

***Congregational  
United Church of Christ***

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Indoor In-Person 10:00am (MDT)  
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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.  
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# News and Views

Congregational United Church of Christ  
**September 2021**



## MODERATOR'S MOMENT

On the last evening of our vacation, Herb and I went to a restaurant and, shortly after, we were joined by another couple from our cruise. Some of the things they were saying did not sit well with me and, had we not had a meal to sit through, I would have excused myself and left their company.

The man talked about ‘those people’ that he had encountered in the ER in California, the ones who made him want to go home and take a shower, who were making us pay for their visit to the ER. The dictionary states “the use of ‘those people’ is basically stereotyping a group of people based upon an arbitrary trait and assuming all of the people who share that trait are of like mind, opinion, or behavior.” I would add there is a fear of the other who is different from ourselves.

In my mind, at some point, we or our ancestors have been viewed as ‘those people.’ Remember, Abraham and Sarah moved from their land to Canaan, and later to Egypt. Jacob moved his family to Egypt during a famine. When those from Spain, England, The Netherlands, and France first arrived here, there were ‘people of color’ who first inhabited this country, those known today as Native Americans. Each succeeding group of foreigners did not meet the high standards of those already here, who had themselves put behind them their own poverty and made something of themselves, conveniently forgetting the pressures that likely caused them to emigrate in the first place. Eventually, other Europeans were assimilated and accepted, at some level. Then ‘those people’ from Asia arrived, a new second- (or third-) class group. Of course, those from the African continent, brought here against their will, were not considered people at all, merely animals that were incapable of thinking.

Religious persecution brought the earliest settlers to this country. The Great Depression and the dust bowl caused great waves of people to leave their homes and land to travel west, seeking a better life. ‘Those people’ were not popular in the communities to which they fled. Peoples come across our southern border to escape inhuman treatment, corruption, and deprivation in their own countries.

We all work to build and maintain our own self-esteem, sometimes at the expense of others. People have always come to America hoping for a better life, for selves and family. Yes, they appear and act differently, their customs and beliefs are different from our own, but eventually there is a blending, a sharing of those different things.

Jesus’ example showed we should reach out to ALL people; he did not discriminate. In Matthew 7:1 “Don’t condemn others, and God won’t condemn you. God will be as hard on you as you are on others! He will treat you exactly as you treat them.” If God created us all in His image, how can we not accept what He created? From [This Tender Land](#) by William Kent Krueger, “Most people are afraid of things they don’t understand, and if something frightened you, you should get closer to it.” I urge you to put aside your fear and get to know ‘those people.’

Merilee Daugherty, Moderator

**WORSHIP AT CUCC! WITH SINGING!**  
**Every Sunday at 10:00am**  
**INDOORS**  
**Masks encouraged.**  
**See you there!**

## PASTOR'S ARTICLE, September 2021

As we move through these seasons and challenging times together, in community, I share some wise words from one of the saints among us, Hopi Indian Chief White Eagle. He spoke this counsel to us all just recently, as the events of the world swirl around us. As followers of Jesus, alongside our brothers and sisters from many faith traditions, we seek to ground ourselves in our faith, prayer, hope, and love—fully engaging the world and all its suffering and chaos, but not losing sight of the truth in this Season of Pentecost, that we are grounded in the Spirit—the Ground of All Being, in whom we “live and move and have *our* being.”

Hopi Indian Chief White Eagle commented a few days ago on the current situation:

“This moment humanity is experiencing can be seen as a door or a hole. The decision to fall in the hole or walk through the door is up to you. If you consume the news 24 hours a day, with negative energy, constantly nervous, with pessimism, you will fall into this hole.

But if you take the opportunity to look at yourself, to rethink life and death, to take care of yourself and others, then you will walk through the portal.

Take care of your home, take care of your body. Connect with your spiritual home. When you take care of yourself, you take care of everyone at the same time.

Do not underestimate the spiritual dimension of this crisis. Take the perspective of an eagle that sees everything from above with a broader view. There is a social question in this crisis, but also a spiritual question. The two go hand in hand. Without the *social* dimension we fall into fanaticism. Without the *spiritual* dimension, we fall into pessimism and futility.

Are you ready to face this crisis? Grab your toolbox and use all the tools at your disposal.

Learn resistance from the example of Indian and African peoples: we have been and are exterminated. But we never stopped singing, dancing, lighting a fire and rejoicing. Don't feel guilty for feeling blessed in these troubled times. Being sad or angry doesn't help at all. Resistance is resistance through joy!

