

***Congregational
United Church of Christ***

***Sunday Worship Schedule
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.
(CUCC's Mission, Identity & Purpose)

No matter who you are, no matter where you
are on life's journey, you are welcome here at
the Congregational United Church of Christ
in Buena Vista.

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News and Views

Congregational United Church of Christ
April 2022



MODERATOR'S MOMENT

Lately when I stop at the gas pump and see the prices, my first reaction is, "Oh no! How can this be?" Then I think about Ukraine and say a little prayer, "God, this is for Ukraine. This is the least we can be doing." And I don't feel badly, but rather feel relieved that I can be doing something.

Ukraine seems to be on all of our minds from what I can figure out. Over three million women and children have fled their country for Poland and other countries. So many of them are little children caught up in all the confusion. I saw a news clip of a little 7-year-old boy who was crying, wandering around in his warm winter clothes in Kiev, looking for someone to help him. He seemed so lost and who knows what happened to his parents. All the men 18-60 must stay in Ukraine to fight Putin's War. How can such a poverty stricken country fight a powerful nation like Russia?

That reminds me of the Old Testament Bible story of David and Goliath. Does Ukrainian President Volodymr Zelensky feel like David might have felt when he stood up to the giant and the Philistines? When interviewed for a news piece, Zelensky said he was a Russian Jew and his family has had to struggle all his life. He said it so matter of factly that it sounded like just another chapter of his life! I wonder if living that way gives him the courage to die for his country. He has faced death and risen above fear to the extent that he will stay in Ukraine's capital and lead his soldiers. Where does that courage come from to stand up to such a mighty power?

There was a headline in *Euroweekly* that said, "RUSSIAN SOLDIERS CAPTURED IN UKRAINE WILL LITERALLY BE DELIVERED BACK TO THEIR MOTHERS." It concluded with, "We, Ukrainians, unlike Putin's fascists, are not at war with mothers and their captive children." How can they be such gracious people to return enemies back to their mothers? Where does that kind of grace and courage come from? It comes from their deep spiritual belief in God.

Maria Shriver wrote in her *Sunday Newspaper*, "The Ukrainian people showed the world who they are: strong, tough, patriotic, scrappy, strategic, united." All of those are great words to describe Ukrainians, but the most important one to me is united. People can do wonders when they are united. United as a country, community, or church.

When I was with Habitat for Humanity in Denver, I was a coach for a family that was working to buy their home. They were living in the projects. The mother said to me that when she sent her five children to school, she would always tell them to stick together. She would demonstrate how easily one matchstick could be broken, but when she put five matchsticks together, they couldn't be broken. We can learn a lesson from the Ukrainians and this Habitat mother about courage and being united.

We also can be courageous like David. We as beloved children of God can do what God is calling us to be and do. We can welcome all people and help those on the margins have a better life. We can also help the Ukrainians through the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and/or a special offering found on the UCC website. We have the courage to help usher in the Kingdom of God here on Earth.

Love in Christ,
Betsy

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, May 15, right after in-person worship at CUCC**

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together Jesus' teachings, his actions, and his justice, to
better love, respect, and welcome all people.**

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PASTOR'S ARTICLE, April 2022

This is definitely a time when we need to see beauty, we also need to create beauty out of the ashes and destruction around us. (Christine Sine, Godspacelight)

On Ash Wednesday, we reflected on finding and creating “Beauty out of Ashes.” Spiritual writer and teacher, Christine Sine, continues to explore that theme with us through Lent—a Lent that finds us in a time of human-caused devastation and great suffering—some days full of far more ashes than beauty, it seems.

“I want to share a story of what happened when the tallest tree in Wales got damaged by a storm and was supposed to be cut down. Instead, chainsaw artist Simon O’Rourke found a better solution to symbolize the tree’s last attempt to reach the sky. He carved the sculpture (below), a beautiful image of a hand reaching towards the sky from the tree trunk.

All of us feel we are living on the frontlines at present. Whether it is because we are filled with horror of the conflict in Ukraine or the fear that as prices rise we will not be able to make ends meet. We feel that ugliness surrounds us, not beauty, yet we need the hope that these offer us.

Surely this is a time to embrace the beauty of creation—not just the creation we see around us, but the broken and scarred creation of fallen people and fallen trees, the ashes of ruined lives and those that suffer everywhere in the world. Beauty can be created from the ashes, but it takes effort and sacrifice.

