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Sunday Worship “On the Green”
In Person 10:00am (MDT)

MIDSUMMER NEWS! 2021

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News and Views

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MODERATOR'S MOMENT

Hello and welcome to our “Mid Summer Newsletter.” As of this writing, COVID-wise things are looking up. If you’re like me, you’ve been eager to reconnect with family and friends without having to wear a face covering—to be able to hug and hold one another close, perhaps to kiss someone else.

Summer is when we tend to travel the most and I know several of you already have plans in place. We are happy that our Office Communications Administrator, Nancy, is able to take some time off and travel to Europe (this knocks one thing off her bucket list). Herb and I planned a river cruise for last year, rescheduled for June of this year, and rescheduled yet again for 2022. I was beginning to think we’d never be able to take our cruise, but in mid-May we were notified that cruises would begin again in late July. We are now planning to go the last week of July and I am so excited. I hope you all have the opportunity to travel, host company, or just reconnect in-person, “in the flesh,” with someone you’ve really missed. These opportunities really refresh the soul, make you feel lighter and more alive.

The words of “For the Beauty of the Earth,” by Folliot Sanford Pierpoint, came to mind as I was writing this, and I think it a good way to end this month’s Moderator’s Moment. Happy Summer to you all!

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight;
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;

For Thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love;
For Thyself, best Gift Divine! to our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Joy to you and me!
Merilee Daugherty, Moderator

CUCC WORSHIP!

YOUTUBE WORSHIP - SUMMER SABBATICAL

Our YouTube worship is taking a break till the fall: [CUCCBuenaVistaCO](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUCCBuenaVistaCO)

JOIN US FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Outdoors “On the Green”—10:00am

On the Green at CUCC

Bring a lawn chair and a beverage if you like.

PASTOR'S ARTICLE, Midsummer News, 2021

On Sunday, May 23, a carful of us from CUCC ventured to Colorado Springs to attend the Ordination to Christian Ministry of Mallory Everhart. Others from CUCC and elsewhere joined in on Zoom, creating a robust and wide circle of loving support for this amazing young woman on this very special day. I was asked to lead the service as Liturgist, and was truly inspired and uplifted by this gathering of Christ's Church.

Rev. Mallory Everhart (as we can joyfully call her now!) served our church as Interim Sabbatical Pastor in the Summer of 2019 and did a fantastic job caring for our congregation and leading worship. I have been her Advisor these past years, as she has worked through the Member in Discernment Process toward Ordination.

It is one of the great joys of ministry to be able to mentor and support others on this journey, and I have been particularly blessed to journey with such a wise, creative, dynamic, and downright amazing person and pastor. Mallory has been called to serve as Co-Pastor with Clare Twomey at Vista Grande, UCC in Colorado Springs. That church is at a pivotal moment in its life cycle and having dynamic and vital conversations about how to continue and re-imagine its call, context, and sustainability. Mallory is leading them in this exploring with courage and creativity. I am excited to see where they go on their journey as a congregation!

True to form, Mallory adapted the language in the Ordination service to bring it into today's realities, inclusivity, and creative new imaginings. She added a "Response by the Ordinand" that was powerful and true:

Mallory: Beloved, I am no longer my own. I stand now with your people. Join me in solidarity with others. Let us take action. Let us wait in silence. Let us confront oppression. Let us mourn what is lost. Let us succeed in our struggles. Let us share your suffering. Let us dream new visions. Let us renounce injurious ways. I freely and wholeheartedly commit my life to this service. Living God, I share your wounds and see your glory. So be it. May this covenant now made on earth be ratified in the world that is to come. Amen.

I was taken back, by this pivotal event in Mallory's life, to the time in my own life to when I was ordained—with a 4-month-old bouncing baby in arms! Then, the day after Mallory's Ordination, I received in the mail a Certificate of Appreciation for 25 Years of Ministry from the Rocky Mountain Conference, United Church of Christ. What a wonderful coincidence! Yes, on November 3, 1996, at Wiggins Community Church (UCC) in Wiggins, Colorado, I was ordained to Christian Ministry, and began a journey that has been rich, profound, meaningful, challenging, and joyful. A journey that has brought me here to this place and this day, 25 years later.