You have the right to be strong and positive. And there's no other way to do it than to maintain a beautiful, happy, bright posture. Has nothing to do with alienation (ignorance of the world). It's a resistance strategy. When we cross the threshold, we have a new worldview because we faced our fears and difficulties. This is all you can do now:

- Serenity in the storm - Keep calm, pray everyday. - Make a habit of meeting the sacred everyday.  
Show resistance through art, joy, trust and love.”

(Hopi Indian Chief White Eagle, July 9th 2021)

Blessings, Rebecca



## CUCC GOOD-TO-KNOWS

### REGGIE & JUDY NELSON

Reginald (Reggie) Nelson passed on August 7, 2021. He and his wife Judy were much loved members of CUCC, and though they moved to Texas and thereupon transferred their membership to another church, we remember them fondly. Judy would love to hear from her friends here at CUCC.

Her address:  
Judy Nelson  
2100 Center Dr., #105  
Vernon, TX 76354.

### KEITH AND JOAN SOVEREIGN

Keith Sovereign passed away on July 13, a day before his 85th birthday. Joan wants you to know that CUCC meant a lot to him.

Her address:  
Joan Sovereign  
707 Blackthorn Dr.  
Carl Junction, MO 64834

### CUCC BUILDING ISSUES?

If you notice that something needs to be fixed, a light bulb needs to be changed, something's not right with the heating, etc., in the CUCC building, please notify someone on the Facilities Team or leave a note on the board by the outside door in the kitchen. Facilities Team members are listed with their phone numbers on the Building & Grounds half-sheet on the bulletin board in the kitchen and elsewhere around the building. Thank you!

### 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](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.
- ♦ Contact Nancy in the office at 719-395-2544 to get on the birthday/ anniversary list. *Please include the year of said birthday or anniversary.*

### RECYCLING AT CUCC SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

- | The dumpster with the yellow lid is CUCC's recycling bin. For \$8/month, you will receive the code to that dumpster, a list of what you can and cannot put in there (from the CCW website), and the convenience of single-stream recycling. The recycling is picked up every week. (Don't dump your bag in with the stuff—empty the bag of stuff into the dumpster and reuse your bag!)
- | *The subscription program is now available to those outside of CUCC, so let your friends and neighbors know that they can also sign up for \$8/month.*
- | Contact Nancy in the office to sign up: 395-2544, [office.bvcucc@gmail.com](mailto:office.bvcucc@gmail.com).
- | Make checks out to CUCC and put "recycling" in the memo line.

### COMPOSTING AT CUCC

- | Sign up at <http://www.elementscompost.com/residential-composting.html> for your own personal composting.
- | Compost generated directly by the church may be added for free, but individuals must sign up in order to be able to add their own personal composting.
- | ***For those adding CUCC's compost, the lock code is available in the office. Please see the information sheet in the kitchen and on the composting bins for what is and is not allowed.***



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

Nan Bohe (720) 542-1776  
Life Care Center of Westminster, Durango Hall, Rm. 123  
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) & Koby Close  
5413 W Caribbean Ln., Glendale, AZ 85306

Paul Dormeister (262) 344-2414  
5522 64th St., Kenosha, WI 53142

Marge Dorfmeister (970) 812-5119  
Mesa View  
601 Horizon Pl., Rm. 133  
Grand Junction, CO 81506

Lorraine Green (719) 207-4827  
Columbine Manor, Rm. D6  
530 W 16th St., Salida, CO 81201

Betty Gwynn (719) 395-2966  
29155 CR 331, Buena Vista, CO 81211

Lucille Habeck  
942 Wiggins Pkwy., #1215, Mesquite, TX 75150

Al & Phyllis McCall (719) 966-9552-A, (719) 659-9597-P  
7950 W. Byers Ave. #102, Lakewood, CO 80226

Millie & Tom Meardon (719) 221-2067 -M  
813 Evergreen Place, La Junta, CO 81050

Charlotte Smith (303) 986-2216  
Morrison Manor  
Rm. 403  
9875 Morrison Rd., Lakewood, CO 80227

Sarah Struthers (719) 395-6888  
17100 CR 363, Buena Vista, CO 81211

Gerry and Jean Venard (719) 966-9524  
3377 Mill Vista Road, Unit #3205  
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Doris Westerlund  
c/o Sue Stanek, 8045 183rd St. W  
Lakeville, MN 55044

