

***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  
**Mid-Summer 2022**



## MODERATOR'S MOMENT

*And the King will answer them 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'*  
*Matthew 25:40*

What does it mean to better love, respect, and welcome all people? When we explore Jesus' teachings, his actions and his justice, we are carrying out our mission statement as the scripture tells us to do. One aspect of loving, respecting, and welcoming all people is not only inviting them to our church services, but also providing them with things they need.

As you know, we are offering free showers on Fridays. Now we have another new ministry, the Chaffee Community Clinic, which uses parts of our parking lot and parts of our building. This Public Health Service is here every Tuesday afternoon. Being a mobile clinic, it can be moved to any location to meet the needs of those who don't have access to our confusing medical care. The nurses at the clinic will sit down with folks to figure out which programs can help them the most and then assist them in filling out the paperwork.

According to the Chaffee County Times, "They offer services such as basic medical services for the underinsured, not insured, impoverished, homeless and jaded to receive medical services." You may wonder just what our role is as a church in this partnership with Public Health. Not only does the Clinic park in our parking lot, it also uses two rooms and the restrooms in the Sunday School wing. We also offer an outdoor space for people to relate to each other while waiting for their important time with the nurses.

Several weeks ago I spoke with a homeless man who had no front teeth. He said the back ones were terribly infected and he was in such pain. I told him about the Clinic, since it has a dental component also. He was so happy to think he could finally get help. When your teeth are infected, it affects the health of your whole body.

That's what our church is all about—helping people in the community get their needs met no matter who they are. I'm so proud of our church as it stands behind its mission.

Blessings,  
Betsy



Mike Orrill and Nurse Abigail  
with the Chaffee Community  
Health Clinic in CUCC's  
parking lot.



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**Every Sunday at 10:00am**  
**See you there!**

# CUCC GOOD-TO-KNOWS

## PASTOR'S ARTICLE, Mid-Summer 2022

### \*Mission

### \*Education

### \*Extravagant Welcome

Happy Summer! We're officially here! Seems like it was forever in coming, doesn't it?! So much incredible ministry and mission projects and spiritually-uplifting gatherings going on around here these days. CUCC is a warm and welcoming and FUN place to be!

As you know, not all churches are experiencing a resurgence of life after the pandemic—many are even having to close their doors or make tough decisions about the future of their whole purpose and mission. Others, like us, are making progress each week toward vital community connections and seeing new or returning folks join us—either at worship or participating in projects and events at CUCC.

I recently read an article called, *“What If They Don't Come Back? – 4 Opportunities for Churches Post-Pandemic.”* It's linked [here](#) and posted on the bulletin board between the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Some of the gleanings from this article struck me as very helpful, even if we're not on the decline. This season in which we find ourselves is a pivotal moment in the life of CUCC to look back at what we treasure and want to bring forward, look at our present gathered community, and look forward with listening ears and excitement for what Spirit is leading us to in our very bright and hopeful future. Shall we go for *another* 145 years?!

From the article:

\*People aren't coming back to church. Maybe church needs to come back to us?

\*Because organizations of all sorts are going through a sort of re-start, now is the perfect time to begin building relationships with the people you've seen around but never met.

\*The pandemic led even the most traditional local churches to be more innovative. Congregations learned Zoom and YouTube streaming, conducted parking lot services, and provided food for hungry neighbors. Forced creativity has helped unengaged church members find new roles and has allowed new people to encounter churches online or in unexpected settings.

\*Churches now have the opportunity to use what they've learned and to explore new structures for discipleship and new expressions of Church!

### Summer News from CUCC!!

Starting Sunday, July 3, we're engaging a series called: *Gathering & Gospelling*. It's a worship series created by Pastor Katy Stenta, whose prayers and liturgy we have been using in our worship for a couple of years. Two books, *“The Art of Gathering”* and *“Unbinding the Gospel,”* along with the Bible and other liturgical resources, form the series' foundation. We will creatively adapt it for our context and enjoy a rich, fun, creative and transformative time together this summer.

In our worship time together and other gatherings, we will explore what it means to experience God's presence  
—in ourselves and in community  
—and invite others to do the same.

To create a space for this we will:

Ask you to pray in church and at home—for CUCC and for all those we meet

Engage in creative & participative worship

Reflect on questions to ourselves and our spirits

Pray some more, lean on God, and trust God wants this to be done

Study a verse or two at home—read it, journal it, draw it, memorize it, engage your own faith journey in a way that works for you!