With the certificate was a lovely handwritten note from Rev. Sue Artt:

Dear Rebecca,
God certainly called your many gifts and talents forward to lead in our beloved church. Thank you for sharing the best of yourself with all of us—on behalf of Spirit—these 25 years! Bless you, Sue :) — 2021

It is powerful and poignant to look back and reflect on all the stages of the journey, and also to lock arms together with Mallory and other ministers, as we embark on the next 25 years—seeing where Spirit is leading and guiding—calling us forth—no longer our own, but never alone—all in the Community of Christ. Thanks for being part of my journey, and your loving, supportive participation in Mallory's Call Journey as well!

Blessings, Rebecca



**MALLORY EVERHART
ORDINATION**
May 23, 2021

CUCC GOOD-TO-KNOWS

BYLAWS UPDATE

At the Annual Meeting in 2019, the congregation voted to try "teams" instead of "boards." Part of the team concept was to open leadership positions to those who affiliate with us, but don't actually join. We have voted to continue this concept, and this is just one area where the bylaws need updating.

Seven of us gathered together at the church on Saturday, May 22 for an all-day workshop aimed to teach us some skills for conflict resolution. The last break-out session of the day instructed us to plan a method for communicating with the congregation regarding a specific issue. We decided to discuss the bylaws rewrite timeline and discuss how best to present it to you. As follows are the steps we plan to take: once the committee has finished their work, the bylaws will be presented to the Council for feedback. Once the Council has approved, we will host meetings at the church where you will hear what changes have been proposed and why. We will then receive your feedback and, once we've gone through the entire document and you feel comfortable, we will hold a special Congregational Meeting for a formal vote. I cannot tell you when all the meetings with you will start, the revision is a lengthy process, but know that your input will be very important.

We have been announcing that the Purpose/Identity Statement, which is a part of the bylaws, reads, "As followers of Jesus, we are committed to exploring together Jesus' teachings, his actions, and his justice, to better love, respect, and welcome all people." Our three focus areas for 2021 are Extravagant Welcome, Mission, and Education. Focus areas will be chosen each year by the Council to provide direction for that year. If you have something on which you feel we should be focusing, give your feedback to any Council member so we can consider your input for 2022. Since the last bylaws amendment was in 2015, the committee feels that, going forward, the bylaws should be reviewed much more often, before a major re-write is required. We look forward to working with you and accomplishing this update.

Merilee Daugherty, Moderator

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 at 719-395-2544 to get on the birthday/anniversary list. *Please include the year of said birthday/anniversary.*

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

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Life Care Center of Westminster, Durango Hall, Rm. 123
7751 Zenobia Court, Westminster, CO 80030

Roger Cason (303) 756-1546 (nursing station)
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CUCC Special Dates



BIRTHDAYS

July 2—Loretta Cain
July 2—Emily Fagerberg
July 5—Rocky Kemper
July 10—Laurie Stevens
July 12—Liz Hansen
July 14—Keith Sovereign
July 22—Charles Blake
July 29—Janet Jones
July 31—Sarah Struthers

ANNIVERSARIES

July 5—Jon & Teresa Roorda
July 6—Corey & Bridgett Tucker
July 9—Clarke & Rebecca Poos
July 10—Don & Bonnie Taylor
July 30—Bob & Laurie Stevens



Don't see your special day listed?
Please contact Nancy in the office at 719-395-2544
or office.bvucc@gmail.com .

