

***Congregational
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Sunday Worship

9:00am MST & Anytime—YouTube

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News and Views

Congregational United Church of Christ
January, 2021



MODERATOR'S MOMENT

As I prepare to take my leave as your moderator, I first want to say that I will never take leave of this church. You are all part of my community and I care deeply about each of you and the future of what I consider to be my spiritual home. I am proud and honored to serve, despite the challenges of dealing with conflict, dissension, and the ever-present threat of coronavirus, which seemingly has changed every aspect of how we interact with one another. As I ponder this past year I am reminded of the opening words of Ecclesiastes Chapter 3: *To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven: A time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; and a time to mourn and a time to dance; ... a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; ... a time to keep silence and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.* (King James translation)

These are words which we've all heard or read at least once in our lives, but now that I reflect on their universality a little more, I am struck by how much they apply to our individual and collective lives at this particular time in our history. We look back over our own lives and that of our church, a church born over 140 years ago, founded by a small group of people who had the faith, strength, and dedication to make it grow and flourish, through good times and bad, all the while ministering to the spiritual needs of its community. We are now a community within that community, thanks to our founders and to all who persevered over those 140 years. We can rejoice and be grateful for that. The conflict that we have been experiencing is not the first in our history, nor will it be the last, but it will not tear us down. With the help of the Conference Listening Team and their perceptive report, your Church Council is working to help us to get to know each other better, to refine our purpose and identity so that we can envision our future as a church. Rather than as a "time to break down" or "time to pluck up that which has been planted," I see this as "a time to build up."

Envisioning our future as a church can mean change, which for some of us, myself included, is a bit threatening. As I've thought about it, I've decided that while the way we may do things differently in the future, our basic beliefs, our Christian values and our faith will remain constant. The way we do church may change, but the way we are church will not. To mourn or grieve what seems like a loss is natural and normal, and the Rocky Mountain Conference can offer us ways to do that together, to lead us toward acceptance and a "time to dance."

While the pandemic has kept us from meeting, visiting with friends, and sharing a meal together, this a time to "refrain from embracing," from "swapping air," as they say—praying and singing together and greeting our friends with hugs. Because I believe in science, a gift from God, I remain optimistic that with continued care and the help of a vaccine, I am hopeful that we will return to a "time to embrace" and to return to a time when we can enjoy all those things that are important to us as part of our church experience. Before we can do so, however, we will have to continue to show love for each other by protecting each other by not gathering, by wearing masks, and by observing physical distancing. It's been a long season, but we have all, each in our own way, endured longer separations, illnesses, and economic hard times. God gave us the fortitude to persevere and I am confident that He will again. We can pray for His guidance to bring us to "a time to love...and a time of peace" whatever that may look like in our personal and spiritual lives.

I miss you all. May God bless us all on our journey together and may all of our efforts please Him. I wish us all well in 2021, especially your future Moderators and Council. They are all sincere in their desire to serve you and our church well. I thank my Vice Moderator and current Council for their patience and dedication to this awesome responsibility.

Stay safe and be well in body, mind, and spirit.

Kathy Roman, Moderator

YOUTUBE WORSHIP

Live at 9:00am MST & anytime thereafter: [CUCC Buena Vista CO](#)

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR

Sundays, about 9:45am (right after worship)

Join us on [Zoom](#) for social time!

PASTOR’S ARTICLE, January, 2021

I’m writing this a couple of days before Christmas, so I send Christmas greetings and wishes for a bright and hope-filled New Year. As I write, I’m ensconced in my living room chair, surgery foot perched on a blanket, ice machine flowing, church projects surrounding, with books to read, pills to take for pain, and dogs and cats snoring in a big circle around me. What else could a person ask for?!

Let me tell you what I see from my vantage point as our year draws to a close and a new one begins.

*A congregation that pours out love and care with abandon. So many meals, safe visits, cards, letters, phone calls, and offers to help have come to so many, including the Pastor and her family. We have also reached out to folks in our wider circle—those checking out our church online and thinking about joining in fellowship with us in the new year.

*A Leadership Team that can’t be beat! Council and other Teams have navigated countless challenges this year with congregational conflict, COVID-19, civil unrest, and a call to walking in the world differently in light of injustice and racism in our midst. Rather than retreating and seeing what we cannot do, Council has been meeting twice as often to work together on a shared vision for our purpose, identity, and overall mission as a church.

*Strategic Planning Team—What an excellent group this has been and continues to be into the new year and its uncharted territory of a pandemic. The SPT is “on it,” working on all aspects of safety and logistics throughout the year to allow us to gather in limited capacities, interfacing faithfully with our outside groups, and being in large part responsible for our having **no** COVID cases in our immediate congregation.

*Staff most amazing—Nancy Best, Leonard Nyberg, and Judy Phelps have held the church together through challenging times. The ship is in GOOD hands!

*Virtual Worship Team—another most excellent group with high-quality skills and ever-expanding creativity. The VWT has literally kept the church alive for almost a year, but it hasn’t been status quo. Our worshiping community is growing—and at the most unlikely of times! People are being drawn in to uplifting music and messages—watchable from wherever they are on life’s journey. And those services are high quality to boot!

*Other growth happening all around! Coffee Hour on Zoom is growing. Folks who have moved away are loving the chance to “come home” and worship and visit with us. The TELLS group on Tuesday evenings is growing! We are welcoming women from all over the country and a variety of faith backgrounds. (NOTE: January is a great time to join in—please let Pastor Rebecca know if you’d like to be on the list.)

