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As followers of Jesus, we are committed to better love, respect, and welcome all people.

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.



MODERATOR'S MOMENT

This is the month to be extra grateful to God for all that God has given us. What God gives us is our church.

We print on every bulletin this quote, "Whoever you are, wherever you are, you are welcome here." Our Mission Statement is "As followers of Jesus, we are committed to Jesus' teachings, his actions, and his justice, to better love respect, and welcome all people."

So what does this all mean? It means:

- * That God is the God of love, and all people are God's beloved.
- * That we are free to think for ourselves, developing our own theology.
- * That we reach out to those in need, and live on the fringes of society.
- * That we take the Bible seriously but not literally.
- * That we welcome all people no matter their age, race, sexual orientation, or ability.
- * That we strive for peace and justice, knowing that behaving with compassion is what we believe.
- * That we work to protect the Earth and strive toward sustainability.
- * That we work at life-long learning, believing there is more value in questioning than in accepting.

It is hard to think of these gifts from God as something special in a church. Many churches do not give their members such freedom. There is an undercurrent of American Nationalism. They are blatantly racist and anti-LGBTQ+. Using the Bible to exclude people. Even though the Constitution says that there is separation of church and state, we should be a Christian nation, which taken at its extreme translates into a theocracy. We need to be very aware of this growing trend.

So Conversations that Matter, a group that meets at the church and studies articles and books about this subject. There is great concern that our Christian group, and is now the face of Christianity. If you are interested in this subject, contact cucc.conversations@icloud.com. The group meets from 5-6:30 on Sundays.

Betsy Neas
Moderator

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(CUCC's Mission, Identity & Purpose)

gregation are engaging in new adventures and pursuits in this phase of life. Many are making new crafts or wood projects for the Bazaar; checking out a new recipe, delving-into a new hobby to explore. Others of us are catching up on books and movies and learning about new things. I'm trying stretching my piano and musical skills to a whole new place (and my brain!), as I continue to grow.

Our artist and musician shares this piece that fits CUCC to a T!

"A quick thought on Art and Aging"

We recognize colours, and thus we are taught the characteristics between each. The colors are red, blue, green, yellow, orange, purple, pink, brown, grey, black, white. We are taught to mix colors, paint, paint, paint—sing, sing, sing. Once in school, we surrender the forward to the backward. Some will pursue their passions, whatever the cost to them financially or emotionally. Some will not. Some will be blank. By that, I mean, the creative set aside for the functional. Understood. 65! We are not going back to what interested them only days out of the womb. The paints return. Lines are drawn. The colors are more refined. Social ties greater. The piano hums, the words sing. The productivity is there.

We do not adhere to their obsessions. I recognize your skill and marvel at it. The lines you draw are your adventures. The brightness of each day is a light flickering above your easel. Each is a masterpiece. The radiant sun showing through a patch of unsettled clouds. We are living art! Amen.

Our dear ones are starting new seasons in a new place, as well. Our musician friend

"My Name is Mae Johnson"

By Pamela Mae Johnson

Mae Johnson, if you'd asked me yesterday
I'd live on this old farm until my dying day
I'd have a time for leaving, a time to walk away
I'd know that I've been dealt, it's the hand that I will play
I'd keep with a few dear things, keepsakes and these plates
I'd cover them, pray the memories stay
I'd think of that bride and groom and a borrowed Chevrolet
I'd remember in '44, on that prairie wedding day
I'd walk through the fields we had sown
I'd pass under the trees we had grown
I'd have one more night under this blanket of stars
I'd pick up my bags and say goodbye to this old farm
I'd sign off on the deed, though this land is all I've known
I'd work and these old hands must learn now to let go
I'd know when it has a place for me an apartment of my own
I'd know when the sun turned up so bright will it ever feel like home?

I'd walk down that old country road
I'd drive across the field at the old home
I'd have one more night with this silence so deep.....
I'd pick up my boxes of memories to keep
I'd live on this old farm until my dying day
I'd have a time for leaving, a time to walk away

When her grandmother moved from the family farm and took the time to reflect deeply on her life's seasons with grace, grief and courage.

Please set up a time for a porch visit, distanced/masked visit, phone call, text, etc.

