

***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
September 2022



MODERATOR'S MOMENT

My mother modeled for me a path of lifelong learning. Mom made up for all the years she was a caregiver for my father through many channels after he died. She always found ways of improving her life by taking classes at her church, ElderHostel trips, and even left her home in the Phoenix area to attend an annual summer college for seniors in Logan, Utah. There she took classes offered by Utah State University and lived in the dorms for the summer. The Seniors called it Summer camp because they learned so much with friends they made over the years

Now I have followed in her footsteps. As a teacher, I see the importance of learning new things at all ages. Our brains need to be enriched and stretched as we get older. Learning expands life and spirituality, especially for people who live in small rural towns and don't always have access to all the opportunities of the city. Of course smaller towns have advantages that large cities don't have.

So this Fall, we will have new chances to learn through our many classes and groups at our church. Starting September 18th, a new class will begin with a study of the book [The Elephant is Running](#) by Bruce Epperly. This is the story of Bruce Epperly's journey through life. He now wears many hats as a pastor, author, theologian, professor, and speaker. In fact, he has agreed to join us for a weekend next year. He writes about how Christian life can be enriched though other religious traditions.

We will meet at 8:45 on Sunday morning before church. For the first 15 minutes, we will fellowship and have a Continental Breakfast; then at 9:00, the study will start discussing the material that has been chosen, usually by the group. New participants are always welcome and at first we will all be new participants. So come and join us in the Adult Ed. room. This is a great way for new people to get to know others.

Betsy Neas
Moderator

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 Congregational United Church of Christ in Buena Vista.

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

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PASTOR'S ARTICLE, September 2022

*Mission

*Education

*Extravagant Welcome

Are you ready for a fantastic Fall at CUCC?! We are off and rolling as we transition from Summer to Fall, bid adieu to wonderful team-members on the staff, and look forward to more good gatherings, programs, learning together and being community together than we can count! Welcome Rae Farrar, Office Communications Administrator and Brittney Cogan, Custodian, to the CUCC family!

August was a refreshing “breather” as we mostly took a sacred pause from meetings and captured the lovely last vestiges of this somewhat crazy and cool summer. The rain has been *wonderful*, and we’ve worked well around it, but it’s sure nice to grab some fun in the sun before the snow falls. (Yep! It’s been spotted on Antero, Princeton and others as I write this August 23!)

This summer we’ve been “Gathering & Gospelling,” exploring together why we gather in community, how we nurture our spiritual lives together, and how we best live out the gospel as we understand it. We’ve enjoyed wonderful dialogue and learning together, as well as wonderful music from many hearts sharing their gifts. We will continue this inspiring journey into the coming season and sincerely hope you will join us and be a part of the life here at CUCC!

Check out *all* the exciting gatherings, events, and educational offerings coming up. More details can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter. Please mark your calendars and join your church family for fun and fellowship:

- ♦ **Round Up Sunday!** Sept. 11, 10:00 Worship. Put your cowboy/cowgirl on and kick off the Fall season. Even better! Join the **Clef Notes** and sing with us on Round Up Sunday and every 2nd Sunday – Practice is First Wednesdays, 6-7 pm, so Sept. 7th.
- ♦ **Sunday School Gang**– Starts Sept. 18th at 8:45. We’re getting the Sunday morning class back together again! We’ll be reading and discussing “*The Elephant is Running*” by Rev. Dr. Bruce Epperly. (Watch for more details about Bruce spending a weekend with us in BV, Spring 2023!)
- ♦ **Conversations That Matter** – Sundays at 5:00 pm on ZOOM; starting October 2nd.
- ♦ **Journey Group**, Thursdays, 10-12, starting October 6th. Led by Molly Stuart, we will explore “*Wild Woman: A Footnote, The Desert, and My Quest for an Elusive Saint*” by Amy Frykholm.
- ♦ **TELLS** (Tuesday Evening Ladies’ Literary Society), Every Tuesday eve, 7-9:00 pm; in person or Zoom. New book starting soon!
- ♦ **Women’s Missionary Society** –always active and up to fun gatherings and projects.
- ♦ **CUCC BAZAAR!** Friday, November 4th, 2022.
- ♦ **September Sundays series: “Hey Jesus! Are We Listening?!”**