I am very excited for this and hope you can join us for some or all of this important journey to deepen our experience with God together as a community.

Blessings, Rebecca

## NAN BOHE CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Thursday, July 7

1:00pm

CUCC

Refreshments to follow. All are welcome!

## 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**

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**

July 2—Loretta Cain  
July 2—Emily Fagerberg  
July 5—Julie McMurry  
July 10—Laurie Stevens  
July 12—Liz Hansen  
July 29—Janet Jones  
July 31—Sarah Struthers  
Aug. 2—Jim Amster  
Aug. 4—Betsy Neas  
Aug. 6—Liz Anderson  
Aug. 6—Bev Liddle  
Aug. 10—Tom Meardon  
Aug. 11—Ellen Kely  
Aug. 12—Les Messamer  
Aug. 14—Linda Carpenter  
Aug. 17—Elizabeth Shelby  
Aug. 25—Marge Dorfmeister  
Aug. 29—Jenna Wilton  
Aug. 30—Rhonda Funston  
Aug. 31—Bill Shelby

**ANNIVERSARIES**

July 6—Corey & Bridgett Tucker  
July 9—Clarke & Rebecca Poos  
July 30—Bob & Laurie Stevens  
July 31—Gregg & Katherine Meserole  
Aug. 9—Bart & Loretta Cain  
Aug. 15—Butch & Noel Ekin  
Aug. 18—Mark & Alice Wolters  
Aug. 26—Bowie & Helen Duncan



*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**

Sarah & Rod Struthers—Healing  
Roger Cason—Healing  
Pam Hughes—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  
Gale Shaw—Healing  
Calvin Gaynor (Janet Steiner's brother-in-law)—Healing  
The Family of Dave McChesney (friends of Jennie & Toby  
Talbot)—Comfort



**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BUENA VISTA COUNTRY DANCE**

**Last Thursday of every month**

**6:00pm-9:00pm**

**CUCC Fellowship Hall**

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!

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

**LATIN DANCES**

**Mondays, beginning June 27**

**6:00pm-10:00am**

**CUCC Fellowship Hall**

Class of varying Latin dances from 6-8pm, followed by open dance from  
8-10pm. Taught and hosted by Judah Arrington.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE BV OPTIMIST CLUB**

**Monday, July 4**

**7:00am-10:00am**

**Columbine Park**

Pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee, hot chocolate

**\$9 for 12 & up—Proceeds benefit BV youth projects!**

**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 or 719-395-8868**

**OPTIMIST CLUB CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Thursday, August 11**

**8:30am shotgun start**

Two-person Team Scramble  
\$84 per-person registration fee - includes greens fees,  
breakfast, and lunch. Golf cart not included.  
Registration deadline August 4

Funds help support youth projects, including college  
scholarships, Boys & Girls Clubs, Backpack Program,  
Odyssey of the Mind, and more!

Contact Todd Allen at 720-626-1884 or Eric Gibb at  
719-207-0296.

**HOMESHARING COORDINATOR WANTED**

Do you know of someone needing a job? Click [here](#) for a full job description.



## view from the Mountain

**“Only a Little Pain, But Lots of Gain”**  
**The Winchester Sun—May 16, 2006**

“Fat to Fit”—that’s what my husband Gene calls his creative exercise program. Just change one letter—a to i—and you change the direction of your life. That’s what he says, and I’m his star pupil.

After Gene got sick, I started eating, not because I was hungry, but because I felt totally stressed and scared. Of course, I told myself I had to get healthy so I could help him, but it turned out I was eating more, not healthy, which was not rational thinking. But then who was thinking rationally? Not I! Everyday after my shower, I stepped on the scales and I watched the numbers get bigger, and so were my thighs. At first, people said how good, how healthy I looked—and really, for the first time in my life, nobody was clucking, patting me and murmuring how thin and frail I looked.

Now some nine months later, believe me, I no longer am thin and fit. When he was diagnosed, I weighed about 110 pounds. Today I weigh 126 pounds and every last bit of it has shown up from my knees up to my waist, which is not really true because I no longer have a waist. It didn’t especially bother me until I realized that I even walked different—you know when the inside of your thighs rub together every step you take. Somehow, at some time when I wasn’t watching, about 16 pounds of fat showed up and stuck around my thighs and waist. I was horrified. I felt fat, no matter what anybody said.

You know how extra fat creates an inner tube right where you used to indent? It’s very important to indent there, because it’s the only way I can see for us women to stick out both above and below our waist, thus giving us women a figure. I’m not too sure of the importance of a man indenting there, except his pants stay up easier. For women, it’s a different story.

