

**Congregational  
United Church of Christ**

**Sunday Schedule**

**9:00am Conversations that Matter Discussion Group**

**10:00am Worship Service**

**& Children's Church**

**11:00am Coffee Hour**

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# News and Views

Congregational United Church of Christ  
October, 2019



## MODERATOR'S MOMENT

### "LOVE IS THE ONLY WAY"

**"Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?..... No, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loves us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth nor anything else in *all creation*, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

***Romans 8:30, 37-39***

*CARE OF GOD'S EARTH, OUR HOME, had outspoken supporters this past week as school children across the country took matters into their own hands to draw attention to climate change that affects their future and the future of the planet. Speaking truth to power, a 12-year-old boy confronted our government and each one of us for not doing enough to protect the environment, the world we live in. Each one of us plays a part in protecting the air we breath, the water we drink, the oceans of this world, and the care of the land we use. The school children carried signs that spoke of their love of creation.*

We as a congregation have also made a commitment through the Lilly Foundation Grant to see the "Natural world as the Word" and to "love and care for creation."

Quote from the Lilly Foundation Grant:

"As a congregation we are on a pilgrimage to understand and put into action God's love as revealed in Jesus' teachings about love. We have placed a banner on the outside of our church which reads "Love is Still the Way!" seeking to proclaim that hate and violence are not. We are seeking ways to provide hospitality and respite to the stranger and those who are struggling in our society, like the Celtic monasteries of the past. Also, we are seeking to deepen our love and care of God's world."

In keeping with this commitment we have planned a November 8, 9, & 10 Celtic retreat with two outstanding leaders entitled "Reading Deeply: The Natural World as Sacred Text." The guides and presenters of this retreat will be Rev. Brad Berglund and Rita Berglund who for 20 years have led pilgrimage groups to sacred places around the world. This is their 20th year of leading groups thru their touring company "Illuminated Journeys." They are currently leading a pilgrimage in Ireland.

Brad is an author, spiritual director, and retreat leader and leads a weekly contemplative experience in the Taize community style. He holds degrees in theology, music, and spiritual direction. Rita is a psychotherapist and spiritual counselor serving individuals, children, couples, and families in many ways. She serves as a therapist and is also an adjunct professor at Naropa University and Iliff School of Theology. Both are authors and see life as a sacred and creative adventure filled with amazing possibilities for each person.

Brad is also a professional photographer and Friday evening on the 8th of November there will be a photographic presentation of many sacred sites from their pilgrimages and learning about contemplative spirituality and the riches of Celtic spirituality. On Saturday the 9th, the retreat will continue at 9:30am with prayers and music in the Celtic style, learning of the riches of Celtic Christianity for us today, and a catered lunch will be served at noon. The afternoon session will continue until 3:00pm with many other kinds of experiences, such as sacred dance for Mother Earth and other music. Sunday worship will be conducted by Rev. Brad and Rita.

Please see Marge Erickson or Nancy in the office to register. A \$10.00 gift is requested for provide lunch. Gluten-free lunches can be provided. The Lilly Grant Funds are providing the leadership for this unique spiritual and learning experience.

Peace and joy be with you!  
Marge Erickson, Moderator

PASTOR’S ARTICLE, October, 2019

“And all will be well.....And it if isn’t, you’ll be held up by those who love you and the God who gave you life.”  
(Note from pastor friend as we waited for Rocky’s biopsy results.)

I’m back! And it’s *so good* to be back! It’s been a great, *full* and busy week of meetings, catching-up, pastoral visits and calls, planning for Fall and praying for many with health concerns. I’m *way* past due for getting this Pastor’s Article to Nancy, and she’s been *very* patient, so I’ll send some rough, random thoughts in no particular order!

THINGS THIS PASTOR LEARNED ON SUMMER SABBATICAL

\*I set out to learn about the natural world and God’s presence and revelation therein, and boy, did I! I found teachers everywhere and in every moment – some in the least likely of places! Stillness and silence and open listening—that’s where things happen and Spirit shows up.

\*Nature is soothing all by itself. I don’t have to think: “I’m praying now.” Walking *is* prayer. Breathing *is* prayer – every breath we take in fills us with Spirit (*ruach*!) and puts us in the midst of the Holy. Mother Nature is the womb of life that brings us to birth and holds us throughout our lives.

\*Pivotal moments in my life all involve walking. And walking and walking! Whenever I have a big decision to make or am feeling anxious or afraid, walking and talking with my Creator is the ticket. I need to keep making space and time to do that – walking *is* my spiritual practice!

\*Building a Labyrinth was so much more than placing a bunch of rocks in a design. Each rock has a character and called out to me; placing it was intentional and prayerful. I prayed for friends and family and the church as I placed them on the path. As we walk it, we bring our prayers and ask for insights on life’s journey, and always keep tending – adding clarity to the way with bigger rocks, rearranging, taking out the weeds. It’s never complete – always a spiritual practice and growth.

\*Animals are teachers! The animals conspired to tell us to stay home! Hazel Kitten escaped into the yard and up a tree right before Scotland. Satin Horse fell with me on board that was a good wake-up call because she’d *never* done it before and maybe wasn’t feeling so sure-footed anymore. Then, when we *were* gone, Satin picked up a rusty nail in her hoof in the corral which has never happened in ten years! (Thank, Donna for the alert!)