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Roger Cason—Healing
Nan Bohe—Healing
Sarah & Rod 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
Pat & Jim Driskel (aunt & uncle of Doyle and Leonard Nyberg)—Healing
Friend of Barb Wilder—Healing
Julia Munson (sister-in-law of Adele Jackson)—Healing
Charlotte Smith—Healing
Consuelo Arriola (friend of Debby Cason)—Healing
Janet Jones—Healing
Ron Erickson—Healing
Maritza Kaniewski (friend of Debby Cason)—Healing
Lisa Hust (friend of Bob Stocker & Ellen Kely)—Healing
Don Taylor—Healing
Paul Dorfmeister—Healing



COMMUNITY NEWS

GRACE CHURCH CRAFT FAIR

Sunday, July 4
10:00am—3:00pm
Grace Church Parish Hall

Lots of unusual items and fun gifts - bird houses,
aprons, cross-body purses, pillows, quilted items
and much more. See you there!



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Mom's Meals delivers healthy, affordable meals right to your home, with your choice off their menu. They even offer special diet meals, such as gluten-free, vegetarian, and low-sodium. These meals are designed to help you stay healthy and remain independent in your home. There are programs for Medicaid and Older American Act recipients, Medicare Advantage recipients, and self-pay individuals.

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CUCC ANNOUNCEMENT

NANCY'S VACATION

Nancy will be unavailable from June 15-July 14, but ***the office will be covered!*** The phone and emails will be answered. You might even want to drop by M, W, F 9-2 to visit with whoever is manning the office.

There will be no email blasts or July newsletter—this is the info for the rest of June and July. There *will* be an August newsletter and email blasts will resume the latter half of July.

And yes, she's going to love her trip to Croatia. :)



view from the Mountain

“MAVYNEE”

Her name is MaVynee Betsch and I am proud to call her my friend. She is the color of cinnamon and she glistens as if sprinkled with damp sugar. Her hair is a ten-pound bundle of dreadlocks, the ends of which she carries twisted on her hip. It made me think of an umbilical cord connecting her with the mother earth she so adores.

She stood in the doorway of her bus home beckoning us inside, she in a brilliantly colorful long dress draped around her tall slim body and with sandals on her slim brown feet. She moved like a cat, urging us to enter a space floor to ceiling with books, pamphlets, petitions, and pictures of animals and children. I was immediately drawn to her as I listened to her clear melodic voice and looked at her smile radiating love and genuine pleasure to have us there.

We were not there by accident. My son sent to us a feature article in the Orlando Sentinel about this woman MaVynee Betsch who lived at American Beach, a small enclave on Amelia Island. It consists of a mere two-hundred acres flanked on either side by swank condos and million-dollar mansions and is inhabited 100% by Black People. Most importantly, it is a legacy, one that MaVynee is devoting her life to keeping alive.

Why? Well, her great-grandfather bought the first piece of property there in 1935. Because she believes in preserving Black heritage, she intends to spend the rest of her life seeing to it that developers do not swallow it up and turn it into more playgrounds. It is just one of her causes. She’s also a devout animal lover, a pacifier and lover of peace, a vegetarian, and defender of children.

She graduated from Oberlin College in 1955 and spent ten years in Europe as an opera diva and classical dancer. Then she got very sick with colon cancer, just like her mother. But instead of treatment and surgeries, she came home to American Beach, changed her diet and her lifestyle, bathed in the saltwater of the ocean and breathed in sea breezes. She has not been to a doctor since, and if clear skin, sparkling eyes, erect posture, joyful attitude, and endless energy are any sign of wellness, then she is totally well today.

In the newspaper article there was a hint that she was unusual. I suppose by normal standards, she is different, but I can tell you I came away from my visit with her not questioning MaVynee’s differences, but rather questioning how we judge difference in the first place. Here’s a woman who knows what she believes, someone with the highest sense of ethics and morality for all life, the education and poise and intelligence to articulate these feelings, and the energy and dedication to live what she preaches. Now you tell me that is different.

Her rock is reverence for all life. I know she would never pull rank or feel superior to another, because she simply doesn’t need to. Materialism and the need to own things doesn’t seem to be in her experience at all. And she has just made her life a living statement of what she believes. She has written an opera, books, and articles, and gives lectures whenever asked.

I get the feeling that though I’ve only spent time with her once, that I could trust her with my life. In fact, I hope to make her a part of my life and a part of yours through my words.