One of my big concerns at the moment is that we will grow weary of doing good because of the cost to our own lives. I am afraid that we will stop supporting the people in Ukraine because we are sick of paying high prices for gas and groceries. So, what are simple things we can all do to help? *(Ed. note: see this Newsletter for many suggestions of things you can do, right here and around the world!)*

We can create beauty from the ashes of death and destruction, and in the process, I think we will find our own beauty magnified.” *(Christine Sine, GodSpaceLight.com)*

Blessings, Rebecca



Photo credit: Simon O’Rourke, <https://www.treecarving.co.uk>

CUCC GOOD-TO-KNOWS

NAN BOHE NEWS

Nan is still at Columbine Manor, but her room number is now C-6. Her cell number: **720-616-3546** for calls and texts. She is not up for visitors, but please do call/text/send cards. Thank you so much!

Columbine Manor. Rm. C-6
530 W 16th St., Salida, CO 81201

BETTY GWYNN—NEW ADDRESS

Rm. 213B
Bruce McCandless Colorado Veterans Community Living Center
903 Moore Dr.
Florence, CO 81226

Her phone number will be announced once known.

BE IN THE KNOW!

- ♦ 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 or anniversary.

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 or text/call: 719-252-6890.

Pastor’s Week:

Church Ministry Days: Sunday through Thursday

Family & Sabbath Days: Friday & Saturday

RECYCLING AT CUCC SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

The dumpster with the yellow lid is CUCC’s recycling bin. For \$6/month, you receive the code to that dumpster, a list of what you can and cannot add, and the convenience of single-stream recycling. The recycling is picked up every Thursday.

PLEASE - If you talk to someone who is interested in signing up, have them contact the office. It’s important that Nancy gets contact information from them and goes over the do’s and don’ts. Thank you!

Contact Nancy in the office to sign up: 395-2544, office.bvcucc@gmail.com. Make checks to CUCC; "recycling" in the memo line.

NOTE: The recycling fee has been reduced from \$8/month to \$6/month starting January 2022. If you have paid in advance, the \$2/month difference will be factored in to what you owe when you pay again.

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 bins for what is and is not allowed.

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

Nan Bohe cell (720) 616-3546
Columbine Manor, Rm. C-6
530 W 16th St., Salida, CO 81201

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, Rm. 133
601 Horizon Pl.
Grand Junction, CO 81506

Lorraine Green (719) 207-4827
Columbine Manor, Rm. D2-1
530 W 16th St., Salida, CO 81201

Betty Gwynn
Rm. 213B
Bruce McCandless Colorado Veterans Community Living
Center
903 Moore Dr., Florence, CO 81226

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

April 2—Shirley Montgomery
April 4—Marcille Drake
April 4—Mark Wolters
April 8—David Long
April 9—Helen Duncan
April 11—Lesley Fagerberg
April 18—Bob Frykholm
April 24—Sylas Westendorf

ANNIVERSARIES

April 24—Gerry & Jean Venard



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

Charlotte Smith—Healing
Sarah & Rod Struthers—Healing
Roger Cason—Healing
Pam Hughes—Healing
Nan Bohe—Healing
Kaylynne Pomfret—Healing
Ron Hassell—Healing
Brooke Davis (Doyle & Leonard Nyberg's cousin)
—Healing
Pat & Jim Driskel (aunt & uncle of Doyle and Leonard Nyberg)
—Healing
Mary Simmons (Betsy Neas' daughter)—Healing
Dale Rak (Ron Rak's brother)—Healing



UCC NEWS

UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

The United Church of Christ has set up a web page to accept donations to help relieve the misery and destruction currently being experienced by the Ukrainians. Click [here](#) to donate. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD TO KNOWS

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
**Nurturing
compassion in our
community through
the Golden Rule**
*Thursday, April 7, 2022
7:00 p.m.*

DARREN PATTERSON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
518 S San Juan Ave. Buena Vista

Join us for a free panel featuring these speakers:



Mark McCurties
Christian Science
Lecturer and
Practitioner



Rebecca Kemper Poos
Pastor
Congregational United
Church of Christ,
Buena Vista



Tom Abbott
Co-Pastor
First Presbyterian
Church of Salida

This event is sponsored by First Church of Christ, Scientist, Buena Vista.
Visit www.christiansciencebv.com for more information or questions.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Feel free to join at any time!



CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

**2nd and 4th Mondays February 14-April 25, 2022
2:30pm-3:30pm**

CUCC Rainbow Room (masks recommended)
217 Crossman Ave.
Buena Vista, CO 81211

**CONTACT Lois Amdt, Group Leader, for more info: 719-322-4124 or
amdtilcm@gmail.com**

**Do you find yourself in a caregiving role and wonder if you are the only person
doing what you do or become overwhelmed with your role? Caregivers need
support and time to practice self-care. Come join us for support, conversation,
ideas and insights.**

