

***Congregational  
United Church of Christ***

***Sunday Worship Schedule***

***In-Person 10:00am (MDT) & Zoom***

***YouTube at CUCCBuenaVistaCO (for previous services)***

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# News and Views

Congregational United Church of Christ  
May 2022



## MODERATOR'S MOMENT

Resurrection takes many forms. In the Bible there is a very moving and heart wrenching story of a good friend of Jesus, Lazarus, who was ill, died, and brought back to life by the healing power of Jesus. (John 11:1-44) I believe our church has a Lazarus Resurrection Story to tell also. Our church was ill like Lazarus. It was sick from disputes and the pandemic and we have all been praying for wellness for our church. Now it appears that with the enduring love of God through the teachings of Jesus, the church is healing in ways never expected.

A year ago, we adopted a new Mission Statement: "As followers of Jesus, we are committed to exploring together Jesus' teachings, his action, and his justice, to better love, respect, and welcome all people." This statement gives the church and Rebecca clear and focused new direction. We implemented it through educational groups, outreach projects, and extravagant welcome. Now, at each Council meeting we ask the different Teams to report how they are responding to the Mission Statement. As a result, our church is teaming with community activities daily. We extravagantly welcome, as we always have, many community groups, plus we have two new ministries that help underserved folks.

In February, we started the Shower Ministry to help those without homes find a place to wash up and feel more human. All of a sudden there was excitement about a project we could really relate to, because we could help people in our community. Towels started coming in by the arms-full. The Facilities Team got right on it, setting the water temperatures for showers and making sure we had warm places to offer people on a cold wintry day. The Outreach Team started setting up volunteer informational meetings on how to show our guests extravagant welcome.

Then another ministry was sent our way through Chaffee County Public Health. Would our church be willing to host a mobile health unit called the Chaffee Community Clinic? This would entail parking a mobile clinic in our parking lot one day a week and using a few rooms in the Sunday School wing for procedures that couldn't be done in the trailer. This clinic would be set up to support those who might fall through the cracks of the confusing medical system, to get the help and direction they need. Of course, Council accepted Public Health's offer!

There is another new program provided by the County to help seniors find the resources they need. Molly Bishoff was hired by the County and leads a game day every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00pm to 3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. There are card and board games available, along with drinks and snacks. During that time Molly is available to help anyone find resources for their needs.

Other things that happen in our church building that lift up the community are exercise groups, dance groups, Boy Scout activities, children's drama groups, educational opportunities, etc. We have become a real community center for both individuals and organizations, providing space for their activities. Did you know that the church only asks for a donation for use of our facilities? If you think of any other ways our church can be of service to the community, please tell someone on Council.

Now the church has become a very exciting, busy place. It truly feels like a Lazarus Story. Bishop Michael Curry stated in his book *Love is the Way* that the reason for the church is for the community. This is all a result of God's love and direction.

May you trust in God's love,  
Betsy Neas

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together Jesus' teachings, his actions, and his justice, to  
better love, respect, and welcome all people.  
(CUCC's Mission, Identity & Purpose)**

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT CUCC!  
Every Sunday at 10:00am  
See you there!**

Congregational United Church of Christ  
217 Crossman Ave.  
P.O. Box 610  
Buena Vista, CO 81211  
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**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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## PASTOR'S ARTICLE, May 2022

### \*Mission

### \*Education

### \*Extravagant Welcome

Happy Spring! Seeds are sprouting up from the soil (under the snow!). Flowers are starting to bloom. I spotted daffodils at Grace Church the other day! Christ is Risen! New life is springing up all around us. Even as the world continues to be in turmoil, with unimaginable suffering in Ukraine and even in our own beloved country, we cling to Hope and Christ's promises that are displayed in profound ways in Christ's Resurrection and all new life springing forth!

Back in late 2020 and early 2021, your CUCC Council held many listening and visioning conversations. What resulted was a new "Purpose/Vision Statement" to live into and 3 Areas of Focus for our life together as a congregation: Mission, Education, and Extravagant Welcome.