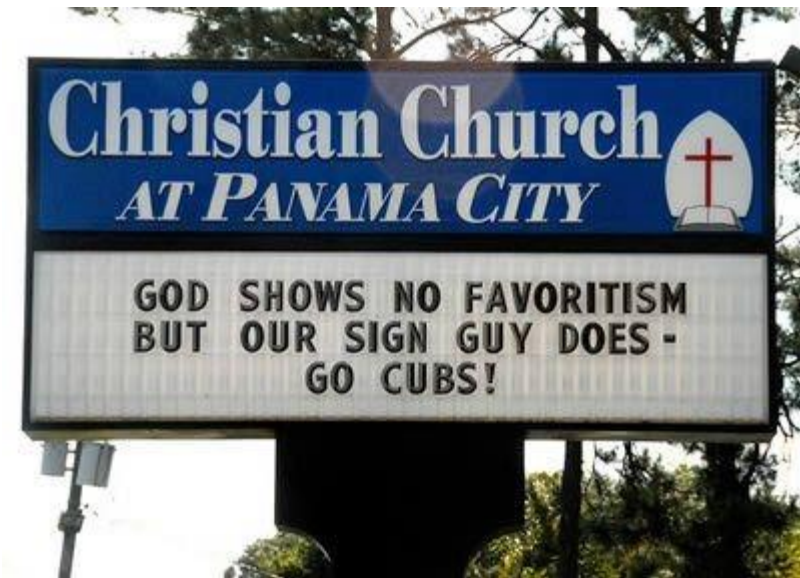
The view from the mountain is wondrous!

Jean Brody



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WHOLENESS & WELLNESS WEEKEND

August 27-29

La Foret Conference and Retreat Center, Colorado Springs

A quiet space, a settled body, and a calm mind allow room for what is important in life to float to the surface.

Make time to connect to nature, your body, your deep self, and community. Storytelling, yoga, mindfulness, hiking, nutrition, creative expression, connection to nature, and even massage will all be options in this retreat designed for your refreshment and re-centering.

Open to everyone; this is an intentionally diverse, innovative event which aims to engage people of all religions or none, of every background and path. All are welcome. To deepen into the genuine culture of welcome, Wholeness & Wellness Weekend will engage a post-colonial potluck approach, meaning that the experience is richer when everyone has something to bring, and the structure and role of leadership and participants will be less traditional and top-down, and more communal. Rather than a keynote or main event, our hosts and participants will honor one-another's offerings and expertise.

BONUS: La Foret has just put new, more comfortable mattresses on the beds in our cabins! This means even more care and comfort for your body while you are with us in the forest.



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CHURCH-COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT at the LABYRINTH!

Monday, June 21
10:00am-2:00pm
Poos' cabin in Fairplay

The TELLS group invites ALL women
to a Day Retreat:
"Tending our Spirits—Being Enough"

Socially distanced easy walking, sharing,
and carpooling.
Bring a lunch!

Talk to Pastor Rebecca for more info.

Note to men: Watch for a co-ed retreat offering later
this summer.

Let Pastor Rebecca know of your interest!
revbecca@icloud.com
719-252-6890



TELLS
Tuesday Evening
Ladies
Literary Society
Tuesdays, 7:00pm MDT
via Zoom

All women are welcome!

The group is reading
"Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult.

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
and Zoom link list:
revbecca@icloud.com



BIBLE STUDY

Invitations from Grace Church

CUCC folks are heartily invited to join a Women's or Men's Bible Study at
Grace Church. Currently on Zoom, they will be in-person later this season.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Fridays at 10:00am, via Zoom
led by Bob Yinger

Get on the list and receive a zoom link by contacting Robert
Yinger at robertyinger@mac.com or Ray Stwalley at
araystwalley@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Mondays at 9:30am, via Zoom
led by Rev. Catherine Tran

Get on the list and receive a zoom link by contacting
Catherine at cathctran@gmail.com.