*Adult Education, now called Conversations That Matter, is growing in numbers of participants, but also in spiritual, expansive ways, as we discuss the concerns of our world today, with open minds and hearts to new ways of looking at things and responding.

*Our Nominating Slate is full!! Folks are saying “Yes!” to vital service in our congregational life. We are poised for amazing ministry in the coming year—even with challenges. We are thriving with creativity and figuring out how to “Be The Church” without the usual tools and programs.

That’s what I see from my particular vantage point. What do you see, when you look into the year ahead with Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love?

How’s your soul? Merilee sent me this beautiful reminder to reflect on the core of our faith and look upon one another’s hearts, as well.

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

Right click [here](#) for link.

(or copy and paste the following): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReApJmYSiw&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=TheTabernacleChoiratTempleSquare)

[v=ReApJmYSiw&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=TheTabernacleChoiratTempleSquare](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReApJmYSiw&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=TheTabernacleChoiratTempleSquare)

Peace and Happy New Year, Rebecca

LET’S CONNECT!

Pastor Rebecca is available for Virtual Visits and Porch or Walk & Talk visits, with a mask and social distancing, by invitation.

To set up a time, call or text **719-252-6890** or email to revbecca@icloud.com.



CUCC GOOD-TO-KNOWS



POOS/BRODY FAMILY THANK YOU

So many thanks from Pastor Rebecca and the Poos/Brody Family for all your thoughts, cards, gifts, meals, goodies, and love! Starting in October with Pastor Appreciation, into November with your thoughtfulness and care when Mema Jean died, through December and Christmas and surgery time. You all have been so kind and loving and we are eternally grateful!! CUCC is a loving and supportive community that we are blessed to be part of.

Sincerely,
Rev. Rebecca & Clarke Poos, Rocky Kemper

FINANCIAL SECRETARY BACK-UP

Kay Allinger, our faithful Financial Secretary, is wanting someone to be a back-up for her ‘just in case.’ Life happens, even to Kay, and it’s always a good idea to have someone else ‘in the know.’ Her back-up needs to be computer-savvy and capable of the necessary confidentiality. Please contact Kay at 719-395-6804 if you are interested.

And she sends a *major* Thank You! to Ann Condra for coming in to help her count contributions on Sundays.



CUCC 2020 NOMINATING SLATE OF OFFICERS AND TEAM MEMBERS

Officers:

Moderator: Merilee Daugherty	2021-2022
Vice Moderator: Betsy Neas	2021-2022
Clerk: Ron Rak	2021-2022
Treasurer: Lloyd Martinez	2021-2022
Asst. Treasurer: Judy Hassell	2021-2022
Financial Secretary: Kay Allinger	2021-2022

Worship/Congregational Life Team:

1. Debby Cason	2020-2022
2. Vivian York	2020-2022
3. Linda Rak	2021-2023
4. Carla Hansford	2021-2023
5. Janet Steiner	2021-2023

Outreach/Community and World Team:

1. Helen Duncan	2020-2022
2. Ken Rehborn	2020-2022
3. Bob Stevens	2020-2022
4. Ellen Kely	2021-2023
5. Jean Ferguson	2021-2023

Finance and Budget Team:

1. Mod. Merilee Daugherty	2021-2022
2. V. Mod. Betsy Neas	2021-2022
3. Lloyd Martinez	2021-2022
4. Judy Hassell	2021-2022
5. Bill Waldorf	2021-2023
6. Lesley Fagerberg	2021-2023

Faith Education Team:

1. Betsy Neas	2020-2022
2. Donna Maloney	2020-2022
3. Ron Erickson	2020-2022
4. Avis Rutkowski	2021-2023
5. Open	2021-2023

Facilities/Caring for the Church Home Team:

1. Ron Hassell	2020-2022
2. Bowie Duncan	2020-2022
3. Ron Rak	2021-2023
4. Mark Wolters	2021-2023
5. Kathy Roman	2021-2023

Stewardship/Visioning Team:

1. Judy Hassell	2020-2022
2. Bill Waldorf	2020-2022
3. Bowie Duncan	2020-2022
4. Ann Condra	2021-2023
5. Bob Stocker	2021-2023

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

Nan Bohe (720) 542-1750
Life Care Center of Westminster, Durango Hall, Rm. 101
7751 Zenobia Court, Westminster, CO 80030

Roger Cason (303) 756-1546 (nursing station)
Brookshire House, Rm. 12B
4660 E Asbury Circle, Denver, CO 80222

Lindsey Fagerberg Close
1920 Frontage Rd., Apt. 1714, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Marge & Ron Erickson (406) 366-3296-M
1216 Spring St., Lewistown, MT 59457

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PO Box 1106, Buena Vista, CO 81211-1106
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PO Box 12
318 Pinon Street, Buena Vista, CO 81211

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7950 W. Byers Ave. #102, Lakewood, CO 80226

Millie & Tom Meardon (719) 221-2067 -M
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Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Doris Westerlund
c/o Sue Stanek, 15075 Dutchman Ct.
Apple Valley, MN 55124