The idea of "Mission" was "service inside and outside the congregation"—not just mission projects, but how we care for one another and our neighbors in all ways. This month, a "local Mission" came to fruition in spades! And in collaboration with a local service agency! All the better! Matt Gower, of the Area Agency on Aging, was seeking to help Wilma Williams (Kay's mom) with repair of an essential ramp at their house. Matt had funds for materials, but no builders, so he reached out to me and asked if I knew anyone who could do the work. I did happen to know some folks—The CUCC Facilities Team! We connected everyone, and many hours of love and labor commenced, along with some fun, stories, laughter, fellowship, and food, and a ramp was born!

Keep on loving, serving and helping one another in Mission!  
Blessings, Rebecca



The Facilities Team & Wilma Williams working hard (and watching over!) as the new ramp comes into being.



## CUCC GOOD-TO-KNOWS

### 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

### 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](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 \$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](mailto: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.**

Earn a \$10 bag of compost for every friend/neighbor/colleague you refer to our residential or business waste diversion programs! It's easy - just click [here](#) to fill out the form and we'll contact you when your referral has signed up.



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

Nan Bohe cell (720) 616-3546; Rm. (719) 207-4810  
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 (719) 784-7121  
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

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***

May 2—Bart Cain  
May 5—Pat Benton  
May 6—Ron Erickson  
May 9—Kaylynne Pomfret  
May 13—Ashley Werner  
May 19—Molly Stuart  
May 20—Alicia Allinger  
May 21—Gloria Close  
May 21—Phyllis McCall  
May 23—Bob Stevens  
May 24—Adele Jackson  
May 26—Donna Maloney  
May 27—Glen Wilder  
May 28—Tammy White

***ANNIVERSARIES***

May 2—Al & Phyl McCall  
May 23—Ron & Judy Hassell

***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 Charlotte Smith—Comfort  
Sarah & Rod Struthers—Healing  
Roger Cason—Healing  
Pam Hughes—Healing  
Nan Bohe—Healing  
Brooke Davis (Doyle & Leonard Nyberg's cousin)  
—Healing  
Pat & Jim Driskel (aunt & uncle of Doyle and Leonard Nyberg)  
—Healing  
Dale Rak (Ron Rak's brother)—Healing  
Nevzat & Claire (friends of Debby Cason)—Healing  
Rojdah & Maryann Shepherd (friends of Debby Cason)  
—Strength  
Mark Christie (friend of Bob Stocker & Ellen Kely) on the loss of  
his son Dewane—Comfort  
Ed Simons—Healing  
Family of Carson Park (friend of Clarke & Rebecca Poos)  
—Comfort  
Kathy Oliver (friend of Clarke & Rebecca Poos)—Strength in  
loss of home and horse rescue to fire



**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE NOTEABLES CONCERT**

**"Circle of Life" - Celebrating the Healing Power of Music**  
**Friday, May 6, 7:00pm - Clearview Community Church, BV**  
**Saturday, May 7, 7:00pm - Episcopal Church, Salida**  
**Sunday, May 8, 3:00pm - Salida SteamPlant**  
see flyer on bulletin board for more information

Masks required.

Pastor Rebecca and other BVers sing with this group!

Suggested donation: \$10  
For more information, call 719-539-2428 or visit [www.salidasings.org](http://www.salidasings.org).

**AN EVENING WITH JOHN PHILLIP NEWELL**

**Celtic Christian Theologian and Author**

**Wednesday, May 11**

**7:00pm**

**live-streamed from Fort Collins**

Please visit [plymouthucc.org/events](http://plymouthucc.org/events) to sign up to view the lecture by this  
Celtic scholar from the comfort of your home.

**BUENA VISTA COUNTRY DANCES**

**Saturday Nights in May - May 7, 14, 21, 28**

**6:00pm-7:00pm** - easy Country Two Step beginner dance lesson  
**7:00pm-9:00pm** - open dancing, including Swing, West Coast Swing,  
Night Club Two Step, Waltz and a few line dances!