I’ve been reading Diana Butler Bass’ book, “*Freeing Jesus*,” a spiritual memoir, and loving it! I’ve been thinking about how we understand and relate to Jesus – in all the various stages of our lives and faith journey. In September we will delve-into Jesus and his ministry, teachings and message together in worship – considering what it means to not only follow, but get to know Jesus. Sources will be (among others): “*Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence*” by Diana Butler Bass, and “*The Jesus I Never Knew*” by Philip Yancey. Hope to see you soon to learn more about the Jesus of surprises and following him in community at CUCC!

“Whoever feels attracted to Jesus cannot adequately explain why. We must be prepared to be always correcting our image of Jesus for we will never exhaust what there is to know. Jesus is full of surprises.”
(Adolf Holl, in “*Freeing Jesus*”)

Blessings, Rebecca

CUCC GOOD-TO-KNOWS

NEW PLAQUE ON NARTHEX WINDOWSILL—John 3:16

Ron Southard created the plaque when he was experimenting on his C&C router. Michael Bentzin then trimmed, machined, stained, and finished it upon Ron’s passing. He then donated it to us, as he thinks Ron would have wanted some small remembrance in a church or, at the least, with the pastor that presided over his memorial service and gave his eulogy. Please enjoy it when you pick up your newsletter or Our Daily Bread devotional. It’s beautiful!

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

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.
- ♦ Rae’s office hours to be announced in the near future.
- ♦ Contact Rae 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 Rae gets contact information from them and goes over the do’s and don’ts. Thank you!

Contact Rae 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.**

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 Dorfmeister (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

Rod & 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

Vivian York 719-239-0615
c/o Lyle York
42643 Sager Lane, Parker, CO 80138

CUCC Special Dates



BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 4—Judy Hassell
Sept. 7—Farrell Coy
Sept. 13—Fred McMurry
Sept. 15—Gerry Venard
Sept. 16—Carla Hansford
Sept. 17—Norma Smith
Sept. 17—Rod Struthers
Sept. 18—Mary Messamer
Sept. 18—Ryan Tucker
Sept. 24—Warren Montgomery
Sept. 25—Linda Swanson
Sept. 30—Wilma Williams

ANNIVERSARIES

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



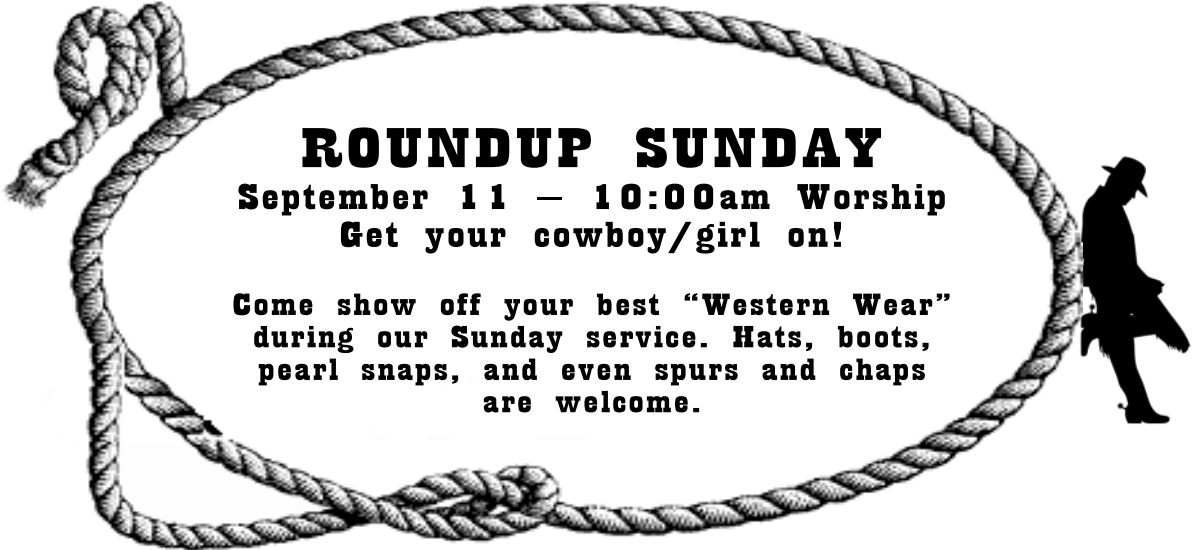
Don't see your special day listed?
Please contact Rae in the office at 719-395-2544
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Please Remember in Your Prayers