Email to revbecca@icloud.com or text/call: 719-254-4444

Pastor's Week:

Church Ministry Days: Sunday through Thursday

Family & Sabbath Days: Friday & Saturday

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH

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

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
- ♦ Robin is in the front office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- ♦ Contact Robin in the office at 719-395-2544 to get our birth anniversary list. *Please include the year of said birth anniversary.*

RECYCLING AT CUCC SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

The dumpster with the yellow lid is CUCC's recycling bin. For \$6/month, you receive the convenience of single-stream recycling. The recycling bin is yours to use as you can and cannot add, and the convenience of single-stream recycling. The recycling bin is yours to use as you can and cannot add, and the convenience of single-stream recycling.

PLEASE - If you talk to someone who is interested in signing up, have them contact the office at 719-395-2544 or email to office.bvcucc@gmail.com for contact information from them and goes over the do's and don'ts. Thank you!

Contact Robin in the office to sign up: 395-2544, office.bvcucc@gmail.com. Make check out the recycling bin.

COMPOSTING AT CUCC

Sign up at <http://www.elementscompost.com/residential-composting.html> for your composting. Compost generated directly by the church may be added for free, but individuals must sign up for personal composting. **For those adding CUCC's compost, the lock code is available 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 composting programs! It's easy - just click [here](#) to fill out the form and we'll contact you when you're ready.

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CUCC Special Dates ANNIVERSARIES

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November 20— Herb and Marilee Daugherty
November 22— Bob and Marilyn Frykholm



Don't see your special day listed?
Please contact Robin in the office at
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or office.bvcucc@gmail.com.

ily who would enjoy Prayers, Cards, or perhaps a Visit

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Mesquite, TX 75150

Al & Phyllis McCall
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Phyllis: (719) 659-9597
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Lakewood, CO 80226

Millie & Tom Meardon
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813 Evergreen Place
La Junta, CO 81050

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

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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

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5413 W Caribbean Ln.
Glendale, AZ 85306

comfort to Norm and their daughter, Holly.

Norm Holloway
305 E Highway St.
Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Holly Holloway
31427 CR-384
Buena Vista CO 81211

Colorado
Del & Janet
13600 N. T
Oro Valley,

NEWS FROM RMC

PRAYERS NEEDED!! for Pastor Juvenal Cervantes, from our sister church, St Johns UCC, in Greeley.—*From Sue Artt, Conference Minister*

"I was at Juvenal's church this morning, and the congregation is doing a marvelous job with worship while Pastor Juvenal heals. I also spent time with his beautiful family — Lamar, Silvia, and Lanetta — who not only have provided Juvenal emotional support, but continue to support the congregation as well.

After worship I stopped into see Juvenal, and Praise God — he looked absolutely fabulous — eager to talk and moving through the pain. If there was any doubt about his well-being, the fact that he was preaching to the nurse and me from his hospital room provided proof that Juvenal is going to weather this storm. #preachersgottopreach

Earlier this week Juvenal had extensive surgery to stabilize a broken sternum, 11 broken ribs, and inflate a lung.

Please send prayers, intentions, and energies toward Juvenal's recovery — particularly stabilizing the ribs on his right side, keeping his right lung inflated, and healing his sternum which was broken in two.

Juvenal — one of the brightest lights I know — has already forgiven the speed God's healing light his way. Bless you all for your outpouring of love.

APPRECIATIONS

KUDOS COLUMN



All the Church get the Kudos this month!

For the ALL-CHURCH BAZAAR — all the prep, creative creations, pl cooking, baking, sewing, quilting, collecting, gathering, pricing, spru community to join in mission and fellowship with us!

A Note From Millie Mearden

Thank you for the cards. I miss you all like crazy also. Will see you sometime

A Note from Marcille Drake

Thank you Pastor Rebecca and church friends for all your help with my moving to assisted living in Montrose. I am slowly getting settled. I have a nice three-room apartment. The only complaint I have is there are no players for

"A Writer Must Listen to Her Heart"

The Winchester Sun—June 6, 2006

hed for the first time, and there's a bit of a story about that.

e I called "The Sea." It was intimate, personal and honest. After typing it and getting in New York, I reread it one last time. That's when it hit me.

y, I have laid bare my soul on this paper."

part of my life, my feelings for it run deep and passionate, almost as one would feel y, my senses into its salty swells, and what emerged into words was raw, almost g. All I could think about as I reread my words was this: What if they reject this? What e personal from professional criticism?

decided to share it with a few people I respected. I showed it to my mother. Big oo personal and not to submit it. I took it to one of my teachers, who also advised en but just too honest. My best friend really liked it but admitted to never having en it up."

r Every so often I would look at it and try to "fix" it. I never could.