**CUCC Fellowship Hall**

Hosted by Roger & Teresa Moen - 970-376-2038  
No fixed fee; donations welcome

**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)*



## view from the Mountain

**“The Difference Between Church and Church”  
The Winchester Sun—April 13, 2006**



It is 10:30pm, Good Friday night, and I want to tell you - *I have been to church!* Gene, Seri Jean (our granddaughter) and I just got home from Broadway Baptist Church where we listened, prayed, worshipped, sang our hearts out, and ended the wondrous night sharing a meal with everyone.

You know, there is church and there is *church*. There is joy and there is *joy*. There are smiles and a sense of warmth and there is the way I always feel every year in this church on this night. I can't even explain the kind of smile that comes from something so deeply satisfying, but that is exactly how I'm feeling now that we are back home. This kind of smile even feels different on my face!

I have always believed that a huge part of a church service is the music, the singing, and I challenge anyone to equal the music at Broadway Baptist, especially during the Good Friday service. Now I know that everyone does not get as much sheer delight listening to inspired music as I do, and everyone does not have real trouble sitting still and quiet as I do; however, for the life of me I can't see how you *cannot* move and clap to the beat, *cannot* sing along with the singers, *cannot* be moved to tears with its beauty. It's one reason I love the Good Friday service at Broadway Baptist. I don't *have* to sit on my hands, keep my mouth shut, sit quietly in my seat. Almost everybody attending is moved to participate in one way or another, and I am right there clapping, moving, and singing and - yep - there comes *the smile*, the one that spreads from one side of my face to the other, the one that leaves no doubt that I am fully present, fully feeling, and during these three hours of music and joy, there is absolutely no place on earth I'd rather be.

One of my dearest, sweetest friends in Winchester is Christine Gay, and it was through her personal invitation to attend her church on Good Friday, a good 15 years ago, that brings us back every year. She is the one who tirelessly puts this whole thing together, asking singing groups from other churches, pianists, and a saxophone player to perform. It is a big job, and she never fails to present a spectacular evening of music, message, and good food. And she knows Gene and I will always be right there, God willing.

Now its bedtime and I am tired. We're home, I've fed the cats, changed into PJ's, and I sit in our big high bed, my soul too stirred to sleep. All the music keeps playing in my head and that *smile* keeps cropping up across my face.

Easter is a time of hope, of renewal, a time of miracles. It is my favorite holiday. As Pastor Peoples said tonight (though I can't quote him) - In a time of such violence, nation against nation, person against person, we need more than ever to renew our faith, remember Jesus' promises, and to live in the assurance that God loves us and takes care of us. Have a blessed Easter, my friends.

The view from the hill is wondrous.

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

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

Maybe “everyday” should be Earth Day, a day for caring and loving the earth, as we witness the rise of horrific storms, tornadoes, flooding and wild fires such as the one near Boulder that took a 1000 homes in less than an hour.


John Phillip Newell, the author of our “Celtic Journey” study book *Sacred Earth - Sacred Soul*, reminds us with these words in the introduction: “This book is about reawakening to what we know in the depth of our being, that the earth is sacred and that this sacredness is at the heart of every human being and life form. To awaken again to this deep knowing is to be transformed in the ways we choose to live and relate and act.” We are reminded by Newell of *all the things we can do!* Awareness and caring lead us to action, but this all takes effort on our part. Wisdom of the past can guide us and awaken our souls to care for God's Creation.

The WMS will gather on June 23 at noon for our outdoor June picnic at McPhelemy Park. Please bring a dish to share for our lunch. Fried chicken and beverages will be provided.

“For the BEAUTY of the EARTH, for the glory of the skies, for the LOVE which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful PRAISE.”

Welcome to Spring!

Marge Erickson, President



**CELEBRATION OF OUR  
LIVES TOGETHER**

**70th Anniversary Gathering**

*for*

**Ron and Marge Erickson!**

**Saturday, June 11**

**Dinner—5:30-7:30pm**

**Dancing to Follow**


**McMurry Ranch Meadow**

**22405 Hwy. 285, Nathrop**

**Go to the Nathrop post office road, go down the hill,  
and look for the tent!**

**We hope you can join us!**

**RSVP—406-366-3296**




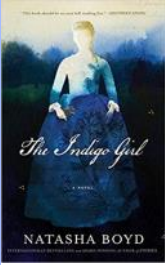
**AGING:  
SO COOL  
EVERYBODY'S DOING IT**

Flowering of the Cross happens all over the place! Here, our own Jean Ferguson helps make it happen on Easter Sunday at Southminster PCUSA, in Beaverton, Oregon. Rebecca's brother Dan is a leader there and has helped Jean get plugged into the church with gusto!