CUCC ANNIVERSARY MISSIONARY STORY

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH A MISSION TRIP

by Betsy Neas

Have you ever wondered what life looked like after Hurricane Katrina? Well we did too. So the Rawlins, Seth White, Carol Amon, Hugh and I went down to Gulf Port, Mississippi to see what we could do to help in April of 2006. Seven months after the hurricane struck the Gulf Coast of Louisiana and Mississippi the place still looked like the storm had hit yesterday. Someone had heard that the Southern Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Association had planned to rebuild 600 homes for residents in that area. So there we were to help for a week with an incredibly organized and funded organization.

As we drove to help a Black family who lived in a very poor lowlands area we noticed people were still walking around in a daze. The residential streets had huge piles of rubbish from fallen trees and old moldy construction materials. It looked like a war zone.

We were assigned to help one family gut their home from all the water damage. The homeowner was a single mother named Doris with three children, one of which was severely handicapped and wheelchair bound. The other two were a boy finishing high school and his teenage younger sister.

We witnessed how several utility workers, a pre-paid electrician and roofer, had left them penniless after completing only half of their work. The money they were given by the government was gone. All of their damp belongings were stored in two large pods of which they were paying \$200 each a month. Doris had applied to FEMA for a trailer but had heard nothing back.

When I talked with Doris she said, "I applied to FEMA for a trailer but I just need to be patient." I replied, "You have been patient long enough. Now we are going to check in with FEMA and find out what is happening." I drove her to the FEMA office and after waiting several hours were able to talk with an agent. She said, "We tried to call you but the line was not working so we gave the trailer to someone else last September."

Those were just examples of what the victims of the hurricane went through. Another had been the emotional trauma of sitting in their house just watching the water rise, wondering when it would stop. They were truly immobilized and didn't know who to turn to for help. But through it all they knew God would help them.

At that time we were sent in to help by tearing down old moldy walls. The guys built a ramp for the son that was wheelchair bound. Up until then the family had been lifting him up and into the house. Doris's boyfriend pitched in and guided us through what needed to be done. We were the muscles that did the work. We did a multitude of things yet it was only the beginning of healing for the family.

When I reflect on that experience I am filled with gratitude to God. I am thankful that the family allowed us to be a part of their family if only for a week. I didn't personally know any Black people, yet for a short time I experienced what so many Black families were facing and the emotional toll it took on them. Through it all they had faith in the Lord. They knew God would get them through it. And God did! Several months later Doris wrote me that the Southern Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Association installed all new appliances, put in a heating and air conditioning system, restored all windows and doors, and finished the remodel. The family was then able to sell the house for a good profit and buy a nicer home on higher ground in a better school system. It was a transformative experience for all of us.

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INSPIRATION CORNER

A WORD FOR THE DAY...

The greatest year in baseball history had to be 1924. The World Series that year between the old Washington Senators and the New York Yankees was considered a classic. The series was tied at three games apiece, with the final, seventh game played in Washington.

In the ninth inning of the seventh game, the score was tied, two to two. New York came to bat. Three batters up and three batters down. The Washington fans started screaming. Washington could win the game with a run in the bottom of the ninth.

The first two Washington batters were unable to reach base. With two outs, up to the plate stepped a batter by the name of Gauseland. The fans felt their hopes die because Gauseland was not that good a hitter. The pitcher threw two strikes. Then two balls. When the pitcher threw his fifth pitch, Gauseland stepped into the pitch, and by the crack of the bat you knew the ball was going somewhere way out in left center field.

The center fielder went back. The other fielders also ran toward the fence, hoping the ball would not go over the fence for a home run. The ball hit the top of the fence six inches from the top. It caromed off the fence, and one of the fielders chased it down. Gauseland, meanwhile, was between second and third bases. The third base coach thought this might be the only chance to win, so he waved Gauseland home.

The throw from the outfield was taken first by the shortstop, and then relayed to home plate. Gauseland slid into home just as the catcher pegged him with a perfect throw from the shortstop. Everyone could see that Gauseland had beat the throw. Still, the umpire yelled, "You're OUT!"