ABOUT LOIS:
Lois is a highly educated and experienced Somatic Trauma Resolution therapist, who
has recently moved to Buena Vista from Colorado Springs with her private practice. She
has been a lifelong educator and group leader in public, private and international
education, and holds a Master's Degree in School Counseling. She holds certifications
in Somatic Trauma Resolution (STR) and Strategies for Trauma Awareness and
Resiliency (STAR). See her website for more background: LoisAmdt.com

APPRECIATIONS



KUDOS KOLUMN

Kudos to Bowie and the Facilities Team who are making things more beautiful by the day around here! The cupboard doors (right) in the pastor's office were custom-made by Bowie Duncan!





view from the Mountain



“FRIENDS MAKE A DIFFERENCE” The Winchester Sun—April 11, 2006

You know, every so often someone crosses your path and because of it your life is altered, sometimes in a small way, but sometimes the impact of knowing this person can make a huge difference. About 14 years ago, I lost my wallet at Kroger. Not only were my credit cards and money in it, but the wallet itself meant something very special to me. When I got home and found it missing, I called the manager of Kroger, who said they would call me if anyone turned it in, but not to count on it.

Thus, it was to my surprise when the very next morning he called to say he had my wallet. He did, indeed, and we were both surprised to see nothing was missing. Close to tears with relief, I thanked him and then said, “Do you, by any chance, know who turned it in?” He said that one of his employees, a Joseph Allen, had found it in the parking lot and brought it to the front desk. Reading my facial expression, he said, “Here, let me call him up to meet you.”

Here came this young man, a big smile on his face, who accepted my thanks, but honestly, he didn’t see that it was a big deal. I thought about him for days. To me, it was a huge deal that someone found a wallet crammed full of credit cards and dollar bills and never thought about taking any of it. I decided to write a column about Joe Allen, which I did, and one of the strongest friendships I have today is with Joe and his dear wife Shannon.

I have another story to tell you about a young man who works at The Sands, where we live on the island of Key Biscayne, Florida. His duties include the maintenance of the pool, and that pool is vital to my “get well” program. For an hour and a half each day I do exercises in the pool. I even run in the pool (about 1,600 steps), something I could never do on land. Although it is a heated pool, I often got very cold. As I was often the only person in the pool during the week, this young man noticed me and knew I was trying my best despite being cold. Not only did he make sure the water was spotlessly clean, but he always spoke to me. One day I told him how much I appreciated the beautiful, super-clean water to work in, that it made it much more pleasant for me. “But sometimes it’s cold,” I added.

That was the last time it was too cold. No matter what the air temperature was, the pool water was perfect. Once day I told him the story of how I could not, not too many years ago, stand or walk without two canes, and how my heart and lungs were being compromised by the severe bend of my spine. “So, this pool is helping to save my life, Alain, and you are part of the process.”

I had read his first name, Alain, on his shirt pocket, and when I called him by name, a smile told me he was, indeed, taking care of me the best way he could by making the pool the best he could make it. He said he was genuinely happy to know he was making a difference in my life and that I really was aware of it. Such a simple thing: two people going the extra mile, he to give me the best place to work and get strong, and I by making sure he knew how much he meant to me.

I knew he was a fellow animal lover as well, because he helped me find Tiger, our condo cat, when it was time to feed him. Seeing this led us into many precious conversations. I saw that he had great respect and reverence for all life and that this belief was behind all the music he wrote. I told him how truly rare it is to find a young man who already knows who he is and what his passion is, and as I looked in his face, I could already see who he would become, just as long as he stayed committed to his beliefs. I told him never to forget that even the smallest kindnesses are important. Just as he had helped me in my pursuit of wellness, he could make a huge difference in many lives, not only through his music, but through his everyday life of giving to others. I think we both considered our relationship a blessing.

The view from the hill is wondrous.

Jean Brody (Pastor Rebecca’s dearly-departed mother-in-law.)

SHOWER MINISTRY NEWS

SHOWER MINISTRY ARTICLE IN THE CHAFFEE COUNTY TIMES OF MARCH 3



Since Feb. 4, the Congregational United Church of Christ has been offering a free Shower Ministry to anyone on Fridays from noon to 2 p.m.

This shower program was started by Betsy Neas, Helen Duncan and Donna Maloney, who knew that the Presbyterian and Methodist churches had been doing this in Salida for those without homes.

“I work at the Arkansas Valley Christian Mission and many of those clients are folks living without showers,” Neas says. “One gentleman came in one day and said he needed a shower but he didn’t have the money to get one. I asked him how much showers cost and basically he said for him to get clean it would cost him \$7.”

As CUCC already has two unisex showers installed, the program was established to help with this sort of issue, and will continue as long as there are people who need it.

“We hope the word gets around soon. We want to help people like this,” Neas says. “We can’t solve their homelessness issues but we can help them feel human again by taking showers free.”

About 12 people can be accommodated each Friday, and so far, a few have turned out for the free service.