# CHURCH-COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS




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

The group is reading *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](mailto:revbecca@icloud.com)



**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


**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.

**“CELTIC JOURNEY “**  
**STANDING IN THE LIGHT AT A TIME OF DARKNESS:**  
**DANCING WITH CREATION AND CELTIC SPIRITUALITY**  
**Thursdays, May 26—June 30**  
**10:00am-11:30am**  
**CUCC Rainbow Room**

Our Guides: John Philip Newell and Matthew Fox  
Awakening people to conscious memory of who we are in the depths of our souls and what we already know from our souls, hearkening back to traditions of Celtic spirituality and Creation-centered spirituality.



**MOVIE NIGHT!**  
**Sunday, May 1**  
**5:00pm**  
**Congregational United Church of Christ**

In 2006, six ordinary people set out on a walking journey to change the face of Christianity in America.  
This is their story.

**“THE ASPHALT GOSPEL”**  
*Sometimes you have to go a long way to make a difference.*

Please join us for this free in-person movie presentation about progressive Christianity and meeting people where they are.

Snacks provided!

**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](mailto:robertyinger@mac.com) or Ray Stwalley at [araystwalley@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:admin@gracechurchbvco.org) or 719-395-8868



## APPRECIATIONS



**KUDOS COLUMN**

Thank you, thank you for all those who worked so hard and fast during the church clean-up event before the service for Charlotte Smith.

And thank you, thank you to Marge Erickson, Judy Phelps, and other helpers for Charlotte Smith’s lovely memorial service. She would have been so pleased!

Plus, notice the new eye-catching paper on the bulletin board in the hall outside Rebecca’s office? We have Merilee Daugherty and her helper Kay Allinger to thank for that! Thank you!

**THANK YOU FROM WILLIAMS FAMILY**

We would like to send a huge thank you to members of the Facilities Team for the beautiful ramp constructed for Angela. Thanks to Mark Wolters, Bowie Duncan, Kathy Roman, and Ron Rak. Also thanks to Betsy Neas, Linda Rak, and Pastor Rebecca for food to serve the crew.

Sincerely,  
Wilma & Angela Williams

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FACILITIES FROM TOM ROLLINGS**

Dear Congregational UC of Christ,

Thank you for sharing your church as that we could honor and celebrate my wife Colleen.

Love & Peace,  
Tom Rollings



# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10am Communion Worship  5-7:30pm " Asphalt Gospel" Film & Discussion -S, FH	<b>2</b> 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE	<b>3</b>  6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 7pm TELLS	<b>4</b> 1-3:30pm Games-FH  6-7pm Clef Notes Practice -CH	<b>5</b> 9-9:30am Backpacks-FH  6:30-8:30pm Youth Writers Contest Awards Ceremony & Potluck-S, FH, K	<b>6</b> 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 12-2pm Shower Ministry-SS wing	<b>7</b> 9-10am AA-AE 9-10am Al-Anon-#7  6-9pm BV Dances-FH
<b>8 MOTHER'S DAY</b> 10am Worship Clef Notes Sing  5-6:30pm Conversations That Matter -Zoom	<b>9</b> 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE	<b>10</b> 10-11:30am Faith Ed. Team -AE 11am-12pm Worship Team -#7 4-5:30pm Outreach Team -Zoom 4:30-6pm Facilities-#7 6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 7pm TELLS	<b>11</b> 10am-12pm Stew/Vis Team -AE  1-3:30pm Games-FH	<b>12</b> 9-9:30am Backpacks-FH	<b>13</b> 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE  12-2pm Shower Ministry-SS wing	<b>14</b> 9-10am AA-AE 9-10am Al-Anon-#7  6-9pm BV Dances-FH
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<b>29</b> 10am Worship	<b>30</b> 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE	<b>31</b>  6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 7pm TELLS	AE=Adult Ed. Rm. CH=Choir Rm. D=Drama Rm. FH=Fellowship Hall K=Kitchen S=Sanctuary PO=Pastor's Office RR-Rainbow Room #7—Room #7			