Sarah & Rod Struthers—Healing
Roger Cason—Healing
Pam Hughes—Healing
Dale Rak (Ron Rak's brother)—Healing
Nevzat & Claire (friends of Debby Cason)—
Healing
Rojdah & Maryann Shepherd (friends of Debby Cason)
—Strength
Addilynn Miller, age 10, daughter of Doyle Nyberg's co-worker-
Brooke Davis (Doyle & Leonard Nyberg's cousin)
—Healing
Pat & Jim Driskel (aunt & uncle of Doyle and Leonard Nyberg)
—Healing
Warren Montgomery—Healing



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



ROUNDUP SUNDAY
September 11 — 10:00am Worship
Get your cowboy/girl on!

Come show off your best "Western Wear"
during our Sunday service. Hats, boots,
pearl snaps, and even spurs and chaps
are welcome.

NOTEABLES INVITES NEW SINGERS

The Noteables are recruiting male and female singers for their Christmas season, with
concerts scheduled for December 9-11. All participants must be fully vaccinated and
boosted. No auditions required.

Rehearsals for the women begin Thursday, September 8, 5:30-7:30pm. Male singers will
join the women every other Thursday starting September 15. The chorus practices at
Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Fourth and E Streets, Salida. To sign up, call Linda
Taylor at 719 539-2428. Visit www.salidasings.org for more information.

FAMILY FUN IN THE PARK
Optimist Club Pancakes & Kids' Fishing Derby
Saturday, September 3

McPhelmy Park
Optimist Pancakes - 7:30am-9:30am
All you can eat! Payment by donation.
Kids' Fishing Derby
registration 9:00am; derby start 10:00am; awards and food 11:15am
No entry fee! Optimist free hot dog lunch provided! 15 years & younger

HOUSEMATE WANTED

Tim Mooney is searching for a housemate to occupy the upstairs bedroom with its own
bathroom and shower, lots of closet and storage space, and a vaulted ceiling. The main
floor - great room, large kitchen, and outdoor deck with amazing views of Collegiate
Peaks - is shared space, including unfinished downstairs for storage and a small home
gym. \$900/month including utilities. 4 miles northwest of BV. Please call 415-847-1824.



view from the Mountain

“Only on Key Biscayne”
The Winchester Sun—May 23, 2006



We were just minding our own business, driving slowly after grocery shopping and heading back to our apartment. We weren't even distracted by conversation, our cell phone, or fatigue, when suddenly I saw in the side mirror flashing lights right behind us. If you have ever seen flashing blue lights right behind your car, then you know how your stomach knots up and your heart skips a beat. “Gene, pull over,” I whispered. “That police car is sending a message to stop.” “What?” he asked. “We're doing 15 miles per hour. He wants us to move so he can stop some drug dealer in front of us.” Before I could answer, Gene stepped on the gas pedal to move into the next lane and out of his way. He actually motioned the cop to pass us, but when the keeper of the law added his siren to the lights and did not pass us, I hunched down in my seat and covered my face with my hands. “Lord have mercy on us,” I prayed, and to Gene I said, “Stop, stop. Pull over. He wants you.”

Gene pulled over, stopped, and started to get out of the car. A very loud voice blared, “Do not get out of your vehicle.” Holy cow, I thought, sinking even lower into the seat. The policeman walked up to our car, leaving his lights flash so that everybody on this tiny island who passed by knew it was us and we had done something awful (at least, that is how I saw it). After the policeman checked our registration, insurance, and driver's license, he returned to his car, I presume to check to see if Gene had a record. Passing all tests, he returned to our car.