ght was smart and, besides, he too liked to write. He admitted he'd never d something I had written. I handed him "The Sea" and he read it quietly, laid it back I mean, where did you get all that stuff? Sounds like you been readin' too many

s insanely disenchanted with the boyfriend. After he left, I reread it again. I liked it. and I am going to stand up for who I am."

rary magazine. No one had encouraged me or given me one positive idea about it so that had not changed one whit since I wrote it. It was like suddenly I trusted my own

the editor of the magazine saying that though "The Sea" was pretty intense, he d my courage in submitting it. He bought it and published it. You see, had I listened have mailed my first piece in for submission and it probably would have been the er.

anged my life, I have a simple story to tell you. The story:

f tiny frogs who arranged a running competition. The goal was to reach the top of a d around the tower to see the race and cheer on the contestants. The race began. ved that the tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower. You heard statements ll never make it to the top" and "Not a chance that they will succeed. The tower is

one, except for those who, in a fresh tempo, were climbing higher and higher. The :! No one will make it."

out one continued higher and higher and higher. This one wouldn't en up climbing the tower, except for the one tiny frog who, after a the top!

y wanted to know how this one frog managed to do it. A contestant strength to succeed and reach the goal. It turned out that the



It seems like I have had a heightened sense of "expectation" and "anticipation" this year's 2022 ANNUAL BAZAAR. It has not happened yet at the printing a BIG THANK YOU, to all of you who have already worked so hard to prep

So many beautiful and creative handmade items have been made and are re purchased. Collectables, Treasures and books have been gathered, and beau room will have breads, cookies, muffins, cakes, pies by the piece or whole, b more. A pulled-pork sandwich with coleslaw and chips or homemade chili Raffle item for this year is a "Sunbonnet Sue" twin size handmade quilt..

Expectation will meet fulfillment on Friday, November 4th, when the Bazaar Let our hearts be full of GRATITUDE for the faithfulness of this congregatio hospitality" and "extravagant welcome" to our community by bringing in th

Peace and love,
Marge Erickson, President

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95th Annual Fall Bazaar

217 Crossman Ave. Buena Vista. C

Friday, Nov. 4, 2022 ~ 9am-2

Raffle Items!

Sunbonnet Sue twin size handmade quilt
Plus a Beautiful Vintage Painting

Books * Candy * Baked Goods *
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*** TREASURES GALORE! ***

Lunch! Pulled Pork Sandwiches 11-1

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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.

Winter Clothes Drive

October 1– March 1

Please bring items to either

Community Resource	Caring & Sharing Sanctuary
ance Center	and Soup Kitchen
th Street, Salida	346 G Street, Salida

ies, Cover-All's/Bibs, Hats, Scarves, Boots, Blankets, Gloves,
Face Protectors, Earmuffs, Winter Undergarments, Tarps,
Pads/Bags, Propane Tanks & Cooking Accessories, Hand &
Warmers, Flashlights/Headlights & Batteries

BIBLE STUDY

Invitations from Grace Church

e heartily invited to join a Women's or Men's Bible Study
at Grace Church.

LE STUDY

00am-9:15am
0am-12:00pm

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 9:30am—11:30am

Contact Grace Church to get on the

This poem was written for a Methodist preacher (Linda
Louderback) she was appointed to two churches in rural
Kansas (Milton and Norwich) and her husband was also
appointed to two churches (Harper and Argonia). I was
attending Milton at the time and after she had been there
a couple of weeks I wrote this poem.

The Lady Preacher

It was sometime last spring the word had come down
That our preacher was leaving and one has to be found
And every one wondered who would we get
Would it be one we liked or one we'd regret

The conference decided what it would do
Instead of one preacher they thought they'd send two
They left California and the earthquakes and strife
Harper got him and we got the wife

How will that work everyone wondered
The women all cheered but the men, they just pondered
Will she say the right things and be good enough
Or preach fire and brimstone and women's lib stuff

Her first Sunday finally arrived
And the whole congregation buzzed like a bee hive
I took my seat with a half hearted grin
And waited to watch the preacher walk in

What should I call her I thought as I set
Preacher or reverend or pastorette
Then she walked in and seemed to be fine
But the big question was would we get out on time

Well, she preached and she sang
and she did things alright
Much to the congregation's delight
So after the service I walked up the aisle
And extended my hand with a contented smile

I said you did good
Think you're one we can keep
I made that whole hour and didn't once go to sleep

- Danny Smith

(She was one of the best preachers we had and my wife
and I became good friends with Linda and Lee.)