The fans went crazy. They threw pop bottles and yelled obscenities when the plate umpire conferred with the other men in black. Then the men on the field signaled for silence. Everybody got quiet. The fans thought they would reverse the call, but the umpire shouted, "The runner is not out because he didn't beat the ball to the plate. He is out because he didn't touch first base!"

It was true. Gauseland was running so hard that he simply failed to touch first. He was out.

You can do many good and noble things, but unless you touch first base, it won't matter too much. Today, take the time to touch all the bases that matter in your life. Take time for prayer, study, work, play and rest. Love on your family AND yourself. Do the work of living the grace-filled life God dreams for you. Taking short-cuts doesn't pay off in the end.

We are in this together,
Rev. Cameron Trimble *(used by permission)*

PASTOR REBECCA WANTS TO CONNECT WITH YOU!

~Pastoral care & counseling, spiritual companioning, or just a warm conversation.

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

Pastor's Week:
Church Ministry Days: Sunday through Thursday
Family & Sabbath Days: Friday & Saturday

CUCC ANNIVERSARY MISSIONARY STORY

A MISSION CHURCH by Bowie Duncan

Before coming to BV and CUCC, I lived in Redding, Connecticut. There, construction mission began with adults working for Habitat for Humanity. Then one year we took the Youth Group and adults to Americus, Georgia for a blitz-build led by Koinonia Farm. The trip was such a success that the following year, with the help of Global Ministries, we went to partner with the Boscobel, Jamaica church to help build their sanctuary.

Later, we did joint Habitat work together in both Jamaica and Redding. On such trips, we taught swimming, did Bible studies, and women did sewing together. The trips were multi-faceted, serving different interests and skills and needs. That trip to Boscobel was the beginning of a great multi-year partnership. Later, the adults of the church began going to Costa Rica during the winter to build with a community there. No youth went on winter trips.

When Helen and I arrived in Buena Vista, we discovered CUCC and began working with Mark Wolters and the youth group. We provided disaster relief to Joplin, Missouri and New Orleans, as well as community support feeding the homeless and sorting clothing donated for Florida disaster relief. In the low lands of Burgaw, North Carolina, we partnered with a family recovering from flood damage from a river overflowing its banks in their back yard.

Farther afield, we went to Puerto Rico and Alaska, as usual partnering with the community in different ways – Bible study and painting and hammering together. Previously, CUCC adults worked with Habitat sending missions to build in the San Luis Valley. So CUCC is also a long-term missions church, building community, waiting for the next call to partner with others at home or abroad.

CUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR KAREN BOWERS

Thursday, June 24

1:00pm-3:00pm

Casa del Rio Club House

A short, simple service will take place about 1:15. The rest of the time will be for her friends to tell stories of how they met Karen and various adventures you had together.

Light refreshments will be served. Casa de Rio is now allowing homemade baked goods to be brought it, so please bring all the lemon bars (Karen's favorite) you want!

Contact VirJeanne and Rhonda at 719-395-4966 or 719-207-0653 with any questions or if you're interested in helping with the refreshments.

TOM RAWLINS CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Sunday, July 18

2:00pm

On the Green at CUCC

Please bring a lawn chair.

CUCC REPORTS

The Faith Education Team Faith Education for Everyone

CTM will meet June 27 at 6:00pm at CUCC. The topic is "Sexuality & Scripture" pt. 2. Stay tuned for future offerings!

See the blurb elsewhere about the Nurturing Joy Class led by Molly Stuart. The first class on June 24 will be offered twice—10:00am and 6:00pm

Donna Maloney, Chair

Finance and Budget Team Midsummer News

FAITHFUL GIVING HOW ARE WE DOING?

Giving for May 30-June 13: \$7,207.66

To meet our Budget, an average of \$12,000 per month is needed.

****Please remember to fulfill your Offering Commitment to CUCC's Ministry!****

Worship Team

We will have Birthday Sunday on the 3rd Sunday of every month. There are several Memorial Celebrations coming up for members of the church who have passed. We will be honoring Father's Day on June 20.