\*Rest and renewal, garnered all summer long, can go out the window in one split second! Such as when you hear a scuffle behind you and look around to see a rider-less horse walking away and your beloved lying in the dirt struggling to breathe, eerily silent. The message came from Spirit: “If you go to Scotland and are stressed the whole time, it will wipe out all the rest and renewal and rejuvenation you’ve gained. Think twice!” Nursing and caregiving skills were also a big unexpected education.

\*Listen to the Spirit. Listen to the animals. Listen to the messages from loved ones. Stay home. Take more time to recharge more and heal – everyone! Learn (both of you) to value being a Human Being vs. a Human Doing. Trust your own heart and intuition – that’s divinely placed inside you.

\*Travel agents and refunds are signs of God’s never-ending presence and concern. God put travel agent friends on this earth for a reason! Barb Rudolf, from CUCC’s Ireland Pilgrimage, helped navigate Scotland and Iceland logistics like a champ when we were in the tall weeds. And then she helped navigate the sticky wicket of refunds and travel insurance later!

\*Music is a joy to always keep learning. I know a lot more songs than I thought! Impromptu singalongs with cousins and others were a wonderful surprise of the summer. My fingers remembered how to play the guitar – more than my mind did!

\*In ministry, one’s mind is always going 24/7—thinking about sermon ideas for up-coming Sundays; always pondering and praying for and about the church – how best to lead into the future; how best to care for the beloved community. It’s a Gift to be able to turn that off for a season. *Not* that you turn off the *caring*. I prayed for all of you continually, all summer long – even more earnestly than ever because I had the spiritual space.

\*Retreat is Vital! Taking some time apart for ourselves with no responsibilities and ‘permission to tend our souls’ is *so* very important and life-sustaining. I was given that Gift at Ring Lake Ranch in Wyoming, where I had no job other than to live in community, tend my soul, and explore with my mind and body the beauty of Nature, the joy of breathing in creation on horseback and foot, and the richness of Celtic Christianity for our times.

We are bringing that gift to *you* now at CUCC. Part of the Sabbatical Experience is the upcoming Celtic Retreat on November 8-10 at CUCC with Brad & Rita Berglund. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more info. Make *every* effort to carve out this time and space for retreat and tending to your own heart, in community and in communion with your Creator. You’ll be so glad you did! *You’re worth it!* Invite your friends in the community, too –all are welcome!

Finally, my #1 Learning on Sabbatical is this: *We need each other!* We all need this beloved church family, our wider village, and to be ‘in community’ in this challenging life! Through the ups and downs of the summer, I was struck by this over and over and I truly missed being with you all! Through accidents and surgeries and health scares in my family, being reminded by so many that we were not alone, and held in prayer and care by many hearts is what got us through and still does.

Thank you for being our beloved community and in ministry together all these years and many years to come!  
Blessings, Pastor Rebecca

WOMEN’S MISSIONARY SOCIETY NEWS

Women’s Missionary will meet Thursday, October 24 at 1:00pm. Our speaker will be Shandra Nelson speaking about “Monday Collections.” Let us come together to learn more about this mysterious topic. Our hostesses will be Marge Erickson and Vivian York.

Our first Bazaar-related meeting was Monday, September 23 and new ideas were shared for this important event.

~Merilee Daugherty, President

FACILITIES TEAM NEWS

- **Trash Service:** The confusion with Chaffee Waste has been cleared up. We are not required to label individual recycle bags as we have the toter & a commercial account. They made a special pickup to get us caught up. Waste Management is now trying to bill us a Termination Fee of \$250. Ron will write a letter explaining why we do not need to pay this bill.
- **Windows Project:** The new windows are being installed. Janet is working on getting the roller shades ordered. At this point it appears we are on track with the budget, although we have a ways to go. The Facilities Team is extremely appreciative of Paul Dorfmeister’s dedication and hard work at leading this large install project. The congregation is encouraged to thank Paul as well.
- **Pump Saver at Parsonage:** Ron is checking with Keith Boyd to see why the bill for this project was so much more than expected.
- **Front Door Security:** The team approved having Ron order the solar security light for the front door for about \$145. This motion activated light will provide better light right at the front door. Mark and Ron are researching options for a possible video system to allow staff to observe and ID visitors at the front door prior to entry.
- **Carpet Cleaning:** Rhonda is researching costs of having the carpets cleaned after the Bazaar.
- **Tree Trimming:** There are several large (65’) cottonwood trees with many large dead branches that are posing a considerable safety problem between the parsonage and the church. There is also concern that some of the trees are home to a rare woodpecker. We hope to be able to trim them enough to moderate the hazard, but some may be dangerous enough that they would have to come down. Rhonda is going to check to see what options a professional tree company may have. Ron will investigate into the soundness of the trees. An option may be to rent a man-lift and do it ourselves. Is there a forester in the house?

Respectfully submitted, Ron Hassell, Chair

BV HOPE/A21 WALK FOR FREEDOM  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19  
FOREST SQUARE PARK (next to the Chamber)

*Help shine a light on the scourge of modern-day slavery!*

Registration from 11:00am-12:00pm  
Walk starts at 12:15pm, followed by free drawings and lunch back at the park.  
The walk is 1.2 miles along sidewalks downtown.