Speaking of pants, I had to buy drawstring pants. I told myself that soon I’d have to make them smaller, but really, I had to keep loosening the waist. But it was when I realized that the legs got tighter and pulled up when I sat down that I quit getting on the scales, and I knew I had to take matters into my own hands. I decided to change myself from fat to fit. Where we’re living this spring there is a big, heated outdoor pool, and I found that whereas I could not do jumping jacks or run on land, in the pool I could do both, plus more. The day came when I jutted out my chin and resolved to get into that pool every last day and work hard for at least one hour. I started with 100 jumping jacks and running 700 steps and 15 minutes of upper body work. Now, I do 500 jumping jacks, run 2,100 steps, and do at least 30 minutes of upper body work with barbells.

Let me tell you something. From day one I felt like an Olympian star. Often I was the only one in the pool, and I felt cold and hurt. I imagined myself training for the Olympics and people would see me bobbing up and down as I ran and say something like, “Good for you!” and “Just look at that!” And I would smile, groan a little for their benefit, and, looking heavenward without missing a beat, continue my workout. I can’t tell you how many times I gave out. It hurt, and I was so out of breath, but the family stubbornness helped me, and I gave in to it. I knew I needed to do it, and besides, what would I say to all those who thought I was brave. Every day I tried to add five more minutes or a new move.

During this three months I never stepped on the scales. Heck, I knew I was shedding pounds like a snake sheds his skin. One night I couldn’t sleep and the idea hit me, “I think I’ll weigh myself.” I can barely speak of it. I had not shed one stinking ounce! I stared at that recorded weight in disbelief. Needless to say, I did not sleep the rest of the night.

The next day I called Pat Brown, whose exercise class I attended in Winchester a few years back. When I told her of my problem, she laughed! “But Jean, muscle weighs more than flab.” My mouth fell open. So that’s it! When I got off the phone, I stood in front of a full length mirror and looked at myself. Well, guess what? I actually had a waist again!

It’s now spring, and I have lost three pounds, but the fat has turned to fit. By the time we get home, you won’t know me. Now, if you’ll excuse me, I’ve got to get out to the pool and run.

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"

A Favorite Psalm - I often enjoy reading the Psalms as they have been interpreted in contemporary language by Eugene Peterson, a wonderful Biblical scholar. The particular volume that I read was copyrighted in 2002 and presents two texts side by side on the same page—the New King James Version and The Message. The beauty of this Psalm often lifts my spirit as I view the beautiful mountains around us.

**Psalm 121:1 & 2**

##### NKJ VERSION

##### THE MESSAGE

I will lift up my eyes to the hills -

I look up to the mountains. Does my strength come from the mountains?

From whence comes my help?

No, my strength comes from God, who made heaven and earth and mountains.

My help comes from the Lord,

God won’t let you stumble, your guardian God won’t fall asleep.

Who made heaven and earth

Not on your life! Israel’s guardian will never doze or sleep, God will protect you.

As we live through these days of natural disasters, the war in Ukraine, the random shooting of children and teachers in schools, and grocery stores assaults on shoppers, “God is at your side to protect and keep you!” Psalm 121:5

A trip to La Puente in Alamosa is being planned for an August date to tour the facility and deliver 26 Hygiene Bags. The bags will be filled on July 28, so get your contributions in! Items needed: towels, wash cloths, shampoo, new men’s & women’s socks, razors, shaving cream, after shave. Your donations are appreciated! Thank you!

Peace and Love be with you!

Marge Erickson, President

## LA FORET OFFERINGS & RMC CONNECTIONS

### LA FORET CONTEMPLATIVE CAMP

**July 17-23**

Contemplative Camp is a calming salve for an unsettled spirit. This week-long retreat offers a rare opportunity to rest, reset, and reconnect in a beautiful natural setting with a caring community.

Click [here](#) to register.

### RMC JUBILEE (CONFERENCE COMMUNITY GATHERING)

**August 15-17**

**La Foret**

Workshops include:

- Small Church Symposium: Challenges & Best Practices for Small Churches
- Moving Toward a Culture of Anti-Racism: What’s Next for Me and My Church?
- Exploring a Divine Spiritual Consciousness: A Renewal of the Great Commission

Three registration types:

- Full Registration—includes cabin lodging for Monday & Tuesday nights + 5 meals + all events for \$180/person
- Off-site Registration—includes Monday dinner and Tuesday lunch & dinner + all events for \$90/person
- Day Use Only (no meals)—all events for all or partial days, no meals, no lodging for \$60/person

Financial need? Ask for a scholarship at [admin@rmcucc.org](mailto:admin@rmcucc.org)  
COVID precautions will be taken based on county restrictions at the time of event. Be prepared to bring a mask and show vaccination card.