Glen & Joan Wilder (719) 395-8722  
29531 CR 372A, Buena Vista, CO 81211

Wilma and Angie Williams (719) 395-2702  
PO Box 1808  
208 S Colorado, Buena Vista, CO 81211

**CUCC Special Dates**



**BIRTHDAYS**

September 4—Judy Hassell  
September 7—Farrell Coy  
September 13—Fred McMurry  
September 15—Gerry Venard  
September 16—Carla Hansford  
September 17—Norma Smith  
September 17—Rod Struthers  
September 18—Mary Messamer  
September 18—Ryan Tucker  
September 28—Warren Montgomery  
September 25—Linda Swanson  
September 30—Wilma Williams

**ANNIVERSARIES**

September 4—John & Barb Groy  
September 4—Ric & Char Houseman  
September 7—Rod & Sharie Schofield  
September 20—Tom & Millie Meardon  
September 22—Jim & Ruth Amster



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

**Please Remember in Your Prayers**

The Family of Elvin Frantz—Comfort  
Ann Condra—Healing  
Kathy Roman—Healing  
The Family of Reggie Nelson—Comfort  
The Family of Keith Sovereign—Comfort  
Joan Wilder—Healing  
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  
Maritza Kaniewski (friend of Debby Cason)—Healing  
Lisa Hust (friend of Bob Stocker & Ellen Kely)—Healing  
Paul Dorfmeister—Healing  
Marge Erickson—Healing  
Melodie, Ryland, Blayklee Muuss (family of Scott McCuaig)—Healing  
Gabby Lane (friend of Rebecca & Clarke Poos)—Healing



**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY NEWS**

**ALL-CHURCH BAZAAR!**  
**Friday, Sept. 17! 9:00am-1:00pm**

The WMS has decided to continue plans for the Bazaar. This hinges on the direction COVID takes in the weeks before. The COVID recommendations from Chaffee County suggest that people wear a mask indoors; therefore, visitors and workers will be requested to sign-in and wear a mask while onsite.

Set-up is Sept. 13—17. Note: Treasures, Collectibles, and Books can also be brought the week of the 7th. Baked goods/candy will be distributed in a safe manner, so make some of those favorites or something new!!! Crafts need to have a suggested sale price.

Anyone, and we mean anyone, available to help during set-up or during the Bazaar itself is more than welcome.

Blessings, Janet Steiner and Marge Erickson



**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**GRIEF GROUP**

**Led by Amanda Alberson**  
**Thursdays, September 2 - October 14**  
**Cornerstone Church, BV**

This new therapy group helps people experience healing through the process of telling their story and hearing others' stories.

If you or someone you know has questions, please contact Amanda at [amanda@albersoncounseling.com](mailto:amanda@albersoncounseling.com).

**COMMUNITY RESOURCES GUIDE**

Looking for community resources and services, either for yourself or others? Mike Orrill and his team have created a website to help all of Chaffee County connect and easily find what services and resources are available. Please check out the following Chaffee Resources site:  
[www.chaffeerresources.com](http://www.chaffeerresources.com).

**BV PREGNANCY CENTER CELEBRATE LIFE FUNDRAISER**

**Sunday, September 12**

**1:00pm-4:00pm**

**Valley Fellowship Church**

Run-Bike-Walk Fundraiser with games, popcorn, cotton candy, photo booth, BBQ, prizes, and Owen the Clown.

Register by Aug. 23 to get your free t-shirt!  
Call the BV Pregnancy Center at 719-395-6703.



## view from the Mountain

**“FALLING ASLEEP AT THE DROP OF A HAT”**

**The Winchester Sun—January 10, 2006**

Can you always fall right to sleep when you turn out the light and your head hits the pillow? Gene can. I mean, give the guy two minutes, and he is “gone.” Oh, how I envy this! My brother falls asleep every time he sits his body in a chair, and my mother, well, she’s the champion sleeper of all now.

Grandpa Brody lived with us a few years, and he used to tell me the trick to falling asleep fast. He said, “You lie down on the bed on your back, and you start ‘putting your body to sleep,’ piece by piece. You start at the top of your head. You relax your forehead, then your eyes, your ears and on down.” (Actually, I asked him how one relaxes one’s ears because I was having trouble doing that. He just looked at me pityingly). And he continued, “By the time you have relaxed every part, you will be asleep. Why, I never even finish, because I am asleep.”