Pre-register on line at.  
<https://www.a21.org/content/walk-home/gpsgiw>  
For more information, contact Beth Ritchie at [buenavistahope@gmail.com](mailto:buenavistahope@gmail.com)  
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Part of our church family who would enjoy Prayers, Cards, or perhaps a Visit

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CUCC Special Dates



BIRTHDAYS

October 6—Roger Cason  
October 9—Jon Roorda  
October 10—Tom Rawlins  
October 11—Herb Daugherty  
October 11—Avis Rutkowski  
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 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

Rocky Kemper  
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Please Remember in Your Prayers

Kaylynne Pomfret and Blakely-Grace Pomfret—Strength  
Linette Williams—Healing  
Diana Lynn Hilt (Lucille Habeck's daughter)—Healing  
Margo (friend of Barb Wilder)—Healing  
Laurie Riggs—Healing  
Marcy Adams—Healing  
Mark Russell (Marge Dorfmeister's nephew)—Healing  
Brian Daugherty (son of Herb & Merilee Daugherty)—Healing  
Sarah Struthers—Healing  
Maryanne Wells (Janet Jones' sister-in-law)—Healing  
Pam Hughes—Healing  
Kacie Wheeler—Healing  
Ali Lufkin—Healing  
Kenny Kimberlan (nephew of co-worker of Becky Mahon)—Healing  
Del and Janet Jones—Healing  
Jon Hurley (Bowie & Helen Duncan's nephew)—Healing  
Gary Dennis (friend of Rhonda Funston)—Healing  
Ruby Hamilton—Healing  
Al & Phyl McCall—Healing  
Warren Montgomery—Healing  
Jim Osborne (friend of Rhonda Funston)—Healing  
Rocky Kemper—Healing  
Nan Bohe—Healing  
Mardy Cason (brother of Roger Cason)—Healing  
Dwight Griggs—Healing



RULES FOR CHILDREN IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE

**One:** If you find that you're sitting in front of a child and they can't see, lean to the side.

**Two:** If the children seated behind you are rustling papers, hand them a crayon.

**Three:** If there is a baby that is crying, offer to take the baby from its parent and walk to the back of the church and rock the child for a while. The parent really needs a break.

**Four:** If teenagers are whispering, give them some Smarties. The rustling and crinkling will replace their whispering.

**Five:** If an adult complains to an usher about the noisy children near them, offer to trade seats with that adult and then apologize to the parents of the children.

**Six:** When a child is running around giving everyone high-fives during the time of passing the peace/greeting your neighbor, make sure to give them an extra fun high-five and then high-five the next five adults that you see.

**Seven:** If a child has worn tap shoes to church and is dancing on the wood portion of the floor, slip the sheet music for "The Entertainer" to the pianist and roll with it.

**Eight:** When the children can't hear because an adult around them won't take off their puffy jacket and it keeps squeaking and distracting the children, offer to help them off with their jacket and go hang it up for them where it goes.

**Nine:** When a three-year-old insists on standing on the front pew turned backwards looking at the rest of the people, give the child a pair of very dark glasses. That will prevent the child from catching any adult's eye, which would lead to distracting them. This will protect the adults, who as we know have very short attention spans and are easily distracted.

**Ten:** When a child in front of you is very squirmy and then finally turns around and you realize suddenly, "Oh, it's Jesus!", take it in stride and play Got Your Nose till he turns around to the front again.

CB Beal, Justice and Peace Consulting, October 17, 2017

HYGIENE BAGS FOR LA PUENTE  
The deadline for contributions is Sunday, October 6.

Needed: toothpaste, toothbrushes (single packs), shampoo, bar soap (not liquid), combs, brushes, razors, shaving cream, nail files, fingernail and toenail clippers, feminine hygiene items.

Bedding, pillows (either decorative or bed), and stuffed toys are all accepted.

Bath towels or washcloths are *not* needed at this time.

Please place the items in the middle section (Women's Missionary Society) of the collection box in the narthex. Large items may be left in Room 8.

If you have questions, please ask a WMS member.

Your contribution is greatly appreciated and cash is always welcome!

STEWARDSHIP/VISIONING TEAM NEWS

CELTIC RETREAT!  
NOVEMBER 8-10, HERE AT CUCC

There will be an informational program Friday evening about God's beautiful creation in various Celtic communities in the world. Saturday will be focused on retreat and the value that has for individuals and the church. Sunday will feature a Celtic worship service. Grace Church will be invited to participate. as well as the rest of the community.



SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
at CUCC, Saturday, October 19  
10:00am-2:00pm  
Here at CUCC—yes, we are hosting this year!

Everyone is invited—not just delegates!  
Come, celebrate how we are Christians in these times with our sister churches in southeastern Colorado!

It's going to be awesome!!!!  
You really won't want to miss this!







# view from the Mountain

“FORGIVENESS”



After reading a book by my friend and mentor Dr. Leo Buscaglia, I felt led to write this column on forgiveness. Some parts I lifted right off the pages because he said it better than I ever could.

Forgive. There is a wonderful aura surrounding the verb forgive. Great warmth and strength it gives you. It is a word suggesting a letting go, a releasing, an action which has the power to soothe, heal, reunite and recreate. I believe that to forgive is very difficult and painful but I have, in my life, been hurt and wronged. And, because of that I know about wanting revenge.

Let me tell you about a man I knew in St. Louis. He was a crossing guard for the elementary school where my kids attended. Somehow we got to be friends. I found out that he was a victim of the Holocaust and had been forced to watch as his wife and two children were murdered. He was spared so he could do heavy manual work for the Nazis. When I learned his story, we pretty much brought him into our family and we loved him dearly. The thing that amazed me was we found no bitterness in him, no anger in his soul. He talked often about forgiveness, not that there was anything easy about it, but that he found he could not continue his life after the war with a heart filled with revenge as he replayed how to kill those who brutally killed his family.