## PAISLEY NEWS

Great Aunt Janet hasn't seen Paisley since last Aug. It looks like the scooting phase has changed. This note is from Grandma Nadene:

Here is Paisley. She is now 7 years old, as her shirt states. She has just learned to walk. A change in physical therapists has done so much. She is excited to go to see her therapist. Whenever she arrives at therapy she announces, "I'm back!" She is now able to get herself up off the floor on her own and walk. Well, she is almost ready to run! She is in first grade, and with the help of a Para/Aide, is learning all sorts of things. The other students in the school - kindergarten through twelfth grade - are very attentive to her and her needs. They all give her "high-fives" or hugs. She loves hugs!! She is always ready with one of her award-winning smiles; well, that is, unless she is tired or ready to go home! Sounds like the rest of us, right?

## THOUGHTS FROM VICE MODERATOR KAY ALLINGER

I am really happy with all the great ideas that are coming out of the team meetings and all the sharing of ideas. Betsy and I planned to split up which team meetings we would attend, but I have tried to attend all of them. I come away from each one feeling good. What a wonderful group of people we have working on the various teams and then coming together to make things happen!

I again want to thank the facilities team for the wonderful work they did to build a ramp for my Mom and sister Angie. A lot of time and effort went into that project over a two week period. It is amazing!

I love quotes and sayings, so here is something to ponder: A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love. *Saint Basil*

## UCC 5-FOR-5 OFFERING

### STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

We will be collecting for the 5-for-5 Strengthen the Church in late May through mid-June. This special fund supports youth and young adult ministries, lay and pastoral leadership development, and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC does not have a strong presence and provides support for existing churches' new initiatives.

Thank you so much!

## CUCC TEAM REPORTS

### FAITHFUL GIVING HOW ARE WE DOING?

Giving for March 27-April 24—5 weeks: \$11,800.40  
for an average of \$2,360.08 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!\*\***

### ***Outreach/Community & World Team News—May greetings!***

A big 'Thank You' to all church members and friends for their generosity in supporting the UCC 5-for-5 special offerings and, of course, our local projects like the Backpack Program and the Shower Ministry.

Avis Rutkowski

### **Worship Team**

- ~We are needing someone to volunteer to be on our Team. Debby Cason has resigned due to other obligations with her husband. We will miss her, but do understand.
- ~Mother's Day is coming up on May 8. We will have carnations for women and ask you to take an extra carnation for a neighbor or friend.
- ~Please sign up to be a greeter on any convenient Sunday! No experience necessary!
- ~We will continue having Social Sunday and birthday cake on the third Sunday of each month.
- ~Communion will be with the members coming up to the altar to receive the elements. Slowly we are getting to our new normal.