You see, even way back then, I had lots of trouble falling to sleep at night. I tried many times to follow Grandpa’s instructions, but actually, I would get the giggles trying to put certain parts to sleep, so it didn’t work for me. I still have trouble.

One of my problems is leg cramps. I can be pretty nearly asleep and all of a sudden my calves start pulling up tight. Let me tell you, it erases all relaxing techniques and I’m up on my feet trying to walk the cramps out. Walking is the best way to deal with it, but the problem is, I’m scared to take a walk outside at midnight, so usually I go downstairs and walk inside for about 30 minutes. In fact, I have an exact route that begins at the foot of the stairs and continues through the living room, dining room, kitchen, den, and then reverse it all over and over ‘til the cramps stop and I’m tired.

Last night, after a shower and reading awhile, we pulled up the soft layers of blankets, turned out the light and said goodnight about 10:30. Gene was snoring by 10:32 and I was fast joining him, when bingo!, my right leg felt like a stretched rubber band, and it made me jump straight up and hit the floor. I knew instinctively it was not going to go away that easily, so I sighed, put my robe on and headed for my “route.” Now, for my story, Miss Aggie Cat was sound asleep in my office off the hall. I did not turn on the house lights, except in the den, because I know the route by heart (plus there are night lights in every room). She knows my every waking moment, and generally she doesn’t see me ‘til early morning, so on she slept. And on I walked, briskly, swinging both arms and exercising my wrists and fingers at the same time.

Well, at some point, Miss Aggie must have either heard me or sensed that I was up, so she yawned and sort of sleepily staggered out to check it out. As I rounded the corner from the dining room to the living room in semi-darkness, she came upon me and she froze. I do not know why it freaked her out so totally, but she just stood in that spot and began to blow up like a helium balloon. She didn’t try to follow me or even sit down, but with every lap that I passed her, she blew up more. I’m not exaggerating. Every inch of her ample body exploded, forcing every calico hair to stiffen straight out. And her tail, my Lord have mercy, her tail was the size of a giant dust mop and sticking straight up.

Finally, about ten minutes into the course, I realized she was in great distress, so when I passed her, I bent down to rub her head and speak to her. Well, you’d have thought she’d seen a dragon. She ducked, tried to run, and simply could not move. With eyes red and bulging out of her head, she simply rolled over like a huge log and spit at me mightily. I had literally scared poor Aggie senseless. Apologizing to her and realizing the cramps were gone, I lowered myself to the floor beside her and softly gathered her into my arms. The two of us cuddled on the sofa and watched David Letterman a bit. Pretty soon, we both were ready to try to sleep again.

Ya’ know, I thought cats could see at night. Yet either she couldn’t see it was me, or else she knew it was me and thought I had finally stepped off the elevator on the wrong floor. In any event, I was able to go back to bed and sleep pretty well. Maybe next time I will turn on the lights and explain it to her ahead of time.

The view from the mountain is wondrous.

*Jean Brody*



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## INSPIRATION CORNER

### HACHIKO, THE LOYAL DOG

Outside the Shibuya Station in Tokyo stands a bronze statue of a dog named Hachiko. Hachiko was an Akita Inu dog born in 1923 and adopted by Hidesaburo Ueno, a professor of agriculture at the University of Tokyo.

Each morning Ueno and Hachiko would walk together to the Shibuya train station where Ueno would tell Hachiko goodbye before getting on the train to work. Hachiko (Hachi) would then spend the day waiting for Ueno to come back. In the meantime, local shopkeepers and station workers would keep an eye on him and often give him treats while he held his vigil for Ueno.

This routine continued for two years until one day, Ueno never returned. While at work, he suffered a sudden brain hemorrhage and died. Hachiko moved in with a former gardener of the Ueno family. But throughout the rest of his ten-year-long life, he went to the train station every morning and afternoon when the train was due to enter the station, searching for Ueno.

In time, Hachiko finally passed away himself. His loyalty so moved the people who knew him that they put up the bronze statue as a reminder that friendship can last a lifetime.

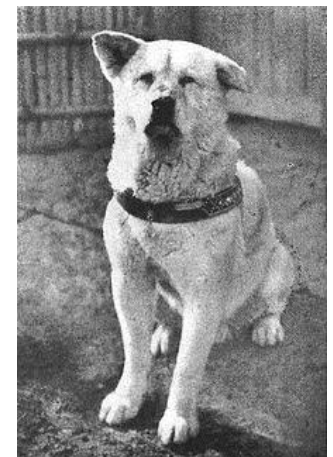
This is Sacred Love—love that doesn't forget, doesn't quit, doesn't fade. It just keeps showing up. It keeps faith in us. It holds hope that we will keep welcoming it as we walk home. This is the love God has for you. Amazing, isn't it?