The church provides soap, shampoo, conditioner, towels, washcloths and hairdryers, and some of these materials, as well as books, are given away. A hospitality room is available for those who must wait, where they may warm up and enjoy a cup of coffee.

CUCC pastor Rebecca Poos says she has been delighted to watch this vision of the Shower Ministry come to fruition, with the congregation embracing the idea of reaching out to the community in a tangible and heartwarming way.

“One of our core values is extravagant welcome, the belief that every person on earth is created in the image of God and beloved—just as they are,” Poos says.

“When we heard that simply having a shower can make a person experiencing difficult times ‘feel human again’, we knew we wanted to extend that opportunity to everyone we could welcome in. In the United Church of Christ, we believe that ‘No matter who you are or where you are on Life’s Journey, you are welcome here!’ Now, we’re getting to live out that belief and extend extravagant welcome every week through the Shower Ministry. And that’s just the start.”

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

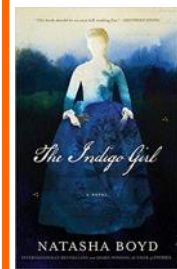
WILD GOOSE WORSHIP

Sunday, 5:30pm

Grace Church, 203 W. Main

Led by Leslie Quilico, this contemporary-style service is open to all. Call Leslie at 719-239-0170 or email her at lesliequilico@gmail.com for more information.

CHURCH-COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



TELLS
Tuesday Evening
Ladies
Literary Society
Tuesdays, 7:00pm MST



All women are welcome!

The group is reading
 by *The Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd.

We share life, faith, family stories, support, fun and
 humor—please join us!

Contact Pastor Rebecca to get on the email 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.

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—Zoom/in-person hybrid

Contact Grace Church to get on the list
 and for any updates.

admin@gracechurchbvco.org or 719-395-8868

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.

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

BACKPACK PROGRAM



Your continued support is appreciated!
 Please place items in donation box in the
 narthex (under coat rack).

Always welcome:

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

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY NEWS
"WOMEN ON A MISSION OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE"

PRAYER: "Lord of every mountaintop, give us strength and courage to be risk-takers, willing to take the unexpected
 path for the sake of your gospel."

At the WMS meeting on March 3rd we were reminded by Suzy Kelly, Buena Vista historian, that women have
 always raised money to support the mission outreach of the church, church upkeep, and even paid for the moving
 of the church building when it was necessary. Her pictures and stories gave us a deeper appreciation of our 141-year
 history. She has promised to do a presentation with more pictures for us at some time in the future.

Our next WMS gathering will be on Thursday, April 28, at 1:00pm when we will learn more about GARNA, the
 Greater Arkansas River Nature Association, and our support of good environmental practices and care of our earth.
 An "All-Church Clean-Up Day" is being planned for April 23, near the date of Earth Day, April 22, so watch for that
 announcement.

We thank VirJeanne and Ronda for filling the La Puente Hygiene Bags with the donated supplies.

If you have been curious about a mystic named Julian of Norwich, who lived through the pandemic of the
 bubonic plague in the 1430's, a group study will start on Thursday mornings at 10:00am, May 26, entitled, "Standing
 in the Light at a Time of Darkness: Dancing with Creation and Celtic Spirituality." One of the books we will discuss is
Julian of Norwich: Wisdom in a Time of Pandemic - and Beyond, by Matthew Fox, with a forward written by author
 Mirabai Starr. A second book by John Phillip Newell, *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul*, will introduce Celtic saints and
 mystics. Wonderful guideposts for living our faith with new convictions. These books will be summarized by leaders
 and don't need to be purchased and read by participants.

Walking with Faith, Hope, and Love!
 Marge Erickson, President

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSOVER SEDER MEAL AT ST. ROSE
Palm Sunday, April 10
5:00pm

St Rose of Lima Church - 118 S Gunnison Ave.

The Seder is a ritual banquet involving a retelling of the story of
 the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt.
 Please bring a side dish, or salad or light dessert to share.

Suggest donation: \$5/person
 Tickets available from St. Rose - 719-395-8424

ANTI-AGEISM PRESENTATION
Changing the Narrative
"Antidotes for Ageism" Film Premier and Presentation

April 7
5:30PM-7:00pm
SteamPlant

Sponsored by Age Strong Chaffee

For questions, contact Molly Bischoff, Chaffee County Aging Well
 Coordinator/Health Navigator, at 970-309-9145
 or mbischoff@chaffeecounty.org

For [here](#) for more information and to register.

FREE! LIVE IN-PERSON CONCERT
The Stephen Lynerd Group from Chicago
Friday, April 1
7:00pm

ClearView Community Church - 457 Rodeo Rd.

Enjoy a unique blend of sacred and classical music
 arranged with a jazz flair.