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caregives for. There is a young man waiting to take DJ's place, in a hurry. First we looked to buy, but didn't know what town to look everywhere. Then DJ's parents suggested we move close to the town and we can move in with them in a couple of years, so that we can find a location for our search. It's been a long six weeks of hunting for a new place Nov. 1.

35312 Pheasant Ridge Rd.,
Locust Grove, VA 22508.

All the best to all of you!
Nancy Best

A FAREWELL FROM RAE

Wow, it definitely feels like I just wrote one of these introducing myself here I am saying farewell! In truth, I am sad to be leaving after such a short job, I had high hopes in my own ability to juggle my work here with my responsibilities, I actually managed. What I forgot to factor in was any amount of laundry, cooking real meals, sleep, and self-care.

As short as my time here was, I leave having gained more than I could have just taking a job, but what I found instead was a community willing, and I have never been a large part of my life. Raised by a Christian father and my experiences with religion involved having a Christmas tree in one window.

In recent years, I have started to ponder the role of religion and spirituality on that road will take me, but I now know that I will always be able to consider discovery.

And as far as having a work-life balance? No promises.

I will do my best not to be a stranger, and you can always find me at the museum.

Yours Truly,
Rae Farrar

WELCOME ROBIN HALL

Four years ago, I moved from Buena Vista to Leadville in order to shorten my commute to the Mining Hall of Fame & Museum. My role at the museum was office and administrative for Colorado for more than 50 years with most of my time spent in the Denver area. I got out of the chaos of the city about seven years ago, when I first came to Buena Vista.

Recently, I decided it was time to semi-retire, and was extremely fortunate to find a place within my budget. So now I have returned to this town that feels like home to reconnecting with old friends, and making new ones. I am an aspiring author and have two books that I hope to finish and publish next year. With a passion for

for October 5 weeks: \$15,712.05
average of \$2,748.41 per week.

et our Budget, an average of \$3,000 per week and
0 per month is needed.

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

Outreach Team Updates

FUNDS

unts collected for the 5 for 5 funds from the congregation so far this year: One
n the Church - \$980., and Our Church's Wider Mission - \$846. It is not known how
e collection had not yet been completed at the time this newsletter was prepared.
ted and receive a pat on the back for its caring and generosity. Keep up the good
e the Christmas Fund in December.

asked to "Sock It To 'EM." During the month of November, please donate NEW socks
e need for men's socks is the greatest. The socks will be distributed free of charge
nizations to those in the community who are experiencing homelessness.

ocks. Let's see if we can do as well this year. Please place your donations in the
y Nov. 30. Many thanks!!!

WORSHIP TEAM NOTES

- cross with the candles. • The All Church Christmas Program will be December 11th.
- VV starting in • Christmas Meditation will be on Thursday, Dec. 15th from 4-6 pm.
- ov. 19th at 11 am at our • Caroling will be Sunday, Dec. 18th from 4-6pm. We will meet at
the church. We will visit some of our shut-in
members. Afterwards, we will meet at Betsy's house for
refreshments and call some of our long distance members.
- after worship • Christmas Eve candle light service will be at 7 pm.
- church. This is also • Christmas Day service will be relaxed with Christmas songs.

a part of their annual

questions for the Worship Team, please contact Janet Steiner or Merilee.
s. Dec. 13th at 11 am in Room #7.

FACILITIES TEAM NEWS

neue as usual. Parsonage maintenance is up to date, with only major whole
year (last cleaning was about 10 years ago!). Cleaning of most church carpets
is changing the color of the entry double doors from the decades old red to a

Theme: "What Does

Faith Look Like

- Sunday, November 6 — 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5
- Sunday, November 13 — Luke 21: 5-19
- Sunday, November 20 — Colossians 1: 11-20
- Sunday, November 27 — Matthew 24: 36-44

ADULT FAITH EDUCATION

"Adult Sunday School" is back together again!
Join "The Elephant Group" on Sundays, 8:45am-
9:50am in person at CUCC.

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

Invite your friends! Everyone welcome!

CONVERSATION

**Sundays, 5
Start**

Join by Zoom or call in
Meeting ID: 839 7229 4

Get on the email list! Write

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!