We are in this together,

Rev. Cameron Trimble

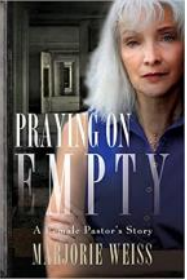
author of *Piloting Church: Helping Your Congregation Take Flight*

(important note: The depressing Hollywood movie based on this story—Hachi: A Dog’s Tale, with Richard Gere—bears close to zero resemblance to the heartwarming true story above.)





# CHURCH-COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS




**TELLS**  
**Tuesday Evening**  
**Ladies**  
**Literary Society**  
**Tuesdays, 7:00pm MDT**  
**via Zoom & In Person**  
**All women are welcome!**

The group is reading  
"Praying on Empty" by Rev. Marjorie Weiss.

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](mailto: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](mailto:robertyinger@mac.com) or Ray Stwalley at [araystwalley@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:cathctran@gmail.com).

# 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

**ARKANSAS VALLEY CHRISTIAN MISSION**

The Christian Mission needs donations of peanut butter & jelly, non-perishable canned goods, fresh items from your garden, and, of course, financial contributions to help local families who need emergency funds due to job loss, evictions, etc.

Checks should be taken directly to the mission on Tues., Wed., or Fridays, 11:00am - 2:00pm, or call Helen Duncan at 395-5768.

# RMC CONNECTIONS

**RMC VIRTUAL CONVERSATION**

**THE CHURCH'S CALL TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALING & JUSTICE: A CONFERENCE-WIDE CONVERSATION**  
**September 22, 6:30pm, via Zoom**

Wanting to be involved in work for healing and justice for God's Creation? You are invited to be part of a discussion moderated by Revs. Allyson and Peter Sawtell, retired UCC clergy and long-time environmental activists. Peter is the former director of Eco-Justice Ministries. Allyson has been a volunteer with Eco-Justice Ministries

Click [here](#) to register or go to [rmcucc.org](http://rmcucc.org) for more information.

# CUCC IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



**ROUNDUP SUNDAY**  
**September 12**  
**10:00am Indoor Worship**  
**Get your cowboy/girl on!**

We're so glad to see you on Sundays! After summer travels and all, we can't wait to see you again during in-person worship with us!



**LINETTE L WILLIAMS CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE**  
**from August 22, 2021**

Click [here](#) to watch the service on YouTube.

**COMMUNION SERVICES NOTICE**

Beginning September 5, please bring your own communion elements to the Communion Worship services until further notice. Thank you very much!

**NEW FRONT DOOR CODE**

The new code is 0217 (zero followed by the church's street number).

The back door code remains the same (2735).

**GALE SHAW CAREGIVER NEEDED**

From Daughter Karen (Shaw) Kitto:

Hi there! My mom's caregiver is moving out of state and we are in search of a new one! If you know of anyone, have them text me! My mom pays \$20 per hour and likes to have someone there M-F for 2-3 hours each day around lunchtime. Light meal prep and loading dishwasher, a little laundry. Mom can get around on her own with a walker, so at this point no lifting or anything! Let me know!

Call Karen for more info: **303-748-3589**

**CONGREGATIONAL QUARTERLY MEETING AND BY-LAWS UPDATE**

Being very cautious in regard to COVID-19, we have not conducted a third quarter Congregational Meeting. The Bylaws committee completed a rough draft in July and passed it on to Rebecca for proofing and her thoughts. We have met with Rebecca again to finish getting her thoughts. We will send the Bylaws on to Council where, again, we will receive additional feedback. Once Council is finished and has approved the draft, we will begin meeting with all of you to explain which changes were made and the reasons for the changes. We want active participation on your part to establish a final copy for Congregational vote. I know it seems this process is very long, but we want to get it right and be transparent. Meanwhile, if you have any questions or comments regarding your church, please contact either me or Betsy Neas, Vice-Moderator, at 719-966-9894.