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

Vivian York 719-239-0615
c/o Tori York
42643 Sager Ln., Parker, CO 80138

CUCC Special Dates



BIRTHDAYS

January 3—Ann Condra
January 3—Bridgett Tucker
January 4—Billie Branch
January 4—Cameron Wolters
January 5—Carl Hansen
January 5—Delmar Smith
January 10—Dorothy Coy
January 13—Nan Bohe
January 16—Vivian York
January 19—Jean Venard
January 27—Tricia Blake
January 27—Elvin Benton
January 28—Marilyn Frykholm
January 29—Jean Ferguson
January 29—Kathi Perry
January 31—Kay Allinger
January 31—Clarke Poos

ANNIVERSARIES

January 7—Frazer & Kaylynne Pomfret
January 16—Matthew & Donna Maloney



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

**KAREN BOWERS NEW PHONE NUMBER
719-398-3020**

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Roger Cason—Healing
Nan Bohe—Healing
Sarah Struthers—Healing
Pam Hughes—Healing
Al & Phyllis McCall—Healing
Brooke Davis (Doyle & Leonard Nyberg's cousin)
—Healing
Diana Lynn Hilt (Lucille Habeck's daughter)—Healing
Nancy Russell (Marge Dorfmeister's sister-in-law)—Healing
Ed Simons (Rebecca Poos' brother-in-law)—Healing
Pat & Jim Driskel (aunt & uncle of Doyle and Leonard Nyberg)
—Healing
Delores Oltman (Linda Rak's mother)—Healing
Vivian York—Healing
The Family of Diane Bails—Comfort
Julia Munson (sister-in-law of Adele Jackson)—Healing
The Family of Tom Rawlins—Comfort
Betty Gwynn—Healing



CHURCH-COMMUNITY NEWS



BACKPACK PROGRAM

Your continued support is
always appreciated!

Always welcome:

Tuna — Chef Boyardee
Juice Boxes — Fruit Cups
Pudding Cups — Granola or Cereal Bars



CUCC COVID LOCKDOWN BINGO PRIZES!

Remember our bingo game from early on in the lockdown last
spring? We have prizes! Bring in your bingo card(s) to the church
(if Nancy's not there, just slip it/them through the office Mr. Ed door) or mail to CUCC,
PO Box 610, Buena Vista, CO 81211-0610 and you'll get a prize - or maybe more than one!
The deadline is January 9. After that date Office Nancy will contact winners and arrange
how to receive your prize(s). (Yes, we've also remembered that every bingo gets a prize!)



GLORIA CONCERT

Did you miss it? Do you want to enjoy it again?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Hq4pfIAtDc&ab_channel=ClearviewCommunityChurch

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY NEWS

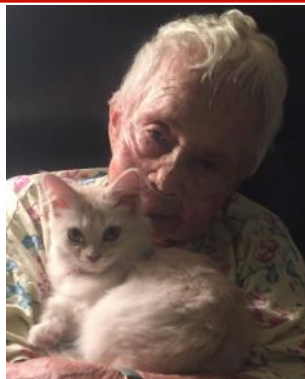
A proposed budget for 2021 was either emailed or snail-mailed to members for their approval. I either spoke to or
received an email response from our 29 active members. The budget was approved. Marjorie Erickson volunteered
to be President for the new year. Again the membership was polled and she was approved. I decided action on
both the budget and the presidency required a 2/3 majority. As of the writing of this report, no one has stepped
forward for the Vice-President and Secretary positions. If you are willing to step forward, please contact Marge at
(406)366-3296 or marjorie.erickson@gmail.com.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve you first as Secretary and then as President. I looked forward to every
meeting because of the opportunity to hear a speaker and learn something new, to enjoy the refreshments
prepared by members' hands, and most of all, to see the beautiful faces of our members. You are each and
every one a blessing. I am looking forward to our 2021 Bazaar and know its planning is in the very capable and
craft-y hands of Janet Steiner. A special thank you to VirJeanne for her loving and faithful contact with our
members and her diligent work in spearheading the collecting for and delivery of La Puente Hygiene Bags.

Merilee Daugherty



view from the Mountain



“THE LAST WORD”

Jean Brody passed away on November 18, 2020. After a long fight with bronchiectasis, her lungs simply could not process enough oxygen and she slipped away surrounded by her children and grandchildren. I’m Steve Poos-Benson, Jean’s son-in-law. Ever since her arthritis became so severe that she couldn’t type and her eyesight so dim that she couldn’t see the keyboard, she’s been dictating her columns to me. Every Wednesday I’d go buy take-out and we’d sit in her little apartment at Brookdale. We’d laugh and talk about writing and the writing life, then I’d break out the computer, which she never understood (she had long despised anything that smacked of technology), and she would dictate and I would type. What always amazed me is how week in and week out she’d come up with ideas to write to you about. The older she got, the more her imagination and creativity would come to life. It was like she could travel the world through the road of her imagination sitting in her soft leather chair. Saturdays were her writing days. She’d break out her little pad and squint her eyes, using a magnifying glass to see, and think and write.

I’ve found myself wondering—if she were writing a final column, knowing it to be her last, what would she want to tell you? I think there are a few themes that have guided her work for these past thirty years that she would want you to embrace. She would want you to be kind to animals. She’s had a life-long love of animals. From her work with wolves, to her goat Willie T For Trouble, and to the cats that sat on her lap, she believed that the mark of a person’s moral character was how a person cared for the most vulnerable, those that make up the animal kingdom. She’d want to tell you one last time to dedicate yourself to the care and well-being of animals.