Gene asked, “What did we do wrong? I sure wasn't speeding.” And that's when the story unfolded. It seems that the car right in front of us was the real criminal and that was who the cop was following. He'd been following him with our car in between. He turned on his lights and then his siren for us to move over, but apparently Gene got so flustered that he drove us right through a stop sign! “Therefore,” concluded the man in blue, “I had to abandon my chase of the other car and stop you for running a stop sign.”

Gene was actually sputtering. “Surely you won't ticket us for trying to get out of your way. Hey, if you hurry, maybe you can still catch him.”

Apparently the man in uniform was not amused, and said, “Sorry, sir” as he thrust a traffic ticket through the open window into Gene's hand. I glanced at the paper and was stopped dead. “What?! You are charging us \$135 because we were trying to get out of your way?”

He tipped his hat, turned to go back to his car that was still flashing blue lights, and said, “I apologize. Have a nice day,” or at least that's what I think he said, since he spoke hardly any English.

Only on Key Biscayne!

Oh, and I have another “only on Key Biscayne” moment. I tried to feed one of the big iguanas some spinach leaves, but he wouldn't touch it. Since I was eating a tuna sandwich at the time, I broke off a piece and gave it to him. He loved it! Iguanas eat plants and flowers, but here they want tuna. Only on Key Biscayne! Where am I anyway?

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" “BELONGING”

Longing to be together with others that hold common values is a deep and heartfelt desire. We activate that desire for “Belonging” by the relationships we make, the groups we belong to and the organizations, churches and causes we support. Pastor Rebecca shared some insights on BELONGING by Irish author, poet and priest John O'Donohue that touched me deeply and I would like to share some of his wisdom with all of you. He is also the author of a book we studied some years ago called “Anam Cara” or 'Soul Friend':

“Our hunger to belong is the longing to find a bridge across the distance from isolation to intimacy. Everyone longs for intimacy and dreams of a nest of belonging in which one is embraced, seen and loved. Something within each of us cries out for belonging. We can have all the world has to offer in terms of status, achievement, and possessions. Yet without a sense of belonging it all seems empty and pointless. The deepest nature of the soul is relationship. Consequently, it is your soul that longs to belong; it is also your soul that makes all belonging possible. No soul is private or merely mortal. As well as being the vital principle of your individual life, your soul is also ancient and eternal and weaves you into the great tapestry of spirit that connects everything else.”

We miss many of our friends who are no longer able to be with us in person but our relationship and friendship extends to them in the new places they call home and our concern and love go out to them wherever they are.

UPCOMING DATES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH—“WMS FALL FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON” at Mt. Princeton Hot Springs at 11:30 am., we will meet in the back dining room and order from the menu. Molly Stuart will be our speaker and challenge us in the way that only she can do! Reservations - Call Marge 406-366-3296

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH—95TH ANNUAL BAZAAR 9am to 2pm. Lunch and Pie will be served. There will be a Quilt Raffle, and all the beautiful collectables, candy, baked goods, books, and crafts

Love and Peace,
Marge Erickson, President



God put me on earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now I'm so far behind I'll never die!



The pastor was preaching about our walk with Jesus. This cutie got excited at the 'w' word!

CHURCH-COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

October 9th after church at 11:30 A.M.

It's a good old fashion all church potluck so bring a favorite dish that you love to make and a recipe to share. We'll copy them and get the recipes out soon after so you have them in time for

Thanksgiving.
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



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



In July, feeling inspired by reading *The Indigo Girl* in the TELLS book club, Linda Rak and Janet Heinz joined others at the Rock Run Gallery in South Main to do their own creative indigo dyeing! Beautiful work!

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



The group is reading Healing Stones
by Nancy N. Rue and Stephen Arterburn.