Merilee Daugherty, Moderator - 719-966-2004

# September 2021

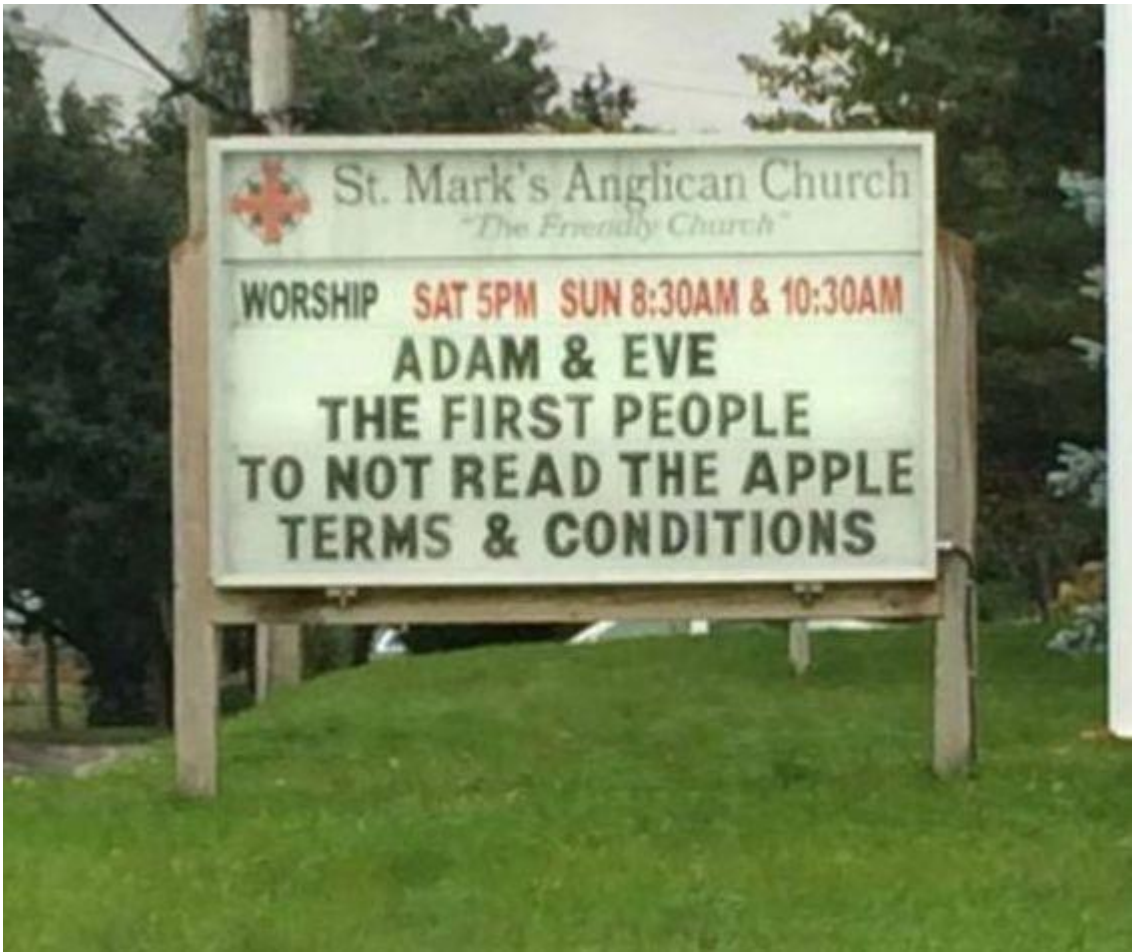
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AE=Adult Ed. Rm. CH=Choir Room D=Drama Room FH=Fellowship Hall K=Kitchen S=Sanctuary PO=Pastor's Office			1	2 9-9:30am Backpacks-FH	3 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE	4 9am AA-AE 9am AI-Anon-#7
5 10am Communion Sunday Indoor Worship	6 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE	7  6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 7pm TELLS	8	9 9-9:30am Backpacks-FH	10 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE	11 9am AA-AE 9am AI-Anon-#7  9am-2pm HCFAA Auditions-FH, D  3-11pm parking lot used for nearby wedding
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## APPRECIATIONS

### KUDOS KOLUMN



Thank you to Helen Duncan, Outreach Team Chair, and ALL who work diligently on the Backpack program behind the scenes and on the church finances! We received an In the Mud Grant from the RMC and are hoping to receive more! Please continue to support your Backpack Program with your prayers and funds.



### PASTOR REBECCA WANTS TO CONNECT WITH YOU!

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

Please set up a time for a porch visit, distanced/masked visit, phone call, text, email or Zoom conversation.  
Email to [revbecca@icloud.com](mailto:revbecca@icloud.com) or text/call: 719-252-6890.