She’d want to tell you about the love of family. Jean loved her husband Gene. He was the feature of many of her columns. We learned of their undying love for each other in their many adventures. She regaled us with stories of Granny and Granddaddy Pete. We loved the romance of her parents, Marion and Luby Peters. She had a long commitment to her brother Jim Peters in Florida and her nephews and nieces. Jean also loved her children, Clarke, Phoebe, Dede, and Katy. The death of both Dede and Katy broke her heart. Her loved embraced her grandkids in Kentucky, Florida, and Colorado. My children were blessed to be raised within the love of their Mema. She also extended her love to her son- and daughter-in-law Rebecca and myself. Jean loved her granddaughter-in-law Rachel. Jean loved it when Phoebe would bring her great grandson Holden to visit her. Jean would tell you in a last column to always forgive, enjoy, and love your families.

Jean would want you to live your life purpose. Discovering and living her purpose is what gave Jean so much drive in her life. Her life purpose was writing these weekly columns for the past thirty years. Jean loved the Winchester Sun which faithfully published her columns. She thoroughly enjoyed the town of Winchester. When the paper would come to her assisted living, she would cut out each column and put it in a memory album. Later in her career her columns were published in the Fairplay Flume, the Chaffee County Times, the Ouray County Plaindealer, and in her daughter-in-law’s bulletin for Sunday worship. Jean would want to thank her editor, Whitney Leggett of the Winchester Sun. She’d thank Robert McAllister for creating a website to record her columns and for collating all of her columns in books that she read and treasured. I often wonder about the countless thousand lives she touched over the years. She would tell you to discover and live your life purpose.

In a last column she would tell you to be kind and compassionate to each other. Jean hated conflict and could not stand to be in the midst of it. She would do all she could to avoid hurting anybody’s feelings. She wanted all people to be gentle and kind with one another.

As she contemplated a last column she would want to thank her daughter Phoebe for her undying love and care. Phoebe was her guardian, guide, and stay. She saw to Jean’s comfort, security, and health. In the midst of the pandemic, Phoebe made sure Jean was cared for. Jean would also want to thank all of the caregivers at the Brookdale Assisted living in Littleton, Colorado.

Her last word to you would be to cherish life. Discover joy. Embrace every day as a new opportunity to celebrate the gift of being alive. Jean would tell you to enjoy the love of God and to believe in God’s eternal care.

Ultimately, Jean doesn’t have the last word. She would want you to continue the conversation as you brought her many life lessons to fruition.

Above and beyond anything else, she would tell you, her readers, “Thank you and I love you.”

We were all blessed by her life. Her view from the Hill, and from the Mountain were wondrous things indeed.

GREETINGS FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Mark Long, Moderator of the Grand Junction UCC and member of the RMC Board of Directors, shares wonderful wisdom for “being Church” in these times.

Ahhh...2020 is done and over! Though we're not out of the woods yet, hopes run high that 2021 will be a better year for all of us! Last year, in my Tower Chimes January article, I suggested spending more time in contemplative silence. I had no idea how much silence we could be able to have once we were no longer able to meet together as a congregation without restrictions...or at all! We have certainly had plenty to contemplate in 2020, and much of that has been depressing, but many joyous opportunities have presented themselves!

So let me begin 2021 with a different idea. Consider moving into this new year with the idea that this is a new start, a clean slate, a time to think "outside the box" and be innovative in different aspects of your life. Much of what was commonplace in 2019 became non-existent in 2020 at First Congregational, but we all kept the church going and kept our lives going! We changed the way we did things to fit into new restrictions. We came together to find a way to worship together while apart. We spent more time connecting with each other outside the normal time in the sanctuary, reaching out, being Church!

Our entire population was thrown into a total social and economic upset, and churches were no different. Pastors had to find new and innovative ways to bring their message to their congregations and found that their efforts and innovations surprisingly opened the doors to a population outside the sanctuary walls, sometimes thousands of miles and even continents away! Church Treasurers had to entertain other ways of receiving gifts and tithes and found that online giving was neither that difficult to set up, nor was it that expensive!

Churches found that the only way to bring their congregations together was through video services, and someone stepped forward to figure out how to stream or record the services! Members of the church family who were novices at anything computer have found motivation and methods to stay connected with each other through the use of video—even those who eschewed any notion of communicating other than face-to-face! In every case, someone in the congregation stepped up to make it happen, to do and be Church differently!

We all found out that being the church does not have to be in the church building. So in 2021, perhaps we should work more toward meeting people, new and old, where they are, whether physically or emotionally and spiritually. There is so much potential lying at our feet and so much opportunity! Is this a time that God is helping us realize how important we are to each other? Is God encouraging us to evangelize in ways we thought we weren't equipped for by showing us how just a little change can bear great fruit?

So, picking up on my January 2020 message, take this past year of silence and contemplation and use what we've found in our scarcity to bring the abundance of love to the world around us. We all can be agents of change in bringing the message of love and peace to this troubled world. And we can do it from our homes if necessary. Just reach out and touch someone you know casually and let them know you have cared enough to contact them. It is magic—the magic of the love of God. Be the Church!!!

Peace and Blessings

Mark



KUDOS KOLUMN

KUDOS to the CUCC Leadership! Council and all the Teams have done an amazing job during this crazy year of COVID, with a whole new set of challenges thrown at us, and we persevered and thrived. Special kudos to the Finance Team who managed a spiritual rollercoaster this year with budgets past, present, and future.