Linda Rak, Chair

### **FACILITIES TEAM NEWS**

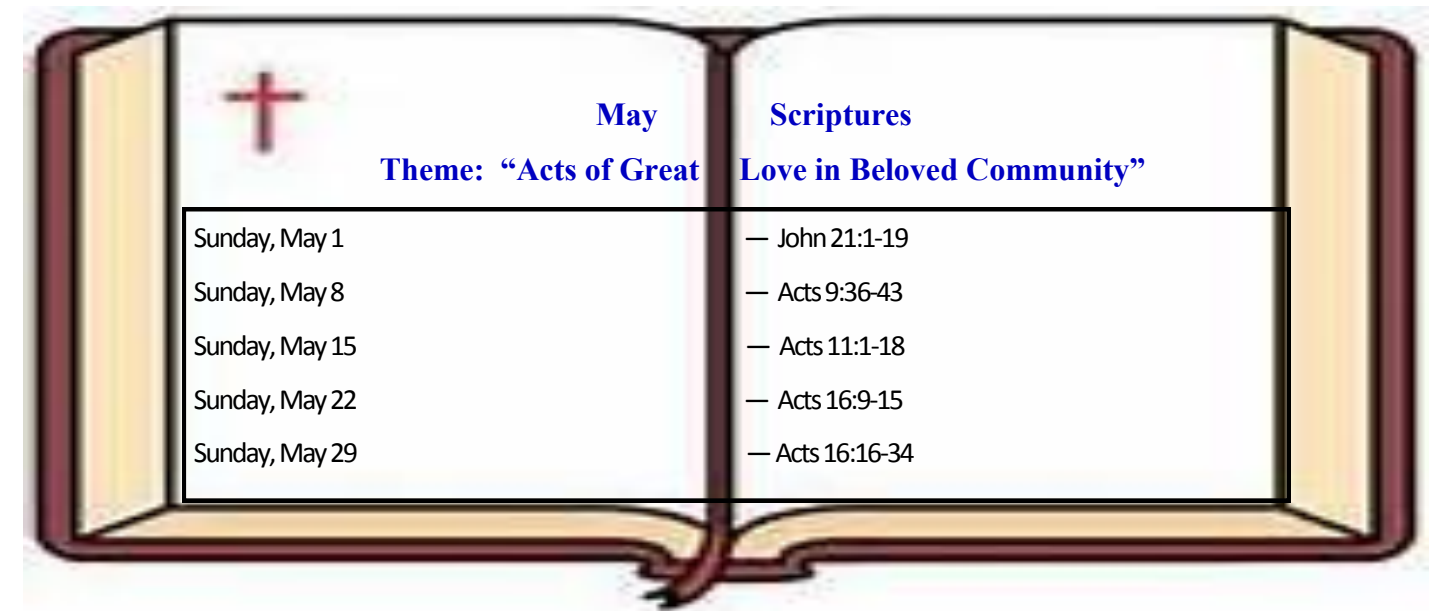
This past month, the Team has worked on repairing the parsonage garage door, building a ramp for Wilma Williams, placing more chairs in the sanctuary, and removing books from the art room. On the agenda looking forward are researching crash bars for the front doors, repairing blinds in the sanctuary, gathering information on French doors and sidelights in the sanctuary, gathering information on trimming the cottonwoods, and creating an access portal to the water shut off located in the crawl space.

**Mark your calendar for our church clean-up day on Saturday, April 23, from 9:00am to noon! Food is provided!** Our focus will be on cleaning the sanctuary, narthex, and the front hallway. See you there!

Mark Wolters, Co-Chair

(Ed. note: Thanks to all who turned out for Clean-Up Day!)

## PLUG INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, May 15 after the service—with lunch!**

Please join us for this quarterly meeting to  
be in the know and let your voice be heard!

### **CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER (CTM) Adult Education at CUCC Sundays, 5:00pm-6:30pm via Zoom The last CTM before summer hiatus is May 22.**

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](mailto:cucc.conversations@icloud.com).

### **DID YOU KNOW? 5 Ways to Give!**

1. MAIL IN to CUCC, PO Box 610, Buena Vista, CO 81211-0610
2. DROP OFF at the church.
3. Donate ONLINE at [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly).
4. DONATE through the CUCC website: [bvcucc.org](https://bvcucc.org).
5. 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—April 20, 2022

Welcome and Opening Prayer: 7:07 pm. Opening prayer by Moderator Betsy Neas.  
Attendees: Moderator Betsy Neas, Vice Moderator Kay Allinger, Bill Waldorf, Ron and Marge Erickson, Pastor Rebecca K. Poos, Hel-en Duncan, Linda and Ron Rak, Debby Cason. All attendees read the CUCC Mission Statement together: 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.

