldrake is a biologist. They discuss science and religion each from his own background.

The sessions last one to one and one-half hours and is open to men of CUCC and the community.

BV HOPE “RESTORE INNOCENCE” GATHERING

Monday, June 3, 1:00pm-3:00pm, CUCC
Help those rescued from human trafficking!

Not only will by you helping others, but the workshop is fun and social, too, with refreshments and a choice of things to work on.

Activities: Bracelet making
Backpack filling
Blanket edging

You can also contribute by purchasing needed items that go in the backpacks. See more information in the Fellowship Hall.



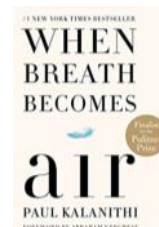
TELLS
Tuesday Evening Ladies
Literary Society
Tuesdays, 7:00pm, at various
members' homes

All women are invited!

We read and discuss books, share life, joys, and concerns, and enjoy snacks!

We'll study
“When Breath Becomes Air,”
by Paul Kalanithi
through the summer.

See Laurie Stevens or Judy Hassell
to get on the email list.



Women's Missionary Society

June 27, 1:00pm

Celebrate Summer Picnic
Casa del Rio Clubhouse
Main Dish Furnished
Bring a Side Dish to Share

Program
HRRMC Addition
with Jean Moltz

All women are welcome!

PLUG INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

| June | Scriptures |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Sunday, June 2 | — John 17:20-26 |
| Sunday, June 9 | — I Corinthians 12 |
| Sunday, June 16 | — TBD |
| Sunday, June 23 | — TBD |
| Sunday, June 30 | — TBD |

CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING

Sunday, June 30
right after worship
with Light Lunch provided

Please plan on attending!

Sunday Morning Adult Education

Adult Education is on summer hiatus and will resume September 15, Roundup Sunday.

SAVE THE DATE!

CUCC RETREAT & SUNDAY WORSHIP

November 8-10, CUCC

Rev. Brad Berglund will lead CUCC in exploring Celtic creation spirituality in congregational life through education, worship, music, and outreach.

Stay tuned for more!

45th ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

“EMBRACING THE SPIRIT OF JOY AND LIGHT”

With keynote speaker
JOHN DOMINIC CROSSAN
Thursday—Saturday, June 6-8
Two Rivers Convention Center
Grand Junction

For more information and registration:
www.rrmcucc.org/home/camps-events/annual-meeting

HOLMGREN LECTURE SERIES with JOHN DOMINIC CROSSAN

Saturday, June 8
Sunday, June 9
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Grand Junction

Register here: <https://www.uccgj.org/holmgren>

BE IN THE KNOW!

- ♦ Copies of Sunday messages can be found in the file box outside the pastor's office door.
- ♦ Sunday messages are also posted on the church website at www.bvcucc.org/home/Sunday-messages.
- ♦ Sunday bulletins are available in large print before the service—ask a greeter.
- ♦ To receive the CUCC weekly email blast, contact the office at 719-395-2544 or email to office.bvcucc@gmail.com.
- ♦ Nancy is in the front office T, W, Th., F from 9-2, but feel free to leave a message at any time.
- ♦ Contact Nancy in the office to get on the birthday/anniversary list. Please include the year of said birthday/anniversary.

LET'S BE GREEN!!!

Please recycle everything possible at CUCC. We have bins in the office and Fellowship Hall to make it easy.



CUCC Finance and Budget Team June News

The Finance Team gathered for a brief meeting on May 12th following church. Bill Waldorf shared with the Team the newly designed 'dashboard' and talked about the way in which it quickly conveys the important information needed to make a financial assessment of our YTD Income and Expenses. The new tool will be used by the Finance Team in the coming months. Discussion followed on effective ways to communicate with the Congregation the financial status of the Church. The Finance Team and Stewardship Team will work together to bring a financial update to the Congregational Gathering on June 30th.

Please be aware that when you give designated gifts, this does not support the regular Church budget. The renewal of funds held in a CD will be discussed with Cindy. The window replacement project continues to draw support with gifts from many different sources. It is hoped the windows will be installed this summer. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 5th at 10:00am with the Stewardship Team.

Respectfully submitted, Marjorie Erickson, Moderator

LET'S HELP OUR SISTER CHURCH!

From June 10 – 16, 2019, a work camp will be held to assist Gunnison Congregational Church, UCC (GCC) move into their newly purchased storefront location. Half of the building has been remodeled. Now, with some Rocky Mountain Conference assistance, they can finish the rest. GCC will arrange housing and meals as needed.