WALDEN CHAMBER LIVE CONCERT

Sunday, April 10
3:00pm
Salida SteamPlant

Enjoy Beethoven, Turina, and Lutoslawski played
 on violin, viola, cello, and piano!

Tickets \$20 - purchase online at
waldenchambermusic.org for in-person tickets.
 Purchase live stream tickets online at
salidasteamplant.com in order to watch live from
 the comfort of your home.

Masks and proof of COVID vaccination with ID
 required to attend in person.

GAMES! GAMES! GAMES! - WELCOME TO GAMES DAY!

Wednesdays, starting April 6
1-3:30pm

CCUC Fellowship Hall
Sponsored by Age Strong Chaffee
Masks are optional.

Like to play games and hang out with peers? Then come to the new games sessions, held
 right here at CUCC! Games will be provided, but if you have a favorite one at home, feel free
 to bring it! Refreshments and treats are provided!

This new event is brought to you by Molly Bischoff, Chaffee County Aging Well Coordinator/
 Health Navigator. For more information, call Molly at 970-309-9145.

YOGA FOR GROWN UPS CLASS

Wednesdays
10:00am-11:15am
BV Community Center
Sponsored by Age Strong Chaffee
Masks are optional.

No experience necessary!

For more information, call Molly Bischoff, Senior Health
 Coordinator for Chaffee County Public Health, at 970-
 309-9145. Please call for location of April 13 class.

MR. SUN MUSIC CONCERT

Wednesday, April 13
7:00pm-9:00pm - concert
Held at CUCC

Presented by Coletrain Music Studio (Coleman Smith)

Four of the finest musicians on the American Roots scene make up
 the super-group Mr. Sun: renowned fiddler Darol Ange; Joe K.
 Walsh, mandolin virtuoso and vocalist; all-around guitar genius Grant
 Gordy; and the phenomenal Scots bassist Aidan O'Donnell.

Click [here](#) to get your ticket! \$25

April 2022

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 RR-Rainbow Room #7—Room #7					1 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 12-2pm Shower Ministry-SS wing	2 9-10am AA-AE 9-10am Al-Anon -#7
3 10am Communion Worship 5-6:30pm Conversations That Matter -Zoom	4 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE	5 9:30-11am Faith Ed. Team-AE 4:30-6pm Facilities-#7 6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 7pm TELLS	6 1-3:30pm Games -FH 5-6pm Clef Notes Practice -CH 6-7pm Lenten Service & Soup Supper-Grace Church	7 9-9:30am Backpacks-FH	8 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 12-2pm Shower Ministry-SS wing	9 9-10am AA-AE 9-10am Al-Anon -#7
10 PALM SUNDAY 10am Worship 5-6:30pm Conversations That Matter -Zoom	11 9am-4:30pm Monarch Quilters-FH 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 2:30-3:30pm Caregiver Support Group -RR	12 11am-12pm Worship Team -#7 4-5:30pm Outreach Team -AE 6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 7pm TELLS	13 1-3:30pm Games -FH 4-6pm Coetrain Music Workshop -whole building 6-7pm Dinner for Mr. Sun 7-9pm Mr. Sun Concert-S	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY 9-9:30am Backpacks-FH 7pm Maundy Thursday Service-CUCC	15 GOOD FRIDAY 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 12-2pm Shower Ministry-SS Wing 2pm Stations of the Cross-Grace Church	16 9-10am AA-AE 9-10am Al-Anon -#7
17 EASTER 10am Worship Clef Notes Sing Flowering of the Cross Coffee Hour/Birthday Celebration 	18 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 7pm TELLS	20 1-3:30pm Games -FH 7pm Council	21 9-9:30am Backpacks-FH	22 EARTH DAY 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 12-2pm Shower Ministry-SS wing	23 9am-12pm CUCC Spring Clean-Up Day 9-10am AA-AE 9-10am Al-Anon -#7
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CLEF NOTES NEWS

LENTEN CLEF NOTES PRACTICE AND SING TIME CHANGES

During Lent on April 6, the Clef Notes will practice from 5-6pm instead of 6-7pm.

The Clef Notes will sing on Easter Sunday, April 17, but not on Sunday, April 10.

UCC 5-FOR-5 OFFERING

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

In March and April we contribute to the UCC 5-for-5 fund One Great Hour of Sharing. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ. Envelopes are available at the back of the sanctuary. Check should be made out to CUCC with One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) in the memo line.