Drop a note to your favorite church leader today and let them know how much they are appreciated!

COMMUNITY NEWS



CHAFFEE COUNTY WINTER HOMELESS SHELTER Chaffee County Hospitality Inc. formerly known as the Chaffee County Homeless Coalition *Night Manager Need*

The Chaffee County shelters for those experiencing homelessness desperately need two more night managers on the men's side and one on the women's side. If you have any contacts that might help fill these positions, please contact us. A \$120 stipend/night for those positions is provided. We are so grateful for all your support in our community efforts to provide shelter for our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

Brent Wiescamp at First Christian Church in Salida - 719-539-2388

Tom Abbott, 719-539-6422, tom@salidapresbyterian.org

Mike Orrill, 719-221-5418, morrill@chaffeecounty.org.

HUMOR FROM FACEBOOK

After every flight, UPS pilots fill out a form, called a "gripe sheet," which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems, document their repairs on the form, then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight.

Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are actual maintenance complaints submitted by UPS pilots ("P") and solutions recorded ("S") by maintenance engineers:

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit

S: Something tightened in cockpit

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what friction locks are for.

P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to: straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

CUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS



CUCC ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, January 31 11:00am MST via Zoom

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

CUCC's ANNUAL MEETING is coming soon!

Please join us for this important event in the life of our church. When the Annual Report Packets become available Jan. 17, hard copies will be in the narthex. You can also have one mailed to you or have a digital copy emailed.

Join Zoom meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88690174798?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88690174798?pwd=enNKSzW4vM0tpZE9PRG84QWw0TlF0dz09)

[pwd=enNKSzW4vM0tpZE9PRG84QWw0TlF0dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88690174798?pwd=enNKSzW4vM0tpZE9PRG84QWw0TlF0dz09)

Meeting ID: 886 9017 4798

Passcode: 960570

Phone: 1-669-9009128

ARE YOU MISSING OUT?

If you're not an emailer and want to hear from the church regularly, know that Nancy sends out regular hard copy mailings of inspirational messages and all timely, important news.

To be added to the list, please call her at 719-395-2544. She's in the office M, W, F, from 9:00am-2:00pm.

RESOURCES ON CUCC WEBSITE

Looking for resources on race relations and/or COVID-19?

The CUCC website, www.bvcucc.org/resources, features a Resources section with information on:

~COVID-19—Being the Church in New Times

~Talking About Race/Seeing in Color

~Chaffee County Community Resources

BE IN THE KNOW!

- ♦ Copies of Sunday messages can be found in the file box outside the pastor's office door or received in the mail or via email.
- ♦ Sunday messages are also posted on the church website at 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.
- ♦ Nancy is in the front office M, W, F from 9-2.
- ♦ Contact Nancy in the office to get on the birthday/anniversary list. *Please include the year of said birthday/anniversary.*



PASTORAL CARE TECH SUPPORT!

Need some help connecting with CUCC on YouTube for worship or Zoom meetings?

Pastor Rebecca and others can help! Contact her today to set up an appointment!

Email to revbecca@icloud.com or call/text 719-252-6890.

WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP EVERY SUNDAY & ANYTIME! CUCC SERVICES ON YOUTUBE

Go to **youtube.com** and search for **CUCC Buena Vista CO.**

To watch services "live," tune in at **9:00am** Sunday mornings and anytime after.

GATHER FOR COFFEE HOUR AND FELLOWSHIP ON ZOOM! Sundays, about 9:45am MST (right after worship)

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92782808568?pwd=bG1POHIURHBIT2FDNENsVXBDVTMydz09)

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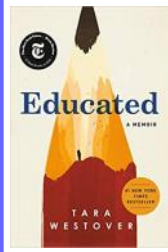
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Meeting ID: **927 8280 8568**

Passcode: **019834**

Phone: **1-253-215-8782**

CHURCH-COMMUNITY NEWS



TELLS
Tuesday Evening
Ladies
Literary Society
Tuesdays, 7:00pm MST
via Zoom
All women are welcome!



The group is reading
 "Educated" by Tara Westover.

We share life, faith, family stories, support, fun and humor—please join us! This is a PERFECT time to expand and enlighten our faith and life with our sisters in Christ!

Contact Pastor Rebecca to get on the email list:
revbecca@icloud.com

LINDA SWANSON

A little money for stamps [newsletter]. Am hanging in there. So far so good. Hope all is well with you guys -

Love,
 Linda

SHELBY & KATIE LINDSAY

Rebecca & Clarke,
 Wishing you hope, peace, and joy and a safe
 and healthy 2021!
 Shelby & Katie

BILL & ELIZABETH SHELBY

CUCC,

We hope everyone is staying well. We are fine, glad 2020 is almost over and hoping for a better year to come. We miss you all and pray for your well-being. Hope to come up and see you in the summer.

Have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Love,
 the Shelbys

GOOSE ON A MOOSE!



LES & MARY MESSAMER

Clarke & Rebecca,
 Thanks for your friendship and visits. We look forward to more time together.
 Love,
 Les & Mary

THANKS FROM LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Dear Nancy,
 We both want to THANK YOU very much for all your help in the 2020 sale of poinsettia delivery!
 Stay safe,
 Ellen Olson, Jean Gabardi

BLANCHETT ADDRESS

Dear Friends,
 Please note our new permanent address.
 Thanks!
 John & Sharron Blanchett
 1300 N River Rd. Lot W18
 Venice FL 34293-4701
 989-627-8041

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN MISSION IN NEED OF FOOD —but NOT peanut butter!