What he found was that the killers weren’t suffering because of their actions. Rather, he was the one suffering, and he had to resolve it. So, he turned to religion. He found that every religion has at its heart deep commitment to compassion and forgiveness. But he found whereas it was easy for the gods to forgive, it was difficult indeed for human beings. God bless him, he somehow found the strength and humanity within to start a new life working with and helping children.

Forgiveness is a complicated process that involves our deepest empathy, humanity, and wisdom. I think we must realize that hate, bitterness, and vindictiveness are overpowering and they will deplete us; therefore, to be free of that, we must reach the point of making the choice to forgive or not to forgive. Then we must realize that to be forgiven and to forgive are the same dynamic. In other words, if we expect to be forgiven when we do wrong, then aren’t we compelled to do the same? If we can’t forgive others, then we cannot expect others to forgive us. Is that the way we want to live?

Now I will tell you a deeply personal story that I endured. After my divorce and I began dating again in my forties, one night I went out with a man I knew from church. After dinner in a nice restaurant, we were driving home. All of the sudden, he drove the car off the road into a wooded area. Before I knew what was happening, he changed from the quiet kind man to an enraged stranger. He beat me and then raped me. Afterwards, he drove me home and pushed me out of the car door and sped away. I didn’t call the police immediately as I should have, because when he threatened my kids, it terrified me so much that I just went to bed telling no one.

Now, you talk about anger! I was consumed with anger, hatred, fear, and depression. When I went back to work, I couldn’t even concentrate. I couldn’t tell my children and I didn’t tell my friends. Finally, I told God. I told Him I couldn’t live like this. I was thinking all of this was going to kill me after all.

By the time I got the courage to report it to the police, the man had died of a drug overdose. Did that make me feel better? No. I still felt like a victim and wanted justice. I began to ask myself what satisfaction is there in causing another to suffer if our pain still remains? Wasn’t that ultimately what I wanted for myself— to know *revenge*?

Guess what I discovered in my learning how to forgive? We find that in the act of forgiving we are very likely to discover new depths in ourselves. We learn that when we refuse to engage in forgiving behavior, it is we who assume the useless weight of hate and pain and vengeance. This can be never-ending, and it weighs upon us instead of the wrong doer.

Love is the single greatest source of forgiveness. In love we put the wrong in perspective and view the act apart from the person. After all, the wrong is already done. It is past and cannot be changed. We have only the present and future in which to move forward.

I was hurt physically, but I learned that the emotional and psychological pain are even more hurtful. Few of us will escape these pains in our lifetimes; they cannot be avoided, but they can be dealt with. Forgiveness is often the only out. It is a freeing of self from the past and facing the future wiser. Forgiveness is often called an unconditional gift of love. This implies not that, “I will forgive you if or when,” but, “I will forgive you because I must if I ever hope to continue to live fully.”

Jesus of Nazareth was the model of forgiveness. He forgave the prostitutes, the evildoers, the betrayal by his own disciples, and ultimately even those who put him to death. True forgiveness is an act of the highest human behavior.

So, let us let go; stop clinging to pain. We cannot fix the wrongs of yesterday and it is not ours to judge. Let’s remember it is the forgiver who is freed in forgiving. Let us leave judgment and revenge to heaven. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

# October 2019

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## Kudos Kolumn

Yay! Thank you to our crew of hardworking people who installed windows, took out old windows, removed old trim and casings, moved things that needed to be moved, provided food to the workers, cleaned up, stained, and anything else that was necessary to get the new Church Family Windows in place. Don't they look great?

Thank you, Paul Dorfmeister, who led the charge in getting the windows installed, and Janet Steiner, Ron Hassell, and Mark Wolters who led the entire windows project. For more acknowledgements, see the Windows Update column below.



## CHURCH FAMILY WINDOWS UPDATE

The windows are in!!! Yes, I know, we've told you that before, but this time the windows are *actually installed* in place of the old ones. And they look great!

The committee first planned that a contractor would be hired to do part of the installation, but no one was available. However, Paul Dorfmeister took the reins and the rest of our church workers just tried to keep up. One sign of success was the "hooray" heard when a window slipped into place on the first try!!!

Many workers stepped up to make the windows happen—Mark Wolters, Ron Hassell, Kathy Roman, Janet Steiner, Rhonda Funston, Bowie Duncan, Randy Funston, Karen Funston, Delmar Smith, Barb Wilder, Darell Hamilton, Ron Erickson, VirJeanne Williams, Betsy Neas, and Karen Bowers.

The window treatments and plaques are.....somewhere in the future.

Without all your financial support this wouldn't have happened, so accept a warm and wonderful hug from all on the committee. Speaking of the committee, we hope our choices are pleasing!

## Worship Team Notes

Worldwide Communion Sunday is October 6. Come, celebrate around the Table with us!

The Worship Team thanks all those involved in the installation of the new church windows.

## Outreach/Community & World Team News September greetings!

The OT met on Sept. 10th to do the following:

\*\* Verify regular financial contributions to the Backpack program, the Free-trade Coffee initiative, Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Project, and Chaffee County Habitat

\*\* Discuss our preparations for the UCC Neighbors in Need offering (one of the five we contribute to) taken on October 6th and 13th. The donations you make in the pew envelopes is added to the regular budgeted amounts we give as a church.

\*\* Finalize arrangements for a guest preacher on October 13th from La Puente. Israel Garcia has previously given the sermon and will share news of the LP mission and how CUCC's contributions are put to work.

\*\* Set the date for the December Heifer International fund raiser. Mark your calendars for December 8th and join us for lunch and fun. 'Tis the "giving season".