CUCC's Moderators are interested in getting a group together. Perhaps a day trip?

Talk to Marge Erickson or Kathy Roman soon!

COMING SOON! COMPOSTING SITE!

CUCC is proud to announce that composting will soon be another community service hosted at the church. Stay tuned for more details!

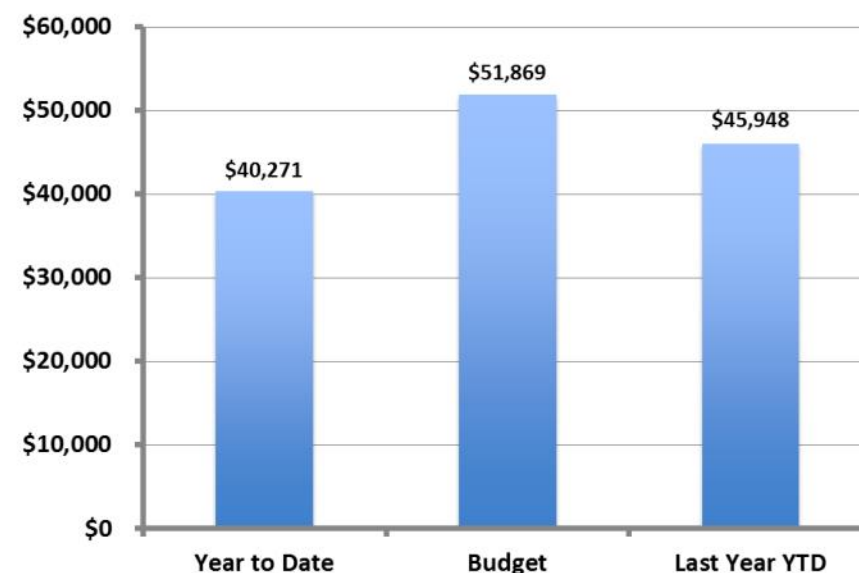


PLEASE REMEMBER!

Please remember to turn the thermostat back to its original setting after your group leaves the Fellowship Hall and make sure the back door is locked and the lights are turned off.


We thank you!!!

General Contributions through April, 2019



CHURCH FAMILY WINDOWS update

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The window committee—Ron Hassell, Mark Wolters, and Janet Steiner—are extremely pleased to announce the progress of the Church Family Windows. Of the 15 windows needed, commitments for all 15 have been received. The order will take about a month to fill. More news to come *(or it may be quite obvious when the works starts!!)*  Some commitments weren't able to sponsor full amounts. Several smaller amounts were welcomed and combined to help complete the order. If anyone would still like to donate, we will accept any amount and have that money available for the possible "surprise" expenses that come with any project. Please memo any check for "Windows." Blessings to everyone for the support and making this possible.

Pastor Rebecca, Ron Hassell, Mark Wolters, and Janet Steiner

Reaching the Pastor

Mallory Everhart, CUCC's interim pastor during Rev. Rebecca's summer sabbatical, can be reached at 303-886-3149 or mallorypeverhart@gmail.com.



The Faith Education Team

*Develop a passion for learning.
If you do, you never cease to grow.
Anthony J. D'Angelo*

OUR MISSION TEAM IS FLYING TO NORTH CAROLINA



On Tuesday, May 28, Mark, Alice, and Cameron Wolters, Bowie Duncan, and Jared Brown are leaving on a jet plane for North Carolina to help hurricane victims get back into their homes. For one week they'll be working through the Baptists On Mission program of improving houses damaged by the hurricanes. This trip is sponsored in part by the Youth Fund of the CUCC Faith Education Team. Keep our mission team in your prayers.

Get those rolling pins out,
all you wonderful pie makers!

*Fourth of July
Always means pie!
We're so glad we can count on you
To bring fruit pies – berries of red and blue,
Pecan and apple, not custards or pumpkin.*



The Faith Education Team will be setting up a booth at McPhelemy Park again this 4th of July. The funds received from this effort will help replenish the Youth Fund for future mission trips.

Sign up to bake your favorite pies. You can bring them to church beginning the Sunday before the 4th of July. A sign-up sheet to donate pies will be on the easel in the Fellowship Hall starting June 16.

Are you available to help cut and sell slices of pie and whole pies? We could use your help. You can sign up to help for a two-hour shift. The booth is open from 9:00am to 3:00pm on the 4th or until we're out of pies. Slices sell for \$3.00 each; whole pies cost \$15.00. The booth helpers sign-up sheet will also be on the easel in the Fellowship Hall starting June 16.