The Arkansas Valley Christian Mission continues to help those in need in our local community. Your donation of the following is greatly, greatly appreciated!

*toiletries *cereal *coffee (regular) *jelly (not grape) *toilet paper
 *paper towels *relishes/condiments (catsup, mustard, pickle relish) *honey
CASH IS ALWAYS WELCOME

"CHOICES" PEER RECOVERY COACH TRAINING

January 7, 8, 9 & 15, 16

9:00am—4:00pm MST

First Presbyterian Church, 299 McWethy Drive, Leadville

CHOICES is an intensive 5-day training for those who want to learn how to better engage with family and friends who may be struggling with addiction to alcohol or drugs. Trainers from Embark/PCA Colorado will guide participants to harness the power of their life experience and learn the skills to become an effective and ethical recovery coach. Participants will gain a strong foundation of the roles of a peer recovery coach and how the roles are different from other traditional and existing support methods. They will be introduced to the many concepts and skills involved in recovery coaching, preparing them to serve their communities as peer support advocates.

This NAADAC approved training provides 30 CEs, and because of a grant is offered to you at NO CHARGE. Motel rooms for out-of-towners will also be offered at no-charge to you.

Contact Mike Orrill at 719-221-5418 or morrill@chaffeeconomy.org.

RESTORATION BAG EVENT

A bag packing event will be held at CUCC in 2021.

The date is to be determined and will be advertised when it is known.

Human trafficking has long been a problem throughout the world but has been increasing because of COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders. Not only are families becoming more financially desperate and turning to risky money-making opportunities, but people cannot go to brothels and strip clubs, so they have the girls and boys brought to them instead or watch pornography on-line. This has caused a rise in trafficking, but there has also been a rise in awareness. We are seeing more people rescued from labor and sex trafficking and they need help.

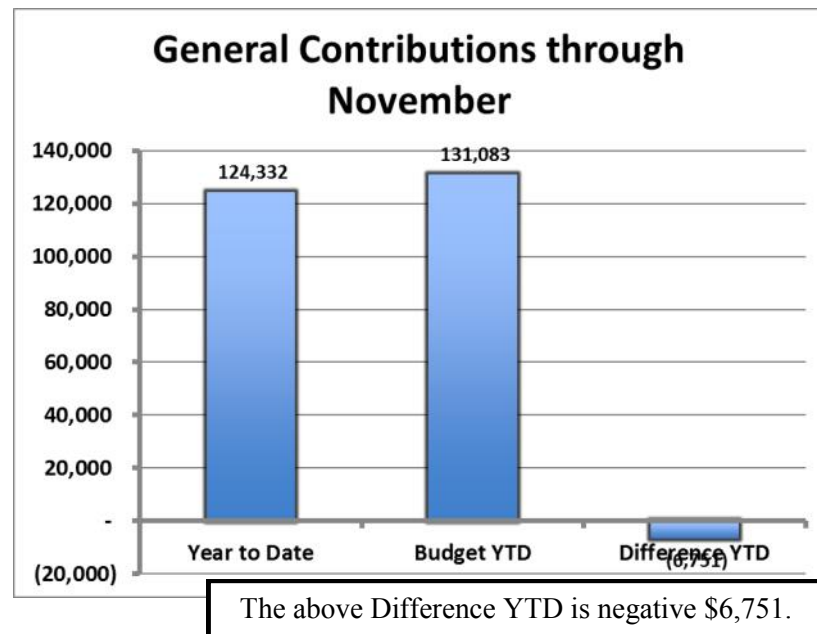
One way we can help is by providing comfort and dignity at the time of their rescue. BV HOPE (bvhope.org) partners with Restore Innocence (restoreinnocence.org) to deliver bags full of much-needed items to the FBI which gives them to newly rescued trafficking survivors. Lists of items needed for each bag are posted in the CUCC narthex. The lists are very specific. It works best to partner with a friend to buy the whole content so we don't end up with a lot of partially empty bags.

Thank you so much for helping with this project! It is so needed and is a tangible way we can help those who have been suffering through trafficking.

Beth Ritchie, director of BV HOPE



CUCC REPORTS



FACILITIES TEAM NEWS

Heating - Please make sure thermostats are turned down after meetings; however, we are intentionally leaving certain cabinets under sinks and utility doors open to help regulate heat.

LED upgrades – The Fellowship Hall upgrade is now 50% completed.

Parsonage - A broken spring on the garage door was being attended to. A new microwave oven was ordered to replace the built-in unit that died.

Snow removal – We’re trying to put together a plan to get the snow shoveled off the sidewalks occasionally. Even without holding in-person services, people still do come and go.

TV in Fellowship Hall - This project is expected to be completed Jan 4th. Some electrical work may need to be done and we may need to build a fold-up shelf for a DVD player.

Ron Hassell, Chair

Finance and Budget Team January News

The Team has submitted the Proposed 2021 Budget to Council, and it will be updated in early January after receipt of December’s results in time for the Annual Meeting on Jan. 31.