Linda Rak, Chair

FACILITIES TEAM NEWS

The Team is helping with the sound system and the trash/recycle service and taking care of misc. minor issues. We have also been engaged in the discussions concerning the re-opening of the building.

Ron Hassell, Co-Chair

Stewardship/Visioning Team News

We have completed the Team definition for the bylaws and are working on our vision portion for the same.

Bob Stocker, Chair

Outreach/Community & World Team News —Midsummer greetings!

BV community Backpack program: needs financial contributions to feed local children and young people through the summer. Please be generous. There is great need and donations were down during the pandemic.

We are working with Global Ministries to find and sponsor a young girl from the Philippines. Stay tuned. Your contributions pay for school tuition and family needs.

Don't forget to purchase coffee to support farmers and contribute to the UCC Equal Exchange Program.

Thank you so much for your continuing support of our local mission (needs are posted in the narthex) and your donations to the UCC Strengthen the Church offering (one of the "five-for-five").

Helen Duncan, Chair

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY NEWS

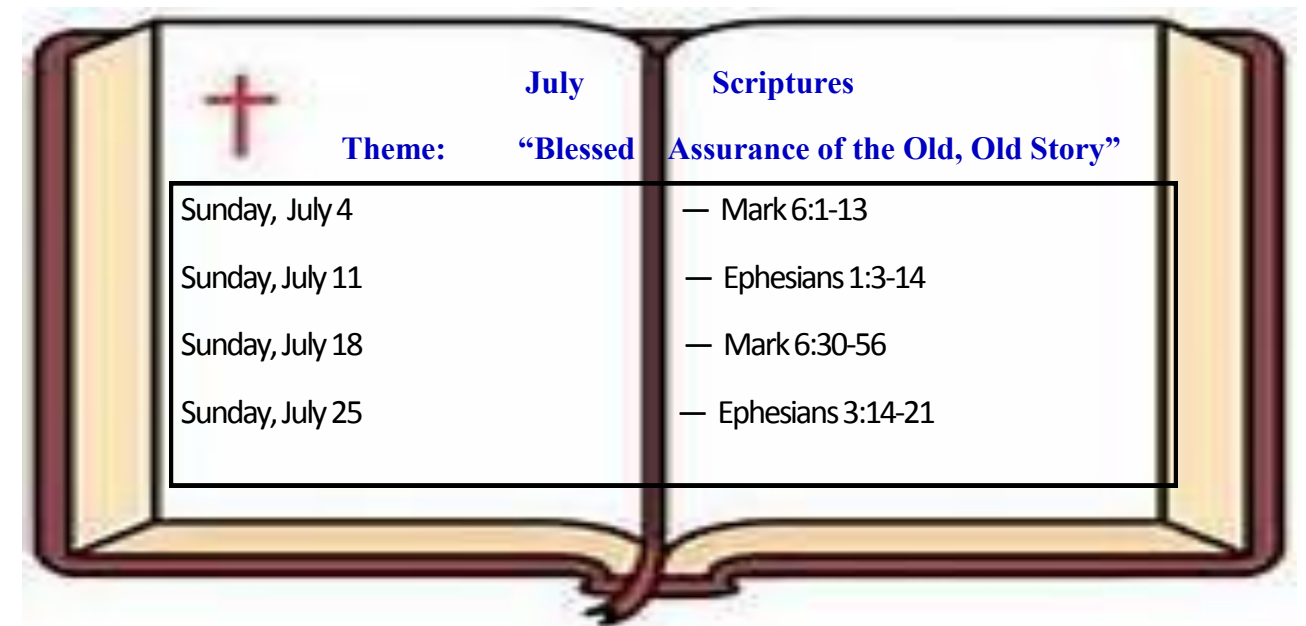
The date for the 2021 Bazaar has been set for Friday, September 17, from 9:00am-1:00pm. See further details in this newsletter from Janet Steiner.

Our next gathering will be at 12 noon on Thursday, July 8, for a Summer Soup and Sandwich Luncheon. Soups will be provided, but please bring your own sandwich.