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

La Puente Hygiene Bags

Many busy hands assisted in making the bags: cutting, sewing, shopping, filling, and delivery, plus the making of the nice bandanas. All donations are appreciated, however, cash makes it possible to purchase the necessary items to fill the bags. Any extra items are bagged and delivered for distribution to individuals, as needed.

WMS appreciates all who continue to support this very worthwhile mission.

-Vir Jeanne

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.

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 Mondays at 8:00am-9:15am Fridays at 10:10am-12:00pm

Get on the list and receive a zoom link by contacting Ray Stwalley at araystwalley@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Mondays at 9:30am—11:30am

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

admin@gracechurchbvco.org or 719-395-8868

APPRECIATIONS



KUDOS COLUMN

*Thank you, Facilities Team, for the new sanctuary doors! And thank you, too, for keeping the grounds beautiful and for everything else you do around CUCC! It's all looking beautiful!

*Many thanks to Nancy Best, Office Communications Administrator for a little over five fantastic years of service to CUCC and for organizing everything so incredibly well and training Rae for a smooth transition!

Thanks from BV Hope

Thank you so much for your generous support of our mission. We appreciate you helping us support trafficking survivors.

Beth Ritchie, Director

GRATITUDE FROM CAROLE PERRIN

Dear Rebecca,

Your words at Ron's (Southard) service were as though you knew him. Thank you for urging people to continue his community service. You and your staff are heroes in my book. Thank you for your time and help.

Carole Perrin

To the Congregational UCC's Women's Missionary Society:

Thank you so much for your visit and for your generous donation of hygiene bags, paper goods, and pillows. Hygiene items like these are fundamental for community members of scarce means trying to stretch their budgets, and the paper towels and pillows have helped us renew our depleted stock. This kind of in-kind support makes the work of the shelter possible!

Sincerely,

La Puente Staff, Guests, and Volunteers



In July, Vivian York was all smiles after friends and CUCC folks helped her plant flowers and get a perm!!

September 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 PO=Pastor's Office RR=Rainbow Rm. #7=Rm. 7			1 9-9:30am Backpacks -FH	2 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 12-2pm Shower Ministry-SS Wing	3 9-10am AA -AE 9-10am Al-Anon -#7 7-9pm BV Community Dance-FH
4 10am Communion Worship	5 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 6-10pm Latin Dance & Class-FH	6 9:30-11am Faith Ed. Team-AE 4-6pm HCFAA Rehearsal-FH 6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 7pm TELLS	7 1-3:30pm Games-FH 6-8pm HCFAA Rehearsal -FH 6-7pm Clef Notes-CH	8 9-9:30am Backpacks -FH 4-6pm HCFAA Rehearsal -FH	9 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 12-2pm Shower Ministry-SS wing	10 9-10am AA -AE 9-10am Al-Anon -#7
11 ROUND-UP SUNDAY 10am Worship Clef Notes Sing	12 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 6-10pm Latin Dance & Class-FH	13 11am-12pm Worship Team-#7 1-4pm Game Trail HOA-FH 4-6pm HCFAA Rehearsal-FH 4-5:30pm Outreach Team-AE 6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 7pm TELLS	14 10-11:30am Stewardship /Visioning - AE 1-3:30pm Games-FH 6-8pm HCFAA Rehearsal -FH	15 9-9:30am Backpacks -FH 4-6pm HCFAA Rehearsal -FH	16 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 12-2pm Shower Ministry-SS wing	17 9-10am AA -AE 9-10am Al-Anon -#7
18 8:45am Adult Ed. -AE 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour/ Birthday Celebration 	19 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 6-10pm Latin Dance & Class-FH	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30-8pm Scouts-FH 7pm TELLS	21 1-3:30pm Games-FH 7pm Council- AE	22 9-9:30am Backpacks -FH	23 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 12-2pm Shower Ministry-SS wing	24 9-10am AA -AE 9-10am Al-Anon -#7
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CUCC ADDRESS CHANGES

Del & Janet Jones
9005 N Oracle Rd., Suite #103
Oro Valley, AZ 85704
520-975-5914 (Janet's cell)

Bob & Marilyn Frykholm
Bonaventure of Thornton
1228 Washington Ctr Pkwy, Apt. 314
Thornton, CO 80241
719-966-2714

Vivian York
—*is in the process of moving*—
c/o Lyle York
42643 Sager Lane
Parker, CO 80138
her phone number remains the same:
719-239-0615

Marcille Drake
Homestead at Montrose
1819 Pavilion Dr. #109
Montrose, CO 81401

FAREWELL FROM NANCY BEST



Thank you so much!