Submitted by Helen Duncan

## HOW DO PEOPLE START ATTENDING CHURCH?

A Friend Invited Me - 86%

Organized Visitation - 6%

Invited by the Pastor - 6%

Advertising - 2%

churchgrowth.org

## CUCC Finance and Budget Team September News

The Team has no news to share this month. See you next month!



## 93rd CUCC ANNUAL BAZAAR! Saturday, November 2 9:00am-2:00pm

Thanks to all who attended the bazaar planning meeting!

Below is information about each department. Any items donated are best brought in during set-up week October 28—November 1.

**Craft room:** accepts homemade projects with prices decided by the designer.

**Candy room:** will need homemade candy a few days before bazaar day.

**Baked Goods room:** will need homemade baked items, as well as jams and jellies.

**Books room:** accepts used books.

**Collectibles:** these are nicer "antique-type" items.

**Treasures:** these items have a smaller price tag than Collectibles but may be a great find for someone; this is also where the Christmas section is.

**Lunch:** prepared before and served on bazaar day.

*Pies are served most of the day,  
so donations of pies will be needed.*

All hands will be put to work. There are many areas in which to participate before, during, and after the bazaar. **Your help is greatly appreciated!**

## Pastor's Week At a Glance:

**Sunday** — Church Family Day

**Monday** — Sabbath & Singing

**Tuesday** — Office(s) Hours, Meetings, Appointments, Worship & Education Prep, TELLS

**Wednesday** — Writing Morning; Office Work, Visiting, Meetings, Choir

**Thursday** — Inreach & Outreach Day

**Friday** — Catch-All & Catch-Up Day

**Saturday** — Final Prep for Sunday & Family Day

Pastor Rebecca sends a huge THANK YOU to office administrator Nancy Best, interim minister Mallory Everhart, Moderators Marjorie Erickson and Kathy Roman, and *all* the ministers (that's all of you!) who sailed the ship so well this summer!

## PAUL AND THE EARLIEST GOSPELS October 14-16 La Foret Retreat Center

Using Paul's letters and the canonical gospel accounts of Jesus' life and ministry, Rev. Dr. Eric C. Smith will help participants think through the lives and faiths of the first followers of Jesus, who took the religion of an executed Jewish teacher and turned it into a major religion.

For more information and registration, visit [www.laforet.org/events](http://www.laforet.org/events).



## NEED HELP?

NEED some strong, young help with projects inside and out? Bobby Lewis and The Link students are available for any type of projects!

Youth are well-supervised and paid \$12 an hour; adult is volunteer.

Call Bobby at 719-395-7704 to inquire.

ALSO — Volunteer Service Work pro bono is available if needed.

Ask Clarke & Rebecca how fantastic the young men's help is!

## WORDS OF WISDOM TO LIVE BY

Everyone

Every day

Everywhere

## NEEDS

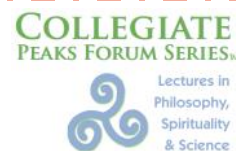
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Affection.....show affection

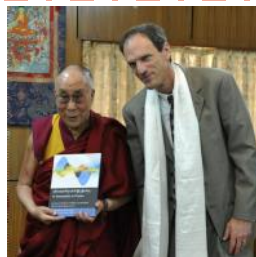
Appreciation....express appreciation.



# CHURCH-COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



**BIOLOGY AND BUDDHISM, with DR. ARRI EISEN**  
**What I've Learned about Life during a Decade Teaching Science to the Dalai Lama's Monks and Nuns**  
**Thursday, October 10, 7:00pm**  
**Ivy Ballroom at the Surf Hotel**



When the Dalai Lama invited Emory University to shape and lead the first significant change to his monastics' academic curriculum in six centuries, little did anyone imagine how profoundly this new direction would affect all involved. Dr. Arri Eisen has been involved with the Emory Tibet Science Initiative since its inception. He will discuss unexpected insights gained in relation to science and religion, teaching across cultures, and the process of thinking about and doing science in general.

Please join us! FREE!



## 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!



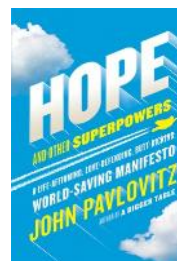
**TELLS**  
**Tuesday Evening Ladies**  
**Literary Society**  
**Tuesdays, 7:00pm**  
**held at members' homes**

**All women are invited!**

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

The group is reading  
 "Hope and Other Superpowers"  
 by John Pavlovitz.

See Pastor Rebecca to get on the email list.



# PLUG INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**UNLOCKING THE RICHES OF**  
**CELTIC SPIRITUALITY**  
**Congregational Church Retreat**  
**November 8-10, 2019**  
**CUCC**

*"Reading Deeply: The Natural World as Sacred Text"*

Led by Rita and Brad Berglund  
 ~Organizers and Tour Guides of  
 Illuminated Journeys, Inc.

Registration: \$10 for Saturday catered lunch  
 See Registrar—Marge Erickson



*"Stand at the crossroads and look;  
 ask for the ancient paths,  
 ask where the good way is, and walk in it,*

October	Scriptures
Sunday, October 6	— 2 Timothy 1:1-14
Sunday, October 13	— Luke 17:11-19
Sunday, October 20	— Genesis 32:22-31
Sunday, October 27	— Luke 18:9-14

**JOURNEY GROUP**  
**Thursday, October 17, 24, 31**  
**Thursday, November 7**  
**10:00am-12:00pm**  
**Rainbow Room**

Topic: "Where is God Today in the World?"