Bill Waldorf, Co-Chair

Worship Team

Each of the Team members spent time in December calling the church’s elderly members to discuss Christmas with them and/or sing a carol or two.

Debby Cason, Secretary

Stewardship/Visioning Team News

The Team wishes everyone a wonderful and blessed 2021!

Bob Stocker, Chair

The Faith Education Team Faith Education for Everyone

On January 3 Conversations That Matter is starting a new study—“Acting Against Racism” Conversation Guide. Hard copies of the guide are on the table in the narthex and digital copies are on the Christian Century [website](#). We hope you will join this lively discussion where all views count.—Sundays at 4:00pm MST via Zoom.

The Tuesday night TELLS book group is starting “Educated” by Tara Westover, her memoir of her childhood through her youth. Please join us on Zoom at 7:00pm MST. Some people even join in from other parts of the country! Contact Rebecca for information.

Betsy Neas, Chair

Outreach/Community & World Team News— January greetings!

The Outreach Team proposed several local fund raisers this past season:

-- the Arkansas Valley Christian Mission asked for hams, turkeys, and most of all cash donations to aid local families struggling especially with job losses due to the pandemic. Many are in need of rent and utility assistance, plus supplies from the food pantry.

-- Chaffee County Habitat for Humanity asked us to participate via daily offerings of change in a special “house.” The local Habitat chapter hopes to begin construction on a duplex in Nathrop this spring.

Our congregation has indeed responded generously to both of these fund raisers. Thank you!

During this coming year we hope to continue reaching out to local families and singles who are in need.

Helen Duncan, Chair

PLUG INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR CUCC CONTRIBUTORS

The Finance and Budget Team thanks you for your continued contributions to the financial health of our church and to the support of the many other recipients you have designated. December is normally a banner month when it comes to checks received from our faithful congregants, and we hope that this will be the case again in 2020. The changes in everyone’s habits as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic are many, so we admit to having some concern for this month’s receipts.

Realizing this, your F&B Team asks that you review the amount you had planned to contribute to our church this year and compare that against your actual gifts so far. We would be delighted to see December receipts prove to be our best month in 2020, as has been the reality and tradition for many past years.

Thank you for your personal review and your continuing generosity. A special year-end gift would be wonderful!

Faithfully, on behalf of all of us,
The Finance and Budget Team

CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER Sundays, 4:00pm MST via Zoom

“Acting Against Racism” Conversation Guide

Click [here](#) for the guide or pick up a hard copy from the table in the narthex.

Questions, comments, or to receive the Zoom link, contact:

cucc.conversations@icloud.com

We hope you will join us!

ONLINE GIVING APP FOR YOUR PHONE It’s so easy to set up!

Tithe.ly makes it easy to put their CUCC online giving app right on your phone!

Go to the App store on your phone and download the free app. Setting it up is easy! You’ll be glad you did!

DID YOU KNOW?

6 Ways to Give!

Exciting Options for Supporting CUCC!

1. MAIL IN your contribution to CUCC, PO Box 610, Buena Vista, CO 81211-0610
2. DROP OFF at the church building during Nancy's working hours: MWF from 9:00-2:00.
3. Donate ONLINE with our new tithe.ly program! It's safe, secure, quick, and easy. You can even set up recurring payments so that you don't have to think about it each month! How nice is that?
4. DONATE through the CUCC website: bvcucc.org, click DONATE.
5. WORSHIP with us on our YouTube channel, then click ‘Please Support Our Church’ for giving options.
6. ACH - set up Automatic Giving at your bank. Never miss a month of ministry!

THANK YOU for all the ways you give of yourselves, your gifts, and your lives to CUCC!

CUCC COUNCIL MINUTES - December 16, 2020

7:11pm Meeting called to order. (Clerk's Note: Meeting conducted via Zoom internet due to the Colorado Stay-at-Home/Safer-at-Home Orders started on March 26th due to the nationwide Corona Virus Pandemic.)

Present: Moderator Kathy Roman, Vice Moderator Mark Wolters, Pastor Rebecca Poos, Kay Allinger, Merilee Daugherty, Helen Duncan, Judy Hassell, Betsy Neas, Linda Rak, Ron Rak, Bob Stocker, Bill Waldorf

Sign On and Greet, Welcoming and Opening Prayer: Moderator Kathy Roman began the meeting with a prayer.

GENERAL BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Minutes from the November 18 regular Council meeting were approved as published.

Minutes from the December 2 Special Council meeting were approved as written.

Clerk's Report: Ron noted several changes in the congregation since the November 18 meeting. Rebecca added that Diane Bails should also be reported for records continuity, although she was no longer a church member. Rebecca and CUCC will be hosting a Celebration of Life on Zoom for Diane Bails, Dec. 27 at 1:00pm. Bob Stocker questioned the difference in two of the listing categories of the report. Ron will review and modify the report categories to match those in the 2019 Annual Report to see if that clarifies Bob's question.

Treasurer's Report: Assistant Treasurer Judy Hassell and Finance Team Chair Bill Waldorf noted that income YTD was \$4,802 under budget. Bill offered that to balance the budget for the year, approximately \$5,390 would come from Reserves, depending on December contributions.

Moderator's Report: Kathy said that she had been attending recent RMC moderators meetings on Zoom. A key question discussed was how can voting at a virtual annual congregational meeting be conducted legally?