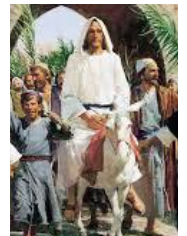
HOLY WEEK INFORMATION

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday Service, April 10, 10:00am

Maundy Thursday Service, April 14, 7:00pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross, April 15, 2:00pm, Grace Church



Easter Celebration Service, Sunday, April 17, 10:00am
(Clef Notes sing, Flowering of the Cross; Coffee Hour with April birthdays celebration)

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE NEWS

FRESH COFFEE IN STOCK

Varieties are listed dark roast to light roast:

Drip Grind: French Roast, Ethiopian, Salvadoran, Sister's blend, and Mind, Body, & Soul blend.

Beans: French Roast, Love Buzz blend, Ethiopian.

Unfortunately, Equal Exchange has discontinued African Roots and Mama Tierra blend.

NAN BOHE SPEAKS

WORDS FROM NAN BOHE

Having read Bets Neas' "Moderator's Moment," I, once again, know how proud I am to be a part of the loving, "God Driven" community of loving, giving souls! Sometimes in our life's journey, we feel the need to change the world instead of reaching out to God's people with seemingly small actions, such as showers, coffee, and even a granola bar, to someone who only needs to know they are loved and ministered to in even small ways by a community of loving, caring people.

We may be a small congregation with limited resources, but we still have the ability to do God's work. You are blessed by your actions as much as those who need you. Never feel your small ministrations are unimportant to your community and to your Father. I love each and every one of you!

In God's love,
Nan Bohe

CUCC TEAM REPORTS

FAITHFUL GIVING HOW ARE WE DOING?

Giving for March 4 weeks: \$8,677.80
for an average of \$2,169.45 per week.

To meet our Budget, an average of \$3,000 per week and
\$12,000 per month is needed.

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

The Faith Education Team Faith Education for Everyone

- Conversations That Matter has moved from 4:00pm to 5:00pm.
- There will be no CTM on Easter Sunday. After Sunday, May 22, CTM will take a summer hiatus.
- CTM has been having some great discussions! In coming weeks we will be talking about what is church today. We have enjoyed participation from the community at large and welcome people from other faith traditions to share their stories, so invite friends to join and share!
- Save the date for Sunday, May 1 at 5:00, here at CUCC. We will be showing the film "Asphalt Gospel," about members of a church in Arizona who walk to Washington, DC to talk about their message of Jesus. It ties into our CTM topic and encourage all to attend. Snacks will be served!
- Donna Maloney, Chair

Worship Team

Birthday Sunday is back! On March 20 we will celebrate January, February, and March birthdays. On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate April birthdays. Going forward we will return to every third Sunday having a birthday celebration in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us here at CUCC for Palm Sunday Worship, April 10, and the 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service April 14, and then at Grace Church for the Stations of the Cross at 2:00pm on Good Friday, April 15. Join us back here at CUCC for the Easter Service at 10:00am on Sunday, April 17, including the Flowering of the Cross.

Linda Rak, Chair

Outreach/Community & World Team News—March greetings!

The UCC 5-for-5 offering One Great Hour of Sharing is taking place throughout April. OGHS channels resources for international programs in health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, and refugee ministries, as well as both international and domestic disaster response.

Please sign up to be a volunteer Shower Ministry monitor. Two monitors are needed each Friday from 11:30am-2:30pm. You will receive training and it's a great way to spend quality time with your co-volunteer and get to know members of the community.

Donations of toiletries to the Shower Ministry are much appreciated and should be new, rather than partially used.