*All are welcome!*

**ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP at CUCC!**  
**Sundays, 9:00am, AE Room**  
**"Conversations That Matter"**

Sundays at 9:00am join us in the Adult Ed. room to discuss faith, life, scripture themes, and upcoming Sunday messages with the Pastor.

Dialog about things that matter and your life stories, and offer creative input for Sunday worship!

## 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](http://www.bvcucc.org/home/Sunday-messages).
- ◆ To receive the CUCC weekly email blast, contact the office at 719-395-2544 or email to [office.bvcucc@gmail.com](mailto:office.bvcucc@gmail.com).
- ◆ Nancy is in the front office M, W, 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.*

**ALL CHILDREN PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE ARE INVITED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Come meet the characters in *Deep Blue*, learn new songs and have fun with craft projects!

Come to worship at 10 am, join in the children's message in church, and then follow your teacher to the Art Room.

## LET'S BE GREEN!!!

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



**WEARABLE ART**  
**FASHION SHOW, BOUTIQUE & BRUNCH**  
**Wednesday, October 16**  
**Salida SteamPlant**

Boutique: 10:00am-11:00am, 1:00pm-2:30pm  
 Brunch and Fashion Show: 11:00am

\$35 tickets available at Serendipity Yarns

Visit [www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.org](http://www.heartofcoloradofiberartsguild.org) for more information.

**Women's Missionary Society**  
**October 24, 1:00pm**

**Program**  
**Monday Collections**  
**Shandra Nelson**

**Hostesses**  
**Marge Erickson**  
**Vivian York**

**All women are invited!**



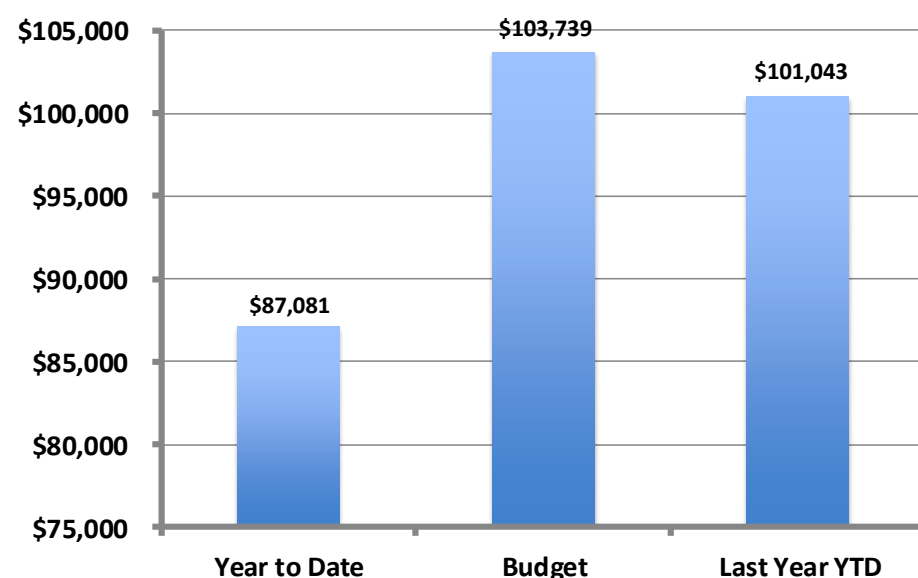
**EARTH, SKY & SEA—A HEART & SOUL IMMERSION IN  
ANCIENT CELTIC SPIRITUALITY  
WITH BRENDAN ELLIS WILLIAMS  
November 22-24  
La Foret Retreat Center**

Brendan teaches his ancestral Gaelic and Welsh traditions through a lens of rewilding and reclaiming by experiential immersion of head and heart, body and soul, challenging popular assumptions about ‘Celtic Christianity’ and the oft-romanticized lifeways of his ancient ancestors.

Pastor Rebecca and Moderator Marge are considering attending. Anyone want to join us?

Visit [www.laforet.org/events](http://www.laforet.org/events) to register. For more information, visit [www.brendanelliswilliams.com](http://www.brendanelliswilliams.com).

**General Contributions through August, 2019**



**LIVING & GIVING  
with INTENTION:**

- Has being part of this church changed your life or someone’s life dear to you?
- To keep ‘paying it forward’ and changing lives, CUCC needs your help.
- Please consider giving a little more, if you can, as we round out the year.
- Changing the budget deficit (almost \$17K now) will mean CUCC can keep changing lives!

**EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE NEWS**

**End of summer Coffee Sale!** Now through October all of our in stock coffees are **ON SALE** - \$1 OFF OUR REGULAR PRICES – just \$7 a bag! A deal! Starting in November, prices will increase on the coffee products to \$9 a bag to increase our outreach to our overseas troops through the Holy Joe’s Café Ministry. *But note* that all of our coffees are 12 to 16 ounce bags (except for French Roast), which compare favorably to supermarket prices.

**OUR CURRENT SELECTIONS:**

French Roast and French Roast Decaf (10 oz).  
Breakfast Blend  
Keurig single serve French Roast, Unwind Decaf, & Breakfast Blend

Salvadoran  
Breakfast Blend and Congo BEANS

A fresh order will arrive for November. I really like the Breakfast Blend flavor, and we will add African Roots, Colombian, and Sister’s Blend.

**HOLY JOE’S CAFÉ MINISTRY**

**We last sent 3 cases of coffee to our troops overseas in January 2017!** Contributing your spare change in the “green coffee cup” helps so we can send more. Plus, all profits from our sales also go to buy coffee for this ministry that offers our troops overseas **coffee, comfort, and counsel** through the ministry of our military chaplains at forward operating bases and outposts.