**Outreach Team report from Helen Duncan:**  
- Very generous contributions of close to \$2,000 were contributed to OGHS, most of which will go to Ukraine.  
The shower ministry needs volunteers. We currently have seven regular volunteers, all of whom have been trained except for Herb Daugherty, who will be trained this coming Friday. New volunteers can call Betsy, Ellen Kely, Helen Duncan, or the church office to volunteer. Also, a sign-up sheet will be placed on the table in the back of the sanctuary for June, July and August volunteers. This ministry is in need of volunteers for the last Friday in April. Clients: So far there is one woman, plus several men from the Christian Mission, who are taking advantage of our shower ministry, but hopefully we will have more people during the summer. The financing is good. There is \$2,700 in the shower ministry budget.

**Worship Team report from Linda Rak:**  
- Debby resigned from the team on April 12 and the team is looking for a replacement. Nancy has posted this need in the email blast and it will also be in the upcoming Newsletter.  
- Team members will be head ushers on Sundays, but anyone may sign up to be a greeter.  
- Coffee Hour will be held in the Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Sunday of each month, together with a cake for that month’s birthday celebrants.

**Facilities Team report from Ron Rak:**  
The team has been very busy completing the following projects:

- Repair of parsonage garage door
- Ramp built for Wilma Williams
- More chairs placed in the sanctuary
- Books removed from the art room

Going forward the team is:  
- Gathering information on trimming cottonwood trees  
- Gathering information on French doors  
- Repairing blinds in the sanctuary  
- Investigating the use of energy efficient lighting  
- Creating an access portal to the water shut off valve for the sprinkler system located in the crawl space  
- Clean-up day has been set for 9:00am to noon on Saturday, April 23. Volunteers will work in the narthex, sanctuary, and front hallway dusting, vacuuming, cleaning windows, and cleaning the sanctuary chairs.

Suggestions for future projects:  
- Suggestion made by Bill Waldorf: The lever handle of our front door curves in the opposite direction from most door handles and should be reversed.  
- Suggestion from Rebecca: The red door has not been painted for a while.  
- Another suggestion: The lock on the back door is difficult to use and the key could be lost. This lock could be upgraded to match the lock on the front door.

**Faith Ed report from Betsy Neas:**  
- Conversations that Matter will continue through 5/22 and will then take the summer off and resume on 9/22.  
- Adult Sunday School will start up again on Sunday mornings at 8:30am on 9/11 and will include snacks.

**WMS report from Marge Erickson:**  
- A GARNA representative named Dominique will present on recycling at the upcoming meeting on April 28 at 1:00pm.  
- WMS now meets once every two months.  
- A new Journey Group will start in May in the Rainbow Room and will discuss the Celtic mystics.  
- John Phillip Newell, a Celtic scholar, is live streaming a lecture from Fort Collins UCC at 7:00pm on May 11. There is a link in the email blast.  
- Norma Smith will help in the kitchen this coming Saturday for Charlotte Smith’s memorial service. Marge Erickson will lead the service, soloist Catrina Leibseit will sing Amazing Grace a capella, and hosting/ushering will be done by Linda, Kay, Betsy, Helen and Debby. Judy Phelps will be the pianist.

**Clerk’s Report from Debby Cason:**  
- No change in the CUCC membership rolls. Charlotte Smith was not a member at the time of her death.  
- Corrections to March 16 Minutes: The date of January 19 on the published minutes is incorrect and should read March 16, 2022.  
- Under Treasurer’s Report, Kay Allinger should have been named as the creator of the monthly General Fund Financial Overview.

**Financial Secretary’s report from Helen Duncan & Kay Allinger:**  
- The distributed monthly General Fund Financial Overview prepared by Kay shows:  
Total giving from January through April 20 = \$44,490.13.  
Total expenses for the same period = \$30,289.06.  
To reach our budget we need \$3,130.00 per week.  
The average weekly giving per week as of April 20 has been \$2,780.63.  
- Helen pointed out that she is not an administrator of Power Church. Kay is the only administrator; however, there is a back-up procedure: should anything happen to Kay, the Finance Chair or Treasurer is authorized to call Power Church and set up a new Administrator with a new password.