To register click [here](#). Registration deadline is August 5.

### LA FORET WHOLENESS & WELLNESS WEEKEND

**September 16-18**

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

Open to everyone! This is an intentionally diverse, spirit-centered event, and we aim to engage people of every background and path.

Click [here](#) to register.



# CHURCH-COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



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



The group is reading *Feel Good, Look Good for Life* by Angela Gaffney.

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.

# APPRECIATIONS



## KUDOS COLUMN

Donna Maloney, Faith Ed. Team Chair, thank you for organizing and cleaning the education office to prepare us for our creative and exciting future in Faith Education!

The Facilities Team and Friends are making the building and grounds *beautiful*, as well as covering the custodial duties and looking for a new custodian! Talk to a Team Member if you can help with mowing, weeding, new doors, cleaning, or have suggestions of people for the job!

## THANK YOU FROM THE POOS

*Thank you!* from the bottom of our hearts, for all the love and support, prayers, meals and concern while we weathered a difficult season in our family! Throughout our brother-in-law Ed's illness, death, and memorial service, our church community has been there for us in life-giving ways. Then, right in the middle of that, came Clarke's very scary accident and aftermath. Your love and understanding and tangible support got us through! We are blessed to be in such a loving Church Family!

Hugs & Love,  
Clarke & Rebecca Poos

## THANK YOU FROM LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Thanks for your continued support of the LWV Chaffee County. We appreciate you!

Ellen, Maria, Jean, Ruthie, Lynn

Roger & Debby Cason celebrated their anniversary with CUCC friends at Jan's on June 26. What a good time!



## SCHOFIELD THANKS

Hi Rebecca,

It is always such a pleasant surprise to be remembered by you and CUCC. Thank you for your birthday card and kind note this past week. You can be sure we still miss CO, BV, and all of you and if it weren't for our kids and grandkids being in the PNW, we'd be back in BV in a second. We would so have enjoyed helping Ron and Marge celebrate their 70th anniversary. What a great milestone for such a special couple.

Sharie and I are headed to Europe at the end of this week to begin a river cruise ending in Prague, a place we've always wanted to visit. And, speaking of travel, we still hope that you and Clarke can swing up our way on one of your visits to Oregon.

Take care and blessings on your continued ministry to the folks at CUCC.

Rod Schofield

## NOTE FROM BLANCHETTS

Dear Friends,

Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I read every word in the monthly newsletter. Thought we'd make it to Buenie this summer, but work and cost of gas making that questionable. Blessings!

In Him,  
Sharron & John Blanchett



# July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AE=Adult Ed. Rm. CH=Choir Rm. D=Drama Rm. FH=Fellowship Hall K=Kitchen	S=Sanctuary PL=Parking Lot 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 11am Coffee Hour  1-3pm Optimists Pancake Prep-K	4 4TH OF JULY 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE  6-10pm Latin Class & Dance -FH	5 1pm-4pm Chaffee Community Clinic -PL  6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 7pm TELLS	6 1-3:30pm Games-FH  6-7pm Clef Notes-CH	7 1-3pm Nan Bohe Celebration of Life-S, FH, K	8 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 12-2pm Shower Ministry-SS wing	9 9-10am AA -AE 9-10am Al-Anon -#7
10 10am Worship Clef Notes Sing 11am Coffee Hour	11 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE  2:30-3:30pm Caregiver Support Group -RR  6-10pm Latin Class & Dance -FH	12 9-11:30am Game Trail HOA -FH 10-11:30am Faith Ed. Team-AE 1-4pm Game Trail HOA-FH 1pm-4pm Chaffee Community Clinic -PL 2-3pm WorshipTeam-#7  4-5:30pm Outreach Team -AE 6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 7pm TELLS	13 1-3:30pm Games-FH	14 9-9:30am Backpacks-FH	15 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 12-2pm Shower Ministry-SS wing	16 9-10am AA -AE 9-10am Al-Anon -#7
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# August 2022