Ron Rak, “rak\_roll@yahoo.com” Coffee comments appreciated!

**Reaching Pastor Rebecca**

If I’m not at the church, I might be out visiting, in 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](mailto:revbecca@icloud.com).

Feel free to set up an appointment by phone or email.

Dear UCC,

Thanks for the birthday card. It has been a good summer. I am doing well and Aunt Ruth’s cat clearly had made herself at home and is fat and happy. It took awhile to get through all that matted fur but there turned out to be a pretty little girl underneath it all.

Linda Swanson



**The Faith Education Team**

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

**Faith Education for Everyone**

**Adult Education**

Over the past two months, the Faith Education Team has focused on our Sunday morning Adult Education Class asking important questions about pertinent topics, needs, and desires of the congregation regarding learning, and best dates and times for offering classes and discussions. The team welcomes the input of the congregation regarding topics of importance to them. Join us Sundays at 9:00am in the Adult Ed. room for “Conversations That Matter” to discuss faith, life, scripture themes, and upcoming Sunday messages with Pastor Rebecca.

**Children’s Church**

Thanks to Alice Wolters for ordering the fall curriculum *Deep Blue* for Children’s Church and for scheduling teachers for each Sunday. We’re glad to welcome back the children who are enjoying the lessons and projects.

Rebecca,

Welcome back! Thank you so much for sharing your beautiful congregation with me. It has been a joy and a privilege to walk with them for this chapter. I pray that your time away has been restful and reinvigorating and the season you’re entering is healing for everyone involved. God’s richest blessing on your ministry among these precious people. You will all continue to be in my prayers.

- Grace, Mercy, Peace -  
Mallory



**YEEHAW!!!!** Roundup Sunday on September 15th was a boot-kickin’ good time! Here the young’uns welcomed Pastor Rebecca back with song, dance, and hugs! Gabby, Ryan, and Skyler — we love you!





CUCC Council Minutes  
September, 2019

**Present:** Kay Allinger, Ann Condra, Merilee Daugherty, Helen Duncan, Marge Erickson, Ron Erickson, Ron Hassell, Cindy Helm, Rebecca Kemper Poos, Betsy Neas, Ron Rak, Kathy Roman, Arlene Waldorf, Bill Waldorf.  
Moderator Marge Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:14pm, opening with a welcoming prayer.

**General Business and Reports**

**Minutes** from the August 21 Council meeting as prepared by Kathy Roman were reviewed for accuracy and comments. Rebecca noted a one word correction. Ann/Arlene moved to accept the minutes as corrected; motion passed.

**Clerk’s Report:** Ron Rak reported no changes in the congregation since the August 21 meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Cindy and Bill presented summary data from the August Financial Report, noting that contributions year-to-date were under budget by 13 to 14%, and expenses were over budget by about 1%. They suggested some options for encouraging increased contributions from the congregation, which may be presented at the end of September Congregational Meeting or in a letter to all members. Window Project receipts to date were \$26,850. There was discussion over what to do with projected excess window project receipts. It was agreed that we should wait another month since there is considerable trim finishing work and valances or curtains to be added to complete the project.

**Pastor’s Report:** Rebecca briefly summarized accomplishments of her sabbatical, noting that a detailed report will be presented in future church newsletters.

**Moderator’s Report:** Marge noted that the Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting leadership will be shared between Conference Minister Erin Gilmore and Rebecca. The worship agenda will include a dialogue sermon, and the meeting will be a café style luncheon with speakers up front.

**Continuing Business**

**Windows Installation Progress.** Ron Hassell reported that the last window will be installed on September 19. Interior trim will be cut and stained right after, and the exterior trim will be ordered. Ron Erickson encouraged we pass the word to assemble a team on the 20<sup>th</sup> to complete the staining.

**Update on Photo Directory progress.** Ann noted that we need to find 6 more people to sign up for photos for the October 14 sitting by Friday Sept 20<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that Grace Church be contacted right away to see if they may have some volunteers.

**New Business**

**Fall Celtic Retreat.** A fall Celtic Retreat with Brad & Rita Berglund at CUCC is being organized. The retreat dates are November 8, 9, & 10, which will blend into the Sunday worship on the 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a \$10 registration fee, which includes a luncheon prepared by Simple Eatery. We have two months to promote the program to the congregation.

**Team Reports and Updates**

**Worship Team:** Betsy said that the immediate emphasis will be on the Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup> combined Rebecca Welcome Back ice cream social and Birthday Sunday at the Fellowship Hour.

**Outreach Team:** Helen spoke for the Outreach Team, reporting on the Coffee Program, continued support for our Global Ministries student, and the Backpack Program. Merilee added that Backpack was currently serving 45 packs a week and the program was proceeding with good support. The Sunday October 13 service will be officiated by a pastor from Alamosa’s La Puente shelter, who will inform the congregation on the services and support offered by La Puente to the San Luis valley. Continued support for the Heifer Program is planned in a presentation in the Sunday December 8 service.

**Stewardship/Visioning Team:** Ann summarized discussions from the team’s last meeting that an emphasis needs to be placed on encouraging church members to increase contributions, both by inviting friends and community members to come to our church and increasing personal giving.