**Comprehensive workshop on understanding financial reports given by Bill Waldorf.**  
- During his presentation, Bill pointed out that most churches do NOT include physical assets on their balance sheets because such assets are needed to fulfill the church mission and selling said physical assets is not contemplated.  
- Rebecca reiterated the need for the Finance Team to scrutinize the list of Temporarily Restricted Funds to ascertain which are still needed.  
- Helen pointed out that OGHS was not on the list of Temporarily Restricted Funds.  
- Rebecca reiterated the need for the Team chairs to have income and expense reports on a regular basis in order for them to stay within their budgets, preferably once per month, but at the very least once per quarter. In this regard, three suggestions were made:  
1. Receipts or invoices for monies spent could each be signed off by the Team chair; 2. each Team could have their own treasurer; 3. Kay volunteered to produce a monthly income and expense report for each team which would give the Team chairs the information they need.  
- Rebecca suggested that the Finance Team meet to discuss financial controls and an internal process for approvals of expenditures.

**Pastor’s Report from Rebecca K. Poos:**  
- Outside users of CUCC facilities is going very well. Compliments on the sound system were received from leaders of the Coletrain music workshop and concert held last week. Users are cleaning up after themselves. We are receiving more requests for funerals and we will be hosting one on May 14. Nancy Best and Rebecca are working together to help families plan services.  
- The Lenten program was deeply appreciated by Grace Church members. Rebecca is working with Bonnie Young for future collaborations.  
- Nan Bohe is hanging in there and loves receiving texts and cards from CUCC and communion and visits from family and Pastor.

Adjournment: 9:08pm. Next Council Meeting: May 18, 2022 at 7:00pm

**Upcoming Events:**  
4/23/22 - 9:00am to noon Church Clean-up Day; 2:00pm Charlotte Smith Service  
5/01/22 - 5pm movie *Asphalt Gospel*, regarding Progressive Christianity  
5/15/22 - Congregational Meeting after church Prepared by Debby Cason, Clerk

CUCC SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—March 27, 2022

Meeting was called to order at approximately 11:30am.  
Attendees: Moderator Betsy Neas, Vice Moderator Kay Allinger, Pastor Rebecca K. Poos, Helen Duncan, Bob Stocker, Ellen Kely, Mark Wolters, Ron and Judy Hassell, Marge and Ron Erickson, Ron and Linda Rak, Debby Cason.

**Purpose of Special Meeting:** To vote on a proposal for CUCC to partner with Chaffee Community Clinic.  
**Preliminary Remarks:** Packets containing information about this proposal were handed out to members of the congregation on Sunday, March 20. Bob Stocker asked whether any council members present today had received any feedback on the proposal and none was received.  
**Motion:** Debby made a motion that CUCC agree to partner with the Chaffee Community Clinic in accordance with the guidelines prepared by Mike Orrill and the 3/16/22 CUCC Council Minutes. Mark Wolters seconded the motion.  
**Discussion:** It was agreed that at least one CUCC volunteer be present for the first two sessions to offer an extravagant welcome and to again show the clinic staff how to operate our lock, how to reset the thermostat, the location of the toilets, and how to lock up the building when finished using it. Mark Wolters, Marge Erickson, and Ron Rak agreed to volunteer. It was further agreed that a divider be placed in the hallway between the Fellowship Hall and the back door.  
**Vote:** The vote was unanimously in favor of this partnership.

**Other Business:**  
**Chairs in sanctuary:** It was ultimately decided that all of the remaining sanctuary chairs be placed back into the sanctuary before Saturday, April 2, when Pastor Rebecca will be leading a funeral service in our sanctuary. Mark will do this for us.  
**Help needed during funeral services:** Rebecca asked for help, not only in setting up for the April 2nd funeral, but also for future funeral services. The set up requires that the narthex include a long table for photos and tissues for the bereaved. Tissues should also be placed in the sanctuary. The set up for this upcoming funeral can be accomplished after the Lenten soup supper on Wednesday, March 30. Volunteer(s) the day of the funeral will act as ushers as people enter our church and will also help to guide people to our bathrooms when needed. Linda and Ron Rak volunteered to help with the funeral on April 2 and Judy Hassell said she will try to attend if she can.  
Adjournment: Approximately 12:00pm. Respectfully submitted by Debby Cason