Strategic Planning Team update: Mark Wolters said the church building remains closed as advised by the county health department, due to alarming increases in the county's virus infection rate. However, he said that to his knowledge, there were no cases in our congregation.

Kudos and Thanks: Kathy noted that the Sunday YouTube services are showing significant leadership by several additional participants. She offered special thanks to VirJeanne Williams, Betsy Neas, and Trish Flint for their Christmas stories, as well as to Janet Steiner for the innovative Christmas on a Cookie Sheet presentation. Kathy also gave special recognition to the virtual worship music team including Matthew Maloney, Jacy Doumas, Rebecca, Shelby and Katie Lindsay, and Janet and the Choir carolers.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Nominating Committee Report: Chair Judy Hassell reported that the 2021 Slate of Officers and Team members was almost complete. All teams have five members except for Faith Education with four. Merilee Daugherty has accepted nomination to Moderator, as has Betsy Neas for Vice Moderator, completing all officer positions.

TEAM REPORTS AND UPDATES

Stewardship/Visioning: Bob Stocker reported that the team hasn't met recently.

Outreach Team: Helen Duncan emphasized the Arkansas Valley Christian Mission request for hams, turkeys, and most of all cash donations to aid local families struggling, especially with job losses due to the pandemic. Many are in need of rent and utility assistance, plus supplies from the food pantry.

Chaffee County Habitat for Humanity has asked us to participate in an Advent Build via daily offerings of pocket change to a special "house" in the narthex. These collections need to be returned by the 23rd to the Habitat ReStore.

The final "5for5" UCC Christmas Fund special offering will be extended into January.

Worship Team: Linda Rak was happy to report that a short outdoor Christmas Eve service was in the planning, which would include caroling with lighted hand-held candles. The service is planned for 4:00pm, to be led by both Janet Steiner and Pastor Rebecca. A recorded service will also be on YouTube by 9:00am. (Ed. note: Outdoor service cancelled due to weather. Replaced with: Watch Party & Gathering On Air, 4-6:00pm on YouTube & Zoom.)

Facilities Team: Ron Hassell had sent a report ahead of time. There were no questions concerning it.

Faith Education Team: Betsy Neas reported that she will remain a member of the Team, and Donna Maloney has accepted the position of Team Chair. The team has also asked for \$100 to be added to their budget to cover the cost of a new program. Conversations that Matter will take a holiday hiatus and resume Sunday, Jan. 3rd at 4:00pm on Zoom.

Finance and Budget Team: Bill Waldorf went over the 2021 Proposed Budget in detail. Major changes include projected reduced indoor services until the third quarter which will reduce expenses, and reductions in pastoral benefits due to husband Clarke going on Medicare coverage, allowing selection of a less expensive family UCC major medical plan for 2021. Minor changes included eliminating summer Youth and Boy Scout Program costs. After end-of-year data are received, the Team expects to do a final review in early January when 2020 actual General Contributions are known and then to modify the Proposed Budget only to reflect a like amount. The Proposed Budget must be finalized by January 15 in order to have it available two weeks prior to the 2021 Annual Meeting. Merilee moved/Linda seconded to approve the 2021 Proposed Budget as presented.

Mark Wolters moved/Helen Duncan seconded and added an amendment regarding the early January modification of 2021 budgeted General Contributions. Bill added that the 2020 deficit when determined will have to be covered by reserve funds. Council approved the amended motion.

Affiliated Organizations--Women's Missionary Society: There were no questions.

NEW BUSINESS

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Zoom, January 31, 2021, at 11:00am, following Online Worship & Zoom Coffee Hour.

Team Annual Reports are due to the Church Office no later than Wednesday, January 6. Packets of the reports, budget, nominating committee slate, etc., are to be available by Sunday, January 17th. Packets of reports, proposed budget, and nominees are to be available at that time.

Presentation of the Annual Meeting: Kathy asked: How are we going to run the Zoom Annual Meeting? How can it be inclusive such that all observers can participate? She suggested perhaps the sanctuary can be opened to those without computer access to provide TV video and audio. It was thought that a land line or a cell phone can be used to listen to the meeting and respond, without visual coverage. A legal opinion from the Conference attorney specifies that we assure all in attendance can be heard and that we would have to take a roll call vote. To her question whether people could email any questions which would then be read and answered, it was the consensus of the group that it would be permissible. Kathy will confirm these ideas at the next Rocky Mountain Conference moderators meeting.

Topic for Next Special Meeting: The date for the next special meeting was set for January 6 at 7:00pm via Zoom when we will continue reporting back on personal contacts and discussing our purpose and mission statement.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Rebecca noted that increased participation has been observed in the Sunday services on YouTube, in the Conversations That Matter adult study, and during the TELLS book study. Based on these increased attendances, she is looking at everything we can do to widen the circle of participants and spread the word of the church.

Rebecca also reported her Designated Housing Allowance for 2021 would be \$7000. This designation must be noted in these December Council minutes each year and a form filed in the Office.

PRAYER CONCERNS/UPDATES: It was noted that Vivian York has taken a fall this past week and that Tom Rawlins had been placed in hospice care. (Tom Rawlins passed away on December 19, 2020) Pastor Rebecca asked us to reflect on a few new needs in the congregation for healing, hope, and comfort.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:43pm.

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for January 20, 2021, 7:00pm on Zoom.

Prepared by Ron Rak, Clerk



Hello, World! I'm 15 minutes old!