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



# CUCC TEAM REPORTS

## The Faith Education Team Faith Education for Everyone

Faith Education starts in September with an all-church read of Bishop Michael Curry's book "Love is the Way." Copies are available in the office for \$18 or available for borrowing. Pick up a copy and read this inspiring story! We will have discussion groups along the way, and it may be a recurring theme in some sermons, too!

Conversations That Matter will resume Sunday, October 3, at 4:00pm, in person at CUCC. In October, we will focus on the subject of Critical Race Theory, starting off with a discussion on bridge building and conversations across the political divide. Articles to facilitate the conversation will be provided next month. Email [cucc.conversations@icloud.com](mailto:cucc.conversations@icloud.com) to be put on the email list and see notices the email blasts and newsletter.

Donna Maloney, Chair

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

-- See the box under CHURCH-COMMUNITY NEWS elsewhere in this newsletter for updated needs of the Arkansas Valley Christian Mission.

-- PLEASE contribute to the Backpack Program, which needs your support as school begins again. Many donations have been made over the summer. Thank you so much, members and friends! (Did you know that our own Merilee & Herb Daugherty help "pack the packs" every Thursday at CUCC?)

-- The UCC special offering for August was Our Church's Wider Mission. Thank you so much for your contributions, and you can still give in September! Information about how this money is used is found in the church narthex. For *late September and early October*, we are asked to contribute to Neighbors In Need. Stay tuned for more information posted in the narthex and in the weekly email blasts.

-- The Outreach Team is still waiting on the assignment of a young girl from the Philippines via Global Ministries (a UCC and Disciples of Christ organization). We'll keep you posted. We will help with school tuition and family needs. Place change and small bills in the glass jar in the narthex.

Helen Duncan, Chair

## FACILITIES TEAM NEWS

Facilities continues to spend most of their time on the outside grounds. We are currently looking at solutions for weeds that are creeping into the parking lot. Leonard has handed in his resignation as custodian, so we are in the process of looking for another individual to take over those responsibilities. If you have any ideas, please contact me at 395-6965. Also, if you have any thoughts concerning weed control, we would be interested in hearing them.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Wolters, Co-Chair

## Finance and Budget Team September News

The information below is meant to inform of a General Fund operating shortfall and encourage timely giving in accordance with each contributor's annual financial support goals.

### Comments Regarding General Fund Operating Results Through June, 2021:

General Fund Income year-to-date (YTD) of \$57,801.67 trails 2020 by about \$8,000 and Budget by about \$17,000.

Donor Restricted donations YTD of \$11,020.07 are healthy, about \$5,000 over 2020.

General Fund Expenses YTD of \$69,362.61 are close to 2020 Actual, but about \$8,500 under Budget.

The net excess of Expenses over Income of \$11,560.94 is concerning and is obviously a drain on cash.

The proceeds of the COVID-related PPP loan (about \$20,150) have been more than sufficient to cover the YTD resultant cash shortfall through June. We expect that the PPP loan will eventually be forgiven as indicated by the lending authority.

### Regarding Our Balance Sheet at June 30, 2021:

We have about \$5,000 in our General Fund checking account and about \$1,500 of current liabilities.

Funds will probably need to be drawn from our Investment Accounts over the next few months in order to fund cash needs.

We have yet to tap our Reserve Funds this year, currently in the amount of \$45,714.30.

### Regarding Monthly Giving Patterns

The pattern of monthly giving is quite variable, ranging from about \$6,000 to about \$14,000.

Bill Waldorf, Co-Chair

## FAITHFUL GIVING HOW ARE WE DOING?

Giving for the 4 weeks of August 1-22: \$5,020.47  
For an average of \$1,255 per week.

To meet our Budget, an average of \$3000 per week and \$12,000 per month is needed.

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

# PLUG INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



## INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH!

Offer to pick them up!  
Let's gather together as a church family!

## "CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER" (Adult Education at CUCC) beginning Sunday, October 3 4:00pm-5:30pm CUCC

CTM begins again October 3. We'll meet every Sunday to discuss current relative issues. Please join us for lively, important conversations on topics that affect everyone. We want to hear your perspective!

For questions, comments, or to get on the email list, contact: [cucc.conversations@icloud.com](mailto:cucc.conversations@icloud.com)

## 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](http://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!

## 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

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

Tithe.ly makes it easy to put the 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!