Wow! That was a great farewell party! I was pleased I did as well as I did at the trivia game. And so many wonderful notes and cards! I really enjoyed reading them when I got home. And the note paper was even personalized! Doesn't Janet do an awesome job? She thinks of everything! 😊 And wow! Counting up your financial contributions to what was jokingly referred to as gas money for the move – I think DJ and I will make it well past Limon with that amount! You all are so generous! And I must thank you as a church, as well, for the unexpected and *much appreciated* bonus check. That will certainly help with the move and getting settled, too.

I have so enjoyed working with you all – you truly are lovely people. My heart is full as I begin this new and exciting chapter and say goodbye to such a wonderful group of people. It was my privilege to have served you as Office Communications Administrator.

All the best to you as individuals and as a congregation.

Nancy Best



Nancy was sent off in style, including this wonderful sign from Janet.

WELCOME RAE FARRAR!—THE NEW NANCY

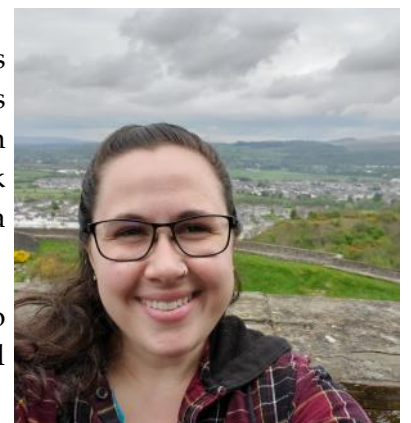
Hi!

I'm Rae (short for Rachel). I grew up here, and some of you might have known me as a kid who was active in High Country Fine Arts Association, Collegiate Peaks Chorale, and the Pick & Shovel Players. After spending a few years in Oregon attending university, and then a few more in Fort Collins, I am happy to be back home in the mountains. These days, I am the Collections Manager for Buena Vista Heritage, so when I'm not here, it's a fairly good bet that I am at the museum.

Since most people who have a conversation with me end up asking anyway, yes I do have an accent. I was born and raised in Colorado, but my Mom was from England and I ended up with a bit of her influence in how I speak.

I am excited to join the community here at CUCC and will do my best to fill Nancy's shoes.

—Rae



CUCC TEAM REPORTS

FAITHFUL GIVING HOW ARE WE DOING?

Giving for July & August —9 weeks: \$22,699.13
for an average of \$2,522.13 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—September greetings!

SHOWER MINISTRY: Herb provided a sample of the permanent sign to be purchased for display on the Pleasant St. fence at the CUCC parking lot. The sign will be 20"x30," constructed of aluminum, white background with blue lettering, with information about the free showers every Friday, noon-2pm at CUCC.

An information binder-notebook containing opening and closing procedures, emergency contact numbers, local resources list, comments, requests, and suggestions from guests and others will be available at the shower guests' sign in table.

HAVEN FOR HOPE is the name of the home to be opened by BV HOPE somewhere in Chaffee County as a haven for women survivors of human trafficking. BV HOPE is hosting a fundraiser for Haven for Hope at Mt. Princeton Hot Springs pavilion on August 23, 2022. The Outreach Team discussed donating \$100 to Haven for Hope.

BACKPACK PROGRAM: We are well stocked with supplies. 25 bags/week are currently being distributed to participants. Bags are filled every other Thursday.

WMS La Puente bags: Cash donations are preferable over item donations. They can be given to WMS (Women's Missionary Society) at CUCC.