**Finance and Budget Team:** Bill and Cindy expressed hope that 2020 budget requests from all teams will be received by early October, so they can prepare a preliminary church budget by the end of October. A draft budget will then be available for a November Council discussion. The final budget will then be approved at the December Council meeting. Bill then presented some problems of increasing contributions from an aging and dwindling congregation, emphasizing that our church may not be sustainable in five years with current giving. Several models from current successful efforts in other institutions were presented to foster a discussion of how our church might best proceed to increase giving. Several ideas were discussed, in summary: 1) The church Financial Secretary might send a letter to the 15 highest contributing congregants showing amounts given to provide some real comparisons; 2) encourage a “nameless pledge card” to get people invested in the church; 3) solicit pledging for specific functions such as a “month of child care” or the “cost of four months of Sunday worship service”; 4) foster the thought of “Why I give” instead of “What I give”, i.e., “How much of a priority is this church to me?” and that we “Need to give from the heart”. The Stewardship Team will take these ideas into their next meeting discussions.

**Facilities Team:** Ron Hassell noted that the church gas use year-to-date is at budget, and there are three more months of the year to go. Ideas on heat use/losses were offered. There were continued issues with final billings from the change of the trash removal service, and final bill costs for the parsonage well pump timer that are being contested. New maintenance issues include: 1) safety issues with the aging cottonwood trees between the church and parsonage and considerations for trimming or removal; 2) exterior staining touchups needed; 3) plans for improving the front door lighting; 4) designing an intercom system to connect the rear of the church with the front door access.

**Faith Education Team:** Arlene/Ron Erickson reported that a new curriculum was ordered for the Children’s Sunday Church. There are continuing problems with scheduling facilitators for the Children’s Church to be dealt with. The Sunday Adult Study is still requesting ideas for the curriculum, although an initial plan is in place to allow start up on September 29<sup>th</sup>. A couple of books are ordered for consideration.

**Affiliated Organizations and Committees**

**Women’s Missionary Society:** Merilee reported that the first meeting for the fall is September 23.

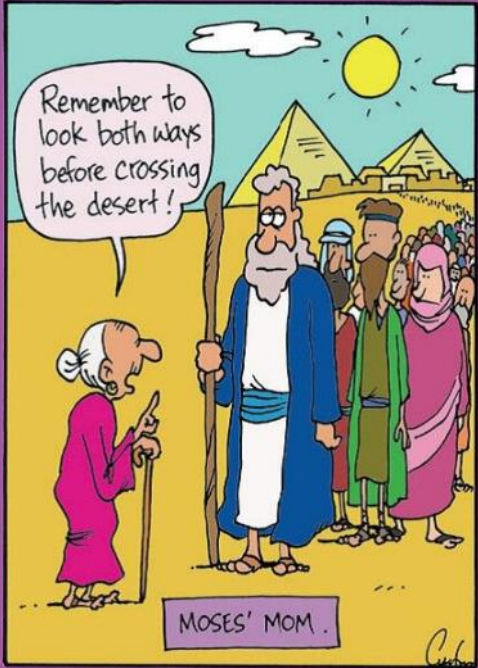
**Boy Scout Troop:** Merilee noted that the troop currently has only five members. She requested that a Boy Scouts Info sign be permanently placed in proximity of the church sign board across from the post office to attract attention from the public to help increase membership. Kathy/Kay moved that a sign be allowed to be posted by the Scout Troop to invite prospective members to attend posted meetings. Motion approved.

**SEA Annual Meeting at CUCC:** Rebecca noted that the annual meeting is scheduled at CUCC on October 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10 – 2 pm. A luncheon meeting is planned. More information will be published in the church newsletter.

**Team Structure and Operation:** A round robin discussion of the current team structure and operations ensued to determine if the church will continue with the new system or will there be an extension of the current mandate for another year before making a decision? Marge noted that this will be put on the October Council agenda. This will include discussion of how the Bylaws will be modified if the system is approved.

**Prayer Concerns/Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned with a parting prayer at 9:26pm.

**Next meeting is scheduled for October 16 at 7:00pm. A Congregational Meeting is scheduled at church on September 29.**  
Prepared by Ron Rak, Clerk



**OUR VERY OWN  
NAN BOHE!**

Columbine Manor Care Center resident Nancy Bohe is surrounded by kids from the Salida Boys & Girls Club Friday during Adopt-a-Grandparent Day. From left are Taylor Ebuna, 9, Ruby Kaisner, 8, Bohe and Gunier Kintgen, 11.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB MEMBERS  
ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT**

- Sam Klomhaus, The Mountain Mail Staff Writer, Tuesday, September 3, 2019

“Sixteen kids from the Salida Boys & Girls Club visited Columbine Manor Care Center Friday [August 30, 2019] [to] visit with residents and celebrate Adopt-a-Grandparent Day.

“About 10-20 kids visit the center about once a month, Brian Beaulieu, executive director of Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County, said, and the goal is for them to make a few special friends.

“During the Friday visit the kids and residents spent time drawing with chalk and telling jokes.

“Gunier Kintgen, 11, told a joke about two muffins sitting in an oven. The first muffin turned to the other and said, “Good grief, it’s hot in here.” The second muffin said, “Good grief, a talking muffin!” Kintgen said it brought the house down.

“Kintgen said he was treated well from the moment he walked in the door.

“Taylor Ebuna, 9, spent a lot of time talking with resident Nancy Bohe. Ebuna said she learned that Bohe’s favorite color is blue and her favorite animal is a dog. Ebuna drew Bohe a picture of a blue elephant and a portrait of her.

“Ebuna said she was eating snacks and having a lot of fun.

“The kids have been getting more comfortable as the visits progress, Beaulieu said, and the center residents look forward to the visits. He said the kids and residents have been able to form long-lasting friendships though the visits.