CUCC Council Minutes - August 18, 2021

Present: Bill Waldorf; Helen Duncan; Kay Allinger; Merilee Daugherty; Betsy Neas; Janet Steiner; Marge Erickson; Judy Hassell; Bob Stocker; Rebecca Kemper Poos; Donna Maloney.

Call to order 7:10pm by Merilee with opening prayer.

Minutes of June 16, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

Clerks Report: Ron Rak is not present, only known change is the death of Elvin Frantz.

**Treasurer Report:** Bill Waldorf - see report  
The report will be published in the newsletter so as to inform the congregation of the financial status of the church, along with a request for increasing donations if able. We have relied on the Payment Protection Plan grant to pay expenses and have documentation to assure accurate recording that funds are being spent appropriately. Indications at this point are that this grant will be forgiven by the government.

**Moderator’s Report:** Merilee Daugherty  
Merilee asks that team meetings be set at a consistent time and date on the church calendar to allow for easier scheduling. If a team chair cannot attend the council meeting, please send an alternate.

**Team Reports:**  
**Facilities:** Ron Hassell sent a report that the light bulbs are gradually being changed throughout the building. The grounds are being maintained by the facilities team and are greatly appreciated! Custodian Leonard Nyberg has retired. Kim Connors had been subcontracted by Leonard and has continued to clean. She has not formally submitted an application nor has been hired, so has not been paid. There are no current candidates or final job description.

**Stewardship:** Did not meet and no report available.

**Faith Education:** See attached report

**Outreach:** Helen Duncan  
Will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Coffee project continues, could use more purchasers. The Arkansas Valley Christian Mission needs nonperishables, volunteers, and cash. They are not getting the attendance they usually get and still not serving meals due to COVID concerns. Betsy Neas notes that she noted a large number of people there who were homeless and asking how the church can address this issue. The Backpack Program is low on funds. They have applied for an In the Mud grant, but have not yet received it. They have also asked for a grant through Chaffee County Community Foundation.

**Worship team:** Janet Steiner (for Linda Rak)  
Carla Hansford has resigned from the Worship team. Jennie Talbot was approached to help with worship services. She would like some time to watch and learn. The continuation of COVID concerns brought up the question of whether we should be serving communion. It was decided to return to asking congregants to bring their own and have a few spares for those who forget. Masking indoors is again being encouraged.

**Women’s Missionary Society:** Marge Erickson  
Meeting tomorrow Aug 19, 2021 for a luncheon. They will be discussing the Bazaar and whether the current COVID concerns will change plans. If it takes place, masking will be encouraged and will have a COVID tracking sheet. Council recommendation is to keep the date and monitor community health mandates. The Bazaar is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 17 from 9:00am-1:00pm.

**New Business:**  
Misconduct Policy and Procedures: The current policy on file was written in 2008, but there is no record of Council approval. The recommendation is to approve it as is and review at a later date to update if needed. Faith Education will review. It is needed now for the insurance policy. Judy Hassell accepted the document as is/Donna Maloney 2nd.

A survey was requested by the insurance company with the purpose of updating assets and rates. Merilee feels that the current policy is not accurate, especially regarding the parsonage. The new policy will take effect Jan. 1, 2022, and we want to make sure it is accurate.

**Pastor’s Report:** Rebecca K. Poos  
There will be an ice cream social at Kathy Keidel’s home for Marge Dorfmeister’s farewell before moving, Wednesday, August 25 at 1:00pm.

The family of Elvin Frantz was grateful for the memorial service done as part of the worship service last Sunday. Memorial donations will go to the Backpack Program.

The memorial service for Linette Williams is this Sunday, Aug. 22 at 2:00pm.

There are many prayers for healing:  
- Kathy Roman - shoulder surgery  
- Ann Condra - forearm fractures  
- Marge Erickson - knee replacement.

Rebecca is pleased with the progress on the three pillars: Extravagant Welcome, Education, and Mission, and will continue with the church community to foster these.

Next Council meeting: September 15, 2021, 7:00pm at CUCC.

Adjournment with prayer led by Rebecca, 9:10pm.

Prepared by Donna Maloney

*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. (CUCC’s Mission, Identity & Purpose)*

# Alternatives to ‘I did nothing’

1. I rested
2. I chose not to make plans
3. I recovered from the week/day
4. I shortened my to-do list
5. I had a mental health day
6. I took a nap
7. I watched the show I love
8. I had a day with myself
9. I recuperated
10. I had some time out

– @the\_peoplepleasing\_therapist