Arlene Waldorf, Chair

CUCC Council Minutes, May 15, 2019

Present: Kay Allinger, Ann Condra, Merilee Daugherty, Marge Erickson, Barb Groy, Cindy Helm, Rebecca Kemper Poos, Janet Steiner, Arlene Waldorf, Bill Waldorf, Mark Wolters, Ron Rak, Kathy Roman.

Moderator Marge Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:20pm, opening with a welcoming prayer reading from an Iona prayer book, with words to live by on healing.

General Business and Reports

Minutes from the April 17 Council meeting as prepared by Merilee Daugherty were reviewed for accuracy and comments. Hearing none, Ann/Kathy moved to accept the minutes as written; motion passed.

Clerk’s Report: Ron Rak reported no changes in the congregation since the April 17 meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: Cindy Helm presented summary data from the April Financial Report. She noted that expenses exceeded income for the month of April, as well as year to date, but that this is not especially unusual for this timeframe. Bill Waldorf offered to comment further on this point in the Finance Team report.

Moderator’s Report: Marge said the RMC Annual Celebration upcoming June 7-9 in Grand Junction will be attended by Rebecca, Ron & Linda Rak, and Ron & Marge Erickson. Also of importance is that the Gunnison UCC church is moving to a new location in June, and that we should stand by to assist their move as needed; we will share more information with the CUCC congregation right away to garner interest in the planned June 10-16 work week. We will get more details on the move at the Grand Junction meeting. Also in the planning is a September 29 program on visioning the church with Rev. Erin Gilmore of the RMC Staff.

Pastor’s Report: Rebecca encouraged everyone to attend a May 16 presentation by the Collegiate Peaks Forum in Buena Vista with John Pavlovitz, a nationally known pastor and writer, who will speak on the need for more compassion in our society, and how we can create a closer sense of community in difficult times. She met John and conducted a tour of our church with him today.

Sabbatical Contract with Mallory Everhart: Rebecca continued with Marge presenting Draft Two of a sabbatical coverage agreement between our church and Mallory Everhart, who will be the church’s Interim Minister during the upcoming pastoral sabbatical. Changes to Draft One were carefully noted, and comments were solicited from Council. Merilee asked who else would be assisting in pastoral care issues during this period. It was noted that Bob and Marilyn Frykholm, Ron and Marge Erickson, and Molly Stuart would assist as needed. Merilee/ Arlene made a motion to accept Draft Two as written; motion passed.

Continuing Business

Window Replacement Project: Janet Steiner reported that all 15 planned windows will be replaced and are funded by donations from the congregation. She emphasized that although the major costs have been spoken for, there are always unexpected expenses in a large project, and that we should encourage any further donations of any amount, since these can be combined to purchase a window or expense further installation details. The supplier was identified as Alpine Lumber, but the contractor/installer is yet to be determined.

New Business

Mission Trip to North Carolina: Mark Wolters described the details of the planned trip scheduled for May 28-June 4. Five individuals are going, including two young adults. The plan is to work on as many individual residences as possible, concentrating on repairing kitchens and bathrooms to functional status so that the homes can be inhabited by their owners.

Congregational Meeting June 30: Marge noted that the emphasis of the moderators will be to prepare for the second quarterly congregational meeting June 30. It is planned to be a luncheon meeting, and she asked for coordination by one of the church Teams to help with the food procurement/setup.

Team Reports and Updates

Worship Team: Barb Groy noted that a Thank You celebration for the Choir’s last Sunday for the season will be combined with the scheduled 4th Sunday Birthday celebration on May 19. Notations of all the birthdays and anniversaries to be celebrated will be made at the Fellowship Hour gathering.

Outreach Team: Ron Rak noted that the emphasis for June is supporting local group BV HOPE’s Restore Innocence project. The church is soliciting volunteers to provide prescribed items for the backpacks and is providing the time and space to assemble the packs on June 3. This is a continuation of the project that was similarly supported in 2018.

Marge called attention to a planned June 2 “Send Off to Sabbatical” for Rebecca and Clarke at the Fellowship Hour after church and that the planned June 2 Outreach Team meeting should be after the party. Judy Hassell will facilitate this event.

Stewardship/Visioning Team: Ann Condra noted that there is a planned June 5 joint meeting with the moderators and Finance and Budget Team, focusing on planning for the June 30 Congregational Meeting.