To simplify church accounting procedures, Bill Waldorf, Finance Team Chair, and Lloyd Martinez, CUCC Treasurer, have requested each team determine which 'Restricted Funds' can be changed to 'Unrestricted Net Assets'. Finance Team suggested changing three Outreach Team restricted funds: Chaffee County Habitat Fund, Lenten Free-will Offering Fund, Short Term Missions Fund. Final determination of change will be made after more input is received from the Finance Team.

—Avis Rutkowski

WORSHIP TEAM NOTES

The Worship Team is still looking for someone to come on board and join our team. The four of us have been busy on each Sunday by signing up for Head Usher and finding a Greeter. Betsy has been providing coffee hour after church for a few months and needs a break. We all enjoy the social time after church. With Fall in the air, it's time to restart Adult Sunday School and Conversations that Matter. We will have Round Up Sunday on the 11th of September. World Wide Communion Sunday is October 2nd.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13th. Time to be determined.

Linda Rak, chair person

FACILITIES TEAM NEWS

Overall, the church's facilities are in good shape. The sprinklers at both the parsonage and the church are restored. The garage door opener at the parsonage is repaired. The old French doors in the sanctuary have been removed and the new doors with crash bars are installed and stained. This task took some time and skilled labor, so thanks to all involved! Our new custodian, Brittany Cogan, is doing a fine job. We'll be getting a bid for cleaning carpets in the church and parsonage. We're still looking at trimming some of the cottonwoods that could be dangerous because of dead and rotting branches.

Respectfully submitted
Mark Wolters, Co-Chair

PLUG INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



ADULT FAITH EDUCATION

"Adult Sunday School" is getting back together again! Join us starting Sunday, September 18, 8:45am-9:50am in person at CUCC.

8:45am - snacks & gathering conversation
9:00am - Discussion begins promptly!

Invite your friends! Everyone welcome!

CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER (CTM) Sundays, 5:00pm-6:30pm via Zoom Starting again on Oct. 2!

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

FALL 2022 JOURNEY GROUP

Thursdays in October—10:00 A.M. in the Rainbow Room

This fall the Journey Group will embark on a journey with St. Mary of Egypt guided by Amy Frykholm whose research on Mary for her book, "Wild Woman," took her on her own journey to Egypt, Israel, Palestine, and Jordan. As we trace their steps we will journey through our own lives and share our reflections with one another.

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.
4. DONATE through the CUCC website: 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.

Please click "Pay the Fees" to help CUCC.

PASTOR/CONGREGATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The PCRC is working to maintain an open relationship between the ordained pastor and members of the congregation. Each of the members 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—July 20, 2022

Welcome and Opening Prayer at 7:10pm, followed by Mission Statement in unison.

Attendees: Moderator Betsy Neas, Vice Moderator Kay Allinger, Linda and Ron Rak, Donna Maloney, Ellen Kely, Marge and Ron Erickson, Debby Cason.

Moderator’s Report: Betsy thanked Bob Stocker, Ellen Kely, and Doyle Nyberg for leading the last two Sunday services while Rebecca was out sick with COVID.

Team Reports as they relate to our Mission Statement:

Outreach Team by Ellen Kely: The team’s projects are focused on helping to take care of people. Herb Daugherty was responsible for the creation of the sign for the Shower Ministry, which is now permanently hung on the fence. Five people took advantage of our showers on Friday, July 15. The team is considering changing the hours for this ministry in September.

Facilities Team by Ron Rak: The team has been communicating via texts and emails during the past few months; therefore, there are no minutes. Mark and Ron will work to improve in this regard. They are preparing a submission for the Newsletter. The new main doors are ready for installation. A specific date will be chosen and an announcement made in church asking for volunteers to help with the installation.

Worship Team by Linda Rak:

Upcoming events:

7/27 at 11:00am: Memorial service for Ron Southard. The family will hold a reception at CUCC.

8/14: Clef Notes will sing at Grace Church with their choir, then the two choirs will participate at the CUCC service. Cookies and coffee will be served afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

8/21: A going away party for Nancy Best will be held in conjunction with our regularly scheduled birthday/anniversary celebration after church in the Fellowship Hall.