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	1 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE  6-10pm Latin Class & Dance -FH	2 1pm-4pm Chaffee Community Clinic -PL  6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 7pm TELLS	3 1-3:30pm Games-FH  6-7pm Clef Notes-CH	4	5 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 12-2pm Shower Ministry-SS wing	6 9-10am AA -AE 9-10am Al-Anon-#7
7 10am Communion Worship 11am Coffee Hour	8 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE  2:30-3:30pm Caregiver Support Group -RR  6-10pm Latin Class & Dance -FH	9 10-11:30am Faith Ed. Team-AE 11am-12pm Worship Team-#7 1-4pm Game Trail HOA-FH 1pm-4pm Chaffee Community Clinic -PL 4-5:30pm Outreach Team-AE  6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 7pm TELLS	10 1-3:30pm Games-FH	11 9-9:30am Backpacks-FH	12 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 12-2pm Shower Ministry-SS wing	13 9-10am AA -AE 9-10am Al-Anon-#7
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# CUCC TEAM REPORTS

## FAITHFUL GIVING HOW ARE WE DOING?

Giving for June—4 weeks: \$12,684.42  
for an average of \$3,171.11 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!\*\***

## 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

## Outreach/Community & World Team News—Mid-Summer greetings!

A permanent 20"x30" metal sign for the shower ministry will be attached to the  
fence on the Pleasant Street side of the CUCC parking lot. It will read: 'FREE  
SHOWERS, Every Friday, Noon-2pm, Here at CUCC building.' The sign will have a  
white background with navy blue letters.

The Chaffee County Community Clinic (mobile medical clinic) has begun  
operating each Tuesday from the CUCC parking lot and church building - free  
medical assistance to low income people or anyone else who needs help or  
referrals. The clinic has had a slow start; more spreading of the word to the  
community of this service is needed.

Ellen suggested we start "God's Garden Gifts," whereby we share Nature's  
bounty (garden produce) from personal gardens on Sundays after the worship  
service. Donations for the produce would go to the CUCC General Fund.

Backpack Ministry: Herb reports approximately 50 bags packed biweekly for the  
summer, distributing 25 each week. Cost each week: about \$8 per bag. Fund  
had \$17,000 at end of March, 2022.

Avis Rutkowski

## FACILITIES TEAM NEWS

Facilities has been spending much of its time doing minor projects and repairs for both the parsonage and  
church. Much time has been spent trying to get the church grounds in shape.....weeding.....mowing.....fertilizing.  
We are in search for a replacement custodian, as Sean submitted his resignation. If you have any suggestions,  
please let us know so we can follow up on it. Replacement sanctuary doors have arrived, and will probably be  
installed in July, labor force permitting. We will also look into carpet cleaning for church and parsonage so if  
you have any suggestions, please contact us.

Respectfully submitted  
Mark Wolters, Co-Chair

# PLUG INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

July & August "Gathering & Gospelling: July		Theme: Connecting with Spirit in Community"
		Scriptures
Sunday, July 3		— I Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:30-35
Sunday, July 10		— Exodus 3:1-6; Isaiah 6:1-3
Sunday, July 17		— I Corinthians 10:1-4; Hebrews 12:1-2
Sunday, July 24		— Numbers 6:22-26; Isaiah 3:6-8
Sunday, July 31		— Hebrews 4:14-16; Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-13
August		Scriptures
Sunday, August 7		— Genesis 12:1-2; John 6:5-14
Sunday, August 14		— Luke 12:49-56
Sunday, August 21		— Luke 13:10-17
Sunday, August 28		— Luke 14:1, 7-14

## INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH!

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

## CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER (CTM)

Adult Education at CUCC  
Currently on summer hiatus.  
See you again on Sept. 11!

## 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.



## CUCC COUNCIL MINUTES—June 15, 2022

Meeting opened by Vice Moderator Kay Allinger at 7:07pm. Opening devotional and prayer by Pastor Rebecca.  
Attendees: Vice Moderator Kay Allinger, Pastor Rebecca, Bill Waldorf, Bob Stocker, Ellen Kely, Donna Maloney, and Debby Cason.

**Vice Moderator’s Report by Kay Allinger:** Team Meetings have been moving forward and been productive.

### Team Reports:

**Finance Team Report by Bill Waldorf:** Bill passed out three financial schedules generated as a result of his meeting with Lloyd. A lengthy discussion ensued on financial account simplification, the net result of which was that each team will discuss which of their Temporarily Restricted Funds they feel comfortable combining together.