Finance and Budget Team: Bill provided a detailed analysis of the church’s budget status for the year, making a comparison with both the 2019 budget and the same timeframe last year. The bottom line is that YTD through April the church spent \$10,000 more than the income received in the General Operating Fund. When compared to 2018, the church is doing just a little bit better year-to-date than last year. Major immediate concerns are cash funding in the short term. An emphasis by the FB Team will be refining the calculation method of the “Dashboard Analysis” showing the church’s financial position to better express our finances at various points throughout the course of the year. This will take a modification of the budgeted numbers to attempt to reflect monthly expectations based on each month’s experience from last year, rather than spreading our annual budget equally through the year. Bill and Cindy will work on this.

Facilities Team: Mark reported that it is business as usual, with mostly small maintenance items in the queue. He clarified that small maintenance expenses will continue to be made by the FT, but asked for clarification of how large item expenses should be made. In the past, the FT (prev. Trustees Board) would draw on the Trustees Contingency Fund for unexpected large expenses. He asked Council to clarify who is managing the Contingency Fund (Facilities Team or Finance & Budget?), and should the fund be renamed. Council referred the decision to Finance and Budget to the next Council meeting.

Composting Project: Priority is designing an enclosure for the composting bins to deter wildlife encroachment, while allowing easy access to subscribing local residents.

Faith Education Team: Arlene announced that the team has dedicated \$2,500 for funding the NC Mission Trip, contingent on reimbursement (to some extent) from the summer Pie Sale Event. Other focus of the team is on Children’s Church—continuing adequate Sunday supervision and curriculum teaching. No Family Camp or Vacation Bible School is being planned for this summer.

Affiliated Organizations and Committees

Women’s Missionary Society: Merilee happily reported that WMS agreed to purchase one complete window for the church Family Window Project. The group’s last seasonal meeting until this fall will be June 27.

Sabbatical Planning Team: Rebecca noted that the planning is going smoothly, with the final coordination of church members’ vacations and schedules to ensure coverage for all eventualities.

Prayer Concerns/Adjournment

Calendar of Upcoming Events

A review of upcoming events on the church calendar was noted on the Meeting Agenda.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 19 at 7:00pm. No Council Meeting in July.

Prepared by Ron Rak, Clerk

READ WITH THE PASTOR on SABBATICAL JOURNEY

These are some of the books Rebecca is exploring in this Sabbatical Season (in no particular order)



John Philip Newell, *The Book of Creation*; also *The Rebirthing of God*

Craig Childs, *The Animal Dialogues*; also *House of Rain*

Robert Alter, *Genesis*

Parker Palmer, *On the Brink of Everything*

Kathy Kalina, *Midwife for Souls*

Bruce Epperly, *Process Theology and Celtic Wisdom*

Cheryl Strayed, *Wild*

Norm Carroll, *Miracles Messages & Metaphors*

Rachel Held Evans, *Inspired*

Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama, *The Book of Joy*

Beth & Bill Sagstetter, *The Cliff Dwellings Speak*

George Hunter, *The Celtic Way of Evangelism*

Paul Kalanithi, *When Breath Becomes Air*

John O’Donahue, *Eternal Echoes*; also *Anam Cara*

David McMahill, *Completing the Circle*

Matthew Fox and Rupert Sheldrake, *Natural Grace*

Matthew Fox, *Naming the Unnameable*

Kenneth McIntosh, *Iroquois*; also *Water From An Ancient Well: Celtic Spirituality for Modern Life*; also *The Winged Man — The Good News According to Matthew*

Pierre Pradervand, *365 Blessings to Heal Myself and the World*; also *The Gentle Art of Blessing*

Kent Nerburn, *Voices in the Stones: Life Lessons from the Native Way*; also *The Wisdom of the Native Americans*

John Pavlovitz, *A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community*; also *Hope and Other Superpowers*

STEWARDSHIP/VISIONING TEAM NEWS

Stewardship’s first topic was a detailed review of the church’s financial situation by Bill Waldorf. We discussed possible solutions for the continuing shortfall and will work with the Finance Team on a presentation during the June 30 Congregational Gathering. We need to approach our financial need with a positive attitude while keeping people informed about our standing. Bob Stocker emphasized the importance of sharing that ours is God’s work in all respects.

In keeping with the Sabbatical theme of “Natural World as Word,” we decided to sponsor a community clean-up on **July 21** to be called **Congregational United Community Clean-up**. Church participants, building users, and the entire community will be encouraged to join together to clean an area in town yet to be determined. We’ll have a pot-luck afterward to celebrate our efforts.

In the meantime, we are going to investigate the design and purchase of a unique church t-shirt that would not only give us publicity, but raise a bit of money for the general fund. Hopefully, we might get these by the CU Community Clean-up. Start saving your pennies!

Ann Condra, Chair