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PASTOR/CONGREGATION RELATIONS COMM

The PCRC is working to maintain an open relationship between the ord
the congregation. Each of the members is open to listening to concerns
atmosphere of confidentiality. Let us hear from you.

egational Meeting held on October 9th were discussed. Are we focused on our goals or our mission statement: extravagant welcome, education and mission. Our greatest ally. Betsy challenges us to come up with a process for reaching out to the new people who see Rebecca's excellent job of outreach in the community. One idea is to take these people out to eat. Be conscious of what we say and how we say it. Always have a positive attitude.

Our Leaders want to emphasize to Council:

Rebecca has contributed very generously to the three 5x5 funds that we have already collected for

and we collected \$1700 in addition to the \$250 in the Team's budget for OGHS.

and in addition to the \$250 in the budget.

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sized upcoming seasonal events:

Hour: Hanging of the Greens.

Christmas Program.

and Meditation.

for Christmas caroling.

We have a net shortfall of less than \$10,000, which is less than the projected shortfall of \$17,550. The General Fund shows that year-to-date, our donations have exceeded our expenses. We are preparing our budget for 2023 to Bill one week before the November Council Meeting, which will be reported that the Worship Team will use the same budget in 2023 that they used in 2022.

For 2023 will have to be increased for:

at the church.

will probably increase by 10%.

Good job, but the facilities team is not getting any feedback from the congregation.

will give her an evaluation at the end of 2022.

with projects at the parsonage.

near the piano. Ron Hassell was in charge of the batteries, but since he has been fighting with the batteries are in. Ron Rak will ask Ron Hassell about the unit and possible training

budget. The team is looking for recipients among established youth programs in our community. The designated Youth Activities Fund monies.

Elephant Group at 9 am.

anti LGBTQ movement which is being promoted by some churches while others are not.

it. The gist of the movement is for the USA to become a Christian nation which goes against our Constitution.

explore The Enneagram after the election.

Church Bazaar is the current focus:

Day, November 4th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

cook food. The luncheon will be smaller: pulled pork with coleslaw and pickles.

be able to make candy. We will still have some pies and all the other baked goods.

to get tables out and set up. We will only be using the back of the sanctuary this year, not

luncheon on November 19th: Merilee Daugherty will spearhead the luncheon. After

and Janet Steiner will manage the operation of bringing in the boxes of greens from

has not discussed next year's membership yet,

— There was a move to change the starting time for Council meetings, but it was finally decided that the time would remain at 7:00 pm.

— Should alcohol be permitted on CUCC premises or not? Council will discuss this question.

Pastor's Report by Rebecca:

— Betty Evans is now home.

— Vivian York's home has sold.

— Shirl Holloway passed away on October 16th.

— Ron Hassell has struggled a lot this past month and will get chemo again tomorrow.

— Arlene Waldorf will have knee surgery on November 11th.

— Fred and Nancy Dare both have Covid now. Nancy is in the hospital with it. They are considering selling their house in Colorado Springs.

— Tracey Dawson's husband, Christopher's memorial in Denver was well attended. Rebecca will be there.

— Ron Rak's brother was doing well last time Ron spoke with him.

— Bill Downes who is now 82 living in Kansas, has a very bad case of long-term Covid and is in the hospital.

— Warren's 10 year old Pacemaker is about to run out of power, but the hospital will not replace it until the meantime, Warren is practicing every Monday with the Chorale and constantly telling them about his PT.

— Rev. Heather Haginduff will begin at UCC in Manitou Springs. The Association meeting is on November 11th. Helen and Rebecca plan to attend.

— Rebecca had a nice meeting with Debby regarding Roger's 11/19 Celebration of Life service.

— Robin Hall will replace Rae as our new Office Administrator. Rebecca, Betsy and Kay will be moving into Karen Bower's house and she will also work at Once Upon a Trapeze. Her last day is on Wednesday and Thursday, 9-2.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm with a closing prayer by Rebecca about honesty, based on the story of the Prodigal Son.

Upcoming Events:

— November 4th, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm - Bazaar

— November 16th at 7:00 pm - Council Meeting

— November 19th at 11:00 am - Roger's Celebration of Life service, luncheon and video

— November 20th after church service and Hanging of the Greens—Fellowship Hour

Prepared by Debby Cason, Clerk

As followers of Jesus, we are committed to exploring together Jesus' teachings and living them out in our lives, to better love, respect, and welcome all people in our community (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. We will strive to listen respectfully to how others prefer to be addressed by brothers in Christ.

* We will act with kindness and respect while speaking truth in love and being honest. 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 grow our community.

* We will build up the community by bringing any grievances we have directly to the Pastor/Congregation Relations Committee.