9/11: Round up Sunday.

\$200 was given specifically to our choir by Debe Bohe after Nan’s Memorial Service.

Faith Education Team by Donna Maloney: The team is fulfilling our Mission Statement by exploring spirituality, providing platforms for people to learn, discussing social justice issues, and welcoming all people, whether attendees of CUCC or not, to join the education events that the team offers. Faith Ed is planning to meet with the Outreach Team to discuss possible uses of the \$4,167.55 currently in the Youth Activities Fund. Kay gave Donna the go-ahead to combine the Sunday School Restricted Fund and the CE Special Project Funds, and Donna will send a note to Bill Waldorf to let him know. Adult Sunday School will start up again at 8:45am on September 18. Discussion will start promptly at 9:00am. The Elephant is Running by Bruce Epperly will be the text and 10 books have been ordered. Bruce Epperly is planning to come to Chaffee County in the spring of 2023 for a community discussion, to help with one of our services at CUCC, and possibly to also hold a retreat. An In the Mud Grant is being sought for this event. Conversations That Matter will resume on Zoom on Sunday evenings at 5:00pm on October 2.

Women’s Missionary Society by Marge Erickson: WMS is currently collecting items to take to La Puente on August 25. It is hoped that a group of women will take the items to this mission and anyone interested can contact Marge. VirJeanne Williams posted a list of needed items in the narthex. WMS is researching a new format for their annual membership book so that the book need only be printed once instead of yearly. Marge will talk with our new custodian, Brittany Cogan, who started two weeks ago, about keeping kitchen surfaces clean. Brittany is cleaning on Fridays. There was some discussion about reinstituting the wearing of masks during Sunday services because of the increase in COVID cases. Ron Rak pointed out that the sanctuary windows were opened on July 17, providing good air flow. Chaffee County Health is not providing any new guidelines at this time. WMS is still interested in replacing the large antiquated flower cooler in the kitchen with a combination freezer/refrigerator. Betsy offered to help Marge get estimates from Lowes, Home Depot, and other residential sources.

Finance Team by Kay Allinger: The catch-all Short-Term Mission Fund is being analyzed by Kay from January 1, 2020 to the current date to ascertain for what purposes monies were actually donated. Bill Waldorf would like to see this restricted fund end up with a \$0 balance at the end of each year, and Kay is working to help make this happen. Although our giving is below budget, CUCC has not spent as much as was budgeted; therefore, we are currently \$1,328.28 in the black for this year. Bill created a form entitled “CUCC Review of Temporarily Restricted Funds” to simplify the process of each team combining their restricted funds. Team leaders should return these completed forms to Bill. It is hoped that the work of simplifying our finances will be completed by the end of 2022. Judy Hassell has been helping Lloyd by writing checks and this is working well.

Clerk’s Report by Debby Cason: There has been no change in membership since the last Council meeting. June Council Minutes were distributed and no corrections were received.

New Business:

Nancy’s last day is August 19 and Moderators and Pastor will work together in the coming weeks to advertise and interview candidates for the OCA position. Council wishes to take pressure off of Pastor Rebecca so that she can rest and heal. There is a job description available in the office. Betsy will also place a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary so that people can volunteer to answer our phones while Nancy is on a family trip at the beginning of August. Nancy’s farewell party on August 21 is being planned by Janet Steiner. Coffee, fresh fruit, and a birthday cake will be provided.

Joys and Concerns:

We offer our prayers for Rebecca’s complete recovery. Donna’s mother, Dorothy Bayham, is now in Hospice in Colorado Springs and needs our prayers. She is ready for her transition.

Many joys were expressed: The Ericksons and Clarke Poos have recovered from COVID. After being lost for six hours in Pagosa Springs, Linda and Ron found their dog Cody, who then alerted them to the presence of a bull snake. Roger Cason called Debby on FaceTime with a huge smile on his face. And last, but definitely not least, our church finances are looking good!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm with a prayer from Marge.

Upcoming Events: See Worship Team report above.

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)*

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH!

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

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)