### **Outreach Team Report by Ellen Kely:**

- The team voted to send \$1,500 from their Short Term Mission Fund to the UCC Disaster Relief Fund specifically for Ukrainian relief.
- The Shower Ministry has seen as few as zero users (though only once) up to as many as five. Mike Orrill in Salida generally has two to three people per week. Fliers are being distributed to encourage participation and Ellen has written a letter to the editor of The Mountain Mail, telling about both our ministry and the shower ministry at the Salida Methodist Church to stimulate publicity. The team obtained permission from the Town of BV for posting a 20” x 30” sign on our property to advertise our ministry. The sign is currently being designed and will be paid for from the Shower Ministry Fund.
- The Backpack Ministry is handing out 25 bags per week. The bag packers meet once every two weeks, at which time they pack 50 bags, covering a two-week period of handouts.

**Faith Ed Report by Donna Maloney:** The team did not have an official meeting since their May meeting; however, Donna has cleaned up the Faith Ed office and has organized materials that can be used in the future.

**Visioning and Stewardship Team Report by Bob Stocker:** Pastor Rebecca complimented Bob on the stewardship sermon he presented on June 12. He will give a Mission Moment on June 26 to inquire whether congregants had thought about his message for supporting the CUCC General Fund.

**Women’s Missionary Society Report by Kay Allinger:** WMS will hold their annual picnic on Thursday, June 23 in McPhelemy Park from noon to 2:00pm. In the event of rain, the picnic will be held at CUCC in the Fellowship Hall.

### Clerk’s Report by Debby Cason:

- May minutes were presented and accepted.
- There has been no change in membership since the last Council meeting.

### Treasurer’s Report by Kay Allinger:

Kay again presented a concise Financial Overview of the General Fund, showing that total giving of \$65,398.86 to the General Fund from January 1 through June 14 of this year is higher than our \$45,600.87 expenses during the same period.

### Old Business:

- We are currently in need of a new custodian. We are considering hiring a business cleaning service, versus an individual.
- Nancy Best is leaving at the end of the summer and in addition will be going on a family trip in early August. She has been organizing the office in preparation for a new office communications administrator.

### New Business:

Ellen Kely will be bringing extra produce from her vegetable garden. She will set up a stand outside the church building called God’s Garden Gifts, and this produce will be available for a free will offering, the proceeds from which will go into our General Fund.

### Pastor’s Report by Pastor Rebecca:

- The dance group which was using our Fellowship Hall once a week on Saturdays is reducing their use of our facilities to once a month on the last Thursday.
- A Latin dance group is interested in using CUCC on Monday evenings.
- The Coletrain Summer Music Camp held at CUCC was a wonderful success! The Academy enjoyed our facilities and donated \$500.
- As a result of the Coletrain camp, Judy Phelps is now considering holding a music camp.
- The Community Health Clinic which has been using CUCC once a week on Tuesdays from 9:00am-12:00pm is changing to the afternoons from 1:00pm-4:00pm.
- Our Sunday service attendance is increasing.

- Thank you, Bob, for a great message on June 12.
- Rebecca and Linda Taylor, head of The Noteables, will be singing two duets on June 19.
- The RMC held their Annual Conference on Zoom. Betsy, Helen, and Rebecca attended. Small rural churches in the conference are keeping their heads above water by asking themselves, “What does our community need and how can the church provide these needs?” Rebecca has an appointment with Sue of RMC to explore various grants and programs the RMC currently has that might lead to partnering in ministry more fully.

### Joys and Concerns:

- Ron and Marge Erickson’s 70th Anniversary on June 11 was a wonderful affair with many of our congregation in attendance. Rebecca texted Marge to thank her for the wonderful party and no COVID cases resulted from attendance there!
- Gale Shaw is in Columbine Manor with COPD. Janet Steiner has visited her and talks with her on the phone weekly, as does Pastor Rebecca.
- Jean Ferguson called Rebecca to ask about Warren, who attended the Ericksons’ party and is hanging in there!
- Arlene Waldorf is scheduled to have surgery on her leg.
- A Celebration of Life service will be held for Nan Bohe on Thursday, July 7, at 1:00pm. The Clef Notes will sing *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* during the service. The WMS is planning a reception after the service.

A closing prayer was offered by Pastor Rebecca at 9:05pm.

Next Council Meeting: July 20 at 7:00pm.

### Upcoming Events:

- WMS Annual Picnic: Thursday, June 23, from noon to 2:00pm, McPhelemy Park.
- Reenactment by Clay Jenkinson: John Wesley Powell on June 25—livestreamed at CUCC from the SteamPlant.
- Celebration of Life service for Nan Bohe: Thursday, July 7, at 1:00pm, CUCC.

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)*