Enjoy the beautiful days of summer!

Blessings,
Marge Erickson, WMS President
406-366-3296

PLUG INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER

CTM will meet June 27 at 6:00pm at CUCC. Stay tuned for future offerings!

For questions, comments, or to get on the email list, contact: cucc.conversations@icloud.com

We hope you'll join us!

NURTURING JOY CLASS—NEW!

Thursdays, 10:00am, CUCC

June 24 – August 26

Led by Molly Stuart

The first class on June 24 will be offered twice—10:00am and 6:00pm

Can you use more joy in your life? We all can! We encourage ALL people to come and join the fun, whether you have been regularly participating in church or not. This is a great place for new people to join in, too! Building on trust in this safe space, we'll share our life stories and learn from each others' journeys. There will be snacks!

PASTOR/CONGREGATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The PCRC is working to maintain an open relationship between the ordained pastor and members of the congregation. Each of the members are open to listening to concerns, acting within an atmosphere of confidentiality. Let us hear from you.

Helen Duncan Arlene Waldorf Mike Evans
Kathy Roman Ron Erickson

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!

The minutes will be posted when Nancy returns from her vacation. Her first day back is July 16.

CHURCH-COMMUNITY NEWS



BACKPACK PROGRAM IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Whoops! How did that happen? Lo and behold, the funds for the Backpack Program, have become quite low, so it's time to remember this dear-to-our-hearts program and beef up its resources so it can continue to feed our local kids. And in case you're wondering, the program does continue through the summer via the Boys & Girls Club.

Thank you so much!

PS Please continue to donate your plastic shopping bags— they'll always have a home with the program. :)



BACKPACK PROGRAM

Your continued support is very much appreciated!

Always welcome:

Tuna — Chef Boyardee

Juice Boxes — Fruit Cups

Pudding Cups — Granola or Cereal Bars



CHRISTIAN MISSION IN NEED OF FOOD —and yes, even 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 *honey
*relishes/condiments (catsup, mustard, pickle relish)

Due to the unprecedented number of requests from Mission clients for assistance with utilities & rent, your cash donations are especially appreciated.

WMS BAZAAR NEWS

COVID restrictions are lessening. With hopes of that continuing, the 94th Annual +1 Bazaar has been rescheduled for Friday, September 17, 9:00am-1:00pm. Many changes have been made to help simplify the event. Activities will take place in the Fellowship Hall and the surrounding rooms. No need to frantically redesign the Sanctuary after Sunday's service or realign it before the next service!

Our raffle items have been ready for a long time. Helen Duncan always makes sure we are legally licensed.

1. We have a pieced and appliqued quilt called "Spring Garden." It was stitched by Helen Duncan, Linda Rak, Barb Wilder, Billie Branch and Janet Steiner.
2. There is a wonderful wooden carving by Delmar Smith. He chose the Chalk Cliffs as his theme. It will look terrific on someone's wall.

Other departments will be basically the same: books, collectibles, treasures, crafts and baked goods/candy (combined). Please note--- there will be NO lunch sold or a Christmas room.

Donations for books, collectibles and treasures will be appreciated. Collectibles and treasures will be in smaller rooms, so fewer items will be needed. Many details are yet to be decided, but this is where it starts.

Anyone willing to help, at any time, will be eagerly welcomed.

Janet Steiner, Chair

APPRECIATIONS

THANKS FOR YOUTUBE WORSHIP SERVICE

To Matthew, Jaci, Merilee, and Pastor Rebecca,

Thank you for a beautiful, prayerful service [June 6], what a wonderful way to start a new week.

Thank you, Rebecca, for preparing and sharing such thought provoking ideas in your homily. May the SPIRIT continue to lead us all as we reach out to heal the brokenness in our world.

Have a great and blessed week,
JaPe Monat



KUDOS COLUMN

A big shout out to Merilee Daugherty and Nancy Best (but mostly Merilee!!!, says Nancy) for exploring CUCCC's history by the hour, sorting through a multitude of papers and artifacts.