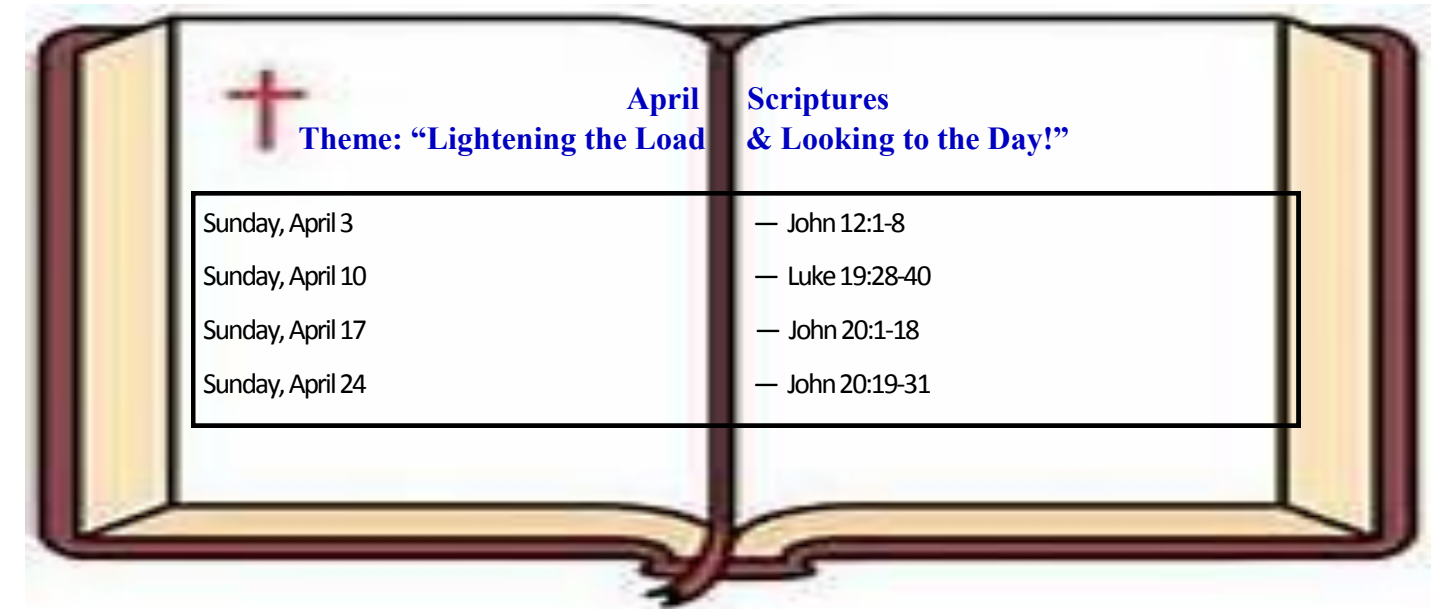
Ellen Kely, Co-Chair

FACILITIES TEAM NEWS

The Team is working on the following projects: re-sourcing a bid for the sanctuary double doors, trimming the parsonage cottonwoods, a church spring cleaning, a trap door for the irrigation system, repairing the parsonage garage door opener, and replacing a ramp at Wilma Williams' house.

Mark Wolters, Co-Chair

PLUG INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



CUCC SPRING CLEANING EVENT-SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, April 23
9:00am-12:00noon**

The Facilities Team invites everyone to a congregational spring-cleaning event! Let's get the sanctuary, front offices, and narthex thoroughly cleaned! Won't that feel great?

Details will be in the weekly blasts.

Thank you in advance for your participation!!!

CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER (CTM)

**Adult Education at CUCC
Sundays, 5:00pm-6:30pm via Zoom**

Note the new time—now starting at 5:00pm instead of 4:00pm.

Click [here](#) to join by Zoom or call in by dialing 346-248-7799, meeting ID: 839 7229 4056, passcode: 590045

Get on the email list! Write to cucc.conversations@icloud.com.

DID YOU KNOW? 5 Ways to Give!

- MAIL IN to CUCC, PO Box 610, Buena Vista, CO 81211-0610
- DROP OFF at the church.
- Donate ONLINE at tithe.ly.
- DONATE through the CUCC website: bycucc.org.
- ACH - set up Automatic Giving at your bank.

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

ONLINE GIVING PHONE APP It's an easy 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.

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH!

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

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 is open to listening to concerns, and acting within an atmosphere of confidentiality. Let us hear from you.

Arlene Waldorf Mike Evans Kathy Roman

CUCC COUNCIL MINUTES—March 16, 2022

Welcome and Opening Prayer: 7:25 pm. Opening prayer by Moderator Betsy Neas.
Attendees: Moderator Betsy Neas, Vice Moderator Kay Allinger, Pastor Rebecca K. Poos, Ann Condra, Bob Stocker, Marge and Ron Ericksen, Kathy Roman, Helen Duncan, Donna Maloney, Mark Wolters, Debby Cason and Guests: Mike Orrill and Abigail Public Health Staff.

Presentation of Chaffee Community Clinic by Mike Orrill and Abigail:

Three documents were made available to attendees that describe the project in detail:

- Chaffee Community Clinic: A Pilot Project of Chaffee County Public Health
- Harm Reduction Basics
- The Question of Enabling

These documents will be made available to members of CUCC on 3/20 and thereafter.

Important points made during the discussion:

- Partnering is key. Mike’s first choice for partnering is with churches, because one of the basic values of a congregation is making people feel safe where they are. The Methodist Church in Salida has agreed to be a partner and will host the program one day per week. Mike would like to partner with CUCC for one day per week in Buena Vista. Partnering for CUCC means the use of Rooms 6 and 7 for the Basic Medical portion of the project, while keeping the 22-foot long trailer parked outside for initial client contact and Harm Reduction portion of the project.
- Tuesday was suggested as our day of choice. The hours initially will be 10:00am to noon, a one hour break, then 1:00pm to 3:00pm. We can put up a screen somewhere in the corridor between the Fellowship Hall and Rooms 6 and 7 if CUCC members feel more comfortable doing so.
- There will be a minimum of two and up to four staff members available at all times and the staff will clean up all areas of use in CUCC after each clinic and take trash with them.
- We can help by spreading the word about the availability of this program and by having collection drives for socks, underwear, and granola bars for the participants.
- This project is intended to help people who fall in the following categories: those struggling with substance use and mental health disorders, the homeless, the uninsured and under-insured, the under-resourced, undocumented persons, the LGBTQ community, and others who suffer from societal stigma.
- Drug addiction is now a fact of life and is often caused by traumas such as human trafficking and also by physicians who over prescribe pain medications.
- The goal of this program is to make people feel safe and to get them headed in the right direction. The program administers basic Harm Reduction principles and Basic Medical services to participants and then connects them with established services in Chaffee County to further their care. There is a five times greater chance that clients will move on to obtain other types of available services if they come to the Harm Reduction program first.
- Recovered people often want to give back, and currently there are 21 peer coaches working with clients of this project.
- The project includes a Disposal/Return feature to safely dispose of needles and syringes. Clients are told that if needles are left around, the program will go away!
- Health Colorado is one of the funders of this project.
- The issue of community push-back was raised and Mike said there was no community push-back in either Alamosa or Del Norte.
- It is the Council’s goal to keep CUCC members informed, but the idea to partner with the Chaffee Community Clinic came from the Stewardship/Visioning Committee and ultimately this is a Council decision. A list of Council members will be made available to our congregation so their views can be made known. Council members will vote after church on March 27.

Other Business:

Review of COVID restrictions: After discussion, Mark Wolters made the motion that the June 2020 COVID restrictions be officially revoked. Helen Duncan seconded the motion which passed unanimously. This means that:

- It is up to each individual attending CUCC whether or not they wear a mask.
- Congregants need not sign in when attending church services.
- More chairs will be put back into the sanctuary.
- Fellowship Hour will resume. There will be a sign-up sheet for hosts, but we can keep the process simple, such as the host providing donuts and bagels from City Market if that is their choice. A donation basket will be provided. If no one signs up to host on a particular Sunday, coffee can still be provided to encourage fellowship after the service.

Clerk’s Report: Debby reported that Membership is unchanged, but we had a new couple from Howard attend church service on 3/13.

Treasurer’s Report: Helen distributed a very concise Financial Overview of General Fund contributions for March showing that \$9,738.61 was contributed in March. So far this year we are averaging \$2,923.70 per week and to meet our budget, we need \$3,130.00 per week.

Clean-Up Day: Mark reported that Clean-Up Day will be held the fourth weekend in April, and because of our small congregation, we will clean the narthex, the sanctuary, and the front office only. Mark will review the custodian job description as to whether cobwebs, etc., are covered.

Book Removal: There are many books from the Bazaar in a CUCC room that is needed for use by an outside group on April 7. A store in Leadville has agreed to take the books, but we need to help Kathy Roman move them. Also, some of these books can be sold at our next Annual Bazaar.

Music Camp at CUCC in June, led by Coletrain Music Academy: This group will need all rooms from the Fellowship Hall through the education wing. It will last for three to four days, during which one catered meal will be served. After discussion, it was decided to charge the group \$500 for the use of our facilities.

Pastoral Care: Rebecca reported that Ron Hassell’s recent PET scan shows that almost all of his cancer is gone!

Closing prayer was offered by Debby Cason.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.

Next Council meeting will be held at 7:00pm on April 20.

Upcoming Events:

3/27 after church service: Council votes on partnering with Chaffee County Clinic.

3/30 at 6:00pm: Lenten worship & soup supper at CUCC.

4/06 at 6:00pm: Lenten worship & soup supper at Grace.

4/10 at 10 am: Palm Sunday.

4/14 at 7:00pm: Maundy Thursday service with Communion.

4/15 at 2:00pm: Good Friday Stations of the Cross at Grace.

4/17 at 10:00am: Easter Service followed by Fellowship Hour with April birthdays.

4/22 9:00am-noon: Clean-Up Day.

Prepared by Debby Cason, Clerk

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)



OUR COMMUNITY COVENANT

Congregational United Church of Christ of Buena Vista

- * We seek to think of each other as Children of God, made in the image of God, to be treated as sisters and brothers in Christ. We will strive to listen respectfully to how others prefer to be treated.
- * We will act with kindness and respect while speaking truth in love and being honest with each other. Therefore, we will seek to listen with interest and curiosity, keeping an open mind.
- * We will share our time, gifts, and talents, bringing positive energy to groups and projects.
- * We will build up the community by bringing any grievances we have directly to the persons involved or to the Pastor/Congregation Relations Committee.
- * We will seek honest reconciliation of disagreements and practice forgiveness.
- * We will each try to be worthy of the trust and confidence of our fellow members.

(Adopted by CUCC Council September 15, 2021)